

## **Building Permits**

The number of family dwellings built and their value is also an indicator of economic activity. The number of building permits issued for year-round family dwellings and their value is detailed in the following table, which also includes the total number of building permits and their value. The 1990's have seen a second boom in building comparable to the boom experienced during the 1970's.

Many family dwellings have been built by the semi-retired and retired people moving into the area. Quite a number are being built as a seasonal home now by people working in other areas who plan on using it later for their retirement. A number of resorts are also being subdivided each year and sold as individual units. Some are being converted to condominiums. Many subdivisions are springing up around the county for development of one and two-family residences and vacation homes. Many of these are now being located off water.

The Vilas County Zoning Department administers the Vilas County General Zoning Ordinance & Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, Sanitary Ordinance and Subdivision Control Ordinance. The City of Eagle River administers its own zoning ordinance. In many cases local towns also have zoning restrictions that may be more stringent than those of the county. A county permit is required for the following items - bulldozing, grading, filling of land, altering a building, building, altering a sanitary system and moving a building. As this is not a complete list, the Vilas County Zoning Office should be contacted for further information.

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. Of Permits For Single Family Dwellings</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>No. Of Permits For Multiple Family Dwellings</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Total Number Of Permits Issued</b>	<b>Value</b>
1970	257	\$3,633,652	NA	NA	1,380	\$6,015,397
1980	230	\$7,604,076	NA	NA	1,922	\$13,551,831
1990	227	\$11,890,060	0	0	1,102	\$20,801,615
1995	374	\$28,547,920	12	5,905,000	2,049	\$54,450,665
1996	368	\$28,664,919	1	550,000	1,988	\$52,148,641
1997	282	\$23,532,690	6	2,850,000	1,874	\$56,061,602
1998	356	\$34,799,255	5	1,167,000	2,018	\$57,193,074
1999	379	\$40,911,000	11	1,696,000	2,358	\$70,092,730
2000	350	\$86,742,840	21	4,207,900	3,150	\$65,605,557
2001	358	\$43,006,907	16	2,097,000	3,548	\$71,802,033
2002	318	\$42,680,138	5	405,000	3,199	\$68,572,737

SOURCE: 1990 Vilas County Economic Indicator Report; Vilas County Zoning Office Annual Reports for 1991 thru 2002