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Building Permit Report

May 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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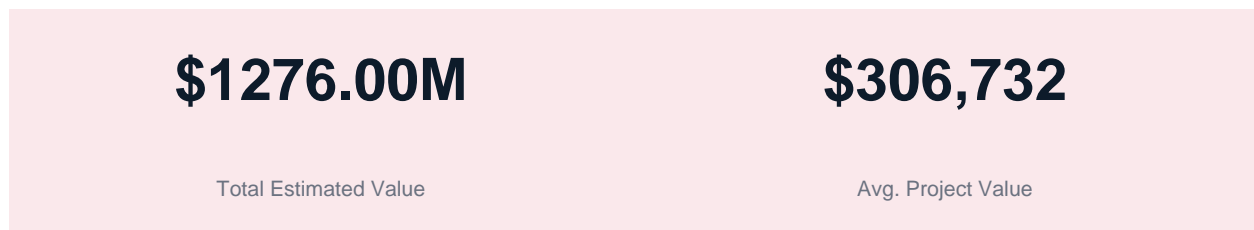
Permit Volume Overview

Houston issued permits for **11,522 projects** this month. New construction led the market with **2,500 projects (21.7%)**, reflecting Houston's continued pace as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and renovation work accounted for **4,160 projects (36.1%)**, while demolition permits — a leading signal for upcoming new builds — totaled **290 (2.5%)**.

Construction Type	Projects	Share
New Construction	2,500	21.7%
Remodel	4,160	36.1%
Single Trade	3,271	28.4%
Shell	99	0.9%
Demolition	290	2.5%

Project Valuation

The combined estimated value of permitted projects this month totaled **\$1276.00M**, with an average declared project value of **\$306,732** 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.



Occupancy & Property Type

Single-family residential projects dominated this month, representing **3,246 permits (28.2%)** of all activity. Multi-family residential (apartments and condos) accounted for **342 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	3,246	28.2%
B - Office/Business	940	8.2%
R2 - Apartments	342	3.0%
M - Display & Sale of Merchandise	223	1.9%
S1 - Storage/Auto Garages	185	1.6%
A2 - Assembly Use; Food or Drink	134	1.2%

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 **1,850 projects** (16.1% of city total). Use this breakdown to focus outreach and canvassing efforts in the most active areas.

Council District	Projects	Share
District C	1,850	16.1%
District G	1,374	11.9%
District D	1,247	10.8%
District B	1,077	9.3%
District A	1,065	9.2%
District H	945	8.2%

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	2,284	12.2%
Plan Review Fee	2,045	10.9%
Electrical Pmt	1,711	9.1%
Building Pmt	1,466	7.8%
HVAC Permit	854	4.6%
WW Utility Admin	628	3.4%
GRADING , FILL	560	3.0%
CRT/COMPLIANCE	545	2.9%

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