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Accessory Dwelling Unit Production Survey: January 1st – December 31st, 2025

This is a survey of Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) activity between January 1st and December 31st, 2025, to be completed by municipal building officials.

Pursuant to CMR 760 71.00, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities is requesting information from cities and towns about the number of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) applied for and permitted in the first half of 2025.

This information is necessary to track ADU uptake across the Commonwealth, assess the effects on cities and towns, and inform further changes in regulation or legislation that may be needed to remove barriers or address community impacts.

- Please complete this form based all ADUs applications submitted, regardless of whether they qualify as "protected use" ADUs under the Affordable Homes Act.
- Please include information only for applications submitted in calendar year 2025 (January 1 - December 31.) Do not include any information about applications received or decisions made prior to or after that period.
- Please complete this form before **January 16, 2026**.
- If you are the Building Commissioner or other lead building official for multiple municipalities, please complete this form once **per municipality**.

- Attached/internal ADUs are those that are contained within or connected to a preexisting dwelling unit on the property. Detached ADUs are their own structure or within another accessory/nonresidential structure (e.g., second floor of a standalone garage or barn).

Name (Required)

Name of the person completing the form.

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Title (Required)

Title of the person completing the form.

Building Department Assistant

Email Address (Required)

Email address we should use for follow-up or future communication.

Vclauson@chelmsfordma.gov

Municipality (Required)

Please start typing to select the municipality for which you are submitting data.

Chelmsford

How many applications have you received for Accessory Dwelling Unit building permits between January 1st, 2025 and December 31st, 2025? Please separately report

Applications: Detached

(Required)

7

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0.

Applications: Attached/Interior

(Required)

11

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0.

detached ADUs and attached/interior ADUs.

How many of these applications have been **rejected**?

**Rejected:
Detached**

(Required)

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0.

**Rejected:
Attached/Interior**

(Required)

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0.

How many of these applications have been **withdrawn**?

**Withdrawn:
Detached**

(Required)

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0.

**Withdrawn:
Attached/Interior**

(Required)

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0.

How many of these applications have been **approved**?

**Approved:
Detached**

(Required)

**Approved:
Attached/Interior**

(Required)

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0.

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How many of these applications (those you received between January 1st and December 31st, 2025) have resulted in a completed ADU that has received a Certificate of Occupancy?

C of O:
Detached

(Required)

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0.

C of O:
Attached/Interior

(Required)

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0.

Does your municipality have an ADU bylaw/ordinance? (Required)

- Yes, and it was last updated before the adoption of the Affordable Homes Act on August 6th, 2024.
- Yes, and it has been created or updated since the adoption of the Affordable Homes Act on August 6th, 2024 but not since the ADU regulations became fully effective on February 2nd, 2025.
- Yes, and it has been created or updated since the ADU regulations became fully effective on February 2nd, 2025.
- No, we do not have a bylaw or ordinance.

Not sure.

Please describe any obstacles (e.g. cost of construction, septic issues, etc) or enablers (e.g. clear local ADU bylaw, strong homebuilder partner, etc) that you believe have played a role in your municipality.

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Please describe any recommendations you'd like to offer for actions the Commonwealth could take to support the production of protected-use ADUs in your municipality.

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Please check this box if you would like to participate in a virtual focus group to discuss your experience with ADU permitting and additional actions the Commonwealth could take to promote the production of protected-use ADUs.

- I would like to participate in a virtual focus group on my experience with ADU permitting and potential state actions.

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