

- In October 2018¹, the area authorized for building decreased **69.3%** year on year.

Development in the period

In October 2018, the area authorized for building stood at 2,067,401 m², increasing 69.3% year on year. This result was due to the rise of 76.9% in the area designated for housing construction and to the rise of 57.3% in authorized building permits for non-housing construction².

In housing construction, new works increased 84.9% year on year, and extensions increased 3.2% in the same period.

In nonhousing construction, the destination industry, commerce, and financial establishments (ICEF) increased 90.1% year on year, and the area designated for services rose 8.8% year on year.

Permits for large-scale projects³

Permits for large-scale projects totaled 1,468,550 m², an increase of 134.4% year on year. These permits were mainly associated with construction projects for buildings of one block or more and for detached housing, in addition to projects for the sectors of agriculture, commercial stores, mining, transport, and storage and offices, among others.

The building area of new works designated for housing totaled 1,037,538 m², which represents a year-on-year increase of 143.6%. The building area designated for economic activities (431,012 m²) increased 114.8% as a result of the rise of 350.7% in ICEF, which totaled 398,445 m² of authorized area. In contrast, the building area designated for services fell 71.0% to stand at 32,567 m².

AUTHORIZED BUILDING PERMITS

October 2018
Twelve-month variations (%)

Authorized Area

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| Total | 69.3 |
| Housing | 76.9 |
| Nonhousing | 57.3 |
| Large-scale projects | 134.4 |

Housing Area

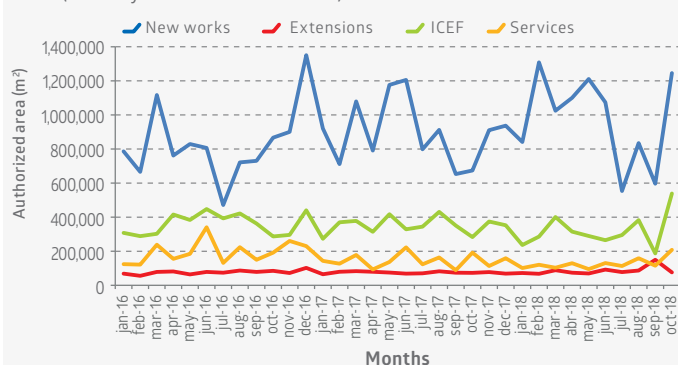
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| New works | 84.9 |
| Extensions | 3.2 |

Nonhousing area

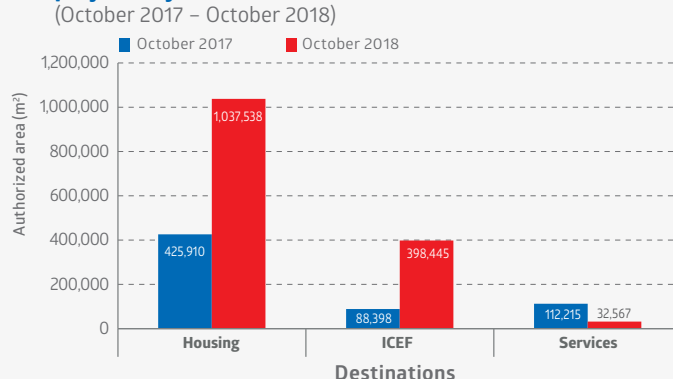
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| ICEF* | 90.1 |
| Services | 8.8 |

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

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



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



- In October 2018, the data used for the short-term study were received from 346 municipal communes, of which 315 had issued building permits at the time the present publication went to press.
- The authorized building area designated for Economic Activities or Nonhousing Construction consists of Industry, Commerce, and Financial establishments (ICEF) sector and the Services sector.
- These are permits for large-scale projects related to construction with a surface area greater than or equal to 2,000 m².