



## Goal 4: Sustainable Community Development

Desired Community Condition: **Medium to high-density neighborhoods that contribute to a more compact urban form are an available choice.**



### Indicator: **New Construction Building Permits Inside and Outside the 1960 City Boundary**

**Progress Rating: Local Trend: STABLE National Comparison: NOT APPLICABLE**

#### Indicator Description

This indicator is the total number of commercial and residential building permits issued from 1991 to 2003 in each of the following areas: 1960 City of Albuquerque boundary and between the 1960 City boundary and the current City boundary. This indicator does not include the number of building permits for buildings that are renovated or expanded. The approximate ratio of renovation building permits to new construction permits is: 4:1 for commercial and 1:4 for residential. There are more buildings remodeled or expanded within the 1960 City boundary than outside this boundary, since the housing stock is older.

#### Why are these indicators important?

Identifying the amount and areas in which building permits are being issued of each type of new construction quantifies the extent to which infill development is taking place in Albuquerque. Infill can be more efficient, since it relies on existing infrastructure. Development within areas already served by infrastructure can reduce development and maintenance costs. It also encourages use of alternative transportation modes and helps reduce vehicle miles traveled and the attendant air pollution.

#### Data Sources

City of Albuquerque Planning Department

#### What can we tell from the data?

- The number of residential new construction building permits outside the 1960 City limits is approximately ten times the number of residential new construction building permits inside the 1960 City limits.
- The number of commercial new construction building permits inside the 1960 City limits in 2003 is almost double the number in 2002 and is the highest in the past five years.
- Still, there are more commercial new construction building permits outside the 1960 City limits than inside the 1960 City limits; the ratio is approximately 3 to 2.

