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Houston

Building Permit Report

January 2026

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 **10,562 projects** this month. New construction led the market with **2,922 projects (27.7%)**, reflecting Houston's continued pace as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and renovation work accounted for **3,992 projects (37.8%)**, while demolition permits — a leading signal for upcoming new builds — totaled **258 (2.4%)**.

Construction Type	Projects	Share
New Construction	2,922	27.7%
Remodel	3,992	37.8%
Single Trade	2,328	22.0%
Shell	29	0.3%
Demolition	258	2.4%

Project Valuation

The combined estimated value of permitted projects this month totaled **\$2586.44M**, with an average declared project value of **\$558,505** 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 **3,742 permits (35.4%)** of all activity. Multi-family residential (apartments and condos) accounted for **333 projects (3.2%)**. The table below breaks down all occupancy groups — useful for contractors targeting specific property types.

Occupancy Group	Projects	Share
R3 - Single Family Dwelling; Duplex	3,742	35.4%
B - Office/Business	895	8.5%
R2 - Apartments	333	3.2%
M - Display & Sale of Merchandise	234	2.2%
S1 - Storage/Auto Garages	210	2.0%
A2 - Assembly Use; Food or Drink	174	1.6%

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 **1,711 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	1,711	16.2%
District G	1,292	12.2%
District D	1,219	11.5%
District B	999	9.5%
District A	919	8.7%
District H	821	7.8%

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	2,142	12.5%
Plan Review Fee	1,544	9.0%
Electrical Pmt	1,483	8.6%
Building Pmt	1,215	7.1%
HVAC Permit	861	5.0%
WW Utility Admin	537	3.1%
GRADING , FILL	476	2.8%
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