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Development in the period

In November 2018, the area authorized for building stood at 1,105,988 m², decreasing 25.0% year on year. This result was due to the fall of 29.0% in the area designated for housing construction and to the fall of 17.0% in non-housing construction.

In housing construction, new works decreased 30.9% year on year, and extensions decreased 7.0% in the same period.

In nonhousing construction, the destination industry, commerce, and financial establishments (ICEF) decreased 30.0% year on year, and the area designated for services rose 25.7% year on year.

Permits for large-scale projects²

Permits for large-scale projects totaled 610,404 m², a decrease of 32.8% 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 health, transport and storage, mining, commerce, tourism (hospitality, hotels, cottages, and others) and for construction of educational institutions, parking lots, and supermarkets, among others.

The building area of new works designated for housing totaled 415,662 m², which represents a year-on-year decrease of 38.1%. The building area designated for economic activities (194,742 m²) decreased 17.9% as a result of the fall of 39.1% in ICEF. The authorized area of ICEF totaled 117,259 m². In contrast, the building area designated for services rose 73.4% to stand at 77,483 m².

AUTHORIZED BUILDING PERMITS

November 2018
Twelve-month variations (%)

Authorized Area

Total	-25.0
Housing	-29.0
Nonhousing	-17.0
Large-scale projects	-32.8

Housing Area

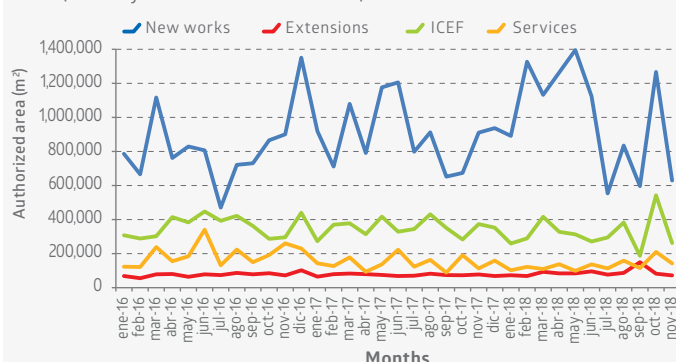
New works	-30.9
Extensions	-7.0

Nonhousing area

ICEF*	-30.0
Services	25.7

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

Development of Authorized Area, by destination
(January 2016 – November 2018)



Comparison of authorized area for large-scale projects, by destination
(November 2017 – November 2018)



- In November 2018, the data used for the short-term study were received from 346 municipal communes, of which 311 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.