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San Francisco

Building Permit Report

September 2025

Monthly analysis of permit volume, project types, neighborhood activity, and construction trends sourced from San Francisco public records.

Total Permits Filed

New Construction

Estimated Value

ADU Permits

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Permit Volume Overview

San Francisco issued **1,994 building permits** this month. The bulk of activity — **1,884 permits (94.5%)** — consisted of over-the-counter alteration permits, which cover interior remodels, tenant improvements, and routine property upgrades. Structural additions and alterations accounted for another **66 permits (3.3%)**, while ground-up new construction represented **3 projects (0.2%)** of total volume. Demolition activity stood at **1 permits** this period.

Permit Type	Count	Share
OTC Alterations	1,884	94.5%
Additions / Alterations	66	3.3%
New Construction	3	0.2%
Signs	34	1.7%
Demolitions	1	0.1%

Project Valuation

The combined declared value of all permitted projects this month totaled **\$170.85 million**, with an average project valuation of **\$85,898**. San Francisco consistently ranks among the highest-cost construction markets in the country, reflecting both elevated material and labor costs. High declared valuations signal opportunity for contractors and trade specialists operating in premium markets.

\$170.85M

Total Declared Value

\$85,898

Avg. Project Value

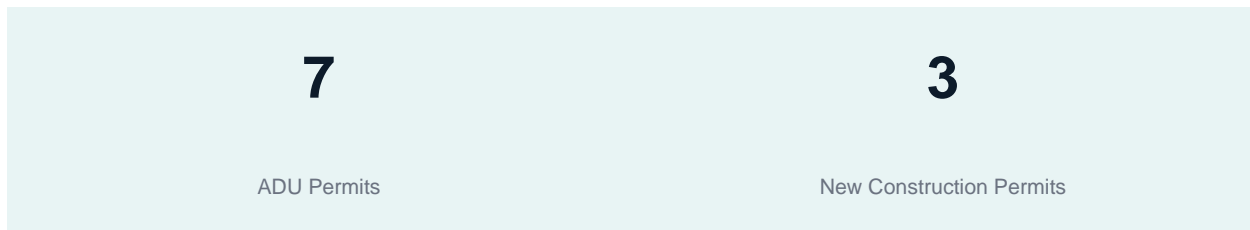
Neighborhood Activity

Permit activity was spread across San Francisco's diverse neighborhoods. **Financial District/South Beach** led all areas with **213 permits** (10.7% of city total). The table below highlights the six most active neighborhoods this month — a useful guide for targeting canvassing, outreach, and job sourcing.

Neighborhood	Permits	Share
Financial District/South Beach	213	10.7%
Sunset/Parkside	155	7.8%
West of Twin Peaks	119	6.0%
Outer Richmond	115	5.8%
Mission	96	4.8%
Bayview Hunters Point	92	4.6%

ADU & New Construction Activity

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and new construction permits represent two of the most opportunity-rich segments for contractors. This month, **7 ADU permits** were issued (0.4% of total), alongside **3 new construction permits** (0.2% of total). San Francisco's housing policies have made ADUs a particularly active category — the city has streamlined its ADU approval process, creating a steady pipeline of garage conversions, basement units, and backyard cottages across virtually every neighborhood.



Existing Property Use Breakdown

Understanding what types of properties are receiving permits helps contractors identify which market segments are most active. The table below shows the top property use categories being permitted this month.

Existing Use	Permits	Share
1 Family Dwelling	659	33.0%
Apartments	477	23.9%
2 Family Dwelling	397	19.9%
Office	227	11.4%
Retail Sales	57	2.9%
Food/Beverage Hndng	54	2.7%

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