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Fewer new homes in 1999

The number of new homes completed in 1999 was 13% lower than in 1998, while the number of building permits was only 4% lower. The value of the building permits granted for both residential and non-residential construction was 7% higher, according to figures from Statistics Netherlands.

Fewer homes completed

Nearly 79 thousand new dwellings were completed in 1999, the lowest number since the early sixties. Statistics Netherlands only observed increases on the 1998 numbers in the provinces Drenthe, Utrecht and Limburg.

Fewer building permits

Permits were granted for the construction of 84 thousand new homes, 4% fewer than in 1998. As the homes are larger on average, the value of the permits did increase in 1999.

There was a sharp fall in the number of building permits in the provinces Gelderland and North Brabant, and a hefty rise in Flevoland and Utrecht.

Higher value of permits

The total value of the building permits granted in 1999 was over 16 billion euros, 7% more than in 1998. The value rose by 9% for residential and by 5% for non-residential buildings. The value of new buildings for business services rose particularly strongly, by 33%.

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