

2008 Annual Building Permits

New Residential Construction

During 2008, local building permit offices in the 20,000-place universe authorized the construction of 905,359 new privately-owned housing units with a total valuation of \$141.6 billion. This was 1.4 percent above the preliminary annual estimate of 892,771 housing units, and is the lowest number of authorizations since Census began the survey in 1959.

In 2008, multi-family units (5 units or more) accounted for over half of the total number of housing units authorized in the following states:

	Total 5+Units	Total Units	Percent of Total Units
New York	35,696	51,637	69.13
District of Columbia	280	536	52.24
Nevada	7,473	14,881	50.22

****No states had an increase in permits issued from 2007 to 2008.****

	Total Units 2007	Total Units 2008	Percent Change
Five states with the largest percent decrease over 2007:			
District of Columbia	1,910	536	-71.9
Georgia	73,165	35,368	-51.7
Illinois	43,020	22,528	-47.6
Arizona	49,642	26,082	-47.5
Alaska	1,706	901	-47.2
Five CBSAs with the largest percent increase over 2007:			
Decatur, IL	146	453	+210.3
Morgantown, WV	103	264	+156.3
Lawrence, KS	456	744	+63.2
Odessa, TX	439	716	+63.1
Boulder, CO	635	1,022	+60.9

	Total Units 2007	Total Units 2008	Percent Change
Five CBSAs with the largest percent decrease over 2007:			
Battle Creek, MI	240	45	-81.3
Wichita Falls, TX	766	162	-78.9
Yuba City, CA	1,028	261	-74.6
Danville, IL	47	12	-74.5
Modesto, CA	1,865	481	-74.2

Ranking by Activity: Top 10 States

<u>State</u>	2008		2007	
	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Units</u>
Texas	1	129,523	1	176,992
California	2	62,681	2	110,073
Florida	3	61,042	3	102,551
North Carolina	4	54,652	4	85,777
New York	5	51,637	6	54,059
Georgia	6	35,368	5	73,165
Washington	7	28,919	8	47,397
Virginia	8	27,577	11	38,362
Arizona	9	26,082	7	49,642
South Carolina	10	25,918	10	40,631

Ranking by Activity: Top 20 CBSAs

<u>CBSA</u>	2008		2007	
	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Units</u>
New York CBSA	1	51,590	2	56,405
Houston CBSA	2	42,728	1	63,274
Dallas CBSA	3	36,321	4	43,568
Atlanta CBSA	4	19,294	3	44,770
Phoenix CBSA	5	18,533	5	37,272
Chicago CBSA	6	16,058	6	33,933
Seattle CBSA	7	15,512	8	25,403
Los Angeles CBSA	8	15,045	7	26,616
Washington DC CBSA	9	13,732	10	22,459
Las Vegas CBSA	10	12,537	9	24,089
Charlotte CBSA	11	12,236	11	21,190
Austin CBSA	12	11,792	13	19,903
Raleigh CBSA	13	11,397	15	16,614
San Antonio CBSA	14	10,574	20	13,295
Philadelphia CBSA	15	10,570	19	13,477
Orlando CBSA	16	10,233	14	18,638
Tampa CBSA	17	9,613	22	12,249
Riverside CBSA	18	8,946	12	20,086
Denver CBSA	19	8,814	17	14,217
Nashville CBSA	20	8,188	18	13,567

State(s) and CBSA(s) dropped from the 2007 Rankings:

In 2007, the state of Illinois was ranked 9th with a total of 43,020 units.

In 2007, Miami CBSA was ranked 16th with a total of 15,145 units.