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# BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED, MARCH 2026

A total of 958 building permits were issued in March 2026, which was **9.9%** fewer than in March 2025.

The total number of building permits issued in the period from January to March 2026, as compared to the same period of 2025, decreased by **26.0%**.

In March 2026:

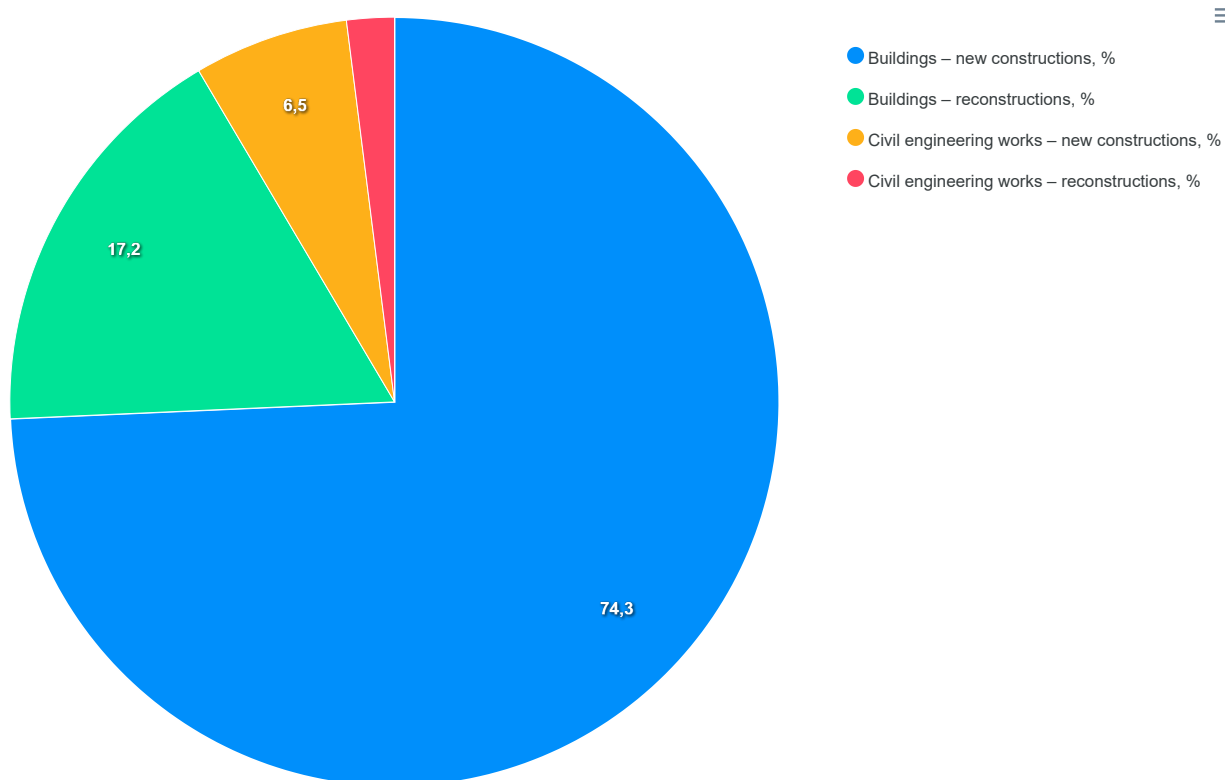
- by types of constructions, 91.5% of permits were issued on buildings and 8.5% on civil engineering works
- by types of works, 80.8% of permits were issued on new constructions and 19.2% on reconstructions.

According to the permits issued in March 2026, there are 1 688 dwellings with an average floor area of 100.1 m<sup>2</sup> planned to be built.

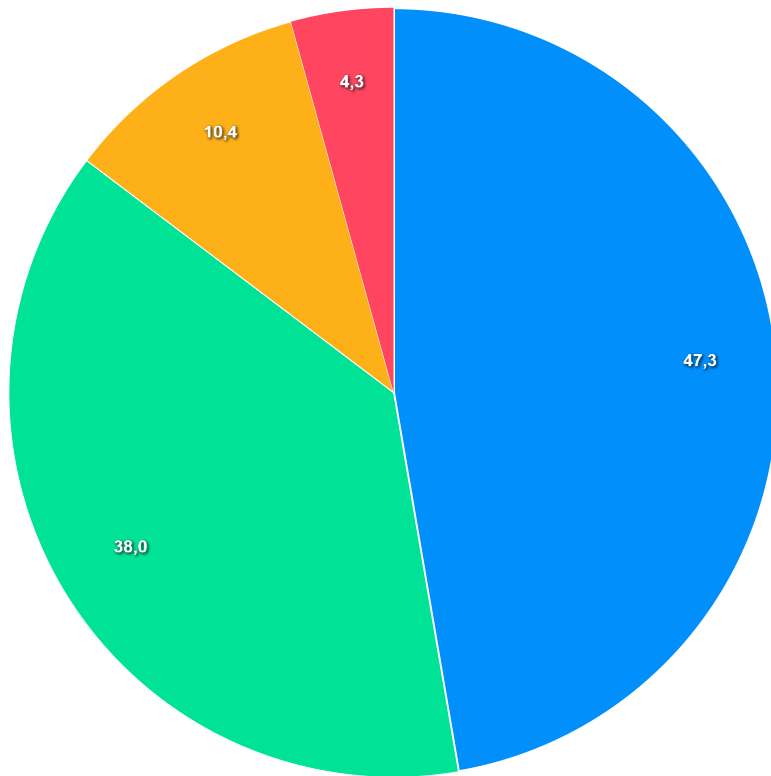
## 1 INDICES OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED, MARCH 2026

	Buildings				Civil engineering works		Dwellings	
	Number	Planned value of works	Floor area	Volume	Number	Planned value of works	Number	Useful floor area
<u>III 2026</u> II 2026	134,9	130,4	119,4	107,2	112,5	300,6	133,3	142,5
<u>III 2026</u> III 2025	93,2	102,5	100,3	106,7	66,4	324,6	94,2	95,5
<u>III 2026</u> Ø 2025	101,9	97,9	91,8	83,6	69,0	206,6	92,9	100,1
<u>I – III 2026</u> I – III 2025	77,0	95,9	89,4	97,5	53,7	150,6	76,9	78,0

### G-1 NUMBER OF PERMITS, BY TYPES OF CONSTRUCTIONS AND TYPES OF WORKS, MARCH 2026



## G-2 PLANNED VALUE OF WORKS, BY TYPES OF CONSTRUCTIONS AND TYPES OF WORKS, MARCH 2026



- Buildings – new constructions, %
- Civil engineering works – new constructions, %
- Buildings – reconstructions, %
- Civil engineering works – reconstructions, %

## 2 BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND PLANNED VALUE OF WORKS, BY TYPES OF CONSTRUCTIONS AND TYPES OF WORKS, MARCH 2026

Type of works	Number of permits by types of constructions			Planned value of works, thousand euro			Dwellings	
	Total	Buildings	Civil engineering works	Total	Buildings	Civil engineering works	Number	Useful floor area, m <sup>2</sup>

### III 2026

Total	958	877	81	824 395	476 394	348 001	1 688	168 971
New constructions	774	712	62	703 132	390 298	312 834	1 631	163 264
Reconstructions	184	165	19	121 263	86 096	35 167	57 <sup>1)</sup>	5 707 <sup>1)</sup>

### I - III 2026

Total	2 192	1 984	208	1 706 554	1 165 813	540 741	3 652	361 571
New constructions	1 749	1 586	163	1 293 714	868 599	425 115	3 456	342 250
Reconstructions	443	398	45	412 840	297 214	115 626	196 <sup>1)</sup>	19 321 <sup>1)</sup>

1) New dwellings created by additions (extensions) or by conversions of non-residential areas into dwellings.

### 3 BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED ON BUILDINGS, MARCH 2026

	Number of permits	Floor area, m <sup>2</sup>	Volume, m <sup>3</sup>
Total	877	308 869	1 088 898
New buildings	712	290 976	1 016 405
Residential buildings with:	631	213 436	651 685
One dwelling	410	82 784	256 575
Two dwellings	56	14 623	44 496
Three and more dwellings	163	115 599	349 208
Residences for communities	2	430	1 406
Non-residential buildings	81	77 540	364 720
Hotels and similar buildings	6	12 976	36 966
Office buildings	8	5 339	16 413
Wholesale and retail trade buildings	7	14 093	80 855
Traffic and communication buildings	13	1 121	3 454
Industrial buildings and warehouses	17	17 020	108 098
Public entertainment, education, hospital or institutional care buildings	10	21 271	98 622
Other non-residential buildings	20	5 720	20 312
Additions (extensions) <sup>1)</sup>	47	17 893	72 493
Residential buildings	33	5 973	17 827
Non-residential buildings	14	11 920	54 666
Conversion and improvement	118	-	-
Residential buildings	80	-	-
Non-residential buildings	38	-	-

1) Works leading to the creation of new usable units beside or on already existing constructions (new dwellings, space for economic activity and other spaces).

## 4 DWELLINGS IN BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED, BY TYPES OF BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND NUMBER OF ROOMS, MARCH 2026

	Number of dwellings	Useful floor area, m <sup>2</sup>	Dwellings by number of rooms							
			1 room	2 rooms	3 rooms	4 rooms	5 rooms	6 rooms	7 rooms	8 or more rooms
Total	1 688	168 971	76	459	480	492	136	37	6	2
Dwellings in new buildings	1 631	163 264	71	445	461	475	135	37	5	2
Residential buildings with:	1 616	162 047	70	439	454	474	135	37	5	2
One dwelling	410	64 465	7	30	79	157	97	34	5	1
Two dwellings	112	11 687	7	21	47	33	4	-	-	-
Three and more dwellings	1 094	85 895	56	388	328	284	34	3	-	1
Non-residential buildings	15	1 217	1	6	7	1	-	-	-	-
Dwellings got by additions and extensions	47	4 944	4	11	16	14	1	-	1	-
Dwellings got by converting non-residential area into dwellings	10	763	1	3	3	3	-	-	-	-

## NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

### Notice

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics submits quarterly data on issued building permits to Eurostat. These data are available on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics in the STS Database (database of short-term business statistics) at <https://stsbaza.dzs.hr/en>.

The STS Database presents data in the form of gross (unadjusted), working-day adjusted as well as seasonally and working-day adjusted absolute values.

Seasonal and working-day adjustment has been done using the X13 ARIMA method on the quarterly series of absolute values, starting with data for the first quarter of 2000.

### Sources and methods of data collection

The data are collected by using the reporting method on the Monthly Report on Issued Building Permits (GRAD-44a form).

## Coverage and comparability

The Monthly Report on Issued Building Permits is collected from the administration bodies competent for construction affairs in major cities, the City of Zagreb and counties as well as from the Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets, which issue building permits for constructions as specified in the Building Act (NN, No. 155/25).

Data on types of constructions and works are classified according to the National Classification of Types of Constructions – NKVG (Methodological Guidelines No. 41, ISBN 953-6667-33-9, the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, 2002).

## Definitions

**Constructions** are structures connected with the ground, for which construction works are carried out and which are made of construction materials and ready-made components.

**Buildings** are permanent constructions covered with a roof and closed with outer walls. They are built as separate useful units that protect from weather and other external conditions, intended for dwelling, for performing a certain activity or for storage and upkeep of animals, goods and equipment used in various industrial activities and services, etc.

In this survey, constructions covered with a roof but without (some of the) walls, e.g., porches and underground constructions, such as underground shelters, underground garages, underground shopping centres and other business spaces (e.g. in subways), etc. are also counted as buildings.

**Residential buildings** are constructions in which 50% or more of the useful floor area is intended for dwelling purposes.

**Non-residential buildings** are constructions without dwelling areas or in which less than 50% of the overall useful floor area is used for dwelling purposes.

**Floor area of a building** is the sum total of the areas of all floors of a building placed inside outer walls.

**Useful floor area of a dwelling** is the floor area of a dwelling, measured inside the walls of the dwelling.

**Volume of a building** is the sum total of the volumes of all roofed spaces of a building, including outer walls.

**Civil engineering works** are all constructions not classified under buildings, for example, roads, railways, pipelines, bridges, dams, constructions intended for sports and recreation, etc.

**New constructions** are newly built structures built on a location where no structure existed or on a location previously cleared by demolition.

**Reconstructions** are construction works that affect the main characteristics of already existing constructions, for example, additions and extensions, conversions and other works, which may significantly improve the occupancy value of a construction (for example, capacity, quality, function) and/or prolong or at least restore its duration.

**Value of works** is defined according to the bill of costs submitted by an investor. It is used for defining a tax paid for the issuing of a building permit.

## Abbreviations

Eurostat	Statistical Office of the European Union
m <sup>2</sup>	square metre
m <sup>3</sup>	cubic metre
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

## Symbols

-	no occurrence
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