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Building Permit Report

March 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 **10,428 projects** this month. New construction led the market with **1,981 projects (19.0%)**, reflecting Houston's continued pace as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and renovation work accounted for **3,621 projects (34.7%)**, while demolition permits — a leading signal for upcoming new builds — totaled **290 (2.8%)**.

Construction Type	Projects	Share
New Construction	1,981	19.0%
Remodel	3,621	34.7%
Single Trade	3,395	32.6%
Shell	81	0.8%
Demolition	290	2.8%

Project Valuation

The combined estimated value of permitted projects this month totaled **\$1030.07M**, with an average declared project value of **\$314,622** 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

\$314,622

Avg. Project Value

Occupancy & Property Type

Single-family residential projects dominated this month, representing **2,558 permits (24.5%)** of all activity. Multi-family residential (apartments and condos) accounted for **362 projects (3.5%)**. The table below breaks down all occupancy groups — useful for contractors targeting specific property types.

Occupancy Group	Projects	Share
R3 - Single Family Dwelling; Duplex	2,558	24.5%
B - Office/Business	743	7.1%
R2 - Apartments	362	3.5%
M - Display & Sale of Merchandise	200	1.9%
S1 - Storage/Auto Garages	199	1.9%
A2 - Assembly Use; Food or Drink	107	1.0%

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 **1,689 projects** (16.2% of city total). Use this breakdown to focus outreach and canvassing efforts in the most active areas.

Council District	Projects	Share
District C	1,689	16.2%
District G	1,238	11.9%
District D	1,052	10.1%
District A	1,049	10.1%
District B	917	8.8%
District H	836	8.0%

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	2,266	14.4%
Plan Review Fee	2,037	12.9%
Electrical Pmt	1,403	8.9%
Building Pmt	1,153	7.3%
WW Utility Admin	640	4.1%
CERT OF OCCUP.	563	3.6%
Plan Review Fee	483	3.1%
SIGN PLAN EXAM	474	3.0%

Get the Full List

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