



# ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

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## 2012 Recording Volume Marks Six-Year High

The volume of real estate documents recorded in Orange County surged in 2012, marking the highest amount since 2006, confirming renewed activity in the local housing market as the economy slowly recovers.

Document recordings for 2012 hit 817,537, rising 18% over the 690,613 documents recorded in 2011. Volumes in 2010 were 714,117 and 704,293 in 2009, slumped to a low of 597,314 in 2008 and were 759,625 in 2007. The next highest volume of documents was recorded in 2006, when 878,605 transactions were processed by the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department.

“Document recordings last year reflected growing confidence in the housing market and that’s a hopeful trend,” said Assistant Clerk-Recorder Renee Ramirez.

Since 2008, as the housing market collapsed nationally and document recordings plunged, real estate transactions recorded in Orange County have jumped 37%.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder provides a variety of public services, including recording documents related to real property transactions, maintaining and issuing copies of birth, death and marriage certificates, issuing marriage licenses and performing civil wedding ceremonies. The department also files Fictitious Business Names, Notary Public oaths and bonds, and processes passport applications. The department oversees the Orange County Archives, a center for materials, research and education, preserving Orange County history for the public.

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