

LOS ANGELES BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

DECEMBER 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.

5,087 Total Permits Issued	\$520.7M Total Project Valuation	\$8K Median Project Value	415 New Construction Permits
515 ADU Permits	▲ 13.1% 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 **5,087 building permits** across the City of Los Angeles — a **13.1% increase** compared to the prior month (4,498 permits). Total declared project valuation reached **\$520.66 million**, with a median project value of **\$8,500**.

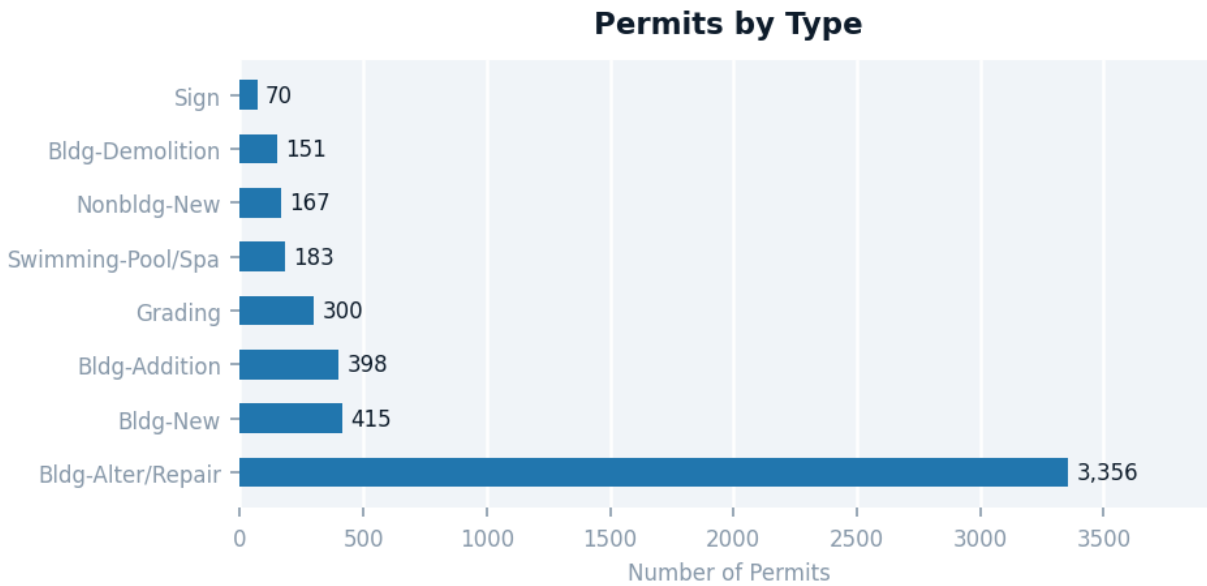


Figure 1: Distribution of permits by type for the report month.

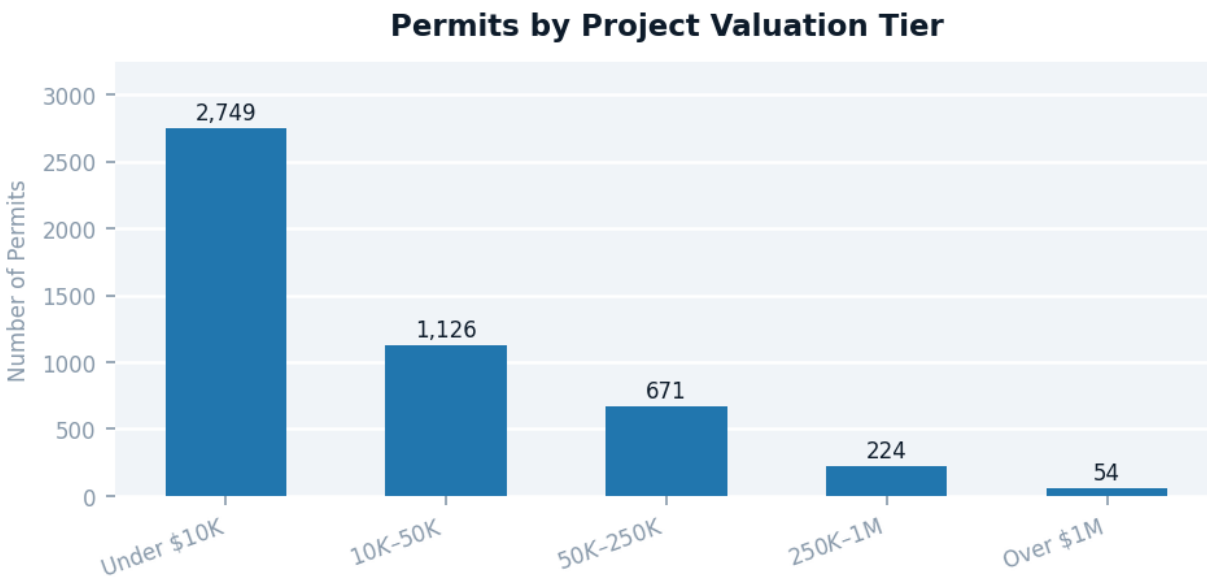


Figure 2: Number of permits by declared valuation bucket (excludes \$0 valuations).

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.
90272	342	\$106.9M
91367	123	\$46.2M
90049	117	\$7.5M
91344	116	\$3.6M
90045	103	\$56.4M
91335	90	\$5.1M
90064	88	\$4.3M
90042	88	\$2.0M
90066	84	\$16.4M
91423	83	\$4.6M

Neighborhood	Permits	Total Val.
Brentwood - Pacific Palisade	453	\$113.7M
Northeast Los Angeles	319	\$8.2M
Hollywood	300	\$16.1M
Canoga Park-West Hills-Winne	275	\$52.3M
Wilshire	235	\$32.2M
South Los Angeles	226	\$13.4M
West Adams - Baldwin Hills -	218	\$25.5M
West Los Angeles	198	\$29.3M
Sherman Oaks-Studio City-Tol	184	\$7.4M
North Hollywood - Valley Vil	179	\$9.5M

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 **\$520.66 million**. The median project valuation was **\$8,500**, indicating that most permitted work consists of small-to-mid-scale alterations and repairs. New construction alone accounted for **\$306.63 million** in declared value across **415 permits**.

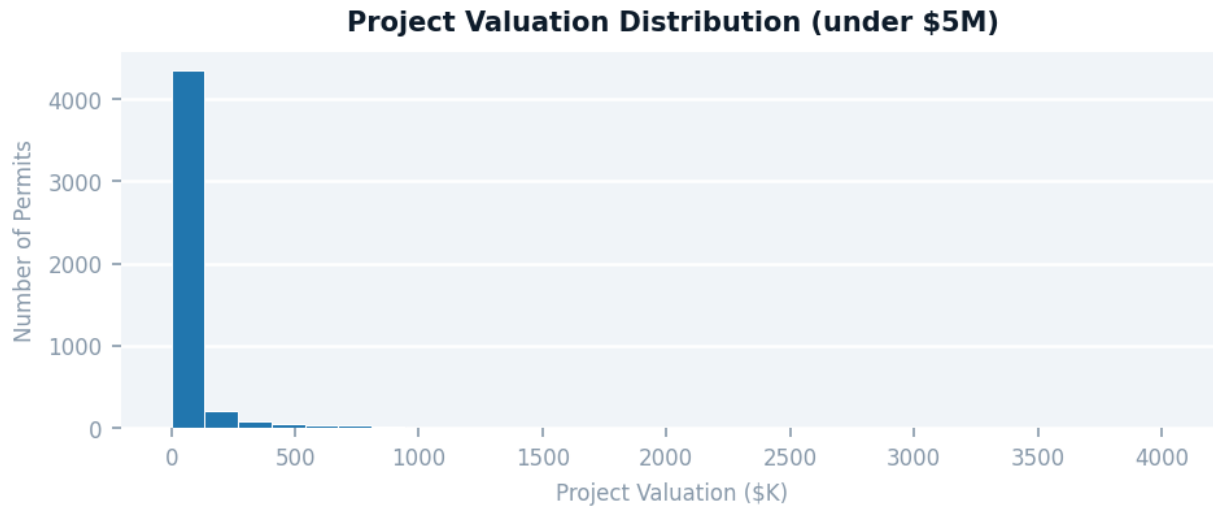


Figure 3: Histogram of project valuations (permits under \$5M shown). Long-tail outliers (large commercial/multifamily) are excluded for readability.

Top 5 Highest-Value Projects

Address	Type	Valuation	Project Description
6033 N DE SOTO AVE 1-207	Bldg-New	\$35,698,248	NEW 7 STORY 207 UNITS (163LI + 42 MI + 2 UNRESTRICTED MANAGER UNITS) AFFORDABLE HOUSING AP...
646 N SWARTHMORE AVE	Bldg-New	\$23,798,000	2025 WILDFIRE REBUILD, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING WITH AN ATTACHED GARAGE, 2-STORY. NFPA 13D S...
6501 S SEPULVEDA BLVD	Bldg-Alter/Repair	\$23,750,000	Early start Foundation only permit for New 8-story, mixed-use building with 362 Units ...
10400 W SANTA MONICA BLVD	Bldg-New	\$18,900,000	New 7-story 120-unit apartment bldg w./ five (5) levels type IIIA over two (2) levels type...
6081 W CENTER DR	Bldg-Alter/Repair	\$18,000,000	ePlan: Initial Tenant improvement to existing museum space on levels 2, 3, and 4. The proj...

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, **515 ADU permits** were issued (10.1% of total volume), alongside **415 new construction permits** (8.2% of total) representing **\$306.63 million** in declared valuation.

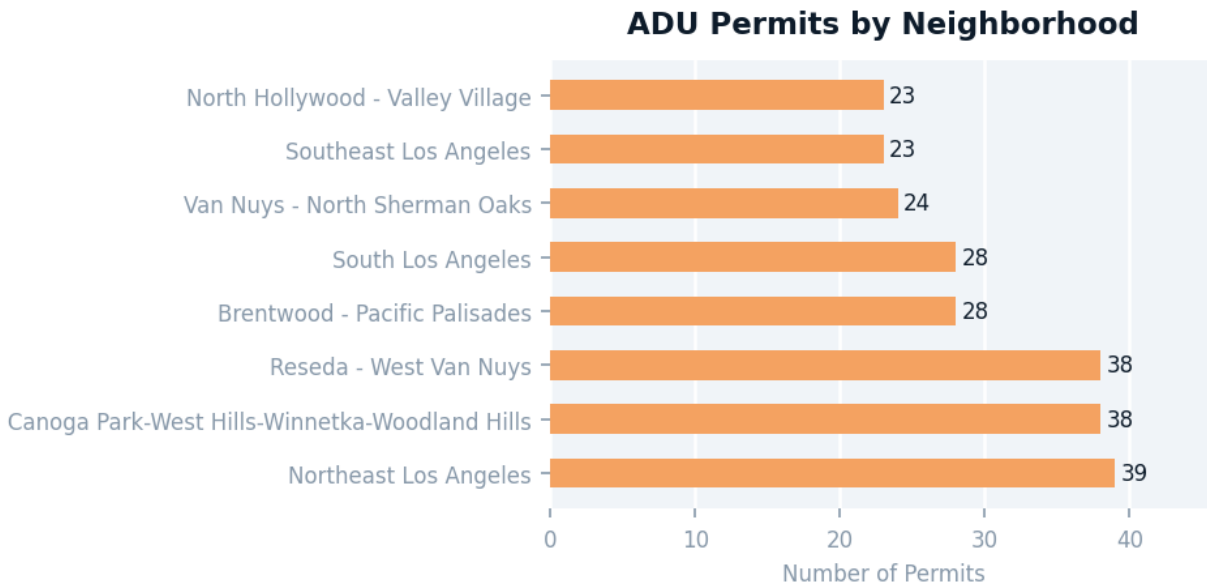


Figure 4: Top neighborhoods for ADU permit activity.

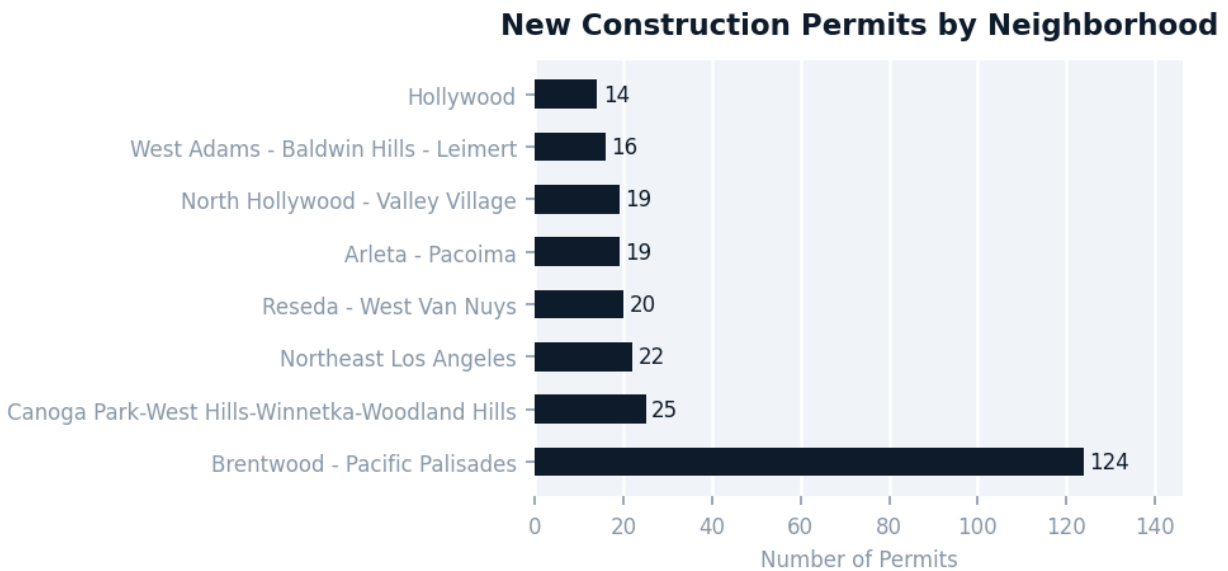


Figure 5: Top neighborhoods for new construction permit activity.

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