

Permit Authorized Residential Housing Units in the U.S. and States: 1999-2004

Area	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
United States	1,960,131	1,776,714	1,658,780	1,547,243	1,516,350	1,578,621
Alabama	26,769	21,510	17,685	16,436	16,771	18,104
Alaska	2,821	3,264	2,772	2,637	1,981	1,812
Arizona	88,759	73,539	65,399	62,259	60,997	64,823
Arkansas	14,503	13,914	11,789	9,830	8,477	10,827
California	203,277	188,141	156,331	143,256	143,015	134,301
Colorado	45,152	38,658	47,014	53,718	53,682	47,642
Connecticut	10,998	9,808	9,229	8,861	8,986	10,259
Delaware	7,648	7,587	6,176	4,687	4,293	5,132
Dist. of Columbia	1,936	1,427	1,591	896	806	683
Florida	250,564	210,621	182,975	163,865	153,615	161,280
Georgia	103,617	89,525	91,950	88,916	89,670	87,300
Hawaii	9,034	7,177	5,902	4,790	4,905	4,211
Idaho	17,182	14,364	13,218	11,606	10,631	11,081
Illinois	55,938	56,495	58,478	49,566	49,222	50,038
Indiana	35,552	34,633	36,933	35,620	35,541	38,254
Iowa	15,877	15,526	14,167	11,646	12,105	13,007
Kansas	12,801	14,218	12,426	14,245	12,299	15,275
Kentucky	21,028	18,472	17,712	15,693	16,738	19,718
Louisiana	21,897	19,648	16,317	13,585	13,816	16,562
Maine	6,840	6,767	6,218	5,529	5,057	4,614
Maryland	26,860	29,122	28,360	27,906	29,433	28,744
Massachusetts	19,408	17,524	15,345	14,950	15,975	16,265
Michigan	49,202	49,262	46,391	46,007	47,429	49,537
Minnesota	40,033	39,610	37,810	32,790	31,640	32,225
Mississippi	13,576	10,934	10,445	9,127	10,366	11,820
Missouri	31,751	27,893	27,186	23,487	23,011	26,017
Montana	4,927	3,334	3,486	2,564	2,477	2,549
Nebraska	10,657	9,487	7,856	7,546	8,118	8,236
Nevada	44,262	43,333	35,586	35,795	32,012	32,161
New Hampshire	7,598	7,546	7,780	5,881	6,168	5,459
New Jersey	32,423	30,811	27,542	25,140	32,887	29,253
New Mexico	10,383	11,425	10,941	9,561	8,563	9,450
New York	48,651	44,751	44,545	40,940	40,019	38,332
North Carolina	87,222	72,528	75,013	77,702	75,081	82,283
North Dakota	3,843	3,519	3,166	2,580	1,989	2,477
Ohio	47,976	50,100	48,353	46,606	46,162	51,306
Oklahoma	15,985	13,218	11,955	11,642	10,438	13,106
Oregon	26,408	23,312	20,870	19,869	18,455	22,249
Pennsylvania	44,322	42,209	40,950	37,134	36,712	38,349
Rhode Island	2,303	2,047	2,738	2,366	2,496	3,245
South Carolina	38,852	36,911	30,328	27,972	30,729	32,894
South Dakota	5,558	4,775	4,721	4,300	4,098	3,574
Tennessee	42,287	35,206	32,683	30,799	29,827	33,817
Texas	179,140	164,832	156,270	142,149	134,346	141,605
Utah	22,662	20,847	17,996	17,710	15,835	18,795
Vermont	2,725	2,214	2,558	2,237	2,046	2,095
Virginia	59,587	52,374	55,177	50,771	46,703	50,783
Washington	46,087	39,077	36,893	33,997	35,699	39,319
West Virginia	3,645	2,989	4,523	3,170	2,852	3,518

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Wisconsin	36,611	37,837	35,181	35,148	30,718	32,445
Wyoming	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 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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