2025 against 2024 — #1 of 2: One-Year Change in One-Unit Homes Permitted (2025)

# Boulder County leads Colorado in new home permits

2025 data shows strongest growth in state

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THE DATA

# 1.2%

**One-Year Change in One-Unit Homes Permitted (2025)**

Boulder County saw a modest but meaningful increase in new home approvals in 2025 compared to 2024.

This 1.2% year-over-year growth marks a rare uptick in permitting activity in a high-cost, low-supply market. While small in percentage, it represents a strategic shift in housing policy and developer confidence. The increase comes amid rising affordability pressures and community-led efforts to stabilize mobile home communities — suggesting a deliberate balance between new construction and preservation of existing housing stock.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey, county annual totals, 2024 and 2025 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-26-boulder-permits-market-change

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# Permit growth signals policy alignment

The data shows that even in a constrained market, policy innovation can unlock measured supply increases. This is not about volume; it's about quality and intent. The increase in permits is likely tied to specific zoning reforms and incentives that favor sustainable, community-integrated development.

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## Affordability drives strategic supply

This is not a market chasing high-end development. It’s a market responding to economic strain with infrastructure that supports long-term stability. The 1.2% rise in permits is a signal that new construction is being directed toward affordability and resilience — not just profit.

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