

## Housing Starts End Year Solidly, up 4.4%

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WASHINGTON—A burst of groundbreakings for single-family homes last month offered hope a key segment of the housing market is revving up after years of malaise.

Housing starts rose 4.4% in December from a month earlier to an annual rate of 1.089 million, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. Starts on single-family homes, which exclude apartments and reflect the bulk of the market, rose to a rate of 728,000, the highest level since...

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