

Q1 2025 Remodel Index Report



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Home repair and remodeling costs continue to rise.

The cost of home repairs and remodeling in the first quarter of 2025 continued to increase, rising by 3.97% from the first quarter of 2024 and by 0.91% from the fourth quarter of 2024.

Costs set new highs for the past decade, rising over 61% from the first quarter of 2015 and more than 72% since the inception of the index in the first quarter of 2013.

Repair and remodeling costs increased more rapidly than inflation, as the Consumer Price Index rose just 2.4% year-over-year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"The first quarter of 2025 bucked recent trends in repair and replacement costs," said Greg Pyne, VP, Pricing for Verisk Property Estimating Solutions. "While costs have been steadily rising, they've been rising at decelerating rates in recent quarters." The increase dropped from 1.1% in Q2 2024 to 0.94% in Q3, and then to 0.83% in Q4. The rate of increase in Q1 2025 reversed that trajectory and jumped back up to 0.91% this quarter, resulting in an annual cost increase of 3.97%, well above the rate of inflation.

Quarterly price increases appear to be driven primarily by labor costs. The percentage of labor costs for repair and remodeling work rose modestly, from 59.76% to 59.78%. The product category that had the highest quarterly price increase—vinyl windows at 2.51%—is labor intensive, with 63% of its costs coming from labor charges.



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Overall, every category of repair and remodeling work saw costs increase at least slightly.



"So far, material prices have remained fairly stable, and labor costs have only gone up slightly over the past few quarters," added Pyne. "We haven't seen panic buying from contractors or investors concerned about the impact tariffs might have on future costs, or labor rates being driven up by stricter enforcement of immigration policies. But given how many core materials are imported, and how big a part of the construction labor force is made up of immigrants, these are two trends we'll be watching closely in the months ahead."

Regional trends

South Atlantic and Mountain regions lead growth.

Once again, all regions experienced cost increases both quarterly and annually. Quarterly increases ranged from a low of 0.69% in the South Atlantic Region to 1.09% in the West North Central Region.

The South Atlantic Region, where prices have been affected by hurricanes Helene and Milton, continued to have the highest annual price increases at 4.72%. The region was joined by two other regions where prices rose by more than 4%: the West North Central Region at 4.08% and the Mountain Region at 4.05%. All other regions experienced annual increases between 3.3% (Mid-Atlantic Region) and 3.85% (East South Central).

	Q3-Q4 2024	Q4-Q1 2025	Q1 2024-2025
East North Central	0.78%	0.89%	3.78%
East South Central	0.93%	0.88%	3.85%
Mid-Atlantic	0.61%	0.81%	3.30%
Mountain	0.64%	0.92%	4.05%
New England	0.78%	0.97%	3.75%
Pacific	0.75%	1.01%	3.75%
South Atlantic	1.44%	0.69%	4.72%
West North Central	0.56%	1.09%	4.08%
West South Central	0.63%	0.98%	3.50%

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Southeastern state costs moderate after post-hurricane increase

The states most directly affected by the recent hurricanes had the highest rate of repair cost increases in the fourth quarter of 2024 but were in the middle of the pack in Q1 2025.

Hurricane-affected states:

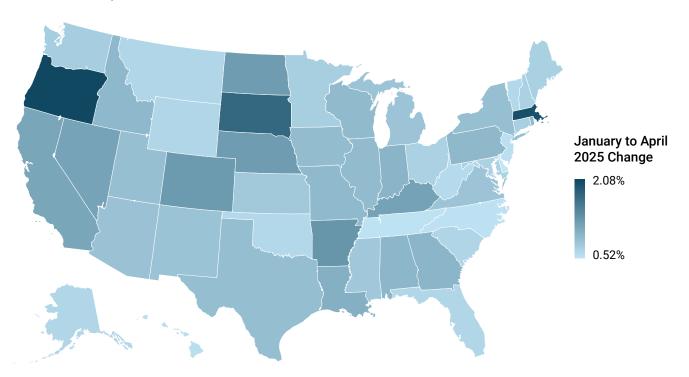
- Georgia costs rose by 2.56% in the Q4 2024, but only by 0.99% in Q1 2025
- South Carolina cost increases declined from 2.17% to 0.68%
- Florida declined from 1.62% to 0.66%

"After several months of significant increases to repair costs in the Southeastern states after the hurricanes, it looks like prices in those regions are beginning to moderate," Pyne noted. "While we haven't yet seen major price increases in the regions impacted by the Los Angeles wildfires, it's likely that we'll see a similar pattern in the months ahead."



Rate of Repair Price Increases, Q4 2024-Q1 2025

Source: Verisk Repair Cost Index



Methodology

The Verisk Remodel Index tracks costs on 31 different categories of home repair, comprising more than 10,000 line items including appliances, doors, framing, plumbing and windows. Prices are compiled and updated monthly in over 430 local market areas across the country. The index cost basis is January 2013, and the report is updated quarterly.

Where to get more insights:

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