Bastrop's Commercial Construction: A Sign of Future Growth?

New data reveals a significant surge in commercial development permits, pointing to robust economic expansion.

Swipe for insights →

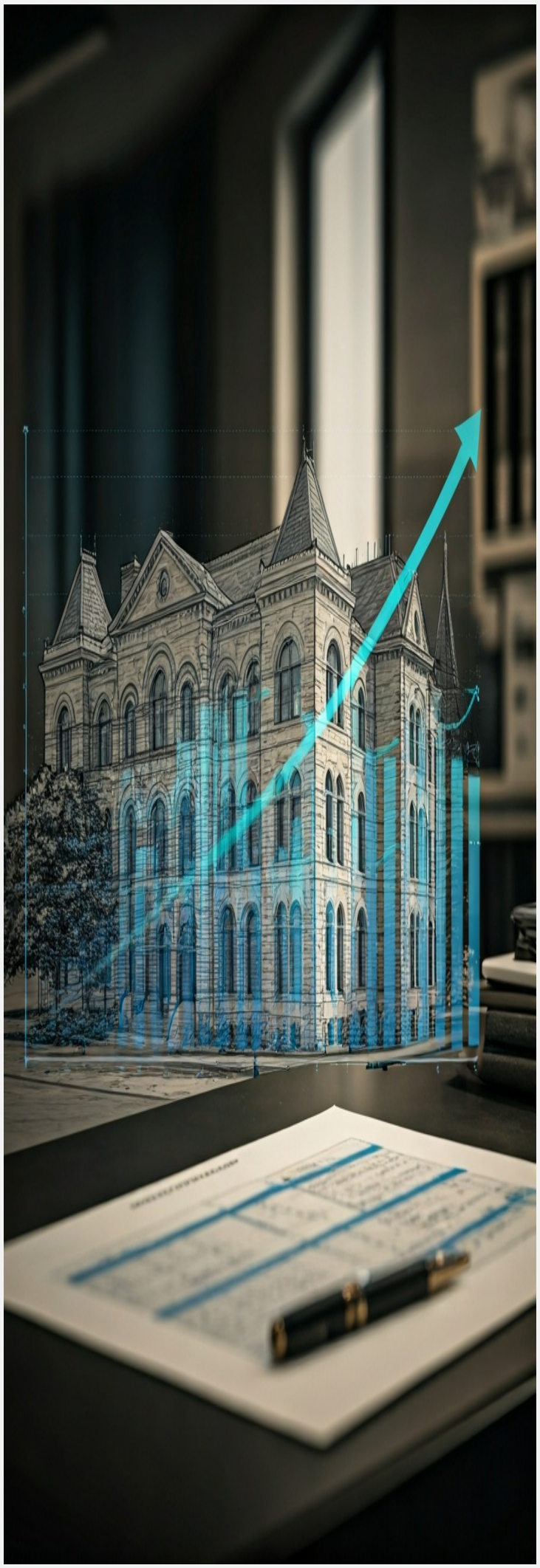
THE DATA

9.5%

Commercial Permit Growth

Bastrop County saw a 9.5% year-over-year increase in commercial construction permit valuations for July 2026.

This notable rise in permit activity reflects strong investor confidence and ongoing industrial expansion across Bastrop, Elgin, and Smithville. The growth is driven by the region's burgeoning aerospace, advanced manufacturing, and data center sectors.



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas · Published August 09, 2026

01

Industrial Expansion Fuels Economic Momentum

The increase in commercial construction permits directly supports the ongoing industrial and business growth in Bastrop County. New facilities for advanced manufacturing, aerospace, and data centers are expanding the local job market, attracting a skilled workforce to the area. This sustained development underscores Bastrop County's strategic position as a hub for innovation and economic diversification, moving beyond traditional sectors.



02

Implications for Residential Real Estate Demand

A booming commercial sector often precedes heightened demand for housing, as new jobs bring new residents. While Bastrop County's housing market is currently accommodating, this upward trend in commercial activity suggests potential for increased residential development and property value appreciation in the coming months and years. Understanding these economic drivers is crucial for navigating the evolving real estate landscape in Bastrop.

Real Estate Strategy & Intelligence Leader. Democratized Blue Ocean Strategist & Operator.

Diane Hart Alexander, MBA, MHA

Designated Broker, ALEX.RealEstate
Chair & CEO, ALEX

+1 713.591.9902 · diane@alex.realestate



ALEX

ALEX Intelligence
deep intelligence

ALEX Real Estate
genius real estate

ALEX Advisory
uncontested strategy

ALEX Cares
purposeful philanthropy