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Volusia County
Economic Development
First Quarter 2026 Update:
May 2026

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The Volusia County Council is pleased to present the most recent economic indicators that impact our county. We trust this information will be of value to you in your day-to-day business planning.

Economic Development is a “team sport” in Volusia County. It is essential that public and private sectors work arm-in-arm as we seek to promote economic prosperity in our community.

Since the first quarter of 2008, Volusia County’s Economic Development Division has hosted an economic update breakfast that we call our “Q” meetings.

As we all work together to achieve our economic

objectives, it’s essential that we understand the economic indicators that influence our decisions.

The purpose of the “Q” meetings is to share this information with business leaders and decision-makers to enhance awareness of important economic facts.

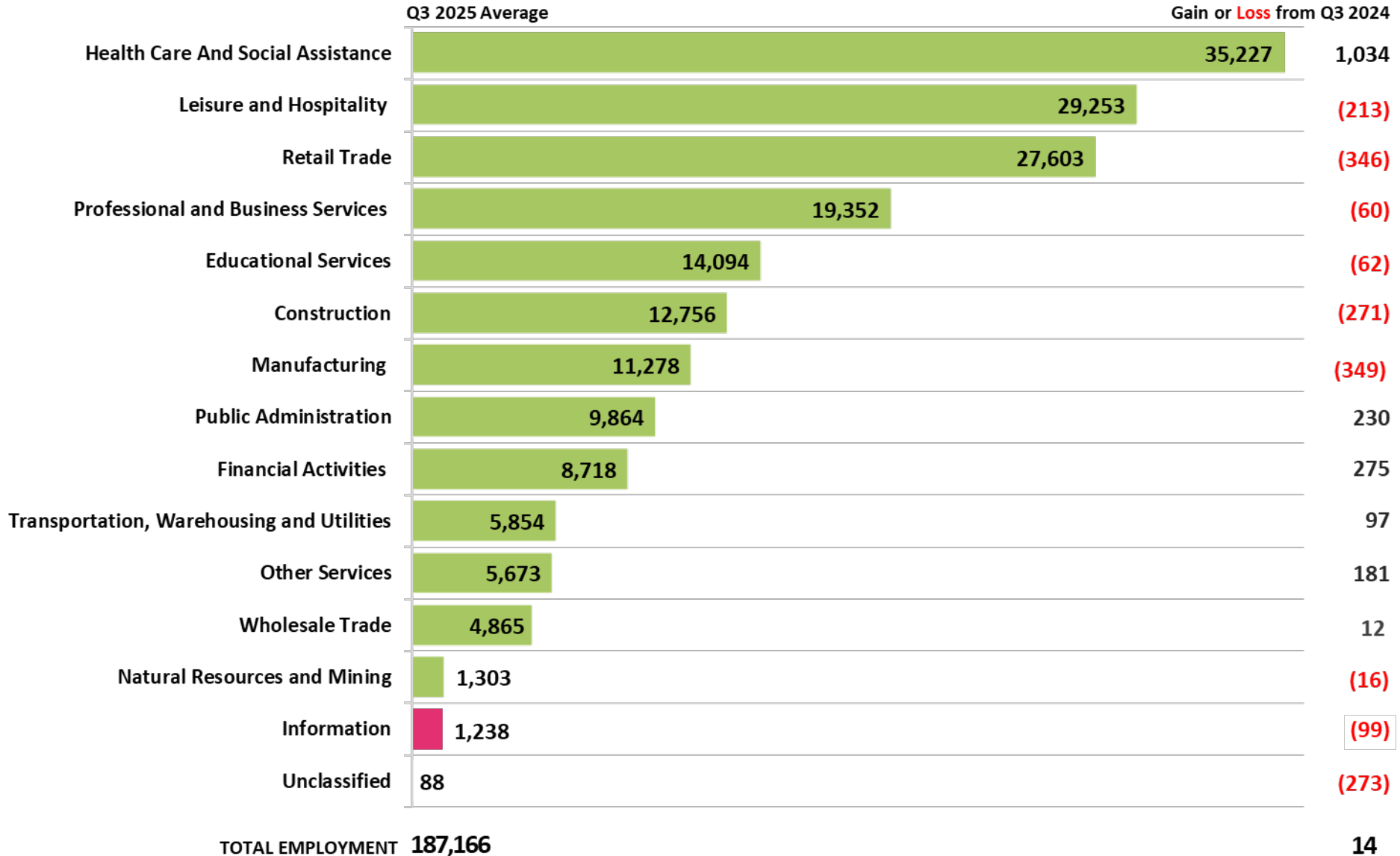
The “Q” meetings are also an opportunity to network, share ideas, and build relationships.

The Economic Development Division has other economic data that is available to you. Please do not hesitate to seek our assistance.

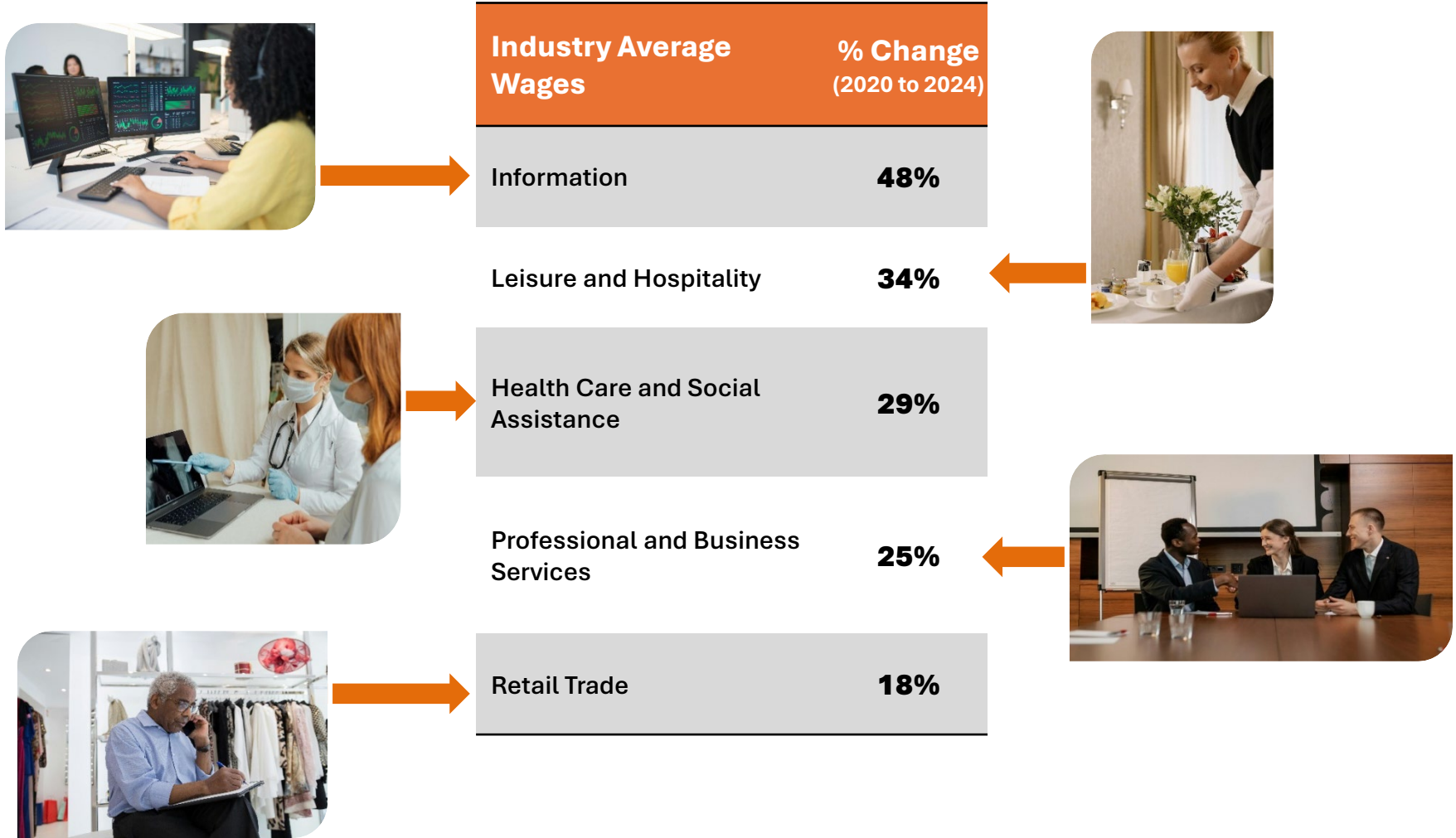
We welcome your input and participation in these “Q” meetings.



Volusia County Employment by Major Industry



Average Wage Growth in Volusia County 5-Year Change



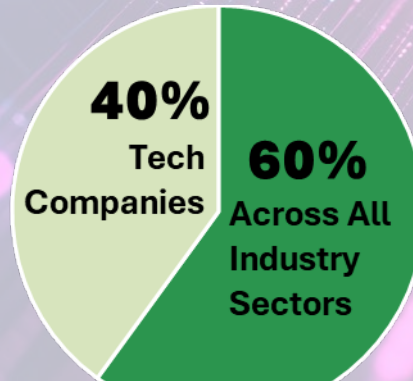
Economic Value of InfoTech Industry



9.59 M
2025 Est.

↑ 9.8 M
2026 Forecast

Employment of InfoTech Industry



InfoTech Workforce Distribution

InfoTech Industry Workforce

**2026-2036
Projection**

InfoTech Workforce will grow at **2X**
the rate of the overall U.S. workforce

Replacement rate:

323,000

workers per year

*Factors: Growth, Retirements,
Transfers/Separations*

Fastest Growing InfoTech Occupations

Data Scientists

Cybersecurity Analysts & Engineers

Software Developers & Engineers

CIOs, IT Directors & Manager

Software QA & Testers

Database Architects

Web Designers and UI/UX

Emerging Tech, IT Project Mgmt, Other

Systems Analysts & Engineers

Web Developers

Economic Value of InfoTech

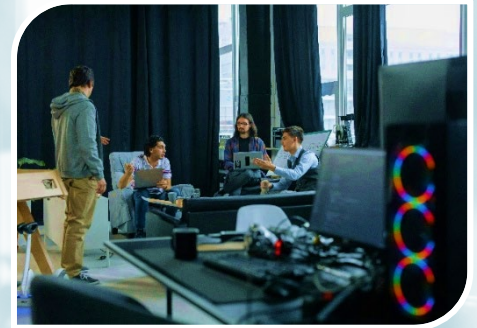


Direct Value
\$100.2B

Employment of InfoTech Industry

548,899
2025 Est.

 **563,352**
2026 Forecast



InfoTech Skills Employers Are Requiring



Florida – InfoTech Wages & Jobs Outlook

Occupation	2025 Jobs	8 Year Growth Rate	Median Annual Wage	*Projected Jobs Needed by 2033
Data Scientists	8,764	34.0%	\$105,830	7,609
Information Security Analysts	13,286	33.9%	\$105,997	11,245
Software Developers	89,236	20.2%	\$126,547	58,435
Computer and Information Systems Managers	28,096	19.5%	\$164,611	21,779
Computer Network Architects	7,715	17.1%	\$130,333	4,807
Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	11,898	16.2%	\$96,699	7,890
Computer Systems Analysts	34,564	14.7%	\$100,776	22,008
Web Developers	6,235	12.9%	\$81,411	3,896
Database Administrators	4,843	11.5%	\$97,906	2,817
Computer Network Support Specialists	10,555	11.4%	\$68,952	6,831
Web and Digital Interface Designers	4,086	11.1%	\$75,483	2,747



No. 2 & 3 Fastest Growing Occupations
Data Scientist
Information Security Analysts

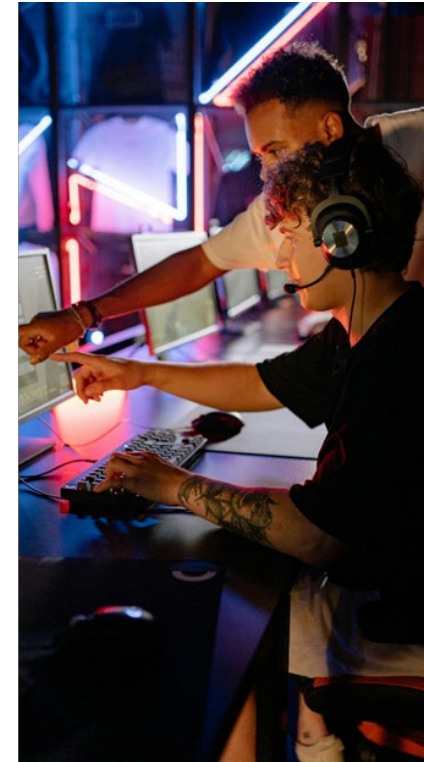


Source: FloridaCommerce, Occupational Employment 2025 Statistics and 2033 Projections (OES). Select information & technology occupations profiled.

*Includes 50% overall attrition and industry growth

Volusia County – InfoTech Wages & Jobs Outlook

Occupation	2025 Jobs	8 Year Growth Rate	Median Annual Wage	*Projected Jobs Needed by 2033
Data Scientists	84	39.3%	\$93,974	79
Information Security Analysts	188	28.7%	\$94,037	148
Computer Network Architects	156	17.9%	\$101,483	98
Computer and Information Systems Managers	323	14.6%	\$133,370	230
Software Developers	1183	14.2%	\$114,733	689
Computer Network Support Specialists	412	11.2%	\$51,854	265
Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	115	9.6%	\$85,342	67
Computer Systems Analysts	423	9.2%	\$92,851	241
Computer Occupations, All Other	229	9.2%	\$80,891	136
Web Developers	67	6.0%	\$64,376	37
Web and Digital Interface Designers	33	-6.1%	\$80,413	15



No. 2 Fastest Growing Occupation
Information Security Analysts

2024-25 Volusia County InfoTech Training & Degree Completions

Computer Information Systems



1,276

Audio/Visual Media



353

Computer Science



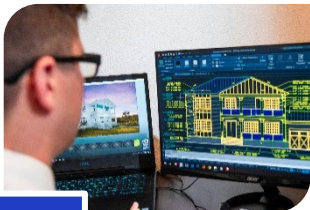
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Cybersecurity



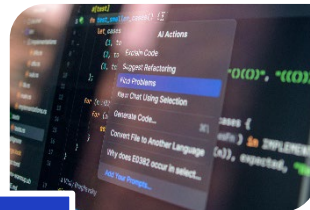
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Computer Aided Design



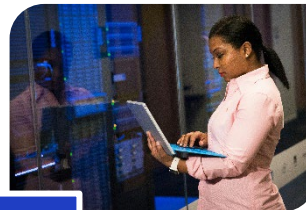
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Web Coding/Development

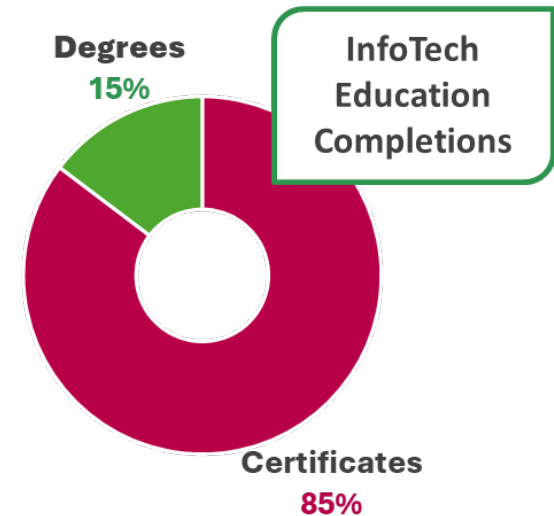


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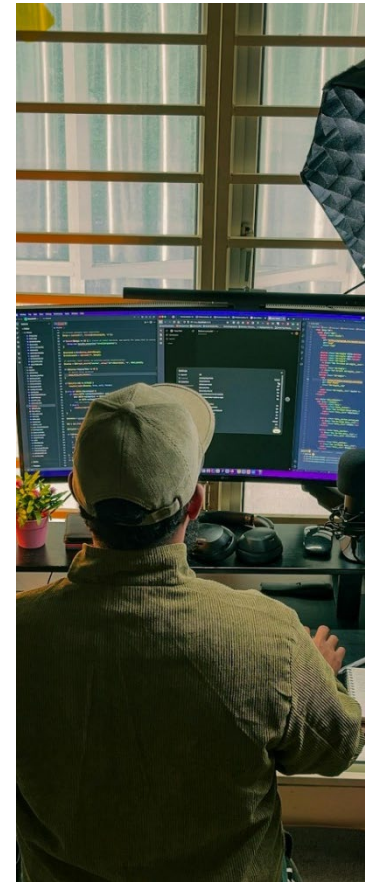
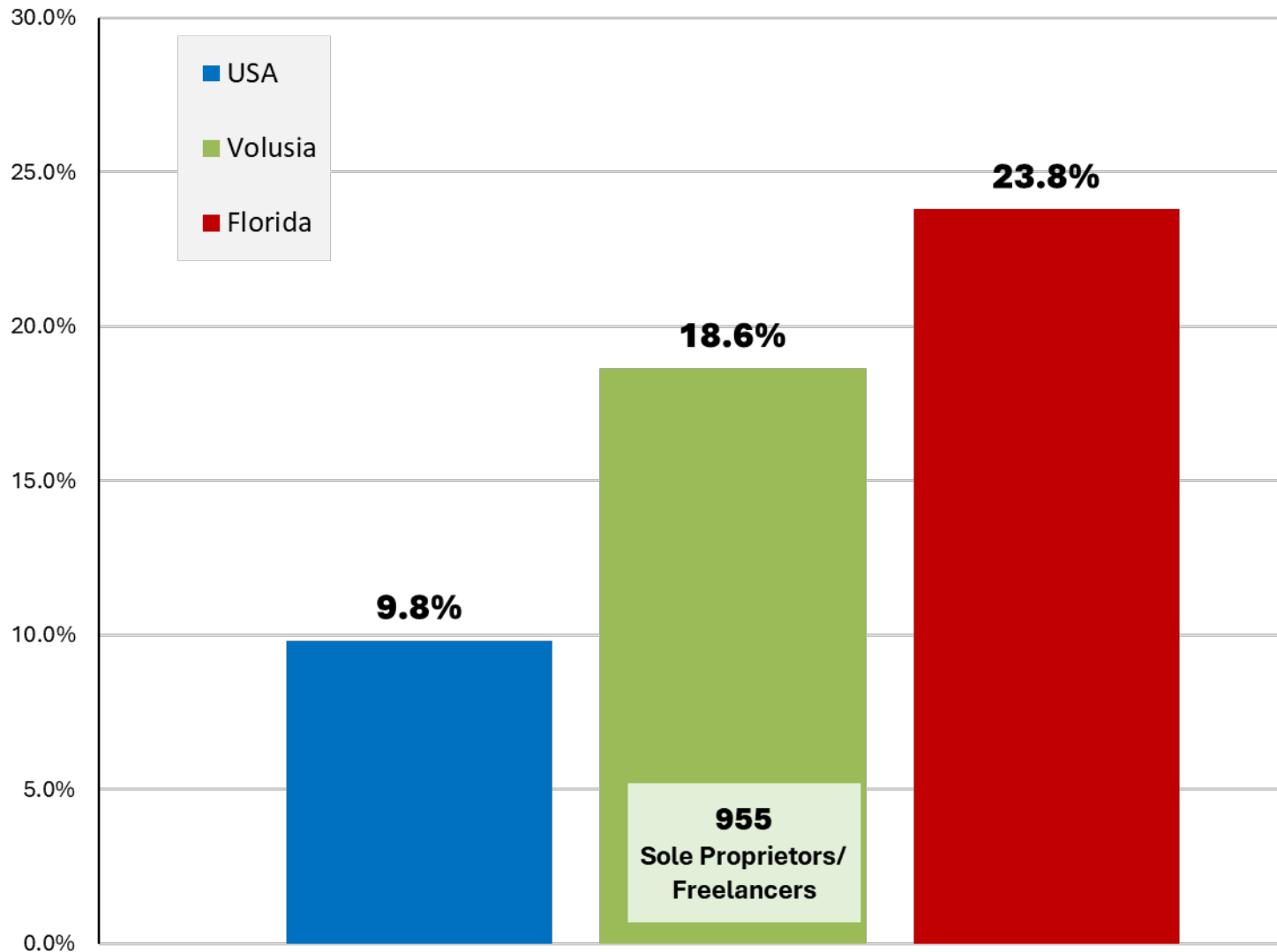
Network Infrastructure



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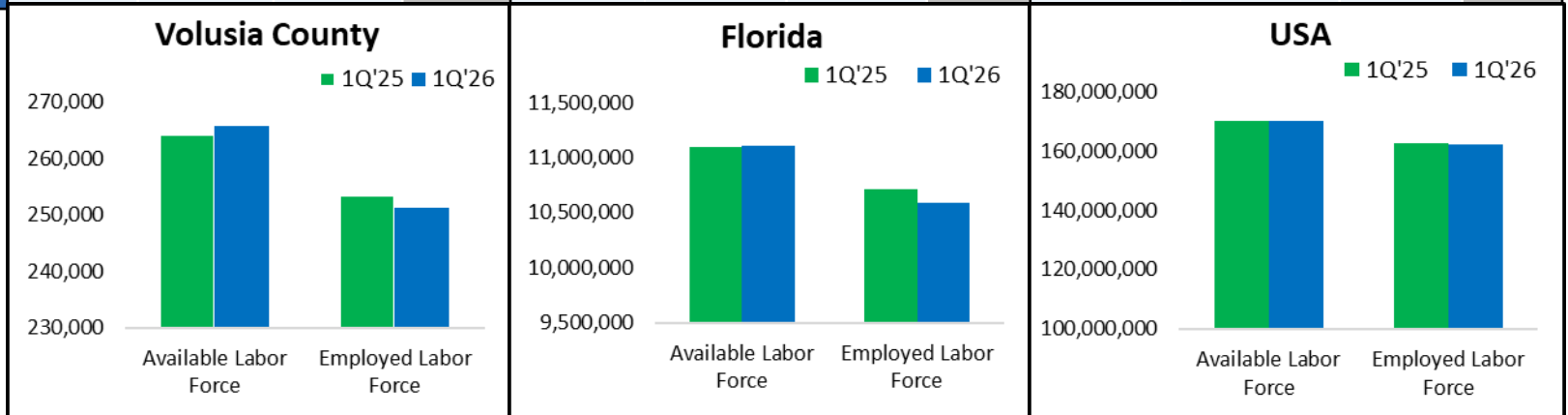
InfoTech Sole Proprietors/Freelancers 5 Year Change Rate (2018-2023)



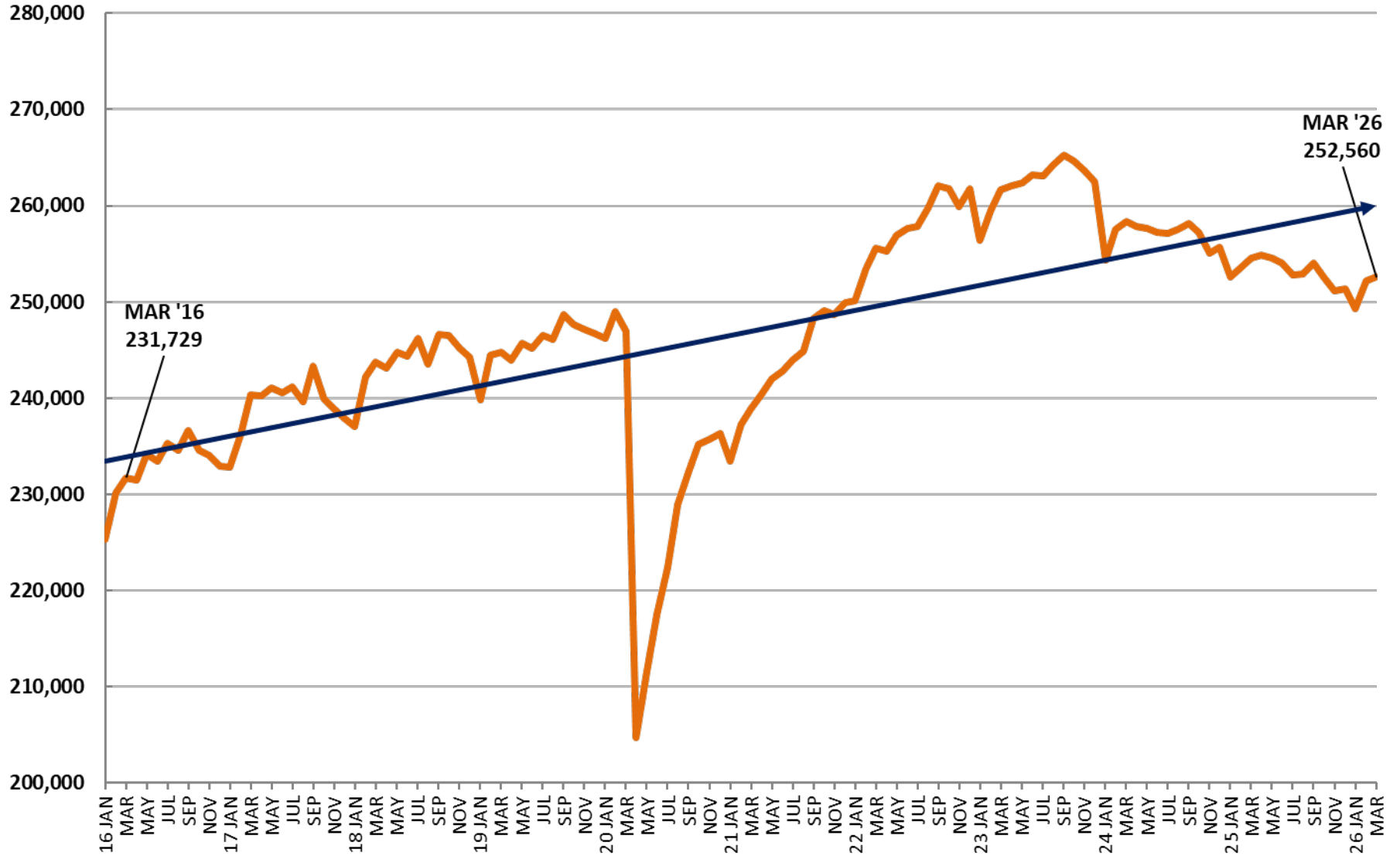
Volusia County, Florida & U.S.A. Quarterly Labor Statistics



	Volusia County				Florida				USA			
Labor Statistics	1Q'25	1Q'26	Net Change	% Change	1Q'25	1Q'26	Net Change	% Change	1Q'25	1Q'26	Net Change	% Change
Available Labor Force	264,251	265,879	1,627	0.6%	11,101,000	11,112,000	11,000	0.1%	170,194,333	169,973,333	-221,000	-0.1%
Employed Labor Force	253,571	251,368	-2,203	-0.9%	10,712,000	10,590,000	-122,000	-1.2%	162,767,667	162,195,667	-572,000	-0.4%
Unemployed Labor Force	10,680	14,511	3,831		389,333	522,000	132,667		7,427,000	7,777,000	350,000	
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	5.5%	1.4%		3.5%	4.7%	1.2%		4.4%	4.6%	0.2%	



Volusia County Employment Trend 2016-2026



Municipal Employment Quarterly Y-o-Y

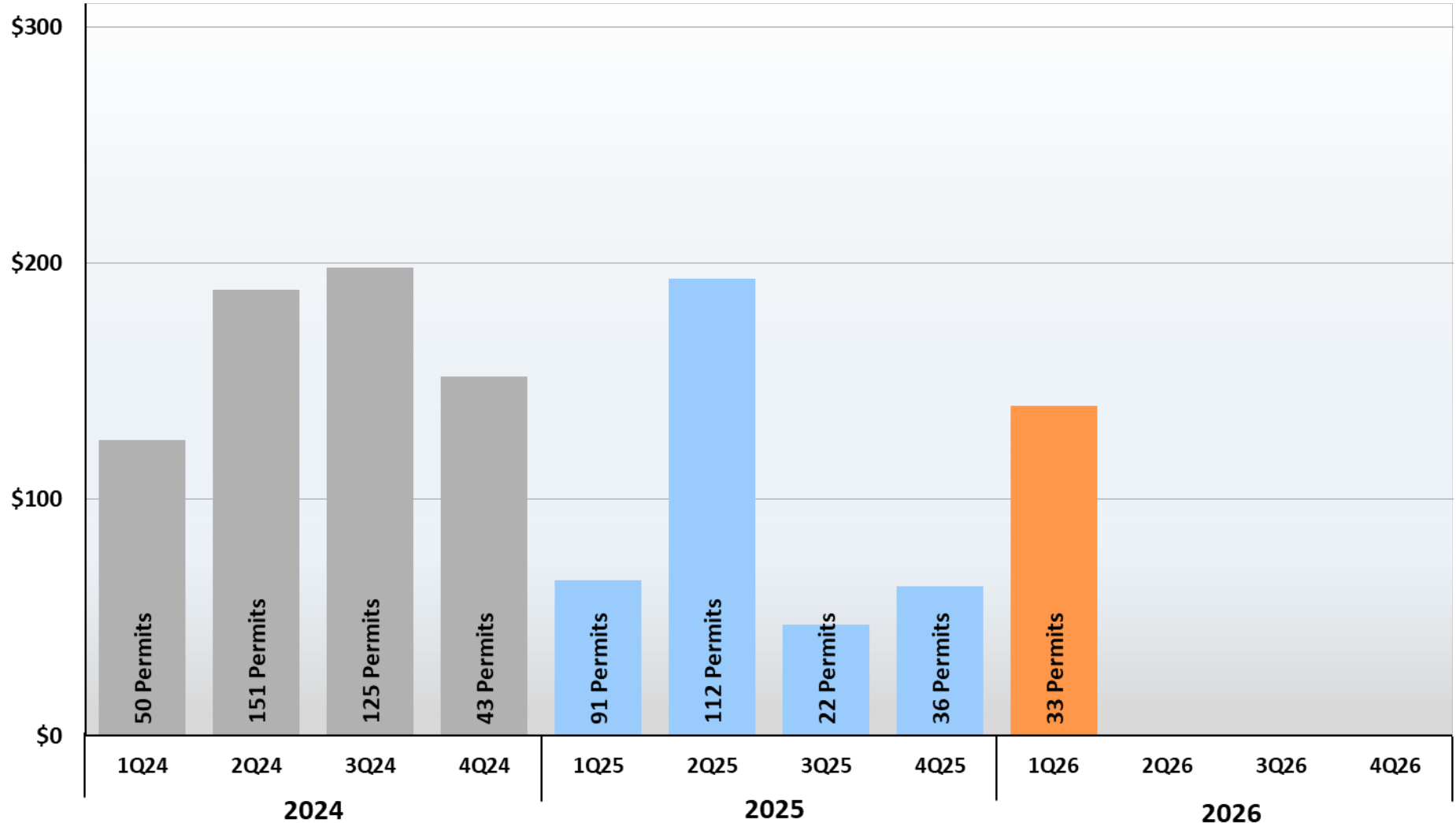
Daytona Beach					Deland					Deltona				
<u>1Q 2026</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.	<u>1Q 2026</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.	<u>1Q 2026</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.
Labor Force	36,978	37,282	37,128	37,129	Labor Force	18,428	18,572	18,533	18,511	Labor Force	47,738	48,172	48,083	47,998
Employment	34,435	34,835	34,882	34,717	Employment	17,230	17,430	17,453	17,371	Employment	45,081	45,604	45,666	45,450
Unemployed	2,543	2,447	2,246	2,412	Unemployed	2,543	2,447	2,246	2,412	Unemployed	2,657	2,568	2,417	2,547
% Unemployed	6.9%	6.6%	6.0%	6.5%	% Unemployed	6.5%	6.1%	5.8%	6.1%	% Unemployed	5.6%	5.3%	5.0%	5.3%
<u>1Q 2025</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.	<u>1Q 2025</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.	<u>1Q 2025</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.
Labor Force	36,714	36,732	36,852	36,766	Labor Force	18,281	18,320	18,409	18,337	Labor Force	47,683	47,743	47,898	47,775
Employment	34,893	35,020	35,151	35,021	Employment	17,459	17,522	17,588	17,523	Employment	45,681	45,847	46,019	45,849
Unemployed	1,821	1,712	1,701	1,745	Unemployed	822	798	821	814	Unemployed	2,002	1,896	1,879	1,926
% Unemployed	5.0%	4.7%	4.6%	4.8%	% Unemployed	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%	% Unemployed	4.2%	4.0%	3.9%	4.0%

Municipal Employment Quarterly Y-o-Y

New Smyrna Beach					Ormond Beach					Port Orange				
<u>1Q 2026</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.	<u>1Q 2026</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.	<u>1Q 2026</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.
Labor Force	13,799	13,926	13,854	13,860	Labor Force	19,476	19,659	19,554	19,563	Labor Force	30,142	30,450	30,380	30,324
Employment	13,009	13,160	13,178	13,116	Employment	18,407	18,621	18,646	18,558	Employment	28,563	28,894	28,933	28,797
Unemployed	790	766	676	744	Unemployed	1,069	1,038	908	1,005	Unemployed	1,579	1,556	1,447	1,527
% Unemployed	5.7%	5.5%	4.9%	5.4%	% Unemployed	5.5%	5.3%	4.6%	5.1%	% Unemployed	5.2%	5.1%	4.8%	5.0%
<u>1Q 2025</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.	<u>1Q 2025</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.	<u>1Q 2025</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	Avg.
Labor Force	13,740	13,765	13,785	13,763	Labor Force	19,411	19,457	19,514	19,461	Labor Force	30,103	30,176	30,229	30,169
Employment	13,182	13,230	13,280	13,231	Employment	18,652	18,720	18,790	18,721	Employment	28,943	29,048	29,157	29,049
Unemployed	558	535	505	533	Unemployed	759	737	724	740	Unemployed	1,160	1,128	1,072	1,120
% Unemployed	4.1%	3.9%	3.7%	3.9%	% Unemployed	3.9%	3.8%	3.7%	3.8%	% Unemployed	3.9%	3.7%	3.5%	3.7%

Volusia County Commercial New Construction Building Permits

Permit Value (millions)



Source: City and County permit offices reporting new construction activity.

Volusia County Commercial New Construction Building Permits

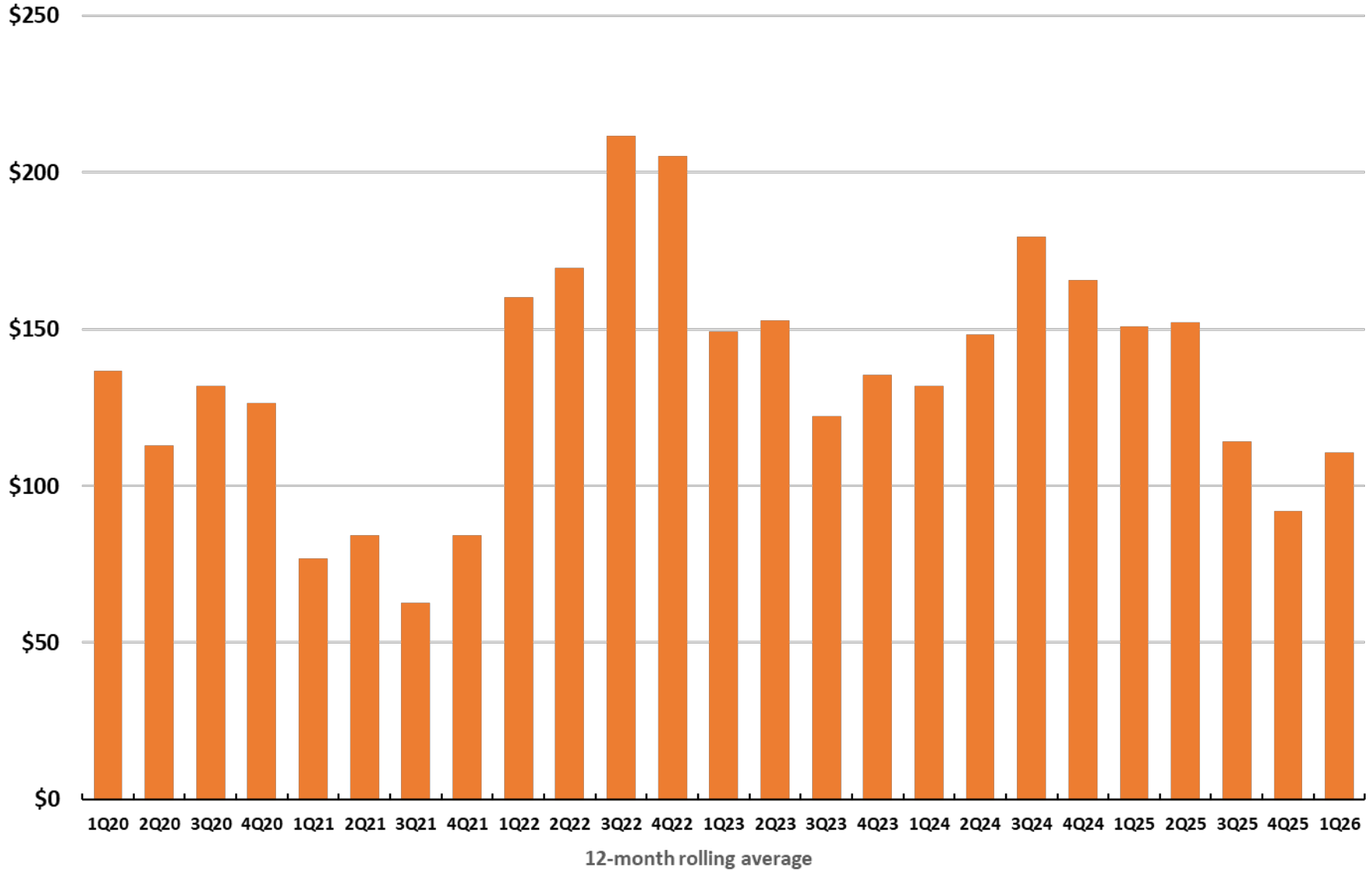


MUNICIPALITIES	1Q 2025 Permits	1Q 2025 \$ Value	2Q 2025 Permits	2Q 2025 \$ Value	3Q 2025 Permits	3Q 2025 \$ Value	4Q 2025 Permits	4Q 2025 \$ Value	1Q 2026 Permits	1Q 2026 \$ Value
Daytona Beach	10	\$20,017,467	32	\$99,416,085	3	\$2,063,200	21	\$16,391,460	9	\$59,184,094
Daytona Beach Shores	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
DeBary	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
DeLand	45	\$8,039,731	29	\$20,728,952	1	\$400,000	0	\$0	3	\$18,525,077
Deltona	3	\$8,683,598	3	\$3,131,232	0	\$0	0	\$0	2	\$2,000,000
Edgewater	0	\$0	2	\$8,180,000	9	\$22,116,996	1	\$1,235,253	2	\$4,180,532
Holly Hill	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$70,000	4	\$8,898,624	0	\$0
Lake Helen	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
New Smyrna Beach	24	\$23,309,102	30	\$20,888,417	1	\$755,726	5	\$6,135,792	4	\$38,190,773
Oak Hill	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Orange City	4	\$2,287,747	1	\$293,000	0	\$0	2	\$19,689,800	0	\$0
Ormond Beach	3	\$1,826,662	5	\$18,615,680	1	\$5,000,000	2	\$615,000	2	\$2,309,000
Pierson	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Ponce Inlet	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Port Orange	0	\$0	7	\$16,070,010	3	\$8,612,620	0	\$0	9	\$1,935,065
South Daytona	1	\$850,000	1	\$1,600,000	1	\$1,600,000	0	\$0	0	\$0
Unincorporated	1	\$475,000	2	\$4,321,938	2	\$6,250,000	1	\$9,907,363	2	\$13,278,603
Totals for Quarter	91	\$65,489,308	112	\$193,245,315	22	\$46,868,542	36	\$62,873,292	33	\$139,603,144

Source: City and County permit offices reporting new construction activity.

Volusia County Commercial New Construction Building Permit 5-Year Trend

Permit Value (millions)



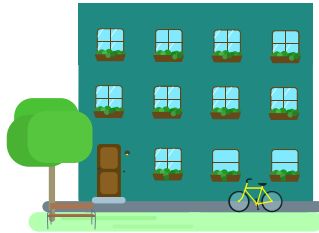
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Q1 2026 Sector Highlights - New Commercial Construction

Municipal
\$42.2M



Multi-Family Housing
\$30.3M



Leisure & Hospitality
\$22.7M



Warehousing & Logistics
\$19.5M



Storage/ Retail/Other Services
\$14.3M



Aviation & Aerospace
\$3.6M

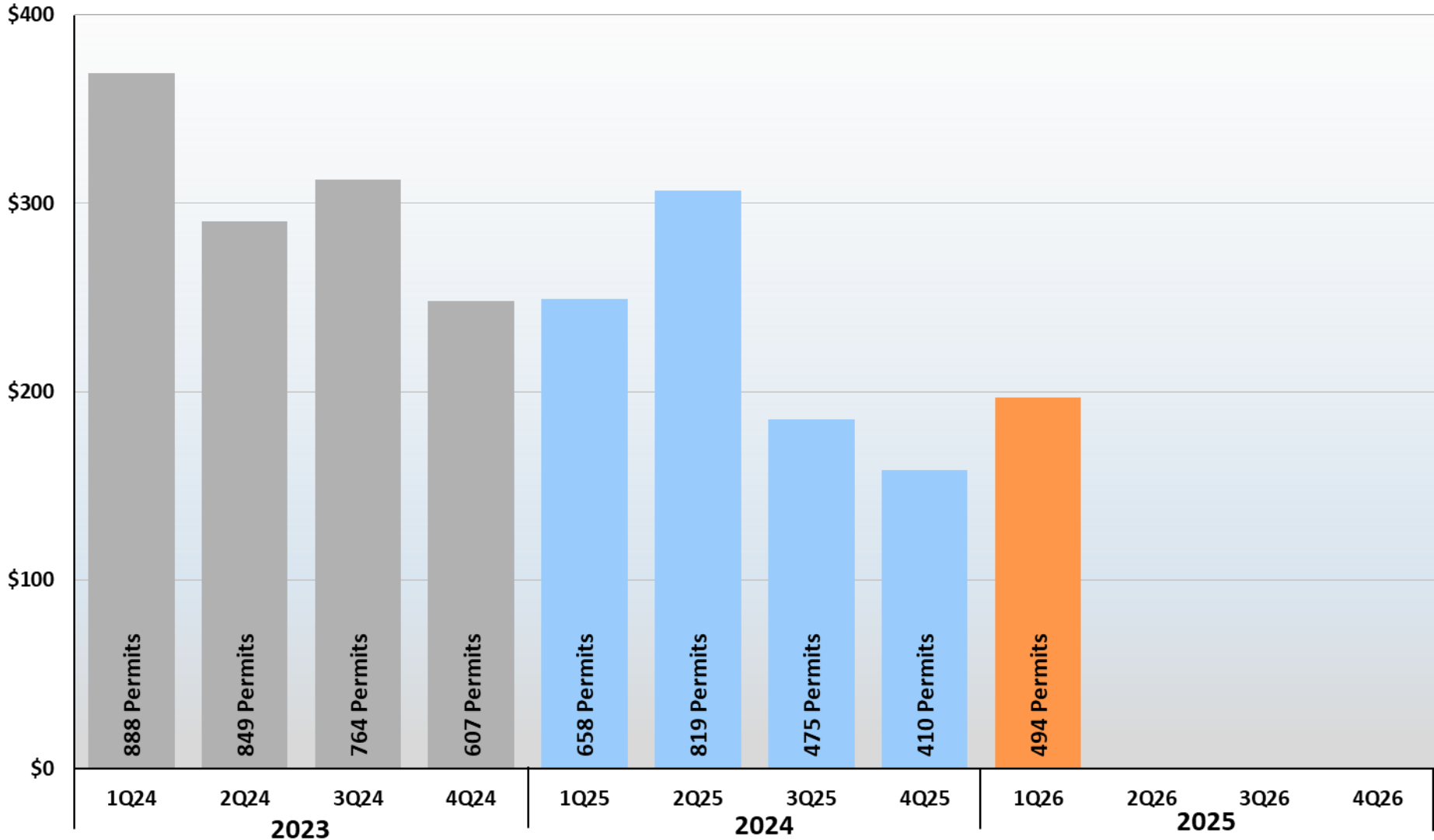


Healthcare
\$3.3M



Volusia County Residential New Construction Building Permits

Permit Value (millions)



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Volusia County Residential New Construction Building Permits

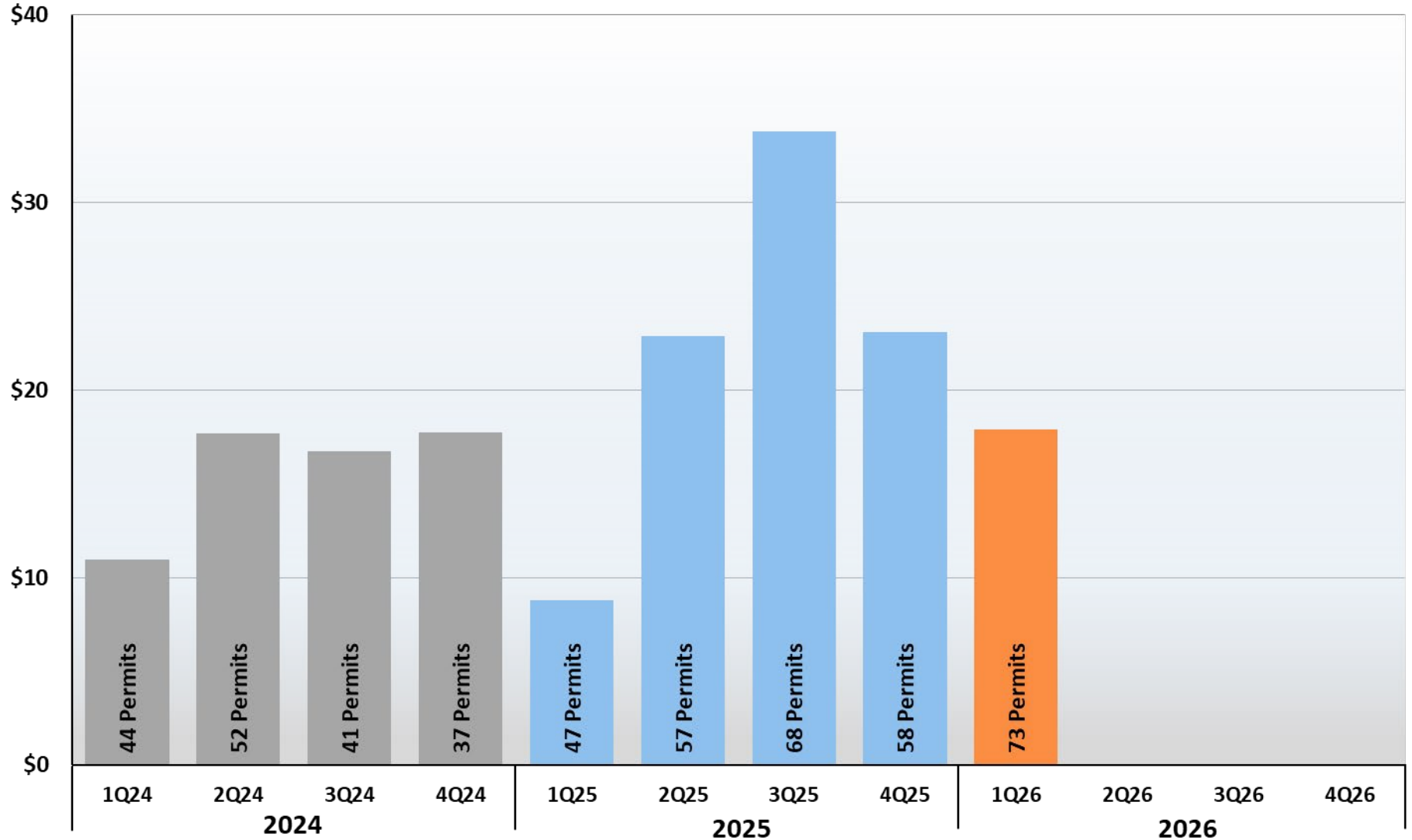


MUNICIPALITIES	1Q 2025 Permits	1Q 2025 \$ Value	2Q 2025 Permits	2Q 2025 \$ Value	3Q 2025 Permits	3Q 2025 \$ Value	4Q 2025 Permits	4Q 2025 \$ Value	1Q 2026 Permits	1Q 2026 \$ Value
Daytona Beach	166	\$48,229,434	281	\$88,778,562	46	\$18,954,432	39	\$17,811,322	89	\$31,273,989
Daytona Beach Shores	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
DeBary	72	\$30,673,109	47	\$18,325,054	68	\$24,956,462	46	\$17,233,431	23	\$6,527,601
DeLand	85	\$33,938,195	98	\$40,238,858	72	\$32,616,922	25	\$10,311,758	74	\$31,596,596
Deltona	22	\$8,766,309	24	\$9,589,642	28	\$11,215,675	27	\$9,991,773	43	\$16,758,030
Edgewater	53	\$22,563,733	70	\$27,303,740	14	\$6,380,736	36	\$13,580,695	28	\$11,172,188
Holly Hill	7	\$957,170	6	\$672,360	16	\$1,792,960	15	\$1,860,720	8	\$930,360
Lake Helen	4	\$2,268,132	0	\$0	5	\$1,926,891	1	\$391,011	2	\$728,535
New Smyrna Beach	68	\$21,182,109	80	\$28,331,307	33	\$10,910,556	40	\$12,464,915	27	\$9,329,207
Oak Hill	1	\$350,000	7	\$2,205,950	2	\$551,040	0	\$0	1	\$675,000
Orange City	7	\$2,264,328	27	\$7,946,081	14	\$3,093,425	6	\$1,281,533	3	\$723,362
Ormond Beach	86	\$39,399,016	84	\$37,031,964	60	\$23,182,879	62	\$25,365,399	77	\$36,044,645
Pierson	2	\$1,200,000	1	\$175,000	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$180,000
Ponce Inlet	0	\$0	1	\$778,000	4	\$3,928,891	1	\$1,100,000	1	\$811,100
Port Orange	13	\$7,401,593	28	\$15,043,900	12	\$6,357,688	7	\$4,457,880	30	\$13,464,585
South Daytona	6	\$539,901	8	\$825,365	8	\$700,000	0	\$0	6	\$2,195,452
Unincorporated	66	\$29,217,835	57	\$29,280,451	93	\$38,589,880	105	\$42,414,511	81	\$34,307,611
Totals for Quarter	658	\$248,950,864	819	\$306,526,234	475	\$185,158,437	410	\$158,264,948	494	\$196,718,262

Source: City and County permit offices reporting new construction activity.

Volusia County Commercial Redevelopment Permits

Permit Value (millions)



Note: Only redevelopment permits valued at \$10,000 or higher are shown.

Source: City and County permit offices reporting redevelopment activity.

Volusia County Commercial Redevelopment Permits

MUNICIPALITIES	1Q 2025 Permits	1Q 2025 \$ Value	2Q 2025 Permits	2Q 2025 \$ Value	3Q 2025 Permits	3Q 2025 \$ Value	4Q 2025 Permits	4Q 2025 \$ Value	1Q 2026 Permits	1Q 2026 \$ Value
Daytona Beach	8	\$2,340,779	4	\$2,886,175	5	\$632,473	7	\$4,134,998	10	\$8,733,386
Daytona Beach Shores	0	\$0	1	\$196,000	2	\$168,800	0	\$0	1	\$810,000
DeBary	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
DeLand	11	\$3,484,358	24	\$10,907,956	17	\$8,983,917	11	\$4,603,517	15	\$2,092,490
Deltona	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Edgewater	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Holly Hill	4	\$327,000	0	\$0	1	\$4,750,000	4	\$183,500	5	\$254,210
Lake Helen	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
New Smyrna Beach	15	\$1,952,711	14	\$2,795,520	18	\$4,165,267	20	\$7,197,669	24	\$3,042,762
Oak Hill	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Orange City	0	\$0	0	\$0	8	\$2,451,787	7	\$4,831,090	7	\$1,687,416
Ormond Beach	7	\$504,529	13	\$5,803,040	16	\$12,418,204	9	\$2,131,128	8	\$1,046,579
Pierson	0	\$0	1	\$267,597	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Ponce Inlet	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Port Orange	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
South Daytona	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Unincorporated	2	\$166,173	0	\$0	1	\$198,951	0	\$0	3	\$251,798
Totals for Quarter	47	\$8,775,550	57	\$22,856,288	68	\$33,769,399	58	\$23,081,902	73	\$17,918,641

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Source: City and County permit offices reporting redevelopment activity.

VOLUSIA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



It's our business to help your business grow.

Volusia County Economic Development is a free resource available to businesses in Volusia County needing assistance with business planning in the areas of:

- Top line revenue growth
- Hiring and training
- Financing/loan opportunities
- Product/facility improvements
- Supply chain issues

The Division specializes in assisting manufacturing and knowledge-based companies with high growth potential that require capital investment (i.e. corporate headquarters, research and development facilities, etc.) and are in targeted industries such as aviation and aerospace, clean tech, financial/professional services, homeland security/defense, infotech, and life sciences.

The division is a partner with Volusia County's municipalities, educational institutions, chambers of commerce, and economic development stakeholders to promote the growth of new jobs in their communities.

Call our office or visit our website **FloridaBusiness.org** for detailed information about available services.

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