Construction permit values in Baton Rouge narrowly increased 2.6 percent to $12.35 million in May from $12.03 million a year ago.

The increase helped boost year-to-date values to a 6.2 percent lead over the first five months of 1988. This year's figures total $64.23 million through May, vs. $60.49 million a year ago.

The largest commercial permit issued in May by the inspection division of the Department of Public Works went to Trinity Lutheran Church at 10925 Florida Blvd. for the construction of a $596,600, 22,414-square-foot gymnasium/classroom building. The builder is Kothe and Harte Inc.

A permit valued at $558,928 was issued to the Pelican chapter Associated Builders and Contractors at 19251 Highland Road for the construction of an administrative building and classroom totaling 17,000 square feet. The builder is Honore Construction Co.

Residential construction accounted for 181 permits in May valued at $7.48 million, a slight drop from 193 permits totaling $7.67 million a year ago. Of that, single-family residences numbered 73 permits at a value of $6.61 million against 76 permits last year valued at $6.67 million.

Accessory construction — demolitions, house moving, swimming pools, signs and fences — totaled 159 permits at $622,133. That compares with 166 permits valued at $346,816 in May 1988.

Commercial construction amounted to 57 permits at $4.25 million, up slightly from 55 permits a year ago at $4.01 million. Most of that was for commercial additions, which totaled 53 permits valued at $2.9 million, compared with 46 permits at $2.55 million. Only four permits went to new construction valued at $1.36 million, against nine permits a year ago at $1.46 million.

The breakdown for the new commercial permits by category was schools/educational, one permit at $596,600; compared with one permit last year at $184,800; stores/other mercantile, two permits at $558,928, compared with four permits last year at $854,336; and other nonresidential, one permit at $200,000, compared with one permit at $66,600. Last year, new commercial construction also had included three office/bank/professional permits valued at $358,400.

Commercial permits issued during May included:

- Woodward-Clyde Consultants - 2822 O'Neal Lane; construction for trailer addition office space; $48,000, 1,196 square feet; Green Space, builder.
- Burger King Corp. - 5353 Plank; interior renovations; $100,000; Work Construction, builder.
- Parkland Hospital - 2414 Bunker Hill; general remodeling; $49,600; Oorso Builders Inc., builder.
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- Woman's Hospital Foundation - 9050 Airline Hwy.; renovations to administration offices; $20,000; Woman's Hospital Foundation, builder.
- Champhor Memorial Church - 8742 Scenic Hwy.; first- and second-floor addition for fellowship and Sunday school rooms; 9,200 square feet; $363,000; Hinton HVAC & Contractor, builder.
- Dalson Properties Inc. - 8350 Florida Blvd.; ITT Financial Services; complete Suite A for office lease space; $45,000; 2,250 square feet; Jamco Construction Co., builder.
- Medical Center of Baton Rouge - 17050 Medical Center; complete interior to Suite 212 for doctor’s office lease space; $65,100; 3,100 square feet; Jade Construction Co., builder.
- Holzer Sheet Metal - 2310 Scenic Hwy.; addition to warehouse; $31,500; 1,750 square feet; Eddie Knippers, builder.
- Zodiac Development - 5353 Essen Lane; complete Suites 200, 210 and 218 for office lease; $112,306; 4,779 square feet; Accent Homes, builder.
- M.J. Lipsey & Co. - Brookwood Village Shopping Center; 12266, 70 and 74 Plank; repair fire damage, replace ceiling and tenant separation; $42,310; 1,920 square feet each suite; Jade of Baton Rouge, builder.
- City National Bank - 445 North Blvd.; add non-load bearing wall to Suite 410 for private office; 840 square feet; $45,055; Buquet & LeBlanc, builder.
- Magnolia United Methodist Church - 16166 Greenwell Springs Road; 470-square-foot sanctuary addition and renovations; $153,274; Parrino Enterprises, builder.
- Premier Bancorp - Adams & Reese; 450 Laurel St.; complete Suite 1900 for business office; $200,000; 7,340 square feet; Buquet & LeBlanc, builder.
- First Christian Church - 8484 Old Hammond Hwy.; assembly building for church youth; $258,900; 4,970 square feet; Ernst & Bourgeois, builder.
- Gene Hernandez - 6731 Exchequer; add second floor for future office; $22,500; 2,500 square feet; Hernandez, builder.
- Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center - Tau Center; 8080 Margaret Ann; complete interior to Wing D and minor renovations; $361,000; 12,240 square feet; Harvey Honore Construction, builder.
- Flora-Line - J.C. Penney; 9801 Cortana Place; general remodeling to first and second floors; $100,000; 4,500 square feet; J.C. Penney Co., builder.
- Sam B. Haynes Jr. - Blue Bayou Water Park; 18142 Perkins; interior and exterior renovations to existing building for crawfish restaurant; $66,774; interior and exterior renovations to existing concession/office building; $30,088; Keller pool, builder.
- Jaquelyn Le Juene - Jackie’s Market & Deli; 1623 Brightside Lane; food market with take-out food deli; $29,952; 1,152 square feet; Gourrier Construction Co., builder.
- BHP Ventures Inc. - Goodyear Auto Service Center; 14364 Coursey Blvd.; auto service center; $200,000; 5,772 square feet; Guy Hopkins, builder.
- United Companies Life Insurance Co. - Prudential Agents; 8550 United Plaza; complete Suite 701 interior for office; $48,150; 1,926 square feet; United Plaza Construction, builder.
- United Companies Life Insurance Co. - Prudential Insurance Co.; 8550 United Plaza; complete interior to Suite 802 for business office; $48,500 square feet; United Construction Co., builder.
- Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Bottling Co. - 10000 Dawsondale; add covered loading dock to existing building; $57,260; Salco Construction, builder.
- Ryder Truck Rental - 10424 Airline Hwy.; remodel building for truck maintenance and new fuel island with truck wash; $185,000; 19,960 square feet; Harco Inc., builder.
- Reginal T. and Sue V. Brown - Brown Eagle; 5330 Dijon Drive; combine Suites A and B into Suite A for business office; $30,000; 2,784 square feet; Tommy Dudley & Sons, builder.
- National Medical Care Dialysis Service Division - BMA West Baton Rouge; 3178 Government; renovations for office lease; $120,000; 3,904 square feet; Ross Claire Construction Inc., builder.
- American Food - 1845 Beaumont; convert existing building into kitchen for Meal on Wheels; $36,999; 6,498 square feet; Guy Hopkins Construction, builder.
- Reynolds Aluminum - 5219 Choctaw; remodeling; $31,160; Pennington Construction Inc., builder.
- Ochsner Home Health Services Inc. - 1962 O’Neal Lane; complete interior to Suite A for office; $23,994; 1,800 square feet; G.H. Jolliffon III. builder.