



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: May 2017**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month May 2017, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in May 2017 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,237. This figure corresponds to 241.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 956.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 45.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 72.2% increase in surface and a 50.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2016 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2017 amounted to 1,229. This figure corresponds to 240.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 953.0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2016 there is a 45.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 75.5% increase in surface and a 52.7% increase in volume (Table 2). The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2017 amounted to 8. This figure corresponds to 0.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 4.0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.4% of the total building volume in May 2017.
- In the last twelve months, from June 2016 until May 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,208. This figure corresponds to 2,643.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 11,386.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from June 2015 until May 2016, there is a 6.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 4.5% increase in surface and a 17.8% decrease in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from June 2016 until May 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.8% increase in surface and an 11.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2015 to May 2016 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.6% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - May 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 14.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 26.6% increase in surface and a 21.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2016 (Table 5).
- During the same period, January - May 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 15.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 29.1% increase in surface and a 23.8% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - May 2016 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2016\* and 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	41	34	-17.1	4.7	5.2	11.8	17.7	17.2	-2.6
Kentriki Makedonia	150	166	10.7	31.8	45.2	42.0	184.5	208.0	12.7
Dytiki Makedonia	21	28	33.3	4.6	3.4	-25.3	23.4	10.3	-56.2
Thessalia	39	67	71.8	3.8	17.6	366.8	12.3	77.6	528.7
Ipeiros	29	57	96.6	5.5	13.5	145.0	18.3	54.1	195.4
Ionioi Nisoi	50	74	48.0	6.4	14.8	131.3	22.9	53.3	132.8
Dytiki Ellada	60	88	46.7	9.2	12.4	35.0	41.3	43.4	5.2
Stereia Ellada	83	88	6.0	9.0	18.4	104.0	34.8	71.4	104.9
Peloponnisos	93	124	33.3	17.9	20.0	11.7	86.2	83.9	-2.7
Attiki	153	273	78.4	22.8	51.4	125.3	113.0	198.7	75.8
Voreio Aigaio	16	42	162.5	2.3	4.6	96.4	8.0	15.2	90.7
Notio Aigaio	47	102	117.0	7.9	11.0	39.7	22.6	36.6	62.3
Kriti	67	94	40.3	14.3	23.9	67.3	49.2	87.3	77.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>140.2</b>	<b>241.3</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>634.3</b>	<b>956.9</b>	<b>50.9</b>

\*Provisional Data

It should be noted that the increase or decrease in the number of the issued building permits does not imply, necessarily, an increase or decrease in the underlying surface or volume. This is due to individual building permits involving big surface or volume or to building permits that do not concern surface or volume.

**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2016\* and 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	41	34	-17.1	4.7	5.2	11.8	17.7	17.2	-2.6
Kentriki Makedonia	148	165	11.5	29.2	45.2	54.8	176.1	208.0	18.2
Dytiki Makedonia	21	28	33.3	4.6	3.4	-25.3	23.4	10.3	-56.2
Thessalia	39	67	71.8	3.8	17.6	366.8	12.3	77.6	528.7
Ipeiros	28	56	100.0	5.5	12.9	135.3	18.3	51.4	181.7
Ionioi Nisoi	50	74	48.0	6.4	14.8	131.3	22.9	53.3	132.8
Dytiki Ellada	60	88	46.7	9.2	12.4	35.0	41.3	43.4	5.2
Stereia Ellada	83	88	6.0	9.0	18.4	104.0	34.8	71.4	104.9
Peloponnisos	93	122	31.2	17.9	20.0	11.7	86.2	83.9	-2.7
Attiki	151	271	79.5	22.3	51.3	129.8	111.2	198.0	78.0
Voreio Aigaio	16	40	150.0	2.3	4.4	90.6	8.0	14.6	83.4
Notio Aigaio	47	102	117.0	7.9	11.0	39.7	22.6	36.6	62.3
Kriti	66	94	42.4	14.3	23.9	67.3	49.2	87.3	77.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>137.0</b>	<b>240.5</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>624.0</b>	<b>953.0</b>	<b>52.7</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2015 - May 2016\* and June 2016 – May 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	525	498	-5.1	86.7	119.5	37.9	352.0	555.8	57.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,892	1,751	-7.5	393.0	385.1	-2.0	2,116.2	2,030.0	-4.1
Dytiki Makedonia	249	310	24.5	318.7	64.6	-79.7	4,000.0	312.0	-92.2
Thessalia	633	692	9.3	157.7	206.1	30.7	951.1	1,084.6	14.0
Ipeiros	455	445	-2.2	85.9	95.3	11.0	345.8	388.7	12.4
Ionioi Nisoi	600	745	24.2	103.0	166.8	61.9	363.1	568.7	56.6
Dytiki Ellada	1,005	1,092	8.7	171.0	171.6	0.4	719.8	665.4	-7.6
Stereia Ellada	971	1,112	14.5	177.3	170.6	-3.7	872.4	811.2	-7.0
Peloponnisos	1,335	1,384	3.7	225.2	240.0	6.6	936.4	982.6	4.9
Attiki	2,210	2,616	18.4	360.3	504.6	40.0	1,572.3	2,188.2	39.2
Voreio Aigaio	438	381	-13.0	65.3	45.4	-30.5	251.0	151.9	-39.5
Notio Aigaio	1,122	1,170	4.3	169.9	187.9	10.6	639.1	634.0	-0.8
Kriti	941	1,012	7.5	214.6	285.9	33.2	727.3	1,013.3	39.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>12,376</b>	<b>13,208</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>2,528.5</b>	<b>2,643.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>13,846.5</b>	<b>11,386.4</b>	<b>-17.8</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2015 - May 2016\* and June 2016 - May 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	515	489	-5.0	83.2	116.6	40.1	333.2	542.4	62.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,853	1,731	-6.6	381.1	375.3	-1.5	2,073.5	1,981.7	-4.4
Dytiki Makedonia	244	309	26.6	62.6	63.3	1.1	325.3	308.1	-5.3
Thessalia	631	682	8.1	157.4	201.7	28.2	950.0	1,064.5	12.1
Ipeiros	447	443	-0.9	82.2	94.7	15.2	330.2	386.0	16.9
Ionioi Nisoi	600	744	24.0	103.0	162.8	58.0	363.1	533.3	46.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,004	1,087	8.3	168.0	166.5	-0.9	707.6	642.6	-9.2
Stereia Ellada	968	1,105	14.2	176.9	169.3	-4.3	871.3	806.1	-7.5
Peloponnisos	1,329	1,371	3.2	224.6	237.2	5.6	934.5	969.3	3.7
Attiki	2,199	2,604	18.4	348.6	482.1	38.3	1,528.6	2,098.6	37.3
Voreio Aigaio	435	378	-13.1	60.7	45.2	-25.5	233.0	151.3	-35.1
Notio Aigaio	1,112	1,160	4.3	167.9	184.8	10.1	630.5	619.8	-1.7
Kriti	933	1,004	7.6	207.8	277.0	33.3	701.5	982.5	40.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>12,270</b>	<b>13,107</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>2,224.2</b>	<b>2,576.5</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>9,982.2</b>	<b>11,086.3</b>	<b>11.1</b>

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - May 2016\* and 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	199	170	-14.6	24.7	39.8	61.0	95.9	192.4	100.7
Kentriki Makedonia	735	688	-6.4	180.6	165.6	-8.3	1,085.4	834.6	-23.1
Dytiki Makedonia	70	102	45.7	18.8	25.6	36.6	89.9	140.0	55.6
Thessalia	228	266	16.7	42.1	86.2	105.0	182.3	498.3	173.3
Ipeiros	157	192	22.3	34.1	42.1	23.4	123.2	173.4	40.7
Ionioi Nisoi	267	339	27.0	51.0	81.3	59.4	187.1	264.8	41.6
Dytiki Ellada	335	422	26.0	51.6	63.5	23.2	192.0	228.4	19.0
Stereia Ellada	380	399	5.0	42.6	56.1	31.8	165.4	240.3	45.3
Peloponnisos	470	529	12.6	77.3	90.7	17.4	347.7	377.1	8.5
Attiki	901	1,117	24.0	157.8	228.3	44.7	682.7	991.9	45.3
Voreio Aigaio	111	168	51.4	14.3	19.5	36.9	53.6	65.6	22.4
Notio Aigaio	401	483	20.4	63.6	66.3	4.1	273.1	228.7	-16.3
Kriti	347	408	17.6	94.6	114.6	21.2	313.8	375.4	19.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>4,601</b>	<b>5,283</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>852.9</b>	<b>1,079.8</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>3,792.1</b>	<b>4,610.8</b>	<b>21.6</b>

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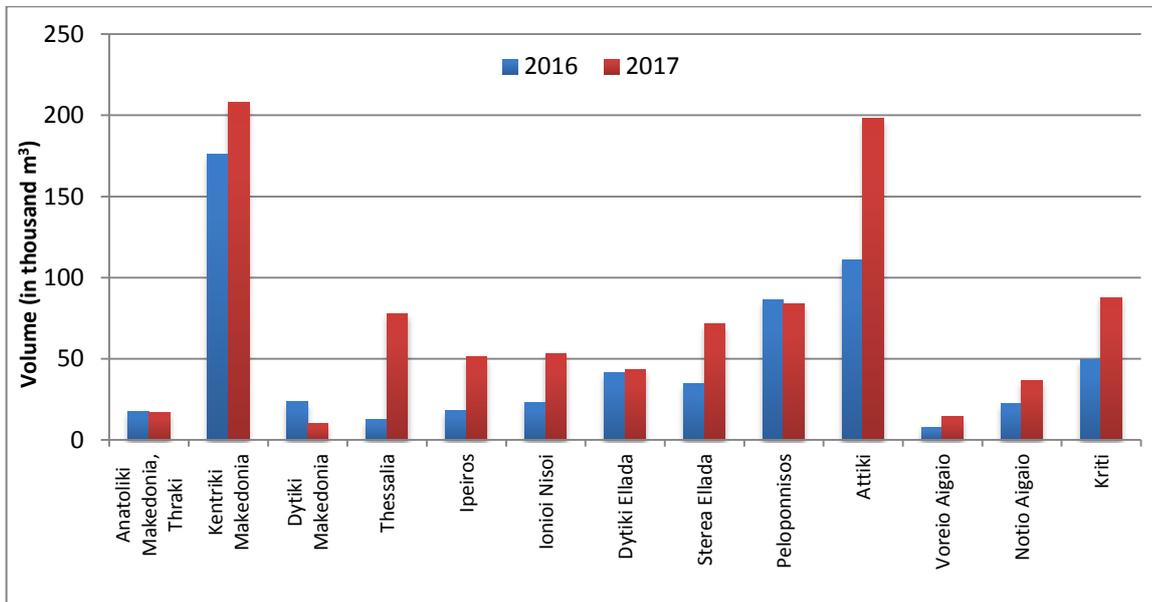
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - May 2016\* and 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	197	166	-15.7	24.7	38.8	57.2	95.8	188.8	97.0
Kentriki Makedonia	723	682	-5.7	171.7	164.6	-4.1	1,052.1	830.1	-21.1
Dytiki Makedonia	69	101	46.4	16.1	24.3	50.3	74.4	136.1	82.9
Thessalia	228	263	15.4	42.1	83.6	98.9	182.3	486.5	166.9
Ipeiros	152	191	25.7	30.7	41.5	35.1	108.8	170.7	56.8
Ionioi Nisoi	267	339	27.0	51.0	81.3	59.4	187.1	264.8	41.6
Dytiki Ellada	335	421	25.7	51.6	61.7	19.7	192.0	221.2	15.2
Stereia Ellada	378	398	5.3	42.2	56.0	32.5	164.3	240.0	46.0
Peloponnisos	469	524	11.7	77.1	90.0	16.9	346.8	373.9	7.8
Attiki	897	1,113	24.1	155.8	227.8	46.3	673.2	989.7	47.0
Voreio Aigaio	111	166	49.5	14.3	19.4	36.0	53.6	65.0	21.3
Notio Aigaio	395	482	22.0	62.2	66.3	6.6	266.9	228.7	-14.3
Kriti	341	406	19.1	88.4	113.0	27.9	289.9	369.0	27.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>4,562</b>	<b>5,252</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>827.7</b>	<b>1,068.4</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>3,687.3</b>	<b>4,564.2</b>	<b>23.8</b>

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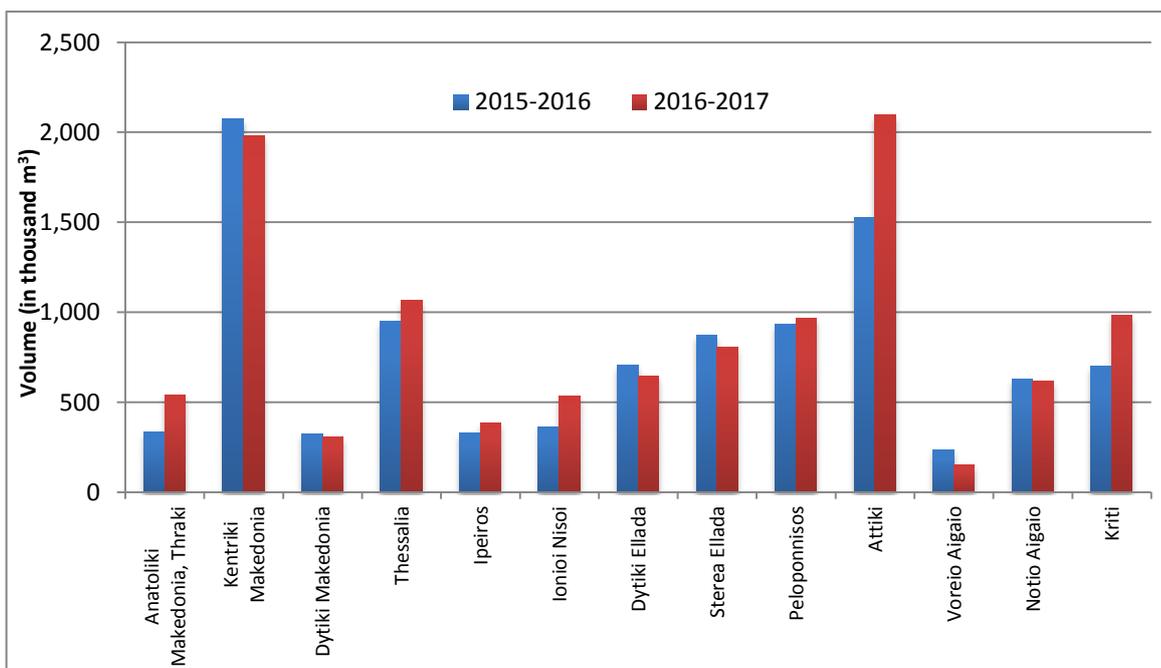
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2016\* and 2017 \***



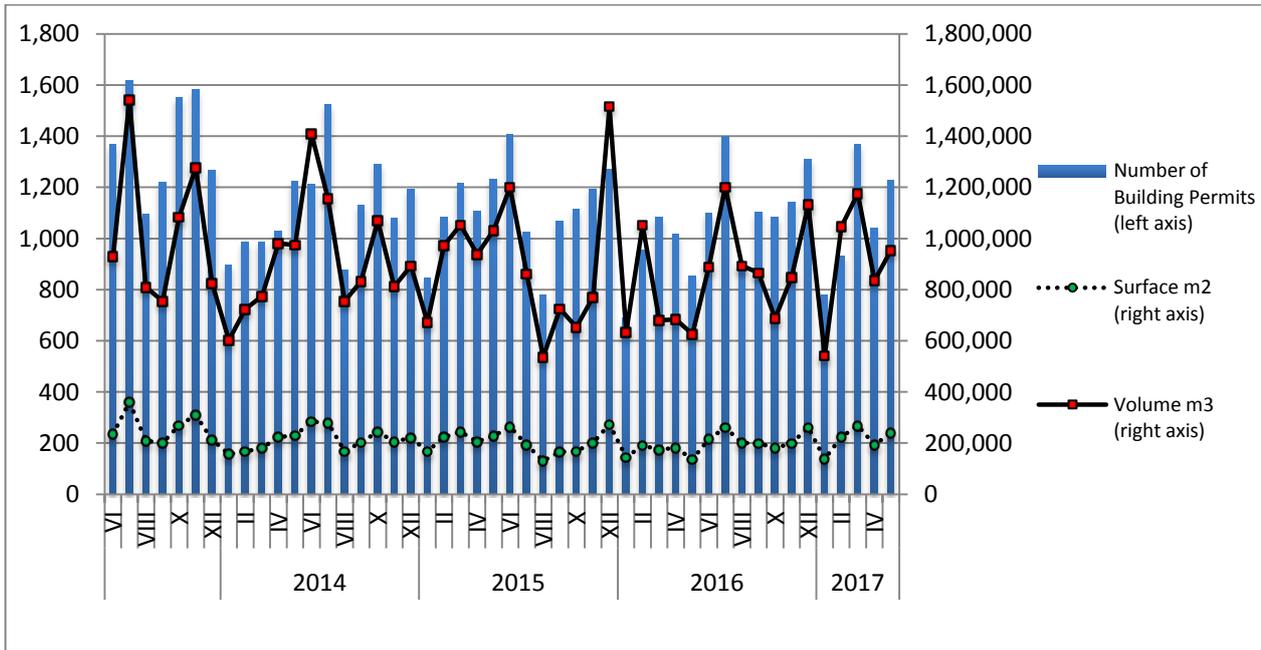
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2015 - May 2016\* and June 2016 - May 2017\***



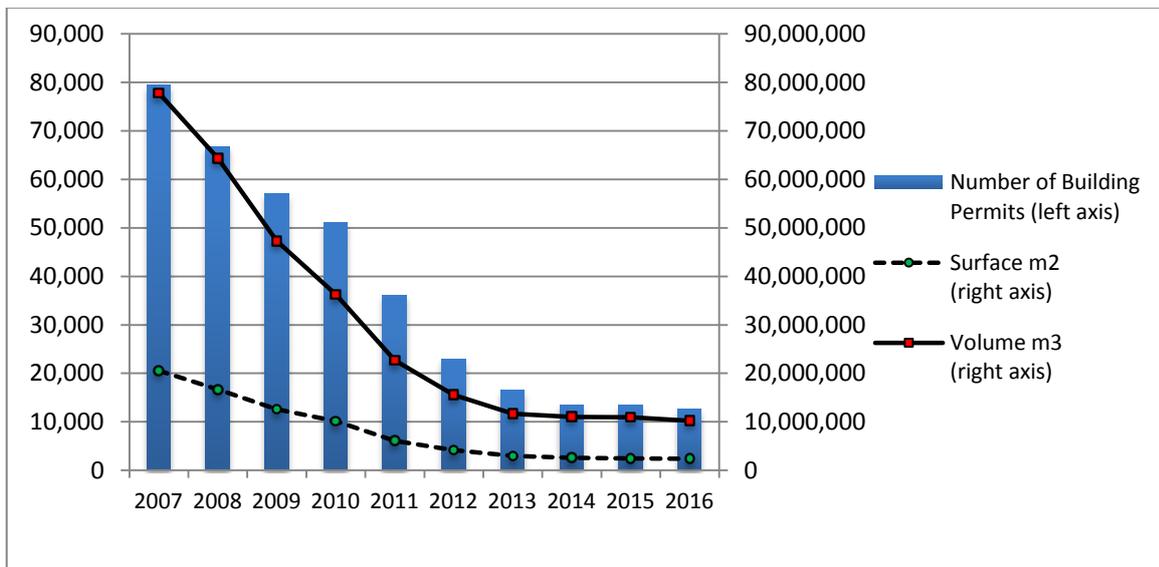
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (June 2013 – May 2017\*)**



\*Provisional data for May 2017

**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2007 - 2016)**



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

- Building Activity Survey** The Building Activity Survey has been providing data on a monthly and yearly basis, since 1964. The purpose of this survey is to register the total number of building permits issued by the responsible administrative authorities, which are devolved to complete the questionnaire. The survey covers all the features of building activity, such as the type of building permit, the type of construction, the type and the characteristics of the building and its auxiliary spaces, as well as building usage, surface, volume and value.
- Legal Framework** The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
- Reference Period** May 1, 2017 to May 31, 2017
- Coverage** The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
- Definitions** **Building Permit** refers to all types of building permits. These are permits for new buildings or permits for additions, repair, renovation, demolition, legitimization, amendment and modification of a building.  
The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".  
**Building** is every permanent and independent structure, which has walls and a roof and consists of one or more rooms and other complementary spaces. Normally, buildings feature four walls. However, a construction open from one or even two sides will be considered a building, as long as it has a roof.  
**New building** is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.  
**Building Addition** is every construction that adds building volume (space) to an existing building, in terms of surface, height or both and creates a residence, a shop or both.  
**Building volume** (the net building volume) refers to the area that is included between the external surface of the external walls, the lowest level (the basement or the sub-basement, if it exists) and the roof of the building. If there is an open ground floor not enclosed within walls between the lower floor and the roof, its volume is taken into account. The relevant authorities calculate the volume of the building during the issuing of the building permit.  
**Surface of new-built property** is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.
- General Remark** Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
- References** More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: [www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr), under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/->