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BUILDING PERMITS: SEPTEMBER 2024

Reduction of 30,9% in the Number of Building Permits Issued

The Statistical Service announces that the number of building permits authorized during September 2024 stood at 423 compared to 612 in September 2023. The total value of these permits reached €160,5 million and the total area 129,1 thousand square metres. These building permits provide for the construction of 706 dwelling units.

During the period January – September 2024, 5.485 building permits were issued compared to 5.274 in the corresponding period of the previous year, recording an increase of 4,0%. The total value of these permits increased by 8,9% and the total area by 10,6%. The number of dwelling units recorded an increase of 10,0%.

The noteworthy decrease in the number of building permits issued in September 2024 is to a large extent the result of the transfer as from the 1st July 2024 of the authority of issuing building permits from the municipalities and the district administration offices to the newly founded Local Government Organisations (LGOs) and the problems encountered in the operation of the new integrated information system “Ippodamos”.

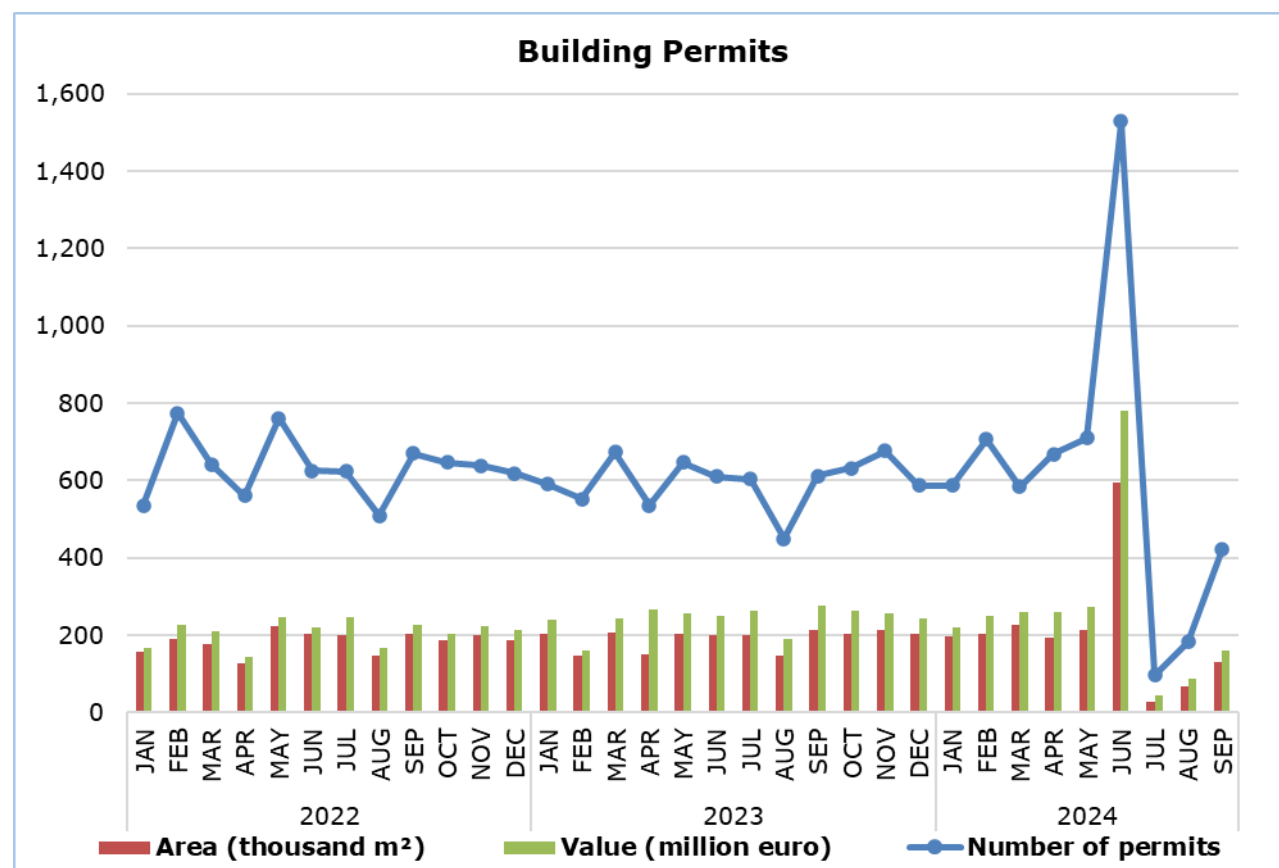


Table 1

Type of Project	Number of Permits			Percentage Change (%)
	Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2023	Jan-Sep 2024/2023
Residential Buildings	317	3.686	3.610	2,1
Non-residential Buildings	39	915	765	19,6
Civil Engineering Projects	19	323	308	4,9
Division of Plots	45	398	425	-6,4
Road Construction	3	163	166	-1,8
Total	423	5.485	5.274	4,0

Table 2

Type of Project	Area (m ²)			Percentage Change (%)
	Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2023	Jan-Sep 2024/2023
Residential Buildings	124.151	1.467.263	1.416.396	3,6
Non-residential Buildings	4.832	376.793	249.986	50,7
Civil Engineering Projects	150	7.052	6.644	6,1
Total	129.133	1.851.108	1.673.026	10,6

Table 3

Type of Project	Value (€000's)			Percentage Change (%)
	Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2023	Jan-Sep 2024/2023
Residential Buildings	149.089	1.741.466	1.723.176	1,1
Non-residential Buildings	6.245	414.708	278.494	48,9
Civil Engineering Projects	1.286	136.553	92.792	47,2
Division of Plots	3.547	30.619	37.654	-18,7
Road Construction	374	12.255	13.383	-8,4
Total	160.541	2.335.601	2.145.499	8,9

Table 4

Residential Buildings	Number of Dwelling Units			Percentage Change (%)
	Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2023	Jan-Sep 2024/2023
Single houses	221	2.089	2.095	-0,3
Buildings with two housing units	28	651	659	-1,2
Residential apartment blocks	425	5.509	4.971	10,8
Residential/commercial apartment blocks	32	552	274	101,5
Total	706	8.801	7.999	10,0

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. 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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