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### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **BUILDING PERMITS: JUNE 2025**

# Reduction of 58,4% in the Number of Building Permits Issued

The Statistical Service announces that the number of building permits authorized during June 2025 stood at 635 compared to 1.528 in June 2024, registering a decrease of 58,4%. The total value of these permits reached €275,1 million and the total area 236,7 thousand square metres. These building permits provide for the construction of 1.132 dwelling units.

During the period January – June 2025, 3.399 building permits were issued compared to 4.782 in the corresponding period of the previous year, recording a decrease of 28,9%. The total value of these permits decreased by 15,2% and the total area by 12,4%. The number of dwelling units recorded a decrease of 13,1%.

It is noted that as from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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".

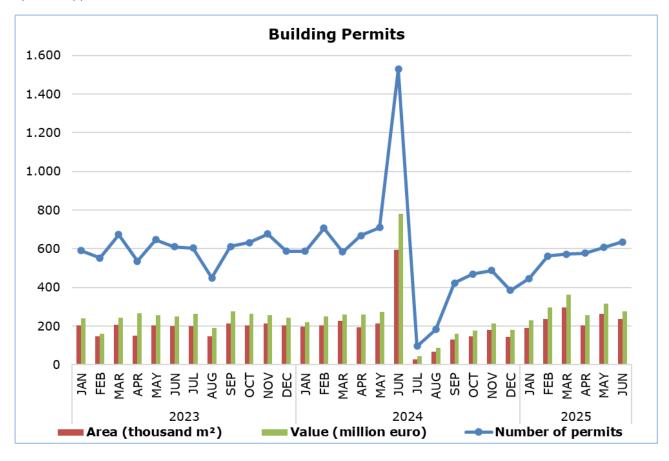


Table 1

Type of Project	Number of Permits			Percentage Change (%)
Type of Project	June 2025	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2025/2024
Residential Buildings	499	2.543	3.171	-19,8
Non-residential Buildings	57	365	838	-56,4
Civil Engineering Projects	27	196	288	-31,9
Division of Plots	37	248	326	-23,9
Road Construction	15	47	159	-70,4
Total	635	3.399	4.782	-28,9

Table 2

	Area (m²)			Percentage (%)
Type of Project	June 2025	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2025/2024
Residential Buildings	200.675	1.148.186	1.261.953	-9,0
Non-residential Buildings	33.283	271.621	358.796	-24,3
Civil Engineering Projects	2.706	6.490	6.710	-3,3
Total	236.664	1.426.297	1.627.459	-12,4

Table 3

Type of Project	Value (€000′s)			Percentage Change (%)
	June 2025	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2025/2024
Residential Buildings	225.376	1.332.733	1.496.322	-10,9
Non-residential Buildings	42.148	318.138	399.632	-20,4
Civil Engineering Projects	4.163	65.449	110.718	-40,9
Division of Plots	2.520	14.259	26.190	-45,6
Road Construction	896	3.352	11.876	-71,8
Total	275.103	1.733.931	2.044.738	-15,2

Table 4

Residential Buildings	Number of Dwelling Units			Percentage Change (%)
	June 2025	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2025/2024
Single houses	320	1.689	1.685	0,2
Buildings with two housing units	80	536	579	-7,4
Residential apartment blocks	730	4.227	4.832	-12,5
Residential/commercial apartment blocks	2	164	520	-68,5
Total	1.132	6.616	7.616	-13,1

### **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 <u>Construction</u> <u>CYSTAT-DB</u> (Online Database) <u>Predefined Tables</u> (Excel)

The <u>Predefined Tables</u>, 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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