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BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED, MAY 2026

A total of 885 building permits were issued in May 2026, which was **11.6%** less than in May 2025.

The total number of building permits issued in the period from January to May 2026, as compared to the same period of 2025, decreased by **16.3%**.

In May 2026:

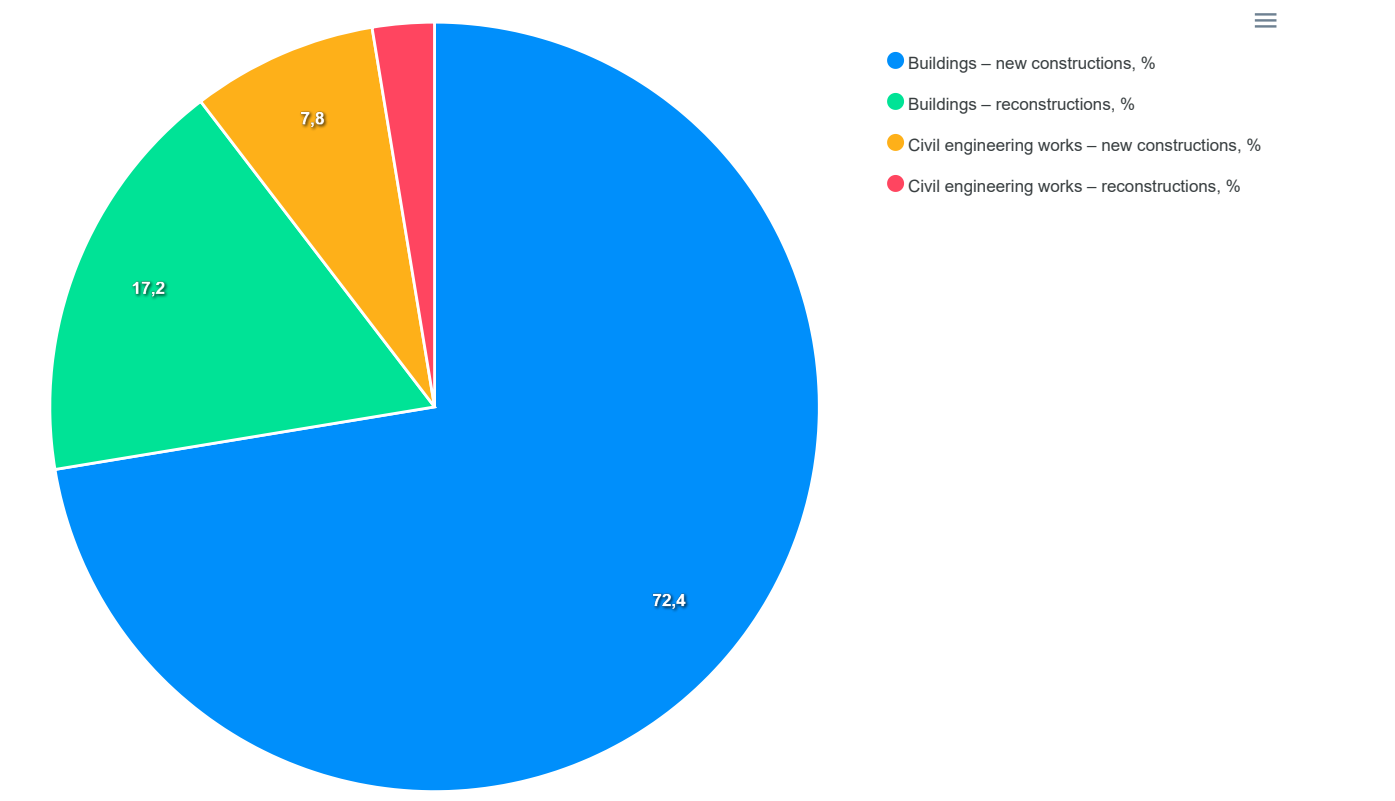
- by types of constructions, 89.6% of permits were issued on buildings and 10.4% on civil engineering works
- by types of works, 80.2% of permits were issued on new constructions and 19.8% on reconstructions.

According to the permits issued in May 2026, there are 1 520 dwellings with an average floor area of 93.8 m² planned to be built.

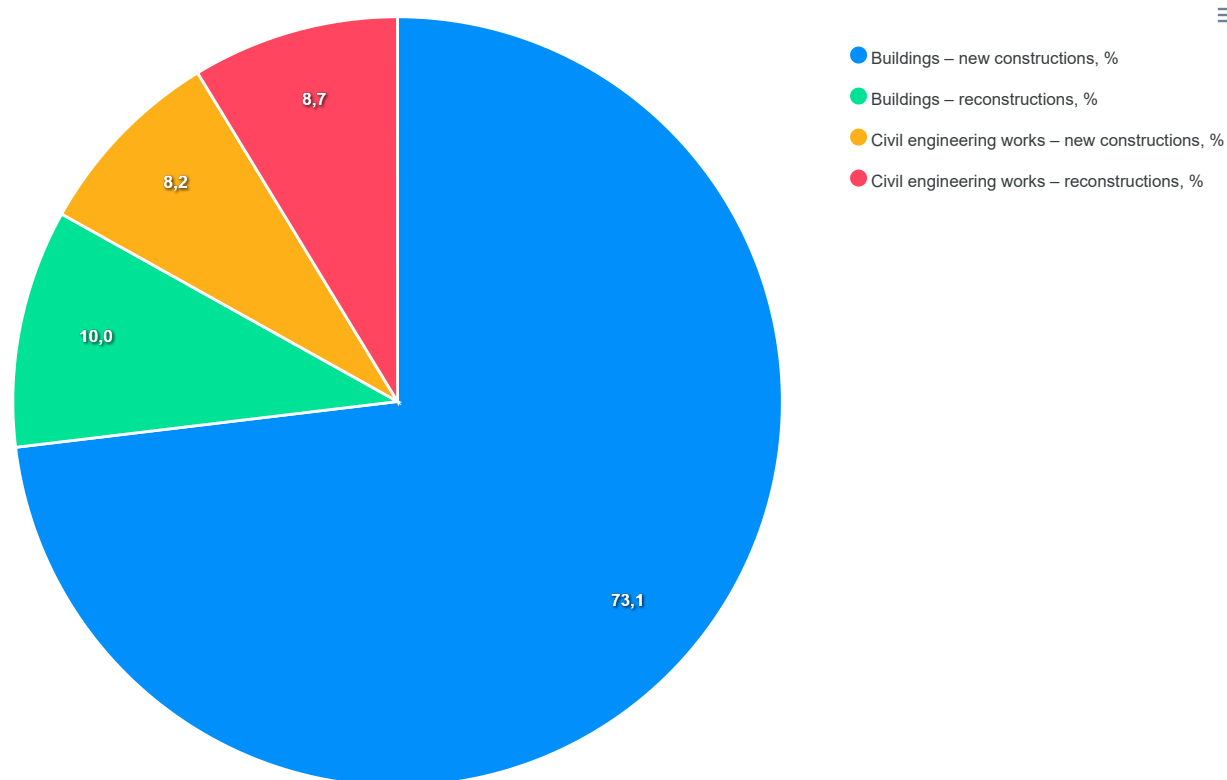
1 INDICES OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED, MAY 2026

	Buildings				Civil engineering works		Dwellings	
	Number	Planned value of works	Floor area	Volume	Number	Planned value of works	Number	Useful floor area
<u>V 2026</u> IV 2026	80,3	66,6	65,1	66,8	95,8	50,0	67,2	71,2
<u>V 2026</u> V 2025	87,9	66,0	65,8	60,0	92,9	83,9	88,1	85,0
<u>V 2026</u> Ø 2025	92,2	75,9	74,6	71,6	78,4	44,8	83,6	84,5
<u>I – V 2026</u> I – V 2025	86,0	90,1	85,5	86,4	66,4	142,7	84,5	84,7

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



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



2 BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND PLANNED VALUE OF WORKS, BY TYPES OF CONSTRUCTIONS AND TYPES OF WORKS, MAY 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 ²

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Total	885	793	92	444 865	369 472	75 393	1 520	142 590
New constructions	710	641	69	361 505	325 059	36 446	1 442	135 518
Reconstructions	175	152	23	83 360	44 413	38 947	78 ¹⁾	7 072 ¹⁾

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Total	4 161	3 765	396	2 857 153	2 090 324	766 829	7 435	704 406
New constructions	3 340	3 045	295	2 231 180	1 662 160	569 020	7 074	668 635
Reconstructions	821	720	101	625 973	428 164	197 809	361 ¹⁾	35 771 ¹⁾

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

3 BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED ON BUILDINGS, MAY 2026

	Number of permits	Floor area, m ²	Volume, m ³
Total	793	251 088	932 897
New buildings	641	240 186	898 801
Residential buildings with:	556	179 228	554 331
One dwelling	363	70 573	219 962
Two dwellings	47	12 799	38 574
Three and more dwellings	142	95 020	292 766
Residences for communities	4	836	3 029
Non-residential buildings	85	60 958	344 470
Hotels and similar buildings	11	11 848	52 599
Office buildings	3	1 401	5 282
Wholesale and retail trade buildings	12	17 678	105 296
Traffic and communication buildings	12	859	2 967
Industrial buildings and warehouses	20	13 541	80 755
Public entertainment, education, hospital or institutional care buildings	9	6 879	29 478
Other non-residential buildings	18	8 752	68 093
Additions (extensions) ¹⁾	62	10 902	34 096
Residential buildings	51	8 019	23 916
Non-residential buildings	11	2 883	10 180
Conversion and improvement	90	-	-
Residential buildings	65	-	-
Non-residential buildings	25	-	-

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, MAY 2026

	Number of dwellings	Useful floor area, m ²	Dwellings by number of rooms							
			1 room	2 rooms	3 rooms	4 rooms	5 rooms	6 rooms	7 rooms	8 or more rooms
Total	1 520	142 590	132	470	440	309	128	34	4	3
Dwellings in new buildings	1 442	135 518	128	443	413	295	124	32	4	3
Residential buildings with:	1 415	133 428	128	426	408	290	124	32	4	3
One dwelling	363	54 826	7	24	91	110	98	27	3	3
Two dwellings	94	9 812	3	23	24	28	14	2	-	-
Three and more dwellings	958	68 790	118	379	293	152	12	3	1	-
Non-residential buildings	27	2 090	-	17	5	5	-	-	-	-
Dwellings got by additions and extensions	68	6 429	3	21	26	12	4	2	-	-
Dwellings got by converting non-residential area into dwellings	10	643	1	6	1	2	-	-	-	-

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 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 issuing of building permit.

Abbreviations

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

Symbols

-	no occurrence
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