

Augusta-Richmond Planning Department

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

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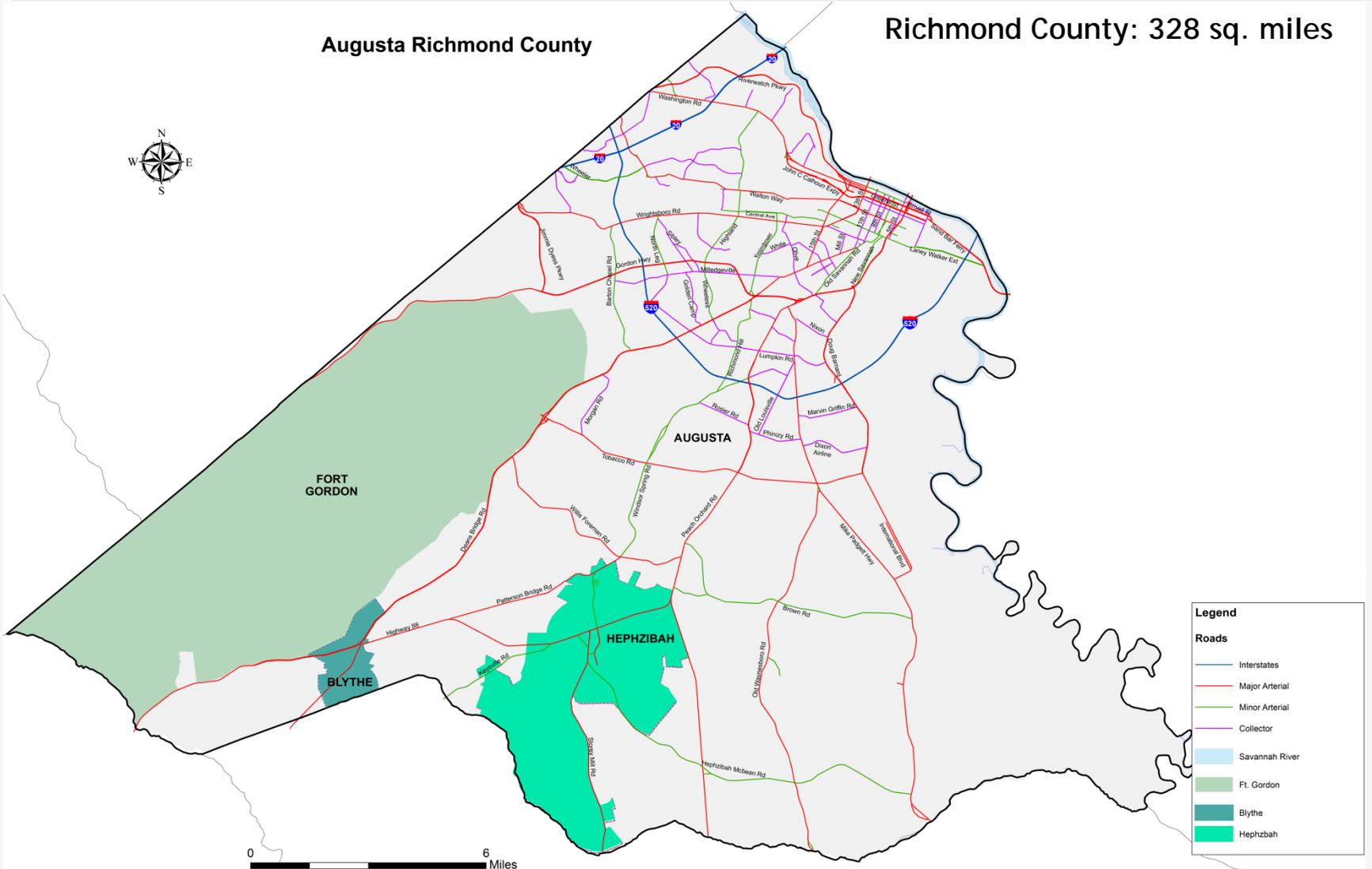
OVERVIEW

- Primary Responsibilities
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- Licensing and Permitting Division
 - Funds Collected
 - Number of Licenses and Permits
- Building Inspection and Code Enforcement
 - Number of Actions

OVERVIEW

Augusta Richmond County

Richmond County: 328 sq. miles



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Legend

Roads

- Interstates
- Major Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Collector

Savannah River

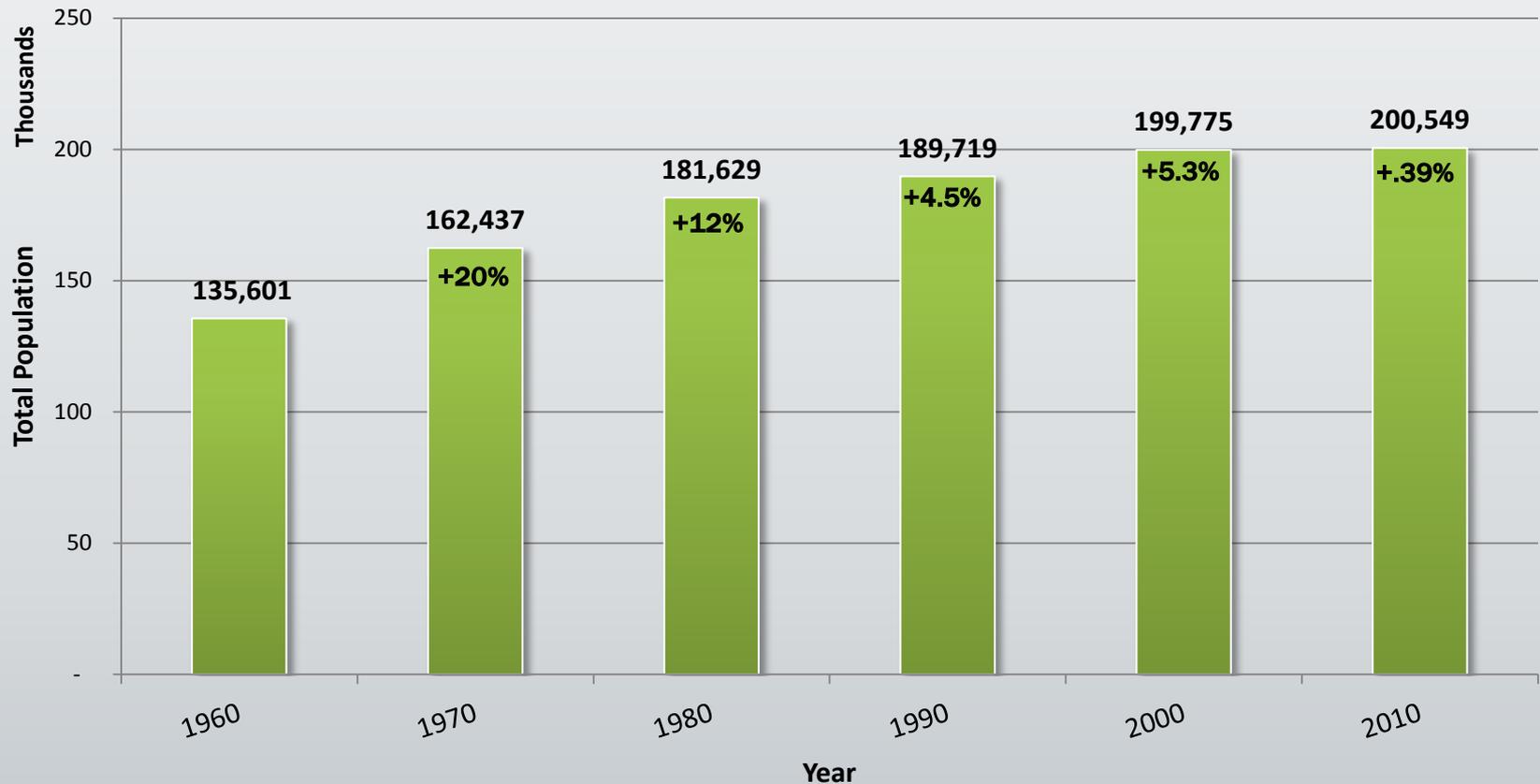
Ft. Gordon

Blythe

Hephzibah

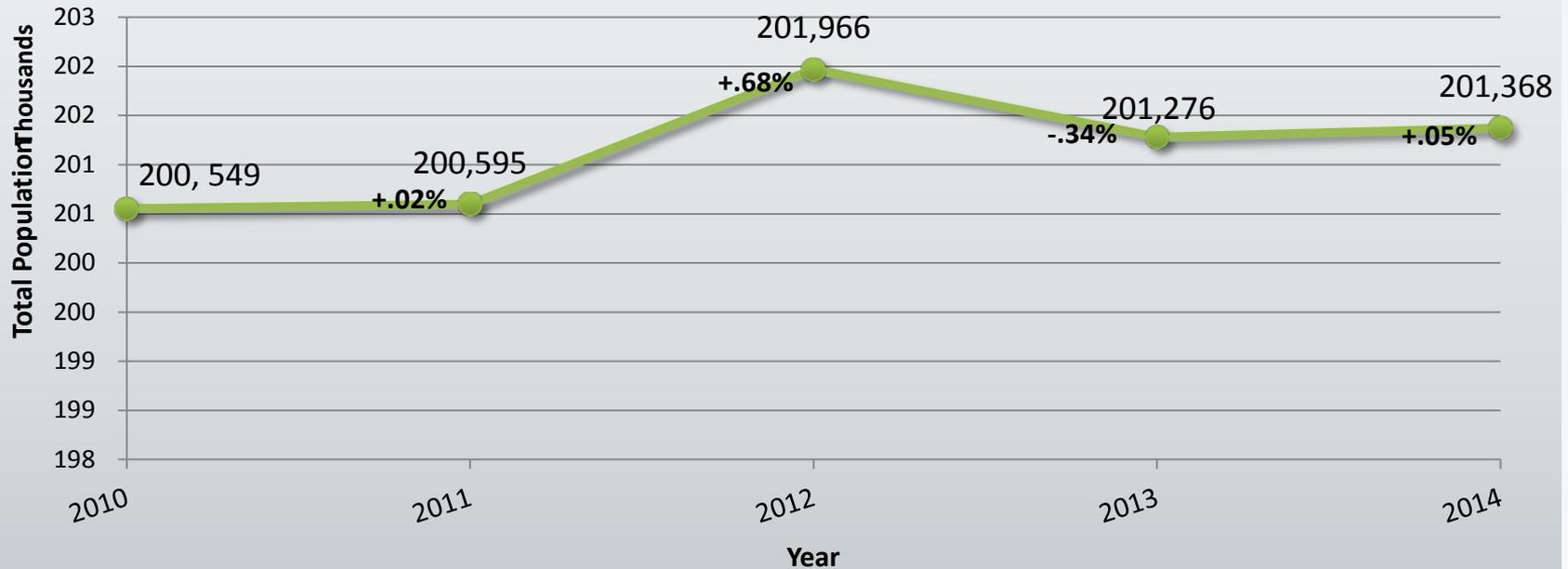
POPULATION GROWTH BY DECADE

Richmond County Population 1960-2010 US Decennial Census



POPULATION GROWTH SINCE 2010

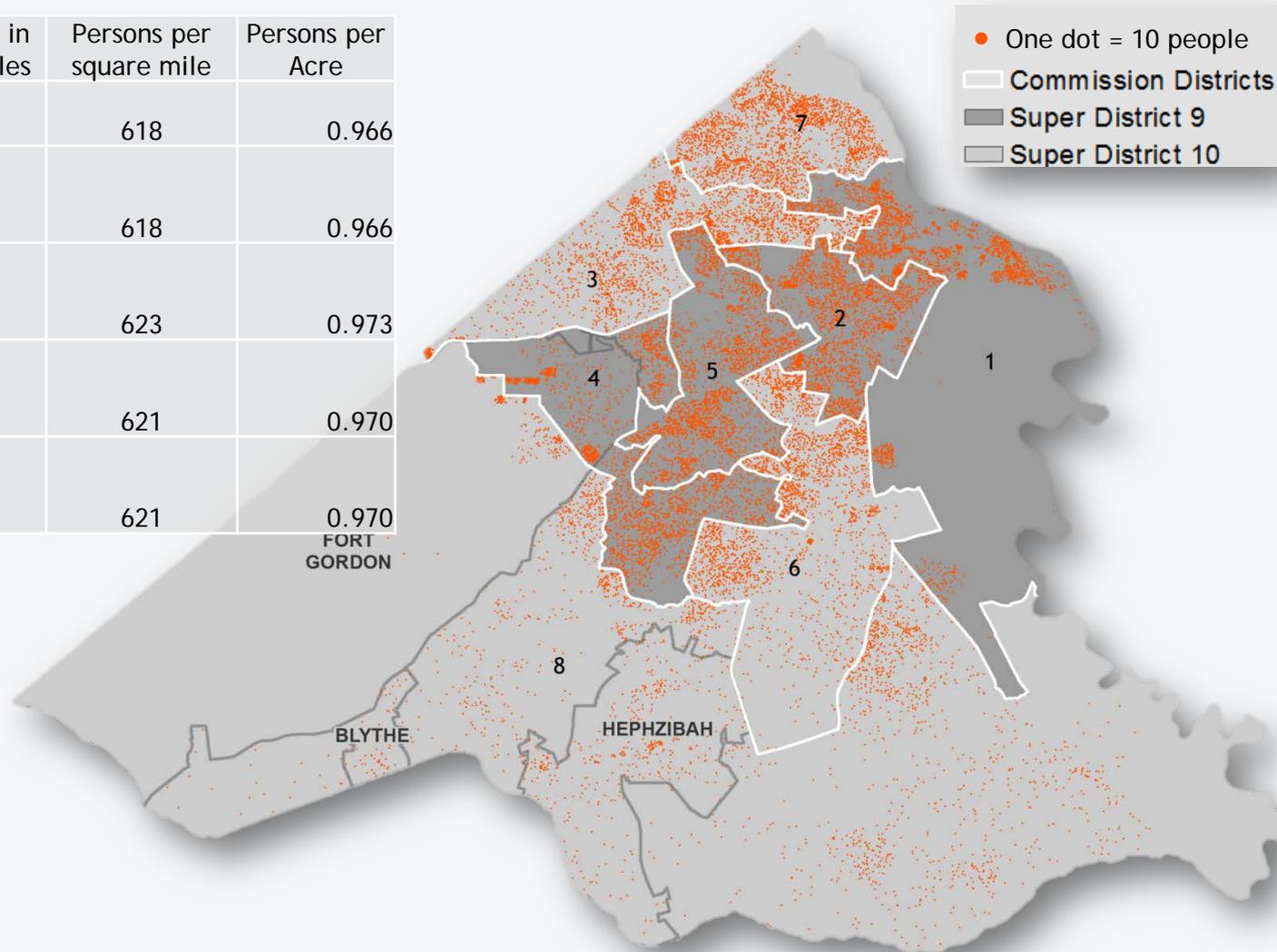
Richmond County Population 2010-2014
US Census Annual Population Estimates



| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Richmond County Total | 200,549 | 200,595 | 201,966 | 201,276 | 201,368 |
| Augusta-Richmond County Consolidated | 195,844 | 195,913 | 197,270 | 196,614 | 196,741 |
| Hephzibah | 4,011 | 3,990 | 4,004 | 3,978 | 3,949 |
| Blythe (Richmond County) | 694 | 692 | 692 | 684 | 678 |

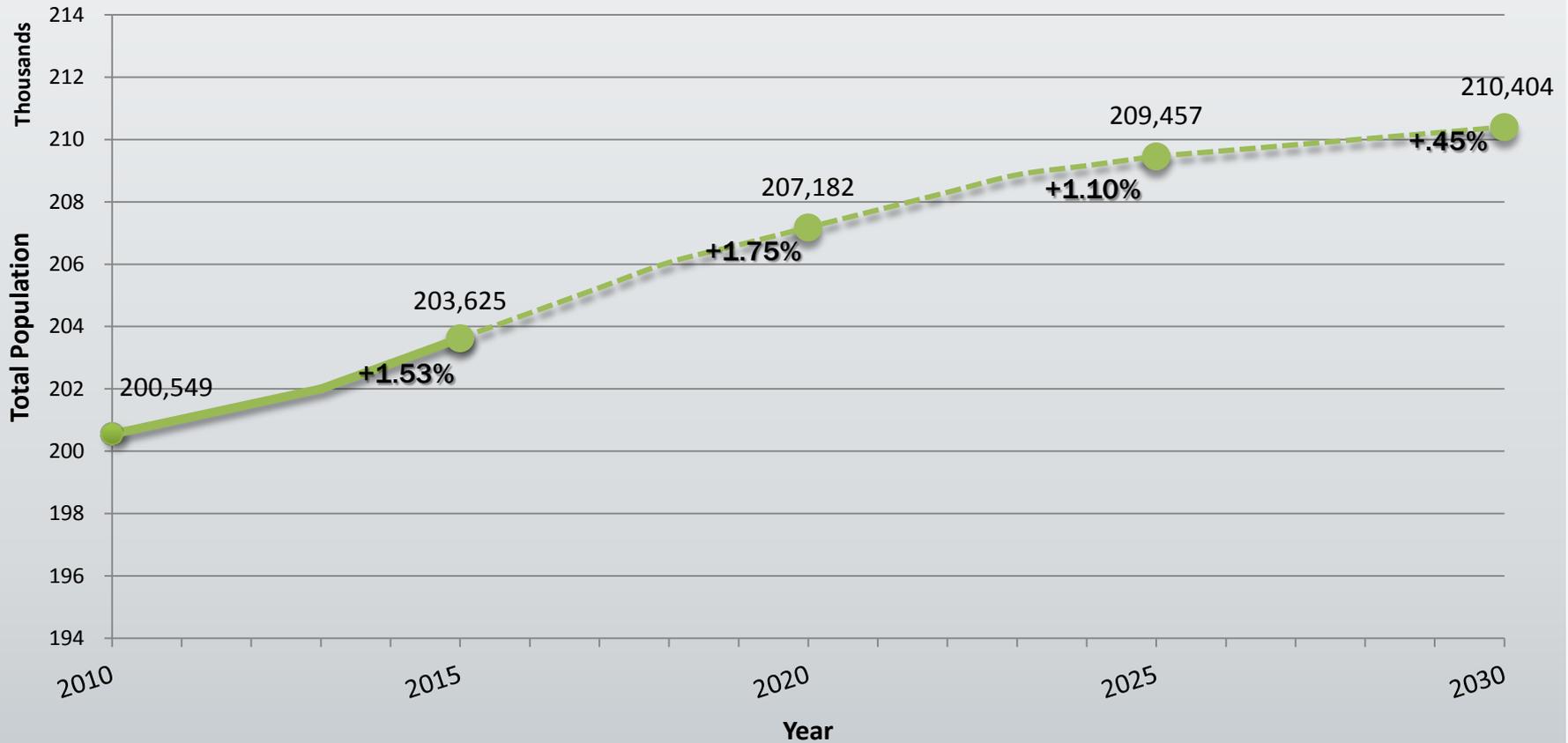
POPULATION DENSITY

| Year | Population | Land area in square miles | Persons per square mile | Persons per Acre |
|------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 2010 | 200,549 | 324 | 618 | 0.966 |
| 2011 | 200,595 | 324 | 618 | 0.966 |
| 2012 | 201,966 | 324 | 623 | 0.973 |
| 2013 | 201,276 | 324 | 621 | 0.970 |
| 2014 | 201,368 | 324 | 621 | 0.970 |



POPULATION GROWTH PROJECTIONS

Richmond County Population Projections to 2030
Georgia Office of Planning and Budget (OPB)



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

1 Planning / ARTS MPO

Comprehensive Planning – Development, maintenance, and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning – The Department administers the local Zoning Ordinance to ensure that land uses are compatible with each other and as a tool in implementing the Comprehensive Plan.

Environmental Regulations – The Department administers various regulatory programs such as the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, the Soil Erosion Ordinance, Tree Ordinance, Service Delivery Strategy, Historic Preservation Ordinance, Air Quality as related to transportation conformity, and Title V of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

Development Administration – The Department is the clearinghouse for review and approval of all land development projects.

ARTS MPO (Augusta Regional Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization) – The Department is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the designated recipient of all federal transportation funding for the Augusta Metropolitan Area. The Department maintains a comprehensive transportation planning program for the entire metropolitan area. Develop and maintain the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); conduct grant review of transportation projects and public outreach.



2 Licensing and Permitting



Building Permits and Compliance – The Department is responsible for commercial, residential, and rough and final building plan reviews and permits.

Business Licenses – The Department issues all types of business licenses and collects occupation taxes.

Alcohol Licenses – The Department issues permits for alcohol consumption on premises, retail packaging, and one day events.

3 Building Inspections and Plan Review



Building Inspections and Plan Review – The Department is responsible for commercial, residential, and rough and final building plan reviews and permits.

- Plan Review
- Site Review
- Rough and Final Inspection
- Signs

4 Unified Code Enforcement Inspection Team



Code Enforcement – The Department administers property maintenance and housing codes, zoning violations, environmental issues, nuisances, and lot ordinances.

- Code Compliance
- Zoning Compliance
- Environmental Issues
- Minimum Housing

VISION + VALUES

PLANNING

- Establishes shared community vision
- Defines other common goals and objectives
 - Provides our policy foundation
- Creates a more predictable future for investment

LICENSE AND PERMITTING

- Permitting and inspections:
- Streamlined reviews
- Consistency at counter and in field

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Planning and permitting
- Sets the stage for clear regulations and tools
- Predictable permitting processes

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

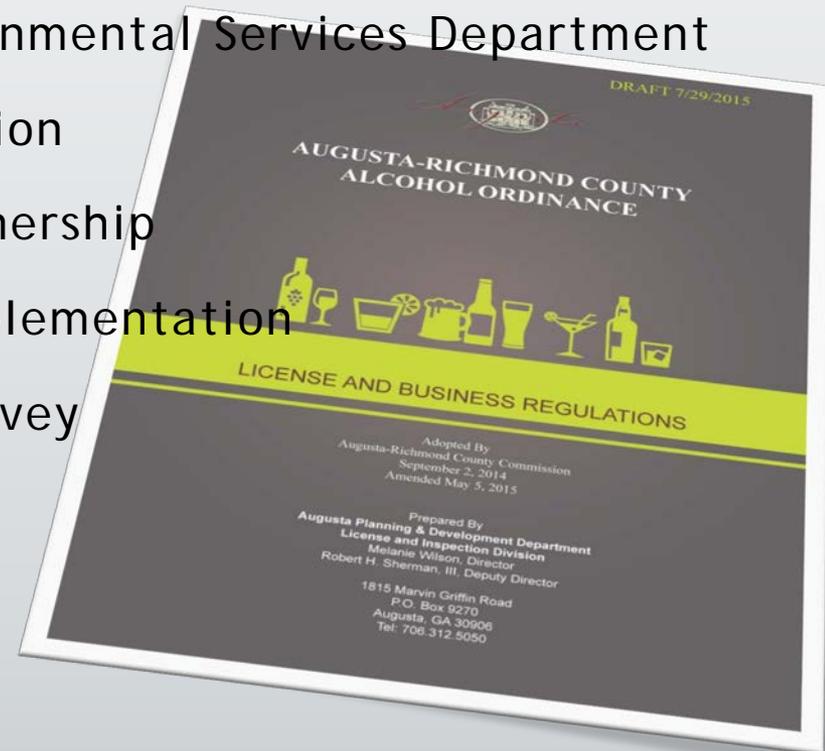
- Inspections and planning:
- Inspectors first-hand field knowledge informs planning
 - Electronic submittals
 - All inspectors certified

- ❑ Provide the community with a sense of certainty and predictability.
- ❑ Identify both the short-term and long-range impacts of planning decisions.
- ❑ Identify the cumulative effects of individual decisions on the physical, economic and social environment.
- ❑ Continual self-development to improve our skills and effectiveness.
- ❑ Partnerships are our approach.
- ❑ Integrity is our standard.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Licensing, Code Enforcement, Building Inspection:

- Alcohol Ordinance Amendments
- Demolition Partnership with Environmental Services Department
- Reorganized Business License Division
- Neighborhood Special Project Partnership
- Personal Care Home Ordinance Implementation
- Implemented Customer Service Survey
- Implemented Online Permitting



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ordinance Updates:

- Personal Care Homes
- Bicycle Parking
- Compact Car Parking
- Free Standing Sign Ordinance in Professional/Commercial Zones
- Crematoriums and Hours of Operation
- Reduced Special Setback on a Portion of Pleasant Home Road



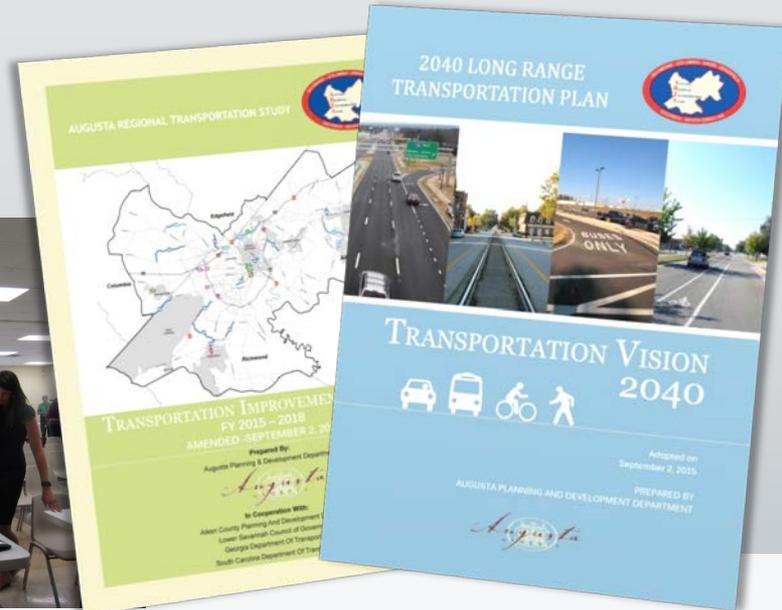
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Planning:

- ☐ Streamlined Historic Preservation COA application process

Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) MPO:

- ☐ Transportation Vision 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan
- ☐ Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- ☐ Title VI Program - Environmental Justice



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Administrative:

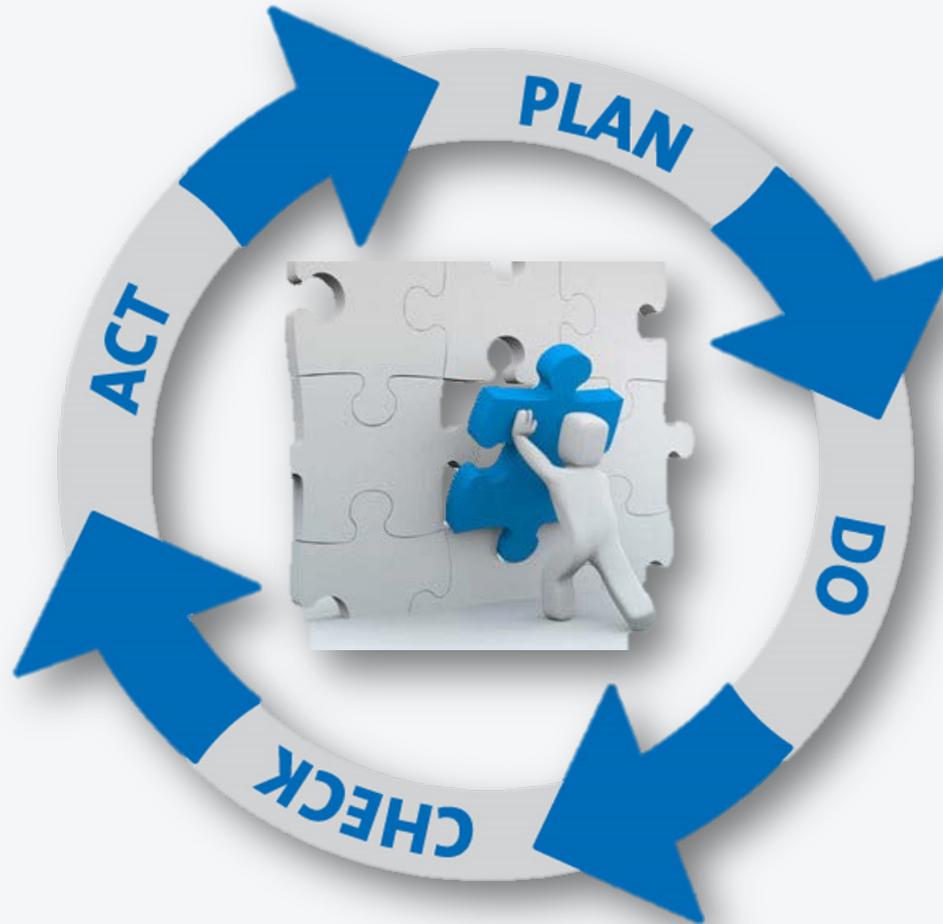
- Updated Department's Website
- Secured Additional Funding from FHWA
- Customer Service Training for Department
- Sixteen (16) Staff Became Certified in the Following:
 - Certified Accessibility Inspector / Plans Examiner
 - Certified Residential Electrical Inspector
 - Certified GSWCC Level IB Inspector
 - Certified Residential Building Inspector
 - Certified Residential Electrical Inspector
 - Certified Residential Plumbing Inspector



PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- Pipeline Emergency Response
- Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Course
- Herpetology Course @ Doctors Hospital
- Department Safety Officer
- Certified International Residential Code Inspector
- Americans with Disabilities Act Training
- Business Writing
- Plan Review
- Planning and Zoning 101
- GIS Augusta Maps
- Defensive Driving
- Administration Course
- Supervisor Training
- Communication for Women
- Team Building
- Erosion and Sedimentation
- Beginning Excel
- Georgia Association Code Enforcement: Hoarding and Mobile Homes
- Forensic Investigation of Elder Abuse/At Risk Adult Crime Tactic
- Substance Abuse

PLANNING



PLANNING BOARDS

Provide Technical and Advisory Support to:

- Augusta Commission
- Augusta Planning Commission
- Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)
- Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
- Tree Commission
- Riverfront Review Board
- Construction Advisory Board
- Public Services Committee
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (ARTS)
 - Columbia
 - Richmond
 - Aiken
 - Edgefield

PLANNING BOARDS - ARTS/MPO



AUGUSTA PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT DEPT.

MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
Elected and Appointed Officials
State and Local

SOUTH CAROLINA POLICY
SUBCOMMITTEE
Local Elected Officials
Appointed Officials

TECHNICAL COORDINATING
COMMITTEE
(State and Local)
Planners and Engineers

CITIZENS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
Citizens from the
study area

PLANNING BOARDS - ARTS/MPO



What does ARTS do?

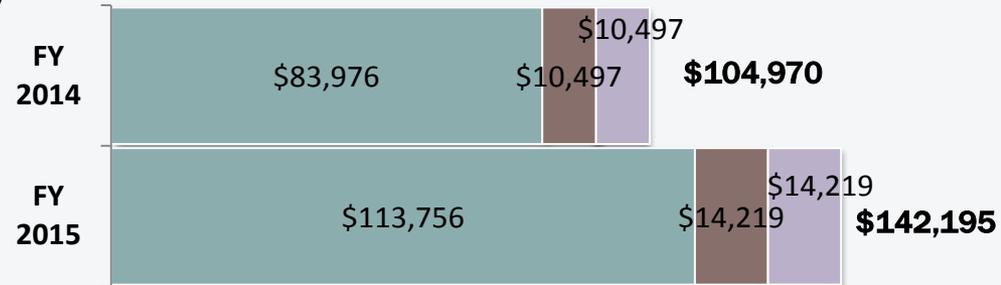
- Develops and implements the regional transportation planning process.
- Identify and evaluate alternative transportation improvement options.
- Prepare and maintain a long-range transportation plan (LRTP).
- Develop a transportation improvement program (TIP).
- Involve the public and other stakeholders in the transportation planning process.



Metropolitan Planning Organization Grants (FHWA and FTA) 2014 & 2015

Federal Transit Administration (GA)

- 80% Federal Transit Administration
- 10% Georgia State Match
- 10% Local Match (in kind services)



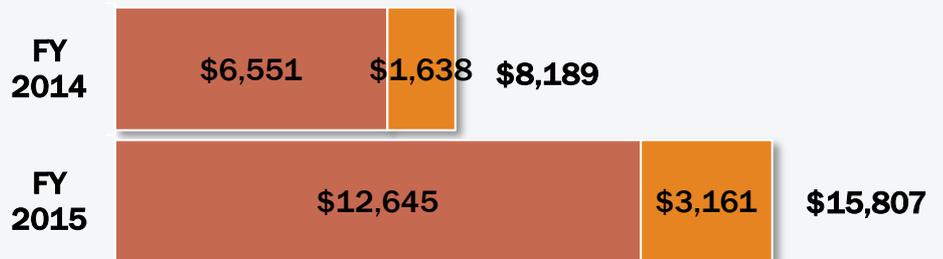
Georgia PL Funds

- 80% Georgia & FHWA Planning Funds
- 20% Local Match (in kind services)

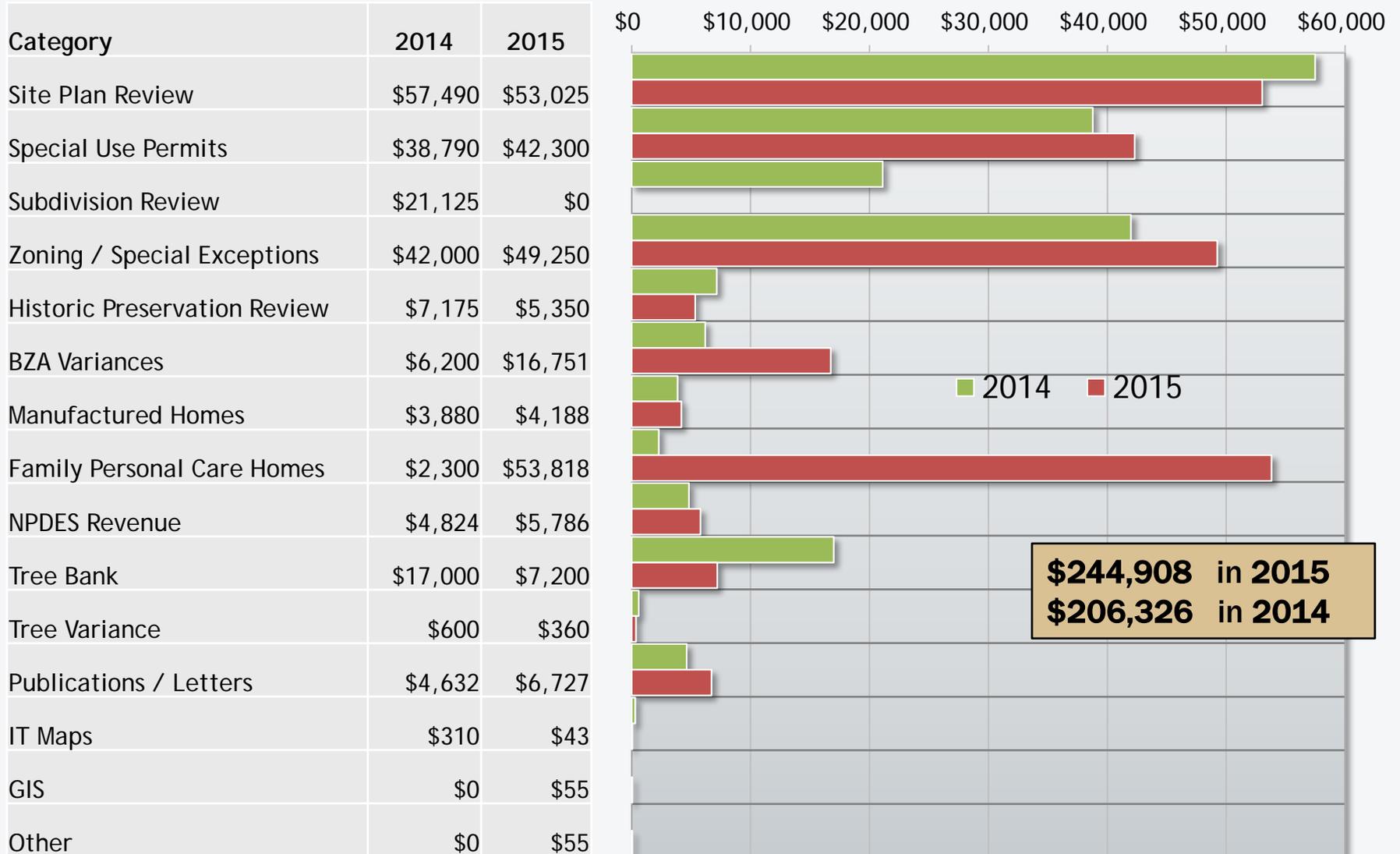


South Carolina PL Funds

- 80% South Carolina & FHWA Planning Funds
- 20% Aiken County Match

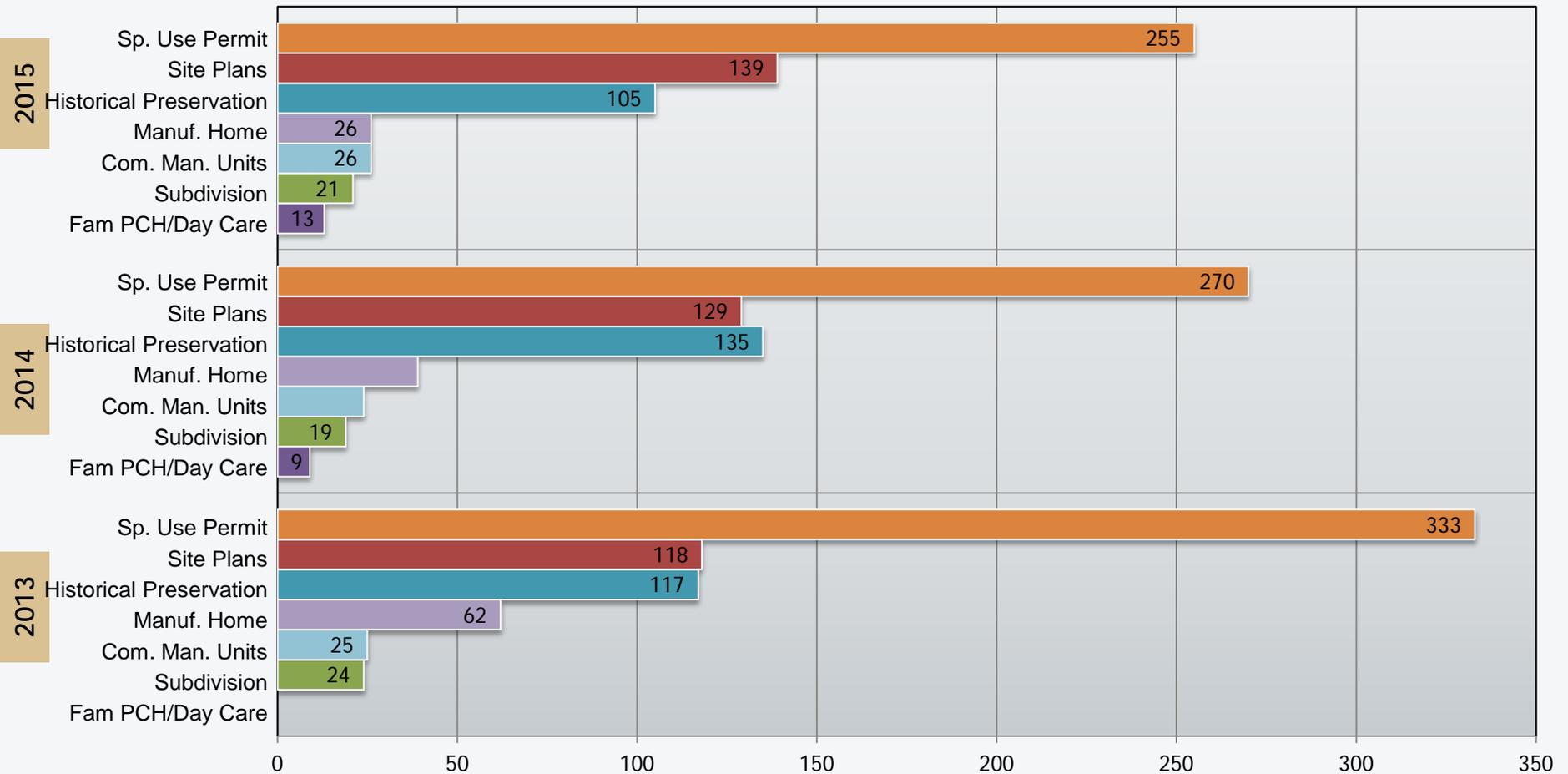


Planning and Zoning Revenue for Fees/Permits 2014 and 2015



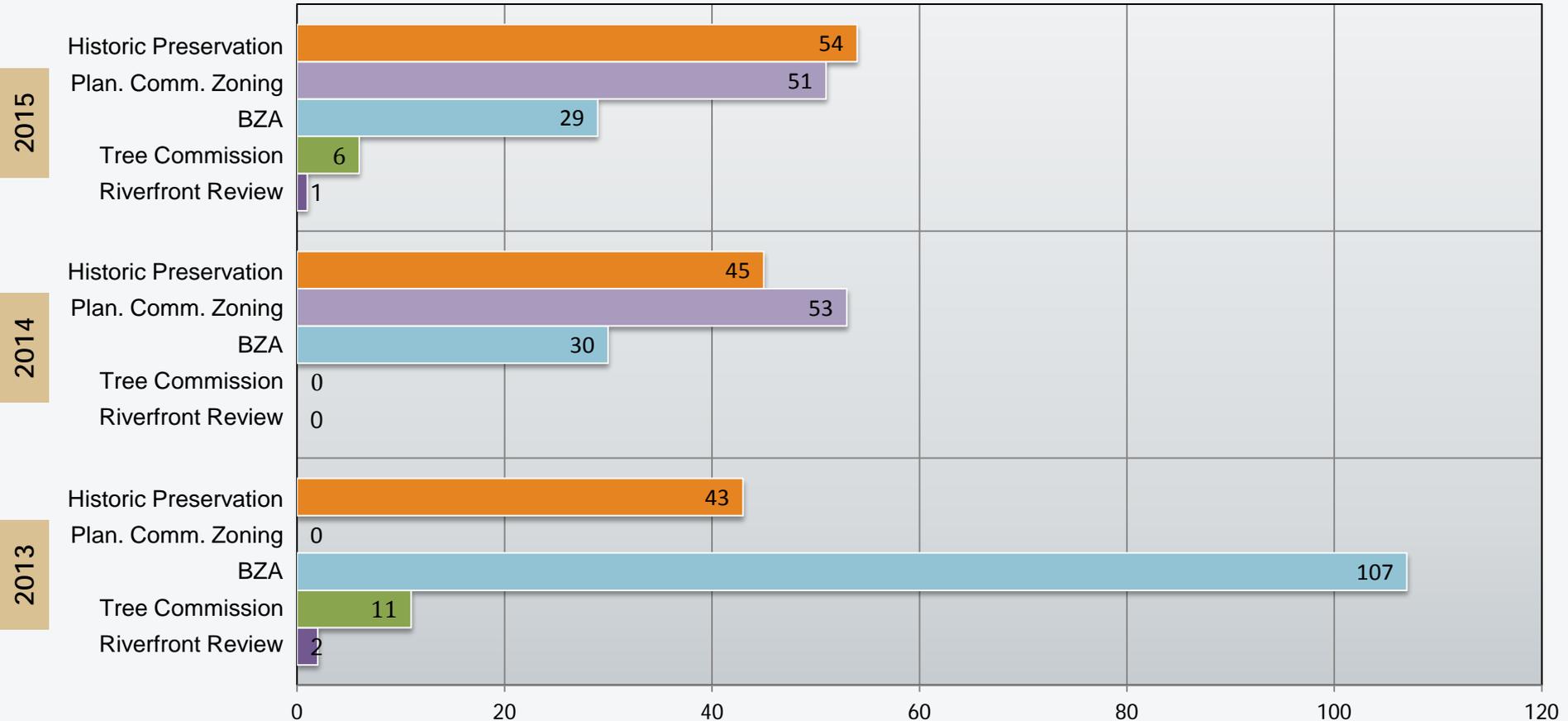
Planning Administrative Actions by Category 2013 - 2015

- Special Use Permits
- Site Plans
- Historic Preservation
- Manufactured Home
- Commercial Manufacture Units
- Subdivision
- Family Personal Care Homes/ Day Care

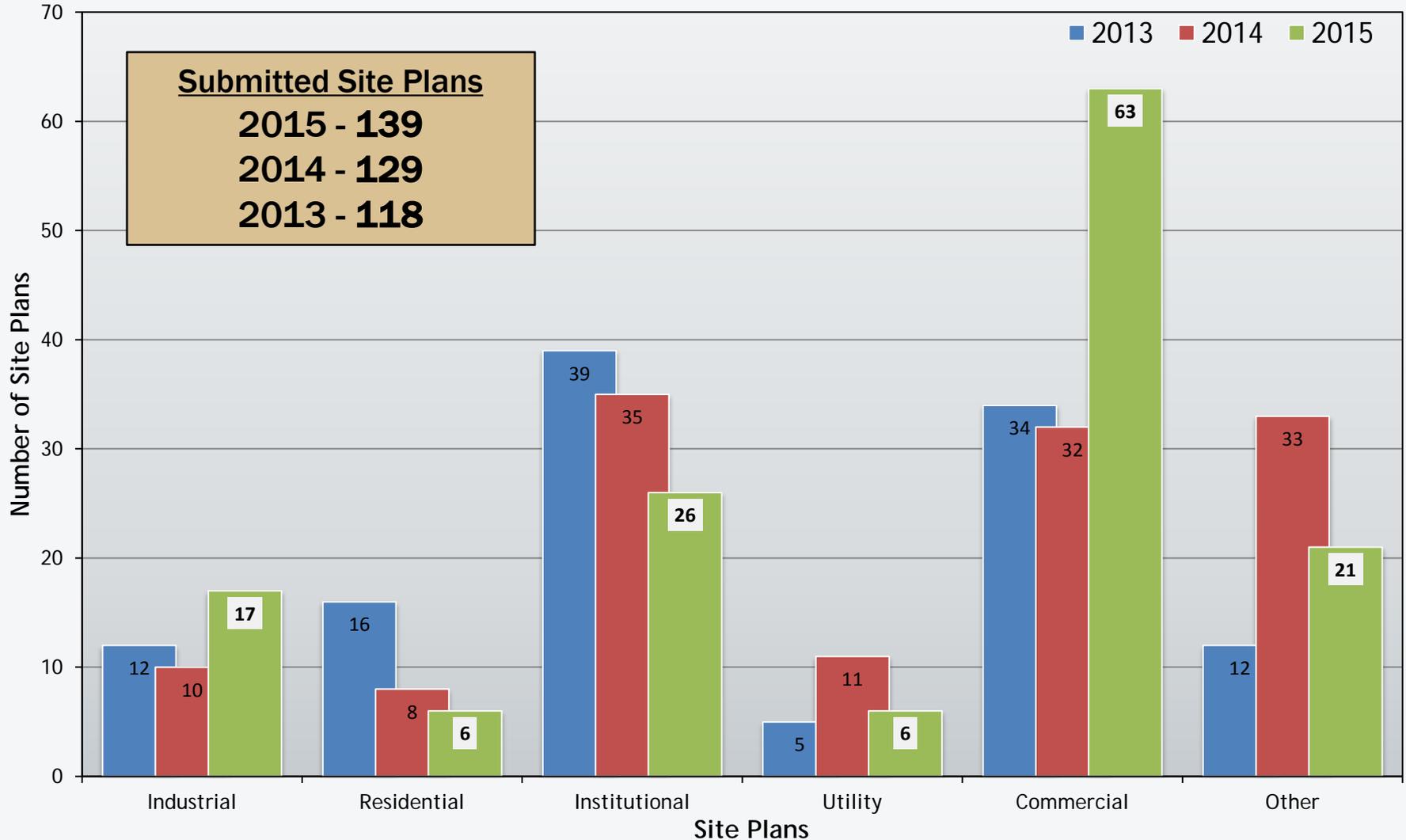


Annual Board and Commission Planning Actions by Category 2013 - 2015

■ Historic Preservation ■ Planning Commission Zoning
■ Board of Zoning Appeals ■ Tree Commission
■ Riverfront



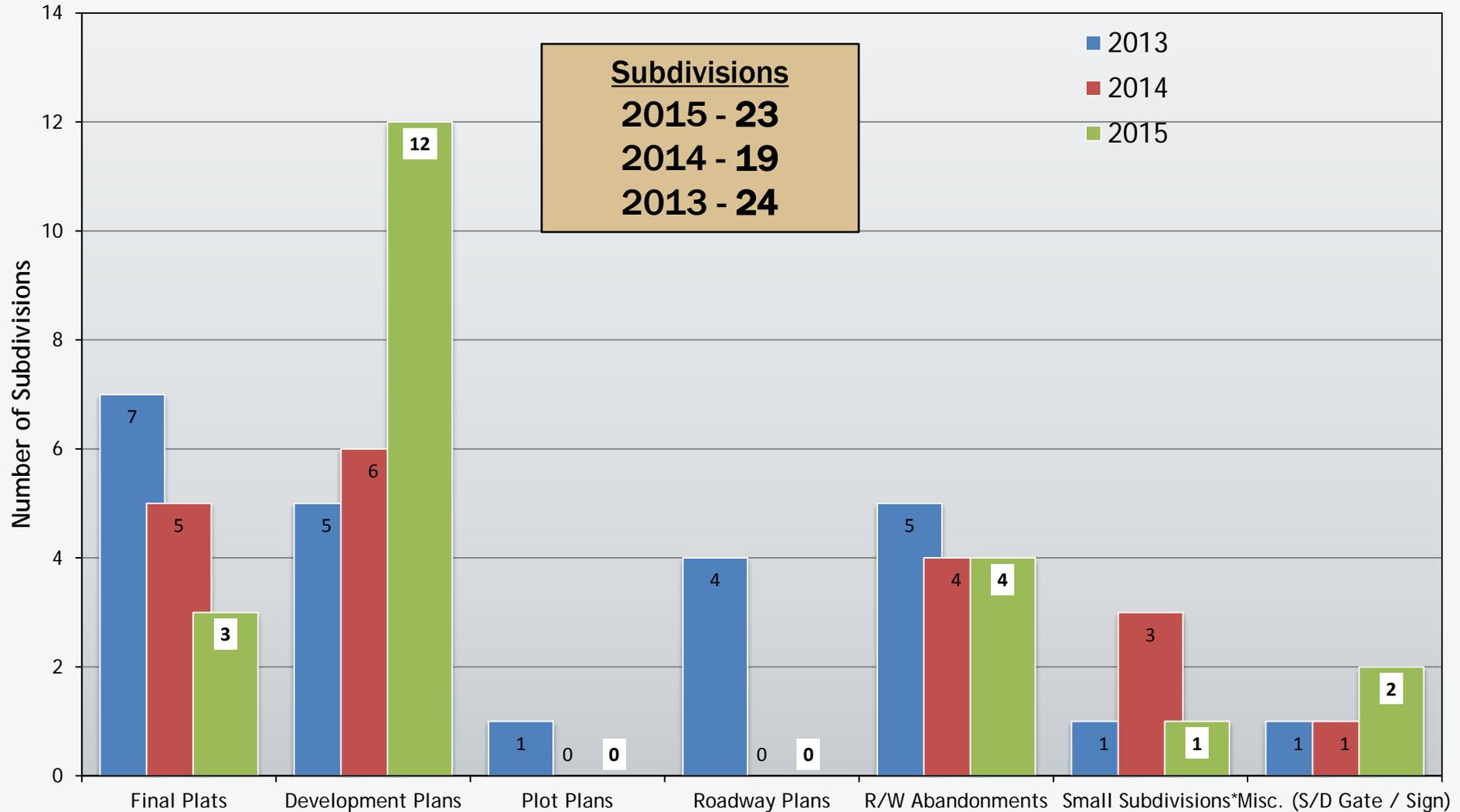
Annual Site Plans by Category 2013 - 2015



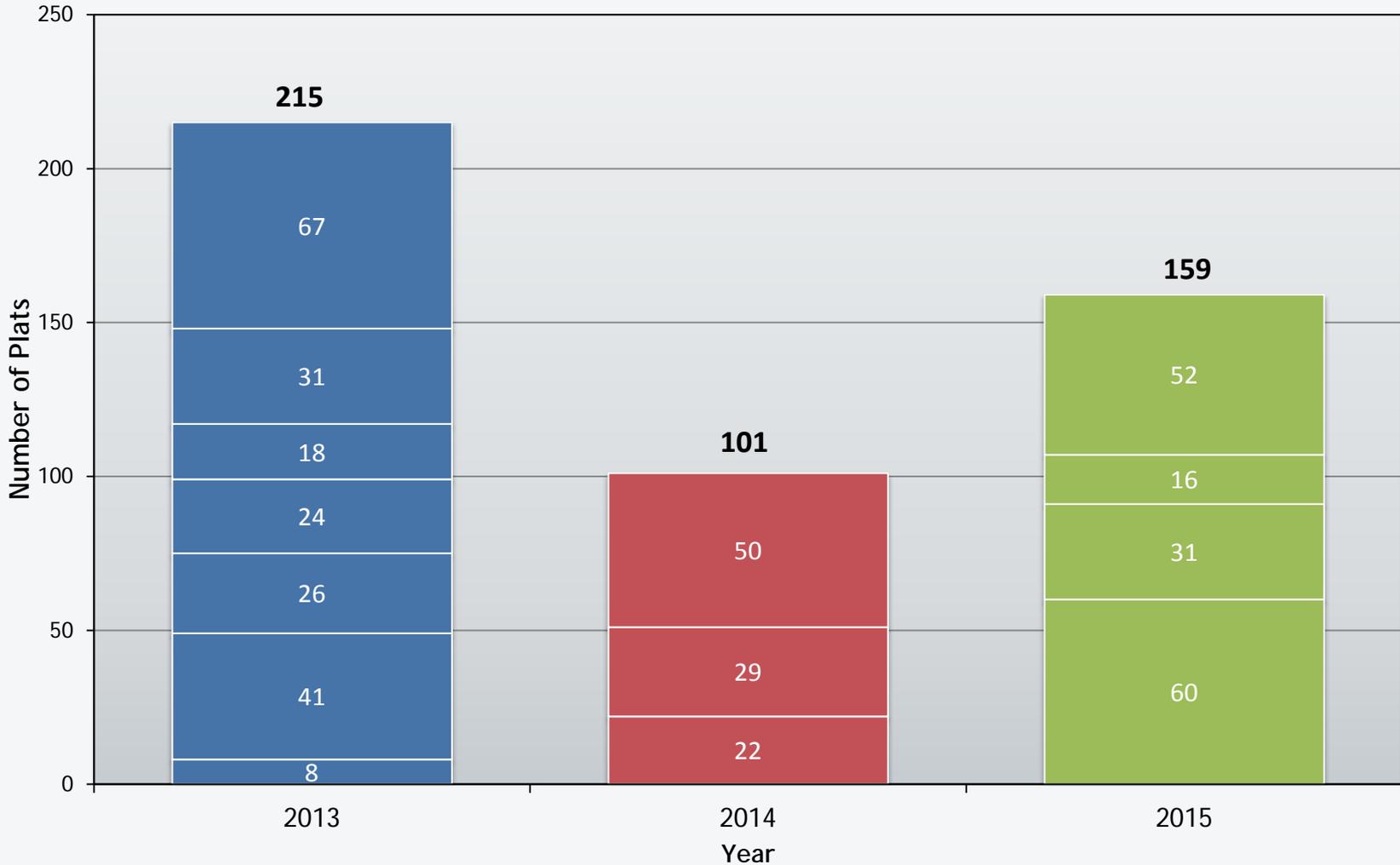
Note: Totals reflect unaudited revenue total

Annual Subdivisions by Category 2013 - 2015

*small subdivisions were handled administratively until about 4/2014

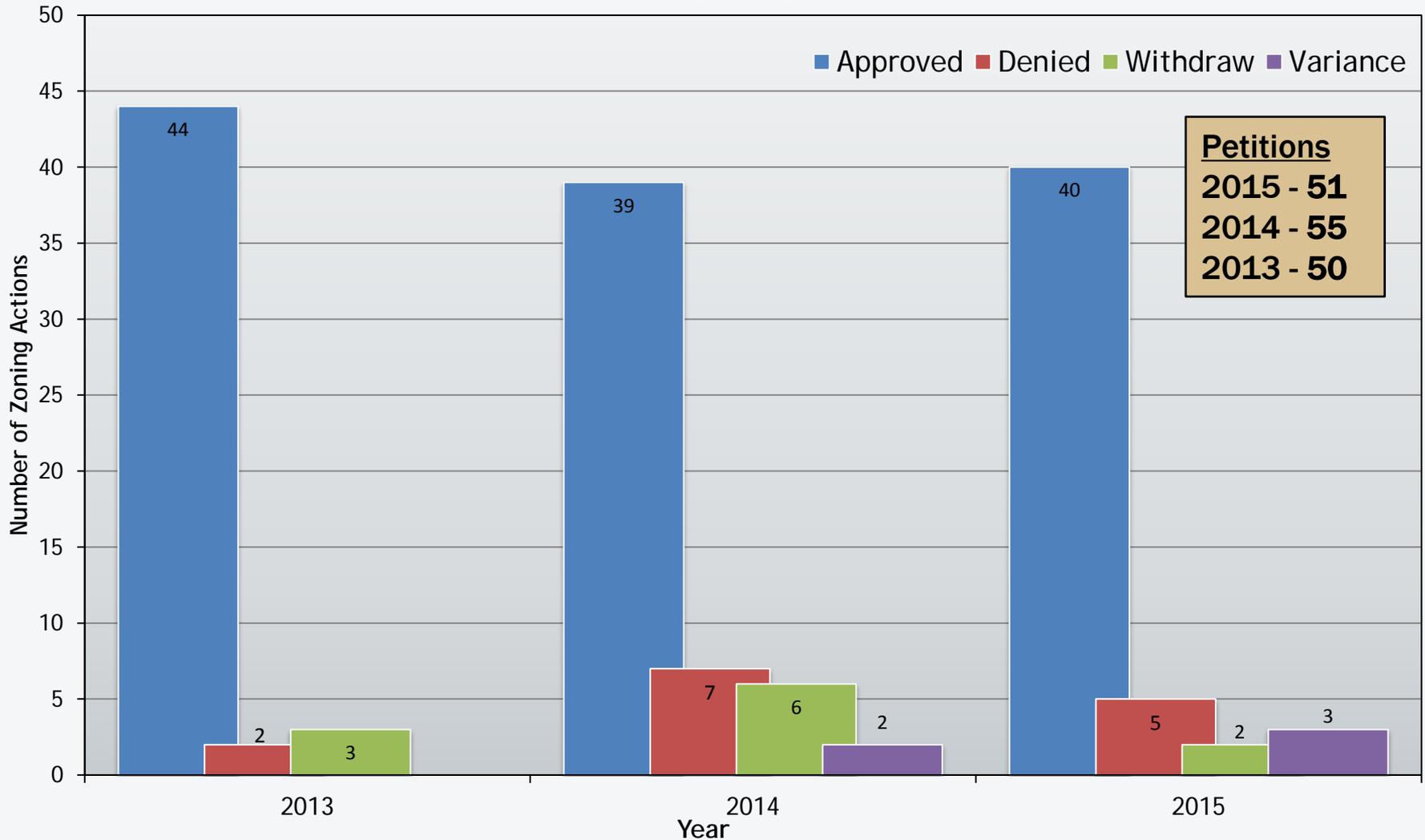


Final Plats (with number of plats) 2013 - 2015

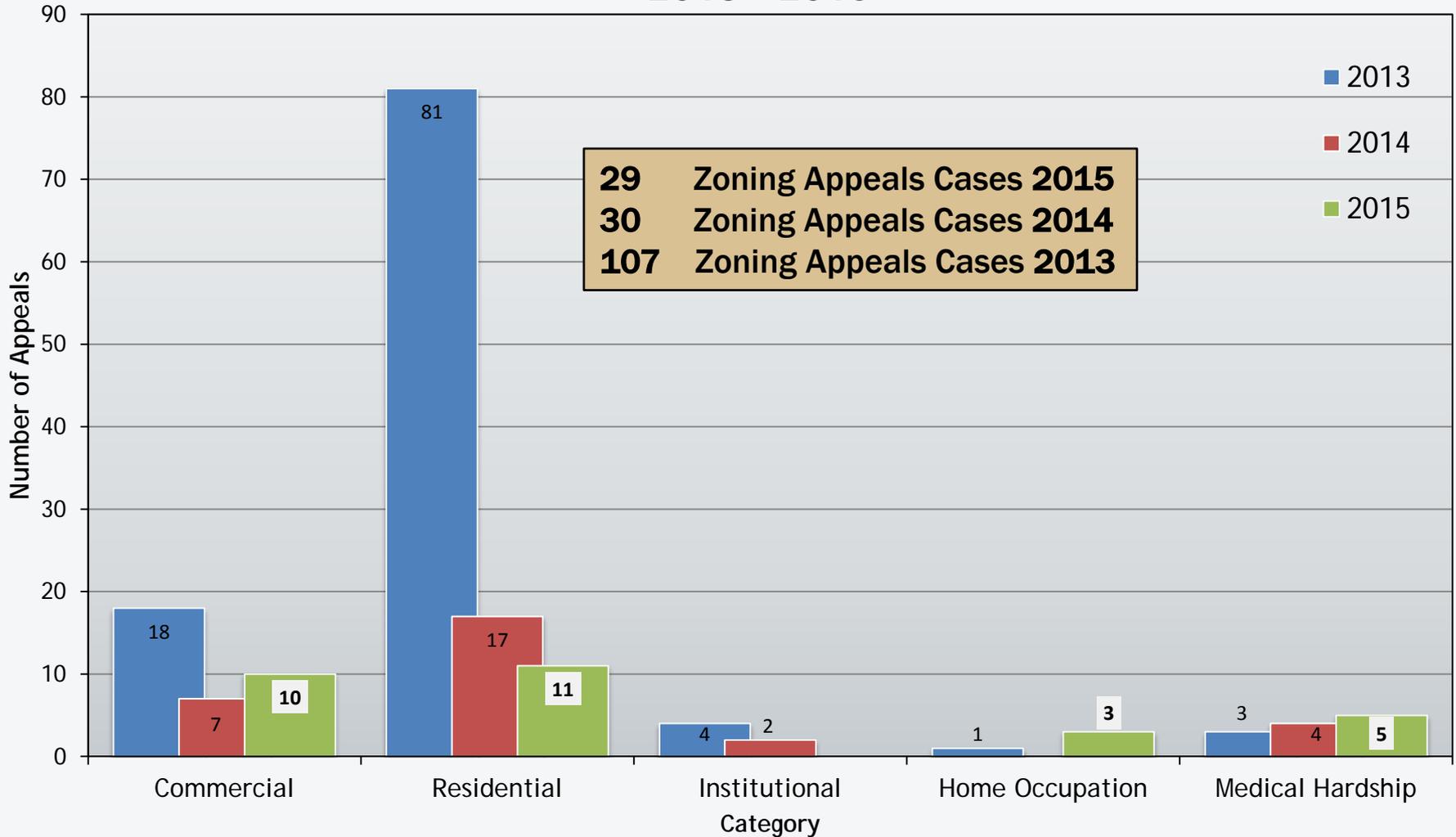


Note: Final Plats accepted by Augusta Commission

Planning Commission Zoning Petitions by Category 2013 - 2015



Annual Board of Zoning Appeals by Category 2013 - 2015



LICENSE AND PERMITTING

PERMITS

LICENSES

THIS CARD MUST BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION AND PROTECTED FROM THE WEATHER

Augusta, Georgia

INSPECTION CARD

Date _____ Permit No. _____

Address _____ Zone _____

Job Issued _____

100 Year Flood Plain Yes No

MECHANICAL & PLUMBING WORK SHALL NOT PROCEED UNTIL EACH DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CALLING HAS APPROVED THE VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION.

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Alarm Required | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Alarm Modify | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Inspections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

SECTIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING INSTALLATIONS

SEPARATE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING INSTALLATIONS

FAILURE TO POST THIS CARD IS A CODE VIOLATION

| MECHANICAL INSPECTION APPROVALS | FINAL INSPECTION APPROVALS |
|---|--|
| 1. Rough Prior to Drywall Date: _____ Inspector: _____ | 1. Final Building Date: _____ Inspector: _____ |
| 2. Gas/Sewer Pipe Date: _____ Inspector: _____ | 2. Final Electrical Date: _____ Inspector: _____ |
| PLUMBING INSPECTION APPROVALS | |
| 1. Underground Date: _____ Inspector: _____ | 3. Final Mechanical Date: _____ Inspector: _____ |
| 2. Rough plumbing prior to Drywall Date: _____ Inspector: _____ | 4. Final Plumbing Date: _____ Inspector: _____ |
| ELECTRICAL INSPECTION APPROVALS | |
| 3. Rough Electrical prior to Drywall Date: _____ Inspector: _____ | 4. Pre-Finish Date: _____ Inspector: _____ |

CONTRACTOR CONTACT # _____

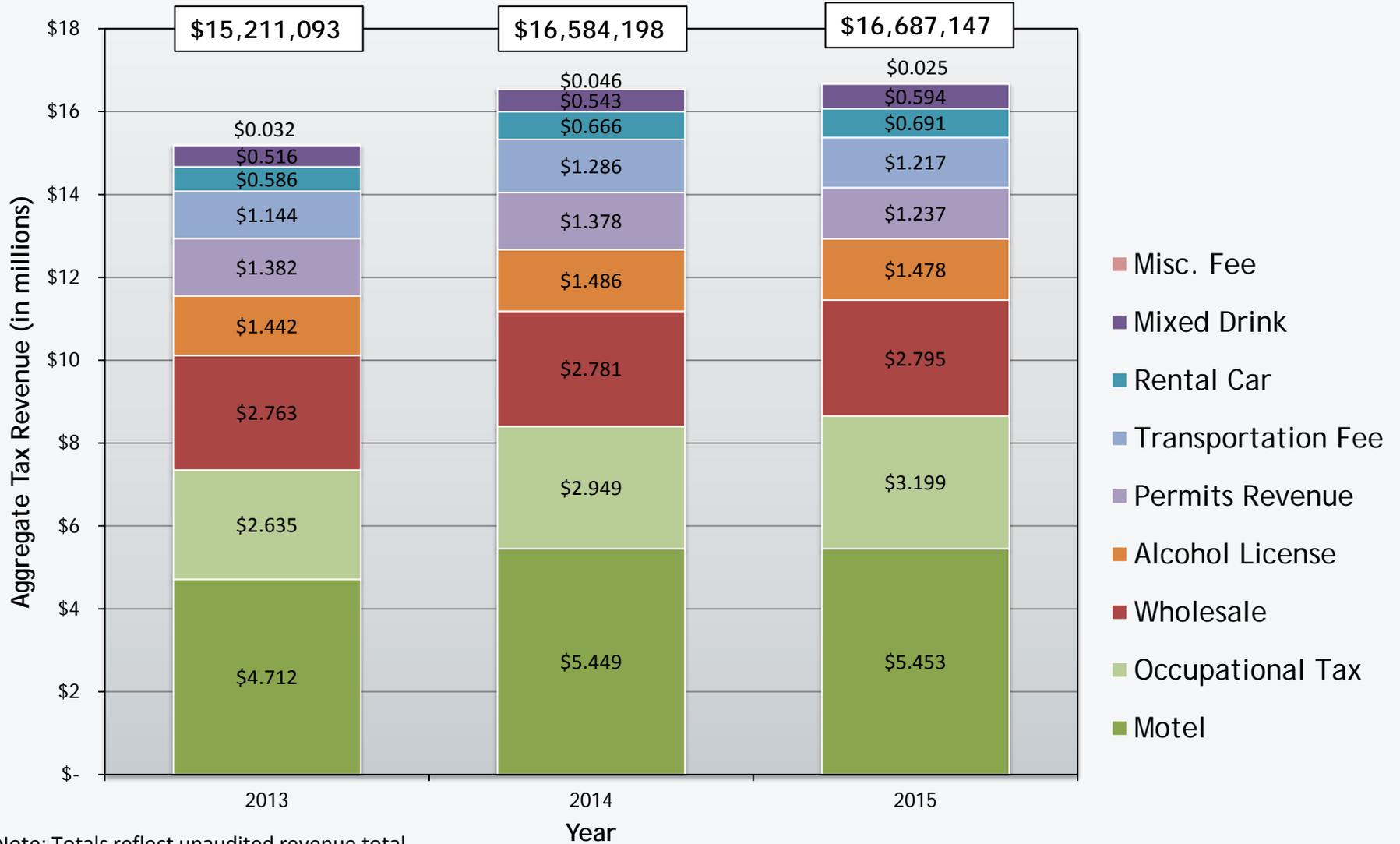
PERMIT NUMBER MUST BE GIVEN TO CLERK WITH INSPECTION REQUEST

706 - 312 - 1490

AUTHORIZES IMPROVEMENTS OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED HEREIN WHICH IMPROVEMENTS ARE LIMITED TO MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL WORK PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE AUGUSTA CITY CODE. IN ORDER TO PROTECT ANY INTEREST IN SUCH PROPERTY AND TO AVOID THE OWNER OF ANY PERSON WITH INTEREST IN SUCH PROPERTY SHOULD CONSIDER CONTRACTING WITH A LICENSED CONTRACTOR. A CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO THE LICEN LAWS WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE AT BUILDING SUPPLY HOME CENTERS. A \$20.00 FEE WILL BE CHARGED IF THIS CARD IS NOT POSTED. CALL 706 - 312 - 3990 FOR INSPECTIONS.

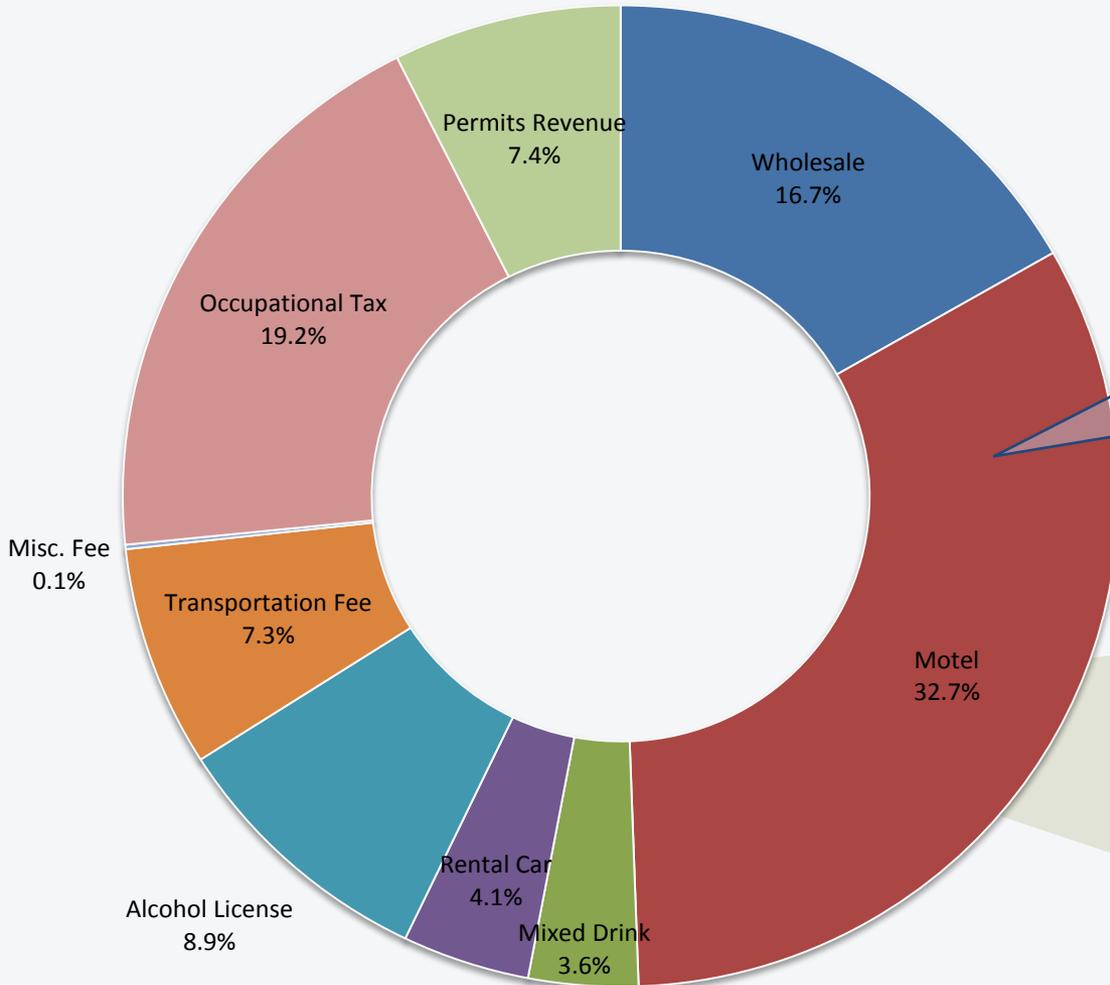
* Property Line must be marked by string line.
** NEC 250.51 (A) (3)

Licensing and Permitting Revenue 2013 - 2015



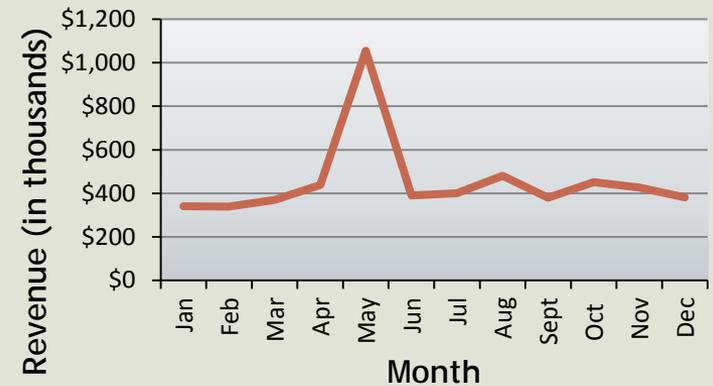
Note: Totals reflect unaudited revenue total

Licensing and Permitting Revenue by category for January - 2015



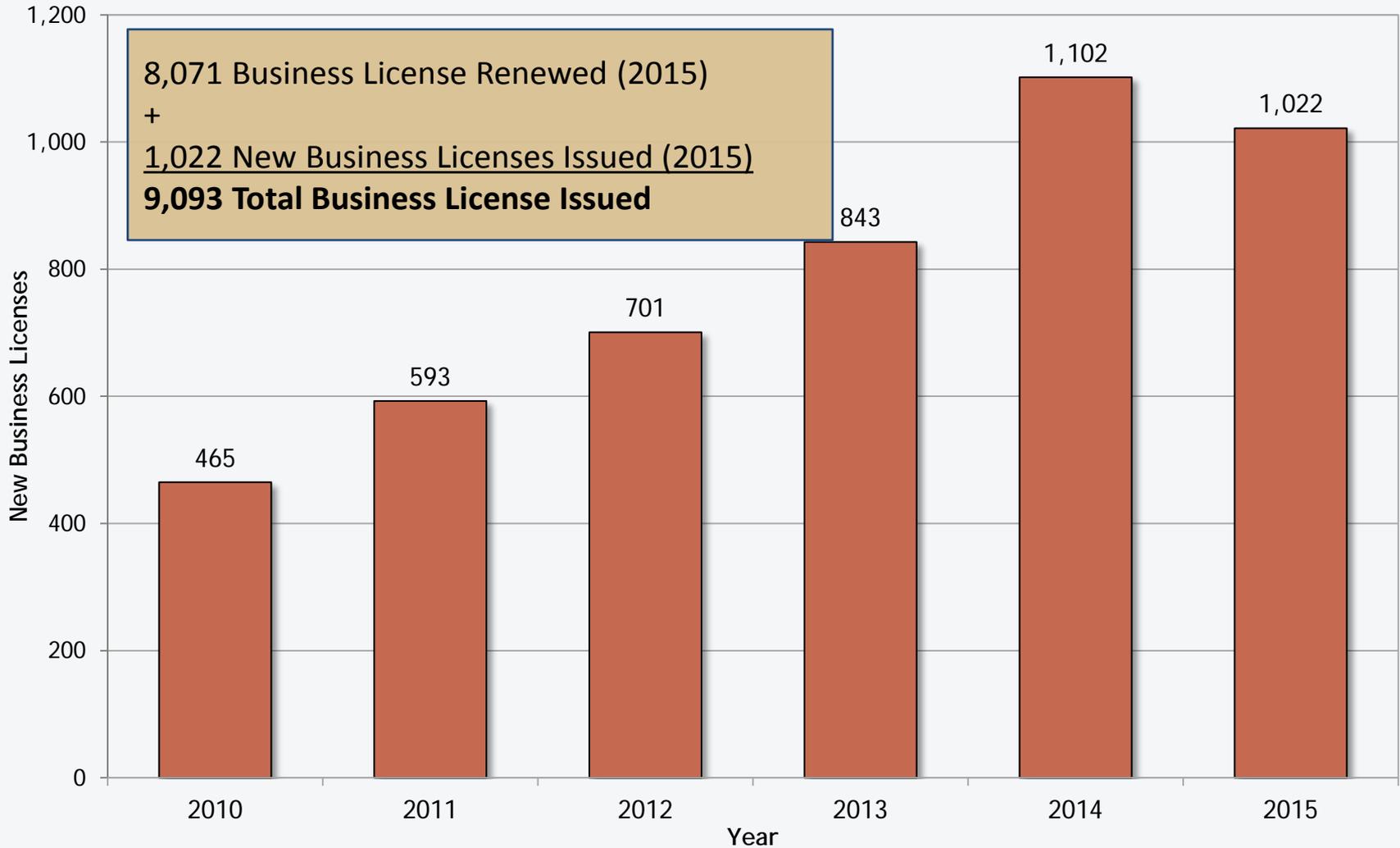
Monthly revenue totals spike in the springtime for some categories.

Motel Monthly Revenue



Note: Totals reflect unaudited revenue total

New Business Licenses Issued Per Year 2010 - 2015



BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT



CODES

LICENSES

ZONING

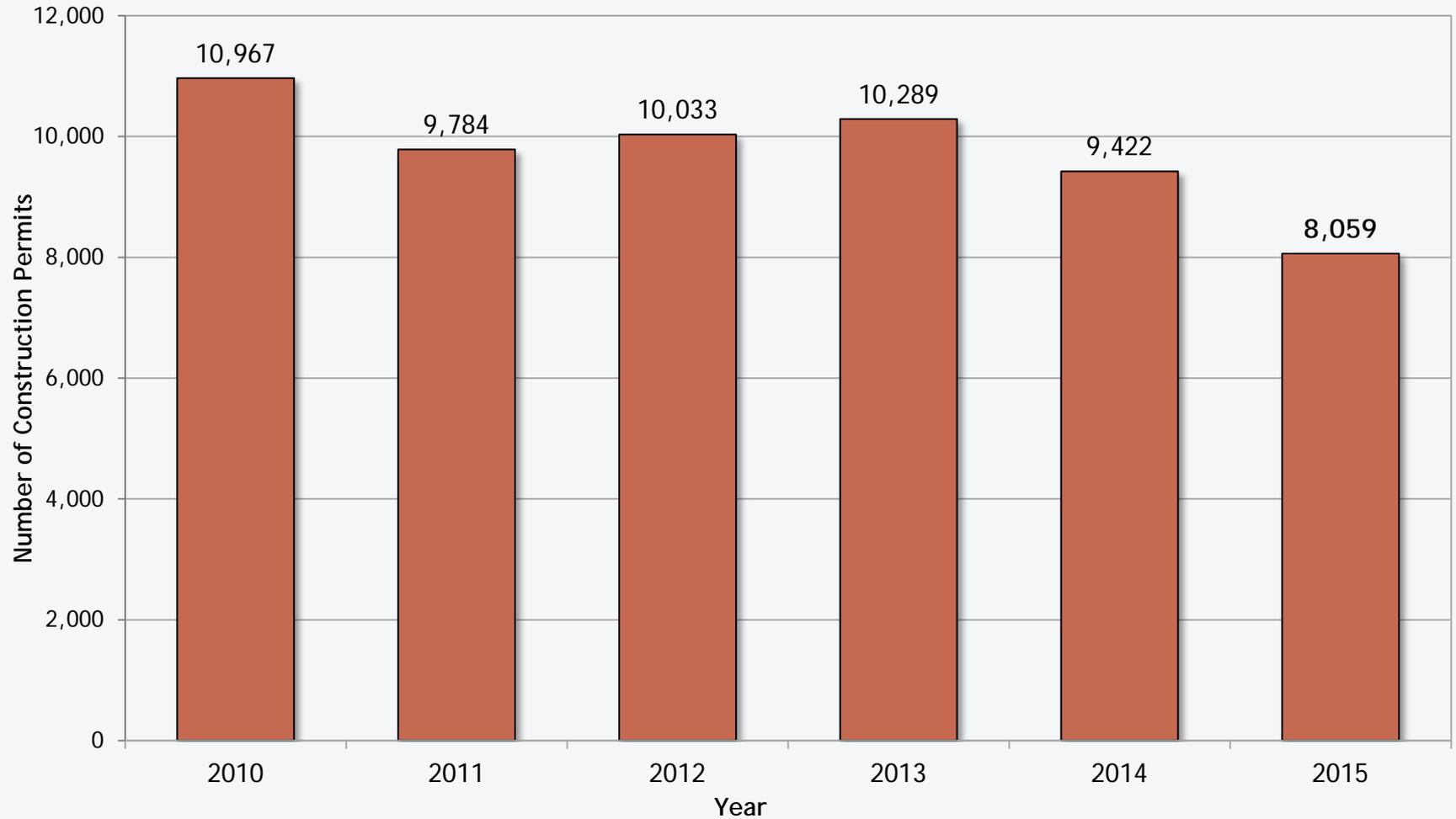
PERMITS

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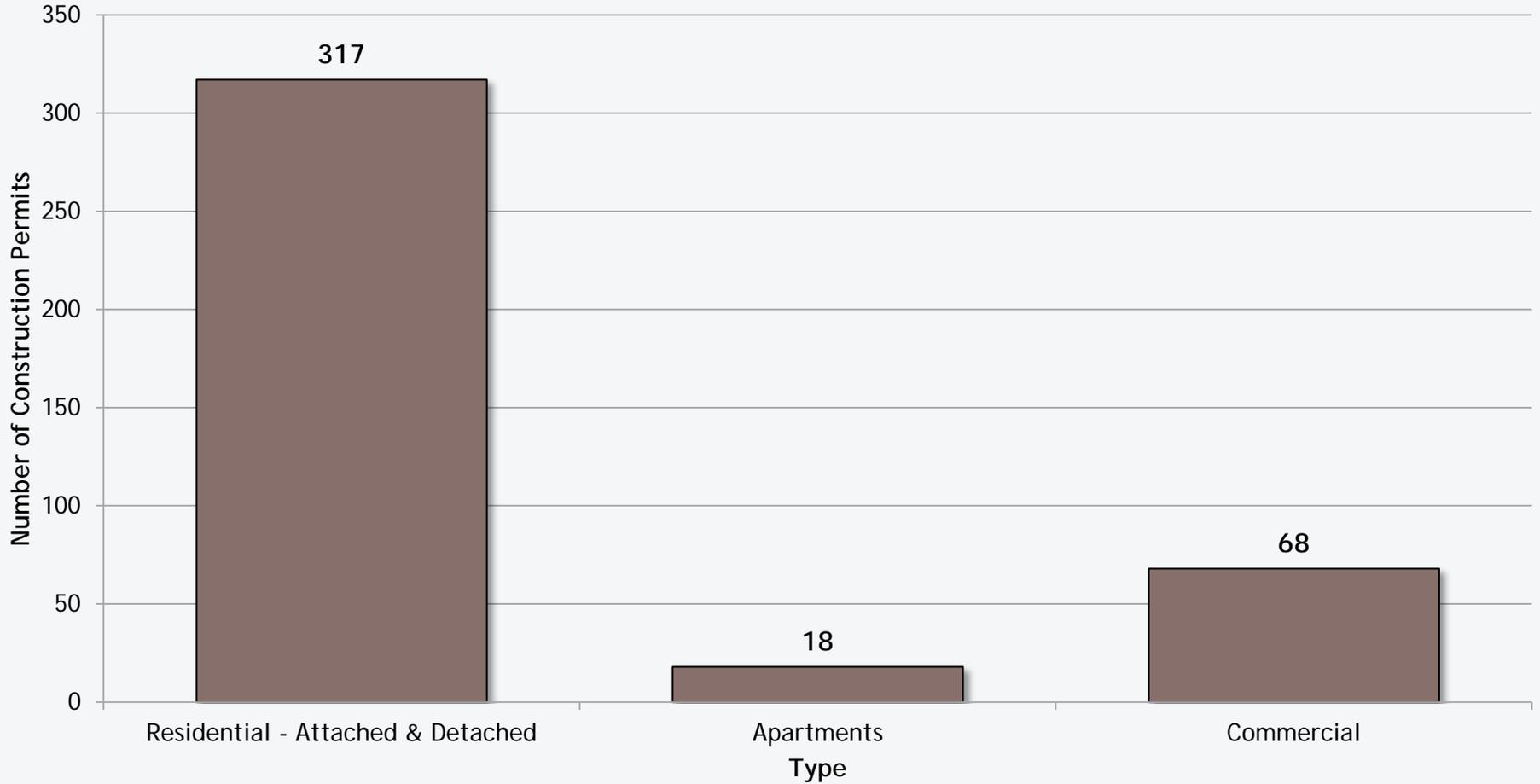
INSPECTIONS



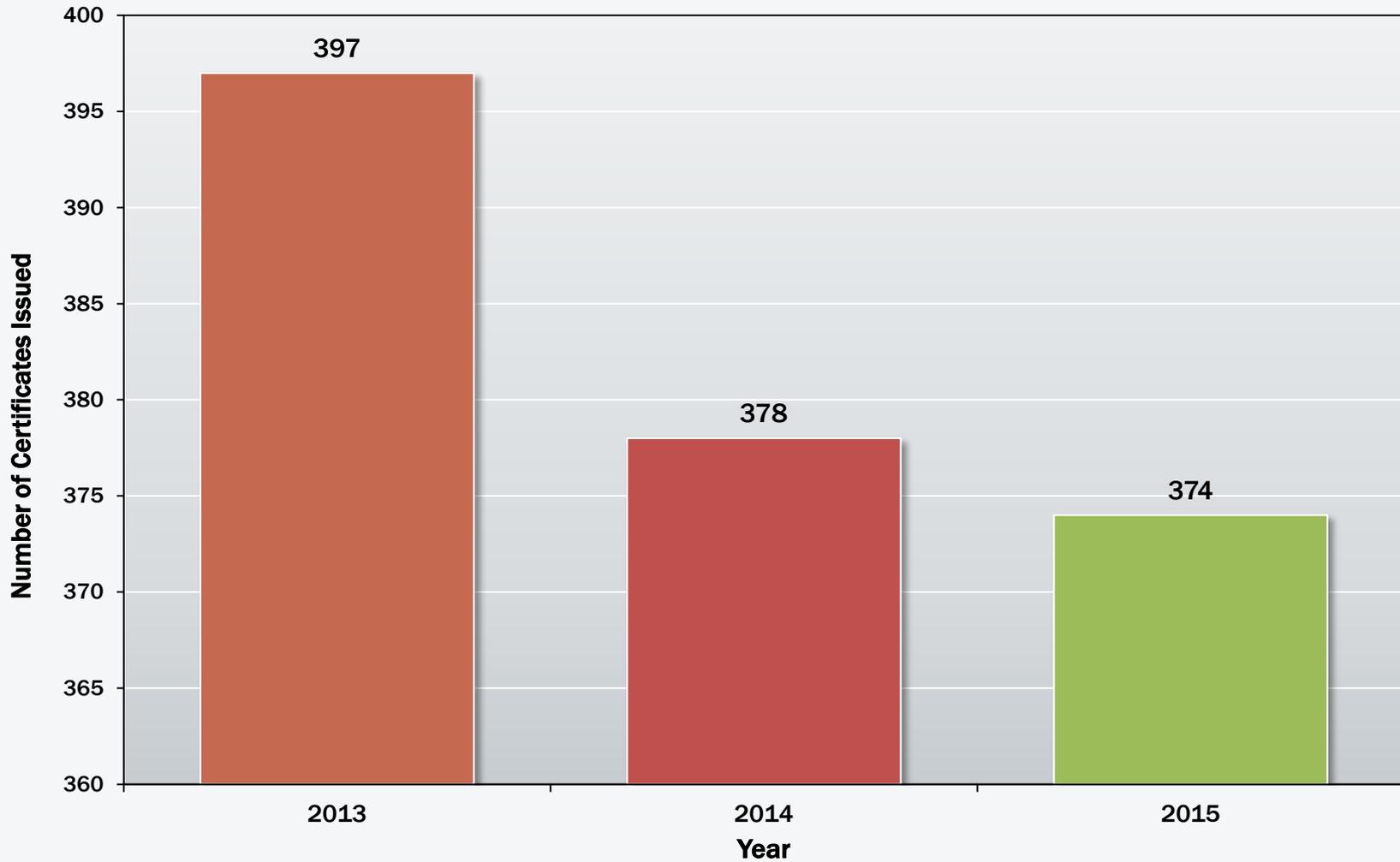
Construction Permits Issued Per Year 2010 - 2015



New Construction Permits Issued 2015

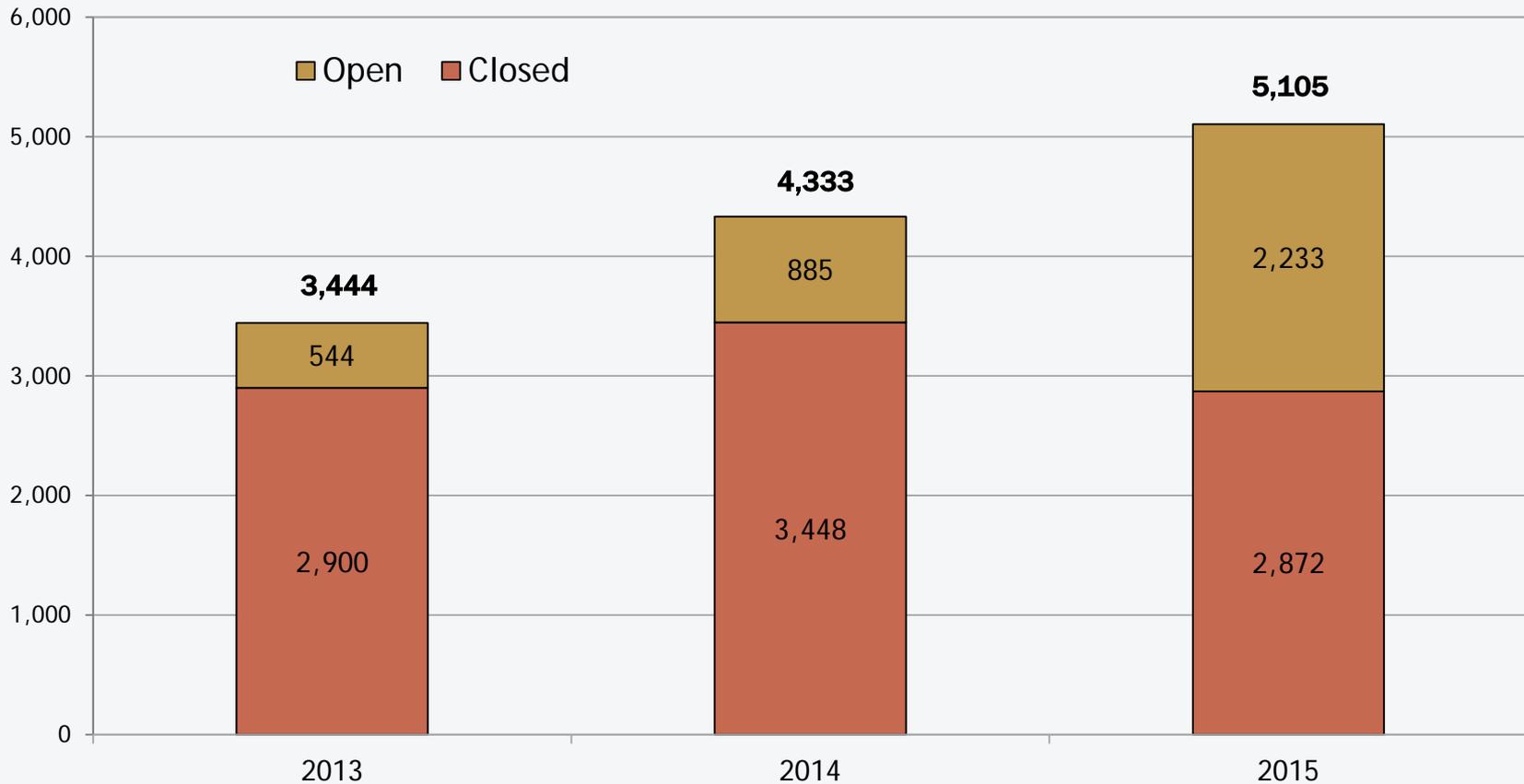


Number of Issued Certificates of Occupancy 2013 - 2015



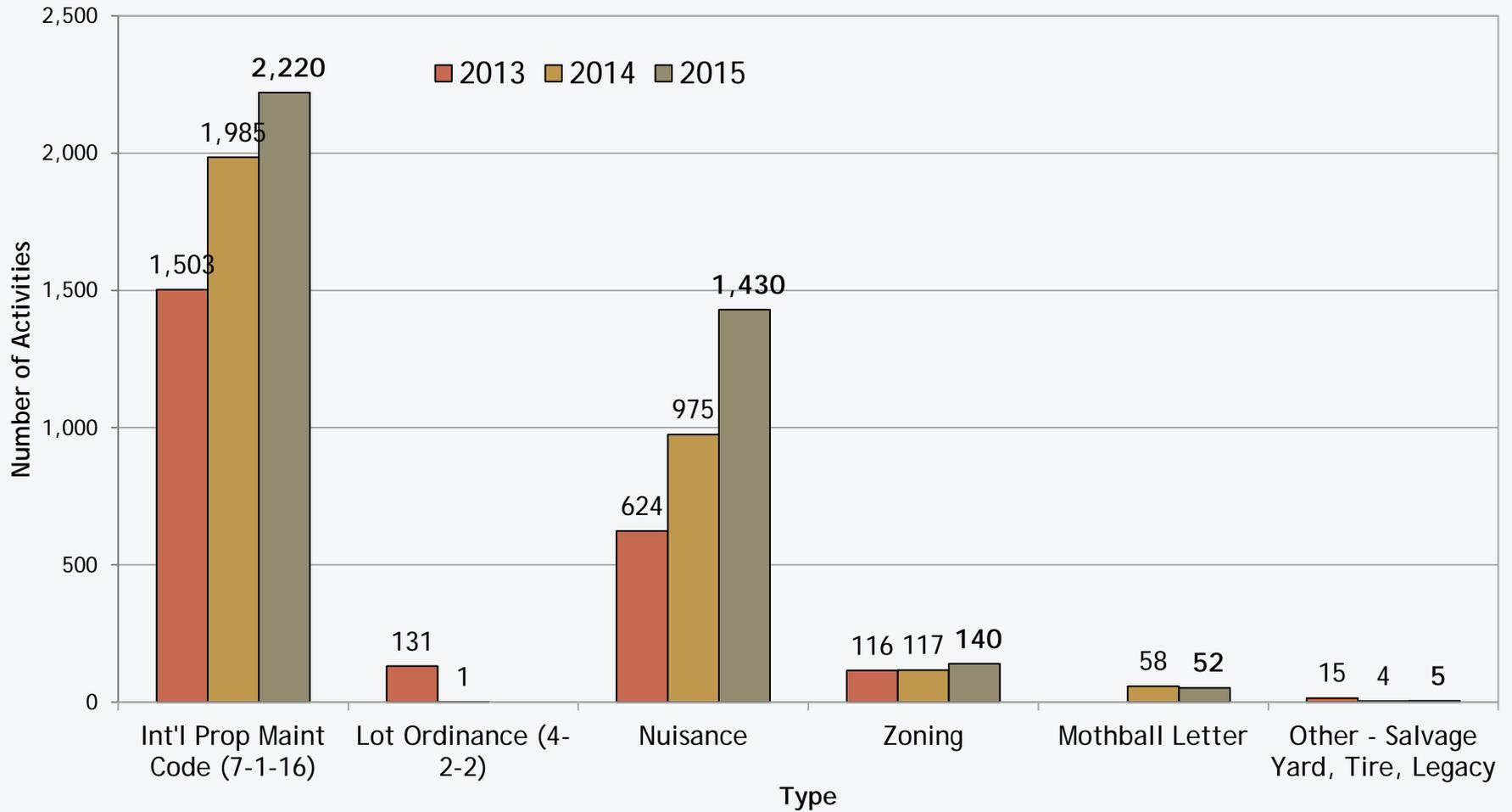
Note: Certificates Issued by Licensing and Inspection

Current Status of Code Enforcement Cases Opened from 2013 - 2015 As of 2/1/2016

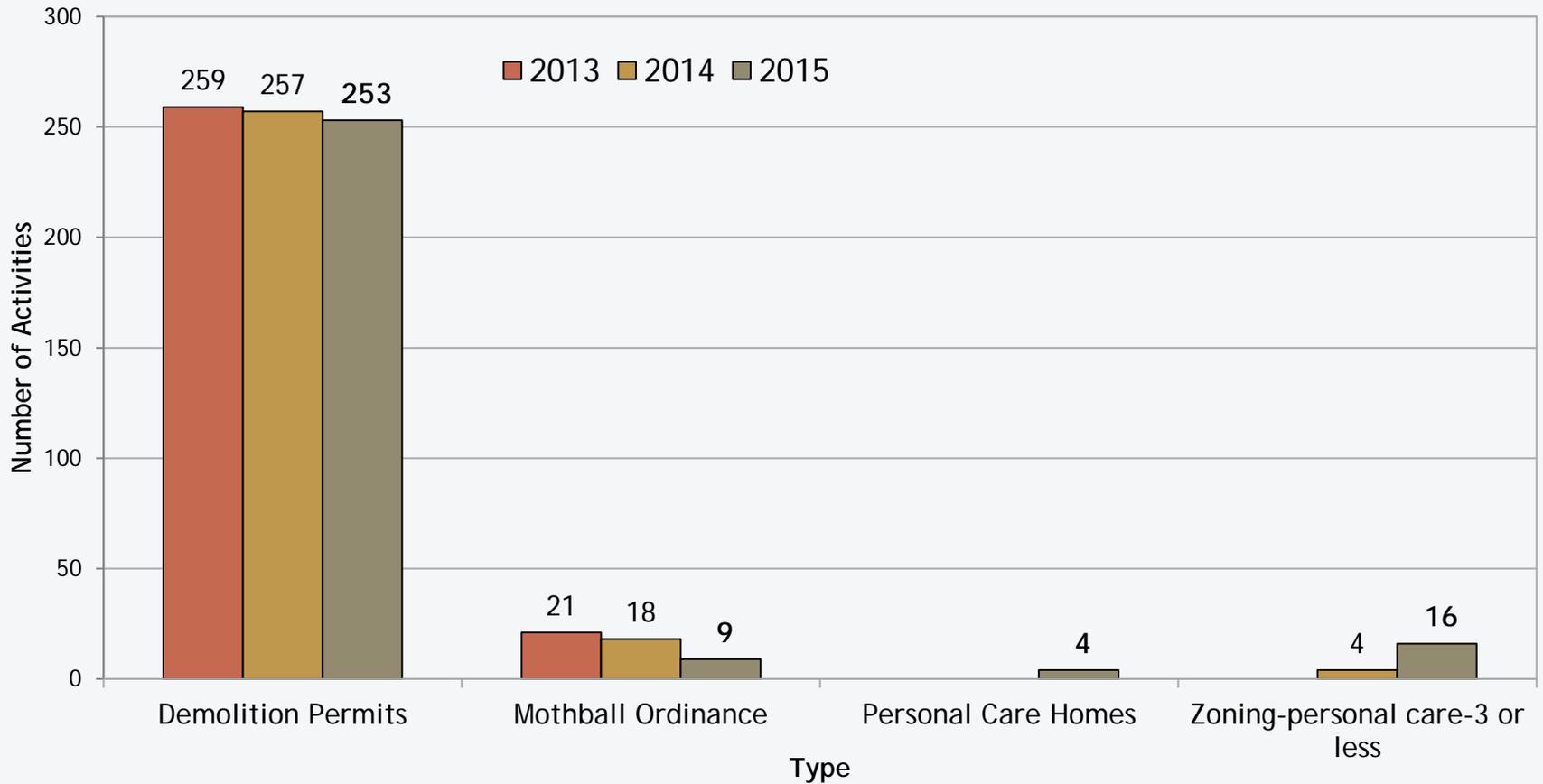


Note: Does not reflect total number of open cases

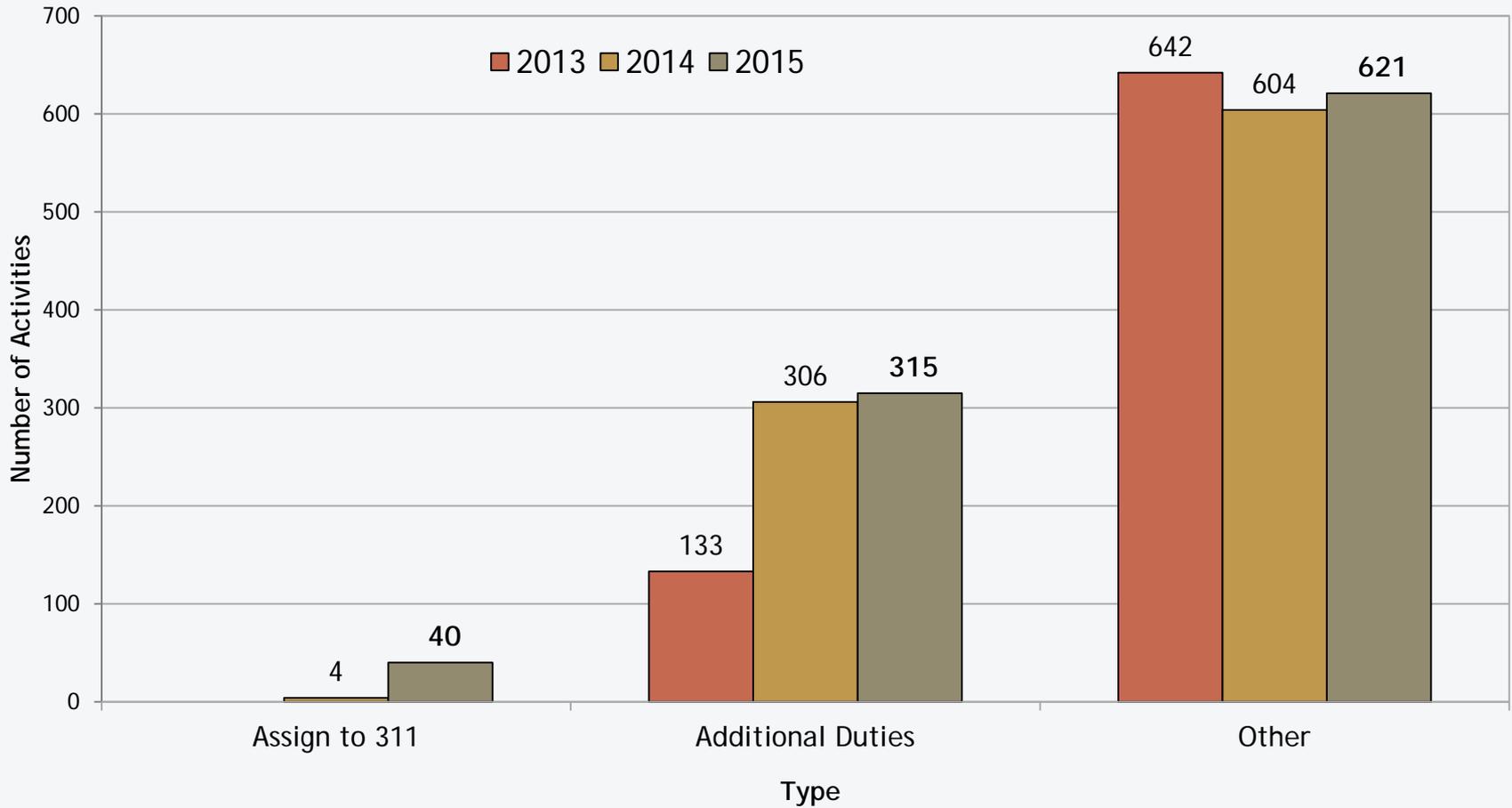
Violation Cases by Type 2013-2015



Code Enforcement Permitting Activities by Type 2013-2015



Other Licensing and Inspection Activities by Type 2013-2015



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

