

## Number of building permits for residential buildings, down 3.6% in first 10 months

**The number of building permits for residential buildings issued in the first ten months of this year was lower by 3.6%, 34,629 respectively, compared to the one recorded in the corresponding period of 2019, according to information released on Friday by the National Institute of Statistics (INS).**

According to the quoted source, in the first ten months, decreases were registered in the following development regions: South-East (-563 permits), Bucharest Ilfov (-326), South-West Oltenia (-269), Center (-254), West (-140) and North-East (-24). Increases were in the North-West (+251 permits) and South-Muntenia (+18) development regions.

At the same time, in October 2020, some 4,017 building permits were issued for residential buildings, down by 6.3% compared to September 2020 and up by 7.5% compared to October 2019.

"In October 2020, there is a decrease in the number of building permits issued for residential buildings (-272 permits) compared to the previous month. In territorial terms, this decrease is reflected in the following development regions: Center (-137 permits), North-West (-50), South-East (-37), South-West Oltenia (-36), North-East (-24), South-Muntenia and Bucharest-Ilfov (-12 each). Increase was recorded in the West Development Region (+36 permits)", the document reads.

INS data show that in October 2020, compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, there is an increase in the number of building permits issued for residential buildings (+281 permits), an increase reflected in the following development regions: North-East (+114 permits), South-Muntenia (+103), Bucharest-Ilfov (+59), North-West (+45) and West (+12).

There were decreases in the following development regions: South-West Oltenia (-28), Center (-14) and South-East (-10).