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Building Permit Report

November 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 **10,040 projects** this month. New construction led the market with **2,560 projects (25.5%)**, reflecting Houston's continued pace as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and renovation work accounted for **3,933 projects (39.2%)**, while demolition permits — a leading signal for upcoming new builds — totaled **286 (2.8%)**.

Construction Type	Projects	Share
New Construction	2,560	25.5%
Remodel	3,933	39.2%
Single Trade	2,260	22.5%
Shell	38	0.4%
Demolition	286	2.8%

Project Valuation

The combined estimated value of permitted projects this month totaled **\$2048.14M**, with an average declared project value of **\$475,647** 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

\$475,647

Avg. Project Value

Occupancy & Property Type

Single-family residential projects dominated this month, representing **3,517 permits (35.0%)** of all activity. Multi-family residential (apartments and condos) accounted for **267 projects (2.7%)**. The table below breaks down all occupancy groups — useful for contractors targeting specific property types.

Occupancy Group	Projects	Share
R3 - Single Family Dwelling; Duplex	3,517	35.0%
B - Office/Business	823	8.2%
R2 - Apartments	267	2.7%
M - Display & Sale of Merchandise	222	2.2%
S1 - Storage/Auto Garages	201	2.0%
A2 - Assembly Use; Food or Drink	184	1.8%

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 **1,707 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	1,707	17.0%
District G	1,186	11.8%
District D	1,063	10.6%
District B	934	9.3%
District A	923	9.2%
District H	798	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	2,165	13.1%
Plan Review Fee	1,383	8.3%
Building Pmt	1,273	7.7%
Electrical Pmt	1,265	7.6%
HVAC Permit	738	4.4%
CRT/COMPLIANCE	571	3.4%
WW Utility Admin	516	3.1%
GRADING , FILL	505	3.0%

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