

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS SURVEY DOCUMENTATION

MA ASCII Files

Metropolitan Area (MA) Level Residential Building Permit Statistics

Introduction

These files provide building permit statistics on new privately-owned residential construction. These are provided for all CSAs and CBSAs in the United States sorted by CSA code and CBSA code.

File Format

- A. File Names: Two files are provided for the monthly data series and one for annual series ("YYMM" is the survey date for monthly using the 2-digit year and 2-digit month, "YYYY" is the survey year for annual using the 4-digit year):

1. Current month - data tabulated for only that survey period.

MA<YYMM>C.TXT, i.e. MA0401C.TXT

2. Year-to-Date - summed data from the beginning of the year through the current survey month including late reports and corrections for prior months.

MA<YYMM>Y.TXT, i.e. MA0401Y.TXT

3. Annual - data tabulated for that survey year:

MA<YYYY>A.TXT, i.e. MA2002A.TXT

- B. Each file is an ASCII, comma delimited file, providing:

1. Survey date, in the form "YYYYMM" (annual files show a date of "YYYY")
2. Three-digit CSA code or "999"
3. Five-digit CBSA code or "99999"
4. Header Coverage Code, Blank or "C", if CSA/CBSA is completely covered by monthly permit issuing places

5. Alpha CSA/CBSA name
 6. Buildings, Units and Valuation Permit Data (valuation is shown in thousands of dollars)
- C. Two sets of data are shown for each type of construction:
1. Estimates with Imputation - includes reported data for monthly respondents and imputed data for nonrespondents.
 2. Reported Only - includes only reported data for respondents.

Record Layout of Building Permits MSA ASCII Customer Data File

<u>Field</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Section</u>
1	Survey Date; YYYYMM. "YYYY" is the 4-digit year and "MM" is the month (annual is YYYY), i.e. January 2000 = 200001, Annual 1999 = 1999.	
2	CSA Code	Identification
3	CBSA Code	
4	Alpha Code - Header Coverage Code - Blank or "C", if CSA/CBSA is completely covered by monthly permit issuing places	
5	Alpha Geographic (CBSA) Name	
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6	101-Buildings	
7	101-Units	
8	101-Valuation	
9	103-Buildings	
10	103-Units	Estimates
11	103-Valuation	With
12	104-Buildings	Imputation
13	104-Units	
14	104-Valuation	
15	105-Buildings	
16	105-Units	
17	105-Valuation	
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18	101-Buildings	
19	101-Units	
20	101-Valuation	
21	103-Buildings	
22	103-Units	
23	103-Valuation	Reported
24	104-Buildings	Only
25	104-Units	
26	104-Valuation	
27	105-Buildings	
28	105-Units	
29	105-Valuation	