

Permit Authorized Residential Housing Units in the U.S. and States: 1999-2008

Area	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
United States	841,041	1,304,617	1,713,527	2,007,022	1,960,131	1,776,714	1,658,780	1,547,243	1,516,350	1,578,621
Alabama	15,736	21,210	29,769	29,979	26,769	21,510	17,685	16,436	16,771	18,104
Alaska	732	1,420	2,373	2,547	2,821	3,264	2,772	2,637	1,981	1,812
Arizona	25,874	48,850	63,856	88,635	88,759	73,539	65,399	62,259	60,997	64,823
Arkansas	8,544	9,925	12,073	16,125	14,503	13,914	11,789	9,830	8,477	10,827
California	60,102	105,659	150,445	191,843	203,277	188,141	156,331	143,256	143,015	134,301
Colorado	17,798	27,386	36,330	43,533	45,152	38,658	47,014	53,718	53,682	47,642
Connecticut	4,465	6,644	8,021	10,230	10,998	9,808	9,229	8,861	8,986	10,259
Delaware	3,171	5,090	6,273	7,909	7,648	7,587	6,176	4,687	4,293	5,132
Dist. of Columbia	396	1,772	1,908	2,860	1,936	1,427	1,591	896	806	683
Florida	56,933	95,403	195,060	275,585	250,564	210,621	182,975	163,865	153,615	161,280
Georgia	32,361	67,905	96,634	103,307	103,617	89,525	91,950	88,916	89,670	87,300
Hawaii	3,530	5,826	6,800	9,582	9,034	7,177	5,902	4,790	4,905	4,211
Idaho	5,963	11,374	16,612	21,116	17,182	14,364	13,218	11,606	10,631	11,081
Illinois	20,662	40,095	54,989	62,923	55,938	56,495	58,478	49,566	49,222	50,038
Indiana	15,563	22,665	27,599	36,910	35,552	34,633	36,933	35,620	35,541	38,254
Iowa	8,207	10,791	12,879	16,111	15,877	15,526	14,167	11,646	12,105	13,007
Kansas	8,003	11,141	14,333	13,403	12,801	14,218	12,426	14,245	12,299	15,275
Kentucky	9,433	13,453	14,152	17,587	21,028	18,472	17,712	15,693	16,738	19,718
Louisiana	13,886	21,153	27,062	19,641	21,897	19,648	16,317	13,585	13,816	16,562
Maine	2,800	4,198	5,495	6,821	6,840	6,767	6,218	5,529	5,057	4,614
Maryland	12,460	17,973	22,421	28,867	26,860	29,122	28,360	27,906	29,433	28,744
Massachusetts	7,779	12,423	15,722	20,219	19,408	17,524	15,345	14,950	15,975	16,265
Michigan	9,526	15,246	25,622	39,777	49,202	49,262	46,391	46,007	47,429	49,537
Minnesota	10,799	16,783	24,948	34,898	40,033	39,610	37,810	32,790	31,640	32,225
Mississippi	10,185	15,691	15,246	11,670	13,576	10,934	10,445	9,127	10,366	11,820
Missouri	11,587	20,309	27,668	31,545	31,751	27,893	27,186	23,487	23,011	26,017
Montana	2,301	4,079	4,371	4,677	4,927	3,334	3,486	2,564	2,477	2,549
Nebraska	6,269	7,474	7,252	9,504	10,657	9,487	7,856	7,546	8,118	8,236
Nevada	14,839	27,169	39,387	47,593	44,262	43,333	35,586	35,795	32,012	32,161
New Hampshire	2,974	3,999	4,972	6,371	7,598	7,546	7,780	5,881	6,168	5,459
New Jersey	14,292	21,868	31,009	35,477	32,423	30,811	27,542	25,140	32,887	29,253
New Mexico	3,843	7,994	9,918	8,768	10,383	11,425	10,941	9,561	8,563	9,450
New York	49,774	51,581	51,616	57,690	48,651	44,751	44,545	40,940	40,019	38,332
North Carolina	52,064	81,870	93,641	89,509	87,222	72,528	75,013	77,702	75,081	82,283
North Dakota	2,785	3,261	3,431	3,928	3,843	3,519	3,166	2,580	1,989	2,477
Ohio	15,518	24,515	30,668	43,515	47,976	50,100	48,353	46,606	46,162	51,306
Oklahoma	8,368	12,233	11,679	13,599	15,985	13,218	11,955	11,642	10,438	13,106
Oregon	11,475	20,710	24,376	29,644	26,408	23,312	20,870	19,869	18,455	22,249
Pennsylvania	23,684	28,957	34,128	38,661	44,322	42,209	40,950	37,134	36,712	38,349
Rhode Island	985	1,872	2,328	2,674	2,303	2,047	2,738	2,366	2,496	3,245
South Carolina	21,360	36,572	44,275	47,401	38,852	36,911	30,328	27,972	30,729	32,894
South Dakota	3,759	4,864	5,118	5,474	5,558	4,775	4,721	4,300	4,098	3,574
Tennessee	20,357	33,266	41,970	43,652	42,287	35,206	32,683	30,799	29,827	33,817
Texas	124,518	170,931	209,259	201,146	179,140	164,832	156,270	142,149	134,346	141,605
Utah	9,952	19,489	24,314	25,767	22,662	20,847	17,996	17,710	15,835	18,795
Vermont	1,083	1,611	2,054	1,990	2,725	2,214	2,558	2,237	2,046	2,095
Virginia	26,055	36,869	43,863	56,840	59,587	52,374	55,177	50,771	46,703	50,783
Washington	28,160	43,488	46,221	48,177	46,087	39,077	36,893	33,997	35,699	39,319
West Virginia	2,994	4,546	5,232	5,667	3,645	2,989	4,523	3,170	2,852	3,518
Wisconsin	14,586	20,482	25,357	32,101	36,611	37,837	35,181	35,148	30,718	32,445
Wyoming	2,551	4,532	2,798	3,574	2,994	2,393	1,850	1,756	1,459	1,790

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.

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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>.

**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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