

Largest Milwaukee-area single-family home builders

(Ranked by number of new home starts, local — 2010)

Going up

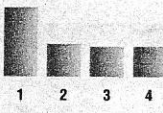
On the list of 25 largest home builders, 11 showed increases in single-family detached home starts in 2010 compared with starts in 2009. The four with the greatest increases were:

▲ 22 ¹
Harpe Development LLC

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William Ryan Homes Inc.

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Tim O'Brien Homes

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Trustway Homes



Homes ahead

Bielinski Homes, Pewaukee, tops this year's list of largest single-family home builders with 109 detached home starts in the seven-county Milwaukee area in 2010. Brookstone Homes, Oconomowoc, with 100 home starts, ranks second. Victory Homes of Wisconsin, Korndorfer Development and Badger Home Builders Inc. moved into the list's top 10. Looking at what worked in 2010, John Stoker of Victory Homes of Wisconsin said slightly less stringent mortgage practices and appraisals that were more in line helped buyers secure financing. And Anthony Alesci of Alesci Homes noted, "Consumer confidence in new home construction appears to be steadily growing."

Looking ahead

Mortgage banking companies March 4

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| Rank | Name Address | Telephone Website | Prior rank | New detached home starts, local, 2010 | Average price range | Services, specialties | Top local official | Year founded locally |
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| 1 | Bielinski Homes N16 W23377 Stone Ridge Drive Waukesha, 53188 | 262-542-9494 www.bielinski.com | [2] | 109 | \$115,390 - \$1,000,000+ | Custom homes; home and lot packages with guaranteed pricing; RediHomes for immediate occupancy; ranch condominiums | Frank Bielinski Harry Bielinski | 1960 |
| 2 | Brookstone Homes 1230 Corporate Center Drive Oconomowoc, 53066 | 262-567-5700 www.brookstonehomes.com | [1] | 100 | \$180,000 - \$350,000 (home/lot package) | Choose from move-in-ready homes or build on your own lot, guaranteed pricing, turnkey financing, customization and affordability | Scott Thistle | 1994 |
| 3 | Kaerek Homes Inc. 11600 W. Lincoln Ave. West Allis, 53227 | 414-321-5300 www.kaerekhomes.com | [4] | 73 | \$145,000 - \$500,000 | Reputation in the industry as a focus on energy developer, builder and remodeler; starter to custom homes; celebrating 50th year in business | Michael Kaerek | 1961 |
| 4 | Tim O'Brien Homes N16 W24132 Prairie Court Waukesha, 53188 | 262-542-5750 www.timobrienhomes.com | [5] | 65 | \$180,000 - \$750,000 | Semi-custom, energy efficient, green homes; Energy Star certified | Tim O'Brien | 2007 |
| 5 | William Ryan Homes Inc. 175 N. Patrick Lane Brookfield, 53045 | 262-794-9910 www.williamryanhomes.com | [6] | 65 | \$175,000 - \$450,000 | New construction homes; value focused | Craig Vermeulen | 1995 |
| 6 | Harpe Development LLC 7530 39th Ave. Kenosha, 53142 | 262-577-5417 www.harpedevelopment.com | [10] | 47 | \$215,000 - \$680,000 | Specializes in custom and semi-custom single-family homes; high-quality homes, affordable pricing | Dustin Harpe | 2006 |
| 7 | Victory Homes of Wisconsin Inc. N56 W16688 Ridgewood Drive Menomonee Falls, 53051 | 866-705-7000 victoryhomesofwisconsin.com | [12] | 30 | \$473,000 | Semi-custom; custom residential home builder | John Stoker | 2004 |
| 8 | Kings Way/Kettle Creek/Chapel Hill 700 Pilgrim Parkway Elm Grove, 53122 | 262-797-3636 www.kingswayhomes.com | [7] | 29 | \$175,000 - \$2,000,000+ | Custom homes designed in-house at all price levels, energy efficiency and accessible features, house/lot packages in exclusive subdivisions, condominiums | Craig Caliendo | 1972 |
| 9 | Korndorfer Development 7900 Durand Ave. Sturtevant, 53177 | 262-884-9550 www.korndorfer.info | [16] | 25 | \$200,000 - \$900,000 (home/lot package) | Custom home builder, land development, design/build | Wolf Korndorfer | 1991 |
| 10 | Badger Home Builders Inc. 1323 Poplar Drive Waukesha, 53188 | 262-522-7094 www.badgerhomes.com | [13] | 23 | \$180,000 - \$450,000 | Custom homes, model homes, lots, turnkey homes, spec | Daniel Tinti | 1972 |
| 11 | Cade Homes Inc. 6520 W. Layton Ave. Greenfield, 53220 | 414-282-6100 www.cadehomes.com | [20] | 22 | \$140,000 - \$300,000 | New home builder of single family and duplexes | Dean Magner | 1965 |
| 12 | Homes by Towne 710 N. Plankinton Ave. Milwaukee, 53203 | 414-274-2920 www.homesbytowne.com | [15] | 22 | \$250,000 - \$550,000 | Semi-custom builder and developer; communities located in Muskego, Pewaukee, Mequon and Cedarburg | Bill Wigchers | 1949 |
| 13 | Jeff Horwath Family Builders Inc. 1806 Highway 83 Hartland, 53029 | 262-367-0131 www.jeffhorwath.com | [15] | 22 | \$300,000 - \$1,300,000 | Top quality, creative homes; reputation for customer service focus; over 200 home designs and free custom plans | Jeff Horwath | 1989 |
| 14 | Trustway Homes Inc. W220 N3451 Springdale Road Pewaukee, 53072 | 262-695-6400 www.trustway.com | [25] | 22 | \$200,000 - \$1,500,000 | Semi-custom/custom builder of single-family homes in southeastern Wisconsin | Steven Clavette | 1960 |
| 15 | Wolter Brothers Builders Inc. 15975 W. National Ave. New Berlin, 53151 | 262-784-3070 www.wolterbrothers.com | [9] | 20 | \$200,000 - \$400,000 | Single-family home builder from models customized to owner's needs, with home and lot packages available | John Atkinson | 1968 |
| 16 | Newport Builders Inc. / Newbrook Homes Inc. 6949 Mariner Drive Racine, 53406 | 262-632-7373 www.newport-builders.com | [14] | 17 | \$199,000 - \$700,000 (home/lot package) | Offering portfolio homes as well as custom design plans; all homes are 100% Energy Star and green built | Kurt Kamm | 1992 |
| 17 | Alesci Homes Inc. 3044 S. 92nd St. West Allis, 53227 | 414-321-6500 www.alescihomes.com | [18] | 16 | \$369,900 | Custom home building and design | Anthony Alesci II | 1960 |
| 18 | Allan Builders N56 W16688 Ridgewood Drive Menomonee Falls, 53051 | 262-252-7100 allanbuilders.com | [19] | 16 | \$325,000 | Semi-custom; custom residential home builder | Daryl Prusow | 2006 |
| 19 | Mastercraft Builders 5008 Green Bay Road Kenosha, 53144 | 262-654-1220 www.mastercraftbuilders.com | [8] | 15 | \$235,000 | Custom and semi-custom building, land development, additions, remodel, disaster repairs | Jim Duerrwachter | 1987 |
| 20 | James Craig Builders Inc. 12229 W. North Ave. Wauwatosa, 53226 | 414-771-5563 www.jamescraigbuilders.com | [22] | 12 | \$325,000 - \$750,000 | Specializing in advanced building practices and award-winning customer service; in-house design services; all-inclusive complete pricing | Craig Rakowski | 1998 |
| 21 | Lemel Homes Inc. 7161 N. Port Washington Road Glendale, 53217 | 414-228-1800 www.lemelhomes.com | [24] | 10 | \$182,000 - \$400,000 | Single-family homes, custom or from model homes on owner's lot or lot we help locate; also offer condominiums and do remodeling as well as additions | Joe Lemel | 1983 |
| 22 | Don Belman Homes Inc. 1407 E. Sunset Drive Waukesha, 53189 | 262-544-4648 www.donbelmanhomes.com | [11] | 7 | \$318,000 - \$424,000 | Hand-built single-family, ranch condos, land development, discounted real estate services | Don Belman | 1973 |
| 23 | Ideal Homes Inc. P.O. Box 786 Hales Corners, 53130 | 414-324-8203 www.theidealhome.com | [NR] | 7 | \$230,000 - \$450,000 | Custom home builder and remodeler | Diane Polczynski | 1995 |
| 24 | CastleRock Custom Homes 6794 River Pointe Drive Franklin, 53132 | 414-304-1000 www.createmycastle.com | [NR] | 6 | \$300,000 - \$600,000 (home only) | Custom home builder with a low-overhead business model to enable clients to build custom homes at cost-conscious pricing; craftsmanship, attention to detail | Craig Kasianowicz | 2008 |
| 25 | J. Anthony Homes W141 N5984 Kaul Ave. Menomonee Falls, 53051 | 262-522-4401 www.janthonyhomes.com | [17] | 6 | \$370,000 | Building from models, customized models or complete custom homes | John Stoker | 1991 |