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Building Activity Survey: April 2018

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in April 2018 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,058. This figure corresponds to 248.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,164.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 1.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 25.5% increase in surface and a 35.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2017 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2018 amounted to 1,048. This figure corresponds to 247.3 thousand m² of surface and 1,157.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2017 there is a 0.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 28.1% increase in surface and a 38.4% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2018 amounted to 10. This figure corresponds to 1.1 thousand m² of surface and 6.3 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.5% of the total building volume in April 2018.
- In the last twelve months, from May 2017 until April 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 14,108. This figure corresponds to 2,990.4 thousand m² of surface and 13,104.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from May 2016 until April 2017, there is a 7.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 17.4% increase in surface and an 18.6% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from May 2017 until April 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.8% increase in surface and a 16.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from May 2016 to April 2017 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.2% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - April 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 5.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.6% increase in surface and an 11.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2017 (Table 5). During the same period, January - April 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 5.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.3% increase in surface and a 10.3% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - April 2017 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	51	29	-43.1	8.5	5.5	-34.5	32.3	21.3	-34.1
Kentriki Makedonia	144	157	9.0	44.8	42.7	-4.8	245.3	218.5	-10.9
Dytiki Makedonia	24	15	-37.5	7.6	3.2	-57.5	39.4	11.5	-70.8
Thessalia	74	69	-6.8	18.4	30.6	65.9	104.1	226.0	117.1
Ipeiros	37	41	10.8	5.4	7.4	36.6	21.1	27.8	31.4
Ionioi Nisoi	59	67	13.6	15.6	27.6	77.1	47.6	110.1	131.5
Dytiki Ellada	69	87	26.1	8.4	9.4	11.3	31.4	29.8	-5.1
Stereia Ellada	87	70	-19.5	12.3	12.1	-1.5	58.8	69.0	17.3
Peloponnisos	98	100	2.0	16.6	25.2	52.3	57.0	104.7	83.6
Attiki	209	209	0.0	29.8	41.5	39.3	116.1	178.3	53.6
Voreio Aigaio	35	23	-34.3	5.2	2.5	-51.7	16.9	8.5	-49.4
Notio Aigaio	92	112	21.7	9.6	20.3	111.1	31.6	69.6	120.2
Kriti	69	79	14.5	15.9	20.5	29.0	55.1	88.9	61.4
Greece, Total	1,048	1,058	1.0	198.0	248.4	25.5	856.6	1,164.0	35.9

*Provisional data for April 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), April 2017 and 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	50	29	-42.0	8.0	5.5	-30.3	30.3	21.3	-29.6
Kentriki Makedonia	144	153	6.3	44.8	42.7	-4.8	245.3	218.5	-10.9
Dytiki Makedonia	23	15	-34.8	6.3	3.2	-48.3	35.5	11.5	-67.6
Thessalia	73	67	-8.2	16.1	30.5	88.6	93.3	225.6	141.8
Ipeiros	37	41	10.8	5.4	7.4	36.6	21.1	27.8	31.4
Ionioi Nisoi	59	67	13.6	15.6	27.6	77.1	47.6	110.1	131.5
Dytiki Ellada	69	87	26.1	8.4	9.4	11.3	31.4	29.8	-5.1
Stereia Ellada	87	70	-19.5	12.3	12.1	-1.5	58.8	69.0	17.3
Peloponnisos	97	98	1.0	15.8	24.3	53.0	53.8	99.0	83.9
Attiki	209	208	-0.5	29.8	41.4	39.2	116.1	178.2	53.5
Voreio Aigaio	35	22	-37.1	5.2	2.5	-51.7	16.9	8.5	-49.4
Notio Aigaio	91	112	23.1	9.6	20.3	111.1	31.6	69.6	120.2
Kriti	69	79	14.5	15.9	20.5	29.0	55.1	88.9	61.4
Greece, Total	1,043	1,048	0.5	193.1	247.3	28.1	836.6	1,157.7	38.4

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2016 – April 2017 and May 2017 – April 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	534	479	-10.3	116.8	102.9	-11.9	557.9	408.0	-26.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,764	1,909	8.2	375.1	500.0	33.3	2,016.7	2,806.6	39.2
Dytiki Makedonia	304	279	-8.2	64.0	63.8	-0.2	322.2	297.3	-7.7
Thessalia	716	773	8.0	193.9	189.6	-2.2	1,022.1	924.5	-9.6
Ipeiros	417	497	19.2	87.5	143.0	63.5	348.0	700.9	101.4
Ionioi Nisoi	725	853	17.7	159.0	219.7	38.2	535.9	735.5	37.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,076	1,198	11.3	172.3	199.4	15.7	660.8	801.8	21.3
Stereia Ellada	1,110	1,101	-0.8	162.8	192.2	18.1	770.4	986.0	28.0
Peloponnisos	1,453	1,319	-9.2	231.4	266.4	15.1	979.2	1,117.7	14.1
Attiki	2,513	2,732	8.7	485.3	505.7	4.2	2,119.2	2,150.9	1.5
Voreio Aigaio	365	452	23.8	42.6	53.4	25.3	144.5	194.3	34.5
Notio Aigaio	1,138	1,455	27.9	183.0	283.0	54.7	610.6	993.6	62.7
Kriti	1,004	1,061	5.7	274.2	271.2	-1.1	965.6	987.3	2.2
Greece, Total	13,119	14,108	7.5	2,547.8	2,990.4	17.4	11,053.1	13,104.4	18.6

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2016 – April 2017 and May 2017 – April 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	525	472	-10.1	113.9	93.5	-17.9	544.6	356.8	-34.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,743	1,881	7.9	362.7	478.8	32.0	1,959.8	2,714.5	38.5
Dytiki Makedonia	303	275	-9.2	62.6	61.9	-1.1	318.2	289.7	-9.0
Thessalia	706	763	8.1	189.5	185.5	-2.1	1,002.1	905.5	-9.6
Ipeiros	415	491	18.3	87.4	122.9	40.6	347.8	503.9	44.9
Ionioi Nisoi	724	853	17.8	155.0	219.7	41.7	500.5	735.5	47.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,071	1,195	11.6	167.2	193.3	15.6	638.1	777.3	21.8
Stereia Ellada	1,103	1,091	-1.1	161.4	184.4	14.3	765.3	950.2	24.2
Peloponnisos	1,441	1,305	-9.4	228.5	256.7	12.3	965.8	1,074.3	11.2
Attiki	2,501	2,722	8.8	462.4	500.8	8.3	2,028.5	2,126.4	4.8
Voreio Aigaio	364	441	21.2	42.6	51.2	20.1	144.5	185.2	28.2
Notio Aigaio	1,126	1,448	28.6	180.1	280.5	55.7	597.8	970.2	62.3
Kriti	994	1,053	5.9	264.9	264.8	-0.1	933.6	963.1	3.2
Greece, Total	13,016	13,990	7.5	2,478.3	2,894.0	16.8	10,746.7	12,552.8	16.8

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	143	137	-4.2	34.8	24.7	-28.9	175.3	94.3	-46.2
Kentriki Makedonia	530	588	10.9	122.2	170.1	39.2	630.0	914.7	45.2
Dytiki Makedonia	74	68	-8.1	19.3	10.9	-43.3	129.6	41.3	-68.2
Thessalia	221	240	8.6	69.1	68.8	-0.4	420.9	408.4	-3.0
Ipeiros	135	158	17.0	28.6	45.9	60.1	119.6	174.3	45.7
Ionioi Nisoi	267	308	15.4	66.2	89.5	35.1	209.2	310.1	48.2
Dytiki Ellada	337	342	1.5	51.6	51.6	0.0	184.9	184.6	-0.2
Stereia Ellada	310	306	-1.3	38.1	54.4	42.8	170.0	259.5	52.6
Peloponnisos	434	423	-2.5	66.1	81.7	23.6	288.6	296.1	2.6
Attiki	852	847	-0.6	180.3	153.3	-15.0	794.3	632.8	-20.3
Voreio Aigaio	128	142	10.9	14.9	15.5	3.9	48.5	58.6	20.8
Notio Aigaio	386	462	19.7	55.1	104.8	90.2	191.9	345.1	79.8
Kriti	331	344	3.9	88.8	93.9	5.8	282.2	350.9	24.3
Greece, Total	4,148	4,365	5.2	835.1	965.1	15.6	3,644.8	4,070.6	11.7

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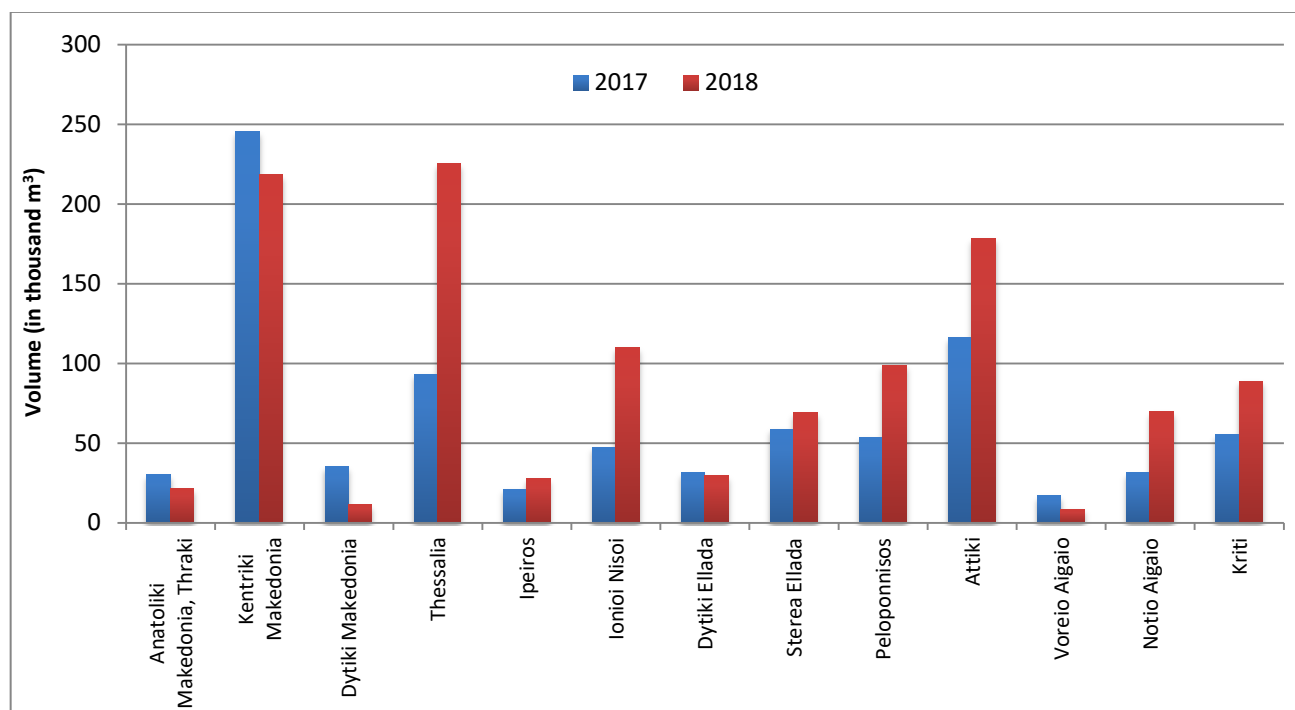
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - April 2017 and 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	139	137	-1.4	33.8	24.7	-26.9	171.6	94.3	-45.0
Kentriki Makedonia	525	579	10.3	121.2	162.6	34.2	625.4	879.9	40.7
Dytiki Makedonia	73	67	-8.2	17.9	10.3	-42.5	125.7	38.4	-69.5
Thessalia	218	234	7.3	66.5	67.7	1.8	409.1	403.4	-1.4
Ipeiros	135	157	16.3	28.6	45.9	60.1	119.6	174.3	45.7
Ionioi Nisoi	267	308	15.4	66.2	89.5	35.1	209.2	310.1	48.2
Dytiki Ellada	336	341	1.5	49.8	46.1	-7.4	177.6	162.6	-8.4
Stereia Ellada	309	301	-2.6	37.9	51.2	34.9	169.7	247.5	45.8
Peloponnisos	431	421	-2.3	65.4	80.8	23.5	285.2	290.4	1.8
Attiki	850	845	-0.6	179.9	153.3	-14.8	792.8	632.7	-20.2
Voreio Aigaio	128	137	7.0	14.9	13.9	-6.7	48.5	52.4	8.1
Notio Aigaio	385	459	19.2	55.1	104.0	88.8	191.9	342.0	78.2
Kriti	328	343	4.6	86.8	91.9	5.9	274.6	344.7	25.5
Greece, Total	4,124	4,329	5.0	824.1	941.8	14.3	3,600.8	3,972.7	10.3

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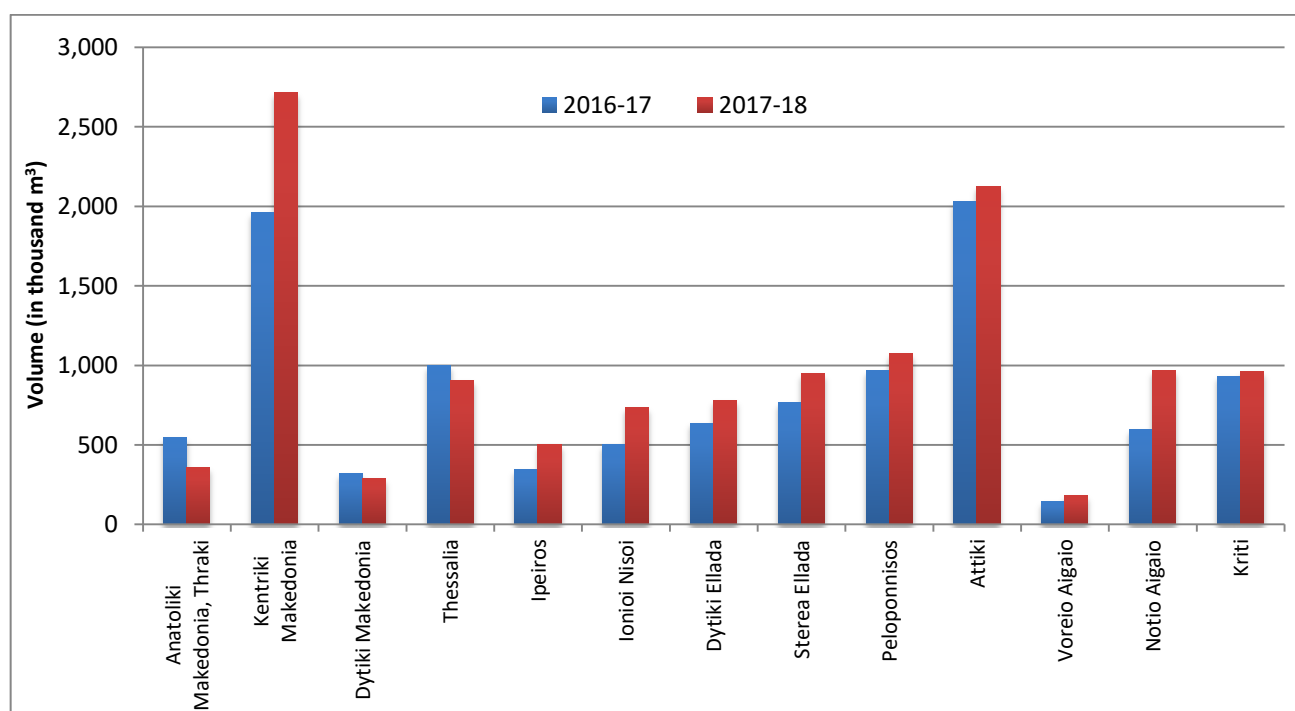
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2017 and 2018 *



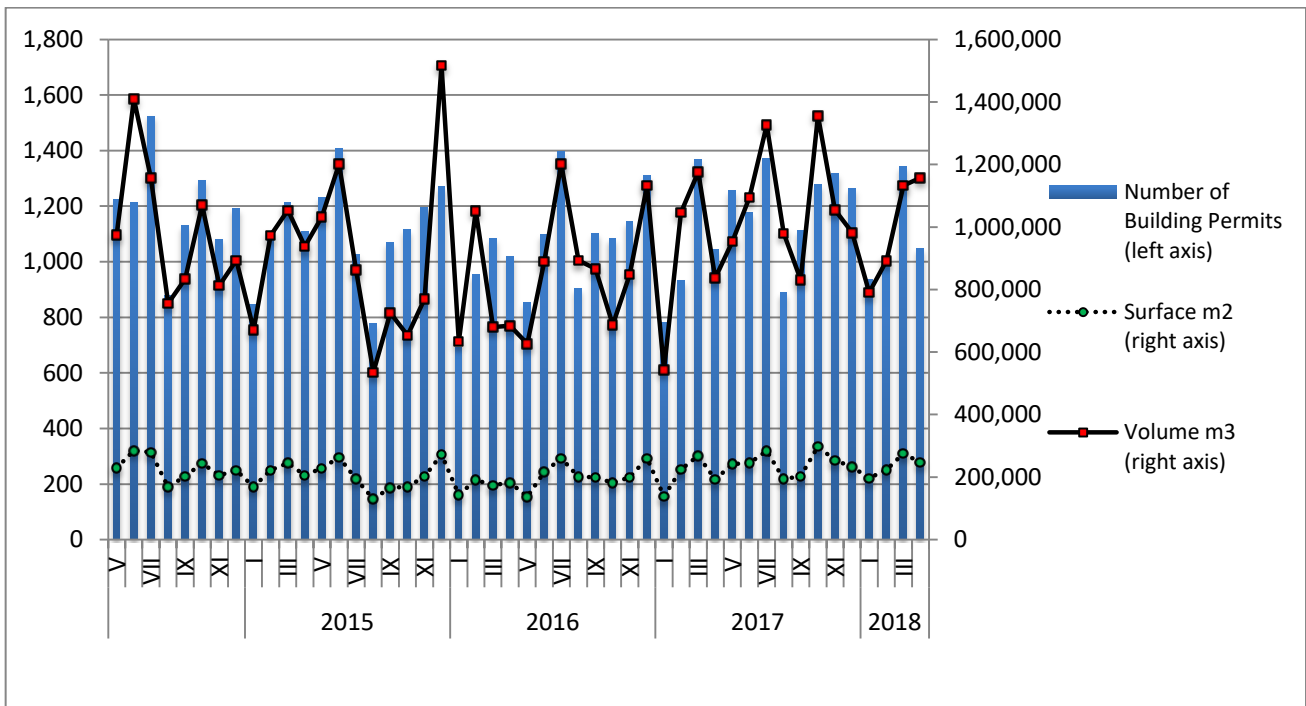
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2016 – April 2017 and May 2017 - April 2018*



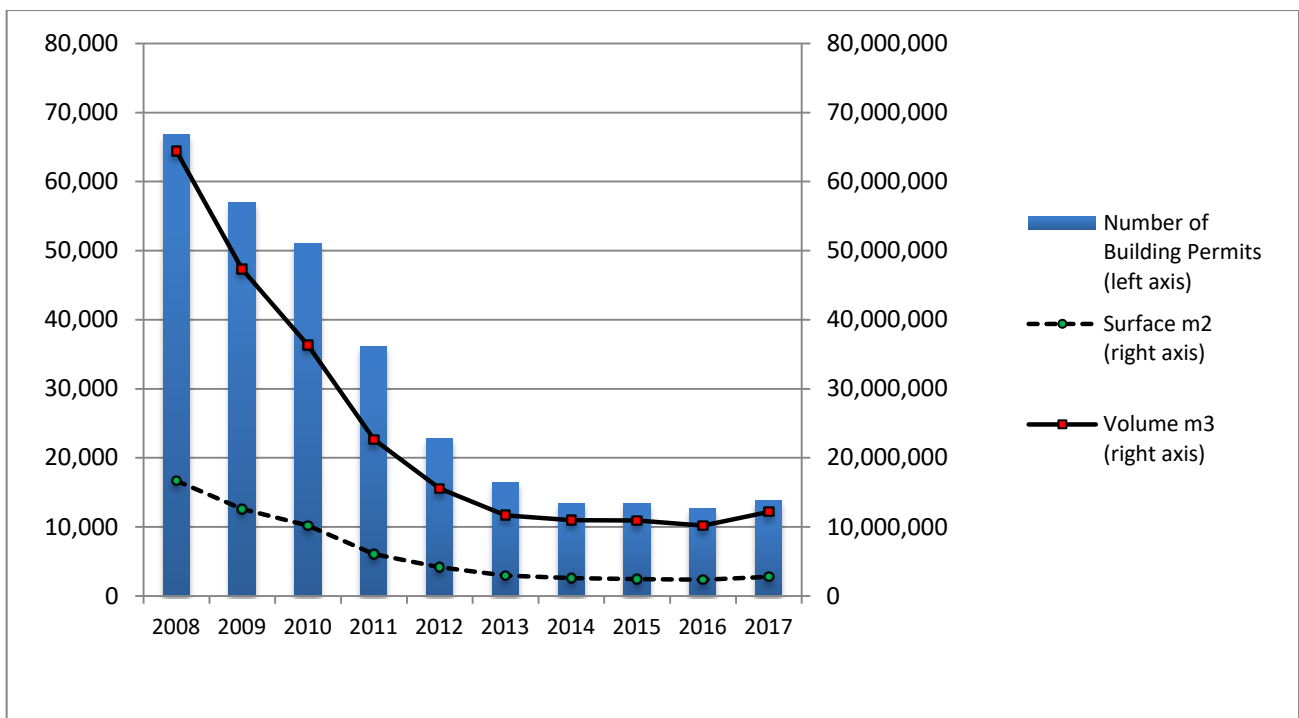
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (May 2014 – April 2018*)



*Provisional data for April 2018

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	April 1, 2018 to April 30, 2018
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
Definitions	<p>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.</p> <p>The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".</p> <p>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.</p> <p>New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Surface of new-built property is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
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 , under the link: http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/-