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Area	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Adair	1	5	4	15	8	14	11	8	17	61
Adams	11	6	8	7	3	7	4	8	5	2
Allamakee	1	3	2	41	1	51	10	35	75	14
Appanoose	5	7	14	19	4	20	9	21	1	16
Audubon	29	6	3	2	7	7	7	7	11	2
Benton	20	23	44	64	88	102	79	87	64	95
Black Hawk	261	255	365	502	564	468	501	466	474	373
Boone	35	85	109	90	111	120	159	106	203	102
Bremer	84	77	55	76	106	138	120	100	126	138
Buchanan	15	23	18	24	20	57	50	27	33	42
Buena Vista	10	18	101	22	17	25	51	8	12	22
Butler	59	253	34	32	36	39	42	35	18	20
Calhoun	0	1	3	6	6	12	4	1	10	11
Carroll	32	44	46	50	71	66	80	67	48	41
Cass	5	18	24	13	17	16	30	16	17	31
Cedar	41	45	48	68	81	78	91	80	81	76
Cerro Gordo	93	47	68	138	102	152	134	100	79	70
Cherokee	8	7	50	7	17	24	23	16	14	16
Chickasaw	3	25	10	12	18	23	11	18	15	9
Clarke	51	28	46	0	10	44	50	28	11	20
Clay	21	24	19	33	33	69	36	45	70	45
Clayton	44	48	47	63	69	60	57	47	46	67
Clinton	55	74	118	115	156	171	148	106	103	136
Crawford	11	34	39	31	46	31	22	23	33	34
Dallas	286	179	448	651	965	486	498	421	484	276
Davis	2	1	8	3	6	6	0	6	4	0
Decatur	3	1	6	11	7	9	8	9	5	10
Delaware	9	9	29	18	16	16	18	16	19	16
Des Moines	28	25	49	36	104	32	75	75	32	49
Dickinson	90	103	136	235	340	277	208	196	172	138
Dubuque	435	213	366	411	557	869	538	497	441	341
Emmet	7	13	17	19	14	18	24	14	15	33
Fayette	7	14	12	52	10	20	21	57	30	32
Floyd	10	8	18	26	33	38	93	28	24	9
Franklin	1	1	8	6	10	20	7	4	5	8
Fremont	21	14	14	17	23	20	11	25	23	22
Greene	8	17	18	12	20	15	17	12	22	15
Grundy	15	16	11	54	49	37	56	61	49	54
Guthrie	11	6	27	95	26	50	46	42	52	59
Hamilton	5	2	57	12	11	28	24	19	22	35
Hancock	9	9	24	18	39	29	27	22	21	42
Hardin	3	17	4	2	25	22	28	38	64	7
Harrison	21	30	41	23	67	54	57	87	54	72
Henry	20	16	72	19	25	16	52	15	39	55
Howard	5	22	20	12	20	12	8	12	11	16
Humboldt	11	11	37	6	10	37	14	27	17	61
Ida	6	5	7	8	40	5	8	5	11	8
Iowa	14	18	17	13	4	29	25	25	20	36
Jackson	6	16	12	49	56	95	82	63	76	67

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Jasper	42	45	46	98	135	104	119	122	105	78
Jefferson	7	14	23	27	39	19	0	14	85	18
Johnson	697	794	776	1,017	1,155	1,310	1,476	1,270	1,096	1,062
Jones	22	18	22	45	40	46	17	19	16	35
Keokuk	2	3	4	3	15	3	5	10	12	13
Kossuth	30	11	18	19	19	20	15	29	23	11
Lee	7	22	24	14	15	30	16	78	22	44
Linn	1,153	922	1,115	1,039	1,543	1,835	1,670	1,597	1,479	1,640
Louisa	29	32	15	36	34	7	16	28	26	17
Lucas	0	1	1	0	5	3	2	2	6	1
Lyon	14	29	46	57	21	23	23	28	21	17
Madison	20	37	66	128	148	161	113	109	102	103
Mahaska	20	20	19	28	36	27	47	33	43	32
Marion	39	64	95	146	170	134	156	174	233	238
Marshall	20	84	78	53	94	134	137	142	94	61
Mills	10	23	13	24	16	11	36	4	18	19
Mitchell	8	13	18	10	18	28	28	16	8	6
Monona	18	5	11	7	7	24	13	16	27	41
Monroe	13	18	14	15	22	22	17	15	13	5
Montgomery	5	13	10	14	19	11	12	12	15	9
Muscatine	48	50	193	124	188	134	269	198	125	110
O'Brien	20	15	37	25	21	18	19	24	29	40
Osceola	8	1	3	9	8	7	6	8	4	4
Page	6	32	20	26	23	17	16	10	17	22
Palo Alto	2	8	9	20	11	8	8	18	8	16
Plymouth	38	49	87	89	103	108	123	89	53	101
Pocahontas	5	2	4	7	3	7	13	2	1	0
Polk	1,907	2,395	2,896	3,853	4,782	4,354	4,533	3,797	3,166	2,347
Pottawattamie	184	200	435	478	498	452	538	349	465	663
Poweshiek	36	46	42	48	60	112	37	34	49	51
Ringgold	0	2	0	3	3	2	3	4	8	3
Sac	4	12	24	19	16	25	5	7	8	14
Scott	517	325	704	683	795	818	870	905	684	700
Shelby	22	13	25	24	21	11	12	11	22	27
Sioux	59	105	101	102	122	92	103	86	65	125
Story	107	326	356	480	934	727	742	882	498	665
Tama	18	15	33	27	42	34	44	36	31	47
Taylor	7	3	4	2	1	7	3	5	6	7
Union	24	5	35	11	4	11	14	73	13	17
Van Buren	0	3	3	3	3	1	5	12	3	6
Wapello	8	35	19	91	98	74	64	66	62	53
Warren	239	262	292	364	366	357	234	228	182	364
Washington	0	35	30	63	38	33	38	48	47	53
Wayne	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	3	1	4
Webster	16	24	39	38	64	62	67	88	86	78
Winnebago	2	5	14	8	9	25	16	2	9	32
Winneshiek	45	40	82	77	83	105	81	93	81	79
Woodbury	90	105	140	169	153	273	182	231	211	188
Worth	6	2	4	6	23	10	4	5	8	5
Wright	2	1	13	12	19	32	15	8	25	12

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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://socds.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>.

Warning: County totals when summed will not equal total state numbers found in other data tables. The Census Bureau updates the state permit universe every 10 years. When a new city starts submitting permit data, it is included in the city and county files but is not added to the state file.

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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