

Building permits indicators

I semester 2017

The building permits indicators measure the quarterly evolution in the number of dwellings used for residential purposes, square metres of residential useful floor area and square metres of non-residential area using the Classification of types of Construction (CC).

Starting from this edition, ISTAT publishes seasonally-adjusted time series of building permit indicators. Moreover, the frequency of data publication changes from half-yearly to quarterly.

During the first half of 2017, the residential construction units increased compared with the same period of the previous year (+11.7% in the number of dwellings and +11.8% in useful floor area). The non-residential buildings increased by 37.7% compared with the same period of 2016.

The number of dwellings in new buildings increased by 9.5% in the first quarter and it increased by 13.6% in the second quarter with respect to first and second quarter 2016.

The useful floor area increased by 12.3% in the first quarter and by 11.4% in the second quarter compared with the same periods of 2016.

Non-residential area increased by 49.8% in the first quarter of 2017 (influenced by the comparison with the first quarter of 2016 which is one of the lowest values since 2000) and by 28.1% in the second quarter with respect to first and second quarter 2016.

Table 1. Building permits indicators – Raw data

I quarter 2016 – II quarter 2017, absolute figures and trend percent changes (b)

Period	New residential buildings				Non-residential buildings	
	Number of dwellings	q/q-4	Useful floor area of dwellings (sq2)	q/q-4	Area (sq2)	q/q-4
2016 (a)						
I- quarter	10,404	-6.2	912,444	-1.3	1,545,779	-9.2
II- quarter	11,951	4.0	1,066,864	9.1	1,953,093	-7.5
III- quarter	10,578	3.3	939,496	3.2	1,983,991	1.7
IV- quarter	11,915	18.1	1,070,568	18.9	2,189,482	-2.9
2016	44,848	4.5	3,989,372	7.4	7,672,345	-4.3
2017 (a)						
I- quarter	11,391	9.5	1,024,372	12.3	2,315,007	49.8
II- quarter	13,582	13.6	1,188,810	11.4	2,502,155	28.1

(a) Data are provisional and subject to revisions

(b) All series of Building permits indicators are available in the database I.stat: <http://dati.istat.it/?lang=it>

The number of dwellings in new buildings increased by 3.5% in the first quarter respect to fourth quarter 2016 and it increased by 7.8% in the second quarter with respect to first quarter 2017.

The useful floor area increased by 5.3% in the first quarter and by 3.8% in the second quarter compared with previous quarters.

Non-residential area increased by 20.2% in the first quarter of 2017 respect to fourth quarter 2016 and it decreased by 4.7% in the second quarter with respect to first quarter 2017.

Table 2. Building permits indicators - Seasonally adjusted data

I quarter 2016 – II quarter 2017, absolute figures and percentage changes on the previous period

Period	New residential buildings				Non-residential buildings	
	Number of dwellings	q/q-1	Useful floor area of dwellings (sq2)	q/q-1	Area (sq2)	q/q-1
2016						
I- quarter	10,866	11.6	964,026	11.6	1,674,449	-22.0
II- quarter	11,285	3.9	1,008,913	4.7	1,864,441	11.3
III- quarter	11,170	-1.0	985,239	-2.3	2,025,496	8.6
IV- quarter	11,495	2.9	1,027,439	4.3	2,085,760	3.0
2017						
I- quarter	11,896	3.5	1,082,213	5.3	2,507,646	20.2
II- quarter	12,825	7.8	1,123,708	3.8	2,388,696	-4.7

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