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Austin

Building Permit Report

January 2026

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 **4,211 permits** this month across all trade types. Electrical permits led volume at **1,285 (30.5%)**, followed by plumbing at **1,173 (27.9%)** and mechanical at **720 (17.1%)**. Building permits — which cover structural, new construction, and remodel work — totaled **948 (22.5%)**. Residential projects made up **72.0%** of all activity.

Permit Type	Count	Share
Building Permit	948	22.5%
Electrical Permit	1,285	30.5%
Plumbing Permit	1,173	27.9%
Mechanical Permit	720	17.1%
Driveway / Sidewalks	85	2.0%

Work Class Breakdown

New construction led work class activity with **1,211 permits (28.8%)**, reflecting Austin's continued status as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and addition work totaled **1,002 (23.8%)**, while repair permits accounted for **776 (18.4%)**. Demolitions came in at **101 (2.4%)**, signaling ongoing teardown-and-rebuild activity across the city.

Work Class	Count	Share
New	1,211	28.8%
Repair	776	18.4%
Remodel	676	16.1%
Change Out	456	10.8%
Addition and Remodel	326	7.7%
Homebuilder Loop	186	4.4%
Irrigation	159	3.8%
Upgrade	123	2.9%

Housing & Residential Activity

Permitted projects this month are set to add **10,059 housing units** to Austin's supply — a figure that reflects the city's aggressive pace of residential development. Residential permits totaled **3,030 (72.0%)** of all activity, compared to commercial at **1,181 (28.0%)**. Austin's rapid population growth continues to fuel both single-family and multifamily construction across all parts of the city.

10,059

3,030

1,181

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 **526 permits** (12.5% of city total). Use this breakdown to focus your outreach and canvassing on the most active markets.

Council District	Permits	Share
District 10	526	12.5%
District 2	486	11.5%
District 7	477	11.3%
District 9	467	11.1%
District 5	450	10.7%
District 3	384	9.1%

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	3,577	84.9%
AUSTIN LTD	386	9.2%
AUSTIN 2 MILE ETJ	198	4.7%
AUSTIN 5 MILE ETJ	23	0.5%
ROLLINGWOOD FULL PURPOSE	3	0.1%

Get the Full List

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