

# Construction permits released for buildings

Metadata

National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova (NBS)

## 1. Contact Information

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## 2. Metadata Update

### 2.1. Last certification of metadata

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### 2.2. Last update of metadata

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## 3. Statistical presentation

### 3.1. General description

The issuance of construction permits for buildings is regulated by the Law of the Republic of Moldova on the authorization of the execution of construction works no. 163 dated 09.07.2010, with subsequent amendments.

The information source for the record of the number of permits issued for the construction of buildings is represented by the statistical research "Construction permits released for buildings".

The data collected include the number of permits issued for the construction of residential and non-residential buildings and their total area.

### 3.2. Concepts and definitions

#### 3.2.1. Definitions

**Construction permit** – a document issued by the issuer, which is allowed to perform construction works on the basis and in compliance with the urbanism certificate for design and the developed and verified project documentation.

**Issuer** – the executive authority of the local public administration.

**Residential buildings** – are constructions with a long-term exploitation, located on a batch of land within borders, with all auxiliary buildings and comfort elements, where more than half of the total building's area is used for dwelling purposes.

**Non-residential buildings** – are buildings designed, exclusively, for other purposes than residential (administrative and production buildings, shops, warehouses, cinemas etc.).

#### 3.2.2. Unit of measurement

The data are expressed in absolute values: the number of buildings is presented in units; and the total area of the buildings is presented in square meters.

For the number of construction permits issued for residential and non-residential buildings, is calculated growth rate, expressed in % and the share of the number of construction permits issued for residential and non-residential buildings compared to the total, expressed in %.

### 3.2.3. Formula of calculation

<p>Growth rate of the number of construction permits, %</p>	$R = \frac{A_n - A_{n-1}}{A_{n-1}} * 100\%, \text{ where:}$ <p>R – growth rate of the number of construction permits, %;</p> <p><math>A_n</math> – number of construction permits for the respective period of the current year;</p> <p><math>A_{n-1}</math> – number of construction permits for the respective period of the previous year.</p>
<p>Share of the number of construction permits issued for residential/non-residential buildings compared to the total, %</p>	$P_{A(i)} = \frac{P_{Ai}}{P_A} * 100\%, \text{ where:}$ <p><math>P_{A(i)}</math> – share of the number of construction permits issued for residential/non-residential buildings;</p> <p><math>P_{Ai}</math> – number of construction permits issued for residential/non-residential buildings;</p> <p><math>P_A</math> – total number of construction permits issued for buildings.</p>

### 3.3. Used classifications

**Classification of administrative-territorial units of the Republic of Moldova** (CUATM – Clasificatorul unităților administrativ-teritoriale al Republicii Moldova), approved via Moldova-Standard Department Decision No. 1398-ST dated 03.09.2003, with subsequent amendments.

**Nomenclature of the territorial statistical units of the Republic of Moldova** (NUTS), approved via Government Decision of the Republic of Moldova No. 570 dated 19.07.2017. Implemented since 01.01.2018.

### 3.4. Scope

#### 3.4.1. Sector coverage

Data for this survey are obtained from the executive authority of the local public administration. The coverage is total.

#### 3.4.2. Statistical population

The indicators for the issued construction permits are presented for residential and non-residential buildings.

#### 3.4.3. Geographical coverage

Information is developed and disseminated without covering the data from the left side of the river Nistru and Bender municipality.

#### 3.4.4. Time coverage

Data are available from 2014 onwards.

### 3.5. Level of disaggregation

The data obtained from the statistical survey “Construction permits released for buildings” are disaggregated by:

- total country;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– regions (Chisinau municipality, North, Center, South, UTA Gagauzia);</li> <li>– urban and rural area;</li> <li>– types of buildings residential/non-residential.</li> </ul>
<b>3.6. Dissemination frequency</b>
Quarterly
<b>3.7. Timeliness</b>
Quarterly – during 30 days following the reported quarter.
<b>3.8. Revision</b>
Data are final when disseminated for the first time.
<b>3.9. Period of reference</b>
The period of reference is quarter.

<b>4. Data Collection and Processing</b>
<b>4.1. Data source</b>
<b>4.1.1. Statistical surveys</b>
The statistical survey “Construction permits released for buildings” – statistical questionnaire 1-AC.
<b>4.1.2. Administrative sources</b>
Local public administration authorities.
<b>4.1.3. Estimations</b>
Not applicable.
<b>4.2. Characteristics of the statistical survey</b>
<b>4.2.1. Objective and background</b>
<p>The aim of the statistical survey “Construction permits released for buildings” is obtaining (providing) indicators for the future construction activities; as well as providing information on the predominance of future buildings by their type (residential/non-residential) and the predominance of future buildings by areas (urban/rural) and by regions.</p> <p>The practical organization and implementation of the statistical survey is performed by the National Bureau of Statistics through its territorial statistical divisions/sections.</p> <p>The statistical survey “Construction permits released for buildings” was initiated in 2014.</p>
<b>4.2.2. Statistical unit</b>
Local public administration authorities.
<b>4.2.3. Circle of units covered in the survey</b>
The general collectivity of units which are part of the statistical survey’s scope is formed from exhaustively surveyed 947 units.
<b>4.2.4. Survey periodicity</b>
Quarterly.
<b>4.2.5. Data collection</b>
Data are collected by filling in the statistical questionnaire “Construction permits released for buildings” by the reporting units; the filled-in statistical reports are submitted to the territorial statistical bodies.
<b>4.3. Data processing and compilation</b>
<b>4.3.1. Data validation</b>
Data are controlled according to the defined rules for logical controls. Data validation is done before and after data entering. Data validation is also done on the output data before their publishing.
<b>4.3.2. Compilation/extrapolation of data</b>
Data are not compiled.

### **4.3.3. Adjustments**

No adjustments are made.

### **4.3.4. Quality assurance**

The quality of statistical data is assured by observing the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics adopted by the UN General Assembly on 29 January 2014, as well as those set forth in the national Law on Official Statistics no. 93 of 26 May 2017.

In its activity of producing statistical information, NBS pays huge importance to ensuring high quality of data. In this respect, a number of measures for quality assurance are carried out at every stage of the statistical process: organization of statistical surveys, collection, processing, and development of statistical information.

Important efforts are undertaken to ensure the plenitude and quality of data presentation by the respondents included in the statistical surveys.

Errors, inconsistencies, and suspicious data are brought to light so as to be verified and corrected.

The primary data are verified and analyzed from internal coherence point of view (within the questionnaire), temporal coherence (with data from previous periods), with data of other similar units, as well as with data available from other statistical surveys and administrative data sources. The missing or inconsistent data are imputed, if needed.

To ensure the quality of the primary data, meetings (seminars) are organized with interviewers – respondents for explaining the definitions, the correct way to fill in the questionnaires, especially when they are modified or implemented.

## **4.4. Data accuracy**

### **4.4.1. Non-response rate**

Not applicable.

### **4.4.2. Sampling errors**

Not applicable.

## **5. Comparability and Coherence**

### **5.1. International comparability**

Not applicable.

### **5.2. Comparability over the time**

Data are available from 2014 onwards and are comparable over time.

### **5.3. Coherence with other statistics**

The data of the statistical surveys “Construction permits released for buildings” are not correlated with other statistics.

## **6. Institutional Mandate (normative-legal basis)**

The NBS activity is based on respecting the Republic of Moldova Constitution, the Law on Official Statistics No. 93 dated 26.05.2017, other legislative and normative acts, NBS management decisions and orders.

The Law on Official Statistics regulates the organization and operation of the unique system of official statistics, establishing the general principles for collecting, processing, centralizing, diminishing, and stocking statistical information (art.1).

Art. 5 of the Law provides that the production of statistical information is based on respecting the following principles: impartiality, objectiveness, relevance, transparency, confidentiality, cost-efficiency etc.

Being the central statistical body, the National Bureau of Statistics is an administrative authority created under the Government for leading and coordinating the activity in the statistics area.

In accordance with Government Decision 935 of 24.09.2018 on the organization and operation of the NBS, the Bureau exercises the following tasks:

- 1) Coordinates the national statistical system on the development and production of official statistics;
- 2) Elaborates and implements strategies for the development of the national statistical system, annual and multiannual statistical programs;
- 3) Elaborates the normative and institutional framework necessary for the achievement of the strategic objectives in its field of activity, as well as the mechanisms for their implementation in practice;
- 4) Performs the management and control of the achievement in quality conditions of the programs and statistical plans adopted at central and regional level;
- 5) Harmonizes and aligns national statistical indicators, methodologies, methods and techniques with international regulations and standards;
- 6) Promotes the statistical culture in the society.

The legislative and normative acts ruling the activity of the NBS are available on its official page [www.statistica.gov.md](http://www.statistica.gov.md), under About NBS <http://www.statistica.gov.md/pageview.php?l=en&idc=323&>

## 7. Confidentiality

### 7.1. Principles

According to art. 19 of the Law on Official Statistics No. 93 dated 26.05.2017, producers of official statistics shall take all regulatory, administrative, technical and organizational measures to protect confidential data and prevent their disclosure.

Chapter VII of the above-mentioned law stipulates that the data collected processed and stored for the production of statistical information are confidential if they allow the direct or indirect identification of the respondents. The following shall not be considered confidential:

- a) data that can be obtained from publicly accessible sources according to the legislation;
- b) individual data on address, telephone, name, type of activity, number of employees of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs;
- c) data referring to public enterprises, institutions and organizations funded from the budget, submitted at the request of the public administration authorities.

According to the Law on Official Statistics, art. 20, access to confidential information is granted to the persons who, according to their official functions, participate in the production of statistical information shall have access to individual data in so far as individual data are necessary for producing this information.

The same article stipulates that the access to individual data, which do not allow the direct identification of respondents, may be given for scientific survey projects, whose expected results do not refer to identifiable individual units, under the regulation approved by the central statistical authority.

Art. 23 (5) of the Law stipulates that the statistical information cannot be disseminated to users if it refers to 1-3 statistical units.

### 7.2. Practical assurance of the confidentiality rules

To ensure the protection of confidential statistical data in compliance with the Law on Official Statistics No. 93 dated 26.05.2017, the National Bureau of Statistics undertakes all the regulatory, administrative, technical, and organizational measures to protect the confidential statistical information and prevent its disclosure.

In compliance with the above-mentioned law, the employees of producers of official statistics, including temporary employees who, according to their official functions, have direct access to individual data shall be obliged to observe the confidentiality of these data during and after termination of employment.

Before being disseminated, the statistical data are verified if they meet the protection requirements set for confidential data. If the statistical data contain confidential information (see p. 7.1), they are not disseminated, but aggregated at the minimum available level which ensures the protection of data

confidentiality.

## 8. Access to Information and Dissemination Format

### 8.1. Access to information

#### 8.1.1. Calendar of statistical publications

Annually the Release calendar is developed by NBS.

#### 8.1.2. Access to the calendar of statistical publications

The release calendar is posted on the NBS official page [www.statistica.gov.md](http://www.statistica.gov.md)

#### 8.1.3. Access to statistical data

According to the Law on Official Statistics No. 93 dated 26.05.2017, art. 23:

- a) Producers of official statistics shall be obliged to disseminate the statistical information within the deadlines specified in the programme of statistical works and in the press-release calendar.
- b) The dissemination of statistical information laid down in the programme of statistical works to all categories of users shall be made free of charge and under equal access conditions in terms of volume, quality and time of dissemination

The program of statistical work may be accessed on the web page [www.statistica.gov.md](http://www.statistica.gov.md), under About / Normative acts / Legislative and Normative acts of NBS

<http://www.statistica.gov.md/pageview.php?l=en&idc=323&>

The NBS web page [www.statistica.gov.md](http://www.statistica.gov.md) represents the most important information source for ensuring users' access to different statistical information and transparency about the NBS activity.

All the operative information, informative notes, time series, as well as the statistical publications developed by NBS are placed on its official web page.

### 8.2. Dissemination format

#### 8.2.1. Operative information / Analytical notes

The operative information and analytical notes are published on the official page of NBS:

<http://www.statistica.gov.md> under News releases, according to the Release calendar.

#### 8.2.2. Publications

Statistical publications: Statistical Yearbook, Territorial statistic

Access to publications:

- in electronic format, on NBS official page [www.statistica.gov.md](http://www.statistica.gov.md), under Products and services / Publications <http://www.statistica.gov.md/pageview.php?l=en&idc=350&nod=1&>.

#### 8.2.3. Databases/time series

- **Statistical databank** <http://statbank.statistica.md>, under Economic statistics / Construction/ Building permits issued for construction

- NBS official page: <http://www.statistica.gov.md> under:

- *News releases*
- *Statistical themes / Economy and business / Constructions*

#### 8.2.4. Questionnaires/data sent upon request from international organizations

Not sent.

#### 8.2.5. Requests for additional data

NBS makes available for users additional statistical information beyond the data presented in the statistical publications, informative notes, operative information, as well as the data placed on the official web page in the limits of available information, in line with the Law on Official Statistics. Request can be sent personally, by post, by e-mail [moldstat@statistica.gov.md](mailto:moldstat@statistica.gov.md) or via online web form – [www.statistica.gov.md](http://www.statistica.gov.md) heading Products and services / Statistical data request [https://statistica.gov.md/en/information\\_request](https://statistica.gov.md/en/information_request)

<b>9. Useful References (links)</b>	
<b>9.1. Accessibility of documentation on methodology</b>	
The methodology is available on the official page <a href="http://www.statistica.gov.md">www.statistica.gov.md</a> , under Metadata and classifications <a href="https://statistica.gov.md/en/metadada">https://statistica.gov.md/en/metadada</a>	
<b>9.2. Accessibility of documentation on Evaluation Reports</b>	
The NBS assessment reports are available on the official page <a href="http://www.statistica.gov.md">www.statistica.gov.md</a> , under About / External assessments and user surveys / Assessment reports <a href="http://www.statistica.gov.md/pageview.php?l=en&amp;idc=399&amp;id=2739">http://www.statistica.gov.md/pageview.php?l=en&amp;idc=399&amp;id=2739</a>	
<b>9.3. Accessibility of information on user surveys</b>	
User surveys are available on the official page <a href="http://www.statistica.gov.md">www.statistica.gov.md</a> , under About / External assessments and user surveys / User Surveys <a href="http://www.statistica.gov.md/pageview.php?l=en&amp;idc=399&amp;id=2740">http://www.statistica.gov.md/pageview.php?l=en&amp;idc=399&amp;id=2740</a>	
<b>9.4. Other useful references</b>	
IMF Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS)	<a href="http://www.statistica.gov.md/SDDS/?lang=en">http://www.statistica.gov.md/SDDS/?lang=en</a>
EUROSTAT database	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/database">http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/database</a>
UNData database	<a href="http://data.un.org/Browse.aspx">http://data.un.org/Browse.aspx</a>
UN Economic Commission for Europe database	<a href="http://w3.unece.org/pxweb/Dialog/">http://w3.unece.org/pxweb/Dialog/</a>