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Building Permit Report

March 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 **4,851 permits** this month across all trade types. Electrical permits led volume at **1,369 (28.2%)**, followed by plumbing at **1,351 (27.8%)** and mechanical at **934 (19.3%)**. Building permits — which cover structural, new construction, and remodel work — totaled **1,132 (23.3%)**. Residential projects made up **73.1%** of all activity.

Permit Type	Count	Share
Building Permit	1,132	23.3%
Electrical Permit	1,369	28.2%
Plumbing Permit	1,351	27.8%
Mechanical Permit	934	19.3%
Driveway / Sidewalks	65	1.3%

Work Class Breakdown

New construction led work class activity with **1,476 permits (30.4%)**, reflecting Austin's continued status as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and addition work totaled **1,022 (21.1%)**, while repair permits accounted for **851 (17.5%)**. Demolitions came in at **113 (2.3%)**, signaling ongoing teardown-and-rebuild activity across the city.

Work Class	Count	Share
New	1,476	30.4%
Repair	851	17.5%
Change Out	671	13.8%
Remodel	655	13.5%
Addition and Remodel	367	7.6%
Homebuilder Loop	198	4.1%
Upgrade	178	3.7%
Irrigation	121	2.5%

Housing & Residential Activity

Permitted projects this month are set to add **9,255 housing units** to Austin's supply — a figure that reflects the city's aggressive pace of residential development. Residential permits totaled **3,545 (73.1%)** of all activity, compared to commercial at **1,306 (26.9%)**. Austin's rapid population growth continues to fuel both single-family and multifamily construction across all parts of the city.

9,255

3,545

1,306

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 2** led this month with **634 permits** (13.1% of city total). Use this breakdown to focus your outreach and canvassing on the most active markets.

Council District	Permits	Share
District 2	634	13.1%
District 10	608	12.5%
District 7	565	11.6%
District 5	527	10.9%
District 9	475	9.8%
District 3	444	9.2%

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	4,249	87.6%
AUSTIN LTD	377	7.8%
AUSTIN 2 MILE ETJ	171	3.5%
AUSTIN 5 MILE ETJ	10	0.2%
BEE CAVE ETJ	7	0.1%

Get the Full List

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