

LOS ANGELES BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

MAY 2025

Monthly analysis of construction activity in the City of Los Angeles, based on building permits issued by the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS). Prepared for contractors, builders, and construction industry professionals.

5,462 Total Permits Issued	\$524.1M Total Project Valuation	\$9K Median Project Value	384 New Construction Permits
581 ADU Permits	▼ 0.6% vs. Prior Month		

Data Source: LADBS Public Records via data.lacity.org. All permit counts reflect permits with an issue date within the report month. Valuation figures are as reported on permit applications and may not reflect final project costs.

1. Permit Volume Overview

In the report month, LADBS issued **5,462 building permits** across the City of Los Angeles — a **0.6% decrease** compared to the prior month (5,494 permits). Total declared project valuation reached **\$524.08 million**, with a median project value of **\$9,000**.

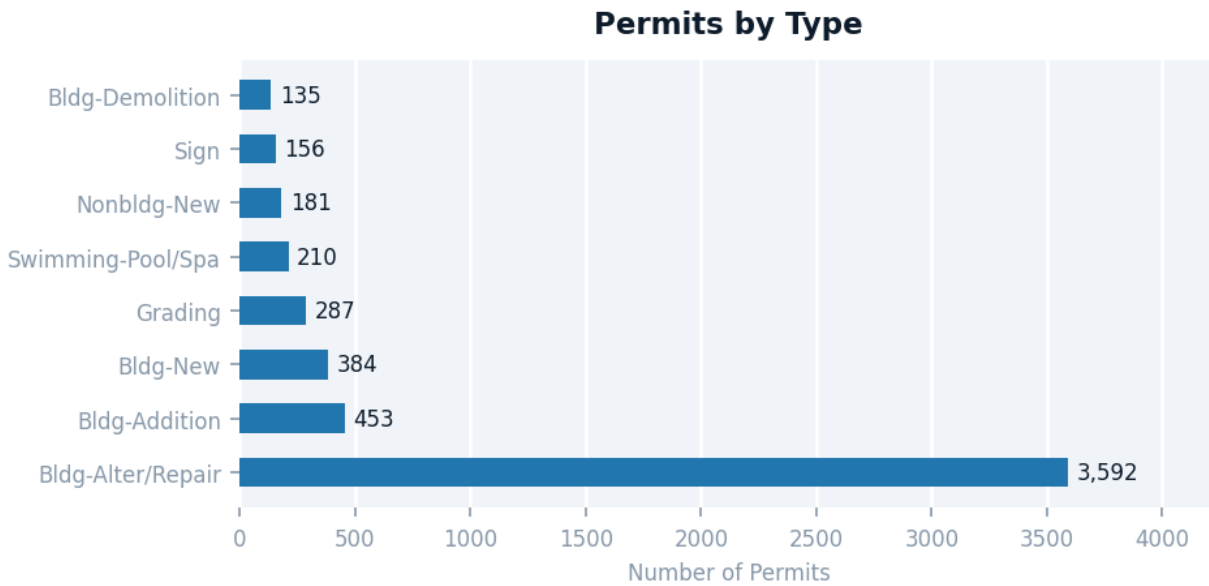


Figure 1: Distribution of permits by type for the report month.

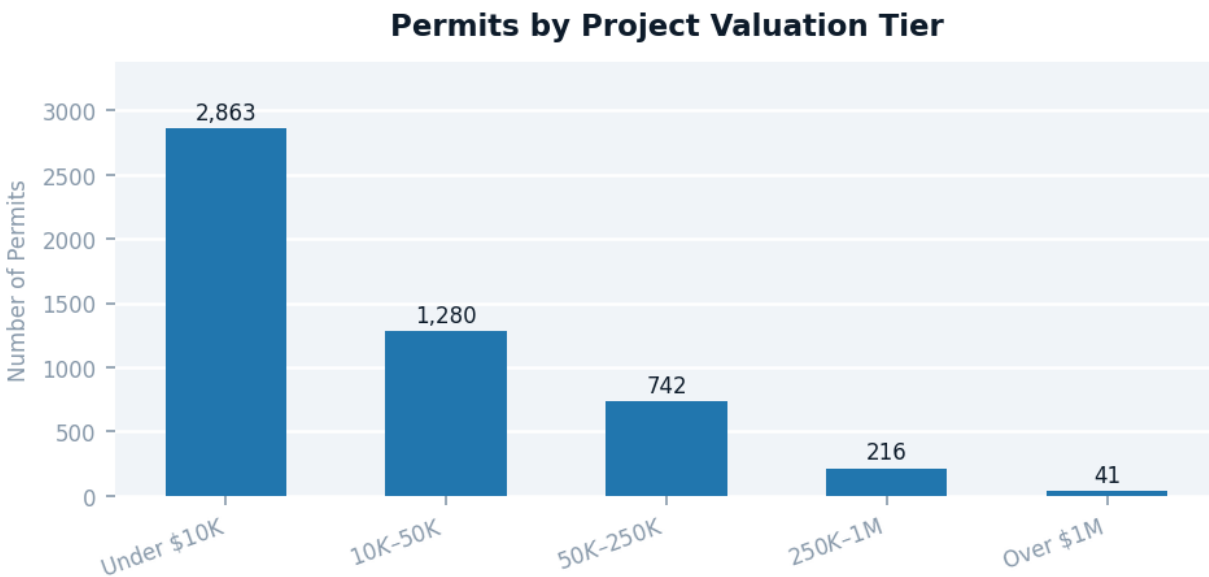


Figure 2: Number of permits by declared valuation bucket (excludes \$0 valuations).

2. Hottest ZIP Codes & Neighborhoods

The tables below identify the most active ZIP codes and community plan areas (neighborhoods) by permit volume. These markets represent the highest concentration of active construction projects — prime territory for contractor business development.

ZIP Code	Permits	Total Val.
90049	142	\$14.0M
90272	138	\$21.9M
91344	130	\$10.7M
91335	125	\$14.8M
90026	107	\$8.0M
90045	99	\$40.4M
91367	96	\$3.3M
90064	92	\$4.8M
91423	91	\$4.7M
90066	91	\$5.1M

Neighborhood	Permits	Total Val.
Northeast Los Angeles	335	\$8.8M
Wilshire	296	\$37.5M
Brentwood - Pacific Palisade	288	\$36.5M
Hollywood	272	\$149.6M
Canoga Park-West Hills-Winne	270	\$14.4M
West Adams - Baldwin Hills -	252	\$13.8M
South Los Angeles	241	\$25.4M
Van Nuys - North Sherman Oak	230	\$15.9M
North Hollywood - Valley Vil	214	\$13.4M
Encino - Tarzana	205	\$9.3M

Table 1 (left): Top 10 ZIP codes by permit count. Table 2 (right): Top 10 community plan areas by permit count.

3. Project Valuation & Size Analysis

Total declared project valuation for the month was **\$524.08 million**. The median project valuation was **\$9,000**, indicating that most permitted work consists of small-to-mid-scale alterations and repairs. New construction alone accounted for **\$288.88 million** in declared value across **384 permits**.

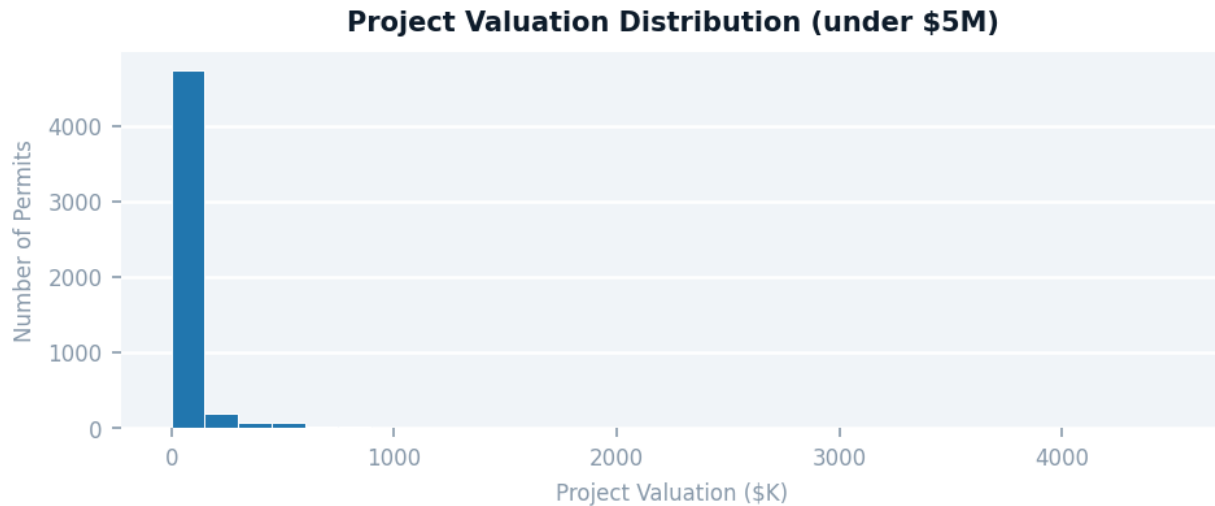


Figure 3: Histogram of project valuations (permits under \$5M shown). Long-tail outliers (large commercial/multifamily) are excluded for readability.

Top 5 Highest-Value Projects

Address	Type	Valuation	Project Description
5601 W SANTA MONICA BLVD	Bldg-New	\$138,750,000	NEW 6 STORY CREATIVE OFFICE & PRODUCTION STUDIO BUILDIN GOVER 2 LEVELS OF SUBTERRANEAN P...
5711 W CENTURY BLVD	Bldg-Alter/Repair	\$26,500,000	EPLAN: Renovation of existing non-accessible, accessible guestrooms and corridors.
3800 S VERMONT AVE	Bldg-Alter/Repair	\$14,000,000	ePlan. Supplemental to 17010-10000-01465 for tenant improvement in core & shell restaurant...
939 S KINGSLEY DR 1-136	Bldg-New	\$11,600,000	** ePlan **NEW 7 STORY WITH ROOF DECK 136 UNITS (3 very low, 105 low, or 27 moderate incom...
6909 N RESEDA BLVD 201-516	Bldg-New	\$8,442,000	NEW 5 STORY 62 UNITS (5 ELI = 8%) MIXED USE AFFORDABLE HOUSING APARTMENT TO INCLUDE 4 STOR...

4. ADU & New Construction Spotlight

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and new construction permits represent two of the most opportunity-rich segments for contractors. This month, **581 ADU permits** were issued (10.6% of total volume), alongside **384 new construction permits** (7.0% of total) representing **\$288.88 million** in declared valuation.

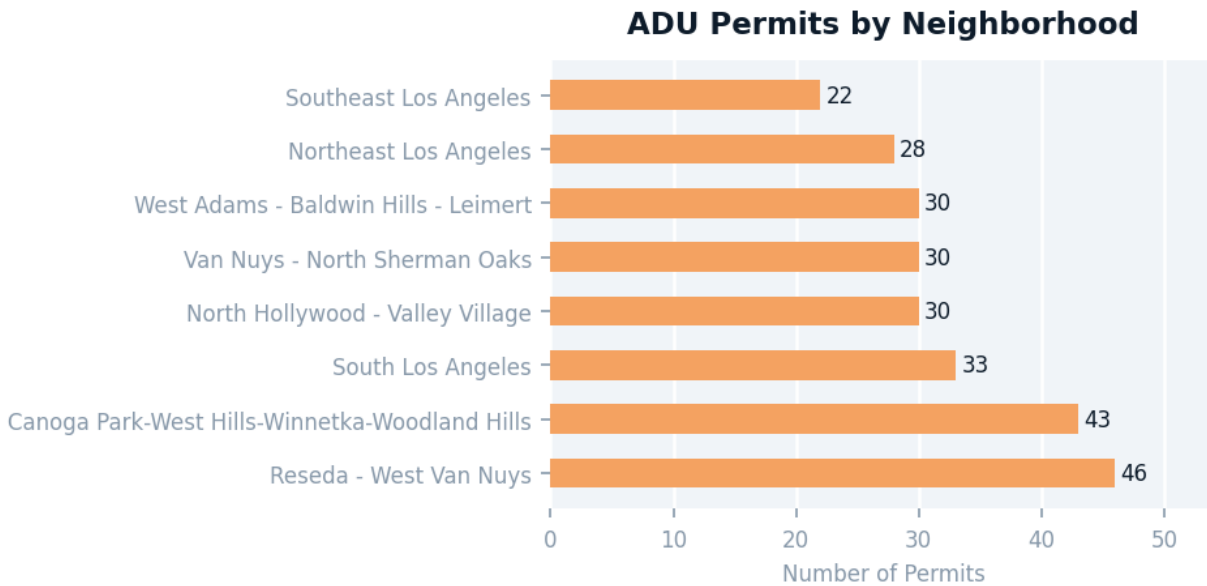


Figure 4: Top neighborhoods for ADU permit activity.

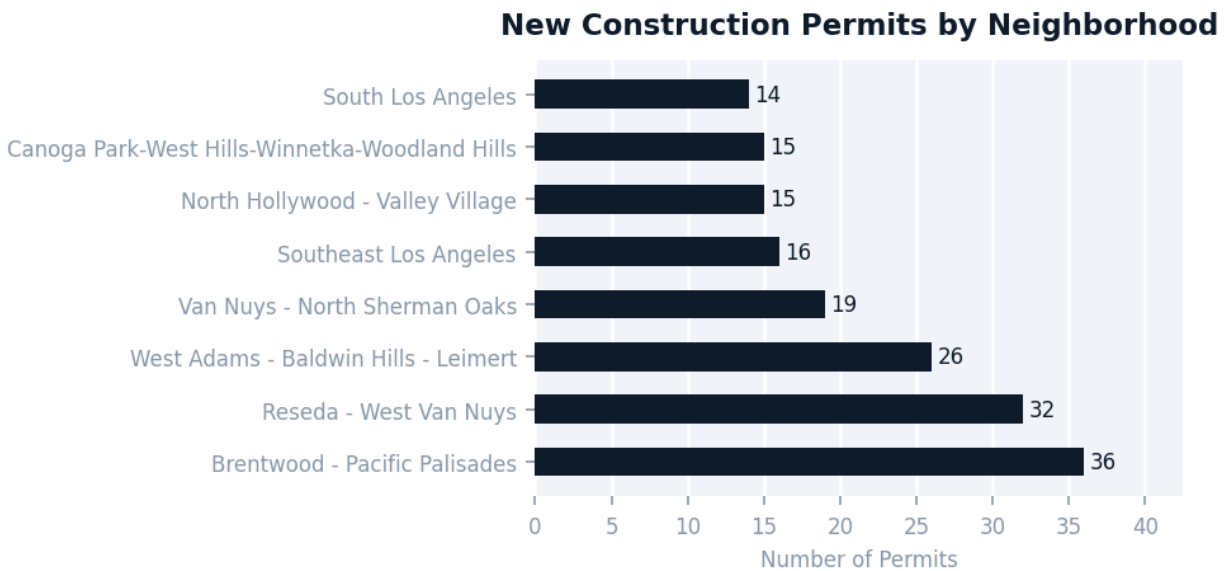


Figure 5: Top neighborhoods for new construction permit activity.

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