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Building Permit Report

September 2024

Monthly analysis of permit volume, work types, housing activity, and construction values sourced from City of Austin public permit records.

Total Permits

New Construction

Housing Units

Demolitions

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Permit Volume Overview

Austin issued **4,712 permits** this month across all trade types. Electrical permits led volume at **1,533 (32.5%)**, followed by plumbing at **1,235 (26.2%)** and mechanical at **903 (19.2%)**. Building permits — which cover structural, new construction, and remodel work — totaled **965 (20.5%)**. Residential projects made up **70.4%** of all activity.

| Permit Type | Count | Share |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Building Permit | 965 | 20.5% |
| Electrical Permit | 1,533 | 32.5% |
| Plumbing Permit | 1,235 | 26.2% |
| Mechanical Permit | 903 | 19.2% |
| Driveway / Sidewalks | 76 | 1.6% |

Work Class Breakdown

New construction led work class activity with **1,276 permits (27.1%)**, reflecting Austin's continued status as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and addition work totaled **941 (20.0%)**, while repair permits accounted for **845 (17.9%)**. Demolitions came in at **61 (1.3%)**, signaling ongoing teardown-and-rebuild activity across the city.

| Work Class | Count | Share |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| New | 1,276 | 27.1% |
| Repair | 845 | 17.9% |
| Change Out | 670 | 14.2% |
| Remodel | 595 | 12.6% |
| Addition and Remodel | 346 | 7.3% |
| Irrigation | 248 | 5.3% |
| Homebuilder Loop | 203 | 4.3% |
| Upgrade | 114 | 2.4% |

Housing & Residential Activity

Permitted projects this month are set to add **10,523 housing units** to Austin's supply — a figure that reflects the city's aggressive pace of residential development. Residential permits totaled **3,319 (70.4%)** of all activity, compared to commercial at **1,393 (29.6%)**. Austin's rapid population growth continues to fuel both single-family and multifamily construction across all parts of the city.

10,523

3,319

1,393

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|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Housing Units Added | Residential Permits | Commercial Permits |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|

Activity by Council District

Austin's 10 city council districts provide a geographic view of construction activity. **District 10** led this month with **550 permits** (11.7% of city total). Use this breakdown to focus your outreach and canvassing on the most active markets.

| Council District | Permits | Share |
|------------------|---------|-------|
| District 10 | 550 | 11.7% |
| District 7 | 514 | 10.9% |
| District 2 | 506 | 10.7% |
| District 1 | 499 | 10.6% |
| District 9 | 488 | 10.4% |
| District 5 | 446 | 9.5% |

Jurisdiction Breakdown

Austin's permit data covers multiple jurisdictions beyond the city limits, including ETJ (Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction) areas and surrounding municipalities. Understanding which jurisdictions are most active helps contractors identify growth corridors in the greater Austin metro.

| Jurisdiction | Permits | Share |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| AUSTIN FULL PURPOSE | 3,872 | 82.2% |
| AUSTIN 2 MILE ETJ | 441 | 9.4% |
| AUSTIN LTD | 354 | 7.5% |
| BEE CAVE FULL PURPOSE | 10 | 0.2% |
| AUSTIN 5 MILE ETJ | 8 | 0.2% |

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