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BUILDING PERMITS: MAY 2025

Reduction of 14,4% in the Number of Building Permits Issued

The Statistical Service announces that the number of building permits authorized during May 2025 stood at 607 compared to 709 in May 2024, registering a decrease of 14,4%. The total value of these permits reached €315,0 million and the total area 261,6 thousand square metres. These building permits provide for the construction of 1.163 dwelling units.

During the period January – May 2025, 2.764 building permits were issued compared to 3.254 in the corresponding period of the previous year, recording a decrease of 15,1%. The total value of these permits increased by 15,5% and the total area by 15,2%. The number of dwelling units recorded an increase of 13,2%.

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".

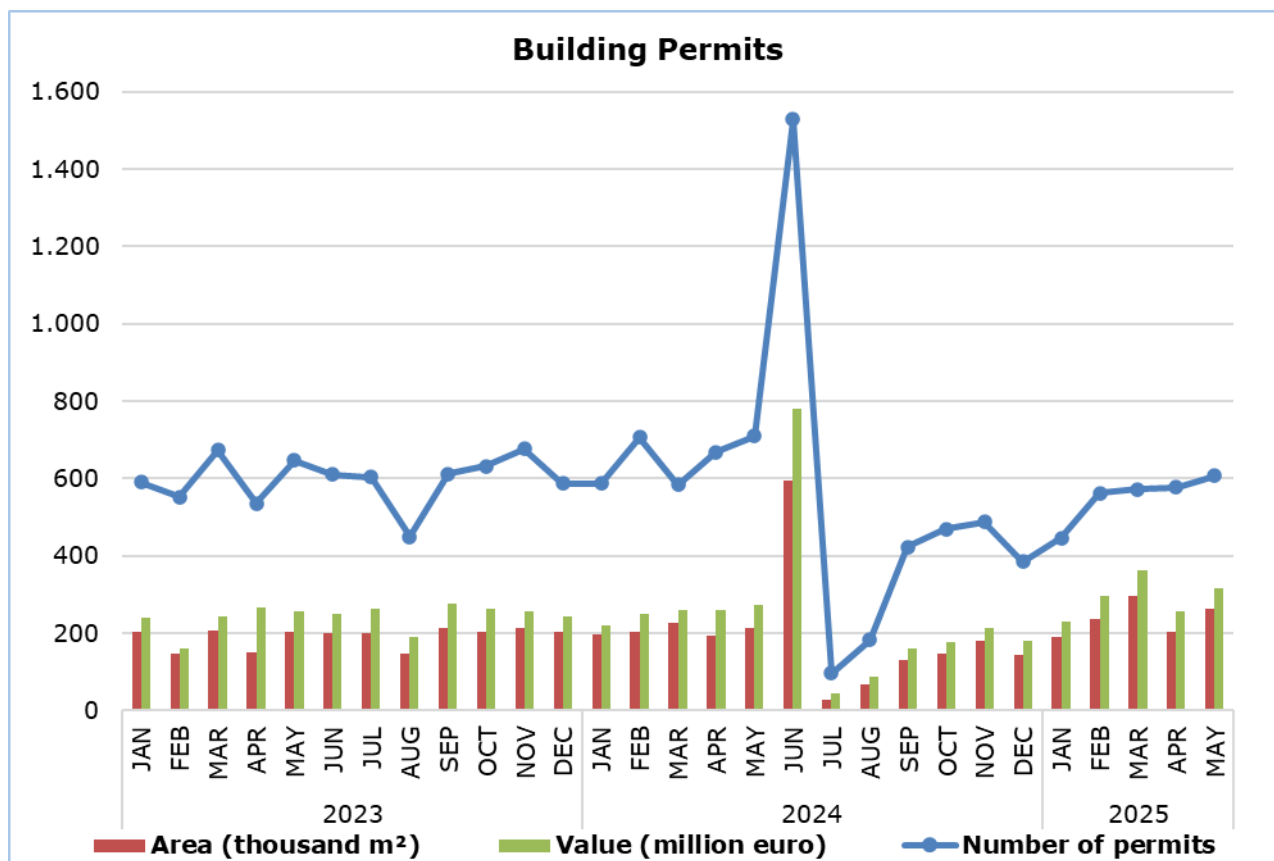


Table 1

Type of Project	Number of Permits			Percentage Change (%)
	May 2025	Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2024	Jan-May 2025/2024
Residential Buildings	432	2.044	2.163	-5,5
Non-residential Buildings	65	308	534	-42,3
Civil Engineering Projects	44	169	215	-21,4
Division of Plots	54	211	236	-10,6
Road Construction	12	32	106	-69,8
Total	607	2.764	3.254	-15,1

Table 2

Type of Project	Area (m ²)			Percentage Change (%)
	May 2025	Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2024	Jan-May 2025/2024
Residential Buildings	208.949	947.511	811.339	16,8
Non-residential Buildings	50.728	238.338	218.695	9,0
Civil Engineering Projects	1.960	3.784	2.559	47,9
Total	261.637	1.189.633	1.032.593	15,2

Table 3

Type of Project	Value (€000's)			Percentage Change (%)
	May 2025	Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2024	Jan-May 2025/2024
Residential Buildings	249.600	1.107.357	955.337	15,9
Non-residential Buildings	48.659	275.990	235.849	17,0
Civil Engineering Projects	13.182	61.286	44.472	37,8
Division of Plots	2.646	11.739	20.118	-41,6
Road Construction	892	2.456	7.359	-66,6
Total	314.979	1.458.828	1.263.135	15,5

Table 4

Residential Buildings	Number of Dwelling Units			Percentage Change (%)
	May 2025	Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2024	Jan-May 2025/2024
Single houses	366	1.369	1.189	15,1
Buildings with two housing units	89	456	427	6,8
Residential apartment blocks	708	3.497	2.991	16,9
Residential/commercial apartment blocks	0	162	237	-31,6
Total	1.163	5.484	4.844	13,2

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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