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BUILDING PERMITS: JANUARY 2025

Reduction of 24,0% in the Number of Building Permits Issued

The Statistical Service announces that the number of building permits authorized during January 2025 stood at 446. The total value of these permits reached €230,8 million and the total area 189,9 thousand square metres. These building permits provide for the construction of 838 dwelling units.

Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the number of building permits issued decreased by 24,0%. The total value of these permits increased by 4,3% and the total area decreased by 4,2%. The number of dwelling units recorded an increase of 0,5%.

It is noted that as from the 1st July 2024, the authority of issuing building permits was transferred from the municipalities and the district administration offices to the newly founded Local Government Organisations (LGOs) and the licensing process is performed through the new integrated information system "Ippodamos".

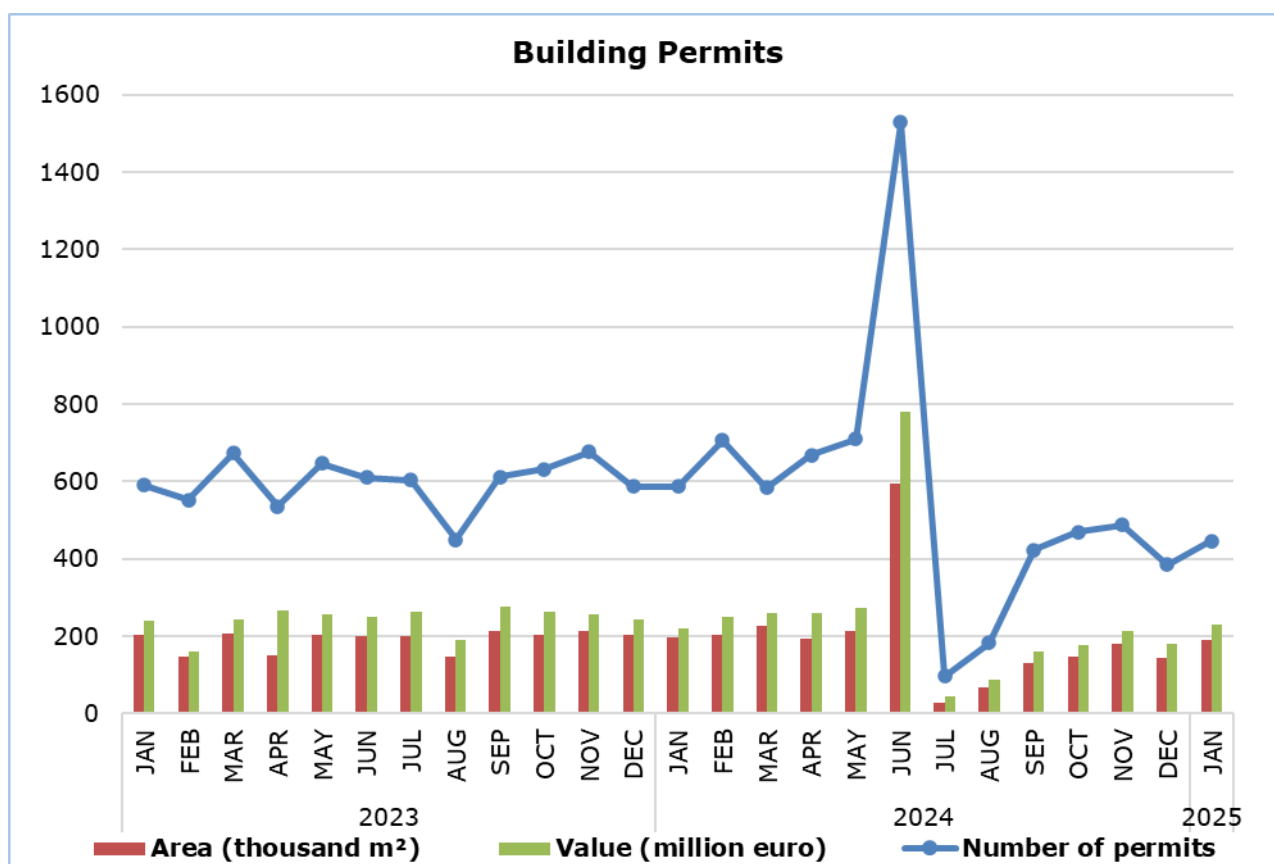


Table 1

Type of Project	Number of Permits			Percentage Change (%)
	Jan 2025	Jan 2024	Jan-Dec 2024	Jan 2025/ Jan 2024
Residential Buildings	308	398	4.706	-22,6
Non-residential Buildings	68	94	1.066	-27,7
Civil Engineering Projects	28	36	390	-22,2
Division of Plots	39	39	496	0,0
Road Construction	3	20	169	-85,0
Total	446	587	6.827	-24,0

Table 2

Type of Project	Area (m ²)			Percentage Change (%)
	Jan 2025	Jan 2024	Jan-Dec 2024	Jan 2025/ Jan 2024
Residential Buildings	142.287	146.782	1.903.146	-3,1
Non-residential Buildings	47.342	51.072	410.448	-7,3
Civil Engineering Projects	316	344	8.201	-8,1
Total	189.945	198.198	2.321.795	-4,2

Table 3

Type of Project	Value (€000's)			Percentage Change (%)
	Jan 2025	Jan 2024	Jan-Dec 2024	Jan 2025/ Jan 2024
Residential Buildings	157.344	166.451	2.236.938	-5,5
Non-residential Buildings	58.789	47.997	450.152	22,5
Civil Engineering Projects	12.516	1.920	168.004	551,9
Division of Plots	1.891	3.330	39.595	-43,2
Road Construction	272	1.589	12.632	-82,9
Total	230.812	221.287	2.907.321	4,3

Table 4

Residential Buildings	Number of Dwelling Units			Percentage Change (%)
	Jan 2025	Jan 2024	Jan-Dec 2024	Jan 2025/ Jan 2024
Single houses	165	237	2.820	-30,4
Buildings with two housing units	120	97	800	23,7
Residential apartment blocks	529	491	7.117	7,7
Residential/commercial apartment blocks	24	9	592	166,7
Total	838	834	11.329	0,5

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, including those for demolitions and permits being re-issued. However, permit renewals and permits for the division of buildings are not included.

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. In the first months of the reform, the operation of "Ippodamos" was accompanied by a series of technical and procedural weaknesses and delays that had a serious impact on the production of statistics in a timely, accurate and reliable manner.

The Statistical Service remains in touch with the Ministry of the Interior and the LGOs, as well as with the Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, in order to achieve the smooth recording by the LGOs of the necessary data in the "Ippodamos" system and the seamless production of statistics.

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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