

2017 Residential Construction and Growth

In 2017, Blaine issued 327 residential permits which placed it 3rd among metro area cities, behind Lakeville and Plymouth. A total of 375 units were permitted in 2017. This was a drop from 581 units in 2016, however two large apartment buildings in 2016 accounted for the high number of units. This number could increase in 2018 again with several multi-family projects in various stages of approval. Blaine ranked tenth, for total units permitted in the Metro Area in 2017. The top three were Lakeville, Eagan and Apple Valley. Other suburban communities have seen high unit counts because of senior and apartment housing being built.

Blaine also saw an increase in single family home permits. A total of 326 single family permits were issued, up from 320 in 2016. The overall single family valuation in 2017 was \$93,423,052 with an average permit value of \$285,697. With the residential growth, Blaine is now the largest city in Anoka County with over 64,000 residents.

Blaine celebrated the opening of the Parkway Off Central in August. This 192 unit market rate apartment located at 9436 Ulysses St. was one of two apartments completed in Blaine in 2017. The other was Emberwood Apartments at 125th Ave. and Highway 65. The Anoka County Community Action Program (ACCAP) also completed 30 rental townhome units at the northeast corner of 109th and University Ave. These units are income restricted for those making 80% of the area median income.

