Construction: building permits and completed buildings
2nd Quarter 2011

## Building permits and completed buildings trending downwards

In the second quarter of 2011 , about 6.400 building permits were licensed, and approximately 8.900 buildings were completed. These figures represent an annual average of $-10.4 \%$ and $+9.4 \%$, respectively, maintaining the trend registered in the previous quarters although with a slight rise in the beginning of 2011.

Completed buildings registered a recovery suggesting a higher concentration of construction activities in the completion of works in progress.

From the previous quarter, the number of building permits decreased by $1.9 \%$ and completed buildings decreased by $2.4 \%$.

