

## New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized Valuation for Iowa: 1990-2008

Year	Valuation (thousands of dollars)				
	Total	In structure with -			
		1 unit	2 units	3 and 4 units	5 units or more
2008	1,289,603	1,078,914	18,527	15,445	176,717
2007	1,692,733	1,468,457	30,518	24,908	168,850
2006	1,941,235	1,637,501	38,519	24,204	241,011
2005	2,301,737	1,992,826	34,013	37,863	237,035
2004	2,187,033	1,891,828	47,771	28,576	218,858
2003	2,002,615	1,672,600	38,795	29,877	261,343
2002	1,622,064	1,314,595	41,004	30,458	236,007
2001	1,317,542	1,087,118	36,539	29,804	164,081
2000	1,299,465	1,075,117	39,329	30,112	154,907
1999	1,357,859	1,158,749	34,238	32,555	132,317
1998	1,268,819	1,038,186	27,403	29,717	173,513
1996	1,027,153	843,692	28,574	23,985	130,902
1995	950,547	776,417	20,689	17,814	135,627
1994	981,027	795,445	21,837	26,118	137,627
1993	873,170	743,120	18,009	18,402	93,639
1992	808,408	672,086	15,211	24,673	96,438
1991	598,250	518,969	11,148	12,918	55,215
1990	526,680	439,197	7,670	16,100	63,713

**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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