

- In December 2018¹, the area authorized for building increased **0.9%** year on year.

Annual variation

In 2018, a cumulative increase of 5.1% was observed in the total area authorized for building. The increase can be attributed to the rise of 11.1% in the area designated for housing construction. In contrast, a decrease of 6.8% was observed in nonhousing construction.

Development in the period

In December 2018, the area authorized for building stood at 1,529,010 m², increasing 0.9% year on year. This result was due to the rise of 8.7% in the area designated for nonhousing construction and to the fall of 3.1% in housing construction.

In nonhousing construction, the destination industry, commerce, and financial establishments (ICEF) increased 8.1% year on year, and the area designated for services rose 10.0% year on year.

In housing construction, new works decreased 5.5% year on year, and extensions increased 31.0% in the same period.

Permits for large-scale projects²

Permits for large-scale projects totaled 898,907 m², a decrease of 5.5% year on year. These permits were mainly associated with construction projects for buildings of one block or more and for semi-detached and detached housing. In addition, the permits were for projects of the sectors of mining, transport and storage, commerce, tourism (hospitality, hotels, cottages, and others), education (primary and tertiary), and recreational activities. The permits were also for parking lots, warehouses, and offices.

The building area of new works designated for housing totaled 634,680 m², which represents a year-on-year decrease of 8.9%. The building area designated for economic activities (264,227 m²) increased 3.7% as a result of the rise of 17.2% in ICEF. The authorized area of ICEF totaled 216,680 m². In contrast, the building area designated for services fell 31.9% to stand at 47,547 m².

AUTHORIZED BUILDING PERMITS

December 2018
Twelve-month variations (%)

Authorized Area

Total	0.9
Housing	-3.1
Nonhousing	8.7
Large-scale projects	-5.5

Housing Area

New works	-5.5
Extensions	31.0

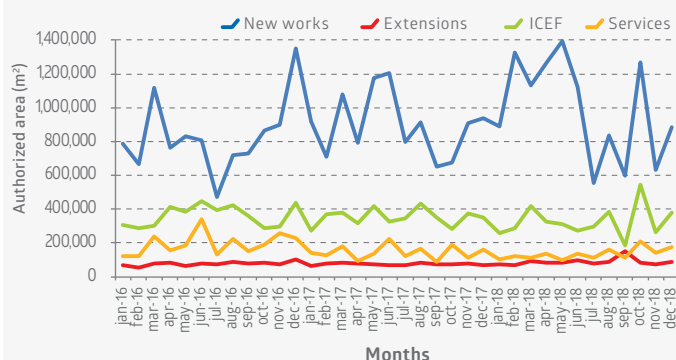
Nonhousing Area

ICEF*	8.1
Services	10.0

(*) ICEF is the authorized area designated for the sector of industry, commerce, and financial establishments

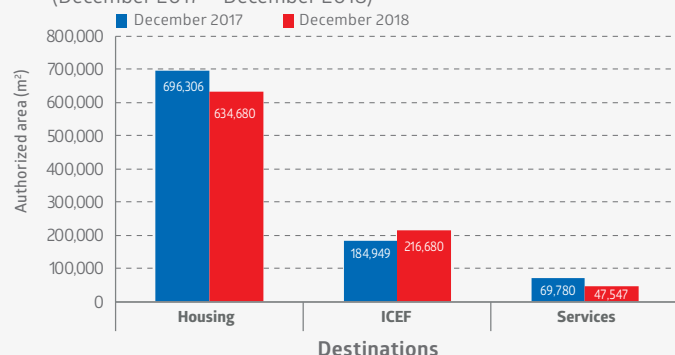
Development of Authorized Area, by destination

(January 2016 – December 2018)



Comparison of authorized area for large-scale projects, by destination

(December 2017 – December 2018)



- In December 2018, the data used for the short-term study were received from 346 municipal communes, of which 316 had issued building permits at the time the present publication went to press.
- These are permits for large-scale projects related to construction with a surface area greater than or equal to 2,000 m².