

# Largest Milwaukee-area single-family home builders

(Ranked by number of new home starts in 2008)

## High end

Three single-family home builders that submitted information had the highest average price range. Only one made the list with 12 new home starts.

12 home starts in 2008

### Zach Building Co.

Oconomowoc  
► \$400,000 to \$3,000,000

5 home starts in 2008

### Architectural Homes by Anders Inc.

Waukesha  
► \$400,000 to \$3,000,000

3 home starts in 2008

### Lakeside Development Co.

Mequon  
► \$638,000 to \$1,569,000

## Slow starts

Bielinski Homes is back on the list in the top spot, reporting 179 single-family detached home starts in 2008, followed by William Ryan Homes Inc. with 112. It was a slow year for most home builders on the list. Some firms are increasing their home remodeling and design efforts to stay competitive. Dropping off the list based on new home starts in 2008 are Joseph Douglas Homes, Ideal Homes Inc., Newport Builders and Architectural Homes by Anders Inc. Besides the return of Bielinski, other new firms on the list this year are Victory Homes of Wisconsin, Menomonee Falls; **Tim O'Brien Homes, Waukesha;** and Zach Building Co., Oconomowoc.

## Looking ahead

Independent insurance companies Feb. 20  
Racine and Kenosha employers Feb. 20

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	Name Address	Telephone Web site	Prior rank	New home starts 2008 (local)	Average price range	Services/specialties	Chief management officer(s)	Year est.
1	<b>Bielinski Homes</b> N16 W23377 Stone Ridge Drive Waukesha, 53188	(262) 542-9494 <a href="http://www.bielinski.com">www.bielinski.com</a>	[NR]	179	\$127,790-\$800,000 (home and lot packages)	Single family; home and lot packages, RediHomes, build on your lot, custom; also condominiums — ranch, duplex and single	Frank Bielinski Harry Bielinski	1960
2	<b>William Ryan Homes Inc.</b> 175 N. Patrick Lane Brookfield, 53045	(262) 794-9910 <a href="http://www.williamryanhomes.com">www.williamryanhomes.com</a>	[2]	112	\$180,000-\$400,000 (home and lot packages)	Complete turnkey home builder, with prices starting from \$180,000, home and lot packages	Craig Vermeulen	1989
3	<b>Brookstone Homes</b> 1230 Corporate Center Drive Oconomowoc, 53066	(262) 567-5700 <a href="http://www.brookstonehomes.com">www.brookstonehomes.com</a>	[3]	104	\$170,000-\$300,000 (home and lot packages)	Home and lot packages, guaranteed pricing, 30+ home plans, 17 communities	Scott Thistle	1994
4	<b>Kaerek Homes Inc.</b> 11600 W. Lincoln Ave. West Allis, 53227	(414) 321-5300 <a href="http://www.kaerekhomes.com">www.kaerekhomes.com</a>	[1]	101	\$149,000-\$350,000	Energy Star builder and developer; residential construction and remodeling; home/lot packages and scattered site builds; professional services	Michael Kaerek	1961
5	<b>Mastercraft Builders</b> 5008 Green Bay Road Kenosha, 53144	(262) 654-1220 <a href="http://www.mastercraftbuilders.com">www.mastercraftbuilders.com</a>	[5]	80	\$220,000-\$280,000	Custom and semi-custom building, land development, additions, remodel, disaster repairs	Jim Duerrwaechter Henry Osburn	1987
6	<b>Miracle Homes Inc.</b> 1977 Mayfield Road Richfield, 53076	(262) 628-9091 <a href="http://www.miracle-homes.com">www.miracle-homes.com</a>	[4]	60	\$240,000 (excluding lot)	Custom and package homes ranging from high-end luxury to economical starters; unusual layouts and construction exceeding Energy Star	Tom Hignite Jacquie Hignite	1992
7	<b>Kings Way/Kettle Creek/Chapel Hill</b> 700 Pilgrim Parkway Elm Grove, 53122	(262) 797-3636 <a href="http://www.kingswayhomes.com">www.kingswayhomes.com</a>	[6]	48	\$200,000-\$2,000,000	Single-family custom and semicustom homes, exclusive communities, house and lot packages, accessible homes	William Baesemann Craig Caliendo	1972
8	<b>Badger Home Builders Inc.</b> 1323 Poplar Drive Waukesha, 53188	(262) 522-7094 <a href="http://www.badgerhomes.com">www.badgerhomes.com</a>	[7]	37	\$180,000-\$300,000 (excluding lot)	Custom homes, model homes, lots, turnkey homes, spec homes	Daniel Tinti Cindy Simcich	1972
9	<b>Korndoerfer Development</b> 6211 Durand Ave. Racine, 53406	(262) 884-9550 <a href="http://www.korndoerfer.info">www.korndoerfer.info</a>	[11]	34	\$150,000-\$1,000,000	Energy efficiency single-family homes and condominiums with an emphasis on architectural detail and value	Wolf Korndoerfer	1990
10	<b>Homes by Towne</b> 1033 N. Mayfair Road Wauwatosa, 53226	(414) 266-9620 <a href="http://www.homesbytownewis.com">www.homesbytownewis.com</a>	[12]	31	\$250,000-\$700,000	Semicustom builder and developer, communities located in Muskego, Cedarburg, Pewaukee and Mequon	Todd Becker	1949
11	<b>Victory Homes of Wisconsin</b> W141 N5984 Kaul Ave. Menomonee Falls, 53051	(866) 705-7000 <a href="http://www.victoryhomesofwisconsin.com">www.victoryhomesofwisconsin.com</a>	[NR]	29	\$300,000-\$1,500,000	Custom home builder with in-house designer; experienced ownership team	John Stoker	2004
12	<b>Tim O'Brien Homes</b> N16 W24132 Prairie Court Waukesha, 53188	(262) 542-5750 <a href="http://www.timobrienhomes.com">www.timobrienhomes.com</a>	[NR]	28	\$200,000-\$400,000 (home and lot packages)	Energy efficiency and green building, semi-custom single-family home and lot packages	Tim O'Brien, Mark Neumann, Matt Neumann	
13	<b>Jeff Horwath Family Builders Inc.</b> 1806 Highway 83 Hartland, 53029	(262) 367-0131 <a href="http://www.jeffhorwath.com">www.jeffhorwath.com</a>	[15]	25	\$250,000-\$1,000,000	High quality, long life, energy efficient, low maintenance, 100+ creative and classic designs, free custom, high value/price ratio	Jeff Horwath	1989
13	<b>J. Anthony Homes</b> 1605 Manhattan Drive Waukesha, 53186	(262) 522-4401 <a href="http://www.janthonyhomes.com">www.janthonyhomes.com</a>	[13]	25	\$380,000	Building from our models, customized models or complete custom homes	Joseph Wendelberger	1991
15	<b>Wolter Brothers Builders Inc.</b> 15975 W. National Ave. New Berlin, 53151	(262) 784-3070 <a href="http://www.wolterbrothers.com">www.wolterbrothers.com</a>	[9]	22	\$175,000-\$400,000	Single-family home builder from models customized to owner's needs, with home and lot packages available	John Atkinson	1968
15	<b>Westridge Builders/Life Homes/City Homes</b> N8 W22520-L Johnson Drive Waukesha, 53186	(262) 547-0326 <a href="http://www.westridgebuilders.com">www.westridgebuilders.com</a>	[8]	22	\$200,000-\$3,000,000	Land development, new home, commercial, apartment-condo construction, remodeling	Carl Tomich	1975
17	<b>Alesci Homes Inc.</b> 3044 S. 92nd St. West Allis, 53227	(414) 321-6500 <a href="http://www.alescihomes.com">www.alescihomes.com</a>	[21]	20	\$225,000-\$500,000	Build from models, custom design build	Anthony Alesci II	1960
18	<b>Trustway Homes Inc.</b> W220 N3451 Springdale Road Pewaukee, 53072	(262) 695-6400 <a href="http://www.trustway.com">www.trustway.com</a>	[18]	19	\$200,000-\$1.5 million	Single-family, semi-custom/custom home builder	Steven Clavette	1960
19	<b>Demlang Builders Inc.</b> N53 W24794 S. Corporate Circle Sussex, 53089	(262) 246-0330 <a href="http://www.demlang.com">www.demlang.com</a>	[14]	18	\$200,000+	Single-family custom and semicustom homes, condominium communities, award-winning designs, close attention to detail	Rod Demlang	1982
20	<b>Don Belman Homes Inc.</b> 1407 E. Sunset Drive Waukesha, 53189	(262) 544-4648 <a href="http://www.donbelmanhomes.com">www.donbelmanhomes.com</a>	[10]	17	\$201,248-\$424,000	Full-service builder, realtor, land development	Don Belman	1970
21	<b>Lemel Homes Inc.</b> 7161 N. Port Washington Road Glendale, 53217	(414) 228-1800 <a href="http://www.lemelhomes.com">www.lemelhomes.com</a>	[16]	14	\$438,000 (excluding lot)	Individually designed homes or variations of model homes, with buyers having freedom to build anywhere they would like	Joe Lemel	1983
21	<b>James Craig Builders Inc.</b> 12229 W. North Ave. Wauwatosa, 53226	(414) 771-5563 <a href="http://www.jamescraigbuilders.com">www.jamescraigbuilders.com</a>	[16]	14	\$300,000-\$1,150,000	Custom and semicustom designs to fit client lifestyle; emphasize advanced building techniques, customer service	Craig Rakowski	1998
23	<b>Zach Building Co.</b> 34580 Meadow View Court Oconomowoc, 53066	(262) 646-5977 <a href="http://www.zachbuilders.com">www.zachbuilders.com</a>	[NR]	12	\$400,000-\$3,000,000	Green building, well versed experts in all facets of single-family custom home building	Matt Zach	
24	<b>Embassy Construction Corp.</b> 1325 W. Towne Square Road Mequon, 53092	(262) 241-8510 <a href="http://www.embassyhomes.com">www.embassyhomes.com</a>	[23]	10	\$250,000-\$500,000	Custom and semicustom homes, home and lot packages, remodeling, 3D CAD with in-house designer	Jerome McGinnis Timothy McGinnis	1961
25	<b>Cade Homes Inc.</b> 6520 W. Layton Ave. Greenfield, 53220	(414) 282-6100 <a href="http://www.cadehomes.com">www.cadehomes.com</a>	[20]	7	\$140,000-\$350,000	Single-family homes	Dale Magner Dennis Magner	1965

Notes: Information for this list was gathered through surveys and telephone interviews with company representatives. It is ranked by the number of detached new-home starts in 2008 reported by those companies for Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine, Ozaukee, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties. Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that provides housing for low-income families. Although it builds houses, the group is not a commercial builder and, therefore, is not included on the list though the group had 20 new home starts in 2008. 1 — Vadav Homolka and Christopher Moll are also Kings Way owners. NR — Not ranked last year. Survey responses are edited for space. To be considered for the list next year, contact Barb Zaferos at [bzaferos@bizjournals.com](mailto:bzaferos@bizjournals.com).

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