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Planning & Development Dashboard reference guide

This quick reference guide is designed to help you get the most out of using the Planning & Development dashboard. The dashboard is divided into two parts: permit volumes and processing times and dwelling units & population trends.

PERMIT VOLUMES & PROCESSING TIMES

The dashboard leverages our municipal permit [open data](#) and is up to date as of the previous day. All throughout the dashboard, click the information icon  beside any section to see its data details.

Calendar Year 2025 	District All 	Community All 
Permit Type All 	Work Type All 	Structure Type All 

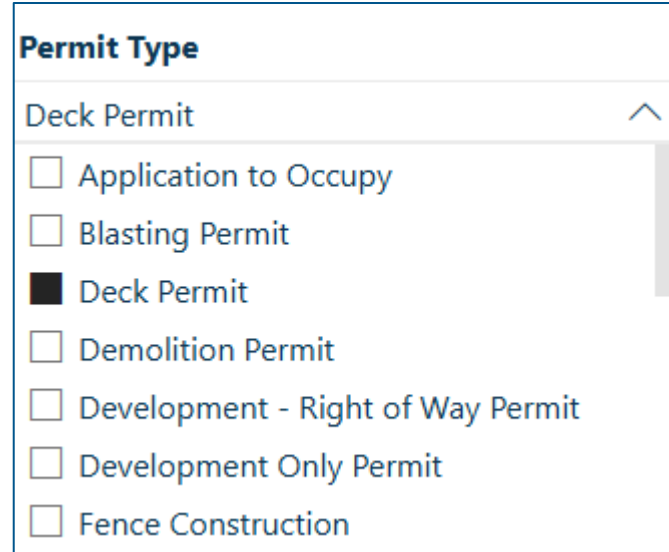
Calendar year: each section relies on different date criteria that is described in the information icon beside each graphic.

Filters: The filters at the top of each page can be used to narrow down the data displayed on the dashboard by selecting specific criteria, so you can focus on the information that matters most to you such as Calendar Year, District, Community, Permit Type, Work Type, Structure Type. Definitions of the attributes found within permit type, work type or structure type can be found on the Attributes document.

Tips for using filters:

- One or more filters can be selected at the same time.
- The filters are dynamic, in that they are related to each other, selecting one filter may narrow down the filter options available in the drop-down of others.
- The filter(s) selected apply to all graphics on the page (except calendar year filter).

Sections: Each section tells a story about different data aspects related to permits.



Permit Type

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- Application to Occupy
- Blasting Permit
- Deck Permit
- Demolition Permit
- Development - Right of Way Permit
- Development Only Permit
- Fence Construction

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How long does it currently take to get a permit? ⓘ

Average wait time (Days)

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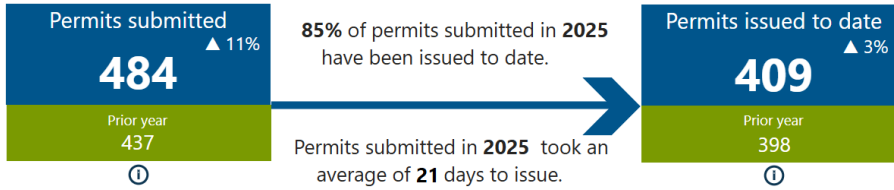
(based on the last 3-month trend)

How long does it currently take to get a permit:

The graphic shows the average time, in days, that it takes for a permit to be issued. This number is based on the last three months of applications and adjusts automatically if you use the filters. It reflects the time the permit spends in the review process—from when the application is submitted to when it is issued.

Permit Processing based on Submitted Date ⓘ

Volume of permits and average time to issue based on year selected



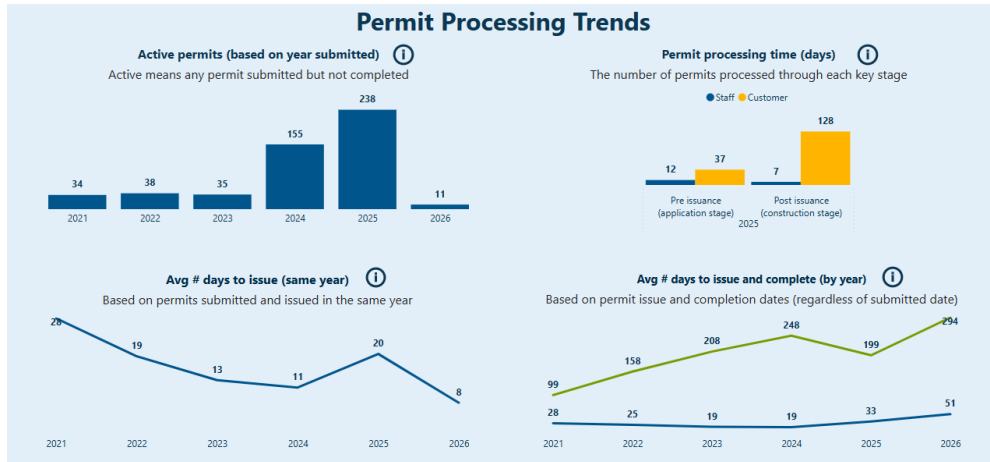
Permit Processing based on Submitted Date:

These graphics show how many permits were submitted in the selected calendar year, how many of those have been issued so far and how long they took to issue.

- Permits submitted: applications the municipality received that year.
- Permits issued to date: how many of those have since been approved, even if issued in a later year. This section helps show both the volume of applications and how quickly they are being processed.

Permit Processing Trends:

This area contains four graphics that illustrate how permit processing has changed over time.



- Active permits – Shows how many permits are currently in progress. “Active” includes any application still moving through the system from submission to completion.
- Permit processing time (days) – Breaks down how long permits spend with municipal staff (blue) and how long they spend with customers (yellow). This helps show where most of the waiting time occurs.
- Average # days to issue (same year) – Tracks the average number of days it takes to issue permits that were both submitted and approved within the same calendar year. For the current year, this average changes as more permits are processed.
- Average # days to issue and complete (by year) – Shows long-term trends in how long permits take, both to issue and to fully complete. This helps show whether service timelines are improving or slowing over the years. 4

Overall Permit Volume Numbers (2025) i

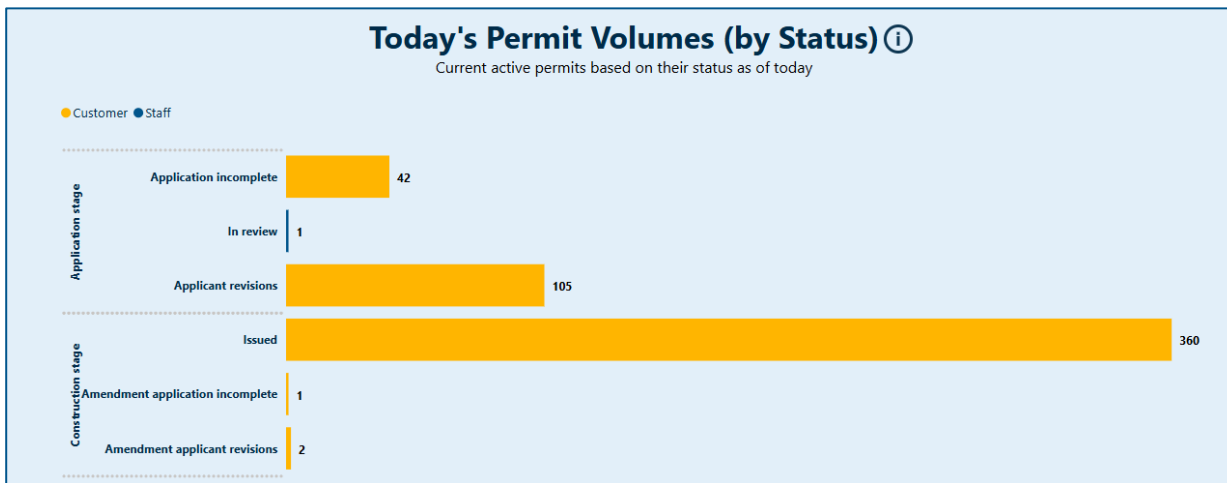
The number of permits processed through each key stage and associated project value (in millions)



Overall Permit Volumes and Project Value:

This graphic summarizes how many permits moved through major stages of the process in the selected calendar year, along with the total estimated project value associated with those permits (expressed in millions of dollars). This provides a high-level picture of construction and development activity in the community.

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Today's Permit Volumes:

This graphic displays all active permits grouped by their current status in the permit process. It shows each stage—from initial submission through review, issuance and construction and indicates whether the permit is with staff or with the customer. You can use this chart to understand where permits are in the overall workflow, identify which stages have the most activity and see how work is distributed between staff and applicants at any point in time.

DWELLING UNITS & POPULATION TRENDS

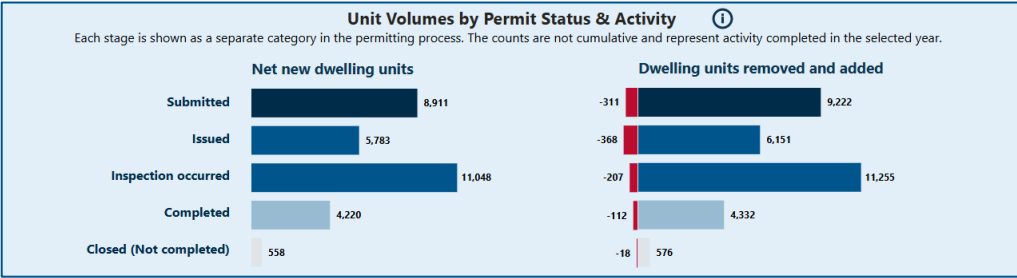
The dashboard leverages the municipal permit open data and is up to date as of the previous day. The unit information shown on this page is derived from the related permits.

As of today, **14,683** units are currently under construction and **873** of those are nearing completion.

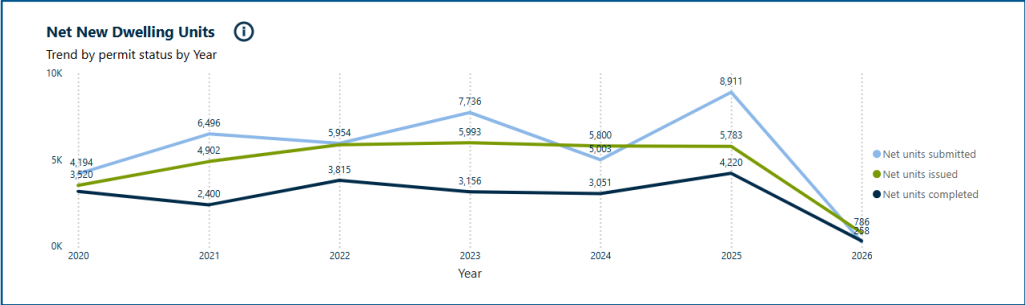


As of today – what’s happening: This top section displays the total number of housing units that are currently under construction, along with the subset that are nearing completion. You can use this graphic to quickly see how many units are in the construction pipeline and how many are approaching the final stages before occupancy.





Unit Volumes by Permit Status & Activity: This graphic shows the number of dwelling units moving through different stages of the permitting process, from submission through completion. It also displays the number of units removed and added as part of those activities. Each stage is presented separately so users can see how many units reached each milestone in the selected year. This visual can be used to understand the overall amount of housing activity taking place—both new units being created and existing units being removed or replaced.



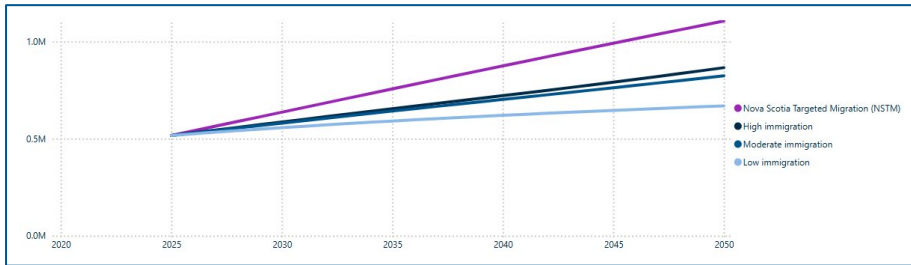
Net New Dwelling Units: This chart displays the number of net new dwelling units at different stages of the permitting process for each year selected.

It shows submitted, issued and completed units as separate lines so users can compare activity across years. This visual shows how housing-related permit activity changes over time and sees how many units have moved through each stage in any given year.

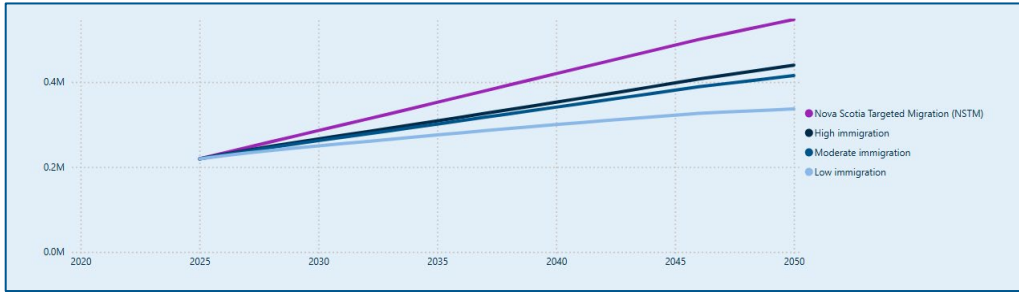


Completed Dwelling Units: This graphic shows the number of dwelling units that were completed in each selected year, along with the units added and units removed that contribute to the net total. Each category—units added, units removed and net new completed units are displayed separately to show how they relate to one another. This visual shows the level of completed housing activity in a given year and how additions and removals contribute to the final number of net new homes.

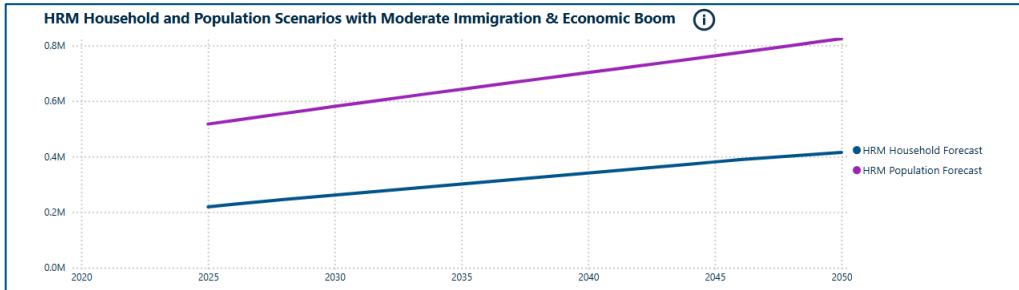
POPULATION TRENDS



Population Scenario: This chart shows different possible population outcomes based on a range of future immigration scenarios. Each line represents a scenario developed by Statistics Canada, allowing you to compare how the population could change over time under different conditions. It's a useful way to explore potential futures and understand how various factors might influence long-term growth.



Household Scenario: This chart displays several household scenarios that show how the number of households could change over time under different assumptions about future immigration levels. Each line represents a separate scenario, allowing you to compare possible outcomes side by side. It's a helpful way to explore how various conditions may affect the number of households in the future and to understand the range of possibilities considered in long-term planning.



HRM Household and Population Scenarios with Moderate Immigration & Economic Boom: This chart provides a combined view of projected population and household numbers using the Moderate Immigration / Continued Pre-pandemic Growth scenario. It shows two forecast lines, one for households and one for population, so you can see how both measures are expected to change over time under the same set of assumptions. This visual is useful for exploring long-term planning needs by viewing household and population projections side by side.