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Number of building permits issued in Jordan increased by 3.2% during the first half of 2026.

The area of buildings licensed for residential purposes increased by 10% during the first half of 2026.

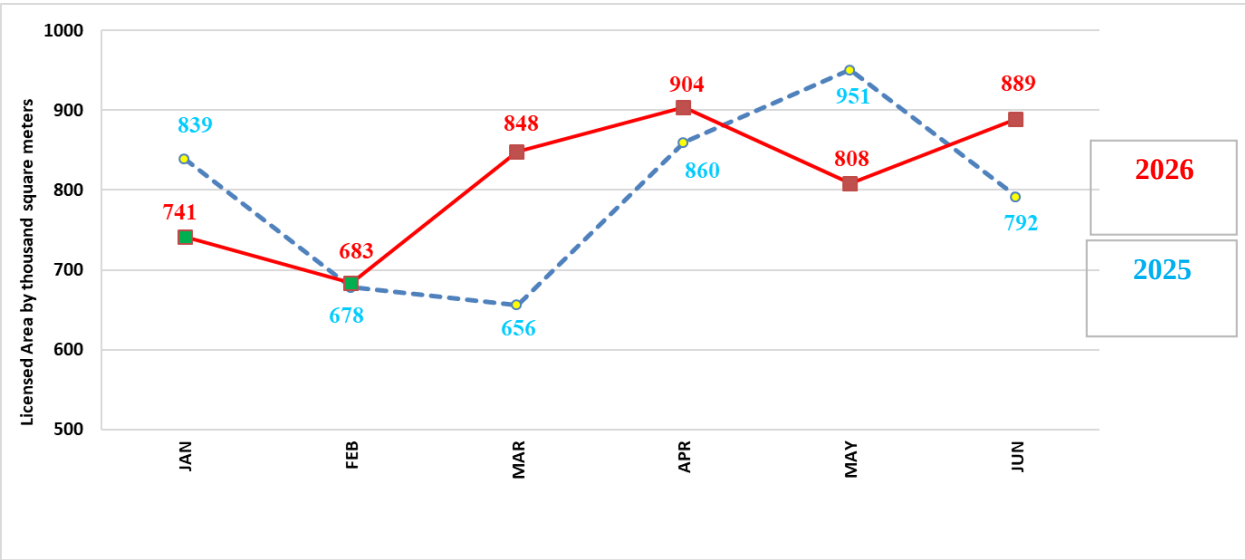
Licensed areas for residential purposes constituted 82.6% of the total licensed area during the first half of 2026.

The Central Region accounted for 73% of the total licensed area during the first half of 2026.

The Department of Statistics (DoS) issued its monthly report on construction activity and building permits in Jordan during the first half of 2026. The total number of building permits issued reached 12,070 permits compared to 11,700 permits during the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 3.2%. The total area of licensed buildings during the first half of 2026 reached 4.87 million square meters compared to 4.77 million square meters for the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 2%.

As for licensing purposes, the area licensed for residential purposes reached approximately 4.03 million square meters during the first half of 2026 compared to 3.66 million square meters during the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 10%. Meanwhile, the area of buildings licensed for non-residential purposes reached 846 thousand square meters compared to 1.11 million square meters during the same period in 2025, representing a decrease of (24%). The area of buildings licensed for residential purposes constituted 82.6% of the total licensed areas, while 17.4% was for non-residential purposes.

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



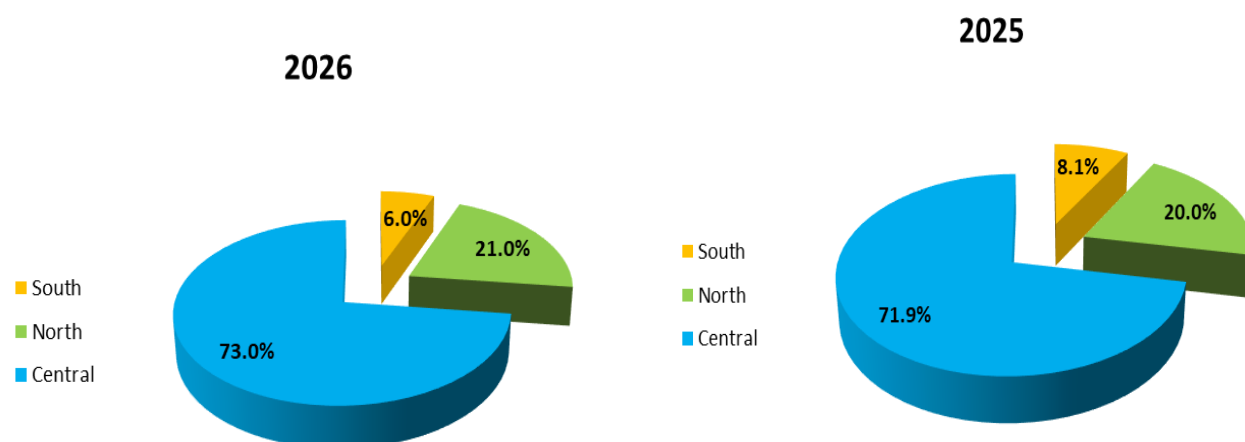
At the regional level, the Central region accounted for 73% of the total licensed building area in Jordan during the first half of 2026, an increase of 1.1 percentage points compared to the same period in 2025. Meanwhile, the Northern region accounted for 21%, an increase of one percentage points, and the Southern region for 6%, a decrease of (2.1) percentage points compared to the same period in 2025.

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

As for the relative distribution of licensed residential areas by governorate and population, Amman recorded the highest percentage, reaching 15.7% with an area of 0.490 m² per capita, while Zarqa Governorate recorded the lowest percentage of the per capita share from the new licensed areas, reaching 2.7% with an area of 0.083 m² per capita.

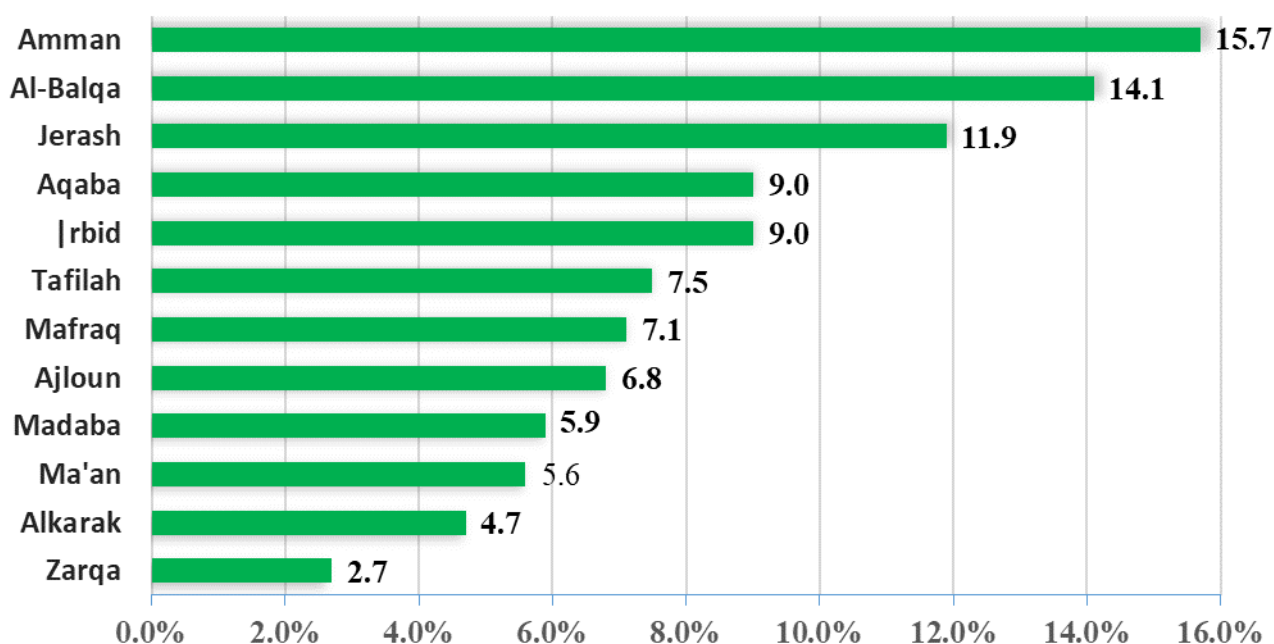
**Table (1): Per Capita Share from the Area of New Licensed Buildings for Residential Purposes
During the first half of 2026 by Governorate**

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
Amman	5,004,600	5,004,600	0.490	15.7
Al-Balqa	614,000	614,000	0.440	14.1
Jerash	296,000	296,000	0.370	11.9
Aqaba	250,900	250,900	0.282	9.0
Irbid	2,210,500	2,210,500	0.281	9.0
Tafilah	120,300	120,300	0.234	7.5



<i>Mafraq</i>	686,800	686,800	0.221	7.1
<i>Ajloun</i>	219,900	219,900	0.212	6.8
<i>Madaba</i>	236,200	236,200	0.185	5.9
<i>Ma'an</i>	197,900	197,900	0.173	5.6
<i>Al-Karak</i>	395,400	395,400	0.147	4.7
<i>Zarqa</i>	1,704,500	1,704,500	0.083	2.7
<i>Total</i>	11,937,000	11,937,000	0.337	100

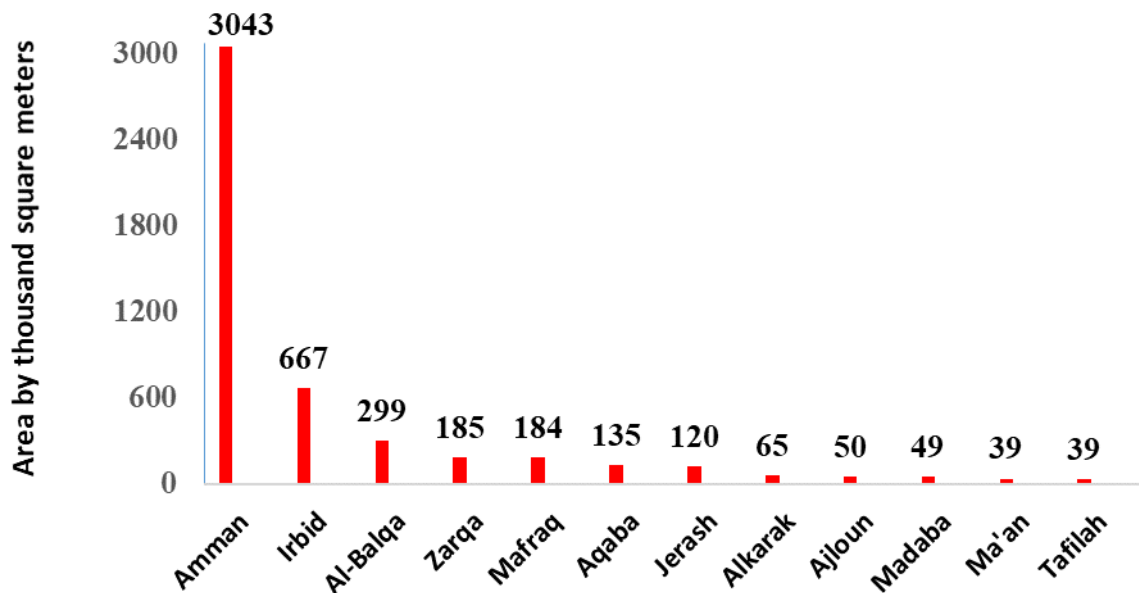
Figure (3): Relative Distribution of Per Capita Share from the Licensed Buildings for Residential Purposes During the first half of 2026 by Governorate



The licensed area for new buildings and additions to existing buildings constituted 57.5% of the total licensed building area during the first half of 2026, while the licensed area for existing buildings constituted 42.5%. An existing building is defined as a building that has been constructed for years without a permit and received a permit during the month in which the data was collected. An addition to

an existing building is defined as the issuance of a permit for a new addition to an existing licensed building. The total licensed building area for new buildings and additions to existing buildings amounted to approximately 2.80 million square meters, compared to approximately 3.03 million square meters during the same period in 2025, indicating a decrease of (7.6%).

Figure (4): Area of Licensed Buildings by Governorate During the first half 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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