

Building Department Report – May 2026

For May 2026, building permit activity in Boardman and Morrow County–97818 decreased compared with May 2025. Combined permits sold for the two areas dropped from **59 permits in May 2025 to 31 permits in May 2026**, a decrease of **47.5%**. The largest decline occurred in Morrow County–97818, where permits fell from **32 to 8**, a decrease of **75.0%**. Boardman also saw a decrease, but it was smaller, with permits sold declining from **27 to 23**, or **14.8%**. Even with the decline, Boardman remained the main source of activity in May 2026, accounting for **23 of the 31** permits included in this review.

New home construction in Boardman remained active but was lower than the prior year, decreasing from **7 permits in May 2025 to 5 permits in May 2026**, a decline of **28.6%**. No manufactured placement permits were reported in May 2026 for either Boardman or Morrow County–97818, compared with **1** manufactured placement permit in Boardman in May 2025. Multi-family activity was unchanged, with **0** multi-family units reported in both areas for both May 2025 and May 2026. Overall, the data shows that May 2026 had noticeably lower permit activity than May 2025, driven primarily by the sharp reduction in the 97818 area.