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H1 2026

AUSTIN CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Austin builds new, and will not tell you what it costs.



56% of Austin permits in the half are new construction — the highest new-build share of any market in this series, and roughly five times New York's. It is also the one market where we will not print a dollar headline: Austin states a construction cost on 7.0% of its permits, and the median stated value on those is \$1. The permit count is solid. The money column is not, and we would rather say so than publish a number a demo cannot defend.

Know the projects. Reach the decision makers.

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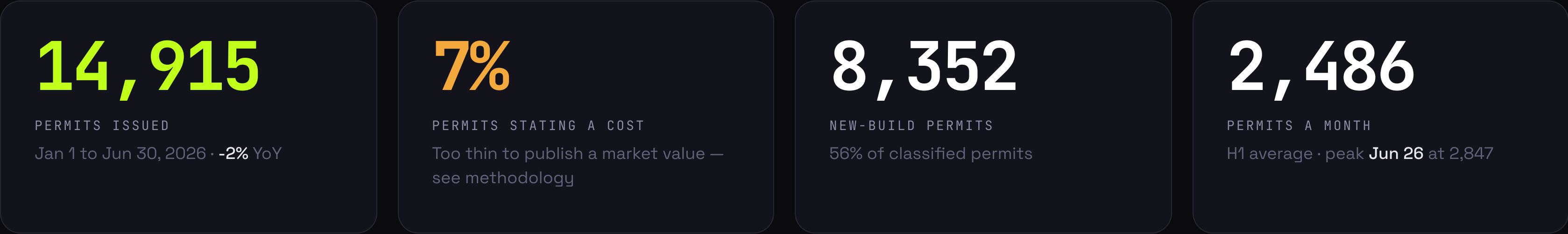
COVERAGE
January 1 to June 30, 2026

SOURCE
Austin building-permit record, read from the Bultie database

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Austin in four numbers.

Issuance peaked in June 2026 at 2,847 permits; the H1 monthly average is 2,486. H1 2026 closed at 14,915 permits against 15,258 in H1 2025 (-2%). Only 7% of permits state a cost, so no value series is drawn for this market.

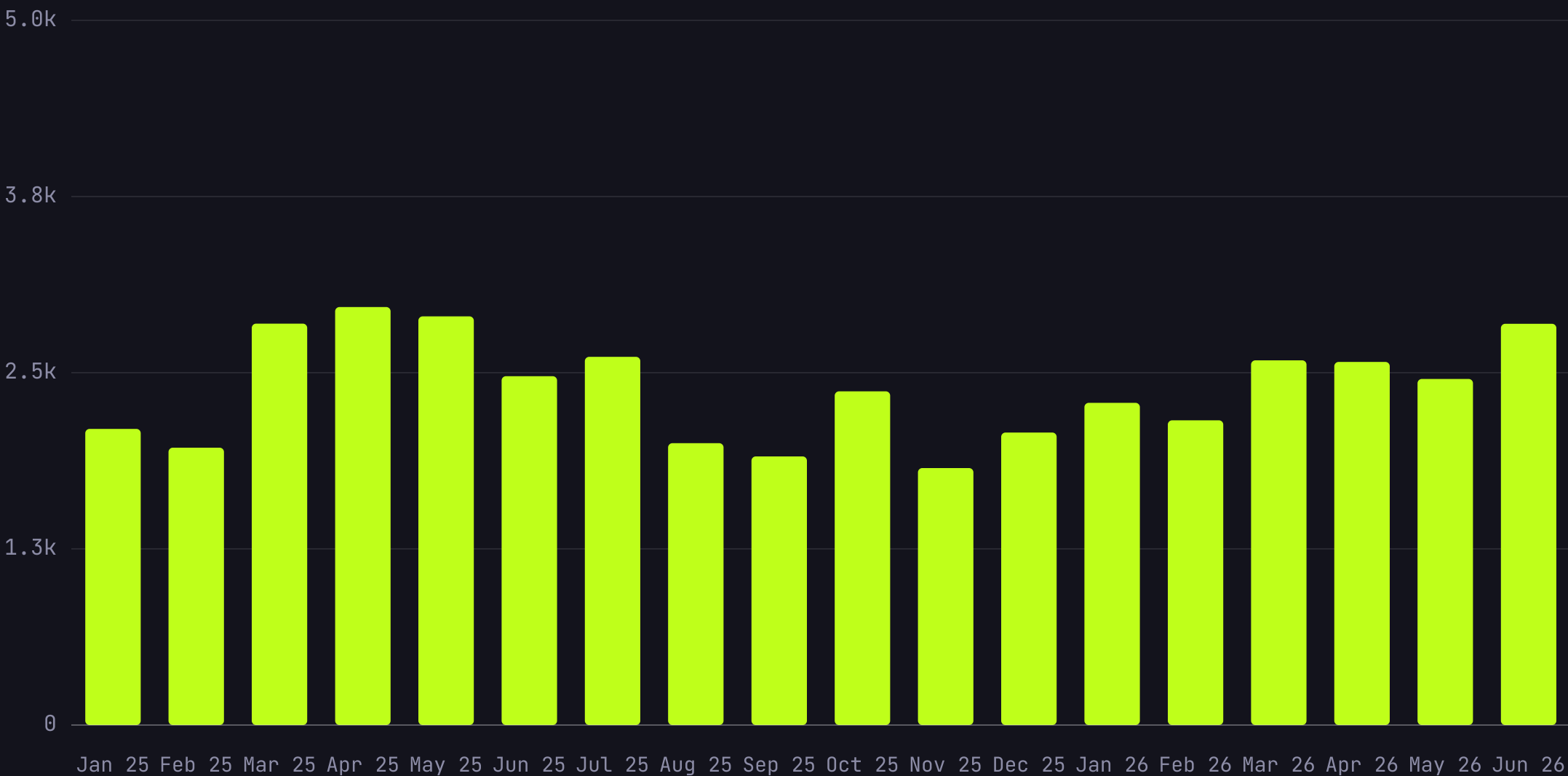


Steady volume, slightly down.

Between 2,100 and 2,900 permits a month across eighteen months, ending the half 2% below H1 2025. No value series is drawn for Austin: it would come from the 7% of permits that state a cost, and a chart of that would read as the city’s construction spend when it is nothing of the kind.

Permits issued by month

MONTHLY · JAN 25 TO JUN 26



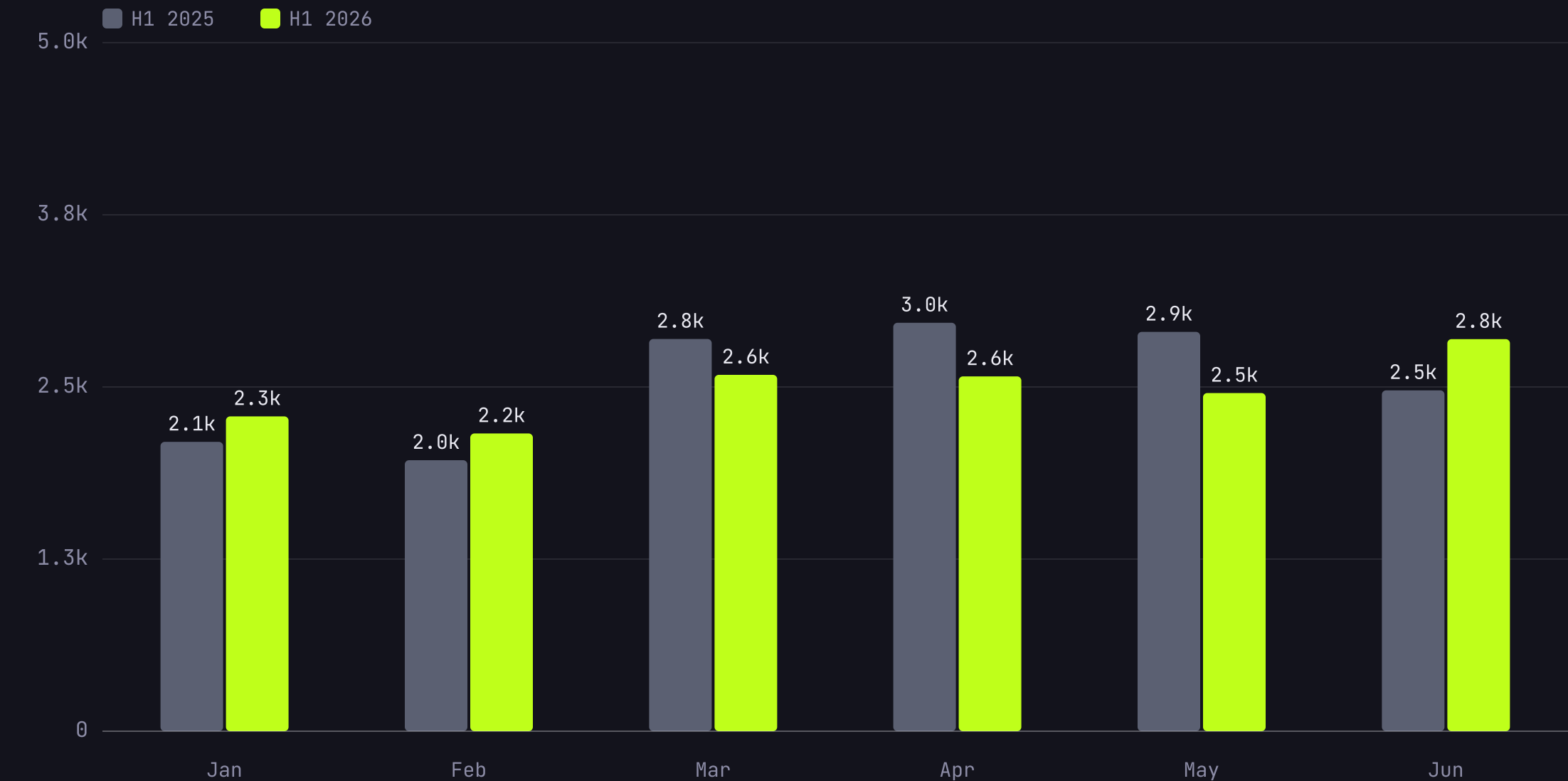
Interactive chart with value, quarters and 2026 vs 2025 → builtie.com/reports/h1-2026-austin

Same month, both years.

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PERMITS · JANUARY TO JUNE



2 signals inside the market

NEW-BUILD MARKET

**56% new construction,
40% existing buildings**

8,352 of 14,915 classified permits are for new construction.

BUSIEST MONTH

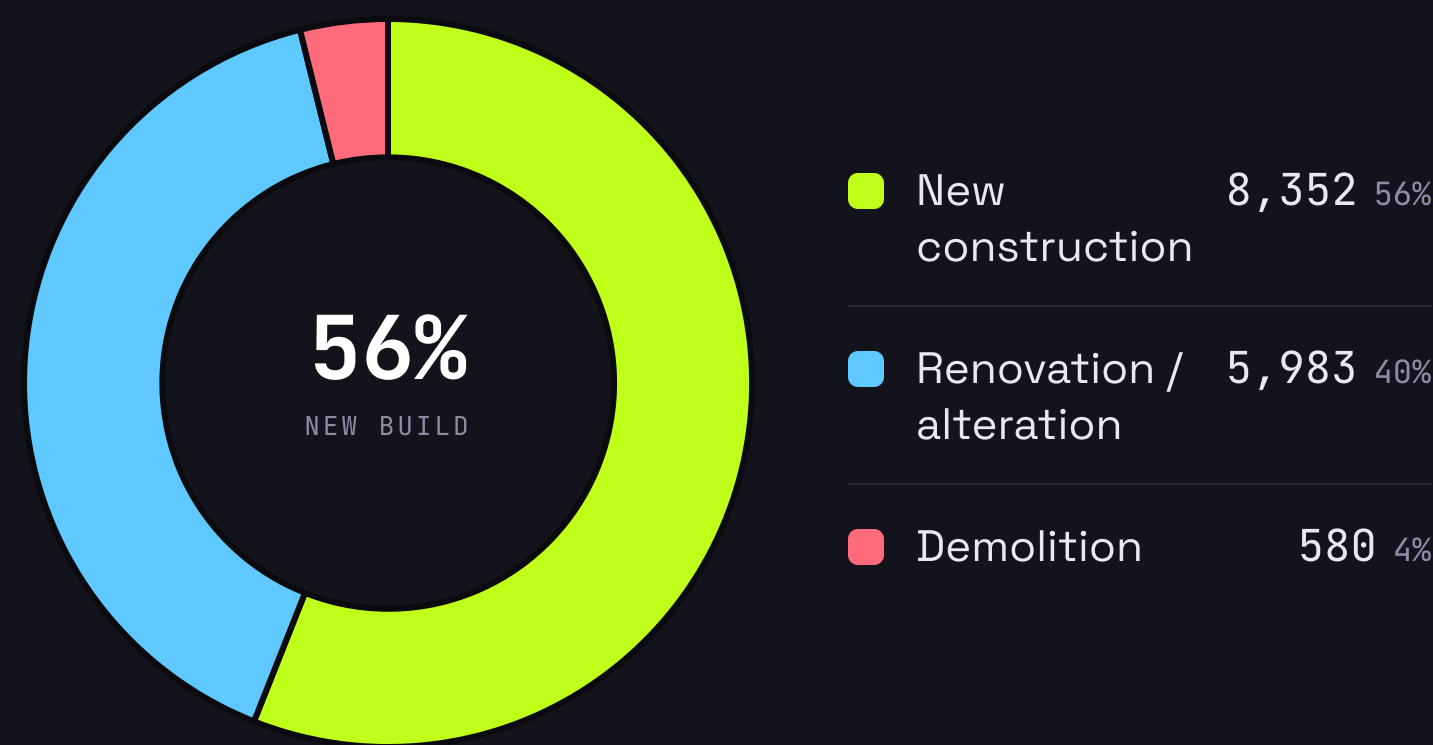
June 2026 led the half

2,847 permits issued in Jun against a monthly average of 2,486; the quietest month, February 2026, issued 2,162.

The most new construction on this list.

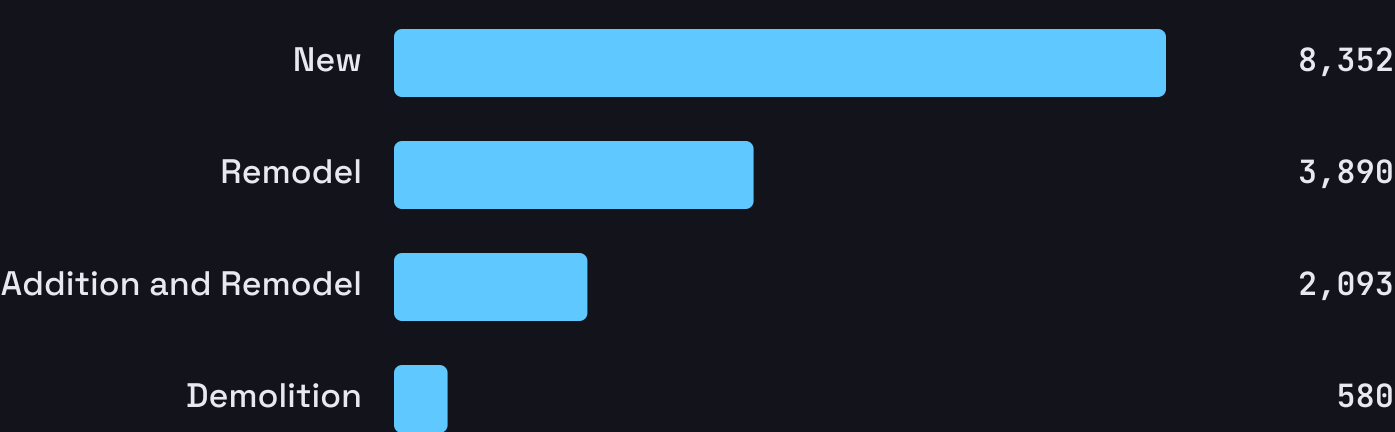
Work category

H1 2026 • SHARE OF CLASSIFIED PERMITS



Permit type as the city files it

H1 2026 • TOP 4 BY COUNT

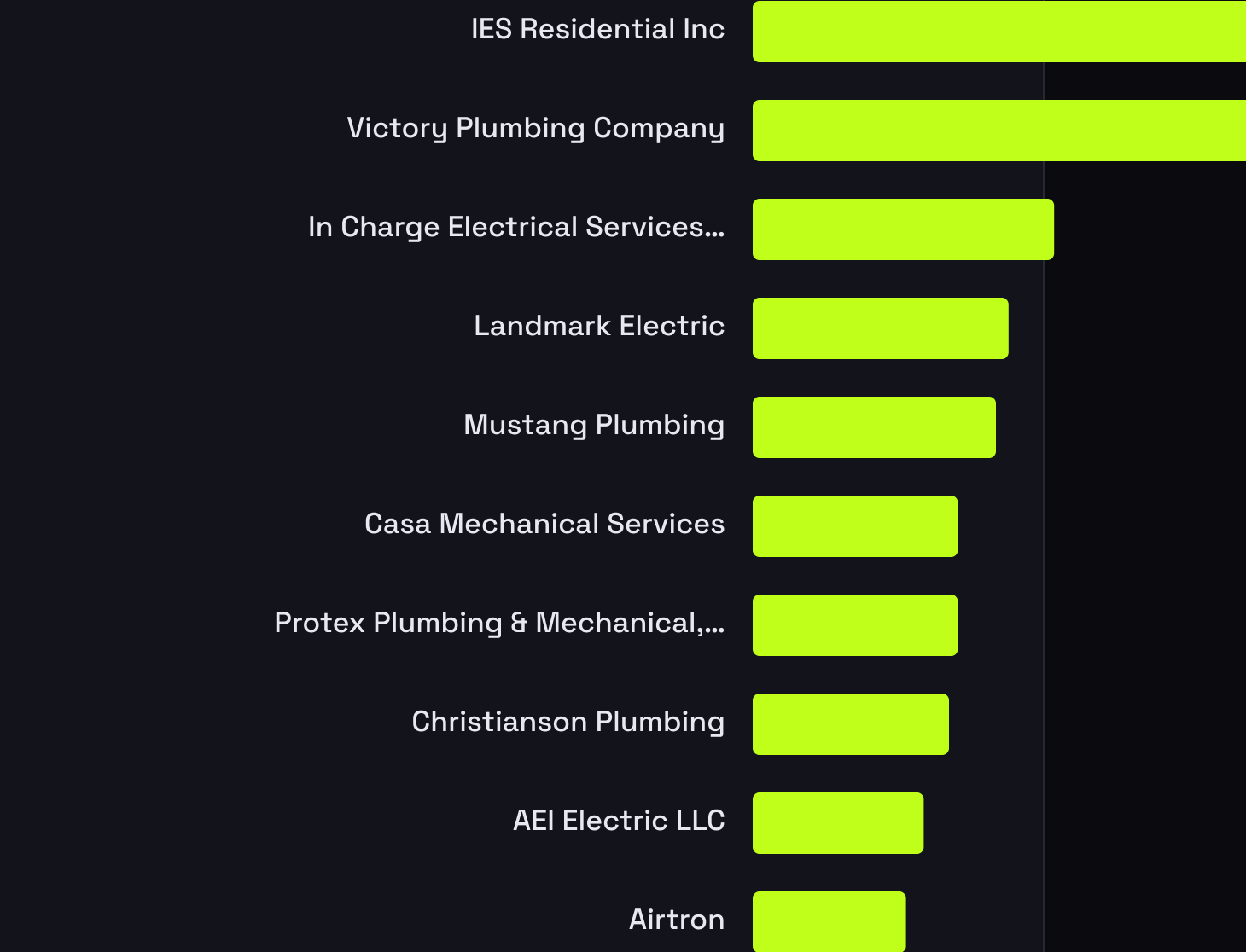


The permit list is a trade contractor list.

IES Residential, Victory Plumbing, In Charge Electrical, Landmark Electric, Mustang Plumbing. These are the electrical and plumbing subs pulling their own permits at production-homebuilder volume — a direct read on who is already awarded across the new-build market.

Top 10 by permits, H1 2026

APPLICANT OF RECORD



Top 20 with declared value, live → builtie.com/reports/h1-2026-austin

The ten largest stated jobs of the half.

Stated construction cost

SINGLE PERMITS, AFTER THE VALUE SCREEN

62 East Ave Unit GAR1		\$154.0M
5600 Sunshine Dr Bldg J		\$35.6M
1326 Lamar Square Dr		\$32.5M
6311 S 1ST St Unit Dp		\$32.0M
6801 Northeast Dr Bldg A		\$25.0M
3733 Drossett Dr		\$23.9M
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3505 Montopolis Dr Bldg Gen		\$22.0M
3505 Montopolis Dr Bldg J		\$22.0M
3505 Montopolis Dr Bldg Dp		\$22.0M

1	Eplan: expedited review - new construction of parking garage. SUMMIT DESIGN BUILD	\$154.0M
2	Construction of a new 3-story building to include science labs... ADOLFSON & PETERSON CONSTRUCTION	\$35.6M
3	Eplan: commercial expedited review - [smart housing] new constr... BAILEY ELLIOTT CONSTRUCTION, INC. D/B/A BEC A...	\$32.5M
4	Eplan: expedited review - new construction of dumpster enclosur... MARCUS BUILDING COMPANY	\$32.0M
5	Eplan: commercial expedited review - [public project] new const... ROGERS-O'BRIEN CONSTRUCTION	\$25.0M
6	Phase a of interior renovation to existing industrial facility... BRAINTEC USA, INC.	\$23.9M
7	Phase b of interior renovation to existing industrial facility... BRAINTEC USA, INC.	\$23.9M
8	Eplan: commercial expedited review - new construction of genset... ZAPALAC/REED CONSTRUCTION CO., LP	\$22.0M
9	Eplan: commercial expedited review - new construction of 4 stor... ZAPALAC/REED CONSTRUCTION CO., LP	\$22.0M
10	Eplan: commercial expedited review - new dumpster enclosure and... ZAPALAC/REED CONSTRUCTION CO., LP	\$22.0M

The same half, in every market Builtie tracks.

Permit counts are directly comparable. Dollar figures are not fully comparable across borders and jurisdictions — each city defines construction value its own way. A market is marked withheld where too few permits state a cost.

Permits issued, H1 2026

10 MARKETS · THIS REPORT HIGHLIGHTED · DECLARED VALUE BESIDE EACH BAR



What is behind every number in this deck.

How the figures are built

DEFINITIONS

Source

Austin's own published building-permit record, ingested into the Builtie platform. No third-party estimate is mixed in.

Period

Permits issued between January 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026. Applications and cancellations are excluded.

Declared value

The construction cost stated by the applicant on the permit — not a contract value, and excluding land and soft costs. 1,037 of 14,915 permits (7%) state one.

The value screen

Any single permit at or above **\$1B**, and any value at or above **\$10M** repeating on five or more permits in one city (a parent total stamped on sub-permits), is removed before any total. 93 permits were screened out this half. A percentile trim was tested and rejected: it cannot tell a corrupt value from a genuine large tower.

What this deck does not tell you

KNOWN GAPS, STATED ON PURPOSE

No approval timeline

This feed sets the application date equal to the issue date on every row, so no approval clock is drawn. The field is 100% populated, which is exactly why it is easy to mistake for real.

No density map

236 permits carry coordinates and every one falls outside Austin — our geocoder resolved them against the wrong region. Coordinates are checked against the city's bounding box before anything is plotted, so the map is withheld rather than wrong.

No market value

Only 7% of permits state a cost and the median stated value is \$1. The count is solid; the money column is not.

The projects are public. The relationships are not.

That gap is the product. Builtie connects the public record of construction activity in Austin with the layer behind it: builders, developers, architects, consultants, decision makers and their contact details — and tells a trade when the right moment to reach them is.

The projects moving now — every permit above, with its address and applicant, live.

The builders behind them — the company, not just the name on the form.

The timing — which jobs are at framing, where a trade is specified but not yet awarded.

The projects coming next — applications and early-stage signals before they issue.

The decision makers — verified emails, phones and LinkedIn for the people who award work.

The outreach — LinkedIn and email sequences written and sent for you.

*Know the projects.
Reach the decision makers.*



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