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San Francisco

Building Permit Report

March 2026

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 **1,834 building permits** this month. The bulk of activity — **1,703 permits (92.9%)** — consisted of over-the-counter alteration permits, which cover interior remodels, tenant improvements, and routine property upgrades. Structural additions and alterations accounted for another **72 permits (3.9%)**, 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	1,703	92.9%
Additions / Alterations	72	3.9%
New Construction	3	0.2%
Signs	24	1.3%
Demolitions	1	0.1%

Project Valuation

The combined declared value of all permitted projects this month totaled **\$253.44 million**, with an average project valuation of **\$138,945**. 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.

\$253.44M

Total Declared Value

\$138,945

Avg. Project Value

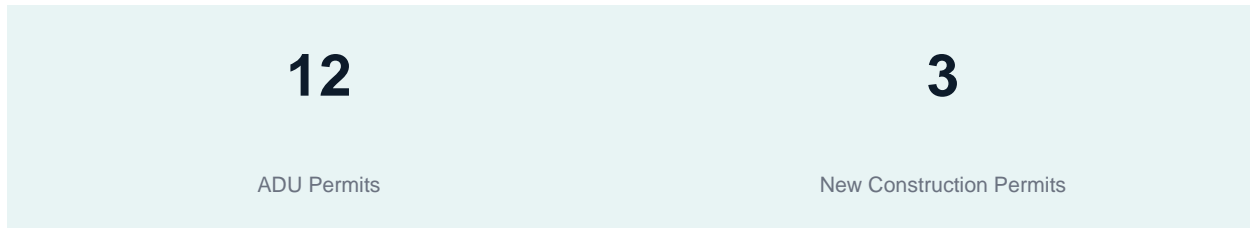
Neighborhood Activity

Permit activity was spread across San Francisco's diverse neighborhoods. **Financial District/South Beach** led all areas with **183 permits** (10.0% 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	183	10.0%
Sunset/Parkside	161	8.8%
Mission	116	6.3%
West of Twin Peaks	113	6.2%
Castro/Upper Market	92	5.0%
Outer Richmond	90	4.9%

ADU & New Construction Activity

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and new construction permits represent two of the most opportunity-rich segments for contractors. This month, **12 ADU permits** were issued (0.7% 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	575	31.4%
Apartments	421	23.0%
2 Family Dwelling	403	22.0%
Office	211	11.5%
Retail Sales	53	2.9%
Food/Beverage Hndng	40	2.2%

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