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## Building Permit Report

**March 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 **4,044 projects** this month. New construction led the market with **1,937 projects (47.9%)**, reflecting Houston's continued pace as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and renovation work accounted for **1,554 projects (38.4%)**, while demolition permits — a leading signal for upcoming new builds — totaled **32 (0.8%)**.

Construction Type	Projects	Share
New Construction	1,937	47.9%
Remodel	1,554	38.4%
Single Trade	42	1.0%
Shell	42	1.0%
Demolition	32	0.8%

## Project Valuation

The combined estimated value of permitted projects this month totaled **\$2354.54M**, with an average declared project value of **\$775,030** 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

**\$775,030**

Avg. Project Value

## Occupancy & Property Type

Single-family residential projects dominated this month, representing **2,010 permits (49.7%)** of all activity. Multi-family residential (apartments and condos) accounted for **127 projects (3.1%)**. The table below breaks down all occupancy groups — useful for contractors targeting specific property types.

Occupancy Group	Projects	Share
R3 - Single Family Dwelling; Duplex	2,010	49.7%
B - Office/Business	470	11.6%
M - Display & Sale of Merchandise	132	3.3%
R2 - Apartments	127	3.1%
S1 - Storage/Auto Garages	124	3.1%
A2 - Assembly Use; Food or Drink	91	2.3%

## 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 **639 projects** (15.8% of city total). Use this breakdown to focus outreach and canvassing efforts in the most active areas.

Council District	Projects	Share
District C	639	15.8%
District D	534	13.2%
District B	427	10.6%
District G	422	10.4%
District A	380	9.4%
District H	324	8.0%

## 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	863	10.3%
Electrical Pmt	744	8.9%
Plumbing Pmt	694	8.3%
HVAC Permit	566	6.7%
CRT/COMPLIANCE	548	6.5%
GRADING , FILL	484	5.8%
DEVEL-REVIEW	400	4.8%
Drainage Review	360	4.3%

## Get the Full List

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