

## January Permits For New Homes Highest For The Month in a Decade

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Source: Northeast Florida Builders Association

Led by St. Johns County, last month was the busiest January for new single-family building permits since 2006. According to the Northeast Florida Builders Association, a total of 572 permits were issued in the four-county area. That's over 100 more than January 2015 and almost 350 more than were issued in January 2009 at the depths of the housing recession.

But it's still well short of the 1,242 that were issued in January 2006 at the peak of the housing boom.

St. Johns County led the area with 279 permits, the second-busiest January ever for that county, trailing only 2006. Duval County had its highest January total since 2008.

Both Clay and Nassau counties were behind January 2015's pace.

Statewide, Gov. Rick Scott announced Tuesday that December was the strongest month of 2015 for new housing permits. For the year, Florida permits totaled 107,984, up 28 percent from 2014.

Northeast Florida's 2015 totals, announced last month, were up 10.7 percent over 2014.