

● SEATTLE

Seattle

Building Permit Report

March 2026

Monthly analysis of permit volume, project types, housing activity, and construction values sourced from City of Seattle public permit records.

Total Permits

New Construction

Est. Project Value

Housing Units Added

BCAR DATA · bcardata.com · Permit intelligence for construction professionals

Permit Volume Overview

Seattle issued **651 building permits** this month. Addition and alteration work led volume at **413 permits (63.4%)**, covering everything from residential remodels to commercial interior upgrades. New construction represented **173 permits (26.6%)**, while demolitions totaled **29 (4.5%)**. Residential projects made up **79.0%** of total activity, with non-residential at **21.0%**.

Permit Type	Count	Share
Addition / Alteration	413	63.4%
New Construction	173	26.6%
Demolition	29	4.5%
Tenant Improvement	16	2.5%

Project Class Breakdown

Single family and duplex projects dominated Seattle's permit activity this month, representing **474 permits (72.8%)**. Commercial work accounted for **107 (16.4%)**, while multifamily residential — a high-priority category for Seattle's housing goals — contributed **40 permits (6.1%)**.

Permit Class	Count	Share
Single Family / Duplex	474	72.8%
Commercial	107	16.4%
Multifamily	40	6.1%
Institutional	16	2.5%
Industrial	10	1.5%

Project Valuation

The combined estimated project cost of all permitted work this month totaled **\$455.4M**, with an average project cost of **\$704,947**. Seattle ranks among the most expensive construction markets in the Pacific Northwest, driven by strong tech-sector demand, dense urban infill, and significant multifamily and commercial development activity. These valuations are contractor-declared at time of permit application.

\$455.4M

Total Est. Project Value

\$704,947

Avg. Project Cost

Housing Activity

Seattle's permit data includes detailed housing categories that reveal where residential construction is focused. This month, permitted projects are set to add **728 housing units** to the city's supply. Middle housing — a category that includes duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, and cottage clusters — remains a key focus under Seattle's expanded zoning policies. The table below shows the top housing categories active this month.

Housing Category	Permits	Share
Single-Family Add/Alt	267	41.0%
Commercial Add/Alt	83	12.7%

Top Zoning Designations

Seattle's zoning designations indicate the land use context of permitted projects. Neighborhood Residential (NR) zones cover most of the city's single-family and middle-housing activity, while Lowrise (LR) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zones are where multifamily and mixed-use construction is concentrated. The table below shows the six most active zoning designations this month.

Zoning	Permits	Share
SF 5000	29	4.5%
L-3	23	3.5%
L-2	20	3.1%
L-1	14	2.2%
SF 7200	6	0.9%
NC3	4	0.6%

Get the Full List

This report summarizes Seattle's permit landscape for March 2026. BCAR DATA's monthly lead lists give you the actual permit records — property address, permit type, project description, and estimated cost — delivered straight to your inbox every month.

Subscribe or purchase a single month at:

bcardata.com

Coverage also available for Los Angeles, Dallas, Austin, Houston, San Francisco, Chicago, and New York City.

About BCAR DATA — BCAR DATA compiles and delivers monthly building permit lead lists sourced directly from public government records. Data is available for Los Angeles, Dallas, Austin, Houston, San Francisco, Chicago, New York City, and Seattle.