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Building Permit Report

September 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 **11,879 projects** this month. New construction led the market with **2,842 projects (23.9%)**, reflecting Houston's continued pace as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and renovation work accounted for **4,327 projects (36.4%)**, while demolition permits — a leading signal for upcoming new builds — totaled **240 (2.0%)**.

Construction Type	Projects	Share
New Construction	2,842	23.9%
Remodel	4,327	36.4%
Single Trade	2,954	24.9%
Shell	52	0.4%
Demolition	240	2.0%

Project Valuation

The combined estimated value of permitted projects this month totaled **\$2329.46M**, with an average declared project value of **\$495,103** 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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Avg. Project Value

Occupancy & Property Type

Single-family residential projects dominated this month, representing **3,771 permits (31.7%)** of all activity. Multi-family residential (apartments and condos) accounted for **311 projects (2.6%)**. The table below breaks down all occupancy groups — useful for contractors targeting specific property types.

Occupancy Group	Projects	Share
R3 - Single Family Dwelling; Duplex	3,771	31.7%
B - Office/Business	929	7.8%
R2 - Apartments	311	2.6%
M - Display & Sale of Merchandise	268	2.3%
S1 - Storage/Auto Garages	240	2.0%
A2 - Assembly Use; Food or Drink	180	1.5%

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 **1,904 projects** (16.0% of city total). Use this breakdown to focus outreach and canvassing efforts in the most active areas.

Council District	Projects	Share
District C	1,904	16.0%
District G	1,530	12.9%
District D	1,283	10.8%
District B	1,081	9.1%
District A	1,060	8.9%
District H	974	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	2,274	11.5%
Electrical Pmt	1,718	8.7%
Plan Review Fee	1,648	8.3%
Building Pmt	1,513	7.6%
HVAC Permit	988	5.0%
SIGN OPERATING	663	3.3%
WW Utility Admin	626	3.2%
CRT/COMPLIANCE	597	3.0%

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