

Permit Authorized Residential Housing Units in Iowa's Metropolitan Areas: 2000-2009

Area Name	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Ames, IA MSA	107	326	356	480	934	727	742	882	498	665
Story county, IA	107	326	356	480	934	727	742	882	498	665
Cedar Rapids, IA MSA	804	963	1,181	1,148	1,671	1,983	1,766	1,703	1,559	1,770
Benton county, IA	20	23	44	64	88	102	79	87	64	95
Jones county, IA	22	18	22	45	40	46	17	19	16	35
Linn county, IA	762	922	1,115	1,039	1,543	1,835	1,670	1,597	1,479	1,640
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	695	449	1,148	1,096	1,404	1,205	1,178	1,276	1,051	998
Henry county, IL	35	43	77	97	123	101	84	109	130	95
Mercer county, IL	12	1	3	6	74	3	31	36	22	3
Rock Island county, IL	131	80	364	310	412	283	193	226	215	200
Scott county, IA	517	325	704	683	795	818	870	905	684	700
Des Moines, IA MSA	2,463	2,879	3,729	5,091	6,287	5,408	5,424	4,597	3,986	3,149
Dallas county, IA	286	179	448	651	965	486	498	421	484	276
Guthrie county, IA	11	6	27	95	26	50	46	42	52	59
Madison county, IA	20	37	66	128	148	161	113	109	102	103
Polk county, IA	1,907	2,395	2,896	3,853	4,782	4,354	4,533	3,797	3,166	2,347
Warren county, IA	239	262	292	364	366	357	234	228	182	364
Dubuque, IA MSA	435	213	366	411	557	869	538	497	441	341
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Iowa City, IA MSA	697	829	806	1,080	1,193	1,343	1,514	1,318	1,143	1,115
Johnson county, IA	697	794	776	1,017	1,155	1,310	1,476	1,270	1,096	1,062
Washington, IA	0	35	30	63	38	33	38	48	47	53
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	3,456	3,206	5,031	5,411	6,558	6,318	6,338	5,862	5,080	5,908
Harrison county, IA	21	30	41	23	67	54	57	87	54	72
Mills county, IA	10	23	13	24	16	11	36	4	18	19
Pottawattamie county, IA	184	200	435	478	498	452	538	349	465	663
Cass county, NE	51	71	84	105	146	167	161	154	152	166
Douglas county, NE	1,934	1,651	2,706	2,997	3,561	3,065	3,068	3,210	2,782	2,883
Sarpy county, NE	1,155	1,109	1,583	1,576	1,993	2,307	2,236	1,838	1,340	1,893
Saunders county, NE	64	57	108	124	158	137	133	121	146	104
Washington county, NE	37	65	61	84	119	125	112	99	123	108
Sioux City, IA-NE-SD MSA	197	140	214	237	257	356	278	380	371	346
Woodbury county, IA	90	105	140	169	161	273	182	231	211	188
Dakota county, NE	25	21	31	26	29	30	62	39	41	76
Dixon county, NE	3	4	7	5	3	10	10	12	9	11
Union county, SD	79	10	36	37	64	43	25	98	110	71
Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA MSA	360	348	431	632	719	643	677	627	649	565
Black Hawk county, IA	261	255	365	502	564	468	501	466	474	373
Bremer, county, IA	84	77	55	76	106	138	120	100	126	138
Grundy county, IA	15	16	11	54	49	37	56	61	49	54

Note: Statistics on construction authorized by building permits are based upon reports submitted by local building permit officials in response to a mail survey using Form C-404, "Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issued and Local Public Construction". Annual statistics are not based upon a sample, but are obtained by cumulating data for all places in the county, both monthly and annual reporters.

Limitations of the Data: Although these statistics are not subject to sampling variability, they are subject to various response and operational errors which can be attributed to many sources: inability to obtain information about all cases, differences in interpretation of questions, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information and errors made in processing the data. Explicit measures of the effects of these errors are not available. Other limitations of the data: (1) For the nation as a whole, less than 5 percent of all privately owned housing units built are constructed in areas that do not require building permits. (2) Some building permit jurisdictions close their books a few days before the end of the years, so that the time reference for permits is not, in all cases, strictly the calendar year. (3) A study spanning 4 years showed that about 3 percent of the single-family houses built in permit-issuing places are built without a permit.

Warning: If an incorporated place crosses county lines, all permits for that place are allocated to only one county. For example, all permits issued by the city of West Des Moines are allocated to Polk County; none are allocated to Dallas County. The data in this table are reported data only, i.e., when a report is not received from a jurisdiction, the missing data are not included in this table. Building permit data reported on web sites for the U.S. Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/const/www/C40/table2.html#annual>) and HUD (<http://socsds.huduser.org/permits/>) may include imputed data. Imputations are based on the assumption that the ratio of a missing year's authorizations to those of a year ago should be the same for both respondents and non-respondents. For more information about imputation techniques, see <http://www.census.gov/const/C40/Sample/impute.pdf>.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Manufacturing, Mining and Construction Division;
Building Permits - Diskette "Permit Authorized Construction in Permit-Issuing Places by State and County" (Reported Only Units)

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