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## BUILDING PERMITS: **AUGUST 2026**

### Decrease of 13,8% in the Number of Building Permits

The Statistical Service announces that the number of building permits authorized during August 2026 stood at 558, registering a decrease of 13,8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. The total value of these permits reached €397,9 million and the total area 324,7 thousand square metres. These building permits provide for the construction of 1.684 dwelling units.

During the period January – August 2026, 5.731 building permits were issued compared to 4.842 in the corresponding period of the previous year, recording an increase of 18,4%. The total value of these permits increased by 38,6% and the total area by 38,7%. The number of dwelling units recorded an increase of 58,8%.

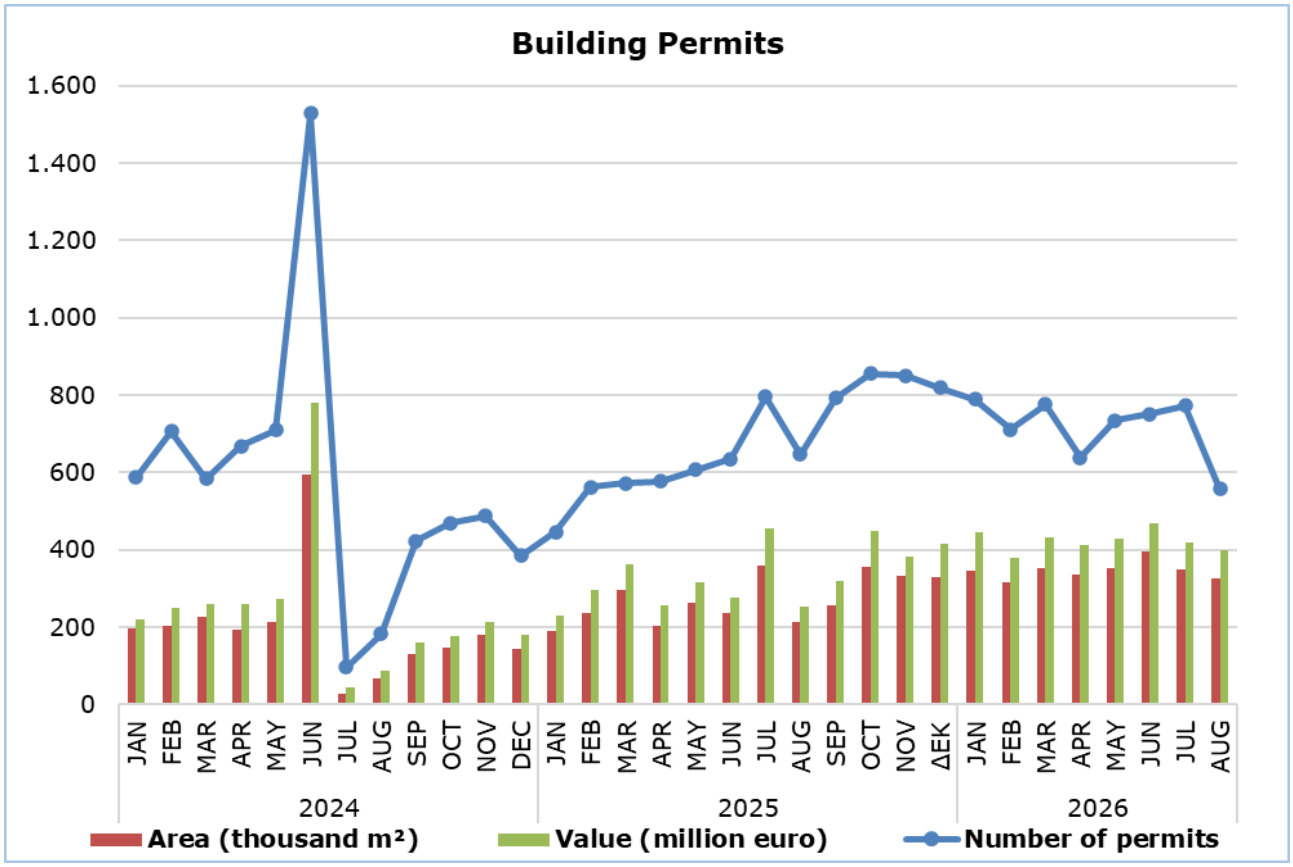


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**Table 1**

| Type of Project | Number of Permits | | | Percentage Change (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug 2026 | Jan-Aug 2026 | Jan-Aug 2025 | Jan-Aug 2026/2025 |
| Residential Buildings | 441 | 4.227 | 3.654 | 15,7 |
| Non-residential Buildings | 47 | 516 | 511 | 1,0 |
| Civil Engineering Projects | 18 | 312 | 261 | 19,5 |
| Division of Plots | 44 | 559 | 347 | 61,1 |
| Road Construction | 8 | 117 | 69 | 69,6 |
| **Total** | **558** | **5.731** | **4.842** | **18,4** |

**Table 2**

| Type of Project | Area (m²) | | | Percentage Change (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug 2026 | Jan-Aug 2026 | Jan-Aug 2025 | Jan-Aug 2026/2025 |
| Residential Buildings | 305.587 | 2.514.958 | 1.606.697 | 56,5 |
| Non-residential Buildings | 18.553 | 237.216 | 381.716 | -37,9 |
| Civil Engineering Projects | 540 | 19.567 | 10.135 | 93,1 |
| **Total** | **324.680** | **2.771.741** | **1.998.548** | **38,7** |

**Table 3**

| Type of Project | Value (€000's) | | | Percentage Change (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug 2026 | Jan-Aug 2026 | Jan-Aug 2025 | Jan-Aug 2026/2025 |
| Residential Buildings | 362.648 | 2.925.565 | 1.853.179 | 57,9 |
| Non-residential Buildings | 22.289 | 298.375 | 469.253 | -36,4 |
| Civil Engineering Projects | 9.784 | 109.406 | 94.011 | 16,4 |
| Division of Plots | 2.772 | 41.989 | 20.691 | 102,9 |
| Road Construction | 369 | 9.417 | 4.528 | 108,0 |
| **Total** | **397.862** | **3.384.752** | **2.441.662** | **38,6** |

**Table 4**

| Residential Buildings | Number of Dwelling Units | | | Percentage Change (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug 2026 | Jan-Aug 2026 | Jan-Aug 2025 | Jan-Aug 2026/2025 |
| Single houses | 268 | 2.307 | 2.325 | -0,8 |
| Buildings with two housing units | 95 | 900 | 725 | 24,1 |
| Residential apartment blocks | 1.170 | 10.468 | 6.030 | 73,6 |
| Residential/commercial apartment blocks | 151 | 1.053 | 195 | 440,0 |
| **Total** | **1.684** | **14.728** | **9.275** | **58,8** |

# METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Scope and Coverage

The purpose is the collection of basic data concerning residential and non-residential buildings as well as other construction activities such as civil engineering projects, division of plots and road construction, by district (both urban and rural areas). For each type of project, information is compiled on the number of permits authorized, the area and the value of the project and the number of dwelling units that are expected to be built. For the categorization of the various construction projects, the EU Classification of Types of Construction (CC) is being used.

Data cover all building permits authorized through the "Ippodamos" information system. More specifically, data include building permits, land division and road construction, demolitions and permits being re-issued. However, permit renewals and permits for the division of buildings are not included. In addition, the issuance of copies of permits and of certificates of final approval are not recorded.

## Data Collection

The Statistical Service traditionally received on a monthly basis from all the local administration authorities, namely the municipalities, the district administration offices of the Ministry of Interior and the Agios Tychonas Community Board, copies of all the building permits they issued. The information contained in these forms was appropriately coded by the Statistical Service in order to produce the statistics.

As part of the administrative reform, the authority of issuing building permits was transferred as from the 1st July 2024 from the local administration authorities to the newly founded Local Government Organisations (LGOs). At the same time, the integrated information system "Ippodamos" was put into operation and all applications are now processed by the LGOs electronically, including a large volume of older applications that were apparently submitted in printed form before the 1st July 2024.

***For more information*:**
CYSTAT Portal, subtheme Construction
CYSTAT-DB (Online Database)
Predefined Tables (Excel)

**The Predefined Tables, available in Excel format, include data up to December 2022. Data from January 2023 onwards are available only in the CYSTAT-DB Online Database.**

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