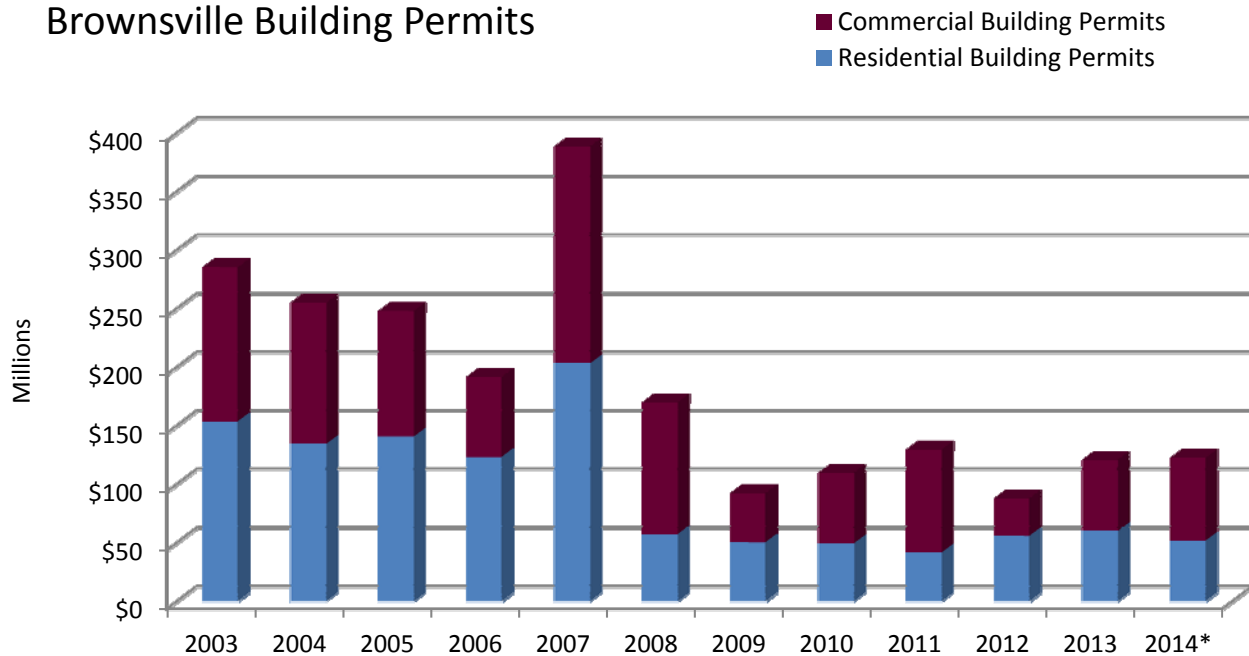


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Building Permits

Infrastructure helps determine the success of manufacturing and agricultural activities. Investments in water, sanitation, energy, housing, and transport also improve lives and help reduce poverty. There has been a substantial rise in commercial construction, showing signs of economic growth — not quite where it was before the recession, but getting better. The city's building inspection department reports that it issued building permits for \$70 million worth of commercial construction projects for September 2014. The kinds of permits the department issues include, permits for signs, swimming pools, demolition, carports, garages, as well as, for residential and commercial construction, repairs, re-roofing, and additions.

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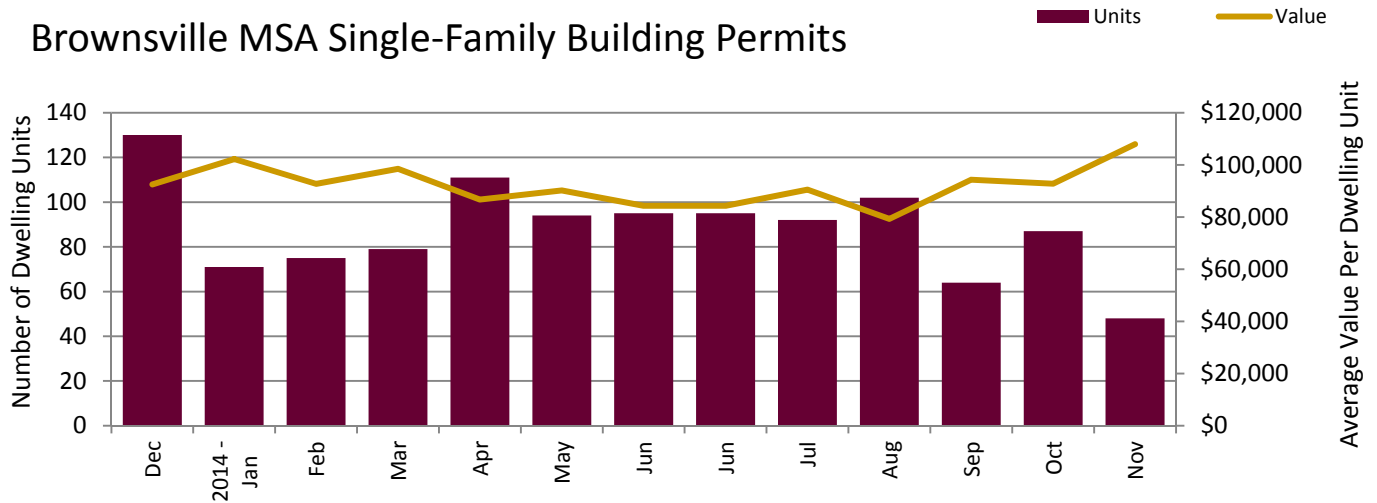


Sources: City of Brownsville Building Permits Department; Rio Grande Valley Partnership
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Brownsville MSA Single-Family Building Permits



Date	Number of Dwelling Units		Average Value per Dwelling Unit	
	Units	Percent Change	Value (\$)	Percent Change
2013 - Dec	130	170.8	92,500	1.5
2014 - Jan	71	-9	102,200	14.2
Feb	75	-11.8	92,700	-21.8
Mar	79	-2.5	98,500	-25.3
Apr	111	68.2	86,700	-20.1
May	94	11.9	90,200	6.2
Jun	95	48.4	84,300	-6.1
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Jul	92	-15.6	90,500	-6.2
Aug	102	72.9	79,300	-26.4
Sep	64	0	94,300	-10.6
Oct	87	22.5	92,800	-11.5
Nov	48	-26.2	107,900	22.3