

Homebuilding permits up in Fresno and Visalia

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Home construction permits are up in Fresno and Visalia.

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The number of single-family home building permits issued by city.

Month	Fresno	Visalia
February	58	47
January 2015	44	20
December	57	43
November	38	18
October 2014	31	45

Home building is looking up in the Fresno and Visalia area after a drop in building permits at the end of last year.

The number of home building permits issued in the two cities edged up in February while builders kicked off the new year unveiling new communities.

Last month, Fresno issued 58 single-family building permits compared with 44 in January, according to the city's monthly building report. A year ago at the same time only nine permits were issued.

In Visalia, builders pulled 47 permits in February compared to 20 the month before. A year ago, 26 permits were issued for the construction of new homes.

So far this year, Benchmark Communities, Granville Homes, San Joaquin Valley Homes, and Wathen Castanos Homes have all opened new neighborhoods with plans for at least 388 new houses in the central San Joaquin Valley.