

Permit Authorized Residential Housing Units in Iowa's Metropolitan Areas: 2000-2005

Area Name	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Ames, IA MSA	665	498	882	741	727	937
Story county, IA	665	498	882	741	727	937
Cedar Rapids, IA MSA	1,770	1,559	1,703	1,766	1,983	1,680
Benton county, IA	95	64	87	79	102	93
Jones county, IA	35	16	19	17	46	40
Linn county, IA	1,640	1,479	1,597	1,670	1,835	1,547
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	998	1,051	1,276	1,178	1,205	1,407
Henry county, IL	95	130	109	84	101	123
Mercer county, IL	3	22	36	31	3	74
Rock Island county, IL	200	215	226	193	283	412
Scott county, IA	700	684	905	870	818	798
Des Moines, IA MSA	3,149	3,986	4,597	5,424	5,408	6,297
Dallas county, IA	276	484	421	498	486	966
Guthrie county, IA	59	52	42	46	50	26
Madison county, IA	103	102	109	113	161	151
Polk county, IA	2,347	3,166	3,797	4,533	4,354	4,782
Warren county, IA	364	182	228	234	357	372
Dubuque, IA MSA	341	441	497	538	869	557
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Iowa City, IA MSA	1,115	1,143	1,318	1,514	1,343	1,270
Johnson county, IA	1,062	1,096	1,270	1,476	1,310	1,232
Washington, IA	53	47	48	38	33	38
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	5,908	5,080	5,862	6,338	6,318	6,562
Harrison county, IA	72	54	87	57	54	67
Mills county, IA	19	18	4	36	11	16
Pottawattamie county, IA	663	465	349	538	452	498
Cass county, NE	166	152	154	161	167	146
Douglas county, NE	2,883	2,782	3,210	3,068	3,065	3,561
Sarpy county, NE	1,893	1,340	1,838	2,236	2,307	1,993
Saunders county, NE	104	146	121	133	137	162
Washington county, NE	108	123	99	112	125	119
Sioux City, IA-NE-SD MSA	346	371	380	278	356	322
Woodbury county, IA	188	211	231	182	273	161
Dakota county, NE	76	41	39	62	30	29
Dixon county, NE	11	9	12	10	10	3
Union county, SD	71	110	98	25	43	129
Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA MSA	565	649	627	677	643	728
Black Hawk county, IA	373	474	466	501	468	564
Bremer, county, IA	138	126	100	120	138	115
Grundy county, IA	54	49	61	56	37	49

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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