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City of Houston building permits totaled \$543.4 million in August '18, up 26.3 percent from \$430.4 million in August '17, according to the latest data released by the city's Public Works Department.

Two projects of note that were permitted in August:

- [River Oaks Baptist School](#) (\$50.0 million permit value), a 4-story, 160,000 square feet middle school, designed by Houston-based Jackson & Ryan Architects.
- [Hilton Garden Inn/Home2](#) (\$35.5 million permit value), a 10-story, 294-room, dual-branded hotel in the Texas Medical Center, in partnership with the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center.

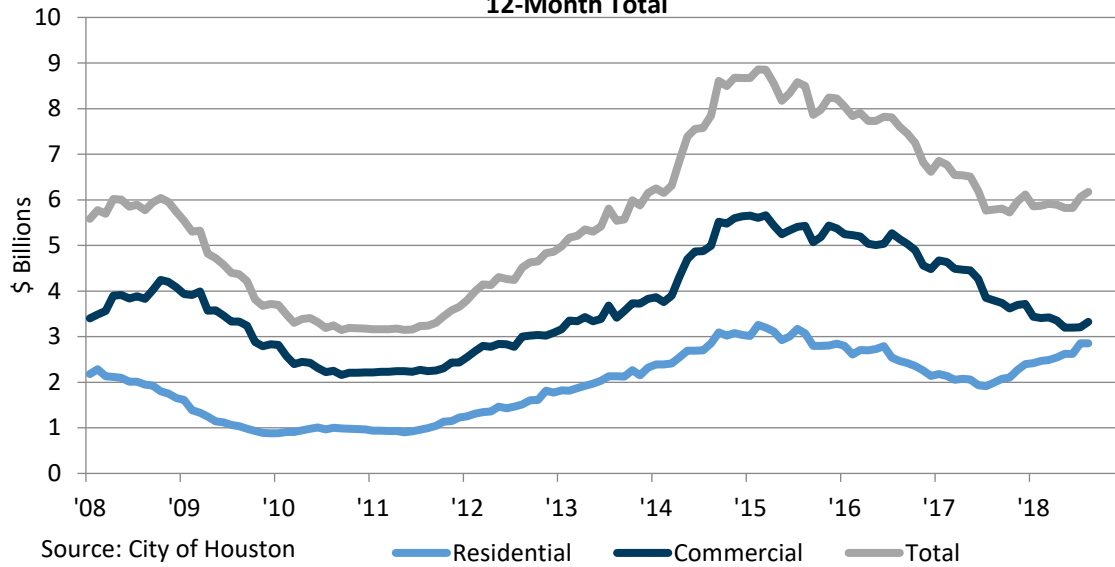
Through August of this year, city building permits totaled \$4.1 billion, up 1.5 percent from \$4.0 billion over the same period in '17.

- YTD nonresidential construction slipped 15.4 percent, from \$2.6 billion in '17 to \$2.2 billion in '18.
- YTD residential construction has climbed 31.3 percent, from \$1.5 billion in '17 to \$1.9 in '18.

For the 12 months ending August '18, city permits totaled \$6.2 billion, up 6.8 percent from \$5.8 billion in the 12 months ending August '17.

- Commercial permit values fell 12.5 percent to \$3.3 billion. The drop in commercial construction reflects the slowdown in office construction.
- Residential permit values rose 43.5 percent to \$2.9 billion. The jump reflects an increase in multifamily construction and repair work due to Hurricane Harvey.

CITY OF HOUSTON BUILDING PERMIT VALUE
12-Month Total



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