On Construction in the 1st Quarter of 2026

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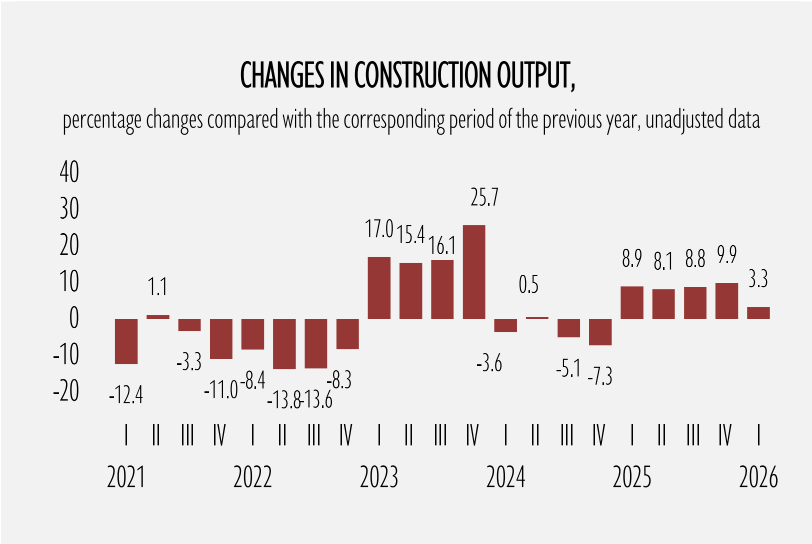
An increase in construction activity was observed in both the building construction and civil engineering segments.



Building construction output increased by 3.9% in the 1st quarter of the year compared with the corresponding period of 2025. The increase in building construction output was mainly driven by higher activity in residential construction, particularly in the construction of buildings with two or more dwellings. At the same time, the decline in interest rates also had a positive effect on the increase in building construction activity.

Civil engineering output increased by 4.8% in the 1st quarter of the year. Growth rates in the construction of municipal infrastructure facilities remained at the level of the previous year, while a decline was observed in the other segments.

Specialised construction activities in the 1st quarter of 2026 remained at the level of the corresponding period of 2025 (the decline was 0.3%). The increase in output in the segments of electrical installation, installation of pipelines and other similar activities, as well as building completion and finishing, was unable to offset the decline in the other segments.

The number of building permits issued in the 1st quarter of 2026 was 760, representing a decline of 29.3%, with detached houses having the greatest impact. Meanwhile, the intended floor area increased by 21.1% during this period. The most significant contribution came from buildings for public entertainment events, educational or healthcare institutions, as well as industrial production buildings and warehouses.

The development of the sector is currently being significantly affected by the global increase in energy prices, which raises construction costs and affects companies' investment plans. At the same time, construction activity is expected to continue to be supported over the year by both positive lending dynamics and investment growth, including public investment in infrastructure facilities, as well as private investment.

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