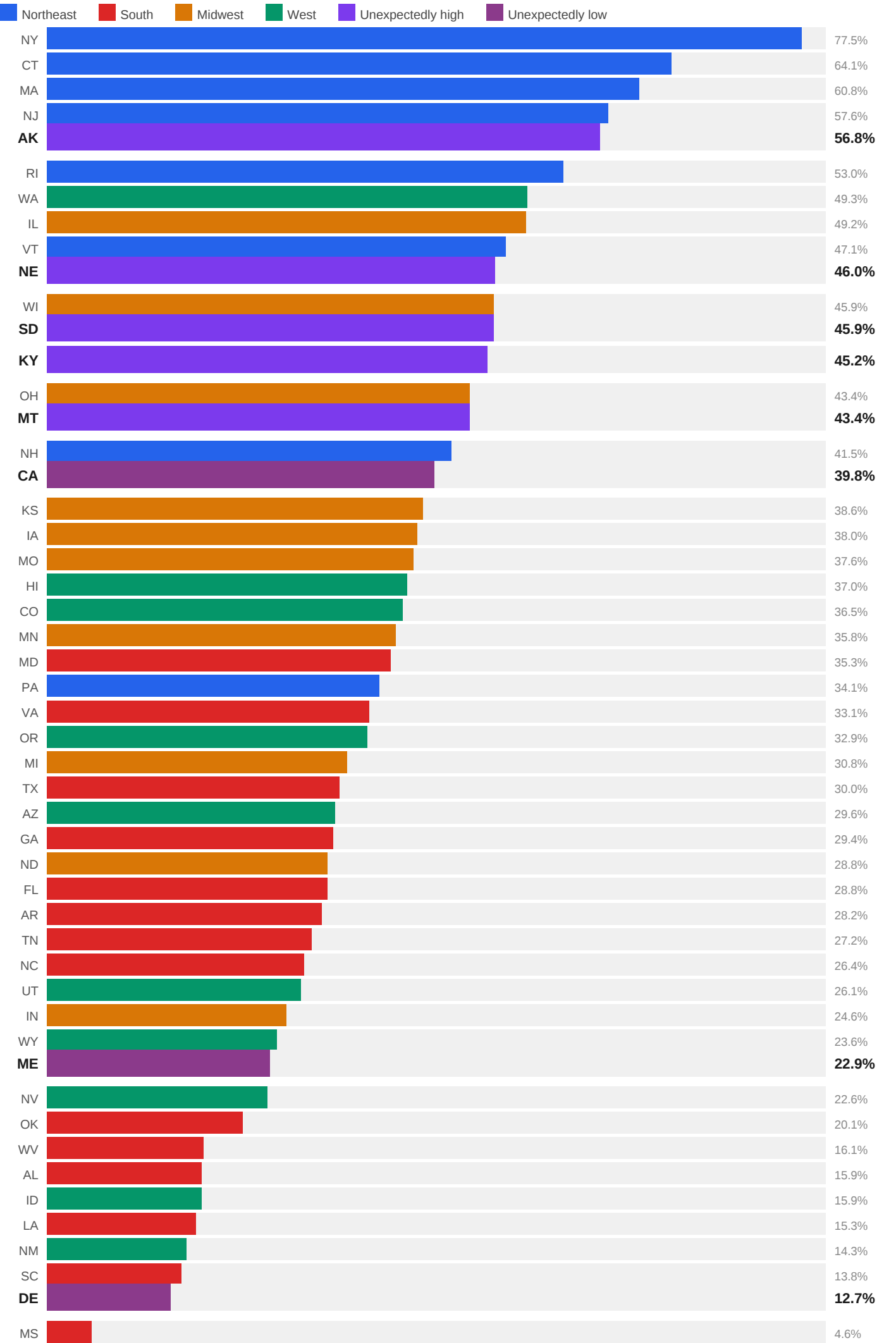


Multifamily's Share of New Residential Construction Permits, by State

Percentage of building permits issued for structures with 5+ units in 2025. States ranked highest to lowest. Source: U.S. Census Bureau.



States That Buck the Trend

56.8% Alaska

Libertarian, remote, and sparsely populated — yet fifth in the nation for multifamily permitting. Military housing and extreme climate drive compact construction.

12.7% Delaware

A Mid-Atlantic state with the second-lowest multifamily share in the country — ahead of only Mississippi.

46.0% Nebraska & South Dakota

Deep red, agricultural states where nearly half of all new permits are multifamily. Both outpace California (39.8%).

39.8% California

Home to the nation's most acute housing crisis, yet its multifamily share falls below Wisconsin, Kentucky, and Illinois.

45.2% Kentucky

Perhaps more purple than many expect, Kentucky is ahead of Colorado, Minnesota, Maryland, and Virginia in multifamily share.

22.9% Maine

A New England state with a multifamily share lower than Arkansas and North Dakota, defying the regional pattern.