



BUILDING SAFETY AND COVID-19

The International Code Council surveyed its members to find out how code officials are coping with the professional challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. These results, collected between March 22 and April 1, 2020, show trends on how jurisdictions in the U.S. are keeping up with inspections, new building permits and new construction during the pandemic.



1,158 RESPONSES
from jurisdictions
of all sizes



Participants from
50 U.S. STATES and the
District of Columbia



1K-4.6M
POPULATION
Size of jurisdiction

RESULTS

93% Of departments still performing inspections, either remotely or in-person

65% Report that some or all employees that conduct plan review or inspections are working remotely

26% Have seen requests for temporary occupancy/structures permits as a result of COVID-19

VIRTUAL CAPABILITIES

23% Said their employees do not have access to needed hard copy code books

40% Do not have the capability to do electronic/remote plan reviews

30% Do not have the capability to do any aspect of electronic/remote permitting

61% Do not have the capability for electronic/remote inspections

HARD COPY vs. ELECTRONIC CODE USAGE

● Hard Copies ○ Electronic ● Both

