

List of building types

Residential

Single-family detached

Examples of single-family detached house types include:

- Bungalow
- Central-passage house (North America)
- Chattel house (Caribbean)
- Cottage (various)
- Courtyard house (various)
- Konak (Asia)
- Log house (various)
- Housebarn (various)
- Split level home (various)
- Upper Lusatian house (Europe)

Single-family attached (small multi-family)

- Duplex, semi-detached, double-decker, or two-family
- Triplex, triple-decker or three-family
- Quadplex, quadruple, or four-family
- Townhouse or terraced house

Large multi-family (apartments/flats/condos)

- Garden or walk-up apartments: 1–5 stories, 50–400 units, no elevators^[1]
- Mid-rise apartments/condos: 5–9 stories, 30–110 units, with elevators^[1]
- High-rise apartments/condos: 9+ stories, 100+ units, professionally managed^[1]
- Special-purpose group housing^[1]
 - Retirement home
 - Nursing home
 - Dormitory
 - Prison

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Commercial

Commercial buildings, generally, are buildings used by businesses to sell their products to consumers.^[1]

Office

Office buildings are generally categorized by *size* and by *quality* (e.g., "a low-rise Class A building")^[2]

- **Office buildings by size**
 - Low-rise (less than 7 stories)
 - Mid-rise (7–25 stories)
 - High-rise (more than 25 stories), including skyscrapers (over 40 stories)
- **Office buildings by quality**^{[3][4]}
 - Trophy or 5-star building: A landmark property designed by a recognized architect
 - Class A or 4-star building: Rents in the top 30-40% of the local market; well-located; above-average upkeep and management; usually older than a trophy/5-star building
 - Class B or 3-star building: Rents between Class A and Class C; fair-to-good locations; average upkeep and management
 - Class C or 2-star building: Rents in the bottom 10-20% of the local market; less-desirable locations; below-average upkeep and management
 - 1-star building: Does not meet the needs of typical tenants; may be obsolete and/or in need of significant renovation^[3]

Retail

Retail buildings are categorized by their configuration and size^[5]

- **Non-freestanding** (also known as shopping malls)
 - Super-regional shopping center: enclosed space; 800,000+ sqft; 5+ anchor stores with other tenants that sell a very large variety of goods
 - Regional shopping center: enclosed space; 400,000–800,000 sqft; 1–5 anchor stores with other tenants that sell a large variety of goods
 - Community shopping center: open space; 125,000–400,000 sqft; provides general merchandise and commodities (e.g., supermarket, discount department store)
 - Neighborhood shopping center: open space; 3,000–125,000 sqft; provides commodities to nearby neighborhoods (e.g. drug store)
 - Strip or convenience shopping center: open space; less than 30,000 sqft; located along suburban transportation arteries on shallow land parcels; a strip may be configured in a straight line, or have an "L" or "U" shape
 - Lifestyle center: "Main Street" concept with pedestrian circulation in core and vehicular circulation along perimeter; upscale national chain specialty stores, dining or entertainment (e.g. The Grove, Los Angeles, CA; Americana at Brand, Glendale, CA)
- **Freestanding**: any stand-alone retail structure that is not part of a complex

- Big box: freestanding category-dominant retailer; 50,000+ sqft (*e.g.* The Home Depot, Target, Walmart)
- Power center: among the largest types of retail properties; 3+ big box anchor stores; multiple large buildings with parking lot in front and loading in back; smaller retailers usually clustered in a community shopping center configuration
- Retail outlet: manufacturers' outlet stores; 50,000–400,000 sqft
- Pop-up retail: a retail location designed to only be in a location temporarily (*e.g.*, a retail store that only opens during a holiday season)

Hotels

- Full service hotels
- Travelers' hotels
 - Motel
 - Choultry
 - Caravanserai
- Extended stay hotels
- Boutique hotels
- Casino
- Resort

Special-purpose

- Self-storage
- Car washes
- Theme or amusement parks
- Bowling alleys
- Marinas
- Theaters
- Funeral homes

Industrial

Industrial buildings are primarily used for the production and storage/distribution of goods, among other uses.^[6]

Manufacturing

- Light manufacturing
- Heavy manufacturing

Warehouse/distribution

- Warehouses

- Bulk warehouse
- Cold/cool/refrigerator/freezer storage
- High-cube (an industrial building with a large amount of vertical clearance, a.k.a. "high bay")
- Warehouse store or retail warehouse
- Distribution/fulfillment centers
 - Container terminals
 - Truck terminals

Flex space

- Office building
- Laboratory
- Data center
- Call center
- Showroom

Infrastructure

- Composting facility
- Desalination plant
- Waste transfer centre
- Power generation
 - Power plant
 - Fossil-fuel power station
 - Nuclear power plant
 - Geothermal power
 - Biomass-fuelled power plant
 - Waste heat power plant
 - Renewable energy power station
- Power distribution
 - Substation building
 - converter hall
 - Rotary converter plant
- transmitter building

Agricultural

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| ▪ <u>Abattoir</u> | ▪ <u>Farmhouse</u> |
| ▪ <u>Barn</u> | ▪ <u>Granary, Hórreo</u> |
| ▪ <u>Chicken coop or chickenhouse</u> | ▪ <u>Greenhouse</u> |
| ▪ <u>Cow-shed</u> | ▪ <u>Hayloft</u> |

- [Pigpen or sty](#)
- [Root cellar](#)
- [Shed](#)
- [Silo](#)
- [Slaughterhouse](#)
- [Stable](#)
- [Storm cellar](#)
- [Well house](#)
- [Crib](#)
- [Windmill](#)

Specialty

- **Educational**

- [Archive](#)
- [College](#)
- [Elementary schools](#)
- [Secondary School](#)
- [School](#)
- [University](#)
- [Nursery school](#)

- **Civic**

- [Arena](#)
- [Library](#)
- [Mudhif](#): a traditional reed house made by the [Madan](#) people of Iraq
- [Museum](#)
- [Community hall](#)

- **Religious**

- [Church](#)
 - [Basilica](#)
 - [Cathedral](#)
 - [Duomo](#)
 - [Chapel](#)
 - [Oratory](#)
 - [Martyrium](#)
- [Imambargah](#)
- [Monastery](#)
- [Mithraeum](#)
- [Shrine](#)
- [Synagogue](#)
- [Temple](#)
- [Pagoda](#)
- [Gurdwara](#)
- [Hindu temple](#)
- [Mosque](#)

- **Government**

- City hall
- Consulate
- Courthouse
- Embassy
- Fire station
- Meeting house
- Moot hall
- Parliament house
- Police station
- Post office
- Assembly

- **Military**

- Arsenal
- Barracks
- Bunker
- Blockhouse
- Citadel
- Missile launch facility

- **Transport**


- Airport terminal
- Bus station
- Metro (subway, underground) station
- Taxi station
- Railway station (or, primarily in US, Railroad station)
 - Signal box
- Lighthouse
- Shipyards
- Space port
- Hovercraft
- Ferry terminal
- Cruise terminal
- Boathouse
- Parking garage
- Hangar

- **Other**

- Aul
- Bathhouse
- Film studio
- Folly

- Gym

See also

 Media related to Buildings by function at Wikimedia Commons

- Outline of architecture

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