

## 2025 LAC Unincorporated Area – Fire Rebuilding Metric Descriptions

This dashboard tracks the permitting process for structures damaged or destroyed in the Eaton and Palisades fires across unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

Damage assessments for structures affected by wildfires follow the FIRESCOPE framework, which categorizes damage as follows:

- **Destroyed:** More than 50% of the structure is lost
- **Major Damage:** Damage 26%-50% of the structure
- **Minor Damage:** Damage to 10%-25% of the structure
- **Affected:** Damage to 1% - 9% of the structure
- **No Damage:** Less than 1% damage

### **Damaged/Destroyed Units**

**Damaged** units refer to units that were Yellow Tagged as a result of Safety Assessment inspections. Structures have been assessed and deemed safe for limited access, but certain areas are restricted due to safety concerns. Restricted areas may include parts of the structure that are structurally compromised (e.g., living room, garage, etc.) and areas with unstable structures.

**Destroyed** units refer to unit that were Red Tagged as a result of Safety Assessment inspections. Structures have been assessed and deemed uninhabitable due to severe damage or safety hazards resulting from the wildfire. The red tagged units shall not be entered or occupied.

**Units** refer to residential dwelling units and commercial structures that were damaged or destroyed, including Single-Family Residences (SFR), Multi-family Residences (MFR), Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), Accessory Structures, and non-residential structures.

### **Rebuild**

The rebuild process ensures that the new construction complies with current regulations and standards while replacing the damaged or destroyed structure. Rebuilds can be categorized as:

- **Like-for-Like Rebuilds:** Reconstruction that matches the original structure in size, location, and use, with allowances for minor modifications.
- **Custom Rebuilds:** Reconstruction potentially involves an increase in size, height, or use and is subject to more extensive reviews and approvals.

- **Zoning Review:** Evaluates a building or development proposal to verify that it aligns with zoning requirements.
- **Building Plan Review:** The technical review of full building plans to verify that the proposed construction complies with local, state and federal building codes.
- **Building Permits Issued:** Indicates that the submitted project plans have completed all required reviews (e.g. zoning, building, fire, public works), and the jurisdiction has formally approved the project, allowing physical construction to legally begin. This also includes repair permits that may not have required plan review.
- **Construction Completed:** Indicates the project has been built, passed all inspections and is ready for legal occupancy or use.



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## **Average Turnaround Time**

This is the average time it took from the time the County Recovery Application was received to the time the building permit was issued. Business days are calculated based on a 5-day work week excluding County observed Holidays. Note that permits such as repairs that do not require plan review are not included in this metric.

## **Temporary Housing**

Property owners planning to build temporary housing during renovations must get approval through the local permitting process to ensure legal compliance and safety.

- **Application Received:** These are the number of applications received under the County Recovery – Temporary Housing application type.
- **Units Approved:** These are the applications for temporary housing that have been approved and permits for utility connections issued.
- **Units Set Up:** These are the number of temporary housing units that have been placed on the site and utility connections made.

## **One-Stop-Center**

The One-Stop Permit Centers in Altadena and Calabasas are centralized hubs where property owners can access permitting, planning, and rebuilding services from each of the LA County permitting departments.