



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: June 2019**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month June 2019, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in June 2019 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,461. This figure corresponds to 327.4 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,377.0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 4.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 8.7% increase in surface and a 1.7% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2018 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2019 amounted to 1,457. This figure corresponds to 324.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,363.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2018 there is a 5.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 10.8% increase in surface and a 1.1% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2019 amounted to 4. This figure corresponds to 2.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 13.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.0% of the total building volume in June 2019.
- In the last twelve months, from July 2018 until June 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 15,413. This figure corresponds to 3,389.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 14,862.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from July 2017 until June 2018, there is a 6.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 9.6% increase in surface and a 9.5% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from July 2018 until June 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 10.4% increase in surface and a 10.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from July 2017 to June 2018 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.5% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - June 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 1.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 9.2% decrease in surface and a 8.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 5). During the same period, January - June 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 1.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 7.6% decrease in surface and a 6.9% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - June 2018 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2018 and 2019\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	37	81	118.9	6.1	13.7	124.9	21.2	58.5	176.2
Kentriki Makedonia	195	228	16.9	33.5	53.2	58.9	152.2	300.5	97.5
Dytiki Makedonia	32	16	-50.0	10.5	8.3	-20.5	59.1	44.4	-24.8
Thessalia	97	93	-4.1	27.3	17.0	-37.9	129.5	79.1	-38.9
Ipeiros	43	47	9.3	7.7	17.5	129.1	41.3	64.1	55.1
Ionioi Nisoi	77	96	24.7	12.8	15.7	22.4	38.8	50.3	29.6
Dytiki Ellada	124	98	-21.0	19.9	15.7	-21.1	85.0	53.2	-37.4
Stereia Ellada	91	84	-7.7	34.2	10.9	-68.2	141.5	64.4	-54.5
Peloponnisos	134	104	-22.4	16.6	9.1	-45.4	75.8	30.9	-59.2
Attiki	305	333	9.2	83.2	100.8	21.2	484.0	402.6	-16.8
Voreio Aigaio	43	40	-7.0	6.1	5.0	-18.4	21.4	17.9	-16.2
Notio Aigaio	133	127	-4.5	27.5	38.9	41.3	90.1	134.4	49.2
Kriti	84	114	35.7	15.9	21.6	36.4	61.6	76.7	24.5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>301.2</b>	<b>327.4</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>1,401.3</b>	<b>1,377.0</b>	<b>-1.7</b>

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**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2018 and 2019\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	37	81	118.9	6.1	13.7	124.9	21.2	58.5	176.2
Kentriki Makedonia	192	227	18.2	32.1	53.2	65.4	142.3	300.5	111.2
Dytiki Makedonia	32	16	-50.0	10.5	8.3	-20.5	59.1	44.4	-24.8
Thessalia	96	93	-3.1	27.1	17.0	-37.5	128.6	79.1	-38.5
Ipeiros	43	46	7.0	7.7	17.5	128.9	41.3	64.0	54.9
Ionioi Nisoi	77	96	24.7	12.8	15.7	22.4	38.8	50.3	29.6
Dytiki Ellada	124	98	-21.0	19.9	15.7	-21.1	85.0	53.2	-37.4
Stereia Ellada	91	84	-7.7	34.2	10.9	-68.2	141.5	64.4	-54.5
Peloponnisos	134	104	-22.4	16.6	9.1	-45.4	75.8	30.9	-59.2
Attiki	298	332	11.4	76.2	99.8	31.0	442.0	397.3	-10.1
Voreio Aigaio	43	40	-7.0	6.1	5.0	-18.4	21.4	17.9	-16.2
Notio Aigaio	132	127	-3.8	27.5	38.9	41.3	90.1	134.4	49.2
Kriti	83	113	36.1	15.9	19.8	24.6	61.6	68.1	10.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,382</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>292.7</b>	<b>324.5</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>1,348.6</b>	<b>1,363.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2017 – June 2018 and July 2018 – June 2019\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	468	642	37.2	109.1	140.5	28.7	430.6	574.1	33.3
Kentriki Makedonia	2,001	2,317	15.8	479.8	567.9	18.4	2,642.5	2,932.0	11.0
Dytiki Makedonia	276	214	-22.5	68.6	62.8	-8.4	317.8	374.7	17.9
Thessalia	799	901	12.8	202.4	203.0	0.3	970.6	1,118.9	15.3
Ipeiros	482	542	12.4	134.0	157.3	17.3	657.9	619.7	-5.8
Ionioi Nisoi	850	1,091	28.4	231.7	213.6	-7.8	762.3	722.5	-5.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,232	1,070	-13.1	209.8	163.5	-22.1	863.2	600.2	-30.5
Stereia Ellada	1,120	929	-17.1	209.1	181.7	-13.1	1,051.2	987.8	-6.0
Peloponnisos	1,330	1,249	-6.1	272.3	205.1	-24.7	1,201.2	768.0	-36.1
Attiki	2,793	3,251	16.4	518.7	757.1	46.0	2,342.6	3,496.1	49.2
Voreio Aigaio	456	402	-11.8	54.8	46.5	-15.2	200.4	170.9	-14.7
Notio Aigaio	1,529	1,595	4.3	325.3	367.3	12.9	1,133.0	1,265.6	11.7
Kriti	1,089	1,210	11.1	276.8	323.6	16.9	996.2	1,232.6	23.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>14,425</b>	<b>15,413</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>3,092.4</b>	<b>3,389.9</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>13,569.4</b>	<b>14,862.9</b>	<b>9.5</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2017 – June 2018 and July 2018 – June 2019\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	461	641	39.0	99.7	140.5	40.9	379.4	574.0	51.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,969	2,293	16.5	455.0	565.1	24.2	2,526.2	2,917.1	15.5
Dytiki Makedonia	272	210	-22.8	66.7	48.5	-27.3	310.2	221.4	-28.6
Thessalia	789	889	12.7	198.5	196.2	-1.2	952.3	1,089.7	14.4
Ipeiros	476	540	13.4	116.3	157.2	35.2	475.4	619.4	30.3
Ionioi Nisoi	850	1,089	28.1	231.7	212.8	-8.2	762.3	719.3	-5.6
Dytiki Ellada	1,229	1,059	-13.8	203.6	153.2	-24.8	838.8	545.7	-34.9
Stereia Ellada	1,108	922	-16.8	197.1	165.8	-15.9	990.4	908.0	-8.3
Peloponnisos	1,317	1,226	-6.9	262.6	188.5	-28.2	1,157.8	703.9	-39.2
Attiki	2,778	3,231	16.3	506.8	747.3	47.4	2,276.4	3,452.1	51.6
Voreio Aigaio	448	394	-12.1	53.1	45.4	-14.5	193.5	164.6	-14.9
Notio Aigaio	1,521	1,586	4.3	320.5	364.0	13.6	1,099.5	1,251.9	13.9
Kriti	1,080	1,193	10.5	270.3	308.9	14.3	972.0	1,178.4	21.2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>14,298</b>	<b>15,273</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>2,981.9</b>	<b>3,293.1</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>12,934.2</b>	<b>14,345.7</b>	<b>10.9</b>

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – June 2018 and 2019\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	210	369	75.7	43.8	80.0	82.8	159.2	319.3	100.6
Kentriki Makedonia	992	1.090	9.9	237.6	233.0	-1.9	1,206.1	1,167.7	-3.2
Dytiki Makedonia	122	90	-26.2	29.1	19.2	-34.2	135.1	89.8	-33.6
Thessalia	408	432	5.9	114.8	91.7	-20.1	602.0	557.3	-7.4
Ipeiros	244	238	-2.5	67.3	66.1	-1.8	269.4	265.7	-1.4
Ionioi Nisoi	459	537	17.0	137.1	77.8	-43.2	458.7	254.8	-44.4
Dytiki Ellada	569	406	-28.6	89.5	60.0	-33.0	347.0	222.1	-36.0
Stereia Ellada	500	375	-25.0	105.3	53.9	-48.8	473.3	301.6	-36.3
Peloponnisos	671	571	-14.9	119.4	77.5	-35.1	502.1	295.3	-41.2
Attiki	1,437	1,597	11.1	281.0	341.7	21.6	1,305.8	1,361.7	4.3
Voreio Aigaio	224	180	-19.6	26.0	19.7	-24.0	95.5	71.5	-25.1
Notio Aigaio	739	721	-2.4	167.8	158.4	-5.6	552.5	556.2	0.7
Kriti	552	592	7.2	138.5	135.2	-2.4	498.7	557.4	11.8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>7,127</b>	<b>7,198</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1,557.2</b>	<b>1,414.4</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>6,605.4</b>	<b>6,020.5</b>	<b>-8.9</b>

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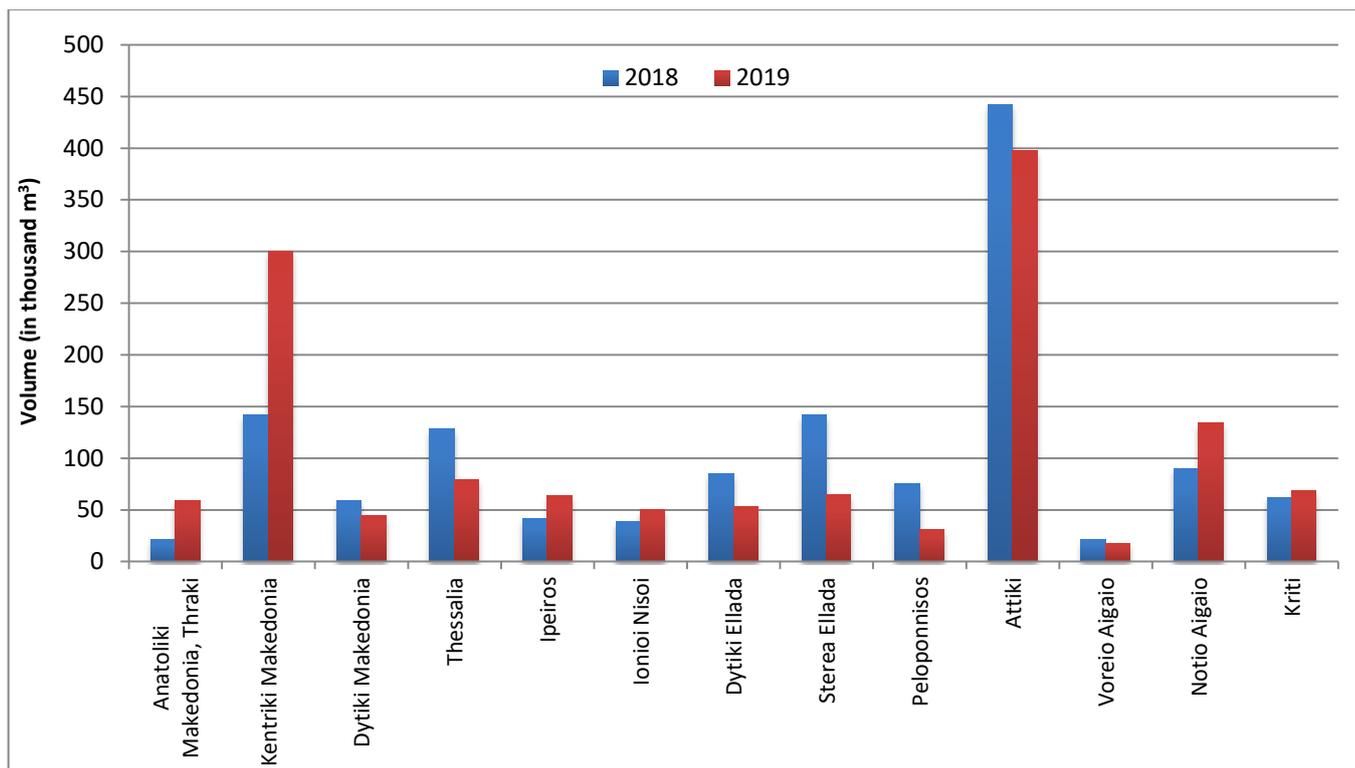
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – June 2018 and 2019\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	210	369	75.7	43.8	80.0	82.8	159.2	319.3	100.6
Kentriki Makedonia	978	1.086	11.0	226.4	232.9	2.9	1,147.0	1,167.7	1.8
Dytiki Makedonia	121	89	-26.4	28.5	19.2	-32.7	132.3	89.8	-32.1
Thessalia	401	430	7.2	113.5	91.2	-19.7	596.2	555.4	-6.8
Ipeiros	241	237	-1.7	67.0	66.1	-1.2	268.0	265.6	-0.9
Ionioi Nisoi	459	537	17.0	137.1	77.8	-43.2	458.7	254.8	-44.4
Dytiki Ellada	568	404	-28.9	84.0	59.8	-28.8	325.0	221.5	-31.8
Stereia Ellada	493	375	-23.9	98.0	53.9	-44.9	436.2	301.6	-30.9
Peloponnisos	668	562	-15.9	118.4	74.1	-37.4	496.4	278.5	-43.9
Attiki	1,427	1,589	11.4	273.9	337.0	23.0	1,263.4	1,341.2	6.2
Voreio Aigaio	219	179	-18.3	24.4	19.7	-19.0	89.4	71.5	-20.0
Notio Aigaio	734	719	-2.0	164.7	158.1	-4.0	539.3	555.4	3.0
Kriti	550	586	6.5	136.5	130.7	-4.2	492.6	540.1	9.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>7,069</b>	<b>7,162</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1,516.1</b>	<b>1,400.7</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>6,403.5</b>	<b>5,962.6</b>	<b>-6.9</b>

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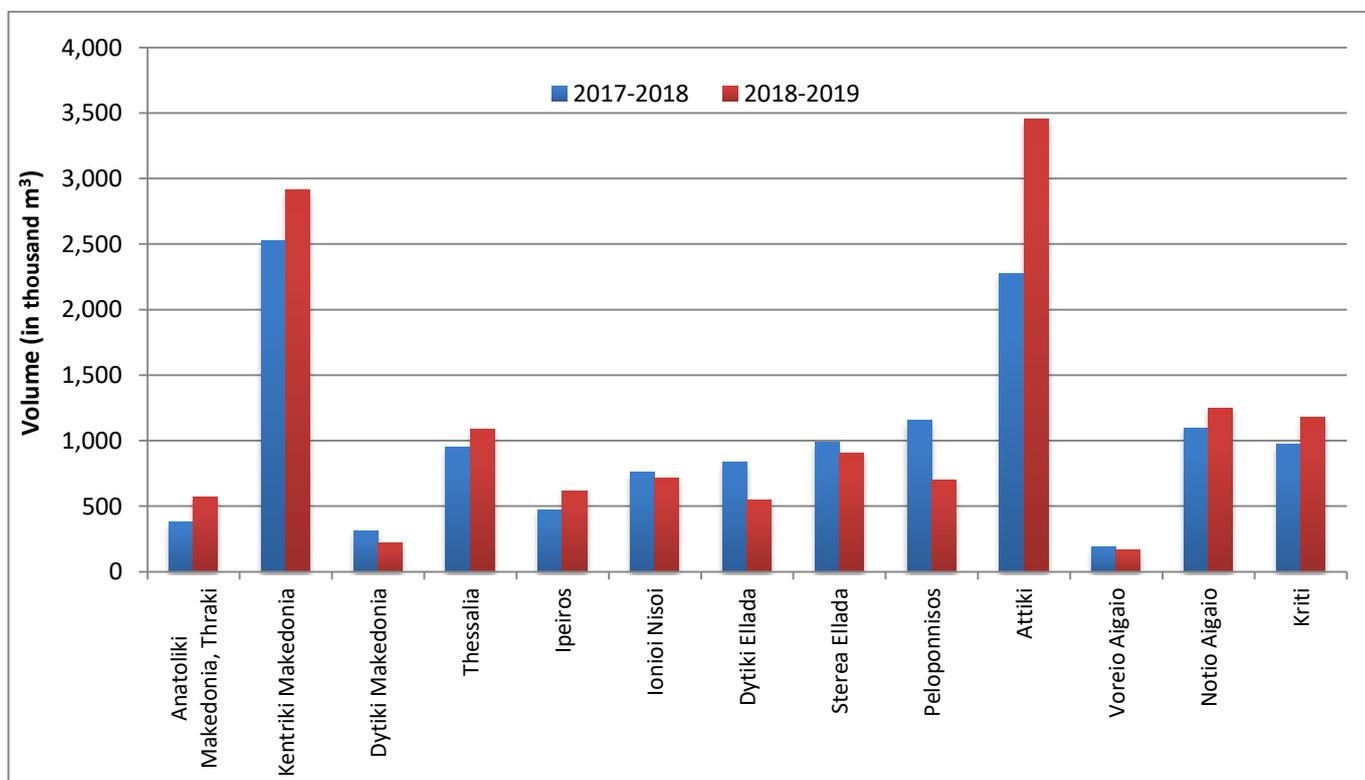
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2018 and 2019\***



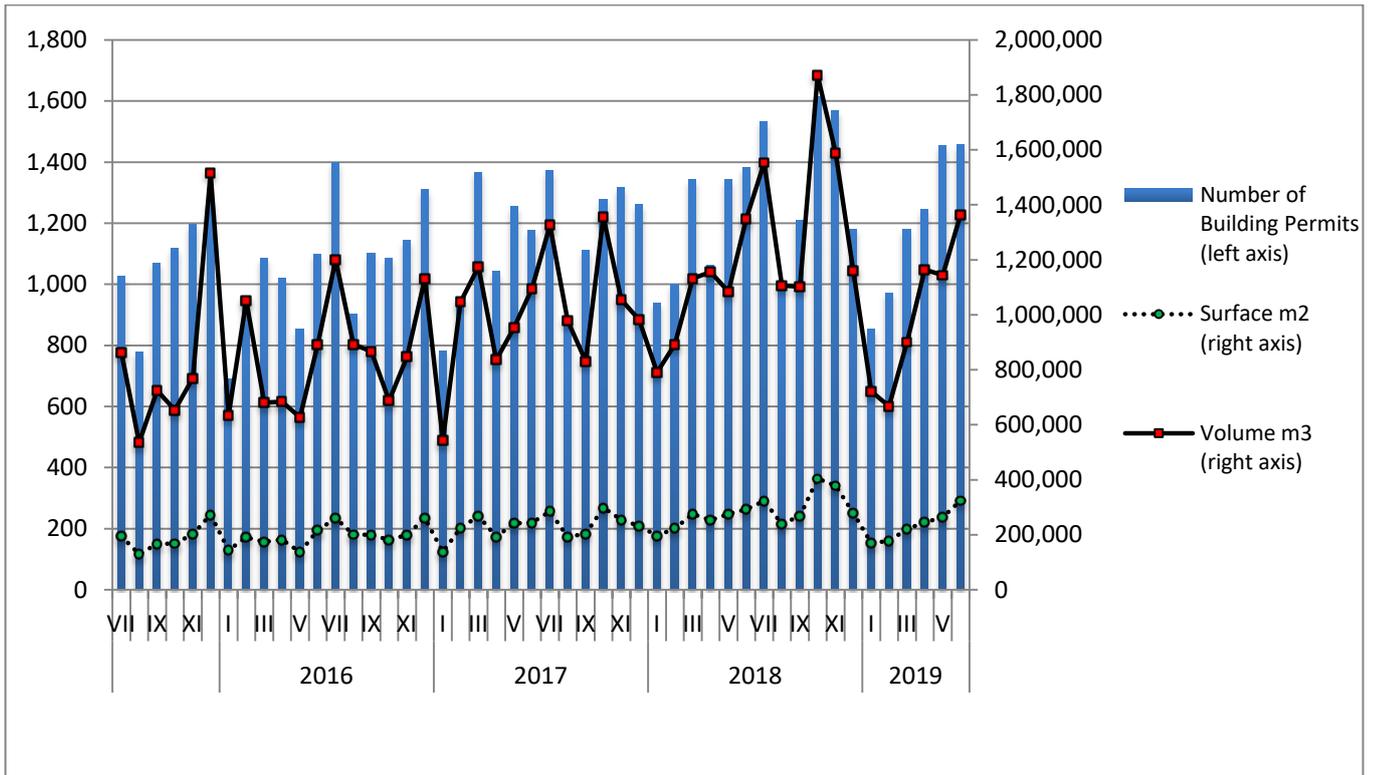
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), July 2017 – June 2018 and July 2018 – June 2019\***



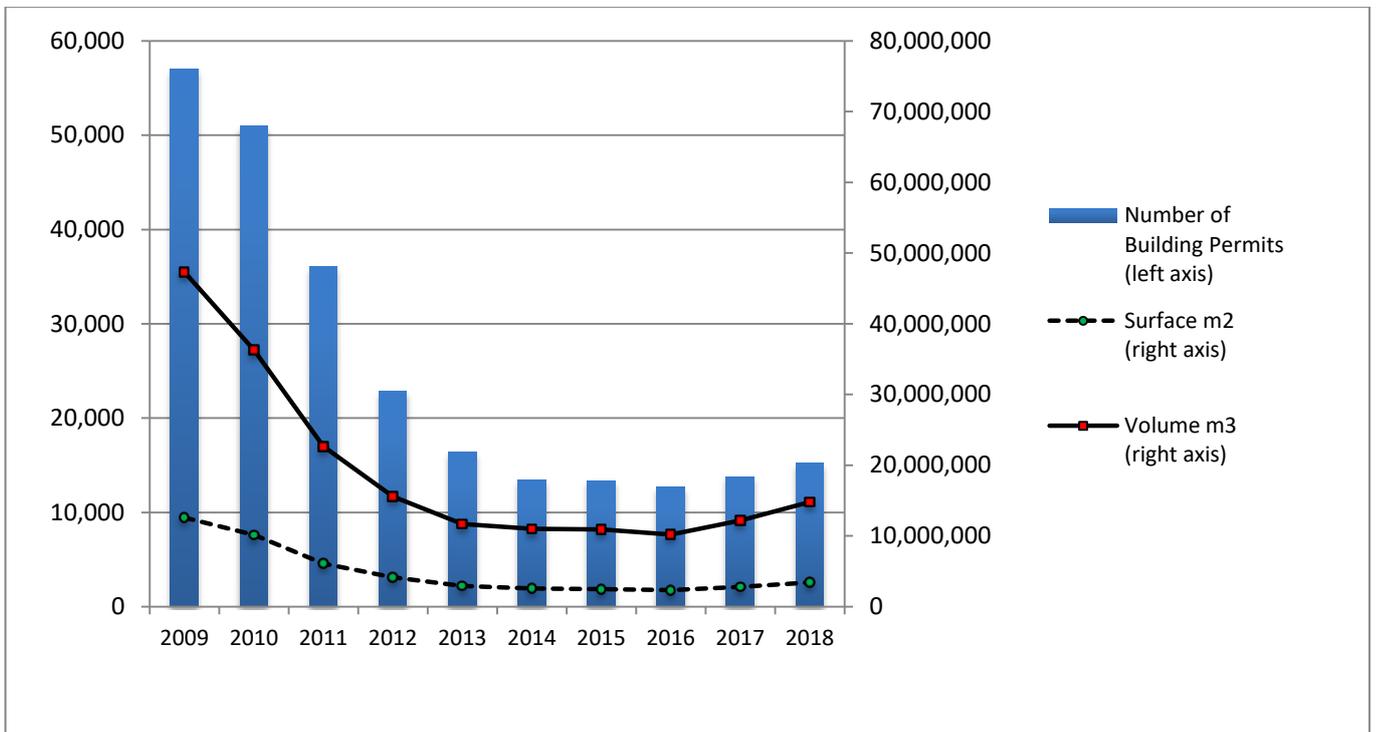
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (July 2015 – June 2019\*)**



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**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2009 - 2018)**



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

**Building Activity Survey** The Building Activity Survey has been providing exhaustive 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.

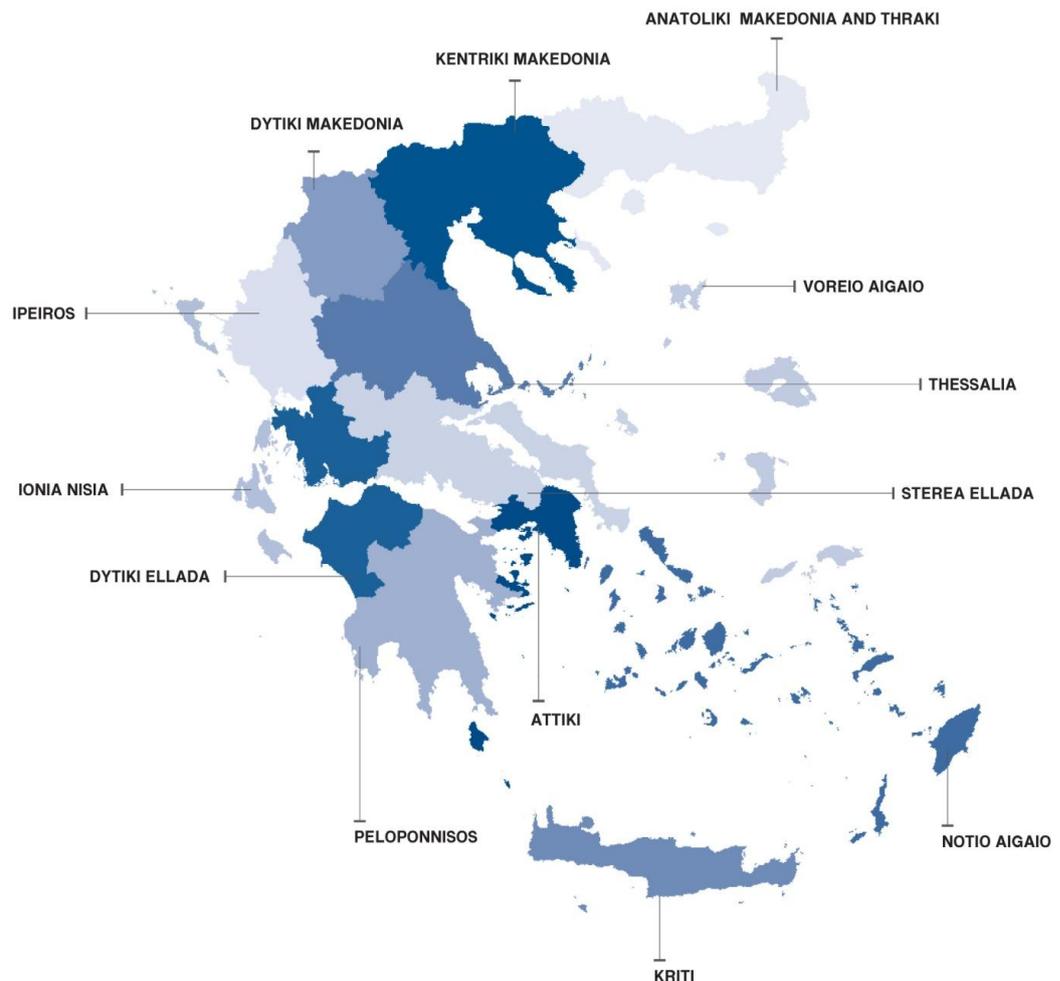
**Legal Framework** The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EC) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) 1158/2005.

**Reference Period** June 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019

**Coverage** The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the Country.

**Geographical classification** The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS).

Map of the 13 Regions (NUTS 2) of Greece



**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 gross 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 (tables, 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/->