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BUILDING PERMITS: NOVEMBER 2024

Reduction of 28,1% in the Number of Building Permits Issued

The Statistical Service announces that the number of building permits authorized during November 2024 stood at 487 compared to 677 in November 2023, registering a decrease of 28,1%. The total value of these permits reached €212,5 million and the total area 178,9 thousand square metres. These building permits provide for the construction of 993 dwelling units.

During the period January – November 2024, 6.442 building permits were issued compared to 6.583 in the corresponding period of the previous year, recording a decrease of 2,1%. The total value of these permits increased by 2,3% and the total area by 4,1%. The number of dwelling units recorded an increase of 4,8%.

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".

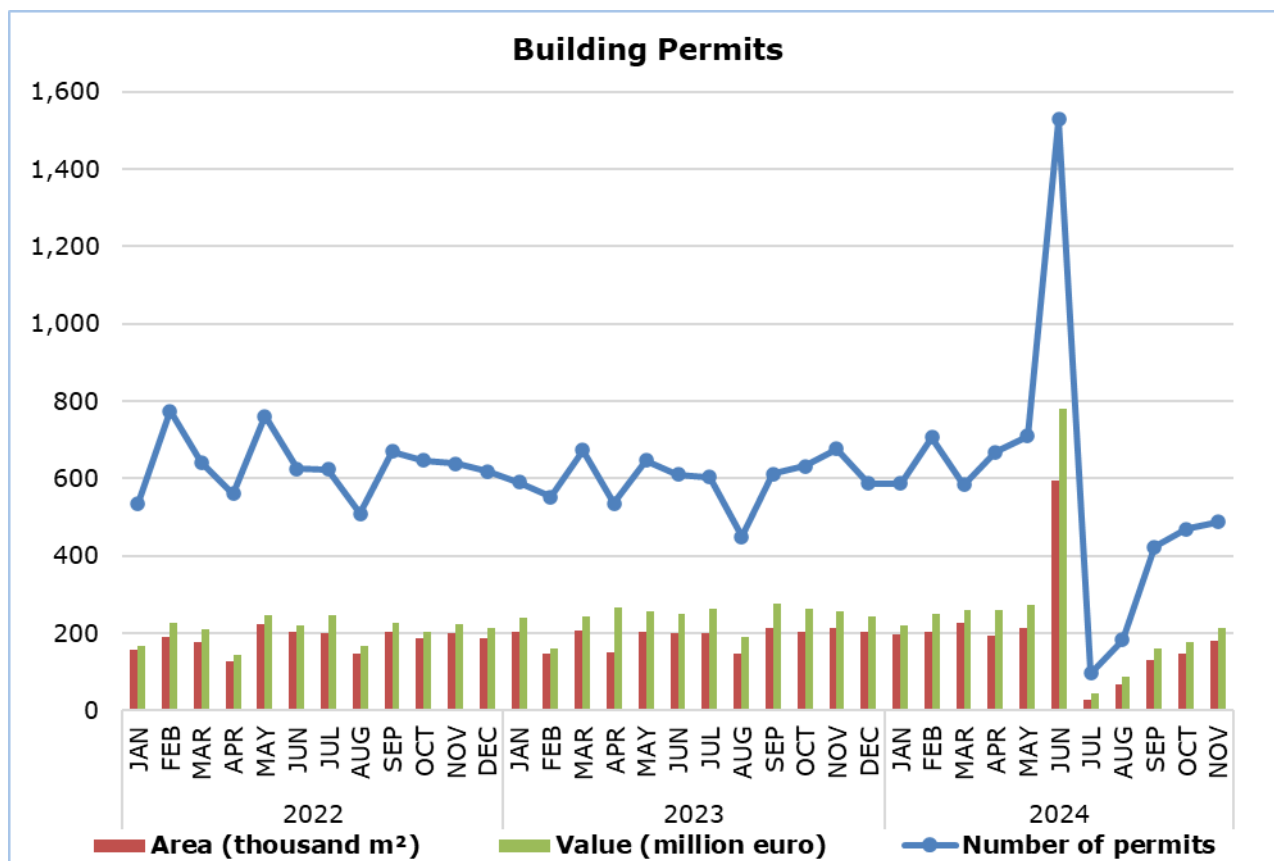


Table 1

Type of Project	Number of Permits			Percentage Change (%)
	Nov 2024	Jan-Nov 2024	Jan-Nov 2023	Jan-Nov 2024/2023
Residential Buildings	369	4.416	4.503	-1,9
Non-residential Buildings	50	1.015	958	5,9
Civil Engineering Projects	23	370	382	-3,1
Division of Plots	42	473	540	-12,4
Road Construction	3	168	200	-16,0
Total	487	6.442	6.583	-2,1

Table 2

Type of Project	Area (m ²)			Percentage Change (%)
	Nov 2024	Jan-Nov 2024	Jan-Nov 2023	Jan-Nov 2024/2023
Residential Buildings	164.777	1.772.437	1.791.313	-1,1
Non-residential Buildings	13.976	396.486	292.823	35,4
Civil Engineering Projects	100	7.996	7.379	8,4
Total	178.853	2.176.919	2.091.515	4,1

Table 3

Type of Project	Value (€000's)			Percentage Change (%)
	Nov 2024	Jan-Nov 2024	Jan-Nov 2023	Jan-Nov 2024/2023
Residential Buildings	190.508	2.095.611	2.161.635	-3,1
Non-residential Buildings	11.857	433.635	340.780	27,2
Civil Engineering Projects	5.913	145.468	100.326	45,0
Division of Plots	4.106	38.676	45.848	-15,6
Road Construction	130	12.540	15.457	-18,9
Total	212.514	2.725.930	2.664.046	2,3

Table 4

Residential Buildings	Number of Dwelling Units			Percentage Change (%)
	Nov 2024	Jan-Nov 2024	Jan-Nov 2023	Jan-Nov 2024/2023
Single houses	243	2.593	2.643	-1,9
Buildings with two housing units	48	753	782	-3,7
Residential apartment blocks	696	6.654	6.365	4,5
Residential/commercial apartment blocks	6	584	309	89,0
Total	993	10.584	10.099	4,8

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, permits 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 is 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 find ways to improve the recording by the LGOs of the necessary data in the "Ippodamos" system, so as to continue the uninterrupted 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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