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BUILDING PERMITS: OCTOBER 2024

Reduction of 25,6% in the Number of Building Permits Issued

The Statistical Service announces that the number of building permits authorized during October 2024 stood at 470 compared to 632 in October 2023, registering a decrease of 25,6%. The total value of these permits reached €177,8 million and the total area 147,0 thousand square metres. These building permits provide for the construction of 790 dwelling units.

During the period January – October 2024, 5.955 building permits were issued compared to 5.906 in the corresponding period of the previous year, recording an increase of 0,8%. The total value of these permits increased by 4,3% and the total area by 6,4%. The number of dwelling units recorded an increase of 6,5%.

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".

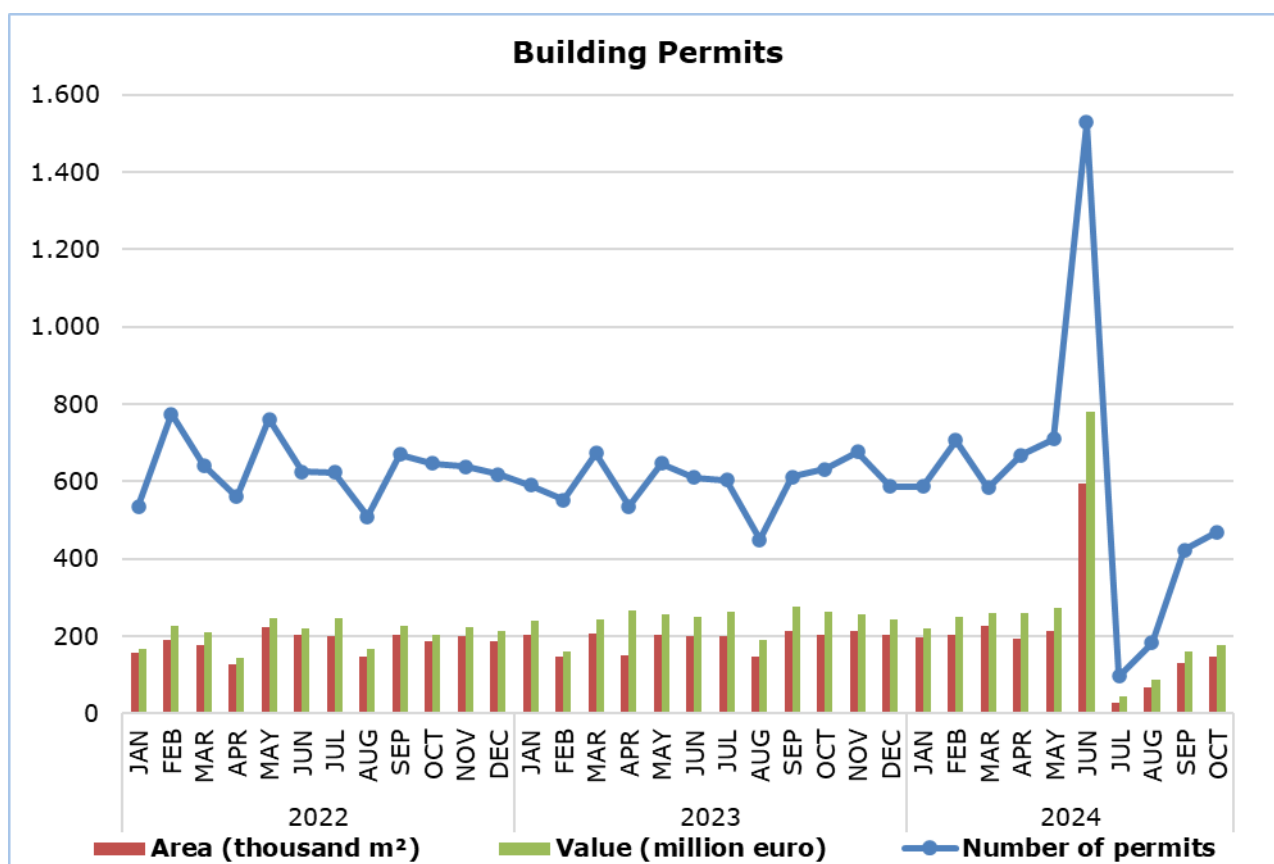


Table 1

Type of Project	Number of Permits			Percentage Change (%)
	Oct 2024	Jan-Oct 2024	Jan-Oct 2023	Jan-Oct 2024/2023
Residential Buildings	361	4.047	4.034	0,3
Non-residential Buildings	50	965	868	11,2
Civil Engineering Projects	24	347	346	0,3
Division of Plots	33	431	478	-9,8
Road Construction	2	165	180	-8,3
Total	470	5.955	5.906	0,8

Table 2

Type of Project	Area (m ²)			Percentage Change (%)
	Oct 2024	Jan-Oct 2024	Jan-Oct 2023	Jan-Oct 2024/2023
Residential Buildings	140.397	1.607.660	1.591.258	1,0
Non-residential Buildings	5.717	382.510	278.749	37,2
Civil Engineering Projects	844	7.896	7.154	10,4
Total	146.958	1.998.066	1.877.161	6,4

Table 3

Type of Project	Value (€000's)			Percentage Change (%)
	Oct 2024	Jan-Oct 2024	Jan-Oct 2023	Jan-Oct 2024/2023
Residential Buildings	163.637	1.905.103	1.925.602	-1,1
Non-residential Buildings	7.070	421.778	328.294	28,5
Civil Engineering Projects	3.002	139.555	99.311	40,5
Division of Plots	3.951	34.570	41.365	-16,4
Road Construction	155	12.410	14.135	-12,2
Total	177.815	2.513.416	2.408.707	4,3

Table 4

Residential Buildings	Number of Dwelling Units			Percentage Change (%)
	Oct 2024	Jan-Oct 2024	Jan-Oct 2023	Jan-Oct 2024/2023
Single houses	261	2.350	2.343	0,3
Buildings with two housing units	54	705	726	-2,9
Residential apartment blocks	449	5.958	5.650	5,5
Residential/commercial apartment blocks	26	578	283	104,2
Total	790	9.591	9.002	6,5

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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