This map shows the number of housing permits in 2005 relative to population. For example, in Aroostook County in Maine, there were 238 housing permits per 100,000 in population.

Across New England, building permits for 58,742 new privately owned housing units were issued in 2005, up from 57,872 authorized in 2004. That represents a 1.5 percent increase. More than 70 percent of the new authorized units in 2005 were for one-unit housing. Rhode Island had the largest increase in housing permits at 12.0 percent. Vermont housing permits went down the most, declining 19 percent.