

**Number of Units by Type of Unit for New Privately Owned Housing  
Units Authorized in Permit Issuing Places for Iowa: 1990-2004**

Year	Number of housing units					Number of structures with 5 units or more
	Total	In structure with -				
		1 unit	2 units	3 and 4 units	5 units or more	
2004	15,877	11,984	440	378	3,075	205
2003	15,526	11,365	374	425	3,362	227
2002	14,167	9,498	460	424	3,785	272
2001	11,646	8,018	394	420	2,814	202
2000	12,105	8,227	460	375	3,043	228
1999	13,007	9,358	412	536	2,701	197
1998	12,837	8,630	368	493	3,346	202
1996	11,707	7,690	422	431	3,164	212
1995	10,998	7,040	330	375	3,253	230
1994	12,216	7,681	362	524	3,649	242
1993	10,422	7,208	292	328	2,594	185
1992	10,462	7,104	262	500	2,596	184
1991	7,920	5,834	190	252	1,644	108
1990	7,563	5,177	160	383	1,843	118

**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 directly cumulating the data for all permit-issuing places in the state. 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.

**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:** 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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