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**Year-end building permits reach nearly 5,000 – December numbers up 21%**

**Indianapolis, IN** – December building permit reports indicate that in the Greater Indianapolis Nine-County area, Single-Family Building Permits increased 21% percent compared to November numbers and increased 19% over 2012 numbers. There were 4,959 new home permits issued in 2013 compared to 4,182 in 2012.

“This is a true indicator of a strong economy in Central Indiana,” says Steve Lains, CEO of the Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis. “We have continued to see permit numbers steadily increase and forecasters are predicting numbers to hold strong in 2014; proving that a growing housing market is critical to a stable economy,” says Lains.

In the Greater Indianapolis Nine-County region, the permits issued through December 2013 have created a total economic impact of \$888,076,580 in local income, \$201,608,085 in local taxes, and 15,036 local jobs, year-to-date (see chart below).

County	Total Permits	Local Income	Local Taxes	Local Jobs
Boone	490	\$ 87,751,064	19920944	1486
Hamilton	1899	\$ 340,080,142	77203822	5758
Hancock	264	\$ 47,278,124	10732917	800
Hendricks	695	\$ 124,463,243	28255217	2107
Johnson	623	\$ 111,569,209	25328058	1889
Madison	83	\$ 14,863,956	3374364	252
Marion	731	\$ 130,910,260	29718796	2216
Morgan	101	\$ 18,087,464	4106154	306
Shelby	73	\$ 13,073,118	2967814	221
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>4959</b>	<b>\$ 888,076,580</b>	<b>\$ 201,608,085</b>	<b>15036</b>

The Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis is a professional trade association representing residential homebuilders, associates and remodelers. For more information call 317-236-6330; or visit [www.BAGI.com](http://www.BAGI.com) for permits from 2000-2013.

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