NEW JERSEY BUILDING PERMITS

AUGUST 2026

The August 2026 building permits report offers key insights into New Jersey's residential development trends. A total of 2,200 housing units were authorized for construction, which represents more permitting activity compared to the previous month, but less compared to the same period last year.

Insights:

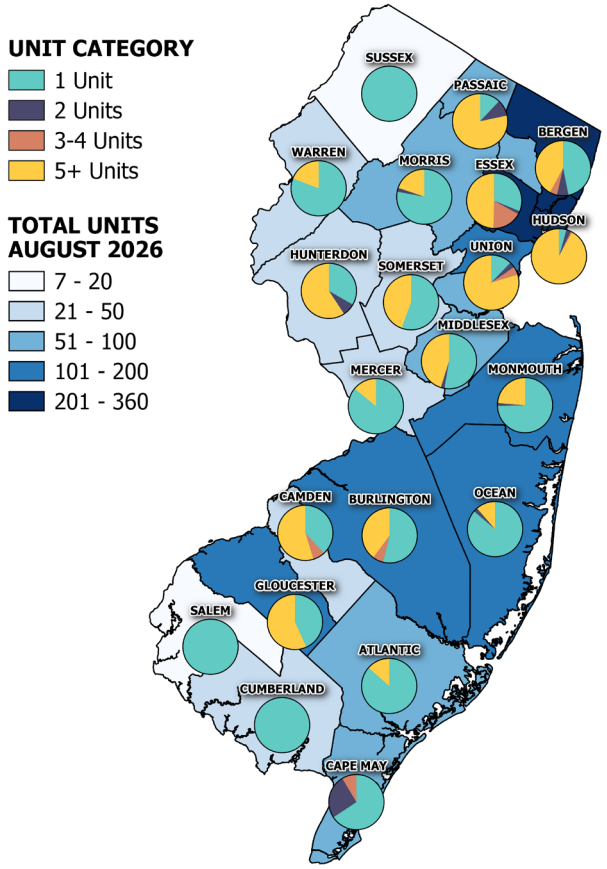
- 157 more units than in July 2026
- 310 fewer units than in August 2025
- 979 single-family units authorized
- 1,056 five or more multifamily units authorized

Top Counties by Permits Issued:

- Hudson County: 360 units
- Essex County: 333 units
- Bergen County: 209 units

Top Municipalities by Permits Issued:

- Jersey City (Hudson County): 205 units
- Newark (Essex County): 143 units
- Lakewood Township (Ocean County): 83 units



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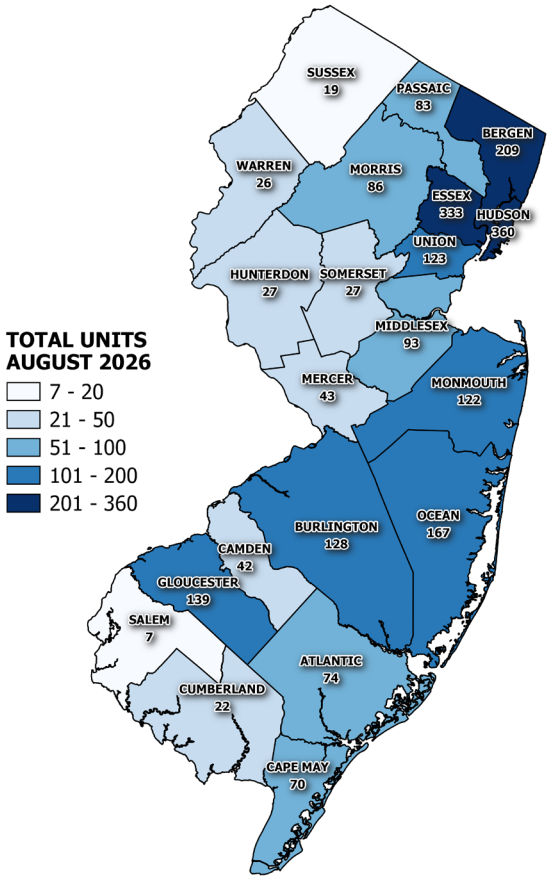
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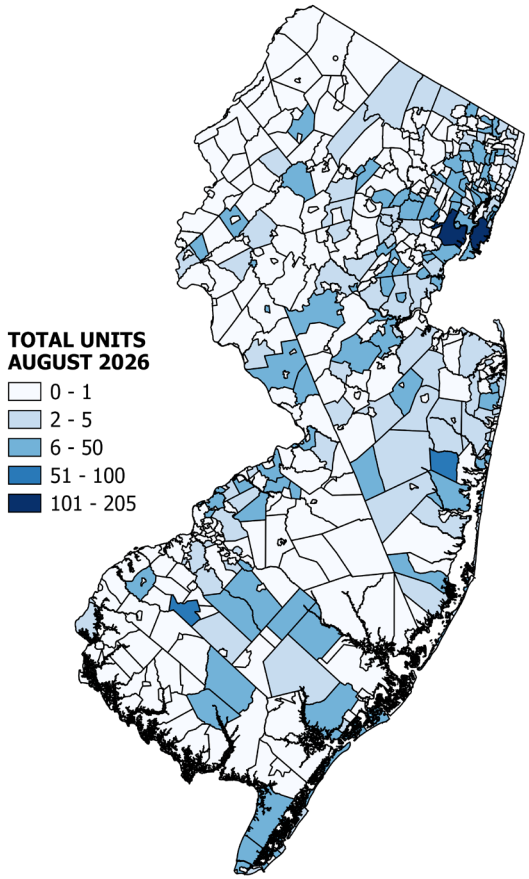
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RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS, AUGUST 2026

COUNTIES



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SOURCE:

U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey

DEFINITION OF TERMS:

Residential Dwelling unit (or housing unit): A house or apartment unit intended for occupancy as separate living quarters and having either a kitchen or cooking facilities; or direct access from the outside through a common hall.

UNIT CATEGORIES:

Single-family house: A house with one dwelling unit includes semi-detached and row houses.

Two-family house: A house with two housing units.

Three-and four-family buildings: Each building contains three or four housing units

Five-or-more-family buildings: Each building contains five-or-more housing units.

NOTE: This report counts individual housing units that are meant to be independently occupied not number of buildings.

The New Jersey State Data Center, along with the NJDOL's Office of Research and Information, prepared this report to provide labor market data, aiming to support public and private sectors in understanding and leveraging these statistics.

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