

growing poverty among single heads of households, we are again referring largely to women."

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Construction In County Drops; Third Straight Year

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The slump in new housing construction in Santa Cruz County continued for the third year in a row in 1981 as permits dropped off by 145 units and valuation declined by more than \$14 million.

Local and state housing analysts are attributing the lengthy slump to high interest rates, a tight money market, area growth control measures and their building permit lottery systems.

Last year, county government and the four cities issued permits for 1,274 housing units, down from 1,419 in 1980 and well below the 2,329 units issued two years before that in 1978.

Total valuation for all permits—new residential and commercial, repairs and additions—was \$121 million, down from the all-time high in 1980 of \$135.6 million for this county.

Commercial valuation also slumped in

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1981 from \$43 million to \$30.8 million.

Last year also saw the trend to multiple units (duplexes, condominiums and apartments) continue with 748 of the 1,274 dwellings fitting that category. In 1980 there were 668 multiples of the total 1,419 housing permits and in 1979 there were 458 of 1,573.

That means there has been a 100 percent increase in the less expensive multiple units over a three year span.

The summary of permits, with 1980 figures in parentheses, is:

County and four cities: total valuation was \$121.5 million (\$135.6 million); total building permits were 1,275 at \$71.4 million (1,419 at \$72.4 million) of which 526 were for single-family homes at \$40.3 million (751 at \$48.3 million) and 748 were multiples at \$31.1 million (668 at \$24.1 million). Commercial was \$30.8 million compared to 1980's total of \$43 million.

County government's unincorporated area: total valuation was \$73.7 million (\$78.4 million); total building permits were 1,001 at \$56.8 million (1,098 at \$57 million) of which 411 were for singles at \$33 million (623 at \$38.8 million) and 590 were multiples at \$23.8 million (475 at \$18.2 million). Commercial was \$3.6 million compared to 1980 total of \$9.6 million.

Santa Cruz City: total valuation was \$18.3 million (\$30 million); total building permits were 86 at \$5.3 million (129 at \$7.5 million) of which 26 were singles at \$2.3 million (69 at \$5.3 million) and 60 were multiples at \$3 million (60 at \$2.1 million). Commercial was \$10.2 million compared to \$18.8 million in 1980.

Watsonville: total valuation was \$11 million (\$13.3 million); total building permits were 127 at \$5.4 million (100 at \$3.2 million) of which 69 were singles at \$3.2 million (25 at \$1.2 million) and 58 were multiples at \$2.2 million (75 at \$2 million). Commercial was \$4.8 million compared to 1980's total of \$9.1 million.

Scotts Valley: total valuation was \$13.1 million (\$10.6 million); total building permits were 11 at \$1.1 million, all of which were for singles. Commercial was \$10 million compared to 1980's total of \$7.4 million.

Capitola: total valuation was \$5.4 million (\$3.5 million); total building permits were 49 at \$2.8 million (57 at \$2 million) of which nine were for singles at \$668,700 (15 at \$850,591) and 40 were for multiples at \$2.1 million (41 at \$1.3 million). Commercial was \$2.2 million compared to 1980's total of \$706,906.

County areas where the permits were issued, with multiples in parentheses, were: Live Oak, 20 (247); Soquel, 64 (190); Aptos, 103 (89); Rio Del Mar, one (32); La Selva Beach, six (26); Scotts Valley, 20 (three), and Seascape, two (three).

Also, summit area, 37; Corralitos, five; Bonny Doon, 21, Pasatiempo, one, Branifforte, two, Davenport, three; North Santa Cruz area, one; Felton, 15; Ben Lomond, 18; Boulder Creek, 55; Zayante, four; Lompico, one, and Brookdale, one.