



Housing Starts Drop Again as Home-Building Activity Falls

Housing starts fell again in September as home-building activity declined, the Commerce Department said on Tuesday.

Housing starts, a gauge of new residential construction, fell 5.2% in September to 1.221 million. Economists polled by The Wall Street Journal expected a reading of 1.3 million and for starts to have risen by 2% over the month.

Starts were down 7.4% in September from the same month of 2025.

Residential permits, another measure of trends in housing construction, ticked down 0.2% at 1.4 million in September. Economists polled by the Journal expected a reading of 1.39 million. — *Dan Seal*

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