

St. Johns continues homebuilding dominance

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St. Johns County continues to be the most popular place in Northeast Florida for homebuilding.

According to monthly Northeast Florida Builders Association permit data, St. Johns is outpacing Clay, Duval and Nassau counties in home construction.

In July, 420 single-family home permits were pulled in St. Johns, compared to 401 in Duval, 62 in Clay and 47 in Nassau.

St. Johns has been leading the other three counties monthly, with a few exceptions. In May, Duval edged St. Johns 376 to 365.

St. Johns has led the region since 2011, the report shows. This year through July, it again leads with 2,759 permits. Duval has 2,242; Clay, 534; and Nassau, 500.

Before 2011, Duval led the region.

NEFBA's data is supported by a monthly report from the St. Johns County Building Services Division, which shows that the county is seeing tremendous growth year-over-year in single-family homebuilding as well as commercial construction.

The report says that St. Johns issued 4,330 permits in July compared to 3,308 in July 2017.