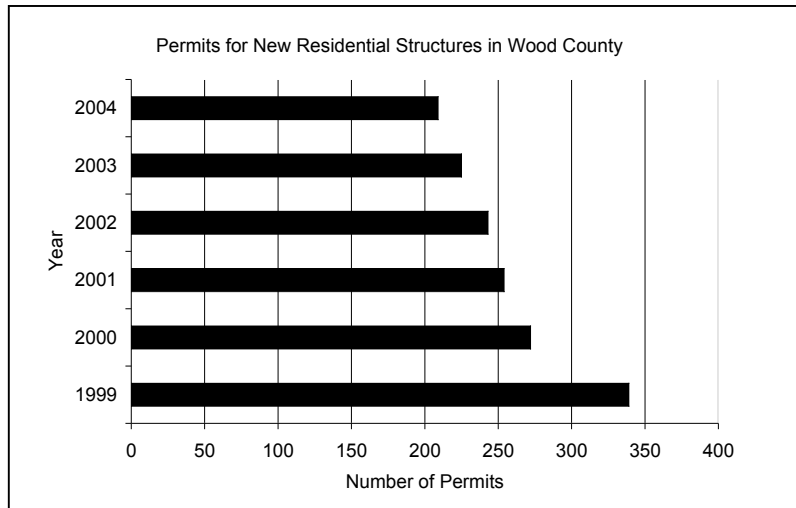


**New Houses and Improvements Increase the Quality of Life**



**Key Facts**

- Since 1999 there has been an average of 214 building permits issued in Wood County each year for new housing.
- The number of alteration/addition permits issued in Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield has averaged 1,294 per year since 1999.

Number of Residential Construction Permits issued in Wood County.						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
New 1 & 2 Family	339	272	254	243	225	209
Multi Family	2	3	6	13	13	18
Additions/Alterations	1127	1035	1133	1727	1363	1383

**Why is this Information Important?**

The building of new homes signifies a growing and thriving community. Adding and altering existing homes makes the existing housing stock more attractive. New home construction and improvements made to existing housing reflect favorably on a community's quality of life.

**Building Permits**

Each community sets its own regulations pertaining to the construction of new houses, additions or alterations to existing units. Permit fees vary depending on the work to be done.

*Sources: US Census; the Cities of Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield; Wisconsin Department of Commerce*