

## APRIL 2005 HIGHLIGHTS

- New Jersey localities issued building permits for \$1.039 billion in April; 537 municipalities reported.
- Housing accounted for \$585.8 million, 56.4 percent of all authorized construction. New houses made up 31.4 percent of all work authorized by permits.
- Nonresidential construction totaled \$453.3 million for the month. This was 43.6 percent of all reported activity.
- The City of Newark in Essex County had the most work, \$46.7 million. Two of the bigger projects were an \$8.4-million renovation to a mixed-use building and a \$5.8-million alteration to Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Newark also had 156 authorized housing units in April, second only to Freehold Township in Monmouth County, which had 303 authorized dwellings for the month.
- Florence Township in Burlington County had \$25.8 million of work. Most of this was from a new construction permit for a new indoor sports complex for a private school. The estimated construction cost of the facility was \$22.4 million.
- Atlantic City in Atlantic County had \$24.3 million of construction, nearly all of which was for alterations to existing casinos. Caesars Atlantic City Hotel and Casino and Showboat Atlantic City accounted for much of this work.
- Raritan Township in Hunterdon County had \$21.4 million of construction. A school addition accounted for over \$18 million.
- A total of 2,577 new houses were authorized for construction in April. This was 11.3 percent less than the level reported for March. Freehold Township had the most authorized houses: 303 dwellings. All but three of these units were from building permits issued for four senior apartment buildings, each with 75 units.