

More Than Half of Orland Park Homes Predate 1990, Tait & Tait General Construction Explains What That Means

New Census data shows the majority of Orland Park's housing stock was built before 1990, according to Tait & Tait General Construction, a general contractor serving Orland Park and the surrounding southwest suburbs



Orland Park, Illinois Sep 30, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - More than half of Orland Park's housing stock predates 1990, according to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's most recent Community Data Snapshot. CMAP's data shows 41.3% of the village's housing units were built between 1970 and 1989, with another 9.7% built between 1940 and 1969, and 2.0% built before 1940, together putting 53.0% of Orland Park's homes at 35 years old or more. The median year built across the village is 1989.

That age matters for how a renovation gets planned, not just how it looks when finished. Homes built in this era were constructed to the electrical capacity, plumbing layout, and structural standards of their time, not today's. A kitchen or bathroom remodel in a home from this period often surfaces decisions that go beyond selecting finishes: whether existing wiring can support new appliances, whether plumbing needs to be rerouted rather than simply reconnected, and whether a wall being removed to open up a layout is doing structural work that isn't obvious from the surface.

Treating an older home's renovation as a whole system, evaluating what's behind the walls before committing to a design, tends to produce fewer surprises mid-project than approaching the same space as a series of cosmetic updates. A new layout drawn without first understanding the plumbing and

framing underneath it can turn into a very different, more expensive project once demolition begins.

This shows up across the kinds of [remodeling projects](#) homeowners in Orland Park most often take on. A kitchen remodel in a decades-old home frequently involves updating electrical circuits alongside new cabinetry. A bathroom renovation often means addressing plumbing that was never designed for a larger shower or a second sink. A basement finishing project has to account for moisture and foundation conditions that weren't a consideration when the house was originally built. An addition has to tie into structural systems that are, by now, well past their original design assumptions.

"Older homes require us to look beyond the finishes. Before we commit to a layout, we want to understand the electrical, plumbing and structural conditions that may affect the project," said Terance Tait, owner of Tait & Tait General Construction.

About Tait & Tait General Construction

Tait & Tait General Construction is a [general contracting](#) company based in Orland Park, Illinois, providing kitchen remodeling, bathroom remodeling, basement finishing, home additions, room builds, flooring installation, and full-service general contracting to homeowners throughout Orland Park, Palos Park, Tinley Park, Mokena, Frankfort, and the surrounding southwest suburbs. The company is licensed and insured.

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