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Department of Statistics:

- **Licensed building areas for residential purposes increased by 10.7% during the first seven months of 2026.**
- **Licensed building areas for all residential and non-residential purposes in Jordan increased by 4.7% during the first seven months of 2026.**
- **Number of issued permits increased by 1.7% during the same period**
- **Licensed areas for residential purposes constituted 81.6% of the total licensed areas**
- **The Central Region accounted for 73% of the total licensed areas**

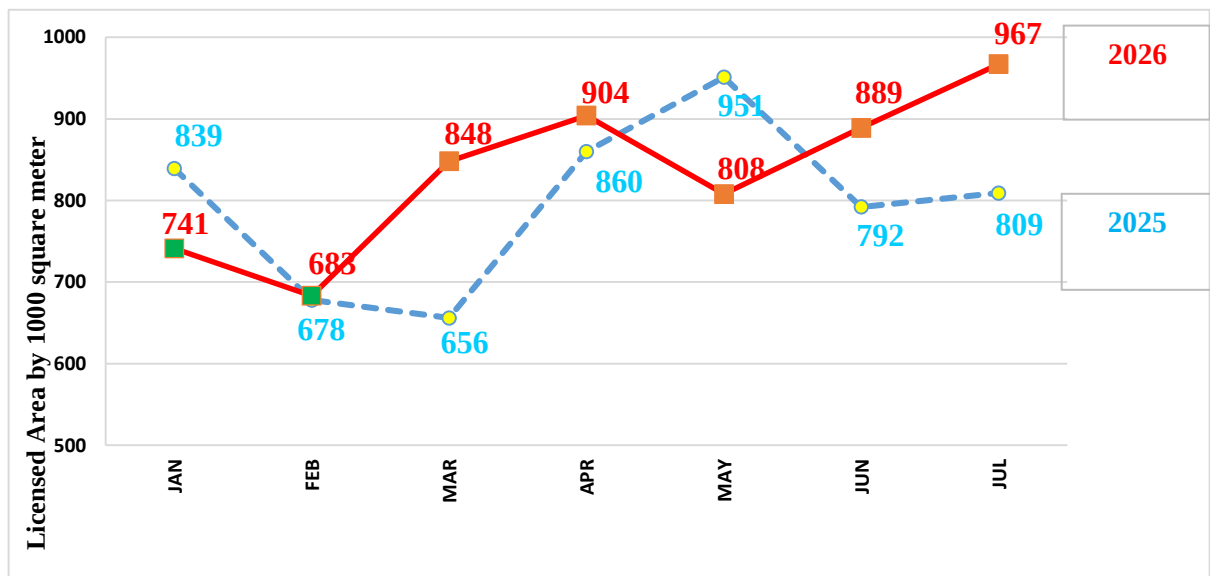
The Department of Statistics (DoS) issued its monthly report on construction activity and building permits in Jordan during the first seven months of 2026.

The total area of buildings licensed by the Greater Amman Municipality and other municipalities during the first seven months of 2026 reached 5.84 million square meters, compared to 5.58 million square meters for the same period in 2025, representing an increase of 4.7%. The total number of building permits issued reached 14,361, compared to 14,124 permits during the same period in 2025, representing an increase of 1.7%.

As for licensing purposes, the area licensed for residential purposes reached approximately 4.77 million square meters during the first seven months of 2026 compared to 4.31 million square meters during the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 10.7%. Meanwhile, the area of buildings licensed for non-residential purposes reached 1.07 million square meters compared to 1.25 million square meters during the same period in 2025, representing a decrease of (15.7%). The area of buildings licensed for residential purposes

constituted 81.6% of the total licensed areas, while 18.4% was for non-residential purposes. The licensed areas were higher in every month of 2026 except for May 2026.

Figure (1): Monthly licensed building area during the first seven months of 2025 & 2026 (in thousand square meters)



At the regional level, the Central region maintained its leading position by accounting for 73% of the total licensed building area in Jordan, with no change in its relative share compared to the same period in 2025. In contrast, the Northern region's share reached 21%, an increase of 1.9 percentage points, and the Southern region's share reached 6%, a decrease of (1.9) points compared to the same period in 2025.

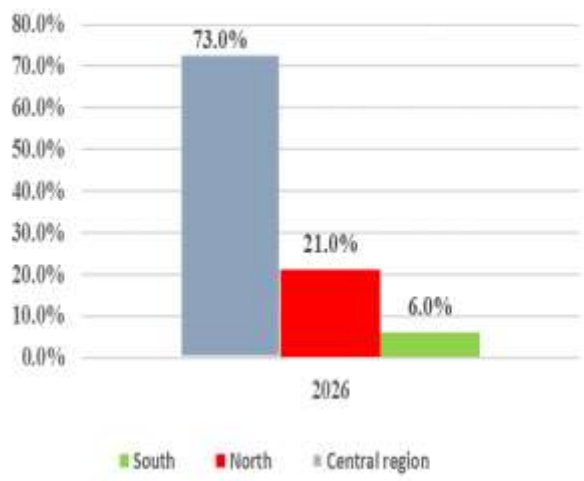
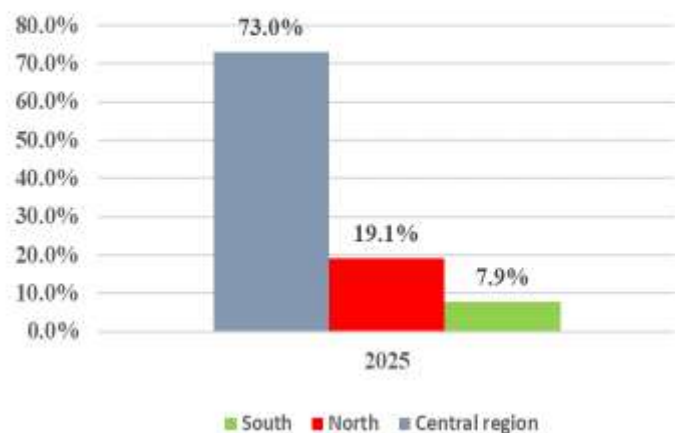


Figure (2): Relative Distribution of the Licensed Areas by Region During the first seven months of 2025 & 2026

As for the relative distribution of licensed residential areas by governorate and population, Amman recorded the highest percentage, reaching 15.2% with an area of 0.573 m² per capita, while Zarqa Governorate recorded the lowest percentage of the per capita share from the new licensed areas, reaching 2.5% with an area of 0.095 m² per capita.

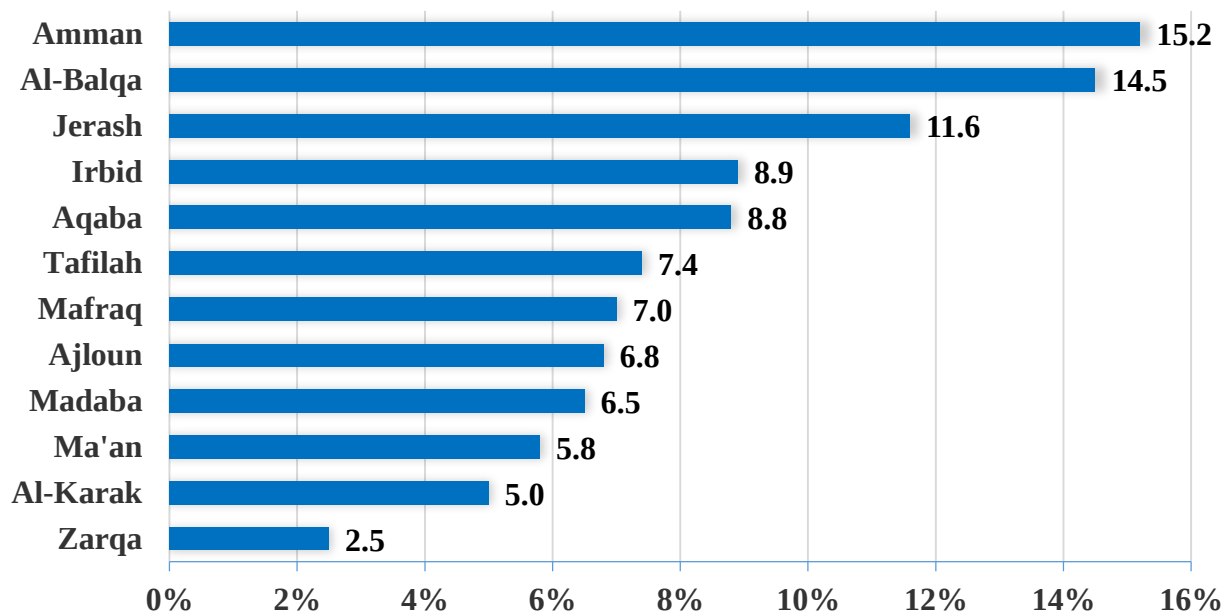
**Table (1): Per Capita Share from the Area of New Licensed Buildings for Residential Purposes
During the first seven months of 2026 by Governorate**

Governorate	Population	Licensed area for residential purposes (m ²)	Per Capita share from licensed area (m ²)	Relative distribution of per capita share from the licensed area by governorate
<i>Amman</i>	5,004,600	2,867,717	0.573	15.2
<i>Al-Balqa</i>	614,000	336,088	0.547	14.5
<i>Jerash</i>	296,000	130,366	0.440	11.6
<i>Aqaba</i>	2,210,500	744,727	0.337	8.9
<i>Irbid</i>	250,900	83,837	0.334	8.8



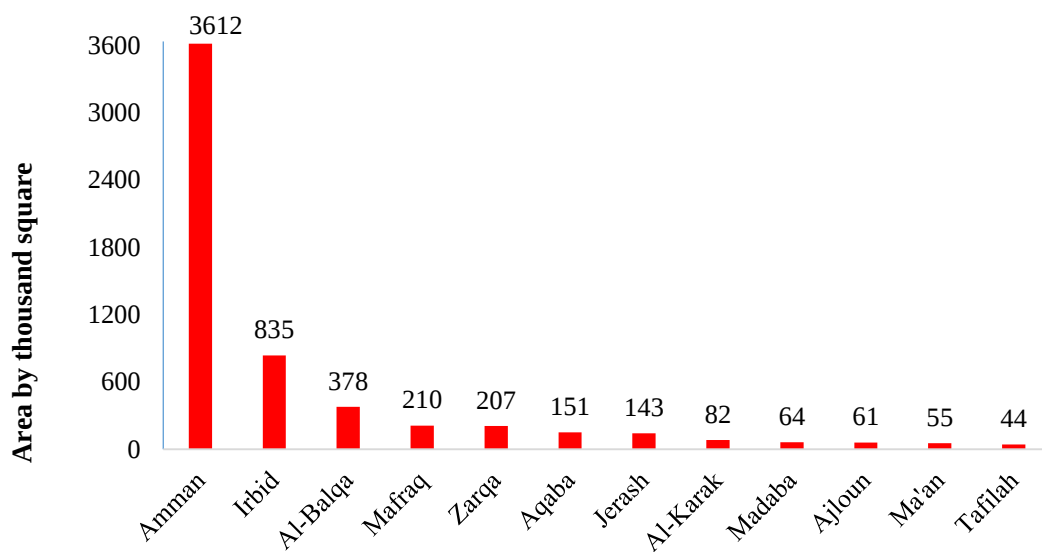
Tafilah	120,300	33,463	0.278	7.4
Ma'raq	686,800	177,539	0.259	7.0
Ajloun	219,900	57,305	0.261	6.8
Madaba	236,200	58,281	0.247	6.5
Ma'an	197,900	43,433	0.219	5.8
Al-Karak	395,400	74,359	0.188	5.0
Zarqa	1,704,500	162,487	0.095	2.5
Total	11,937,000	4,769,602	0.400	100

Figure (3): Relative Distribution of Per Capita Share from the Licensed Buildings for Residential Purposes During the first seven months of 2026 by Governorate



The licensed area for new buildings and additions to existing buildings constituted 58.4% of the total licensed building area during the first seven months of 2026, while the licensed area for existing buildings constituted 41.6%. An existing building is one that has been built for years without a license and the license was issued during the month in which the data was collected. An addition to an existing building is the issuance of a license to create a new addition to an existing and licensed building. The total licensed building area for new buildings and additions to existing buildings amounted to about 3.4 million m², compared to about 3.5 million m² during the same period of 2025, a decrease of (2.9%).

**Figure (4): Area of Licensed Buildings by Governorate During the first seven months of 2026
(in 1000 m²)**



Through its monthly census of building permits, DoS provides data on the number of building permits, the area of licensed buildings, and the types of building occupancy in Jordan by governorate. These statistics aim to provide planners, policymakers, and decision-makers with indicators of construction activity, an important part of the construction sector. Meanwhile, government expenditures on buildings, roads,

infrastructure, and other projects constitute the complementary part of the construction sector. These projects are covered in other surveys, except the government projects that are licensed by the licensing authorities, which are included in this census.

Building permit indicators reflect the reality of construction activity; because the permits likely indicate the actual commencement of construction. At the same time, the construction design contracts and architectural drawings that other parties rely on represent future construction plans and a stage of the licensing process that may not be accomplished.

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