

Permit Authorized Residential Housing Units in Iowa's Counties: 2000-2004

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

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Jackson	67	76	63	82	95
Jasper	78	105	122	119	104
Jefferson	18	85	14	0	19
Johnson	1,062	1,096	1,270	1,476	1310
Jones	35	16	19	17	46
Keokuk	13	12	10	5	3
Kossuth	11	23	29	15	20
Lee	44	22	78	16	30
Linn	1,640	1,479	1,597	1,670	1835
Louisa	17	26	28	16	7
Lucas	1	6	2	2	3
Lyon	17	21	28	23	23
Madison	103	102	109	113	161
Mahaska	32	43	33	47	27
Marion	238	233	174	156	134
Marshall	61	94	142	137	134
Mills	19	18	4	36	11
Mitchell	6	8	16	28	28
Monona	41	27	16	13	24
Monroe	5	13	15	17	22
Montgomery	9	15	12	12	11
Muscatine	110	125	198	269	134
O'Brien	40	29	24	19	18
Osceola	4	4	8	6	7
Page	22	17	10	16	17
Palo Alto	16	8	18	8	8
Plymouth	101	53	89	123	108
Pocahontas	0	1	2	13	7
Polk	2,347	3,166	3,797	4,533	4354
Pottawattamie	663	465	349	538	452
Poweshiek	51	49	34	37	112
Ringgold	3	8	4	3	2
Sac	14	8	7	5	25
Scott	700	684	905	870	818
Shelby	27	22	11	12	11
Sioux	125	65	86	103	92
Story	665	498	882	742	727
Tama	47	31	36	44	34
Taylor	7	6	5	3	7
Union	17	13	73	14	11
Van Buren	6	3	12	5	1
Wapello	53	62	66	64	74
Warren	364	182	228	234	357
Washington	53	47	48	38	33
Wayne	4	1	3	1	2
Webster	78	86	88	67	62
Winnebago	32	9	2	16	25
Winneshiek	79	81	93	81	105

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Woodbury	188	211	231	182	273
Worth	5	8	5	4	10
Wright	12	25	8	15	32

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>.

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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