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Building Permit Report

April 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 **10,958 projects** this month. New construction led the market with **2,068 projects (18.9%)**, reflecting Houston's continued pace as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and renovation work accounted for **3,923 projects (35.8%)**, while demolition permits — a leading signal for upcoming new builds — totaled **248 (2.3%)**.

Construction Type	Projects	Share
New Construction	2,068	18.9%
Remodel	3,923	35.8%
Single Trade	3,363	30.7%
Shell	139	1.3%
Demolition	248	2.3%

Project Valuation

The combined estimated value of permitted projects this month totaled **\$1408.89M**, with an average declared project value of **\$402,769** 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 **2,787 permits (25.4%)** of all activity. Multi-family residential (apartments and condos) accounted for **309 projects (2.8%)**. The table below breaks down all occupancy groups — useful for contractors targeting specific property types.

Occupancy Group	Projects	Share
R3 - Single Family Dwelling; Duplex	2,787	25.4%
B - Office/Business	804	7.3%
R2 - Apartments	309	2.8%
M - Display & Sale of Merchandise	229	2.1%
S1 - Storage/Auto Garages	178	1.6%
A2 - Assembly Use; Food or Drink	121	1.1%

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 **1,747 projects** (15.9% of city total). Use this breakdown to focus outreach and canvassing efforts in the most active areas.

Council District	Projects	Share
District C	1,747	15.9%
District G	1,417	12.9%
District D	1,139	10.4%
District A	1,038	9.5%
District B	959	8.8%
District H	871	7.9%

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	2,312	13.4%
Plan Review Fee	1,729	10.0%
Electrical Pmt	1,562	9.1%
Building Pmt	1,366	7.9%
WW Utility Admin	673	3.9%
HVAC Permit	663	3.9%
Plan Review Fee	574	3.3%
SIGN OPERATING	516	3.0%

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