RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS SURVEY DOCUMENTATION
STATE ASCII Files

State Level Residential Building Permit Statistics

Introduction

These files provide building permit statistics on new privately-owned residential construction. These are provided for the 50 states and the District of Columbia sorted by FIPS State code, followed by aggregate totals for divisions, regions and the United States total.

File Format

A. File Names: Two files are provided for the monthly data series and one for annual series ("YYMM" is the survey date for monthly using the 2-digit year and 2-digit month, and "YYYY" is survey year for annual using the 4-digit year.):

   1. Current month - data tabulated for only that survey period.

       ST<YYMM>C.TXT, i.e. ST9801C.TXT

   2. Year-to-Date - summed data from the beginning of the year through the current survey month including late reports and corrections for prior months.

       ST<YYMM>Y.TXT, i.e. ST9801Y.TXT

   3. Annual - data tabulated for that survey year:

       ST<YYYY>A.TXT, i.e. ST1997A.TXT

B. Each file is an ASCII, comma delimited file, providing:

   1. Survey date, in the form "YYYYMM" (annual files show a date of "YYYY").

   2. Two-digit FIPS state code.

   3. One-digit Census region code.

   4. One-digit Census division code.

   5. Alpha state name.

6.   Buildings, Units and Valuation Permit Data (valuation is shown in thousands of dollars.)

C.   Two sets of data are shown for each type of construction:

1.   Estimates with Imputation - includes reported data for monthly respondents and imputed data for nonrespondents.

2.   Reported Only - includes only reported data for respondents.

Record Layout of Building Permits State ASCII Customer Data File

Field	Description	Section
1	Survey Date; YYYYMM. "YYYY" is the 4-digit year and "MM" is the month (annual is YYYY), i.e. January 2000 = 200001, Annual 1999 = 1999.	
2	FIPS State code	Identification
3	Census region code (1-4)	
4	Census division code (1-9)	
5	Alpha Geographic (State) Name	

6	101-Buildings	
7	101-Units	
8	101-Valuation	
9	103-Buildings	
10	103-Units	Estimates
11	103-Valuation	With
12	104-Buildings	Imputation
13	104-Units	
14	104-Valuation	
15	105-Buildings	
16	105-Units	
17	105-Valuation	

18	101-Buildings	
19	101-Units	
20	101-Valuation	
21	103-Buildings	
22	103-Units	
23	103-Valuation	Reported
24	104-Buildings	Only
25	104-Units	
26	104-Valuation	
27	105-Buildings	
28	105-Units	
29	105-Valuation	