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Value of building permits up 10%

The value of the building permits issued in the first nine months of 1999 was up more than 10% on the same period last year. Both the values of the permits for residential buildings and for commercial buildings increased according to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands. The number of residential buildings for which a permit was granted was 2% higher. The number of residential buildings for which construction actually started in the first nine months of 1999 was down 9% on the same period last year. The number of finished new residential buildings decreased by 15%.

More commercial business service accommodation

The value of the building permits issued for residential buildings increased by more than 13% on the first nine months of last year. The corresponding figure for commercial property was up 7%. The value of building permits for accommodation for business services increased by a staggering 40%.

More building permits for housing

In the first nine months of 1999 building permits were issued for more than 61 thousand dwellings, up 2% on the same period last year. According to Statistics Netherlands the increase came from the provinces Flevoland, Utrecht, North Holland and South Holland. The number of building permits for residences increased especially in the urban conglomerations of Amsterdam, The Hague and Utrecht.

Fewer buildings started

In the first nine months of 1999 a start was made with the construction of more than 56 thousand dwellings, 9% down on the same period last year. The only

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increases observed by Statistics Netherlands were in the provinces Flevoland, North Holland and Zeeland.

Fewer new dwellings finished

The number of finished newly built residences was down more than 15% on the first nine months of 1998. A decrease was observed in almost all provinces, except Drenthe, Utrecht and Gelderland where there was an increase.

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