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Building Permit Report

February 2025

Monthly analysis of permit volume, construction types, occupancy activity,
and project values sourced from City of Houston public permit records.

Total Projects

New Construction

Estimated Value

Demolitions

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Permit Volume Overview

Houston issued permits for **8,925 projects** this month. New construction led the market with **1,504 projects (16.9%)**, reflecting Houston's continued pace as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and renovation work accounted for **3,073 projects (34.4%)**, while demolition permits — a leading signal for upcoming new builds — totaled **237 (2.7%)**.

Construction Type	Projects	Share
New Construction	1,504	16.9%
Remodel	3,073	34.4%
Single Trade	3,101	34.7%
Shell	44	0.5%
Demolition	237	2.7%

Project Valuation

The combined estimated value of permitted projects this month totaled **\$733.99M**, with an average declared project value of **\$301,680** among projects reporting a non-zero valuation. Houston's lack of zoning laws and relatively low permitting costs make it one of the most active construction markets in the nation, with high project valuations spanning commercial, industrial, and residential sectors.

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Total Estimated Value

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Avg. Project Value

Occupancy & Property Type

Single-family residential projects dominated this month, representing **1,989 permits (22.3%)** of all activity. Multi-family residential (apartments and condos) accounted for **272 projects (3.0%)**. The table below breaks down all occupancy groups — useful for contractors targeting specific property types.

Occupancy Group	Projects	Share
R3 - Single Family Dwelling; Duplex	1,989	22.3%
B - Office/Business	599	6.7%
R2 - Apartments	272	3.0%
M - Display & Sale of Merchandise	149	1.7%
S1 - Storage/Auto Garages	136	1.5%
A2 - Assembly Use; Food or Drink	79	0.9%

Activity by City Council District

Houston's 11 city council districts offer a geographic lens on where construction activity is concentrated. **District C** led this month with **1,515 projects** (17.0% of city total). Use this breakdown to focus outreach and canvassing efforts in the most active areas.

Council District	Projects	Share
District C	1,515	17.0%
District G	1,095	12.3%
District D	919	10.3%
District A	877	9.8%
District B	774	8.7%
District H	755	8.5%

Top Permit Fee Categories

Houston's permit records include detailed fee-level breakdowns for each project, revealing the mix of trade and inspection types driving activity. The table below shows the most issued fee/permit categories this month.

Permit / Fee Type	Count	Share
Plumbing Pmt	1,944	15.5%
Plan Review Fee	1,780	14.2%
Electrical Pmt	1,249	10.0%
Building Pmt	812	6.5%
WW Utility Admin	611	4.9%
SIGN PLAN EXAM	510	4.1%
Plan Revision	460	3.7%
Plan Review Fee	444	3.5%

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