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Area	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Adair	4	15	8	14	11	8	17	61
Adams	8	7	3	7	4	8	5	2
Allamakee	2	41	1	51	10	35	75	14
Appanoose	14	19	4	20	9	21	1	16
Audubon	3	2	7	7	7	7	11	2
Benton	44	64	88	102	79	87	64	95
Black Hawk	365	502	564	468	501	466	474	373
Boone	109	90	111	120	159	106	203	102
Bremer	55	76	106	138	120	100	126	138
Buchanan	18	24	20	57	50	27	33	42
Buena Vista	101	22	17	25	51	8	12	22
Butler	34	32	36	39	42	35	18	20
Calhoun	3	6	6	12	4	1	10	11
Carroll	46	50	71	66	80	67	48	41
Cass	24	13	17	16	30	16	17	31
Cedar	48	68	81	78	91	80	81	76
Cerro Gordo	68	138	102	152	134	100	79	70
Cherokee	50	7	17	24	23	16	14	16
Chickasaw	10	12	18	23	11	18	15	9
Clarke	46	0	10	44	50	28	11	20
Clay	19	33	33	69	36	45	70	45
Clayton	47	63	69	60	57	47	46	67
Clinton	118	115	156	171	148	106	103	136
Crawford	39	31	46	31	22	23	33	34
Dallas	448	651	965	486	498	421	484	276
Davis	8	3	6	6	0	6	4	0
Decatur	6	11	7	9	8	9	5	10
Delaware	29	18	16	16	18	16	19	16
Des Moines	49	36	104	32	75	75	32	49
Dickinson	136	235	340	277	208	196	172	138
Dubuque	366	411	557	869	538	497	441	341
Emmet	17	19	14	18	24	14	15	33
Fayette	12	52	10	20	21	57	30	32
Floyd	18	26	33	38	93	28	24	9
Franklin	8	6	10	20	7	4	5	8
Fremont	14	17	23	20	11	25	23	22
Greene	18	12	20	15	17	12	22	15
Grundy	11	54	49	37	56	61	49	54
Guthrie	27	95	26	50	46	42	52	59
Hamilton	57	12	11	28	24	19	22	35
Hancock	24	18	39	29	27	22	21	42
Hardin	4	2	25	22	28	38	64	7
Harrison	41	23	67	54	57	87	54	72
Henry	72	19	25	16	52	15	39	55
Howard	20	12	20	12	8	12	11	16
Humboldt	37	6	10	37	14	27	17	61
Ida	7	8	40	5	8	5	11	8
Iowa	17	13	4	29	25	25	20	36
Jackson	12	49	56	95	82	63	76	67

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Jasper	46	98	135	104	119	122	105	78
Jefferson	23	27	39	19	0	14	85	18
Johnson	776	1,017	1,155	1,310	1,476	1,270	1,096	1,062
Jones	22	45	40	46	17	19	16	35
Keokuk	4	3	15	3	5	10	12	13
Kossuth	18	19	19	20	15	29	23	11
Lee	24	14	15	30	16	78	22	44
Linn	1,115	1,039	1,543	1,835	1,670	1,597	1,479	1,640
Louisa	15	36	34	7	16	28	26	17
Lucas	1	0	5	3	2	2	6	1
Lyon	46	57	21	23	23	28	21	17
Madison	66	128	148	161	113	109	102	103
Mahaska	19	28	36	27	47	33	43	32
Marion	95	146	170	134	156	174	233	238
Marshall	78	53	94	134	137	142	94	61
Mills	13	24	16	11	36	4	18	19
Mitchell	18	10	18	28	28	16	8	6
Monona	11	7	7	24	13	16	27	41
Monroe	14	15	22	22	17	15	13	5
Montgomery	10	14	19	11	12	12	15	9
Muscatine	193	124	188	134	269	198	125	110
O'Brien	37	25	21	18	19	24	29	40
Osceola	3	9	8	7	6	8	4	4
Page	20	26	23	17	16	10	17	22
Palo Alto	9	20	11	8	8	18	8	16
Plymouth	87	89	103	108	123	89	53	101
Pocahontas	4	7	3	7	13	2	1	0
Polk	2,896	3,853	4,782	4,354	4,533	3,797	3,166	2,347
Pottawattamie	435	478	498	452	538	349	465	663
Poweshiek	42	48	60	112	37	34	49	51
Ringgold	0	3	3	2	3	4	8	3
Sac	24	19	16	25	5	7	8	14
Scott	704	683	795	818	870	905	684	700
Shelby	25	24	21	11	12	11	22	27
Sioux	101	102	122	92	103	86	65	125
Story	356	480	934	727	742	882	498	665
Tama	33	27	42	34	44	36	31	47
Taylor	4	2	1	7	3	5	6	7
Union	35	11	4	11	14	73	13	17
Van Buren	3	3	3	1	5	12	3	6
Wapello	19	91	98	74	64	66	62	53
Warren	292	364	366	357	234	228	182	364
Washington	30	63	38	33	38	48	47	53
Wayne	0	0	1	2	1	3	1	4
Webster	39	38	64	62	67	88	86	78
Winnebago	14	8	9	25	16	2	9	32
Winneshiek	82	77	83	105	81	93	81	79
Woodbury	140	169	153	273	182	231	211	188
Worth	4	6	23	10	4	5	8	5
Wright	13	12	19	32	15	8	25	12

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Note: Statistics on construction authorized by building permits are based upon reports submitted by local building permit officials in response to a mail survey using Form C-404, "Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issued and Local Public Construction". Annual statistics are not based upon a sample, but are obtained by cumulating data for all places in the county, both monthly and annual reporters.

Limitations of the Data: Although these statistics are not subject to sampling variability, they are subject to various response and operational errors which can be attributed to many sources: inability to obtain information about all cases, differences in interpretation of questions, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information and errors made in processing the data. Explicit measures of the effects of these errors are not available. Other limitations of the data: (1) For the nation as a whole, less than 5 percent of all privately owned housing units built are constructed in areas that do not require building permits. (2) Some building permit jurisdictions close their books a few days before the end of the years, so that the time reference for permits is not, in all cases, strictly the calendar year. (3) A study spanning 4 years showed that about 3 percent of the single-family houses built in permit-issuing places are built without a permit.

Warning: If an incorporated place crosses county lines, all permits for that place are allocated to only one county. For example, all permits issued by the city of West Des Moines are allocated to Polk County; none are allocated to Dallas County. The data in this table are reported data only, i.e., when a report is not received from a jurisdiction, the missing data are not included in this table. Building permit data reported on web sites for the U.S. Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/const/www/C40/table2.html#annual>) and HUD (<http://socds.huduser.org/permits/>) may include imputed data. Imputations are based on the assumption that the ratio of a missing year's authorizations to those of a year ago should be the same for both respondents and non-respondents. For more information about imputation techniques, see <http://www.census.gov/const/C40/Sample/impute.pdf>.

Warning: County totals when summed will not equal total state numbers found in other data tables. The Census Bureau updates the state permit universe every 10 years. When a new city starts submitting permit data, it is included in the city and county files but is not added to the state file.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Manufacturing, Mining and Construction Division;
Building Permits - Diskette "Permit Authorized Construction in Permit-Issuing Places by State and County" (Reported Only Units)

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