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## Building Permit Report

**April 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 **19,893 projects** this month. New construction led the market with **4,271 projects (21.5%)**, reflecting Houston's continued pace as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Remodel and renovation work accounted for **5,268 projects (26.5%)**, while demolition permits — a leading signal for upcoming new builds — totaled **301 (1.5%)**.

Construction Type	Projects	Share
New Construction	4,271	21.5%
Remodel	5,268	26.5%
Single Trade	3,268	16.4%
Shell	2,685	13.5%
Demolition	301	1.5%

## Project Valuation

The combined estimated value of permitted projects this month totaled **\$4829.60M**, with an average declared project value of **\$710,757** 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

**\$710,757**

Avg. Project Value

## Occupancy & Property Type

Single-family residential projects dominated this month, representing **5,131 permits (25.8%)** of all activity. Multi-family residential (apartments and condos) accounted for **637 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	5,131	25.8%
B - Office/Business	1,781	9.0%
R2 - Apartments	637	3.2%
M - Display & Sale of Merchandise	621	3.1%
S1 - Storage/Auto Garages	447	2.2%
A2 - Assembly Use; Food or Drink	425	2.1%

## 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 **3,044 projects** (15.3% of city total). Use this breakdown to focus outreach and canvassing efforts in the most active areas.

Council District	Projects	Share
District C	3,044	15.3%
District D	2,248	11.3%
District G	2,193	11.0%
District A	1,912	9.6%
District B	1,698	8.5%
District H	1,684	8.5%

## 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
Sign Renewal	4,058	12.8%
Plumbing Pmt	2,564	8.1%
Electrical Pmt	2,032	6.4%
Building Pmt	1,864	5.9%
Plan Review Fee	1,667	5.2%
HVAC Permit	1,330	4.2%
CRT/COMPLIANCE	931	2.9%
GRADING , FILL	874	2.7%

## Get the Full List

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