

# BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

T1 - 2026

The publication of statistics on building permits is currently based on data provided by municipalities, which are the main authorities responsible for issuing and reporting these permits. However, Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 408, dated 13.5.2015, "On approving the territorial development regulation," as amended\*, define that other responsible institutions, in addition to municipalities, are also involved in the approval process of building permits. Since there is still no standardized and comprehensive reporting from all these entities to INSTAT, the data published for the first quarter are based only on municipal sources. INSTAT is working to ensure that all responsible institutions are integrated in a unified way into the statistical reporting process.

## In the first quarter 2026:

- 322 building permits for new buildings have been approved, increasing this indicator by 24.8 %, compared to 258 permits approved in the first quarter 2025.
- Building permits issued total area for new buildings in the first quarter 2026 is 377,061 m<sup>2</sup>, increasing this indicator by 12.5 %, compared to the first quarter 2026 (335,137 m<sup>2</sup>).
- The approximate value of building permits issued for buildings and civil engineering works is 20.4 billion ALL, increasing this indicator by 1.6 %, compared to the first quarter 2026 (20.1 billion ALL).
- Residential building account for the majority of new building permits, with 237 building permit and a total building area of 185,608 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Non-residential buildings (such as hotels, wholesale and retail and industrial buildings) account for the remainder with 85 building permits and 191,453 m<sup>2</sup> of building area.

**TAB.1 BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR BUILDINGS AND CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS, Q1 - 2026**

Construction Types	Number	Total area m <sup>2</sup>	New constructions 000 / ALL	Reconstructions 000 / ALL
<b>Total</b>			<b>16,216,030</b>	<b>4,230,039</b>
<b>I. Buildings</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>377,061</b>	<b>13,568,320</b>	<b>1,082,755</b>
1. Residential buildings	<b>237</b>	<b>185,608</b>	<b>8,679,784</b>	<b>793,377</b>
a. With one dwelling	103	13,279	413,082	279,897
b. With two dwellings	94	17,074	723,887	236,793
c. With three or more dwellings	22	21,877	1,221,956	276,687
d. Residences for communities	18	133,378	6,320,859	0
2. Non residential buildings	<b>85</b>	<b>191,453</b>	<b>4,888,536</b>	<b>289,378</b>
a. Hotels and similar buildings	13	41,583	2,373,345	13,499
b. Office buildings	1	140	5,917	16,464
c. Wholesale and retail trade buildings	16	10,430	358,750	17,745
d. Industrial buildings	35	127,829	1,783,154	35,073
e. Other buildings	20	11,471	367,370	206,597
<b>II. Civil Engineering Works</b>			<b>2,647,710</b>	<b>3,147,284</b>
1. Transport infrastructure; Roads and highways			1,671,220	2,464,462
2. Pipelines, telecommunication and electricity lines			844,975	420,244
3. Complex constructions on industrial sites			0	0
4. Other engineering works			131,515	262,578

Source: Municipalities, INSTAT calculations

\* The data of number and total area for buildings refers only to the new constructions.

### Note to users:

Detailed annual data by economic activity are available in the INSTAT statistical database: [Construction](#) as well as in the tables section of the website on the topic: [Construction](#)

# Methodology

“Building permits issued” is a publication with quarterly frequency, which the main objective is to present information on building permits issued for buildings and civil engineering works on prefecture and national level. The statistical information about building permits issued is a short-term indicator for the future development of the construction sector.

The main statistical indicators presented in this publication are:

- Number of building permits issued for new buildings
- Total area of building permits issued for new buildings
- Approximate value of building permits issued for buildings and civil engineering works

The data on building permits issued is an administrative data. The statistical information on building permits issued is collected by INSTAT regional statistical offices in cooperation with the urbanization offices of municipalities.

## Definitions

**Building permits issued** is an authorization to start work on a building project. The building permit is the final stage of planning and building authorization prior to start the work.

**Buildings** are roofed constructions which can be used separately, have been built for permanent purposes, can be entered for persons and are suitable or intended for protecting persons, animals or objects. The buildings are classified in two different kinds of categories: 1) Residential buildings, 2) Non residential buildings, where are included hotels and similar, office buildings, wholesale and retail trade buildings, industrial buildings and other buildings.

**Building permits total area** is the area in square meters where the approved project is implemented.

**Civil Engineering Works** are all constructions not classified under buildings: railways, roads, bridges, highways, pipelines, telecommunication and electricity lines, etc.

**Client** is the person or structure which realize the construction.

## Source of data

Administrative source, the statistical information on Building permits issued is collected by INSTAT regional statistical offices in cooperation with the respective municipalities.