

Allentown building permits, September 28–October 4, 2026

Public notice. Allentown’s public permit map service lists 68 building permits with an issue date from September 28, 2026, through October 4, 2026. The newest issue date in that set is October 2, 2026.

Of those 68 records, 51 are tagged residential and 17 are tagged commercial. That mix matters for Lehigh County readers: most of the week’s activity sits on houses and small residential work, with a smaller commercial slice that still moves downtown storefronts, offices, and job sites.

By postal code — a rough neighborhood map, not a ward roll call — 18102 led with 24 permits, followed by 18103 (18), 18104 (13), 18109 (9), and downtown-leaning 18101 (4). North-central and south/southeast ZIP codes carried more of the week’s permits than the East Side or Center City rows.

Status on the layer was mostly Issued (66), with 2 marked Complete. Weekday issue volume ran from 11 to 18 permits a day between September 28 and October 2; the weekend days inside the window did not add issue dates in this pull.

Allentown building permits are how the city records work that needs inspection — renovations, additions, new construction, and commercial fit-outs. A week with nearly seventy issued building rows is a real pulse for a mid-size Pennsylvania city, even when the public layer does not print every contractor name on this page.

For neighbors in the Lehigh Valley, the practical read is simple: residential tags point to household work and housing turnover; commercial tags point to business build-outs and property investment. ZIP clusters hint where scaffolding and dumpsters are more likely to show up next, without naming a street.

What the count covers

This notice uses Allentown’s EnerGov building-permits map layer for issue dates in the stated window. Every row in this pull is typed as Building; the residential-versus-commercial split comes from the WORKCLASS field on that same public file.

It is a citywide Allentown count. It does not list a street address, a permit number, or a contractor on this page. Confirm any single permit on the city’s own copy before you rely on it.

Neighborhood color without street lists

Postal codes are the neighborhood signal available on this layer. 18102 and 18103 together account for 42 of the 68 permits — more than half the week. 18104 covers much of west and northwest Allentown; 18109 tracks east-side activity; 18101 is the smallest slice and leans toward the center of the city.

Those ZIP totals are geography, not a judgment about which ward is “busy.” City council wards and ZIP boundaries do not line up one-for-one. Use the city’s map if you need a parcel-level view.

Why it matters in Lehigh County

Allentown is Lehigh County’s largest city and the anchor of the /pa/lehigh hub on Notice Nearby. Permit volume is one of the few weekly public signals that housing work and commercial investment are still moving, even when newsrooms are thin.

Readers watching rents, downtown recovery, or neighborhood change can treat a 51-to-17 residential-to-commercial split as a baseline for this week — not a forecast. Compare it to later Filed Nearby pulls to see whether commercial work is rising or residential repairs are doing the heavy lifting.

Permit process in plain language

A building permit in Allentown generally means someone applied, plans or scopes were reviewed as required, fees were handled, and the city issued authority to proceed with inspected work. Issued is not the same as a final certificate of occupancy.

Residential tags often cover alterations, additions, and new dwellings. Commercial tags cover business interiors, mixed-use work, and other non-residential scopes. The public layer used for this notice labels those with WORKCLASS.

Inspectors still have to see the work. Neighbors who spot unfinished jobs can ask the city permit desk whether inspections remain open — this page will not show inspection checklists.

What is public — and what is not on this page

Allentown's map service can show more fields than we reprint. Notice Nearby's morning paper keeps street addresses off the page on purpose. The tradeoff is clarity at city scale: totals, work-class split, ZIP geography, and status.

Dollar amounts are not on this particular layer for the week's pull, so we do not invent project values. If you need valuation, ask the city or check whether a related record publishes cost elsewhere.

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How to read this notice

Start with the week total (68), then the work-class split, then the ZIP ranking. Status tells you most rows were already Issued rather than merely applied.

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