



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Census Bureau

Washington, DC 20233-0001

Dear Permit Official:

The U.S. Census Bureau thanks you for participating in the Building Permits Survey by completing your "Report of New Privately-Owned Residential Building or Zoning Permits Issued," (Form C-404).

The Building Permits Survey is an important source of data on construction activity. The survey provides estimates of the number and value of new residential housing units authorized by building permits. Construction activity can significantly impact the national economy and has strong local effects on employment and the demands for construction supplies and services.

Policymakers, urban and land-use planners, businesses, and others rely on these detailed data to monitor growth and plan for local facilities and services and to develop business production and marketing plans. The data also are used to estimate local area population between decennial censuses, and other federal agencies rely on this information in compiling composite measures of economic activity.

Good public policy decisions require reliable and accurate information. Your participation and timely completions of the C-404 report helps ensure the quality of our data. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and look forward to your continued support of this important program.

Sincerely,

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