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Austin

Building Permit Report

May 2025

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 **5,248 permits** this month across all trade types. Electrical permits led volume at **1,543 (29.4%)**, followed by plumbing at **1,324 (25.2%)** and mechanical at **1,072 (20.4%)**. Building permits — which cover structural, new construction, and remodel work — totaled **1,199 (22.8%)**. Residential projects made up **69.9%** of all activity.

Permit Type	Count	Share
Building Permit	1,199	22.8%
Electrical Permit	1,543	29.4%
Plumbing Permit	1,324	25.2%
Mechanical Permit	1,072	20.4%
Driveway / Sidewalks	110	2.1%

Work Class Breakdown

New construction led work class activity with **1,519 permits (28.9%)**, reflecting Austin's continued status as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and addition work totaled **1,319 (25.1%)**, while repair permits accounted for **784 (14.9%)**. Demolitions came in at **76 (1.4%)**, signaling ongoing teardown-and-rebuild activity across the city.

Work Class	Count	Share
New	1,519	28.9%
Remodel	924	17.6%
Repair	784	14.9%
Change Out	767	14.6%
Addition and Remodel	395	7.5%
Homebuilder Loop	215	4.1%
Irrigation	212	4.0%
Upgrade	133	2.5%

Housing & Residential Activity

Permitted projects this month are set to add **11,409 housing units** to Austin's supply — a figure that reflects the city's aggressive pace of residential development. Residential permits totaled **3,668 (69.9%)** of all activity, compared to commercial at **1,580 (30.1%)**. Austin's rapid population growth continues to fuel both single-family and multifamily construction across all parts of the city.

11,409

3,668

1,580

Housing Units Added	Residential Permits	Commercial Permits
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Activity by Council District

Austin's 10 city council districts provide a geographic view of construction activity. **District 10** led this month with **649 permits** (12.4% of city total). Use this breakdown to focus your outreach and canvassing on the most active markets.

Council District	Permits	Share
District 10	649	12.4%
District 1	647	12.3%
District 2	625	11.9%
District 5	611	11.6%
District 9	568	10.8%
District 7	491	9.4%

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	4,442	84.6%
AUSTIN LTD	481	9.2%
AUSTIN 2 MILE ETJ	261	5.0%
AUSTIN 5 MILE ETJ	28	0.5%
BEE CAVE ETJ	9	0.2%

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