

Methodology

The building permit data included in this report was collected through surveys sent to the municipal or county officials responsible for the collection and dissemination of such data in the nine counties. In six counties these officials were, in most cases, the code or zoning enforcement officers; in some cases the municipal clerks. In Seneca and Wyoming Counties building permit application approval and inspection are the responsibility of the respective county building departments. Those two departments provided the data for their counties. The Monroe County Planning and Development Department's Division of Planning administered the surveys, received the responses from municipal officials in the County, and forwarded the data to the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council.

Each municipality received a survey in January of 2007 asking for the requested data. The initial survey was followed up with a reminder postcard along with a telephone reminder to those municipalities that had yet to respond. In some cases, several calls were made to the appropriate parties, in an effort to acquire the requested information. Overall, data was collected for 174 of the 192 municipalities in the nine-county Genesee-Finger Lakes Region (90.6%).

The survey requested information on the number of permits issued, total square footage and total value for new buildings in the defined categories and associated subcategories. In addition, the same building permit information for buildings outside of these categories was requested along with a description of the type of building(s) in the "Other" category.

The instructions for completing the survey as printed on the first of the two-page document were as follows:

"Include only permits for the construction of new buildings in 2007. Do not include additions, repairs, decks, in-ground pools, etc. or buildings used for storage such as sheds and pole barns. Do not include permits for construction that was completed in 2007 but permitted in 2006. If the responses below include a town and a village on the same sheet, please denote this by listing them separately on the same line (example: T - 8/ V - 12)."

For each of the nine counties, there is a narrative, as well as county maps depicting new permitted building activity in 2007 (Maps 1 – 9, Map 10 represents Permits for Residential Units for the nine-county G-FL Region). Maps of industrial, commercial, and community service building permits issued in 2007 are presented in maps of the nine-county G-FL Region (Maps 11-13).

The information and data provided for new permitted building activity data in Monroe County and the remaining portion of the TMA follows the same format. Maps 14 through 17 present the numbers of permitted residential, industrial, commercial, and community service buildings in the TMA in 2007. Map 18 shows the distribution of residential building permits among the Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ) within the TMA outside of Monroe County.

The residential data for TMA municipalities were used in a time series analysis of number of new residential units by municipality for the years 1994 through 2007 in the Rural TMA and from 1994 through 2007 in Monroe County. The number of permits issued for industrial and commercial buildings from 1994 to 2007 in the Rural TMA are also presented and discussed in the same manner.

A three-year time series analysis of permits issued by municipalities in the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region that responded to the survey all three years are provided for permits that were issued for buildings across all categories. Data for Wyoming County between 2005 and 2007 are provided for all but industrial and community service buildings.

The data gathered on the number of building permits issued, square footage, and value in each category/subcategory by municipality in and for the Rural TMA are presented in appendices A through H. The appendices are as follows:

Appendix A:

Number, Square Footage, and Value of Permits Issued for New Residential Buildings – 2007

Appendix B:

Number, Square Footage, and Value of Permits Issued for New Industrial Buildings – 2007

Appendix C:

Number, Square Footage, and Value of Permits Issued for New Commercial Buildings – 2007

Appendix D:

Number, Square Footage, and Value of Permits Issued for New Community Service Buildings – 2007

Appendix E:

Number, Square Footage, and Value of Permits Issued for New Buildings Not Elsewhere Classified – 2007

Appendix F:

Number and Type of Buildings Demolished – 2007

Appendix G:

Number of Permitted Residential Units and Industrial, Commercial, and Community Service Buildings (2005 – 2007)

Appendix H:

Transportation Management Area Time Series Analysis Data