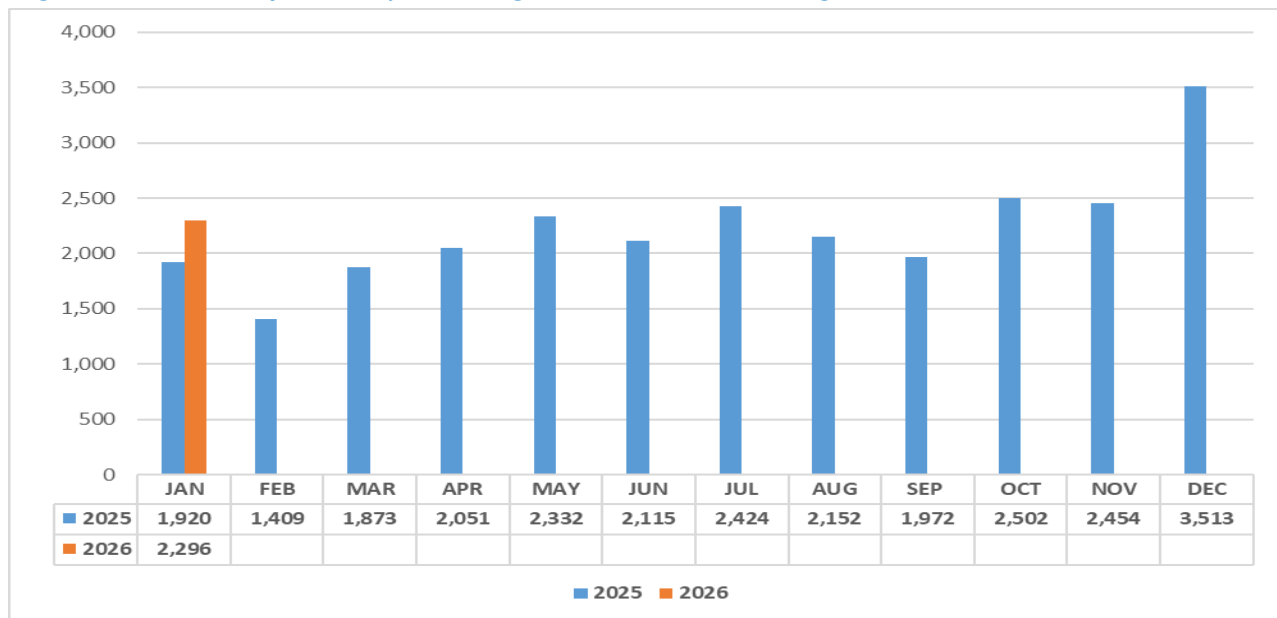


Press Release

Department of Statistics: Building Permits Issued in Jordan Increased by 19.6% in January 2026.

The Department of Statistics (DoS) issued its monthly report on the construction activity and building permits in Jordan during January 2026. The total number of building permits issued in Jordan reached 2,296 permits in January 2026 compared to 1,920 permits during the same period in 2025, indicating an increase by 19.6%. Also, the total area of licensed buildings reached 741,000 m² compared to 839,000 m² in January 2025, indicating a decrease of (11.7%).

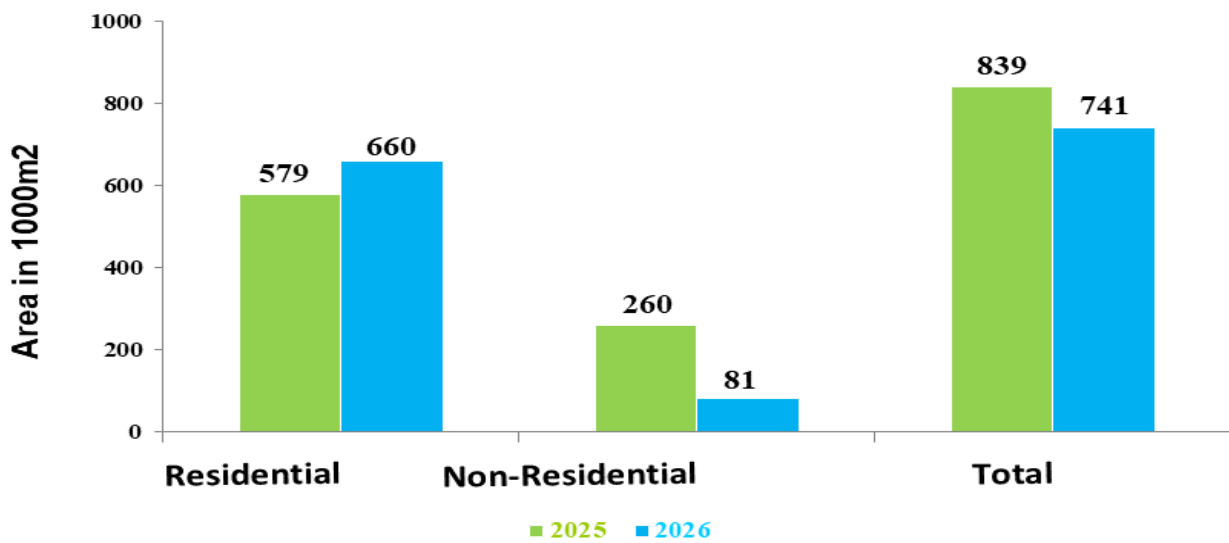
Figure 1: Number of Monthly Building Permits Issued During 2025 & 2026



As for the permits purposes, the licensed areas for residential purposes amounted to about 660,000 m² compared to about 579,000 m² during the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 14%. Meanwhile, the area of buildings licensed for non-residential purposes amounted to about 81,000 m² compared to about 260,000 m²

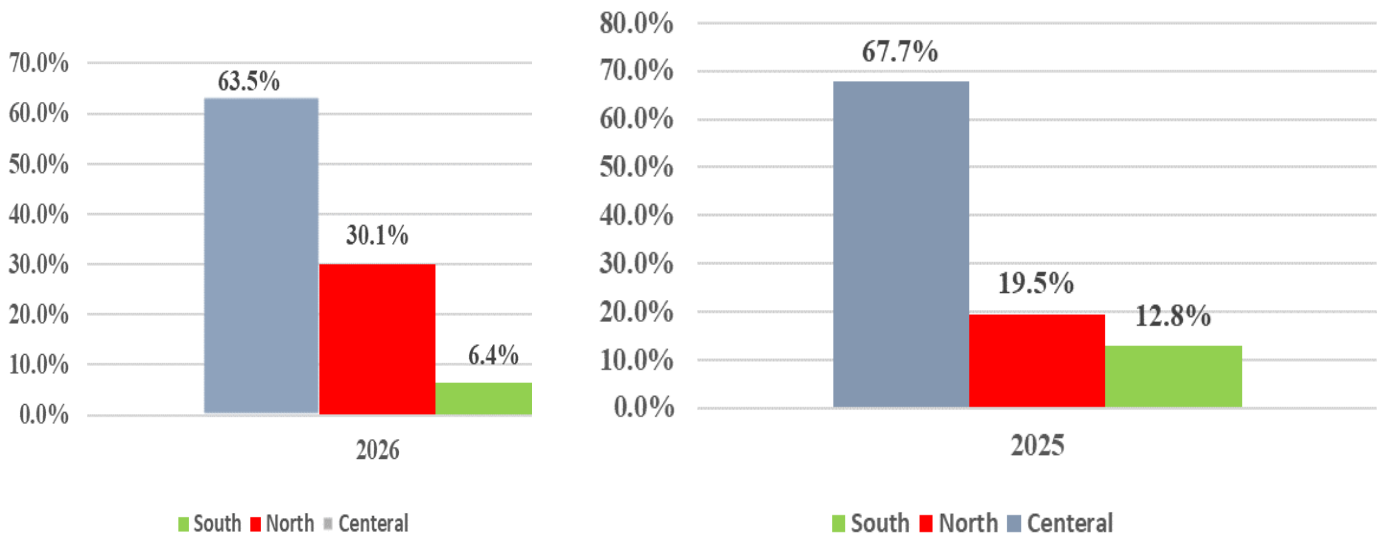
during the same period in 2025, indicating a decrease of (69%). Of the total area of licensed buildings, 89% was for residential purposes, while 11% was for non-residential purposes.

Figure 2: Area of Licensed Buildings by the Type of Building Occupancy during January of 2025 & 2026



At the regional level, the central region accounted for 63.5% of the total area of licensed buildings in Jordan during 2026, indicating a decrease of (6.2%) compared to the same period in 2025. Meanwhile, the share of the north region amounted to 30.1%, indicating an increase of 54.4% compared to the same period in 2025, while the south region reached 6.4%, indicating a decrease of (50%) compared to the same period in 2025.

Figure 3: Relative Distribution of the Licensed Areas by Region During January 2025 & 2026

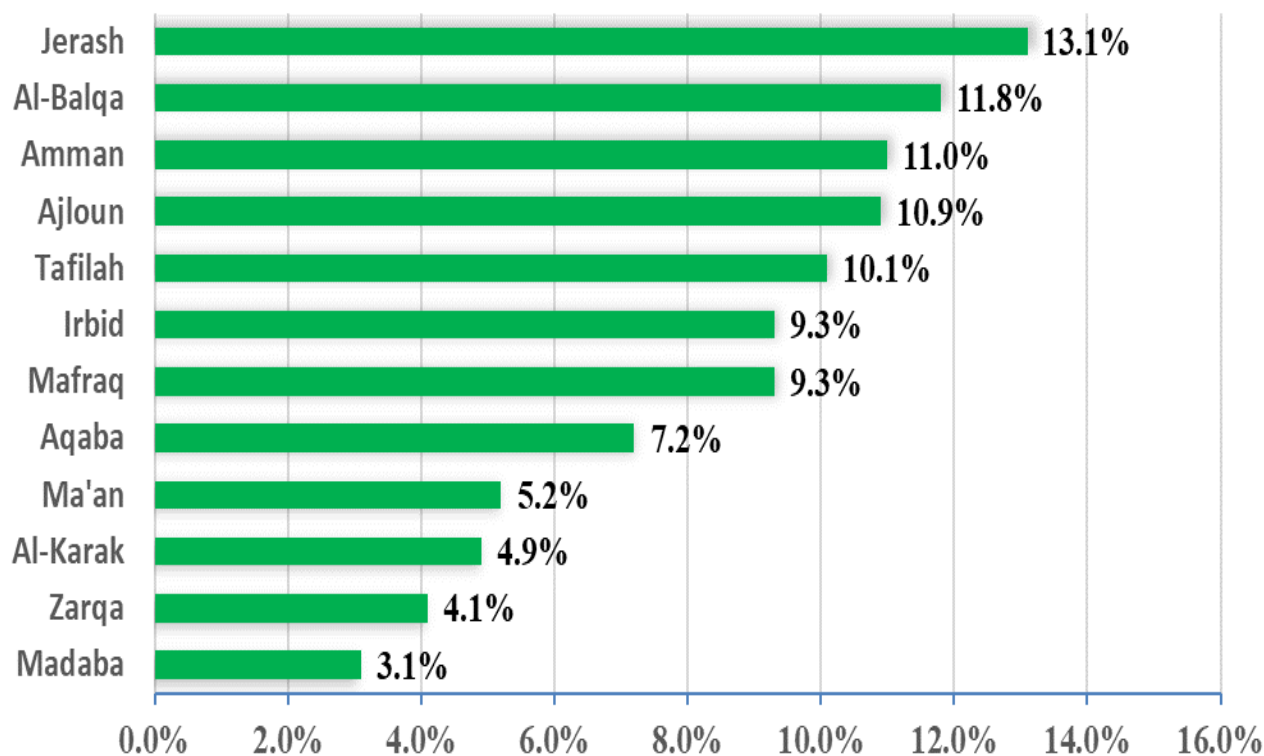


As for the relative distribution of licensed areas for residential purposes by governorate, Jerash governorate recorded the highest percentage, reaching 13.1% with an area of 0.079 m² per capita, while Madaba governorate recorded the lowest percentage of per capita share from the new licensed areas, reaching 3.1% with an area of 0.019 m² per capita.

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
Jerash	296,000	23,435	0.079	13.1
Al-Balqa	614,000	43,632	0.071	11.8
Amman	5,004,600	332,632	0.066	11.0
Ajloun	219,900	14,602	0.066	10.9
Tafilah	120,300	7,274	0.060	10.1
Mafraq	686,800	38,606	0.056	9.3
Irbid	2,210,500	123,810	0.056	9.3
Aqaba	250,900	10,955	0.044	7.2
Ma'an	197,900	6,261	0.032	5.2

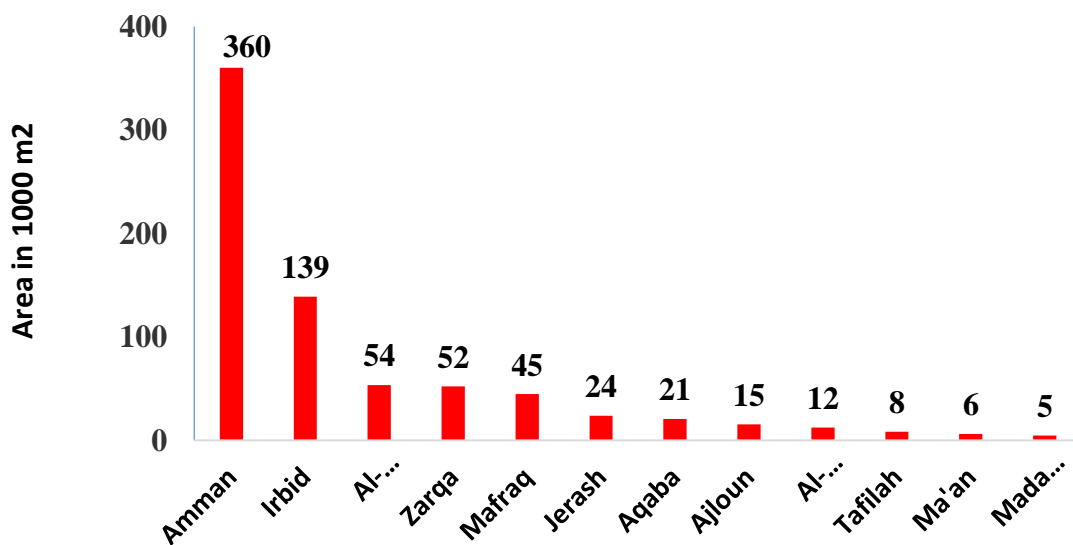
Al-Karak	395,400	11,690	0.030	4.9
Zarqa	1,704,500	42,234	0.025	4.1
Madaba	236,200	4,466	0.019	3.1
Total	11,937,000	659,597	0.055	100

Figure 4: Relative Distribution of Per Capita Share from the Licensed Buildings for Residential Purposes in January by Governorate



The licensed area for new buildings and additions to constructed buildings accounted for 47.8% of the total licensed building area in January 2026, while the licensed area for constructed buildings accounted for 52.2%. The total licensed building area for new buildings and additions to existing buildings amounted to about 354,000 m² compared to about 546,000 m² during the same period in 2025, indicating a decrease of 35.2%.

Figure 5: Area of Licensed Buildings by Governorate During January 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. Government expenditures on building, roads, infrastructure, and other projects represent the complementary part of the construction sector, and these projects are covered in other surveys, except for government projects licensed by licensing authorities, which are included in this census.

Building permit indicators reflect the reality of construction activity because 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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