

NEW JERSEY BUILDING PERMITS

MAY 2026

The May 2026 building permits report offers key insights into New Jersey's residential development trends. A total of 2,630 housing units were authorized for construction, which represents more permitting activity compared to both the previous month and the same period last year.

Insights:

- 346 more units than in April 2026
- 304 more units than in May 2025
- 910 single-family units authorized
- 1,477 five or more multifamily units authorized

Top Counties by Permits Issued:

- Morris County: 353 units
- Hudson County: 324 units
- Bergen County: 288 units

Top Municipalities by Permits Issued:

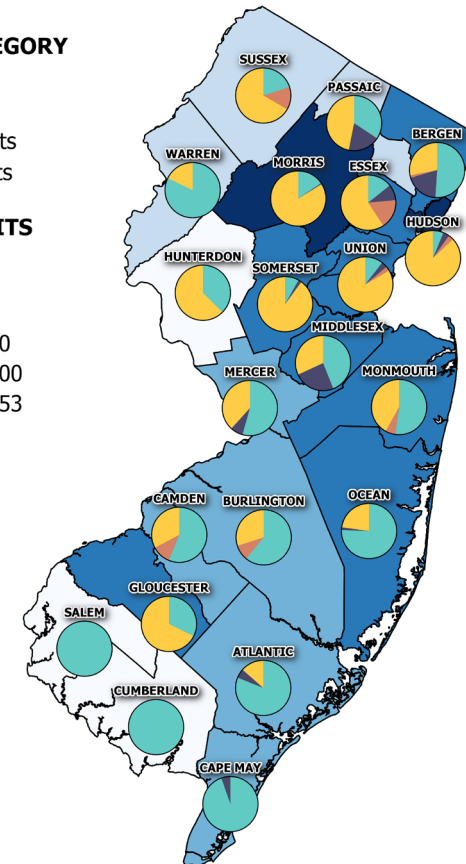
- Jersey City (Hudson County): 202 units
- Whartim Borough (Morris County): 185 units
- Somerville Borough (Somerset County): 171 units

UNIT CATEGORY

- 1 Unit
- 2 Units
- 3-4 Units
- 5+ Units

TOTAL UNITS MAY 2026

- 6 - 25
- 26 - 50
- 51 - 100
- 101 - 300
- 301 - 353



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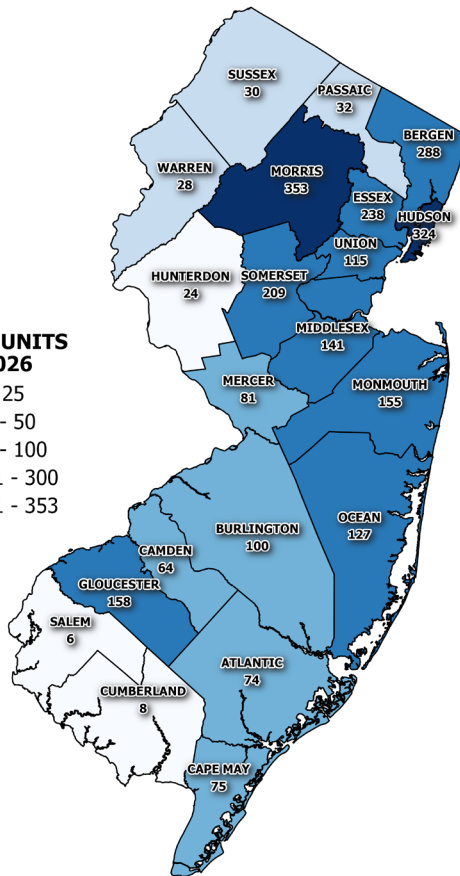
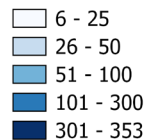
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RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS, MAY 2026

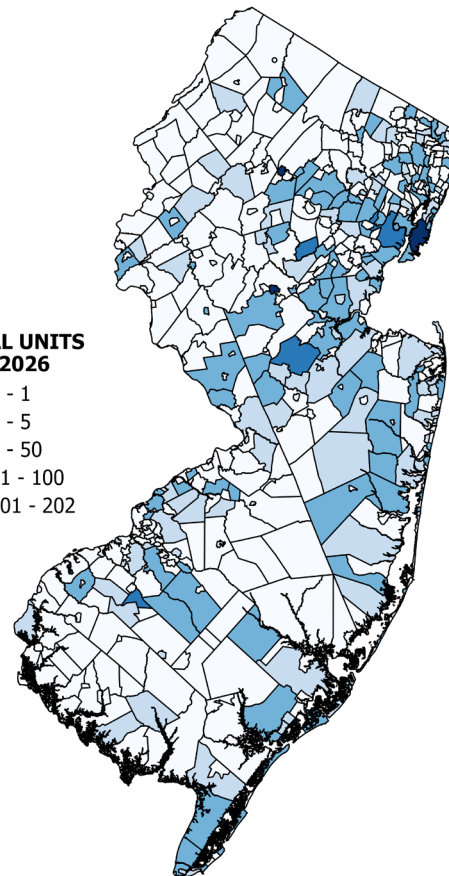
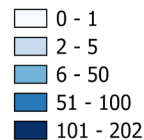
COUNTIES

MUNICIPALITIES

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For more information, tables, and maps please visit our Building Permits Survey page [here](#).

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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