

BUILDING PERMITS SURVEY DOCUMENTATION

Description of Data Items

Residential Housekeeping Buildings (Item Numbers 101-105, 109, 434)

Item	Type of Structures
101	Single Family Houses - Includes all detached one-family houses. Also includes all attached one-family houses separated by a wall that extends from ground to roof with no common heating system or interstructural public utilities. Includes prefabricated, sectionalized, panelized, and modular homes which are manufactured partially off-site, but which are transported and assembled at the construction site. Excludes mobile homes.
103	Two-Family Buildings - Includes all buildings containing two housing units which may be one above the other or side-by-side. If built side-by-side, they (1) do not have a wall that extends from ground to roof or (2) share a heating system, or (3) have interstructural public utilities such as water supply/sewage disposal.
104	Three- and Four-Family Buildings - Includes all buildings containing three or four housing units. If built side-by-side, they (1) do not have a wall that extends from ground to roof, or (2) share a heating system, or (3) have interstructural public utilities such as water supply/sewage disposal.
105	Five-or-More Family Buildings - Includes all buildings containing five or more housing units. If built side-by-side, they (1) do not have a wall that extends from ground to roof, or (2) share a heating system, or (3) have interstructural public utilities such as water supply/sewage disposal.
109	Total - A summarization of items 101 through 105.

The following item is only available for data from January 2002 thru March 2006:

434	Additions, Alterations, and Renovations to Residential Buildings - Includes data covering permits issued for additions, remodeling, restructuring, improvements, replacements, and disaster rebuilding. This includes work done to the primary residential structure and on the residential property; such as sheds, pools, and driveways. The only permits excluded are for incidental maintenance and repairs that keep a property in its ordinary working condition.
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The remaining items are only available for data prior to Annual 1995 and Monthly 1996:

Residential Nonhousekeeping Buildings (Item Numbers 213-214)

Item	Type of Structures
213	Hotels, Motels, and Tourist Cabins Intended for Transient Accommodations - Includes hotels, motels, tourist cabins and apartment hotels intended for transient accommodations.
214	Other Nonhousekeeping Shelter - Includes lodge associations or club buildings with bedrooms, rooming houses, dormitories, fraternity houses, and similar nonhousekeeping residential buildings.

Nonresidential Buildings (Item Numbers 318-329, 437-438)

Item	Type of Structures
318	Amusement, Social and Recreational Buildings - Includes buildings designed to provide amusement or recreation, such as: theaters, radio and TV studios, auditoriums, athletic and social clubs, YMCA buildings used primary for recreation, arenas, bowling alleys, skating rinks, bathhouses and gymnasiums.
319	Churches and Other Religious Buildings - Includes churches, temples, synagogues, parish halls, Sunday school rooms, monasteries, and convents.
320	Industrial Buildings - Includes plants producing, processing, or assembling goods and materials, such as factories, machine shops, paper mills, beverage plants, manufacturing plants and printing plants.
321	Parking Garages (Buildings and Open Decked) - Includes garage buildings and open-deck parking structures to be used primarily for transient parking. Does not include storage garages which are reported in item 328. Parking lots are out of the scope of this survey.
322	Service Stations and Repair Garages - Includes service stations and repair garages.
323	Hospitals and Institutional Buildings - Includes hospitals, convalescent homes, rest homes, homes for the aged, nursing homes, orphanages, and similar establishments for prolonged institutional care. Does not include doctors' offices which are included in item 324, or staff houses and apartments which are included in items 101 through 105.

- 324 Office, Bank, and Professional Buildings - Includes offices, banks, professional buildings, financial institutions, administration buildings and medical office buildings.
- 325 Public Works and Utilities Buildings - Includes buildings providing public services such as: transportation, communications, power, light, heat, sewage and garbage disposal, trash incineration, and water supply.
- 326 Schools and Other Educational Buildings - Includes buildings such as schools, libraries, museums, observatories, universities and academies. Does not include faculty and student apartments which are included in items 101 through 105.
- 327 Stores and Customer Services - Includes buildings used in buying, selling, distributing, or storing of merchandise and materials, or performing customer services such as: stores, auto and other showrooms, warehouses, grain elevators, restaurants, taverns, night clubs, bakery shops, laundry and dry cleaning shops, laundromats, beauty and barber shops and kennels.
- 328 Other Nonresidential Buildings - Includes buildings such as: sheds, boat houses, barns, silos, dog pounds, post offices, storage garages, animal hospitals, jails and reformatories.
- Include all other nonresidential buildings not elsewhere classified.
- 329 Structures Other Than Buildings - Includes non-building recreational facility construction and harbor and port facility construction such as: outdoor swimming pools, marinas, outdoor stadiums, parks, outdoor theaters, boardwalks, wharves and docks.
- 434 Additions, Alterations, and Conversions to Residential Buildings - Includes all permits issued for additions and alterations to housekeeping residential buildings, and conversions of nonresidential and nonhousekeeping buildings to residential buildings. Does not include special "installation" permits issued to cover electrical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, or similar mechanical work. Also excludes the installation of fire escapes, elevators, signs, etc.
- Additions of garages and carports are included in item 438.
- 437 Additions, Alterations and Conversions - Nonresidential and Nonhousekeeping - Includes additions, alterations and conversions to nonresidential and nonhousekeeping residential buildings, and conversions of housekeeping buildings to nonresidential or nonhousekeeping residential buildings. Does not include special "installation" permits issued to cover electrical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, or similar mechanical work. Also excludes the installation of fire escapes, elevators, signs, etc., and conversions to residential housekeeping buildings.
- 438 Additions of Residential Garages and Carports - Includes additions of new residential garages and carports whether attached or detached. Does not include those included in items 101 through 105. Item number 436 was used through 1985.

Demolition and Razing of Buildings (Item Numbers 645-649)

Item	Type of Structures
645	One-Family Homes - Includes all detached and attached one-family houses
646	Two-Family Buildings - Includes all buildings containing two housing units which may be one above the other or side-by-side.
647	Three- and Four-Family Buildings - Includes all buildings containing three or four housing units.
648	Five-or-More Family Buildings - Includes all buildings containing five or more housing units.
649	All Other Buildings and Structures - Includes all nonhousekeeping buildings and nonresidential buildings.