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MORE DWELLINGS PERMITTED AND COMPLETED, DESPITE THE DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS

In the second quarter of 2026, 6.2 thousand building permits were issued in Portugal, corresponding to a year-on-year decrease of 7.1%, less pronounced than that observed in the first quarter of 2026 (-9.7%). Permits for new buildings declined by 5.6% (following an 8.5% decrease in the first quarter), while permits for renovation works fell by 11.9%, also easing the decline recorded in the previous quarter (-12.9%).

In the same period, an estimated 3.9 thousand buildings were completed, corresponding to a year-on-year decrease of 4.2%, less pronounced than that recorded in the previous quarter (-6.9%).

In the residential sector, the number of dwellings permitted in new residential buildings increased by 10.8% following the 2.2% decrease observed in the first quarter of 2026. The number of completed dwellings increased by 11.6%, also reversing the negative trend recorded in the previous quarter (-1.5%).

Compared with the previous quarter, the number of building permits issued decreased by 6.0%, while the number of completed buildings fell by 1.6%.

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