

Market Intelligence Report

May 2026

Monthly analysis of major-project, addition, and new construction building permit leads, declared value, and neighborhood-level activity sourced from City of San Francisco public permit records.

262

Total Permit
Leads

201

Major
Projects

\$85.5M

Total Declared
Value

**Financial
District**

Leading
Neighborhood

Permit Lead Overview

San Francisco generated 262 qualified building permit leads this month. Major projects led activity with 201 permits (76.7%), addition and alteration work accounted for 52 permits (19.8%), and new construction added 9 permits (3.4%). This dataset reflects BCAR DATA's curated lead list scope, drawn from the city's permit feed.

Lead Type	Count	Share
Major Project	201	76.7%
Addition	52	19.8%
New Construction	9	3.4%

Declared Value by Lead Type

While new construction represents a small share of permit volume, it carries outsized declared value at \$42.6M — reflecting the scale of ground-up projects relative to smaller alteration and addition work. Combined declared value across all leads this month totals \$85.5M.

Lead Type	Total Declared Value
Major Project	\$32.7M
Addition	\$10.3M
New Construction	\$42.6M

ADU activity: 4 permits this month involved an accessory dwelling unit (1.5% of all leads), continuing San Francisco's steady ADU production pipeline under state and local density rules.

Activity by Neighborhood

Financial District/South Beach led all neighborhoods this month with 46 permits (17.6% of the city total). Use this breakdown to focus outreach and canvassing on the most active markets.

Neighborhood	Permits	Share
Financial District/South Beach	46	17.6%
Sunset/Parkside	24	9.2%
Pacific Heights	20	7.6%
Inner Sunset	14	5.3%
West of Twin Peaks	12	4.6%
Russian Hill	10	3.8%

Activity by Supervisor District

District 3 saw the most permit activity this month with 61 permits — a useful signal for prioritizing outreach by supervisorial district.

Supervisor District	Permits	Share
District 3	61	23.3%
District 2	40	15.3%
District 8	29	11.1%
District 7	27	10.3%
District 4	24	9.2%
District 6	21	8.0%

Get the Full List

This report summarizes San Francisco's permit lead landscape for May 2026. BCAR DATA's monthly lead lists give you the actual permit records — property address, permit type, declared value, and project details — delivered straight to your inbox every month.

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