

U.S. Residential Construction Statistics

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SUBJECT-MATTER:

Data files are available for the following series:

- Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits
- Survey of Construction (SOC) Microdata

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE & DATA AVAILABILITY:

Building Permits Data:

- **United States** and four Census regions - These are available free on the Internet as PDF files (<http://www.census.gov/construction/bps>).
 - **States** (which include US, region, and division totals) – These are available free on the Internet as text files (<http://www.census.gov/construction/bps>) or can be purchased as ASCII, comma-delimited files.
 - **Metropolitan Areas** – These are available free on the Internet as text files (<http://www.census.gov/construction/bps>) or can be purchased as ASCII, comma-delimited files.
 - **Counties** – These can be looked up for free on the Internet (<http://censtats.census.gov/bldg/bldgprmt.shtml>) or can be purchased as ASCII, comma-delimited files.
 - **Individual permit offices** – These can be looked up for free on the Internet (<http://censtats.census.gov/bldg/bldgprmt.shtml>) or can be purchased as ASCII, comma-delimited files or printer friendly files.
- Building Permit sample files and documentation are available on the Internet at the following location: <http://www.census.gov/construction/sample.html>

Survey of Construction (SOC) Data:

- **Estimates of Housing Starts Ratios** – Four U.S. regions and the nine Census divisions – these files are available as an annual subscription.

*Questions concerning the subject matter or about ordering electronic files or printer friendly files should be directed to: Residential Construction Branch, Manufacturing and Construction Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, D.C. 20233-6900.
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SECTION A

BUILDING PERMITS ASCII FILES

Data tabulated by State, Metropolitan Area (MA), County, and individual permit-issuing places are available as ASCII, comma-delimited files. Data are shown for the number of buildings, number of housing units, and permit valuation within four sizes of residential buildings: (1) single family houses (attached and detached combined), (2) two-unit buildings, (3) three- and four-unit buildings, and (4) residential buildings with five or more units.

1. Data by State

The ASCII files show aggregated totals for each state. Totals are also shown for divisions, regions, and the United States.

2. Data by Metropolitan Areas

The ASCII files show aggregated totals for Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs).

3. Data by Permit Issuing Places

ASCII files are available for entire regions. Data are included for the permit issuing places within the region, sorted by state and place. County and state totals are not included on these ASCII files. Monthly data are shown for the places that are requested to report monthly. Annual data are shown for all permit-issuing places in the region.

4. Monthly Cumulative Data

These files show all months of the calendar year for each permit office that is requested to report monthly (about 9,000). Prior months of the year are shown with the latest data available (late reports and corrections modify previous data). The annual file contains the latest monthly data for each permit office that is requested to report monthly. There is no annual data on this file.

5. County Total Data

The monthly files show county totals for all counties in which **every** permit office is requested to report monthly (about 900+). The annual file displays all counties.

- Annual subscriptions are available and include 12 consecutive months and one annual file, beginning no earlier than January of the current year or the next available month. All subscriptions include current month and year-to-date files, except *Monthly Cumulative Place level files*.
- Use [Order Form 1](#) to order Building Permits ASCII files.

The chart on the next page shows the data series and the time periods for which they are available.



Data Series	Available Dates
<p>State:</p> <p>Current Month/Year to Date</p> <p>Annual</p>	<p>January 1988 - Present</p> <p>1980 – Present</p>
<p>Metropolitan Area:</p> <p>Current Month/Year to Date</p> <p>Annual</p>	<p>January 1988 - Present</p> <p>1980 – Present</p>
<p>County:</p> <p>Current Month/ Year to Date</p> <p>Annual</p>	<p>January 2000 - Present</p> <p>1990 – Present</p>
<p>Place-Level:</p> <p>Current Month/Year to Date</p> <p>Annual</p> <p>Cumulative</p>	<p>January 1988 - Present</p> <p>1980 - Present</p> <p>Monthly: January 1998 - Present</p> <p>Annual: 1997 - Present</p>



SECTION B

BUILDING PERMITS PRINTER FRIENDLY FILES

Data tabulated by individual permit-issuing places are available also as printer friendly files. Data are shown for the number of buildings, number of housing units, and permit valuation within four sizes of residential buildings: (1) single family houses (attached and detached combined), (2) two-unit buildings, (3) three- and four-unit buildings, and (4) residential buildings with five or more units.

Printer friendly files are available for the entire U.S. or individual states (subscription only). Data are shown for the permit-issuing places within each state, sorted by county and place. Monthly data are shown only for those places that are requested to report monthly. Therefore, the county and state totals may or may not reflect the total monthly activity within the area. Annual data are shown for all permit-issuing places in the state.

Printer friendly files of annual data are available from 2000 to present. Monthly data are available from January 2001 to present.

- Annual subscriptions are available and include 12 consecutive months and one annual file, beginning no earlier than January of the current year or the next available month.
- Use [Order Form 2](#) to order Building Permits printer friendly files.



SECTION C

SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION (SOC) DATA

Estimates of Housing Starts Ratios

Estimates are available by month of start showing the proportion (ratio) of monthly permit authorizations started by permit authorization month. Each estimate is the ratio of the number of housing units authorized by building permits in the authorization month for which construction was started in the start month to the total number of housing units authorized by building permits in the authorization month.

Estimates for single-family and multifamily buildings are available by Census Region and Census Division. Estimates are from the Survey of Construction (SOC). Please refer to <http://www.census.gov/newresconst> for a full description of the SOC.

Data are available back to January 2011 (beginning with the March 2011 file) and can be purchased via annual subscription only, for \$180 per year.

➤ Use [Order Form 3](#) to order SOC data.




There is a \$25 minimum for all orders

ORDER FORM 1

BUILDING PERMITS ASCII FILES

Building Permits Data - One-time orders

Geographic Area & Availability	Time Period(s) Requested	Cost per file (per time period)	Total cost for files
<p>State files: Current month/YTD: Jan. 1988- pres. Annual: 1980- present</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Current Month _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Year-to-Date _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual _____</p>	\$5	_____
<p>Metropolitan Area files: Current month/YTD: Jan. 1988- pres. Annual: 1980- present</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Current Month _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Year-to-Date _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual _____</p>	\$5	_____
<p>County files: Current month/YTD: Jan. 2000- pres. Annual: 1990- present</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Current Month _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Year-to-Date _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual _____</p>	\$5	_____
<p>Place Level files: Current month/YTD: Jan. 1988- pres. Annual: 1980- pres. Cumulative: Jan 1988- pres.</p> 	<p><u>Northeast</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Current: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YTD: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative: _____</p> <p><u>Midwest</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Current: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YTD: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative: _____</p> <p><u>South</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Current: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YTD: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative: _____</p> <p><u>West</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Current: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YTD: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative: _____</p>	\$5	_____



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BUILDING PERMITS ASCII FILES

Building Permits Data - Subscriptions (12 Monthly and 1 Annual)

Product/Geographic Area	Price per year	Enter start date for subscription: (Month and year)
<input type="checkbox"/>  "Mansion" Package: (Current month & Year-to-date) State, Metropolitan Area, County, and Place level files (entire U.S)	\$400	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> State files (Current month & Year-to-date)	\$75	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Area files (Current month & Year-to-date)	\$75	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> County level files (Current month & Year-to-date)	\$75	_____
Place level files by Region: (Current month & Year-to-date) <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast <input type="checkbox"/> South <input type="checkbox"/> Midwest <input type="checkbox"/> West <input type="checkbox"/> All Four Regions (Entire U.S.)	\$75 each region or \$250 for all 4	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Cumulative Place level files (Includes late submissions and corrections to data)	\$150	_____



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ORDER FORM 2

BUILDING PERMITS PRINTER FRIENDLY FILES

One-time order

Entire **United States** file (\$5); Enter month(s)/year(s): _____

Total Cost (@ \$5 per file, per time period) \$ _____

Data Subscriptions (12 Monthly and 1 Annual File)

There is a one time \$100 setup charge for new subscriptions

State(s) or U.S. files; (\$130 per year)

Enter state name(s)/abbreviation(s), or enter "U.S." for all states:

Enter month and year for start of subscription:

(No earlier than January of the current year or the next available month)

Cost for Subscription \$ _____

Initial setup charge (\$100) for new subscriptions, if applicable \$ _____

Total Cost for entire order \$ _____

ORDER FORM 3

SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION (SOC) DATA

Estimates of Housing Starts Ratios (subscription, \$180 per year):

Starting from:
(Available from March 2011*) _____
(Enter month and year)

*The March 2011 file includes data back to January 2011

Total Cost for order **\$** _____

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 (301) 763-8587



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The purpose of collecting this information is to assist the Census Bureau in processing your requests for data and reports from the Building Permits Survey (BPS) and/or the Survey of Construction (SOC). Information collected from you may include your name, personal address, phone number, e-mail address, and payment information. If you request data to be sent via FedEx, your FedEx routing number will also be kept on file.

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Providing your information is voluntary. Failure to provide the information may affect the Census Bureau's ability to process payment information required to fulfill your request or to contact you about future data releases.

