

## 2012 Annual Building Permits

### New Residential Construction

During 2012, local building permit offices in the 20,000-place universe authorized the construction of 829,658 new privately-owned housing units with a total valuation of \$140.4 billion. This was 1.7 percent above the preliminary annual estimate of 815,512 housing units and is a 33 percent increase from the 2011 total of 624,061.

In 2012, multifamily units (5 units or more) accounted for over half of the total number of housing units authorized in:

	Total 5+ Units	Total Units	Percent of Total Units
District of Columbia	3,484	3,823	91.1
New York	13,891	24,872	55.8
New Jersey	9,731	17,939	54.2
North Dakota	5,257	10,340	50.8

Top State and Core-Based Statistical Area (CBSA) Percent Changes:

	Total Units 2011	Total Units 2012	Percent Change
<b>Five states with the largest percent increase over 2011:</b>			
Minnesota	8,890	16,095	+81.0
Colorado	13,502	23,301	+72.6
Arizona	13,007	21,726	+67.0
North Dakota	6,201	10,340	+66.7
Idaho	3,815	6,265	+64.2
<b>Two states had a percent decrease over 2011:</b>			
New Hampshire	2,346	2,296	-2.1
Wyoming	2,114	2,110	-0.2
<b>Five CBSAs with the largest percent increase over 2011:</b>			
Flagstaff AZ	100	818	+718.0
Kokomo IN	39	177	+353.9
Carson City NV	13	51	+292.3
Hattiesburg MS	64	228	+256.3
State College PA	259	862	+232.8

	Total Units 2011	Total Units 2012	Percent Change
Five CBSAs with the largest percent <b>decrease</b> over 2011:			
Rome GA	109	43	-60.6
Lafayette IN	1,244	543	-56.4
Lake Charles LA	1,195	605	-49.4
Lewiston ID-WA	65	33	-49.2
Madera-Chowchilla CA	291	157	-46.1

Top Place Level Changes in Units:

	Total Units 2011	Total Units 2012	Difference in Units
Five places in the Northeast region with the largest <b>increase</b> in units over 2011:			
Brooklyn borough, NY	1,522	3,353	+1,831
Bronx borough, NY	1,116	2,552	+1,436
Boston, MA	785	1,776	+991
Philadelphia, PA	1,552	2,175	+623
Franklin township, NJ	136	649	+513
Five places in the Northeast region with the largest <b>decrease</b> in units over 2011:			
Queens borough, NY	3,182	1,428	-1,754
Greenburgh town, NY	362	19	-343
Hackensack, NJ	228	5	-223
Weymouth Town, MA	276	54	-222
Manhattan borough, NY	2,535	2,328	-207
Five places in the Midwest region with the largest <b>increase</b> in units over 2011:			
Minneapolis, MN	616	3,303	+2,687
Columbus, OH	2,309	4,009	+1,700
Dickinson, ND	307	1,484	+1,177
Bismarck, ND	511	1,227	+716
St. Paul, MN	75	769	+694

	Total Units 2011	Total Units 2012	Difference in Units
Five places in the Midwest region with the largest <b>decrease</b> in units over 2011:			
Chicago, IL	2,606	1,990	-616
Indianapolis, IN	1,124	551	-573
Tippecanoe County Unincorporated Area, IN	891	373	-518
Kent, OH	448	4	-444
Warren County Unincorporated Area, OH	728	432	-296
Five places in the South region with the largest <b>increase</b> in units over 2011:			
Austin, TX	4,178	10,210	+6,032
Mecklenburg County, NC	3,094	8,012	+4,918
Houston, TX	7,735	12,533	+4,798
Harris County Unincorporated Area, TX	8,989	13,221	+4,232
Dallas, TX	4,250	7,085	+2,835
Five places in the South region with the largest <b>decrease</b> in units over 2011:			
Anne Arundel County Unincorporated Area, MD	2,334	1,531	-803
Washington, DC	4,612	3,823	-789
Little Rock, AR	1,329	670	-659
Addison town, TX	783	136	-647
Miramar, FL	676	95	-581
Five places in the West region with the largest <b>increase</b> in units over 2011:			
Seattle, WA	3,173	7,297	+4,124
Denver, CO	2,685	5,578	+2,893
Phoenix, AZ	1,628	4,434	+2,806
San Jose, CA	1,045	3,498	+2,453
Broomfield, CO	229	2,010	+1,781
Five places in the West region with the largest <b>decrease</b> in units over 2011:			
Chandler, AZ	1,062	585	-477
Tacoma, WA	765	316	-449
Midvale, UT	602	162	-440
Corona, CA	463	79	-384
Foster City, CA	300	0	-300

**Ranking by Activity: Top 10 States**

<u>State</u>	2012		2011	
	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Units</u>
Texas	1	135,514	1	97,450
Florida	2	64,810	3	42,360
California	3	58,549	2	45,471
North Carolina	4	48,692	4	32,804
Washington	5	28,118	7	20,864
Virginia	6	27,278	5	23,297
New York	7	24,872	6	22,575
Georgia	8	24,350	8	18,493
Colorado	9	23,301	13	13,502
Arizona	10	21,726	15	13,007

**Ranking by Activity: Top 20 CBSAs**

<u>CBSA</u>	2012		2011	
	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Units</u>
Houston CBSA	1	43,290	1	31,271
Dallas CBSA	2	35,042	2	24,827
New York CBSA	3	26,912	3	21,539
Washington DC CBSA	4	22,404	4	19,657
Austin CBSA	5	19,563	7	10,239
Seattle CBSA	6	17,666	6	11,230
Los Angeles CBSA	7	17,447	5	14,247
Phoenix CBSA	8	15,967	8	9,081
Atlanta CBSA	9	14,380	9	8,634
Denver CBSA	10	13,760	14	6,673
Miami CBSA	11	13,261	11	7,532
Raleigh CBSA	12	12,926	17	6,366
Charlotte CBSA	13	12,247	16	6,446
Orlando CBSA	14	12,006	15	6,505
Minneapolis CBSA	15	11,493	27	5,148
Tampa CBSA	16	10,161	18	6,342
Chicago CBSA	17	9,357	10	7,593
Philadelphia CBSA	18	9,270	13	6,979
San Francisco CBSA	19	9,163	21	5,783
Boston CBSA	20	8,851	20	6,139

**State(s) and CBSA(s) dropped from the current year's rankings:**

In 2011, the following states were ranked:

South Carolina	9th	15,542 units
Tennessee	10th	14,977 units

In 2011, the following CBSAs were ranked:

San Antonio CBSA	12th	7,127 units
Baltimore CBSA	19th	6,153 units