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## Building Permit Report

**February 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 **4,552 projects** this month. New construction led the market with **1,943 projects (42.7%)**, reflecting Houston's continued pace as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and renovation work accounted for **1,882 projects (41.3%)**, while demolition permits — a leading signal for upcoming new builds — totaled **109 (2.4%)**.

Construction Type	Projects	Share
New Construction	1,943	42.7%
Remodel	1,882	41.3%
Single Trade	72	1.6%
Shell	31	0.7%
Demolition	109	2.4%

## Project Valuation

The combined estimated value of permitted projects this month totaled **\$1976.45M**, with an average declared project value of **\$645,055** 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 **2,108 permits (46.3%)** of all activity. Multi-family residential (apartments and condos) accounted for **184 projects (4.0%)**. The table below breaks down all occupancy groups — useful for contractors targeting specific property types.

Occupancy Group	Projects	Share
R3 - Single Family Dwelling; Duplex	2,108	46.3%
B - Office/Business	541	11.9%
R2 - Apartments	184	4.0%
M - Display & Sale of Merchandise	148	3.3%
A2 - Assembly Use; Food or Drink	138	3.0%
S1 - Storage/Auto Garages	137	3.0%

## 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 **733 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	733	16.1%
District D	565	12.4%
District B	500	11.0%
District G	496	10.9%
District H	417	9.2%
District A	394	8.7%

## 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
Building Pmt	936	9.6%
Electrical Pmt	806	8.3%
Plumbing Pmt	782	8.0%
HVAC Permit	575	5.9%
CRT/COMPLIANCE	523	5.4%
GRADING , FILL	496	5.1%
DEVEL-REVIEW	451	4.6%
Drainage Review	411	4.2%

## Get the Full List

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