



## PRESS RELEASE

### Building Activity Survey: July 2018

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in July 2018 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,521. This figure corresponds to 341.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,659.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 9.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 17.1% increase in surface and a 22.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2017 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2018 amounted to 1,500. This figure corresponds to 323.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,563.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2017 there is a 9.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 13.6% increase in surface and a 17.8% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2018 amounted to 21. This figure corresponds to 18.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 96.3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 5.8% of the total building volume in July 2018.
- In the last twelve months, from August 2017 until July 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 14,560. This figure corresponds to 3,142.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 13,869.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from August 2016 until July 2017, there is a 7.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 16.5% increase in surface and an 18.8% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from August 2017 until July 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.6% increase in surface and a 15.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2016 to July 2017 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 5.0% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - July 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 8.4% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 17.4% increase in surface and a 16.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2017 (Table 5). During the same period, January - July 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.3% increase in surface and a 14.2% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - July 2017 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	46	40	-13.0	11.7	11.1	-5.0	44.4	40.6	-8.7
Kentriki Makedonia	172	245	42.4	50.6	52.9	4.7	305.4	286.8	-6.1
Dytiki Makedonia	25	27	8.0	11.2	5.3	-52.4	64.2	14.4	-77.5
Thessalia	70	78	11.4	12.7	20.7	62.2	52.5	158.0	200.8
Ipeiros	42	61	45.2	11.5	13.3	15.7	55.1	65.6	18.9
Ionioi Nisoi	66	87	31.8	11.8	16.1	36.3	37.0	51.6	39.3
Dytiki Ellada	110	133	20.9	16.4	20.6	25.9	62.0	75.7	22.0
Stereia Ellada	114	120	5.3	26.6	34.5	29.6	161.1	190.4	18.1
Peloponnisos	148	136	-8.1	25.7	23.1	-10.0	132.5	90.7	-31.6
Attiki	360	371	3.1	70.2	98.0	39.7	308.7	537.8	74.2
Voreio Aigaio	36	31	-13.9	3.7	2.1	-44.5	12.6	6.6	-47.7
Notio Aigaio	94	107	13.8	9.3	19.7	111.6	28.8	63.2	119.7
Kriti	102	85	-16.7	30.5	24.3	-20.3	94.8	78.3	-17.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>291.9</b>	<b>341.7</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>1,359.2</b>	<b>1,659.5</b>	<b>22.1</b>

\*Provisional data for July 2018

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), July 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	43	40	-7.0	8.6	11.1	30.0	31.6	40.6	28.5
Kentriki Makedonia	169	238	40.8	50.5	51.6	2.1	305.3	278.4	-8.8
Dytiki Makedonia	25	27	8.0	11.2	5.3	-52.4	64.2	14.4	-77.5
Thessalia	70	78	11.4	12.7	20.7	62.2	52.5	158.0	200.8
Ipeiros	42	61	45.2	11.5	13.3	15.7	55.1	65.6	18.9
Ionioi Nisoi	66	86	30.3	11.8	15.4	30.8	37.0	49.8	34.5
Dytiki Ellada	109	130	19.3	15.7	19.0	20.4	59.6	67.5	13.3
Stereia Ellada	112	118	5.4	26.4	20.1	-23.9	160.2	115.6	-27.8
Peloponnisos	147	135	-8.2	25.7	23.1	-10.0	132.5	90.7	-31.6
Attiki	357	369	3.4	68.0	97.5	43.5	298.0	536.0	79.8
Voreio Aigaio	36	31	-13.9	3.7	2.1	-44.5	12.6	6.6	-47.7
Notio Aigaio	94	106	12.8	9.3	19.7	111.6	28.8	63.2	119.7
Kriti	101	81	-19.8	29.0	24.0	-17.1	89.2	77.0	-13.8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>284.2</b>	<b>323.0</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>1,326.6</b>	<b>1,563.2</b>	<b>17.8</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	495	462	-6.7	115.5	108.5	-6.1	541.1	426.7	-21.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,744	2,074	18.9	395.4	482.1	21.9	2,049.6	2,624.0	28.0
Dytiki Makedonia	300	278	-7.3	72.9	62.8	-13.9	392.0	268.1	-31.6
Thessalia	744	807	8.5	191.7	210.4	9.7	982.2	1,076.1	9.6
Ipeiros	472	501	6.1	111.0	135.9	22.3	473.8	668.3	41.1
Ionioi Nisoi	779	871	11.8	184.9	236.0	27.6	625.1	776.8	24.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,128	1,254	11.2	166.9	214.0	28.3	625.5	876.9	40.2
Stereia Ellada	1,085	1,126	3.8	175.5	216.9	23.6	866.6	1,080.4	24.7
Peloponnisos	1,438	1,318	-8.3	227.9	269.7	18.3	990.2	1,159.4	17.1
Attiki	2,706	2,804	3.6	542.3	546.5	0.8	2,372.4	2,571.7	8.4
Voreio Aigaio	413	451	9.2	44.8	53.2	18.6	149.2	194.4	30.3
Notio Aigaio	1,224	1,542	26.0	183.9	335.7	82.6	614.8	1,167.4	89.9
Kriti	1,049	1,072	2.2	283.6	270.6	-4.6	996.6	979.7	-1.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,577</b>	<b>14,560</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>2,696.2</b>	<b>3,142.2</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>11,679.1</b>	<b>13,869.7</b>	<b>18.8</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	483	458	-5.2	109.5	102.3	-6.6	514.9	388.4	-24.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,726	2,038	18.1	391.1	456.0	16.6	2,031.8	2,499.2	23.0
Dytiki Makedonia	299	274	-8.4	71.5	60.8	-15.0	388.1	260.5	-32.9
Thessalia	734	797	8.6	186.9	206.4	10.4	960.6	1,057.8	10.1
Ipeiros	470	495	5.3	108.3	118.1	9.0	457.9	485.9	6.1
Ionioi Nisoi	778	870	11.8	180.9	235.3	30.1	589.7	775.0	31.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,125	1,249	11.0	164.4	206.9	25.8	615.8	846.7	37.5
Stereia Ellada	1,076	1,114	3.5	173.9	190.8	9.7	860.6	945.8	9.9
Peloponnisos	1,424	1,305	-8.4	225.0	260.1	15.6	976.8	1,115.9	14.2
Attiki	2,693	2,790	3.6	520.5	536.3	3.0	2,280.5	2,514.4	10.3
Voreio Aigaio	410	443	8.0	44.4	51.4	15.8	147.0	187.5	27.6
Notio Aigaio	1,213	1,533	26.4	181.0	330.9	82.8	602.0	1,133.9	88.4
Kriti	1,041	1,060	1.8	278.4	265.3	-4.7	978.6	959.7	-1.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,472</b>	<b>14,426</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2,635.9</b>	<b>3,020.7</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>11,404.3</b>	<b>13,170.7</b>	<b>15.5</b>

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - July 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	273	250	-8.4	59.3	54.9	-7.4	262.0	199.7	-23.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,014	1,237	22.0	260.4	290.5	11.6	1,390.8	1,493.0	7.3
Dytiki Makedonia	156	149	-4.5	43.9	34.5	-21.5	267.1	149.6	-44.0
Thessalia	433	486	12.2	115.0	135.5	17.8	621.0	760.0	22.4
Ipeiros	278	305	9.7	70.6	80.7	14.3	312.8	334.9	7.1
Ionioi Nisoi	487	546	12.1	113.7	153.2	34.7	368.1	510.2	38.6
Dytiki Ellada	640	701	9.5	95.5	110.1	15.3	347.9	422.6	21.5
Stereia Ellada	599	620	3.5	98.7	139.7	41.5	479.8	663.7	38.3
Peloponnisos	819	807	-1.5	123.6	142.6	15.3	543.6	592.8	9.0
Attiki	1,741	1,808	3.8	365.2	379.0	3.8	1,584.4	1,843.6	16.4
Voreio Aigaio	242	255	5.4	27.6	28.0	1.4	92.0	102.1	11.0
Notio Aigaio	683	846	23.9	85.1	187.5	120.4	288.7	615.7	113.3
Kriti	613	637	3.9	158.4	162.8	2.8	515.9	577.0	11.8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>7,978</b>	<b>8,647</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>1,617.0</b>	<b>1,898.9</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>7,073.9</b>	<b>8,265.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>

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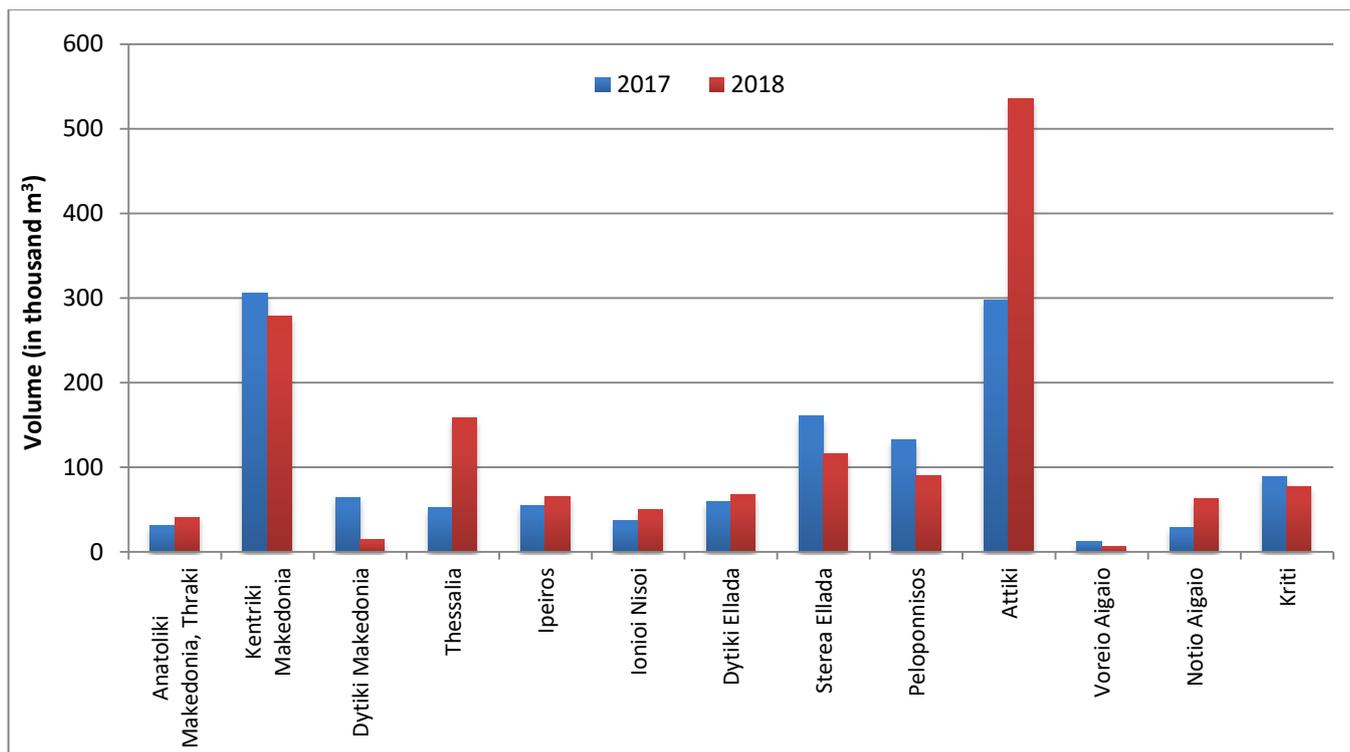
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - July 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	266	250	-6.0	55.2	54.9	-0.5	245.5	199.7	-18.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,005	1,216	21.0	259.4	278.0	7.2	1,386.1	1,425.4	2.8
Dytiki Makedonia	155	148	-4.5	42.5	33.8	-20.5	263.2	146.7	-44.3
Thessalia	429	479	11.7	112.1	134.2	19.7	607.6	754.2	24.1
Ipeiros	276	302	9.4	67.9	80.3	18.3	296.9	333.6	12.3
Ionioi Nisoi	487	545	11.9	113.7	152.5	34.2	368.1	508.5	38.1
Dytiki Ellada	638	697	9.2	93.1	103.0	10.6	338.2	392.6	16.1
Stereia Ellada	596	611	2.5	98.4	118.1	20.0	478.5	551.8	15.3
Peloponnisos	813	803	-1.2	122.8	141.6	15.3	540.2	587.0	8.7
Attiki	1,733	1,796	3.6	362.5	371.4	2.5	1,571.4	1,799.4	14.5
Voreio Aigaio	239	250	4.6	27.2	26.5	-2.8	89.8	96.0	6.9
Notio Aigaio	681	840	23.3	85.1	184.4	116.8	288.7	602.5	108.7
Kriti	609	631	3.6	154.8	160.5	3.7	502.8	569.5	13.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>7,927</b>	<b>8,568</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>1,594.6</b>	<b>1,839.1</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>6,976.9</b>	<b>7,966.7</b>	<b>14.2</b>

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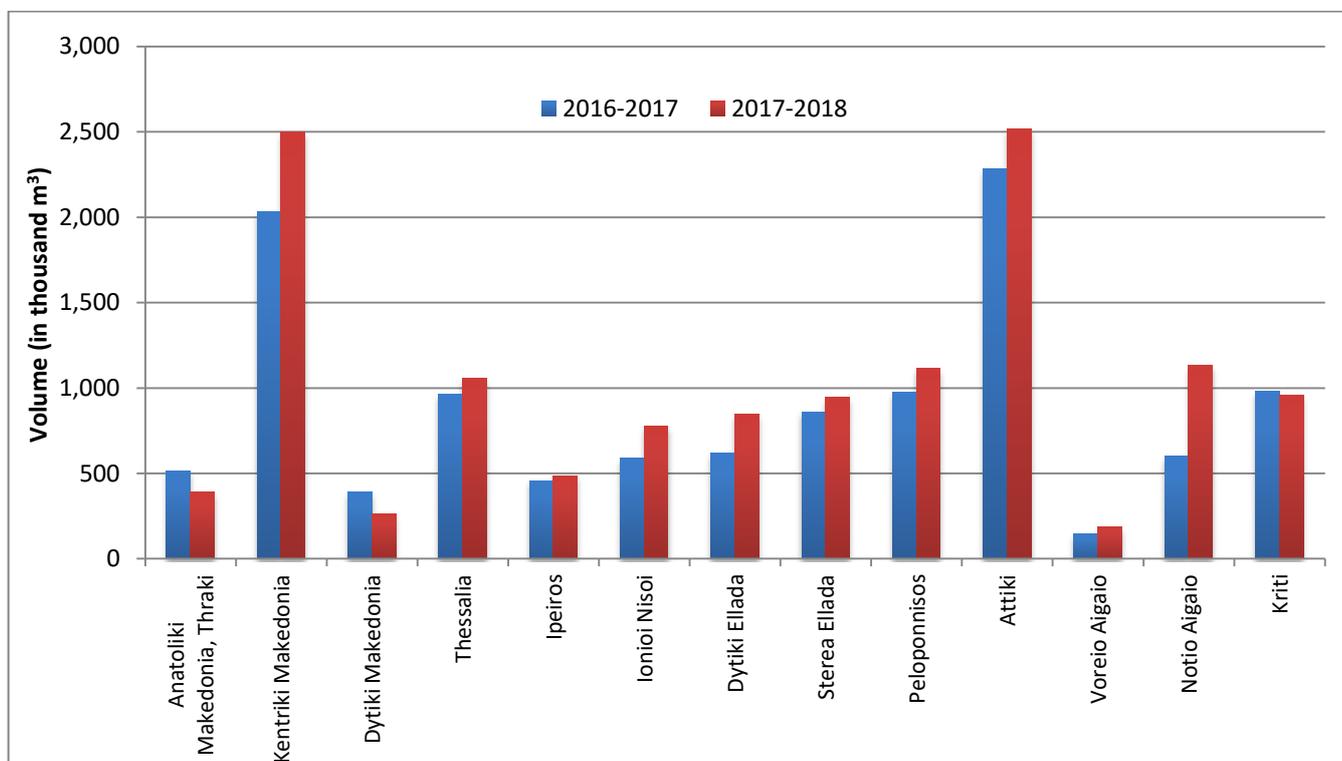
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), July 2017 and 2018 \***



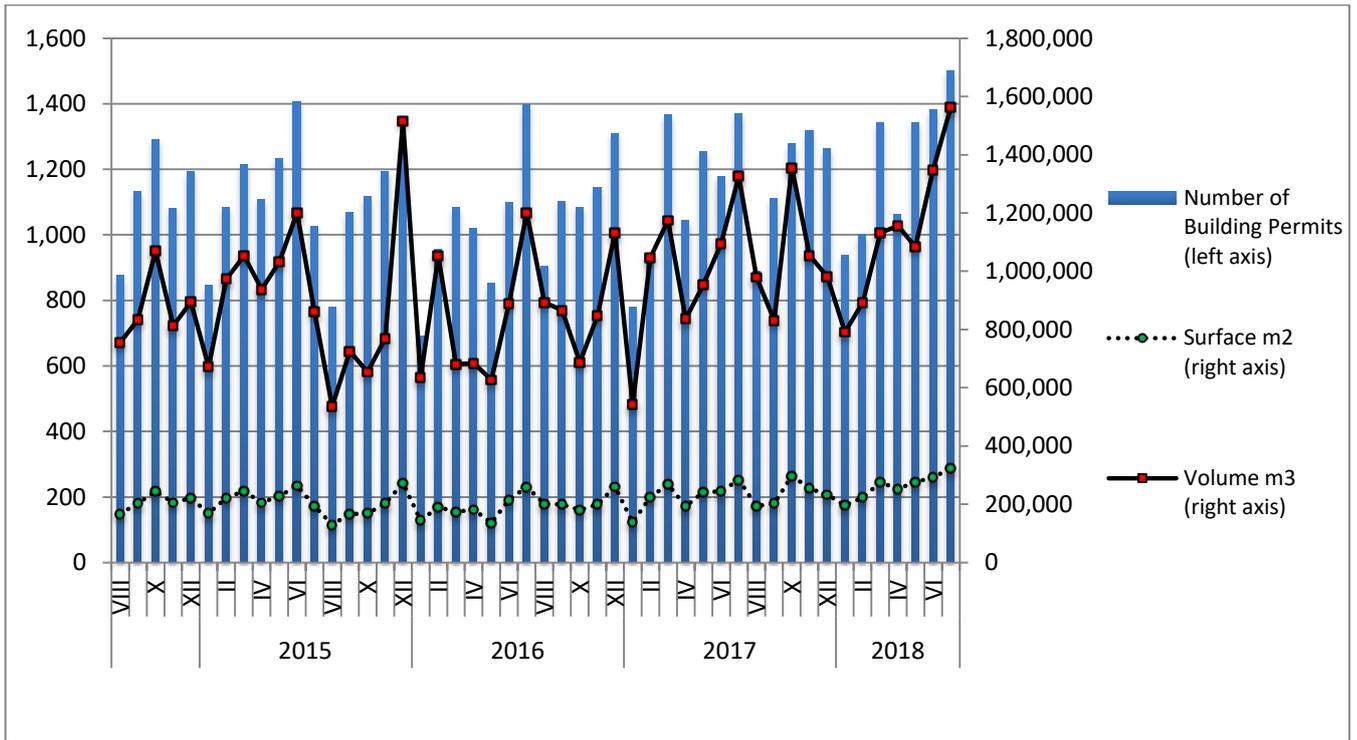
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), August 2016 – July 2017 and August 2017 - July 2018\***



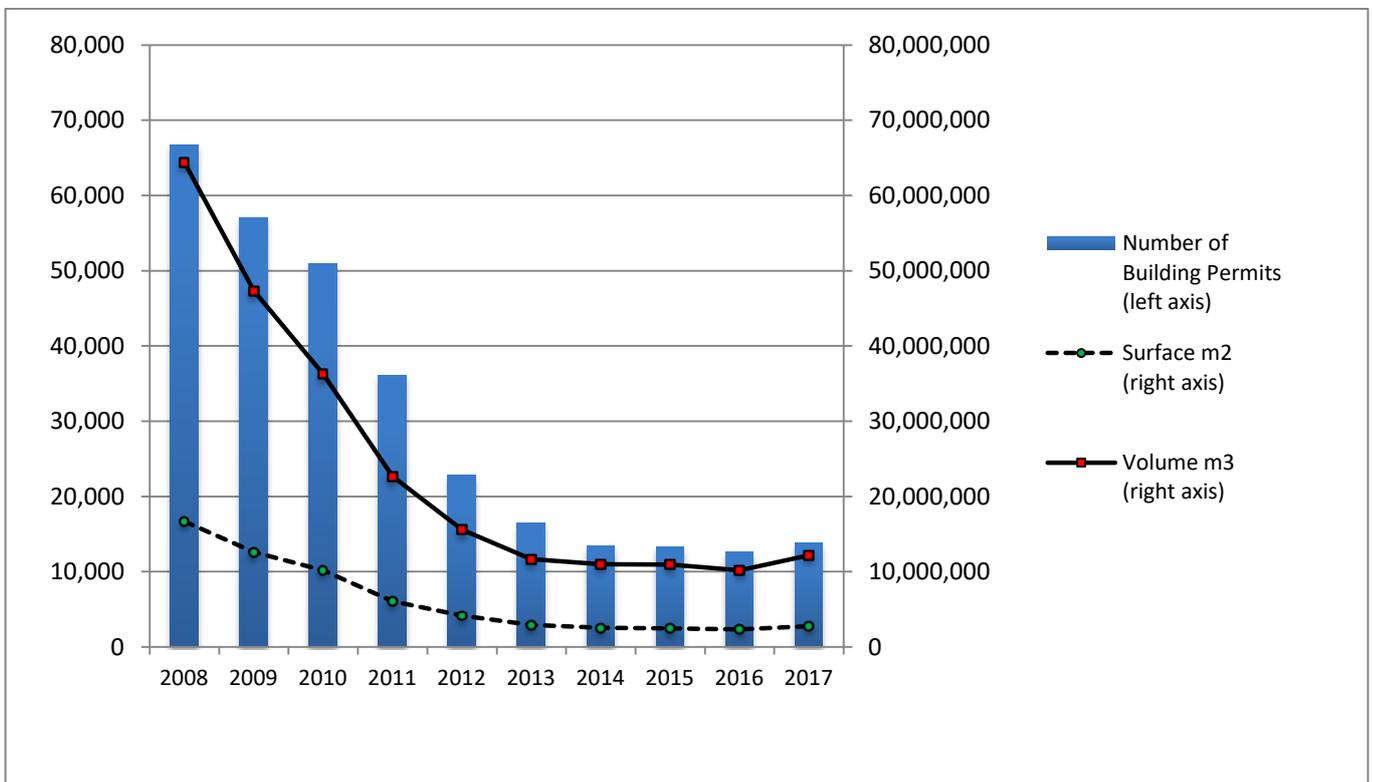
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (August 2014 – July 2018\*)**



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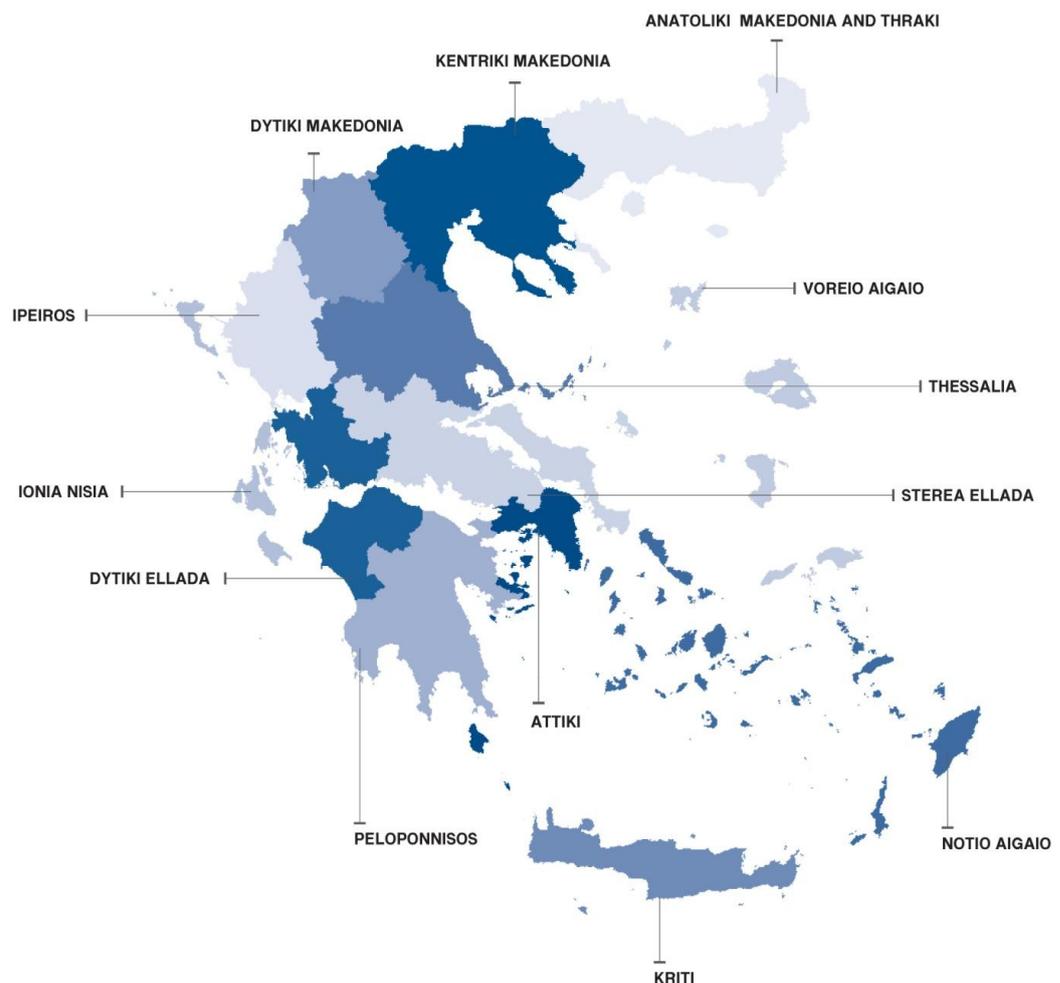
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2008 - 2017)**



## 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** July 1, 2018 to July 31, 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/>