



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: April 2019**

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in April 2019 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,228. This figure corresponds to 247.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,183.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 14.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 2.5% decrease in surface and a 1.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2018 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2019 amounted to 1,218. This figure corresponds to 243.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,164.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2018 there is a 14.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 3.9% decrease in surface and a 0.8% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2019 amounted to 10. This figure corresponds to 4.6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 18.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.6% of the total building volume in April 2019.
- In the last twelve months, from May 2018 until April 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 15,208. This figure corresponds to 3,379.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 14,866.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from May 2017 until April 2018, there is a 7.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 12.8% increase in surface and a 13.5% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from May 2018 until April 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 12.8% increase in surface and a 13.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from May 2017 to April 2018 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.0% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - April 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 3.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 15.7% decrease in surface and a 14.3% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 5). During the same period, January - April 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 2.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 14.4% decrease in surface and a 13.0% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - April 2018 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	30	78	160.0	5.7	19.4	240.5	21.3	82.9	289.4
Kentriki Makedonia	159	189	18.9	42.7	43.0	0.7	219.7	174.6	-20.5
Dytiki Makedonia	15	18	20.0	3.3	2.3	-28.7	11.5	10.7	-6.6
Thessalia	71	81	14.1	30.6	20.9	-31.7	226.3	185.1	-18.2
Ipeiros	41	45	9.8	7.4	16.8	127.5	27.9	89.8	222.1
Ionioi Nisoi	67	97	44.8	30.3	13.4	-55.9	110.1	43.2	-60.8
Dytiki Ellada	88	59	-33.0	9.4	8.4	-11.1	29.8	30.7	3.1
Stereia Ellada	69	61	-11.6	12.1	9.2	-23.4	69.3	52.4	-24.4
Peloponnisos	98	88	-10.2	25.5	9.9	-61.1	104.8	34.7	-66.9
Attiki	210	292	39.0	41.5	67.6	63.0	178.1	359.1	101.7
Voreio Aigaio	23	29	26.1	2.6	1.6	-39.9	8.5	5.6	-34.3
Notio Aigaio	122	93	-23.8	23.5	16.8	-28.4	77.6	56.5	-27.2
Kriti	79	98	24.1	19.6	18.5	-5.9	77.1	58.2	-24.5
Greece, Total	1,072	1,228	14.6	254.2	247.9	-2.5	1,162.0	1,183.6	1.9

\*Provisional data for April 2019

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 2018 and 2019\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	30	78	160.0	5.7	19.4	240.5	21.3	82.9	289.4
Kentriki Makedonia	155	189	21.9	42.7	43.0	0.7	219.7	174.6	-20.5
Dytiki Makedonia	15	18	20.0	3.3	2.3	-28.7	11.5	10.7	-6.6
Thessalia	69	80	15.9	30.5	20.4	-33.3	225.9	183.2	-18.9
Ipeiros	41	45	9.8	7.4	16.8	127.5	27.9	89.8	222.1
Ionioi Nisoi	67	97	44.8	30.3	13.4	-55.9	110.1	43.2	-60.8
Dytiki Ellada	88	58	-34.1	9.4	8.4	-11.1	29.8	30.7	3.1
Stereia Ellada	69	61	-11.6	12.1	9.2	-23.4	69.3	52.4	-24.4
Peloponnisos	96	87	-9.4	24.5	9.7	-60.5	99.1	33.8	-65.9
Attiki	209	289	38.3	41.5	63.9	54.2	178.0	343.9	93.2
Voreio Aigaio	22	29	31.8	2.6	1.6	-39.9	8.5	5.6	-34.3
Notio Aigaio	122	92	-24.6	23.5	16.8	-28.4	77.6	56.5	-27.2
Kriti	79	95	20.3	19.6	18.3	-6.8	77.1	57.4	-25.6
Greece, Total	1,062	1,218	14.7	253.1	243.2	-3.9	1,155.8	1,164.8	0.8

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	480	564	17.5	103.0	124.5	20.8	408.0	496.8	21.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,911	2,243	17.4	500.0	532.9	6.6	2,807.8	2,650.5	-5.6
Dytiki Makedonia	279	233	-16.5	63.9	71.9	12.5	297.3	420.9	41.6
Thessalia	775	870	12.3	189.7	205.0	8.1	924.8	1,064.1	15.1
Ipeiros	497	513	3.2	143.0	147.9	3.4	701.0	604.6	-13.8
Ionioi Nisoi	853	1,044	22.4	222.4	228.2	2.6	735.5	770.2	4.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,199	1,121	-6.5	199.4	175.7	-11.9	801.8	669.7	-16.5
Stereia Ellada	1,100	966	-12.2	192.2	214.6	11.6	986.3	1,104.6	12.0
Peloponnisos	1,317	1,284	-2.5	266.6	214.8	-19.4	1,117.8	864.8	-22.6
Attiki	2,733	3,200	17.1	505.8	733.3	45.0	2,150.7	3,599.4	67.4
Voreio Aigaio	452	413	-8.6	53.5	49.4	-7.6	194.3	181.5	-6.6
Notio Aigaio	1,465	1,588	8.4	286.2	359.7	25.7	1,001.7	1,224.2	22.2
Kriti	1,061	1,169	10.2	270.4	322.0	19.1	975.5	1,214.8	24.5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>14,122</b>	<b>15,208</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>2,996.1</b>	<b>3,379.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>13,102.4</b>	<b>14,866.1</b>	<b>13.5</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	473	563	19.0	93.6	124.5	32.9	356.8	496.7	39.2
Kentriki Makedonia	1,883	2,217	17.7	478.8	526.4	9.9	2,715.8	2,611.3	-3.8
Dytiki Makedonia	275	229	-16.7	61.9	57.5	-7.1	289.7	267.7	-7.6
Thessalia	765	857	12.0	185.5	198.1	6.7	905.8	1,034.1	14.2
Ipeiros	491	510	3.9	122.9	147.5	20.0	504.0	603.1	19.7
Ionioi Nisoi	853	1,042	22.2	222.4	227.5	2.3	735.5	767.0	4.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,196	1,111	-7.1	193.3	165.5	-14.4	777.3	615.8	-20.8
Stereia Ellada	1,090	957	-12.2	184.5	194.6	5.5	950.5	999.7	5.2
Peloponnisos	1,303	1,263	-3.1	257.0	199.2	-22.5	1,074.4	804.3	-25.1
Attiki	2,723	3,175	16.6	500.8	717.5	43.3	2,126.2	3,518.4	65.5
Voreio Aigaio	441	406	-7.9	51.3	48.3	-5.9	185.2	175.2	-5.4
Notio Aigaio	1,458	1,578	8.2	283.7	354.3	24.9	978.3	1,201.2	22.8
Kriti	1,053	1,153	9.5	263.9	311.6	18.1	951.2	1,176.8	23.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>14,004</b>	<b>15,061</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>2,899.7</b>	<b>3,272.2</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12,550.9</b>	<b>14,271.3</b>	<b>13.7</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	138	219	58.7	24.9	45.1	81.2	94.3	177.1	87.7
Kentriki Makedonia	590	614	4.1	170.1	130.5	-23.3	915.9	596.1	-34.9
Dytiki Makedonia	68	55	-19.1	10.9	10.0	-8.6	41.3	42.2	2.2
Thessalia	242	235	-2.9	68.9	47.8	-30.6	408.7	309.2	-24.3
Ipeiros	158	123	-22.2	45.9	35.3	-23.0	174.4	155.6	-10.7
Ionioi Nisoi	308	339	10.1	92.2	47.6	-48.4	310.1	153.9	-50.4
Dytiki Ellada	343	231	-32.7	51.6	34.3	-33.6	184.6	129.2	-30.0
Stereia Ellada	305	217	-28.9	54.4	35.9	-33.9	259.8	204.9	-21.2
Peloponnisos	421	356	-15.4	82.0	49.8	-39.2	296.2	186.2	-37.1
Attiki	848	957	12.9	153.3	190.3	24.1	632.6	791.9	25.2
Voreio Aigaio	142	109	-23.2	15.6	12.3	-21.3	58.6	45.1	-22.9
Notio Aigaio	472	447	-5.3	108.0	91.0	-15.8	353.2	315.6	-10.6
Kriti	344	343	-0.3	93.1	88.2	-5.3	339.0	379.9	12.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>4,379</b>	<b>4,245</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>970.9</b>	<b>818.2</b>	<b>-15.7</b>	<b>4,068.6</b>	<b>3,486.9</b>	<b>-14.3</b>

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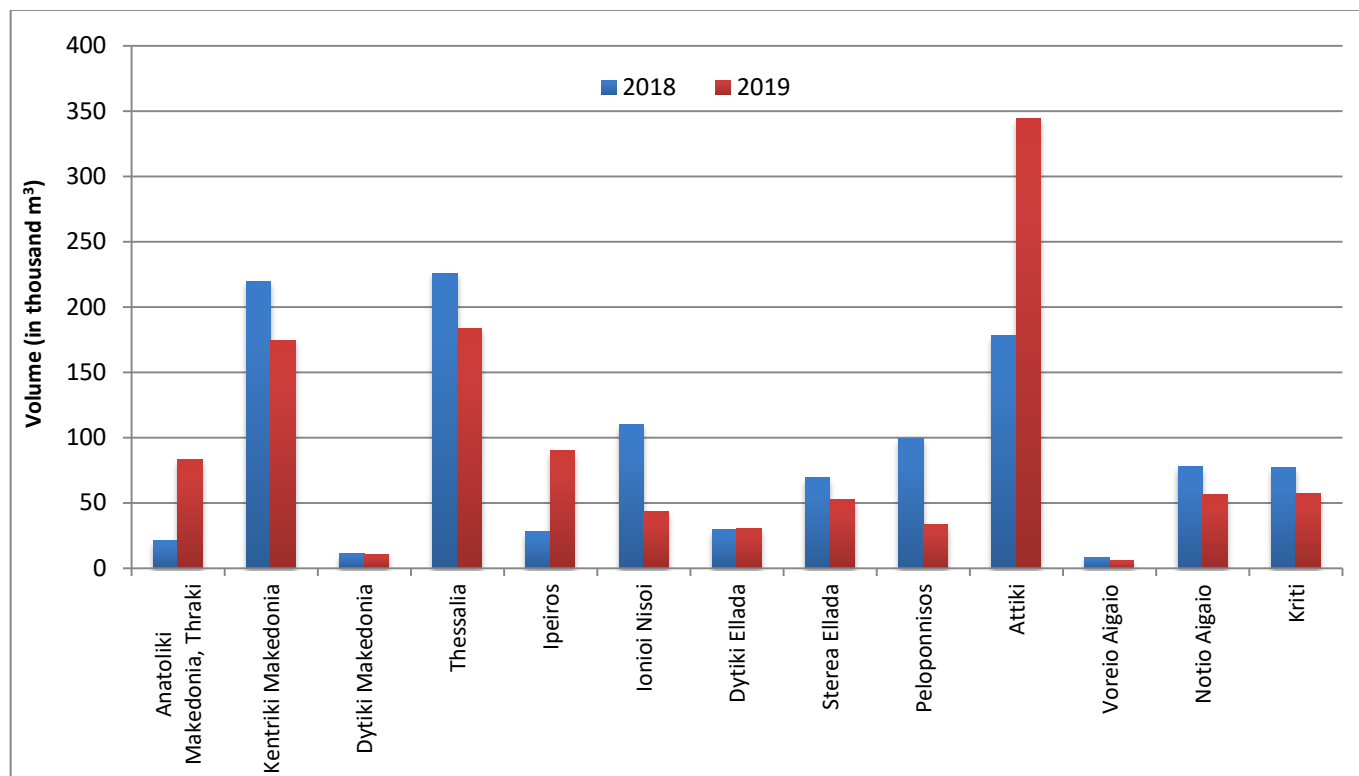
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – April 2018 and 2019\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	138	219	58.7	24.9	45.1	81.2	94.3	177.1	87.7
Kentriki Makedonia	581	613	5.5	162.6	130.4	-19.8	881.1	596.0	-32.4
Dytiki Makedonia	67	54	-19.4	10.3	10.0	-3.0	38.4	42.2	9.8
Thessalia	236	233	-1.3	67.8	47.3	-30.3	403.7	307.3	-23.9
Ipeiros	157	123	-21.7	45.9	35.3	-23.0	174.4	155.6	-10.7
Ionioi Nisoi	308	339	10.1	92.2	47.6	-48.4	310.1	153.9	-50.4
Dytiki Ellada	342	230	-32.7	46.1	34.3	-25.7	162.6	129.2	-20.5
Stereia Ellada	300	217	-27.7	51.2	35.9	-29.8	247.8	204.9	-17.3
Peloponnisos	419	350	-16.5	81.0	47.4	-41.5	290.5	173.0	-40.4
Attiki	846	952	12.5	153.3	186.7	21.7	632.5	776.7	22.8
Voreio Aigaio	137	109	-20.4	14.0	12.3	-12.4	52.4	45.1	-13.9
Notio Aigaio	469	446	-4.9	107.2	91.0	-15.2	350.1	315.6	-9.9
Kriti	343	339	-1.2	91.0	88.0	-3.4	332.9	378.8	13.8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>4,343</b>	<b>4,224</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>947.6</b>	<b>811.2</b>	<b>-14.4</b>	<b>3,970.8</b>	<b>3,455.5</b>	<b>-13.0</b>

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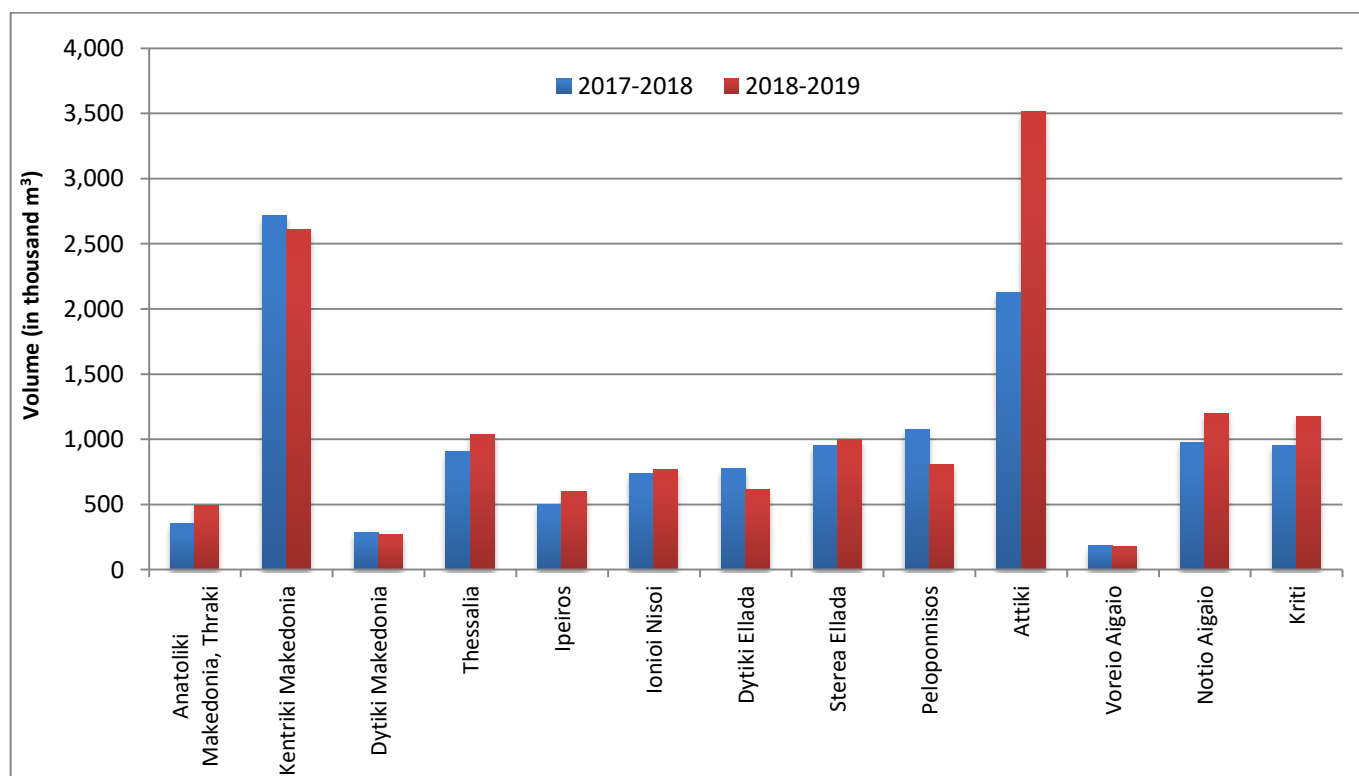
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2018 and 2019\***



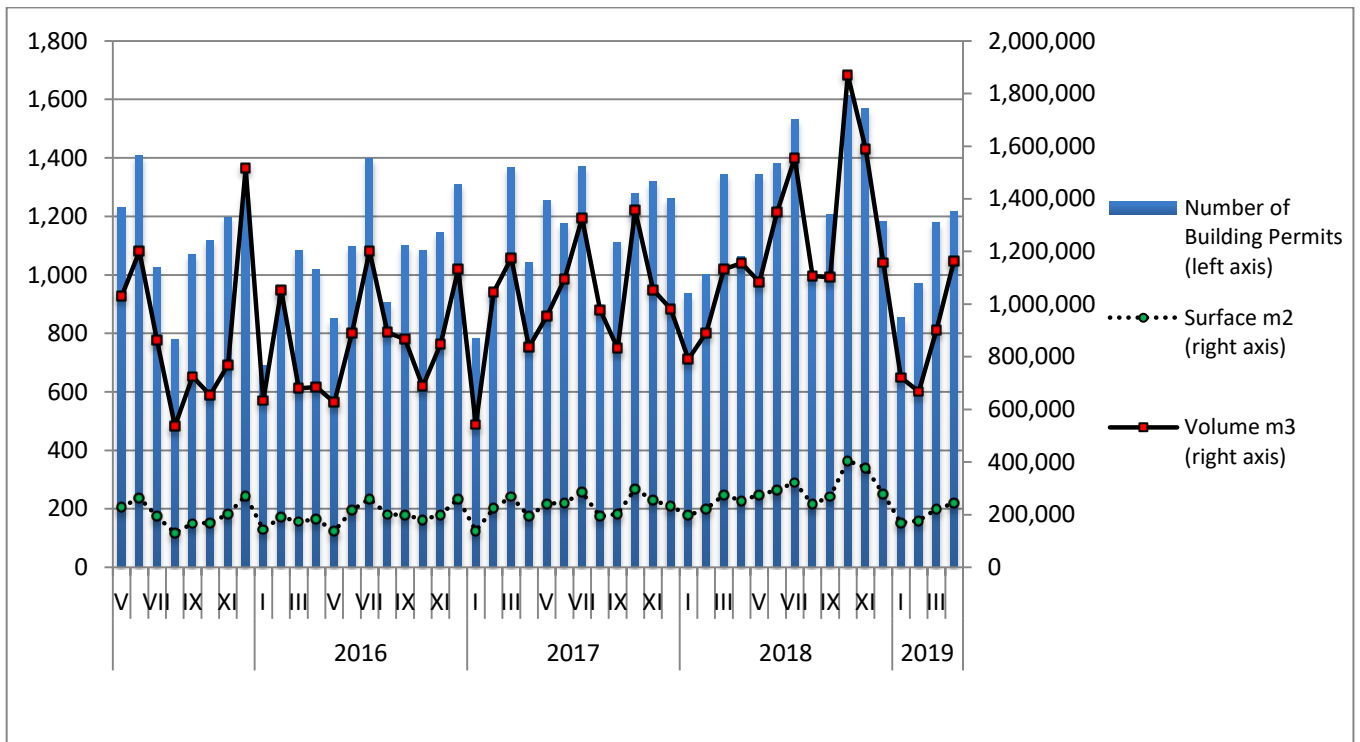
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2017 – April 2018 and May 2018 – April 2019**



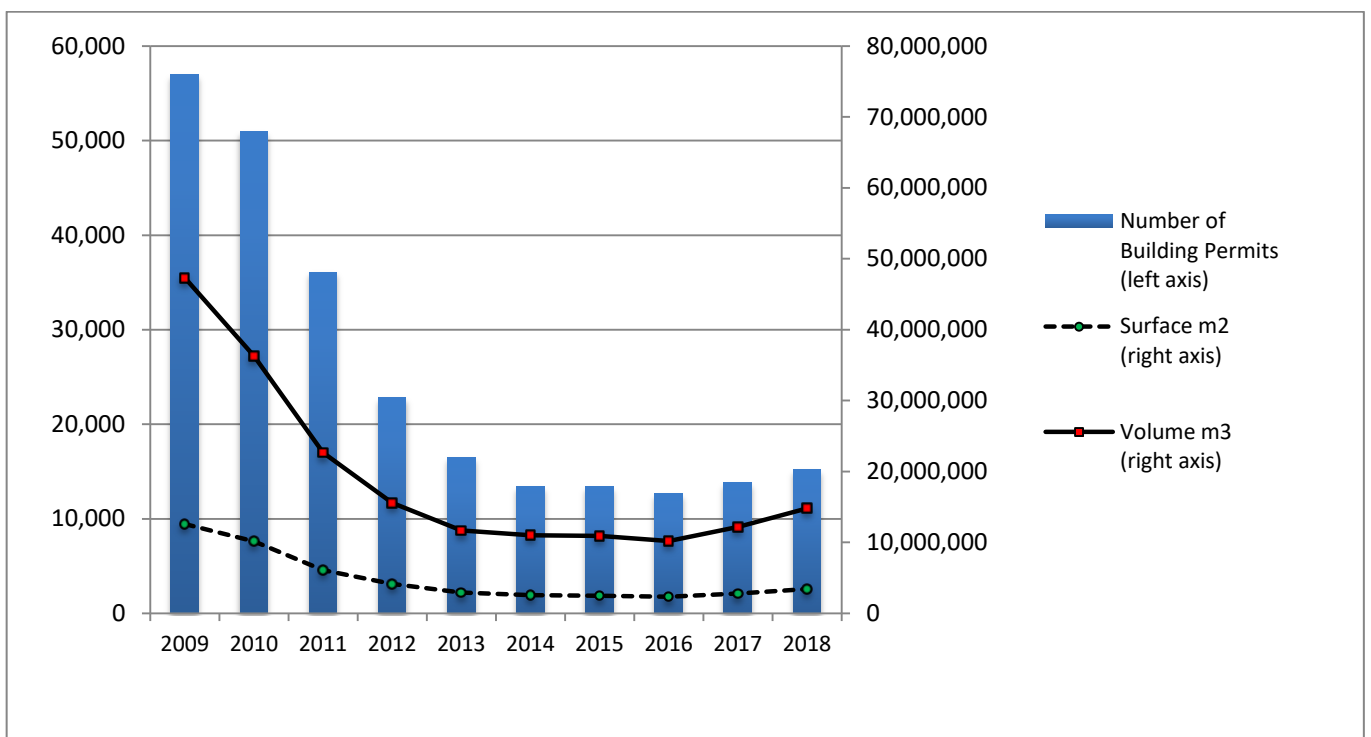
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (May 2015 – April 2019\*)**



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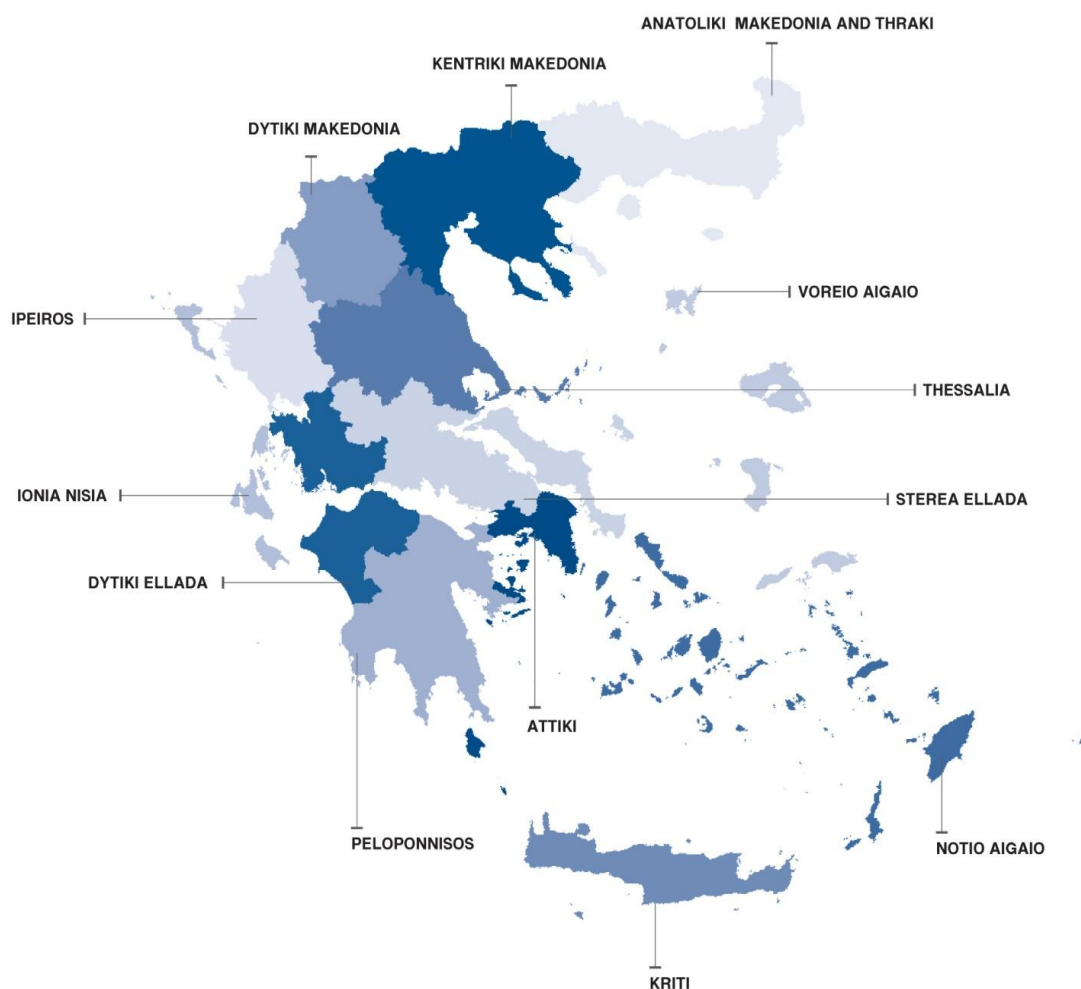
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2009 - 2018)**



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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.
<b>Reference Period</b>	April 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the Country.
<b>Geographical classification</b>	The geographical classification is based on <i>Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics</i> .

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/->