

Oakland's Big Growth Comparatively Shown

List of Cities Which It Leads in the Value of Building Improvements During 1907 and 1908.

Our Association has on previous occasions referred to the fact that Oakland in the matter of building improvements has, for at least two years past, overshadowed a great number of far better known, and many of them more populous, cities, in the value of its building improvements, as officially reported. The statement has attracted widespread attention and has resulted in a demand from many quarters for a definite showing. In response to this demand we herewith submit the official record of building permits (from the Construction News, of Chicago), issued during the years 1907 and 1908, and the values they represent in Oakland proper and other cities and an approximate estimate of the values of similar improvements in the territory popularly described as Greater Oakland. Oakland proper, it should be remembered, does not cover an area of more than eighteen square miles; and the area of the territory comprised in what is popularly known as Greater Oakland is estimated roughly to contain fifty-eight square miles. Among the cities included in the subjoined list, which has been compiled from official records, and which Greater Oakland's biennial building improvements exceed in value, are such cities as Denver, Salt Lake City, and others whose area is vastly greater. Following is the list, the figures for Greater Oakland being estimated, for the reason that no official record of the value of building improvements in the city of Alameda and in Oakland's suburban settlements is kept:

	1908		1907	
	Permits.	Value.	Permits.	Value.
Greater Oakland (including Berkeley, Alameda, Piedmont and Fruitvale, 58 square miles).....	7264	\$12,500,000	8109	\$13,000,000
Washington	5167	11,425,274	4927	10,289,916
Detroit	3687	10,682,170	4981	14,226,300
Kansas City	3871	10,563,041	3943	9,711,922
Allegheny	3785	10,240,587	3783	12,593,003
Denver (89 square miles).....	2869	10,098,020	2290	6,251,129
Milwaukee	4137	10,028,758	3621	10,629,433
Minneapolis	5037	9,993,715	4960	10,006,485
Cleveland	6080	9,900,872	8374	15,888,407
Los Angeles (63 square miles).....	7371	9,931,372	7599	13,304,696
St. Paul	3244	7,625,638	2974	7,457,881
Buffalo	2788	6,747,000	3039	8,411,000
Newark	2101	6,520,634	2358	9,184,264
Cincinnati	3957	6,420,373	3543	12,650,082
Oakland (proper) (18 square miles).....	3614	6,320,562	4507	8,243,983
Spokane	2927	5,929,148	1870	5,783,670
New Orleans	5,744,261	...	4,710,063
Baltimore	2761	5,764,628	2837	6,382,397
Indianapolis	3052	5,656,630	3393	5,873,916
Rochester	1814	5,003,514	1726	6,752,615
Salt Lake City	1106	4,727,940	654	2,157,100
Omaha	1525	4,588,350	1500	4,533,083
Tacoma	2378	4,028,723	2106	3,781,805
Memphis	2518	3,210,558	2592	5,057,999
Worcester	1114	2,303,625	1031	3,088,116
Grand Rapids	1064	2,181,757	1188	2,100,168
Paterson	735	2,024,411	619	1,560,362
Toledo	977	1,957,908	1115	3,295,524
Terra Haute	381	1,284,026	555	1,311,230
Chattanooga	1921	1,159,320	1918	1,422,955
San Antonio	2755	2,382,315	2275	1,951,473
Dallas	1467	2,306,098	1612	2,843,468
Duluth	1235	2,658,036	1102	2,472,753
Birmingham	1123	2,560,754	1002	1,977,079
Lincoln	648	1,276,507	805	1,565,958
Wilkesbarre	535	1,657,986	651	2,486,861
Topeka	632	956,796	505	1,236,732
Mobile	374	831,569	425	1,285,112
Davenport	173	590,070	187	653,503
Pueblo	222	308,093	167	248,547
Cedar Rapids	327	1,323,700	261	1,175,550
Columbus	1098	3,400,273	2173	4,188,295

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