



Press Release

Department of Statistics: Building Permits Issued in Jordan Increased by 29.3% During March 2026

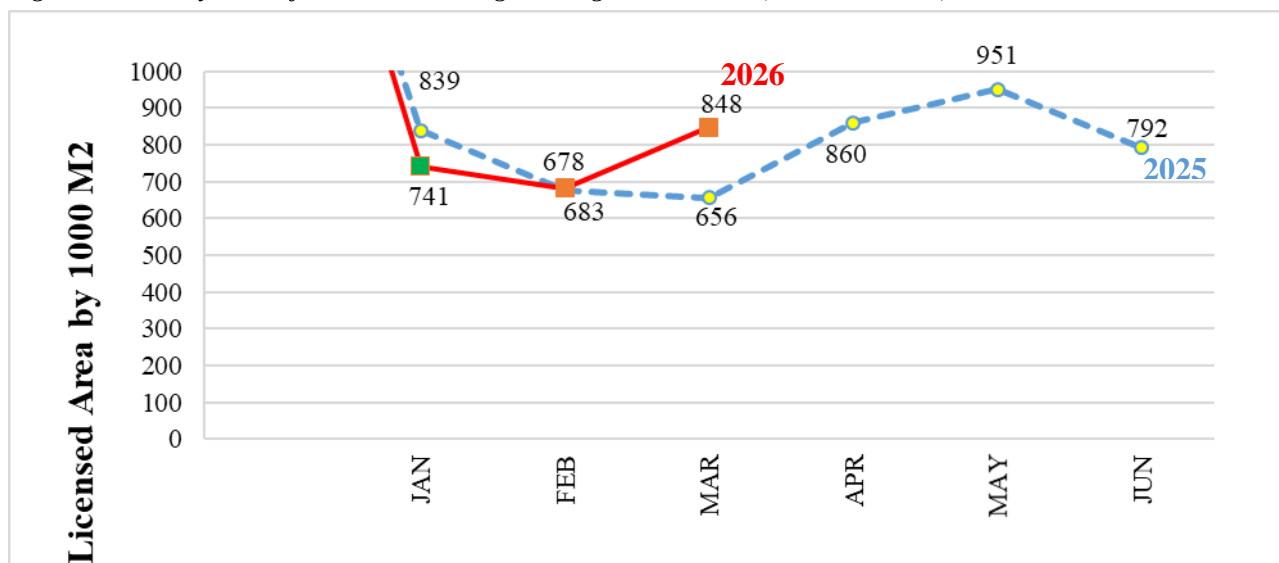
The number of issued building permits increased by 20% during Q1 2026

The licensed areas for residential purposes increased by 22.4% during Q1 2026

The area of buildings licensed for residential purposes constituted 86.5%

The Department of Statistics (DoS) issued its monthly report on construction activity and building permits in Jordan, whereby the total areas of licensed buildings reached 848,000 m² during March 2026 compared to 656, 000 m² in the same period of 2025, indicating an increase of 29.3% as illustrated in figure (1). Also, the total area of buildings licensed in Q1 2026 reached 2.273 million m² compared to 2.173 million m² for the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 4.6%. Furthermore, the total building licenses issued in Jordan reached 6,240 licenses during Q1 2026 compared to 5,202 licenses during the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 20%.

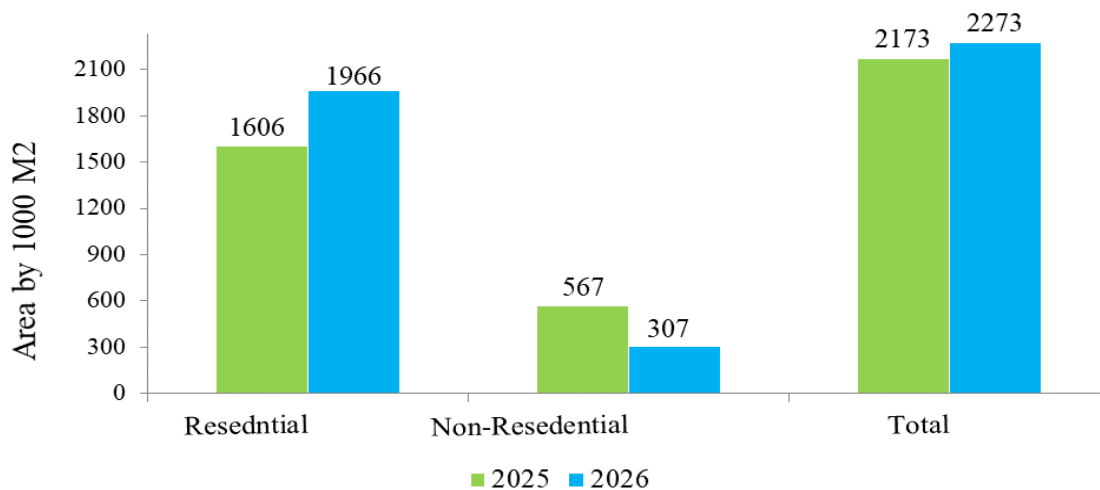
Figure 1: Monthly Area of Licensed Buildings During 2025 & 2026 (in thousand m2)



As for permit purposes, licensed areas for residential purposes amounted to about 1.966 million m² during Q1 2026 compared to 1.606 million m² during the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 22.4%.

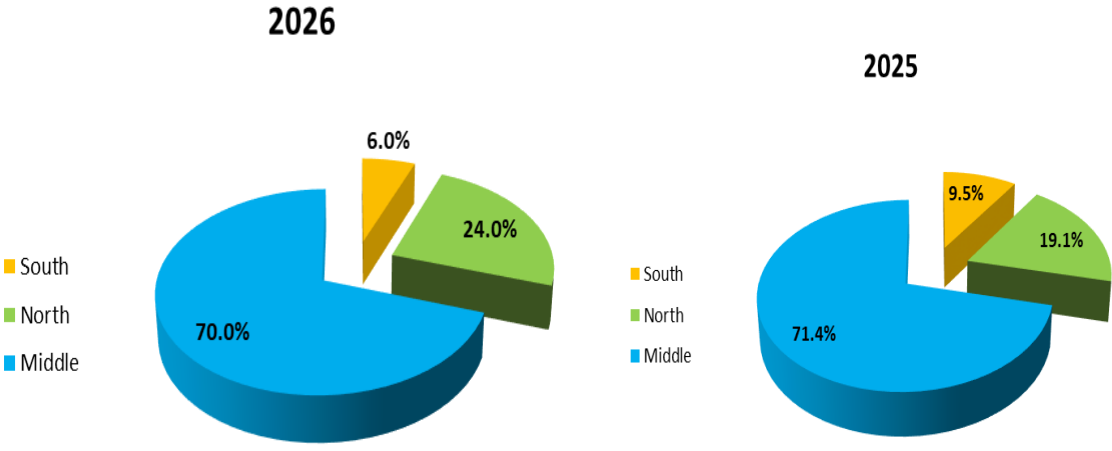
Meanwhile, the area of buildings licensed for non-residential purposes amounted to 307,000 m² compared to 567,000 m² during the same period in 2025, indicating a decrease of (45.9%). Of the total area of licensed buildings, 86.5% was for residential purposes, while 13.5% was for non-residential purposes.

Figure 2: Area of Licensed Buildings by the Type of Building Occupancy during Q1 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 Q1 of 2025 & 2026

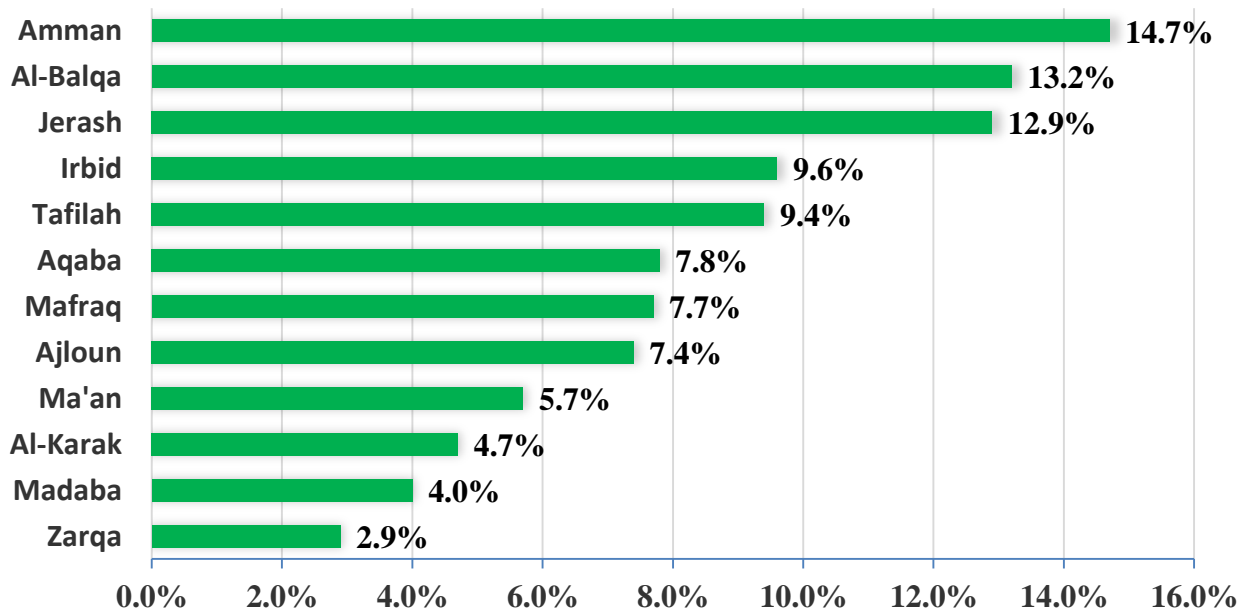


As for the relative distribution of licensed areas for residential purposes by governorate, *Amman* governorate recorded the highest percentage, reaching 14.7% with an area of 0.230 m² per capita, while *Zarqa* governorate recorded the lowest percentage of per capita share from the new licensed areas, reaching 2.8% with an area of 0.045 m² per capita.

Table 1: Per Capita Share from the Area of New Licensed Buildings for Residential Purposes During Q1 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	1,153,405	0.230	14.7
<i>Al-Balqa</i>	614,000	127,258	0.207	13.2
<i>Jerash</i>	296,000	59,742	0.202	12.9
<i>Irbid</i>	2,210,500	331,125	0.150	9.6
<i>Tafilah</i>	120,300	17,631	0.147	9.4
<i>Aqaba</i>	250,900	30,586	0.122	7.8
<i>Maфраq</i>	686,800	82,907	0.121	7.7
<i>Ajloun</i>	219,900	25,518	0.116	7.4
<i>Ma'an</i>	197,900	17,762	0.090	5.7
<i>Al-Karak</i>	395,400	29,266	0.074	4.7
<i>Madaba</i>	236,200	15,002	0.064	4.0
<i>Zarqa</i>	1,704,500	76,226	0.045	2.9
Total	11,937,000	1,966,428	0.165	100

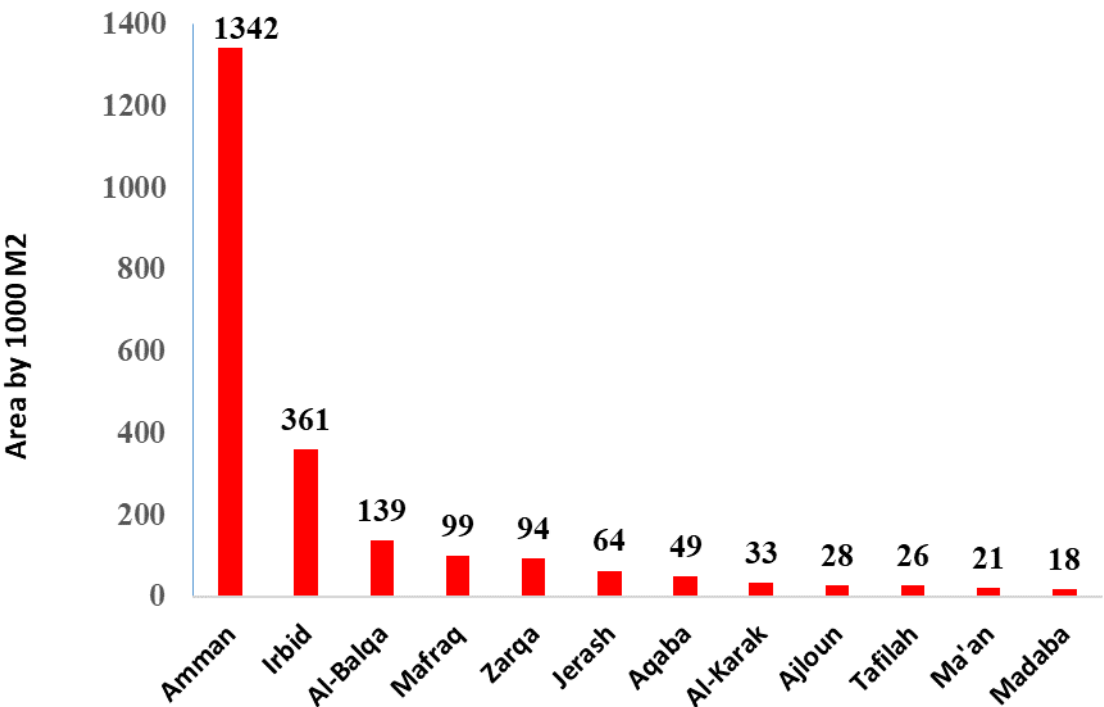
Figure 4: Relative Distribution of Per Capita Share from the Licensed Buildings for Residential Purposes During Q1 2026 by Governorate



The licensed area for new buildings and additions to existing buildings accounted for 49% of the total licensed building area during Q1 2026, while the licensed area for existing buildings accounted for 51%.

The total licensed building area for new buildings and additions to existing buildings amounted to about 1.11 million m² against 1.412 million m² during the same period in 2025, indicating a decrease of (21.3%).

Figure 5: Area of Licensed Buildings by Governorate During Q1 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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