

## 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 G/FLRPC.

As noted above, each municipality other than Seneca and Wyoming Counties received a survey in January of 2009 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, (100%) of the data was collected from all 192 municipalities within the nine-county G-FL Region.

The survey requested information on the number of permits issued, total square footage and total value for 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.

This year the LUMR survey included additional requests from municipalities. All analysis conducted in this report is based on data provided by each LUMR survey contact.

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 buildings in 2008. 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 2008 but permitted in 2007. 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 discussion of permitted building activity in 2008 and county maps of residential units permitted in 2008 by municipality (Maps 1 - 9, Map 10 represents Permits for Residential Units for the nine-county G-FL Region). Data of industrial, commercial, and community service building permits issued in 2008 are presented on maps of the nine-county G-FL Region (Maps 11-13).

The information and data provided for permitted building activity in Monroe County and the remaining portion of the TMA follows the same format. Maps 14 through 17 present the number of permitted residential, industrial, commercial, and community service buildings in the TMA in 2008. 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 residential units by municipality for the years 1994 through 2008. The number of permits issued for industrial and commercial buildings from 1994 to 2008 in the TMA outside of Monroe County is also presented and discussed in the same manner.

A three-year time series analysis of permits issued by municipalities in the G-FL 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 2006 and 2008 are provided for all but industrial and community service buildings.

The data gathered on 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 Residential Buildings – 2008

**Appendix B:**

Number, Square Footage, and Value of Permits Issued for Industrial Buildings – 2008

**Appendix C:**

Number, Square Footage, and Value of Permits Issued for Commercial Buildings – 2008

**Appendix D:**

Number, Square Footage, and Value of Permits Issued for Community Service Buildings – 2008

**Appendix E:**

Number, Square Footage, and Value of Permits Issued for Buildings Not Elsewhere Classified – 2008

**Appendix F:**

Number and Type of Buildings Demolished – 2008

**Appendix G:**

Number of Permits Issued for Residential Units and Industrial, Commercial and Community Service Buildings (2006 – 2008)

**Appendix H:**

Transportation Management Area Time Series Analysis Data