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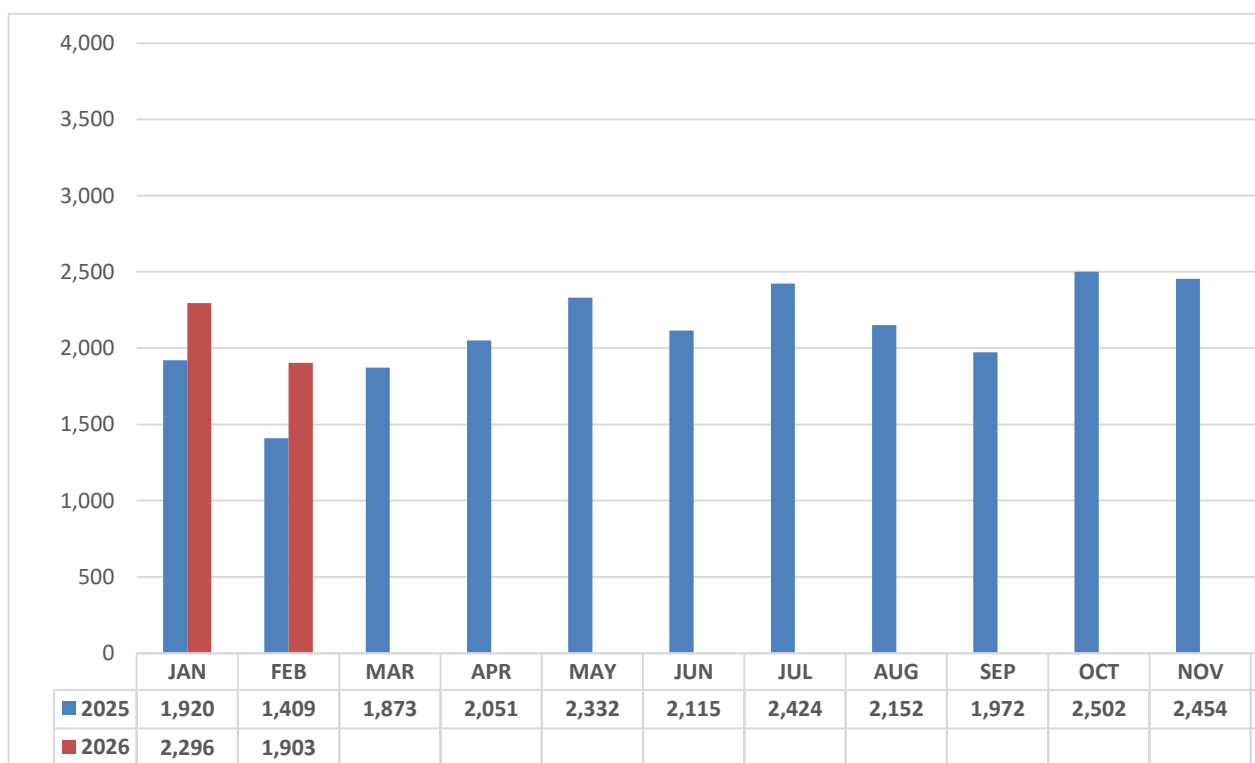
Department of Statistics: Building Permits Issued in Jordan Increased by 26% During the first Two Months of 2026

The Licensed Areas for Residential Purposes Increased by 13.4%

The Department of Statistics (DoS) issued its monthly report on construction activity and building permits in Jordan, noting that the total number of building permits issued in Jordan reached 4,4199 in February 2026 compared to 3,329 in the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 26%.

Also, the total area of licensed buildings reached 1.42 Million m² during the first two months of 2026 compared to 1.52 Million m² during same period of 2025, indicating a decrease of (6.6%).

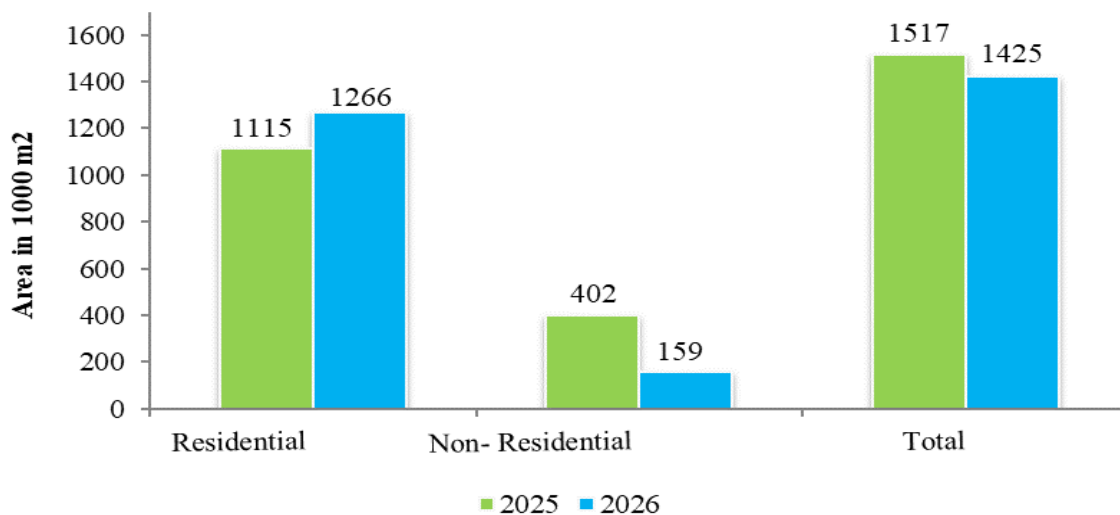
Figure 1 : Number of Monthly Building Permits Issued During 2025 & 2026



As for permit purposes, licensed areas for residential use amounted to about 1.27 million m² during the first two months of 2026 compared to about 1.12 million m² during the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 13.4%.

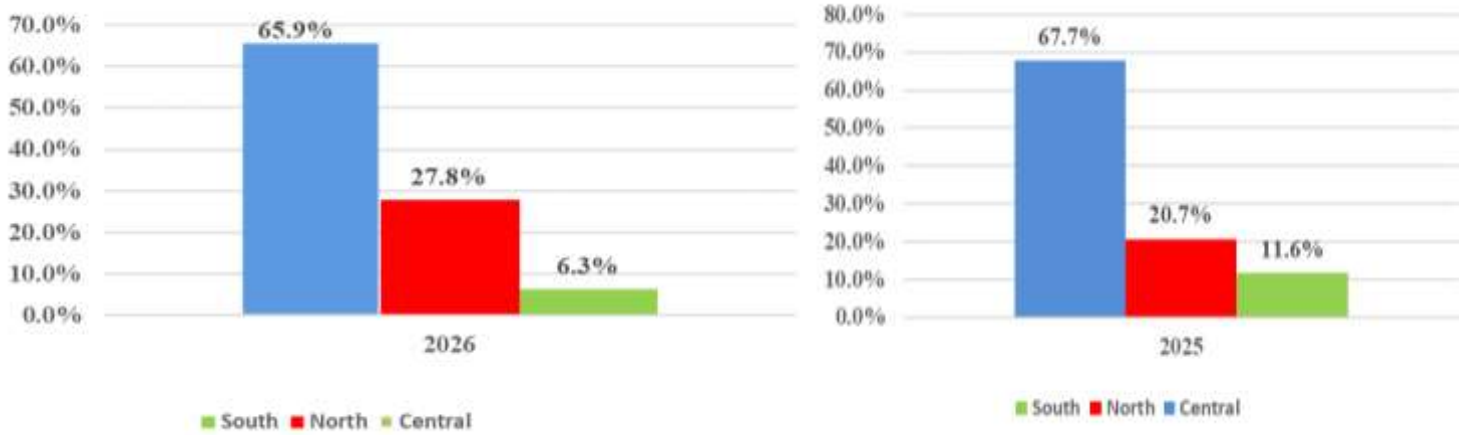
Meanwhile, the area of buildings licensed for non-residential purposes amounted to 159,000 m² compared to 402,000 m² during the same period in 2025, indicating a decrease of (60%). Of the total area of licensed buildings, 89% was for residential purposes, while 11% was for non-residential purposes.

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



At the regional level, the Central region accounted for 65.9% of the total area of licensed buildings in Jordan during 2026, indicating a decrease of (2.7%) compared to the same period in 2025. Meanwhile, the share of the North region amounted to 27.8%, indicating an increase of 34.3% compared to the same period in 2025, while the South region reached 6.3%, indicating a decrease of (45%) compared to the same period in 2025.

Figure 3: Relative Distribution of the Licensed Areas by Region During the first two months of 2025 & 2026



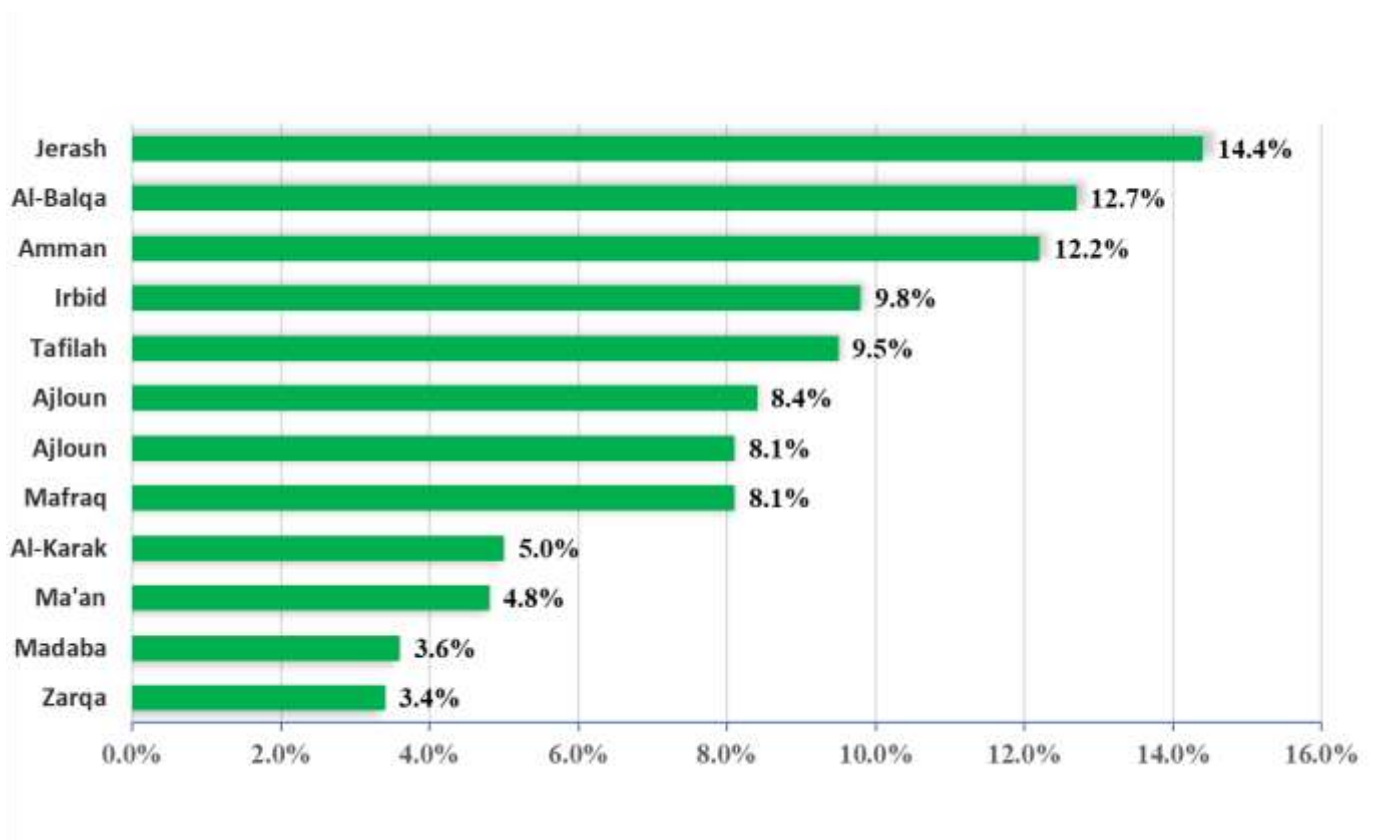
As for the relative distribution of licensed areas for residential purposes by governorate, Jerash governorate recorded the highest percentage, reaching 14.4% with an area of 0.159 m² per capita, while Zarqa governorate recorded the lowest percentage of per capita share from the new licensed areas, reaching 3.4% with an area of 0.038 m² per capita.

Table 1: Per Capita Share from the Area of New Licensed Buildings for Residential Purposes During the first Two 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>Jerash</i>	296,000	4,7095	0.159	14.4
<i>Al-Balqa</i>	614,000	85,729	0.140	12.7
<i>Amman</i>	5,004,600	671,615	0.134	12.2
<i>Irbid</i>	2,210,500	237,995	0.108	9.8
<i>Tafilah</i>	120,300	1,2650	0.105	9.5
<i>Aqaba</i>	250,900	23,204	0.092	8.4
<i>Ajloun</i>	219,900	19,663	0.089	8.1
<i>Maфраq</i>	686,800	61,318	0.089	8.1
<i>Al-Karak</i>	395,400	21,943	0.055	5.0

<i>Ma'an</i>	197,900	10,437	0.053	4.8
<i>Madaba</i>	236,200	9,401	0.040	3.6
<i>Zarqa</i>	1,704,500	64,502	0.038	3.4
Total	11,937,000	1,265,552	0.106	100

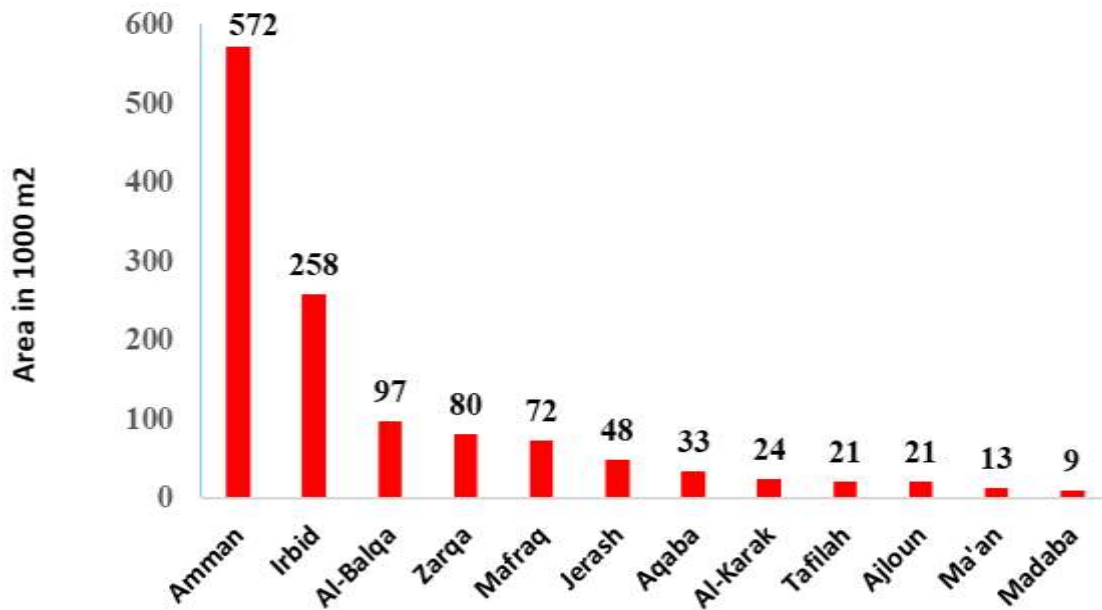
Figure 4: Relative Distribution of Per Capita Share from the Licensed Buildings for Residential Purposes During the first Two Months of 2026 by Governorate



The licensed area for new buildings and additions to existing buildings accounted for 48.9% of the total licensed building area during the first two months of 2026, while the licensed area for existing buildings accounted for 51.1%.

The total licensed building area for new buildings and additions to existing buildings amounted to about 697,000 m² compared to about 990,000 m² during the same period in 2025, indicating a decrease of (29.6%).

Figure 5: Area of Licensed Buildings by Governorate During the first two months 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 buildings, roads, infrastructure, and other projects constitute the complementary part of the construction sector. 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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