



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: November 2018**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month November 2018, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in November 2018 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,562. This figure corresponds to 394.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,660.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, an 18.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 52.3% increase in surface and a 53.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2017 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2018 amounted to 1,544. This figure corresponds to 378.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,588.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2017 there is a 17.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 48.7% increase in surface and a 50.7% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2018 amounted to 18. This figure corresponds to 16.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 71.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 4.3% of the total building volume in November 2018.
- In the last twelve months, from December 2017 until November 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 15,395. This figure corresponds to 3,477.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 15,150.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from December 2016 until November 2017, there is a 10.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 20.9% increase in surface and an 18.6% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from December 2017 until November 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 10.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 19.9% increase in surface and an 18.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from December 2016 to November 2017 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.6% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - November 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded an 11.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 23.6% increase in surface and a 21.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2017 (Table 5). During the same period, January - November 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 11.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 23.0% increase in surface and a 21.7% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - November 2017 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), November 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	37	57	54.1	3.6	9.6	165.1	15.6	32.5	108.0
Kentriki Makedonia	192	229	19.3	42.6	63.2	48.3	238.0	311.7	30.9
Dytiki Makedonia	19	16	-15.8	7.4	3.1	-58.3	39.3	12.4	-68.3
Thessalia	83	87	4.8	16.8	16.6	-1.2	73.4	65.0	-11.4
Ipeiros	36	52	44.4	7.0	13.7	96.6	22.9	62.8	173.9
Ionioi Nisoi	64	118	84.4	19.6	38.5	96.7	59.7	132.3	121.5
Dytiki Ellada	114	77	-32.5	24.6	10.4	-57.6	89.5	35.7	-60.2
Stereia Ellada	105	96	-8.6	12.3	13.6	10.7	42.0	70.2	67.2
Peloponnisos	110	115	4.5	14.1	25.5	81.0	56.5	100.3	77.4
Attiki	241	385	59.8	41.8	92.7	121.8	182.8	472.6	158.6
Voreio Aigaio	48	26	-45.8	3.5	5.4	51.6	11.5	26.1	126.5
Notio Aigaio	171	173	1.2	39.7	48.0	21.1	162.2	163.2	0.6
Kriti	104	131	26.0	26.3	54.4	107.1	86.0	175.3	103.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>259.3</b>	<b>394.8</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>1,079.5</b>	<b>1,660.1</b>	<b>53.8</b>

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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), November 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	37	57	54.1	3.6	9.6	165.1	15.6	32.5	108.0
Kentriki Makedonia	191	226	18.3	38.2	62.8	64.5	215.0	309.4	43.9
Dytiki Makedonia	18	16	-11.1	7.4	3.1	-58.2	39.2	12.4	-68.3
Thessalia	82	83	1.2	16.8	14.9	-11.4	73.4	56.9	-22.5
Ipeiros	36	51	41.7	7.0	13.6	95.7	22.9	62.6	173.2
Ionioi Nisoi	64	118	84.4	19.6	38.5	96.7	59.7	132.3	121.5
Dytiki Ellada	114	77	-32.5	24.6	10.4	-57.6	89.5	35.7	-60.2
Stereia Ellada	105	94	-10.5	12.3	13.0	5.7	42.0	68.1	62.0
Peloponnisos	110	114	3.6	14.1	24.3	72.7	56.5	91.5	61.8
Attiki	241	380	57.7	41.8	88.6	111.9	182.8	452.7	147.6
Voreio Aigaio	46	25	-45.7	3.5	5.0	42.7	11.4	23.9	110.7
Notio Aigaio	171	173	1.2	39.7	48.0	21.1	162.2	163.2	0.6
Kriti	103	130	26.2	25.8	46.2	79.3	84.1	147.3	75.2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>1,544</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>254.2</b>	<b>378.1</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>1,054.4</b>	<b>1,588.4</b>	<b>50.7</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2016 – November 2017 and December 2017 – November 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	489	481	-1.6	122.7	105.2	-14.3	573.3	419.6	-26.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,846	2,193	18.8	453.6	562.9	24.1	2,525.2	2,951.3	16.9
Dytiki Makedonia	303	247	-18.5	75.2	54.1	-28.1	397.5	230.2	-42.1
Thessalia	765	855	11.8	189.2	219.5	16.0	955.8	1,129.1	18.1
Ipeiros	473	538	13.7	122.1	147.5	20.8	622.8	602.5	-3.3
Ionioi Nisoi	807	999	23.8	196.7	267.5	36.0	637.9	904.8	41.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,159	1,286	11.0	192.7	199.4	3.5	764.9	753.3	-1.5
Stereia Ellada	1,117	1,085	-2.9	177.1	230.7	30.2	915.5	1,124.8	22.9
Peloponnisos	1,353	1,355	0.1	264.1	247.7	-6.2	1,191.4	981.8	-17.6
Attiki	2,736	3,110	13.7	542.0	681.2	25.7	2,312.0	3,363.2	45.5
Voreio Aigaio	430	485	12.8	49.5	59.4	20.0	167.7	220.7	31.6
Notio Aigaio	1,369	1,612	17.8	225.4	371.4	64.8	795.9	1,269.9	59.6
Kriti	1,089	1,149	5.5	267.5	331.4	23.9	908.8	1,199.0	31.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,936</b>	<b>15,395</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>2,877.8</b>	<b>3,477.9</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>12,768.9</b>	<b>15,150.1</b>	<b>18.6</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2016 – November 2017 and December 2017 – November 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	477	480	0.6	112.2	105.2	-6.3	518.0	419.6	-19.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,825	2,159	18.3	442.9	545.6	23.2	2,480.5	2,862.2	15.4
Dytiki Makedonia	299	244	-18.4	72.5	52.3	-28.0	388.8	221.3	-43.1
Thessalia	758	838	10.6	186.1	209.9	12.8	941.5	1,085.2	15.3
Ipeiros	469	533	13.6	102.1	146.9	43.9	426.5	600.3	40.8
Ionioi Nisoi	807	998	23.7	196.7	266.9	35.7	637.9	903.0	41.6
Dytiki Ellada	1,157	1,279	10.5	190.3	189.1	-0.6	755.2	709.5	-6.0
Stereia Ellada	1,111	1,070	-3.7	174.5	205.3	17.7	901.8	997.4	10.6
Peloponnisos	1,337	1,337	0.0	253.0	234.3	-7.4	1,142.4	932.5	-18.4
Attiki	2,727	3,086	13.2	539.3	666.4	23.6	2,299.1	3,284.3	42.8
Voreio Aigaio	424	474	11.8	48.9	57.3	17.2	164.8	212.0	28.7
Notio Aigaio	1,363	1,601	17.5	224.5	363.9	62.1	792.1	1,225.0	54.6
Kriti	1,079	1,137	5.4	260.7	319.3	22.5	882.4	1,156.4	31.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,833</b>	<b>15,236</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>2,803.7</b>	<b>3,362.3</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>12,331.2</b>	<b>14,608.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – November 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	447	443	-0.9	103.8	96.1	-7.5	453.1	383.8	-15.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,682	2,024	20.3	421.1	531.9	26.3	2,338.5	2,768.0	18.4
Dytiki Makedonia	265	227	-14.3	69.8	51.7	-26.0	374.9	219.4	-41.5
Thessalia	706	807	14.3	178.4	208.0	16.6	895.4	1,087.6	21.5
Ipeiros	436	500	14.7	116.3	138.0	18.7	601.9	558.1	-7.3
Ionioi Nisoi	741	928	25.2	185.1	256.2	38.4	599.5	869.6	45.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,042	1,135	8.9	175.7	175.7	0.0	703.7	654.9	-6.9
Stereia Ellada	1,010	990	-2.0	161.7	216.4	33.9	841.1	1,069.4	27.1
Peloponnisos	1,219	1,244	2.1	231.0	227.9	-1.3	1,031.5	903.1	-12.4
Attiki	2,487	2,860	15.0	495.7	644.2	30.0	2,149.2	3,199.9	48.9
Voreio Aigaio	383	430	12.3	44.2	50.9	15.0	150.7	187.1	24.2
Notio Aigaio	1,221	1,454	19.1	196.8	334.9	70.2	699.6	1,129.1	61.4
Kriti	975	1,076	10.4	234.0	299.3	27.9	780.1	1,060.4	35.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>12,614</b>	<b>14,118</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>2,613.6</b>	<b>3,231.1</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>11,619.1</b>	<b>14,090.6</b>	<b>21.3</b>

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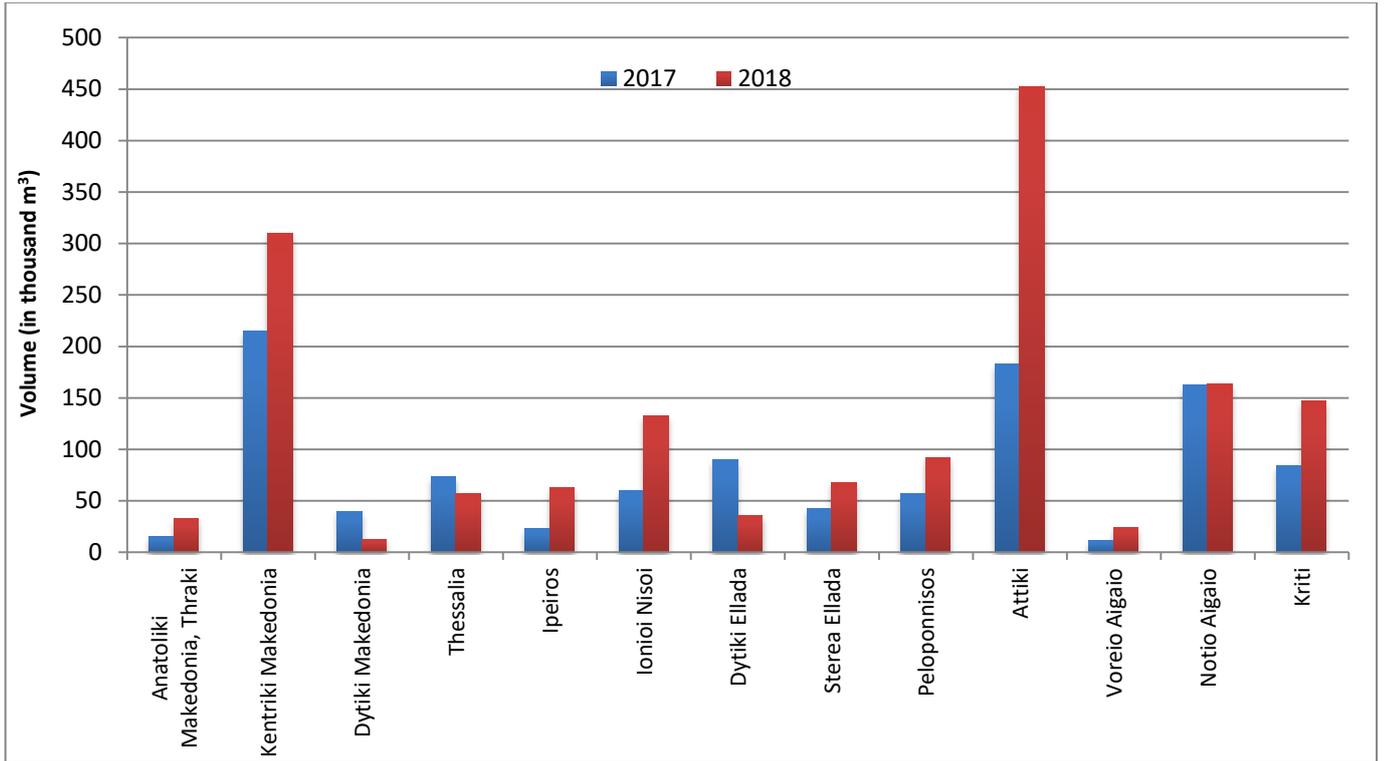
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - November 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	436	442	1.4	93.4	96.0	2.8	398.3	383.7	-3.7
Kentriki Makedonia	1,662	1,994	20.0	410.8	519.0	26.3	2,295.9	2,698.1	17.5
Dytiki Makedonia	261	224	-14.2	67.1	49.9	-25.7	366.2	210.5	-42.5
Thessalia	700	791	13.0	175.5	201.1	14.6	882.1	1,056.1	19.7
Ipeiros	432	496	14.8	96.3	137.5	42.8	405.5	556.6	37.3
Ionioi Nisoi	741	927	25.1	185.1	255.5	38.1	599.5	867.9	44.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,040	1,129	8.6	173.2	165.3	-4.6	694.0	611.3	-11.9
Stereia Ellada	1,005	976	-2.9	159.1	193.2	21.5	827.6	952.5	15.1
Peloponnisos	1,207	1,229	1.8	221.8	214.8	-3.2	991.7	855.1	-13.8
Attiki	2,479	2,838	14.5	493.0	632.0	28.2	2,136.3	3,134.1	46.7
Voreio Aigaio	377	419	11.1	43.6	48.8	11.8	147.7	178.4	20.8
Notio Aigaio	1,217	1,444	18.7	196.8	329.1	67.3	699.5	1,104.5	57.9
Kriti	966	1,065	10.2	227.5	287.1	26.2	754.4	1,017.9	34.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>12,523</b>	<b>13,974</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>2,543.3</b>	<b>3,129.4</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>11,198.8</b>	<b>13,626.6</b>	<b>21.7</b>

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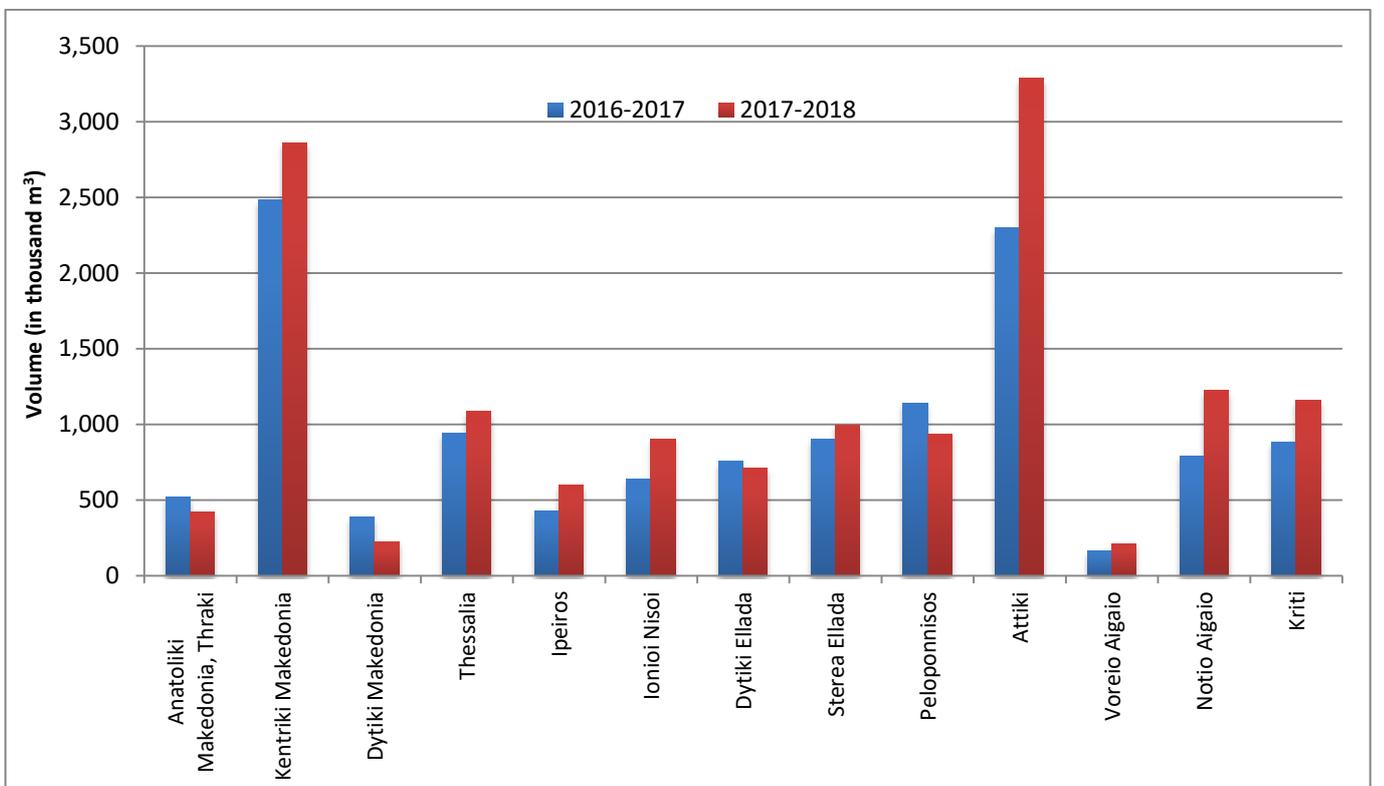
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), November 2017 and 2018 \***



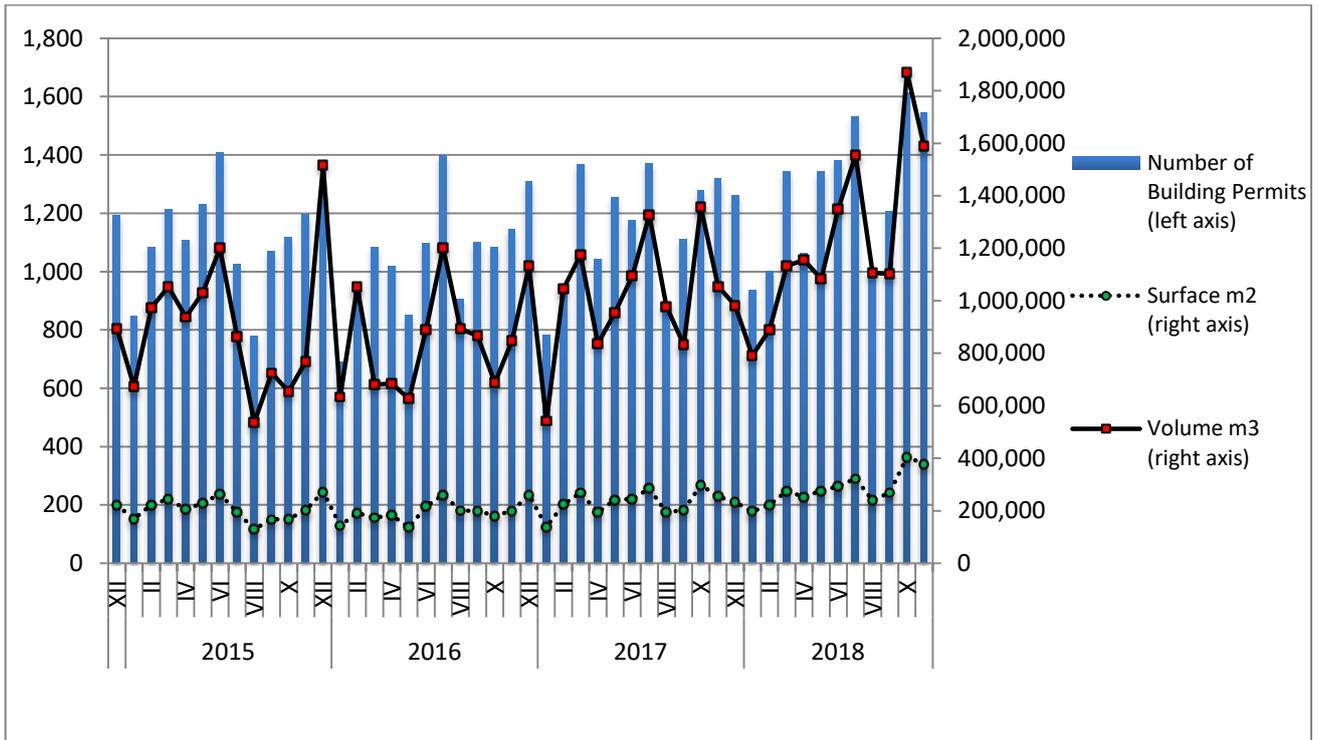
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2016 – November 2017 and December 2017 – November 2018\***



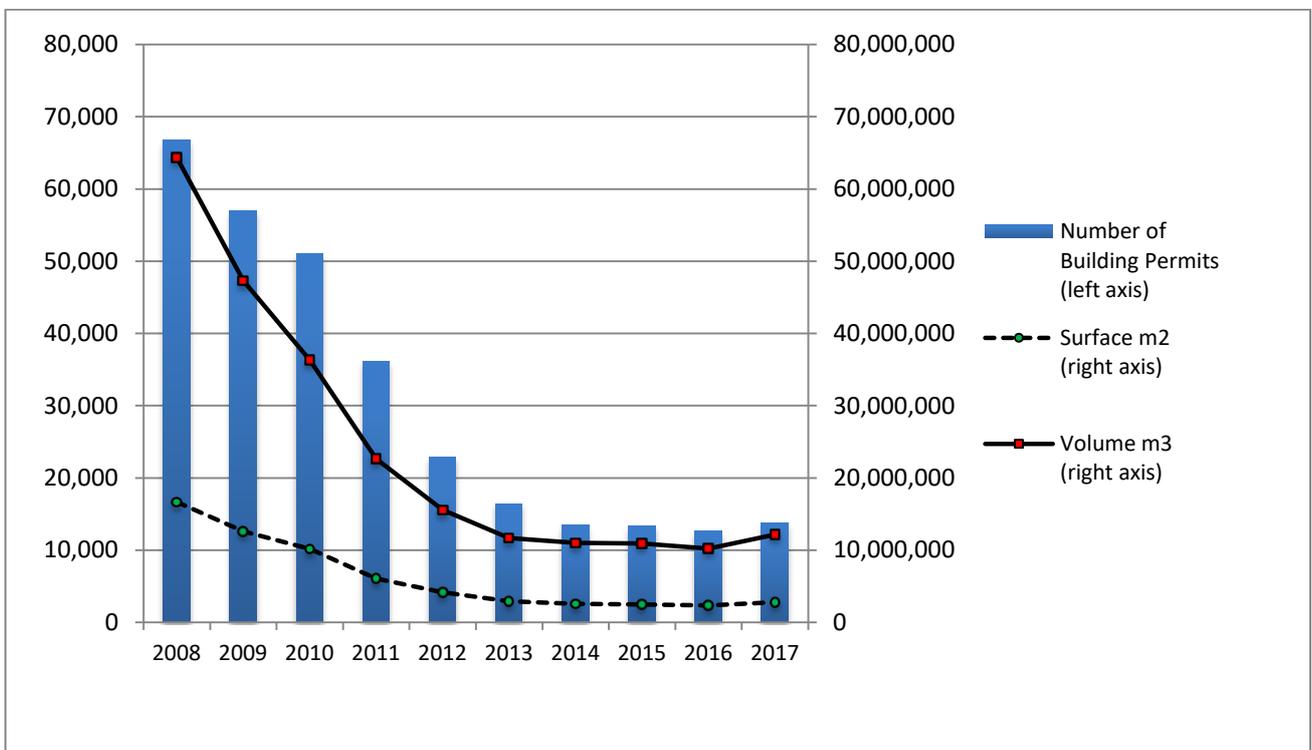
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (December 2014 – November 2018\*)**



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**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2008 - 2017)**



## 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.

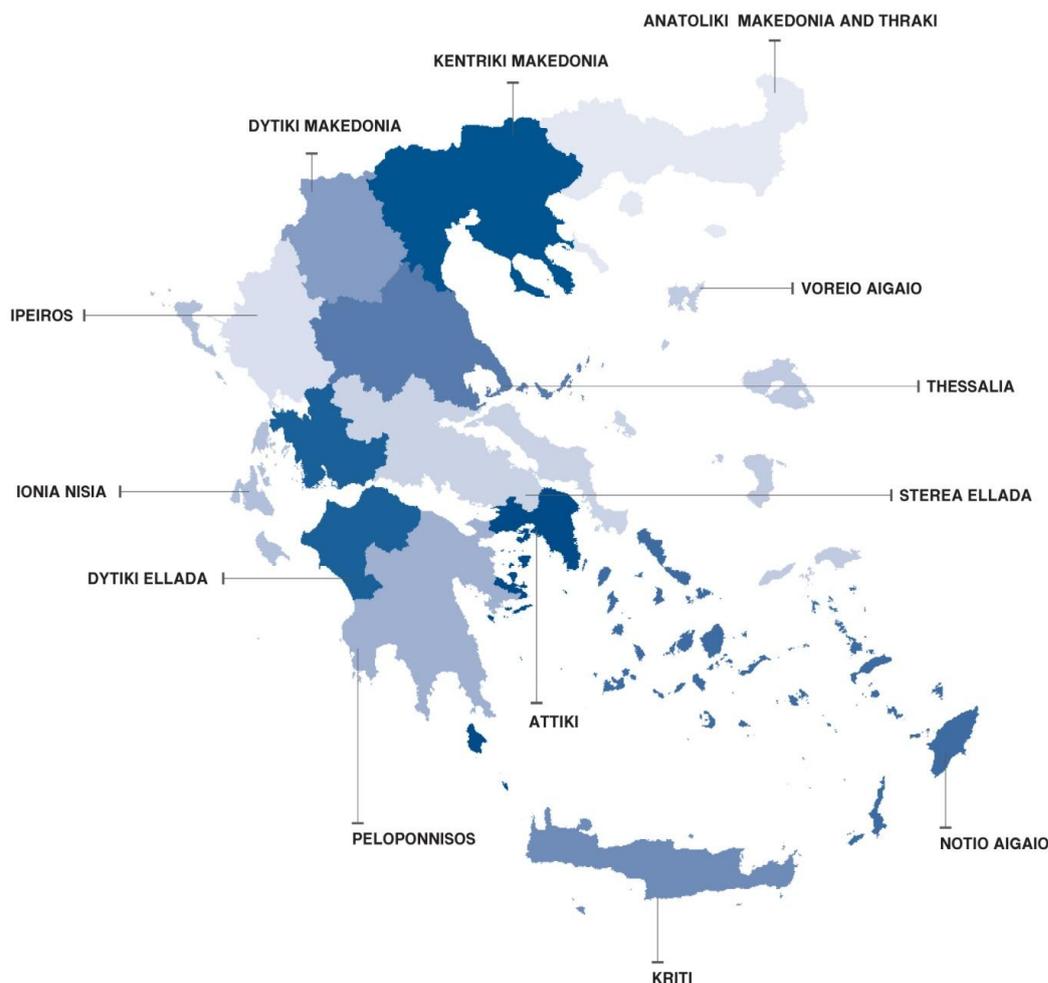
**Legal Framework** The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.

**Reference Period** November 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018

**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*.

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 (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/>