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BUILDING PERMITS: MAY 2026

Increase of 21,1% in the Number of Building Permits

The Statistical Service announces that the number of building permits authorized during May 2026 stood at 735, registering an increase of 21,1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. The total value of these permits reached €428,2 million and the total area 352,1 thousand square metres. These building permits provide for the construction of 1.847 dwelling units.

During the period January – May 2026, 3.650 building permits were issued compared to 2.764 in the corresponding period of the previous year, recording an increase of 32,1%. The total value of these permits increased by 43,9% and the total area by 43,1%. The number of dwelling units recorded an increase of 63,7%.

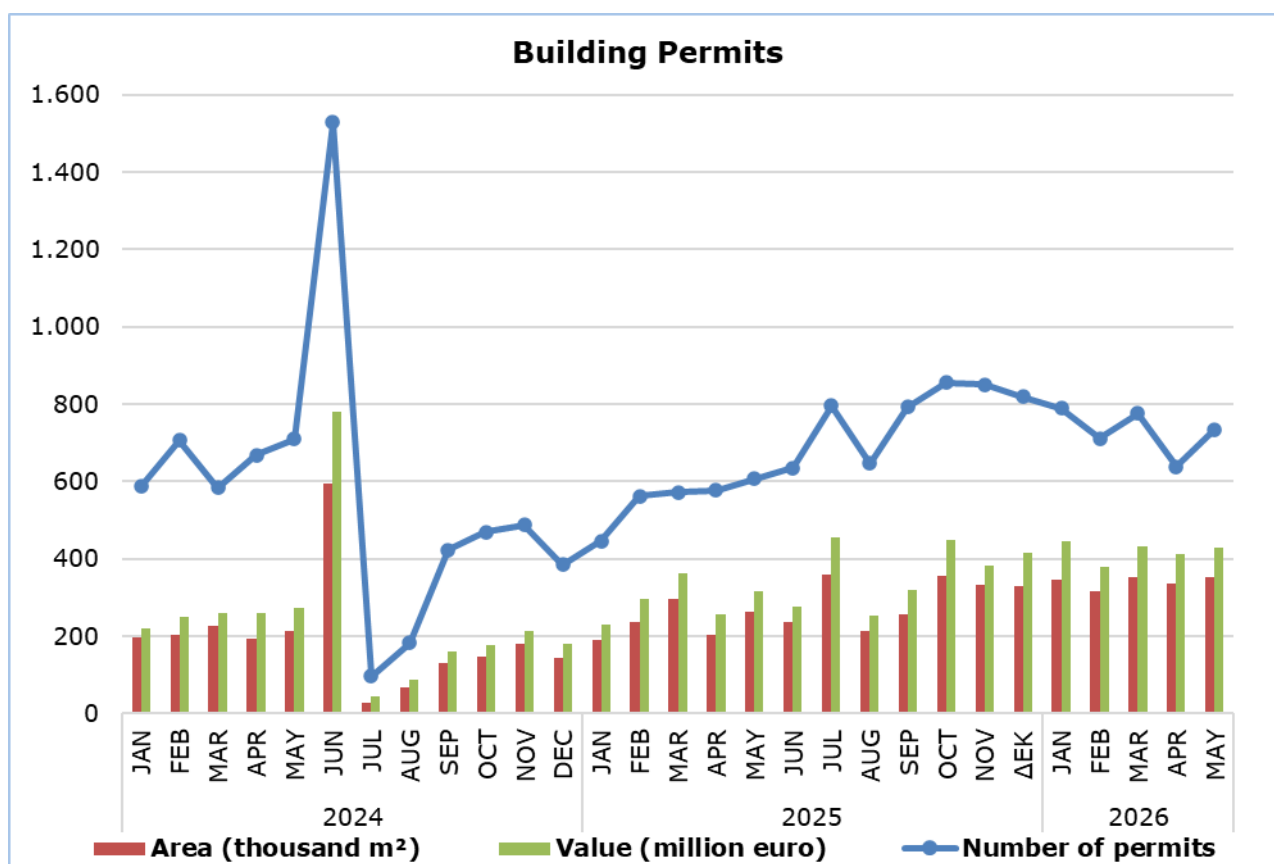


Table 1

Type of Project	Number of Permits			Percentage Change (%)
	May 2026	Jan-May 2026	Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2026/2025
Residential Buildings	530	2.684	2.044	31,3
Non-residential Buildings	75	330	308	7,1
Civil Engineering Projects	43	213	169	26,0
Division of Plots	73	343	211	62,6
Road Construction	14	80	32	150,0
Total	735	3.650	2.764	32,1

Table 2

Type of Project	Area (m ²)			Percentage Change (%)
	May 2026	Jan-May 2026	Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2026/2025
Residential Buildings	309.398	1.542.202	947.511	62,8
Non-residential Buildings	42.067	142.629	238.338	-40,2
Civil Engineering Projects	661	17.892	3.784	372,8
Total	352.126	1.702.723	1.189.633	43,1

Table 3

Type of Project	Value (€000's)			Percentage Change (%)
	May 2026	Jan-May 2026	Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2026/2025
Residential Buildings	360.449	1.789.624	1.107.357	61,6
Non-residential Buildings	52.448	196.479	275.990	-28,8
Civil Engineering Projects	9.357	85.763	61.286	39,9
Division of Plots	5.198	23.386	11.739	99,2
Road Construction	743	4.087	2.456	66,4
Total	428.195	2.099.339	1.458.828	43,9

Table 4

Residential Buildings	Number of Dwelling Units			Percentage Change (%)
	May 2026	Jan-May 2026	Jan-May 2025	Jan-May 2026/ 2025
Single houses	232	1.469	1.369	7,3
Buildings with two housing units	128	547	456	20,0
Residential apartment blocks	1.483	6.667	3.497	90,6
Residential/commercial apartment blocks	4	295	162	82,1
Total	1.847	8.978	5.484	63,7

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.

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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