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BUILDING PERMITS: MARCH 2025

Reduction of 1,9% in the Number of Building Permits Issued

The Statistical Service announces that the number of building permits authorized during March 2025 stood at 572 compared to 583 in March 2024, registering a decrease of 1,9%. The total value of these permits reached €361,5 million and the total area 296,9 thousand square metres. These building permits provide for the construction of 1.480 dwelling units.

During the period January – March 2025, 1.580 building permits were issued compared to 1.876 in the corresponding period of the previous year, recording a decrease of 15,8%. The total value of these permits increased by 21,7% and the total area by 15,6%. The number of dwelling units recorded an increase of 16,7%.

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".

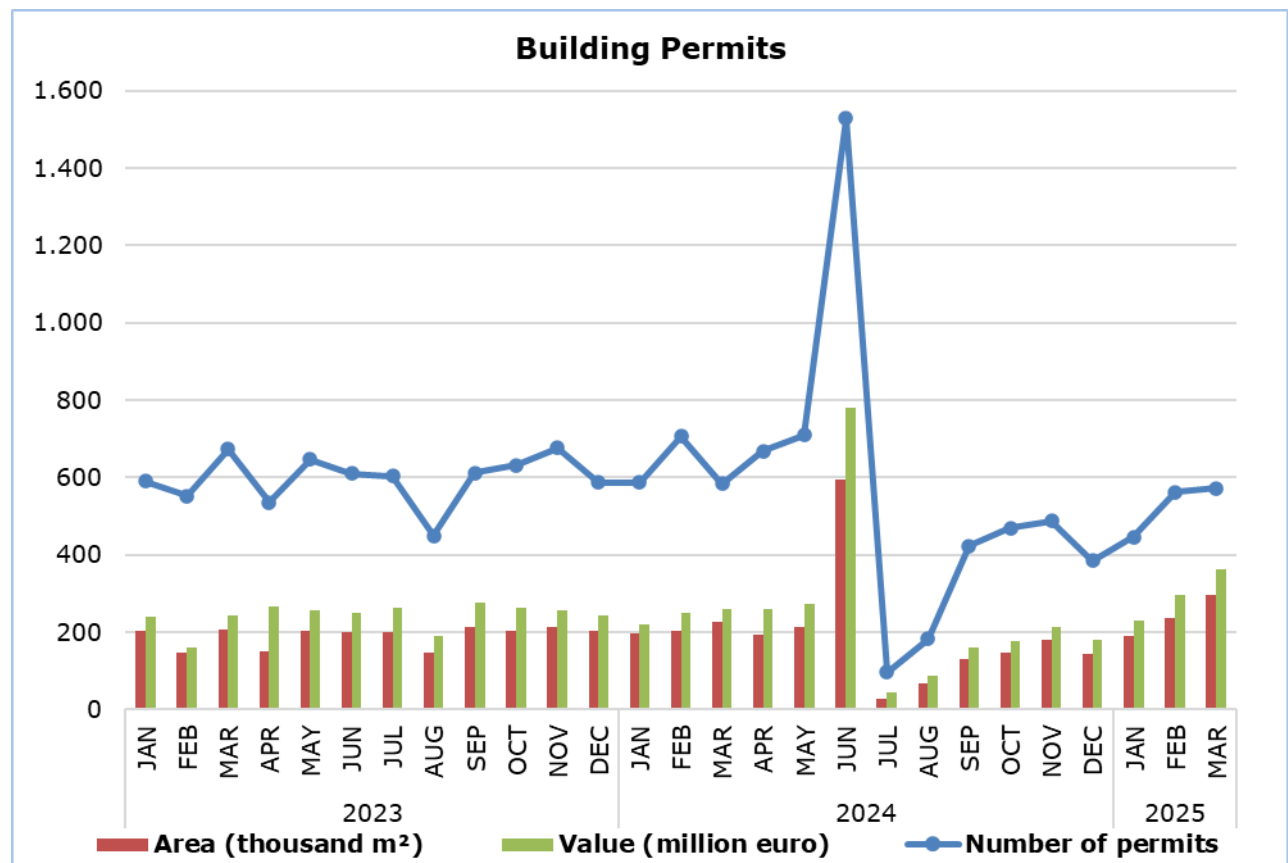


Table 1

Type of Project	Number of Permits			Percentage Change (%)
	Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2024	Jan-Mar 2025/2024
Residential Buildings	438	1.161	1.247	-6,9
Non-residential Buildings	64	191	310	-38,4
Civil Engineering Projects	27	96	113	-15,0
Division of Plots	36	118	146	-19,2
Road Construction	7	14	60	-76,7
Total	572	1.580	1.876	-15,8

Table 2

Type of Project	Area (m ²)			Percentage Change (%)
	Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2024	Jan-Mar 2025/2024
Residential Buildings	260.127	582.057	478.688	21,6
Non-residential Buildings	36.309	140.583	145.919	-3,7
Civil Engineering Projects	475	1.376	1.835	-25,0
Total	296.911	724.016	626.442	15,6

Table 3

Type of Project	Value (€000's)			Percentage Change (%)
	Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2024	Jan-Mar 2025/2024
Residential Buildings	312.229	675.972	576.402	17,3
Non-residential Buildings	39.553	166.508	117.565	41,6
Civil Engineering Projects	6.486	37.847	18.437	105,3
Division of Plots	2.520	7.059	12.925	-45,4
Road Construction	750	1.257	4.917	-74,4
Total	361.538	888.643	730.246	21,7

Table 4

Residential Buildings	Number of Dwelling Units			Percentage Change (%)
	Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2024	Jan-Mar 2025/2024
Single houses	282	717	709	1,1
Buildings with two housing units	69	282	223	26,5
Residential apartment blocks	1.063	2.255	1.831	23,2
Residential/commercial apartment blocks	66	158	161	-1,9
Total	1.480	3.412	2.924	16,7

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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