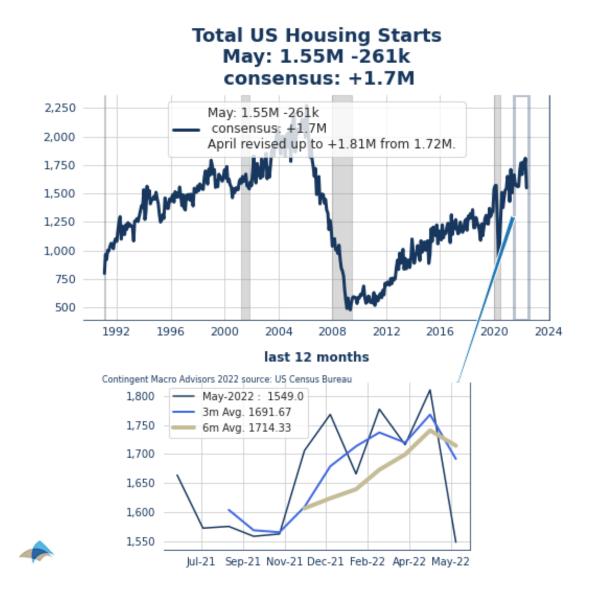


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## Housing Starts: Downward Acceleration

**Bottom Line:** Housing starts fell even more than expected in May as mortgage rates rose sharply. While there were upward revisions, this report showed a sudden slowdown in activity as builders appear to have finally reacted to higher mortgage rates. Single- and multi-family activity was notably lower with single-family dropping to a post-pandemic low, while multi-family starts held just above the lows seen last July. Starts in the South, where we've seen a massive building boom, were particularly weak. Finally, permits were lower again, suggesting activity has likely slowed further this month and will likely continue to slow modestly in the coming months.



**Total US Annualized Housing Starts** FELL 261k to 1.55M, BELOW the 3-Month average of 1.69M, BELOW the 6-Month average of 1.71M, and 56k BELOW the year-ago level.

**Single-Family Housing Starts** FELL 106k to 1.05M, BELOW the 3-Month average of 1.13M, BELOW the 6-Month average of 1.16M, and 59k BELOW the year-ago level.

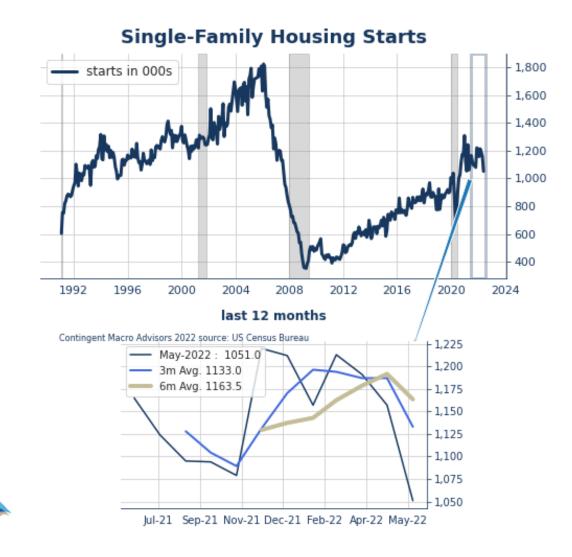
**Multi-Family Housing Starts** FELL 172k to 469k, BELOW the 3-Month average of 540.33k, BELOW the 6-Month average of 534.17k, and 16k BELOW the year-ago level.

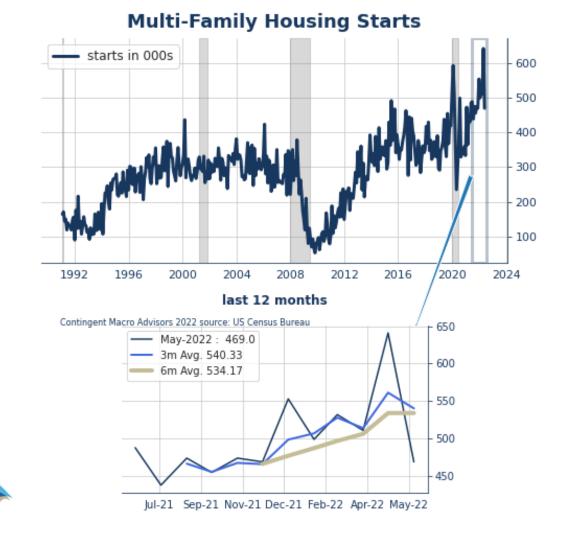
**Total Building Permits** FELL 128k to 1.7M, BELOW the 3-Month average of 1.8M, BELOW the 6-Month average of 1.83M, nearly in line with the year-ago level of

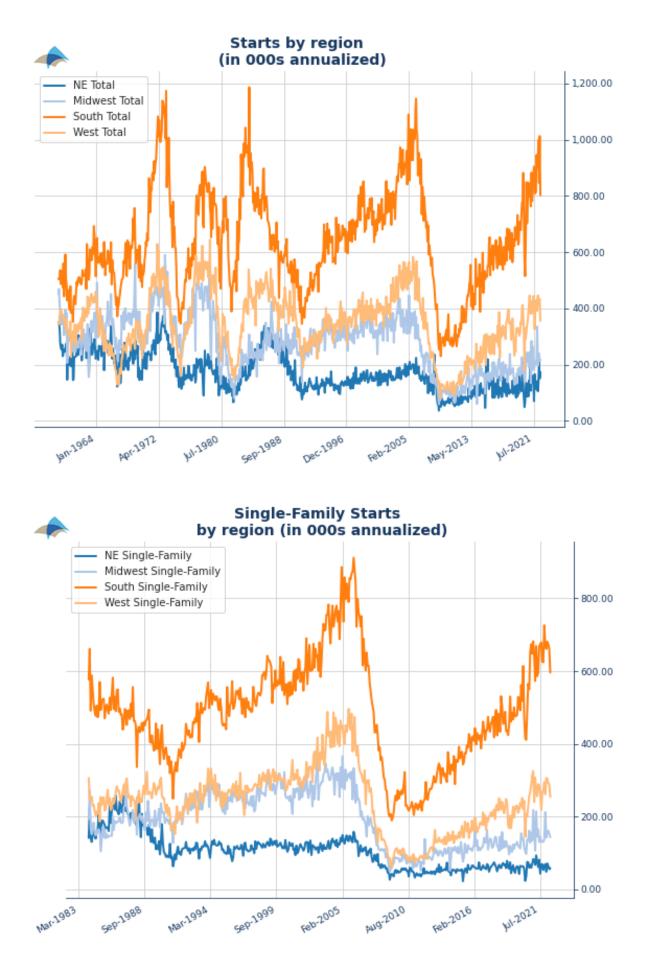
**Single-Family Permits Housing** Starts FELL 61k to 1.05M, BELOW the 3-Month average of 1.11M, BELOW the 6-Month average of 1.14M, and 90k BELOW the year-ago level.

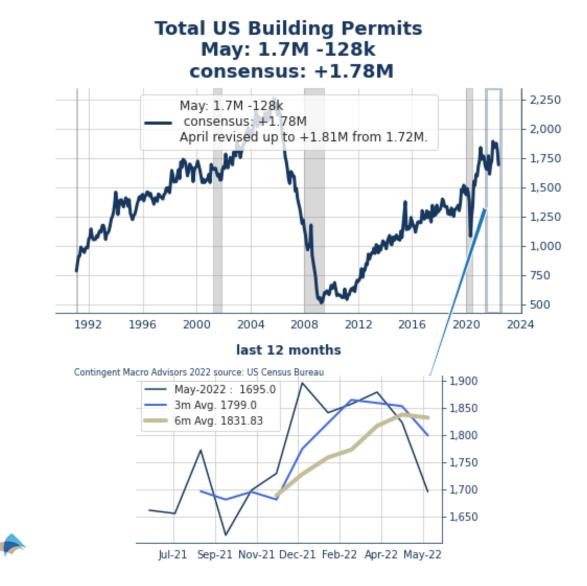
**Multi-Family Permits for Two-Four Unit Housing Starts** FELL 1k to 55k, BELOW the 3-Month average of 55.67k, BELOW the 6-Month average of 57.67k, and 4k BELOW the year-ago level.

**Multi-Family Permits for 5+ Unit Housing Starts** FELL 66k to 592k, BELOW the 3-Month average of 636.67k, BELOW the 6-Month average of 634.33k but 98k ABOVE the year-ago level.









US Housing Starts	May- 22	Apr- 22	Mar- 22	Feb- 22	3m. avg.	6m. avg.	12m. avg.	2021	2020	5у
Total	1549	1810	1716	1777	1692	1714	1661	1605	1395	1391
Single-Family	1051	1157	1191	1213	1133	1164	1146	1131	1002	975
Multi-Family	469	641	511	532	540	534	500	462	381	403
NE Total	173	151	211	134	178	152	138	137	113	122
NE Single-Family	58	55	64	71	59	61	62	68	61	62
Midwest Total	217	213	239	234	223	239	220	218	193	190
Midwest Single-Family	143	152	161	157	152	161	148	150	138	134
South Total	803	1013	846	999	887	914	893	849	742	727
South Single-Family	596	662	674	681	644	657	662	644	558	541
West Total	356	433	420	410	403	409	409	401	346	353

West Single-Family	254	288	292	304	278	284	275	268	245	239	
annualized monthly in thousands of units											

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