

North Central News

The Newsletter of the North Central WV Home Builders Association



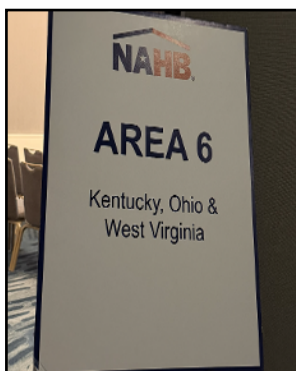
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NCWVHBA Brings Our Voice to Capitol Hill

Advocacy is one of the greatest benefits of NCWVHBA membership—and this June, our members proudly put that benefit into action during the 2026 NAHB Spring Leadership & Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

Joining more than 1,100 builders, remodelers, and housing professionals from across the country, NCWVHBA members participated in leadership meetings, educational sessions, and legislative briefings before taking our industry's message directly to Congress on Capitol Hill.

In more than 300 meetings with lawmakers, housing advocates urged support for policies that increase the supply of affordable, attainable housing. Key priorities included workforce development, sensible



immigration solutions, permitting reform, consumer energy choice, and legislation that helps make homeownership more accessible.

These conversations ensure lawmakers understand the real-world challenges our members face every day. From workforce shortages and rising construction costs to regulatory burdens, the experiences shared by builders from North Central West Virginia help shape policies that affect our businesses and communities.

NCWVHBA is proud of the members who represented our region and helped ensure the voice of West Virginia's residential construction industry was heard where it matters most. Together, we are building more than homes—we are building a stronger future for our industry.

WELCOME to our **newest** NCWVHBA Members:

Sylke Knuppel, **Kimley-Horn**

Steve Kauffman, **CN Metals, LLC**

Coty Thorne, **First United Bank & Trust**

NCWVHBA Membership Report

Our renewing members are the backbone of our Association... It is for that reason we would like to thank the following members for renewing:

Donna Burns, **First United Bank & Trust**

Randy Shaffer, **Impressive Homes**

Chad Kisamore, **Kisamore Enterprises, LLC**

Kimberly Rosenkrans, **Kitchens and Baths by Design**

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Alexander Barone, **United Security Agency**

Rocky Simmons, **Vision Homes**

Roch Manchin, **WCO Flooring America**

HUD Rescinds Energy Code Mandate

HUD and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced on May 1 that they are [rescinding a requirement](#) that imposed the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and ASHRAE 90.1-2019 as the minimum energy-efficiency standards for certain single-family and multifamily housing programs.

Since the rule was initially finalized under the Biden administration in 2024, NAHB has worked tirelessly on the legal, regulatory and legislative fronts to ensure HUD and USDA's 2021 IECC mandate is never implemented.

Latest Look at Remodeler Cost of Doing Business

BuilderBooks, NAHB's publishing arm, has released a new edition of its Remodelers' Cost of Doing Business Study, 2026 Edition, a national study of remodelers' business practices and financial performance.

[Remodelers' Cost of Doing Business Study](#), 2026 Edition is available for purchase at BuilderBooks.com Soft-cover/75 pages, \$149.95 retail, \$79.95 for NAHB members.

NAHB Applauds HUD for Local Best Practices Report

NAHB Chairman Bill Owens issued the following statement after HUD released its [State and Local Best Practices for Home Construction report](#): "NAHB commends HUD for implementing President Trump's March executive order to reduce barriers to new home construction. The State and Local Best Practices for Home Construction report provides state and local governments a practical framework for removing unnecessary regulations that drive up housing costs. Steps such as streamlining permits, lowering taxes on new construction, making more land available for housing, and adopting sensible, cost-effective building codes can help boost the nation's housing supply."

Multifamily Developer Confidence Holds Steady in Q1

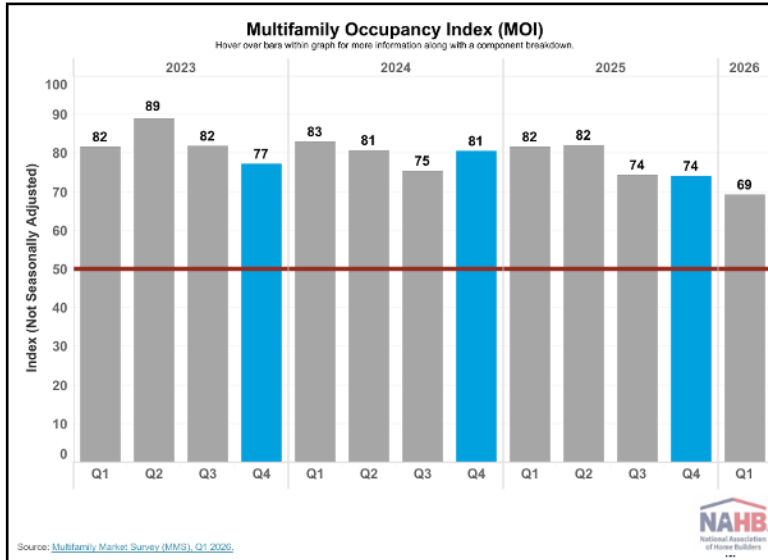
The [Multifamily Market Survey](#)

(MMS) released by NAHB in May produced mixed results for the first quarter of 2026.

The MMS produces two separate indices. The Multifamily Production Index (MPI) had a

reading of 44, unchanged year-over-year, while the Multifamily Occupancy Index (MOI) had a reading of 69, down 13 points year-over-year.

The MOI is a weighted average of three



built-for-rent market segments (garden/low-rise, mid/high-rise and subsidized). Although all three components declined year-over-year, they all remained above the break-even point of 50. The component measuring

garden/low-rise units fell 11 points to 71, the component measuring mid/high-rise units dropped 17 points to 59 and the component measuring subsidized units decreased nine points to 80.

NAHB Offers 2 New Credentials

Trust is vital in this competitive market, and to consumers, these credentials signify years of experience, commitment to industry best practices and knowledge validated by a national standard-setting organization.

NAHB's Certified Master Building Professional (CMBP) and Certified Master Remodeling Professional (CMRP) credentials are designed to set the most accomplished builders and remodelers apart from the rest.

[Learn more](#) about the CMBP and CMRP credentials, requirements and exams.

The Eisgarten

Congratulations to NCWVHBA Past President and Professional Women in Building (PWB) Chair Adelheid Schaupp on the successful grand opening of the Eisgarten! Through Empire 2000, Adelheid has built a reputation for transforming neglected properties into vibrant community destinations. The Eisgarten is another shining example of her vision, dedication, and commitment to revitalizing North Central West Virginia. We are proud to celebrate her latest accomplishment and grateful for her continued leadership within NCWVHBA.



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Calendar of Events

3rd QTR 2026 Community Service Project
Date/Location: TBD

9 Jul, Board of Directors Meeting
Location: NCWVHBA

No July General Membership Meeting

17 & 18 July, HBAWV Summer Meeting
Location: Stonewall Resort

July (date TBD) NCWVHBA Member Family
Appreciation Event

SAVE THE DATE

18 Sept, **Hard Hats & Horsepower**
Location: O.C. Cluss, Fairmont

16 Oct, Putts for Patients Golf Tournament
Location: Stonewall **Sign a Team up NOW**

23-24 Oct, HBAWV Annual Convention
Location: Chief Logan State Park



Open for Submission

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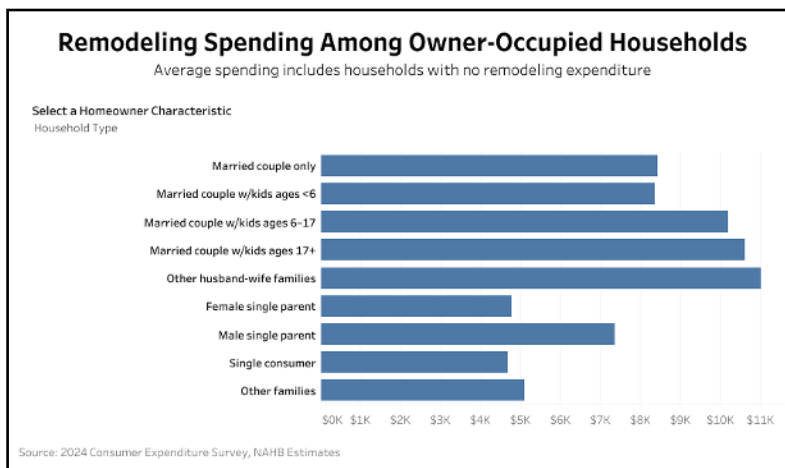
NAHB members **save an average of \$2,648**
on building materials.

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Which Households Are Driving Remodeling Spending?

With elevated mortgage rates and limited for-sale inventory making it harder to move, many homeowners are choosing to invest in the homes they already own.



expenditures

varied across household characteristics. For example, married-couple households remain the dominant force in remodeling, accounting for the majority of both

In 2024, an estimated \$670 billion was spent on remodeling projects, as roughly 20 million households (nearly one-quarter of owner-occupied homes) undertook home improvements ranging from large additions to smaller alterations and upgrades.

NAHB analysis of the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) reveals how these remodeling

the number of projects and the amount of spending.

Families with children, particularly those with kids ages 6-17, are investing heavily in larger-scale improvements like finished basements, kitchen upgrades, and home additions.

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