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SECTION E

Nonfarm Residential Construction

Tables E 1-6 summarize National Bureau estimates, prepared by methods described in Chapter V. Detailed descriptions of the processes, together with discussions concerning the nature and limitations of the data and the methods of handling, are in the text and footnotes of Part Two that describe methods of estimating construction, referred to above. Table E 7 was derived from Bureau of Labor Statistics building permit data, as part of the process of estimating value of residential construction (see Ch. V).

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TABLE E 4

Dwelling Units Built, Number, Aggregate Value, and Percentage Distribution, by Class of City and Period, 1920-1936

	120 Central cities	Environs	Other urban	Rural nonfarm ¹	Total nonfarm
1920-29					
Number of units (thousands)	3,102	1,867	1,264	802	7,035
Percentage distribution	44.1	26.5	18.0	11.4	100.0
Aggregate value (millions of dollars)	15,789	10,077	4,457	1,876	32,199 ²
Percentage distribution	49.0	31.3	13.9	5.8	100.0 ²
1930-36					
Number of units (thousands)	411	279	245	172	1,107
Percentage distribution	37.1	25.2	22.1	15.6	100.0
Aggregate value (millions of dollars)	1,975	1,657	812	375	4,819 ²
Percentage distribution	41.0	34.4	16.8	7.8	100.0 ²
1920-36					
Number of units (thousands)	3,513	2,146	1,509	974	8,142
Percentage distribution	43.1	26.4	18.5	12.0	100.0
Aggregate value (millions of dollars)	17,764	11,734	5,269	2,251	37,018 ²
Percentage distribution	48.0	31.7	14.2	6.1	100.0 ²

¹Excludes rural towns and villages (under 2,500) and unincorporated areas in environs of metropolitan districts considered as urban.

²Housekeeping units only.

TABLE E 5

Dwelling Units Built, Number and Percentage Distribution by Geographic Division and Period, 1920-1936

	NUMBER (thousands of units)			PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION		
	1920-29	1930-36	1920-36	1920-29	1930-36	1920-36
United States	7,035	1,107	8,142	100.0	100.0	100.0
New England	388	55	443	5.5	5.0	5.4
Mid. Atlantic	1,927	305	2,232	27.4	27.6	27.4
E. N. Central	1,456	122	1,578	20.7	11.0	19.4
W. N. Central	429	67	496	6.1	6.1	6.1
S. Atlantic	808	183	991	11.5	16.5	12.2
E. S. Central	320	51	371	4.6	4.6	4.6
W. S. Central	590	130	720	8.4	11.7	8.8
Mountain	144	27	171	2.0	2.4	2.1
Pacific	973	167	1,140	13.8	15.1	14.0

TABLE E 6

Increase in Number of Families and Dwelling Units Built by Decades, 1890-1929 (thousands)

	1890-99	1900-09	1910-19	1920-29
Increase in number of nonfarm families	2,262	3,445	4,109	5,541
Number of new nonfarm dwelling units built	2,417	3,952	3,890	7,035

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