



PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: December 2018

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in December 2018 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,181. This figure corresponds to 297.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,348.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 7.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 20.5% increase in surface and a 27.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2017 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2018 amounted to 1,166. This figure corresponds to 275.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,152.3 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2017 there is a 7.6% decrease in the number of building permits, an 18.2% increase in surface and a 17.3% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2018 amounted to 15. This figure corresponds to 22.0 thousand m² of surface and 196.0 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 14.5% of the total building volume in December 2018.
- In the last twelve months, from January until December 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 15,325. This figure corresponds to 3,529.7 thousand m² of surface and 15,441.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from January until December 2017, there is a 10.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 23.4% increase in surface and a 21.8% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from January until December 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 10.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 22.7% increase in surface and a 21.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January to December 2017 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.3% of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	38	39	2.6	9.1	8.2	-10.6	35.8	30.3	-15.6
Kentriki Makedonia	169	193	14.2	30.9	41.5	34.2	183.3	204.2	11.4
Dytiki Makedonia	20	19	-5.0	2.3	21.1	798.0	10.8	200.6	1764.0
Thessalia	48	63	31.3	11.5	17.0	48.5	41.6	76.1	83.0
Ipeiros	38	44	15.8	9.5	20.3	113.1	44.4	65.5	47.6
Ionioi Nisoi	71	89	25.4	11.4	16.5	45.4	35.1	56.3	60.3
Dytiki Ellada	151	96	-36.4	23.8	17.1	-28.0	98.3	70.2	-28.6
Stereia Ellada	95	66	-30.5	14.3	16.9	18.6	55.4	90.4	63.2
Peloponnisos	111	103	-7.2	19.8	19.6	-1.0	78.7	71.7	-8.9
Attiki	250	228	-8.8	37.0	52.2	41.1	163.2	236.8	45.1
Voreio Aigaio	55	16	-70.9	8.5	1.9	-78.1	33.6	7.8	-76.9
Notio Aigaio	158	137	-13.3	36.5	35.9	-1.5	140.8	124.6	-11.4
Kriti	73	88	20.5	32.1	29.2	-9.2	138.5	113.8	-17.8
Greece, Total	1,277	1,181	-7.5	246.8	297.4	20.5	1,059.5	1,348.2	27.3

*Provisional data for December 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.

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	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	38	39	2.6	9.1	8.2	-10.6	35.8	30.3	-15.6
Kentriki Makedonia	165	189	14.5	26.6	40.4	51.8	164.1	200.1	22.0
Dytiki Makedonia	20	18	-10.0	2.3	7.9	235.8	10.8	53.3	395.7
Thessalia	47	62	31.9	8.8	16.5	87.7	29.2	74.5	155.5
Ipeiros	37	44	18.9	9.4	20.3	116.4	43.7	65.5	49.7
Ionioi Nisoi	71	88	23.9	11.4	16.4	44.2	35.1	55.0	56.4
Dytiki Ellada	150	93	-38.0	23.7	11.8	-50.3	98.2	37.9	-61.4
Stereia Ellada	94	66	-29.8	12.1	16.9	39.8	44.9	90.4	101.4
Peloponnisos	108	101	-6.5	19.5	18.5	-5.0	77.4	66.6	-14.0
Attiki	248	228	-8.1	34.4	52.2	51.8	150.2	236.8	57.6
Voreio Aigaio	55	15	-72.7	8.5	1.2	-85.8	33.6	4.0	-88.0
Notio Aigaio	157	137	-12.7	34.8	35.9	3.2	120.5	124.6	3.4
Kriti	72	86	19.4	32.1	29.1	-9.6	138.5	113.3	-18.2
Greece, Total	1,262	1,166	-7.6	232.9	275.4	18.2	982.1	1,152.3	17.3

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	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	485	483	-0.4	112.9	104.2	-7.7	488.9	414.0	-15.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,851	2,219	19.9	452.1	572.6	26.7	2,521.8	2,970.5	17.8
Dytiki Makedonia	285	246	-13.7	72.2	72.8	0.9	385.6	420.0	8.9
Thessalia	754	874	15.9	189.9	225.6	18.8	937.0	1,162.1	24.0
Ipeiros	474	548	15.6	125.8	158.5	26.0	646.2	623.3	-3.5
Ionioi Nisoi	812	1,014	24.9	196.5	272.8	38.9	634.6	926.3	46.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,193	1,232	3.3	199.4	192.9	-3.3	802.1	725.1	-9.6
Stereia Ellada	1,105	1,054	-4.6	175.9	233.0	32.4	896.5	1,159.5	29.3
Peloponnisos	1,330	1,348	1.4	250.8	247.0	-1.5	1,110.2	974.9	-12.2
Attiki	2,737	3,090	12.9	532.7	696.3	30.7	2,312.4	3,437.1	48.6
Voreio Aigaio	438	446	1.8	52.8	52.7	-0.1	184.2	194.9	5.8
Notio Aigaio	1,379	1,603	16.2	233.3	375.2	60.8	840.4	1,261.4	50.1
Kriti	1,048	1,168	11.5	266.1	326.0	22.5	918.7	1,172.5	27.6
Greece, Total	13,891	15,325	10.3	2,860.3	3,529.7	23.4	12,678.6	15,441.6	21.8

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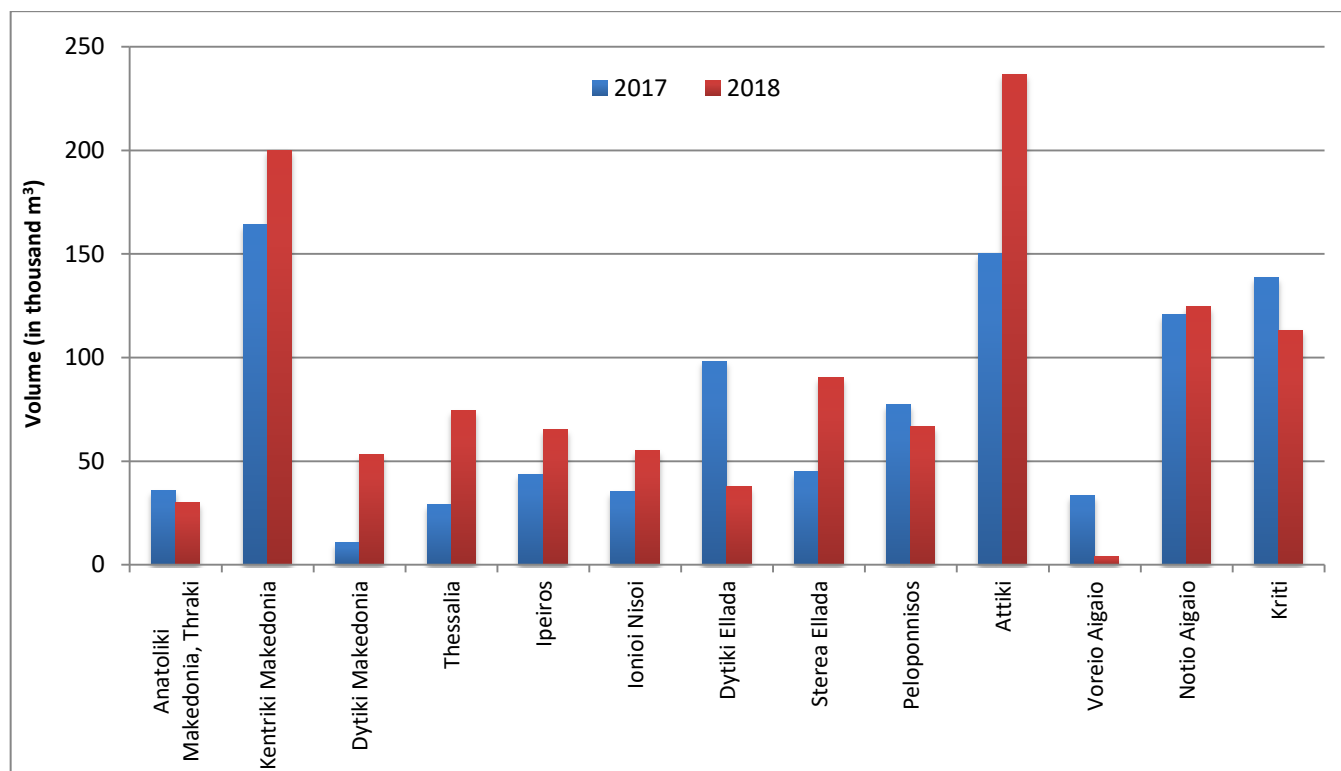
Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January – December 2017 and 2018*

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	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	474	482	1.7	102.6	104.2	1.6	434.1	413.9	-4.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,827	2,185	19.6	437.5	558.5	27.7	2,460.0	2,896.6	17.7
Dytiki Makedonia	281	242	-13.9	69.5	57.8	-16.8	377.0	263.9	-30.0
Thessalia	747	857	14.7	184.3	218.2	18.4	911.2	1,129.0	23.9
Ipeiros	469	544	16.0	105.7	158.0	49.5	449.3	621.8	38.4
Ionioi Nisoi	812	1,012	24.6	196.5	272.0	38.5	634.6	923.2	45.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,190	1,222	2.7	197.0	177.2	-10.0	792.3	649.2	-18.1
Stereia Ellada	1,099	1,040	-5.4	171.2	209.8	22.6	872.5	1,042.6	19.5
Peloponnisos	1,315	1,331	1.2	241.3	232.8	-3.5	1,069.1	921.7	-13.8
Attiki	2,727	3,068	12.5	527.4	684.1	29.7	2,286.5	3,371.2	47.4
Voreio Aigaio	432	434	0.5	52.2	50.0	-4.1	181.3	182.5	0.6
Notio Aigaio	1,374	1,592	15.9	231.6	369.0	59.3	820.1	1,235.4	50.6
Kriti	1,038	1,155	11.3	259.6	313.7	20.8	893.0	1,129.4	26.5
Greece, Total	13,785	15,164	10.0	2,776.2	3,405.5	22.7	12,180.9	14,780.4	21.3

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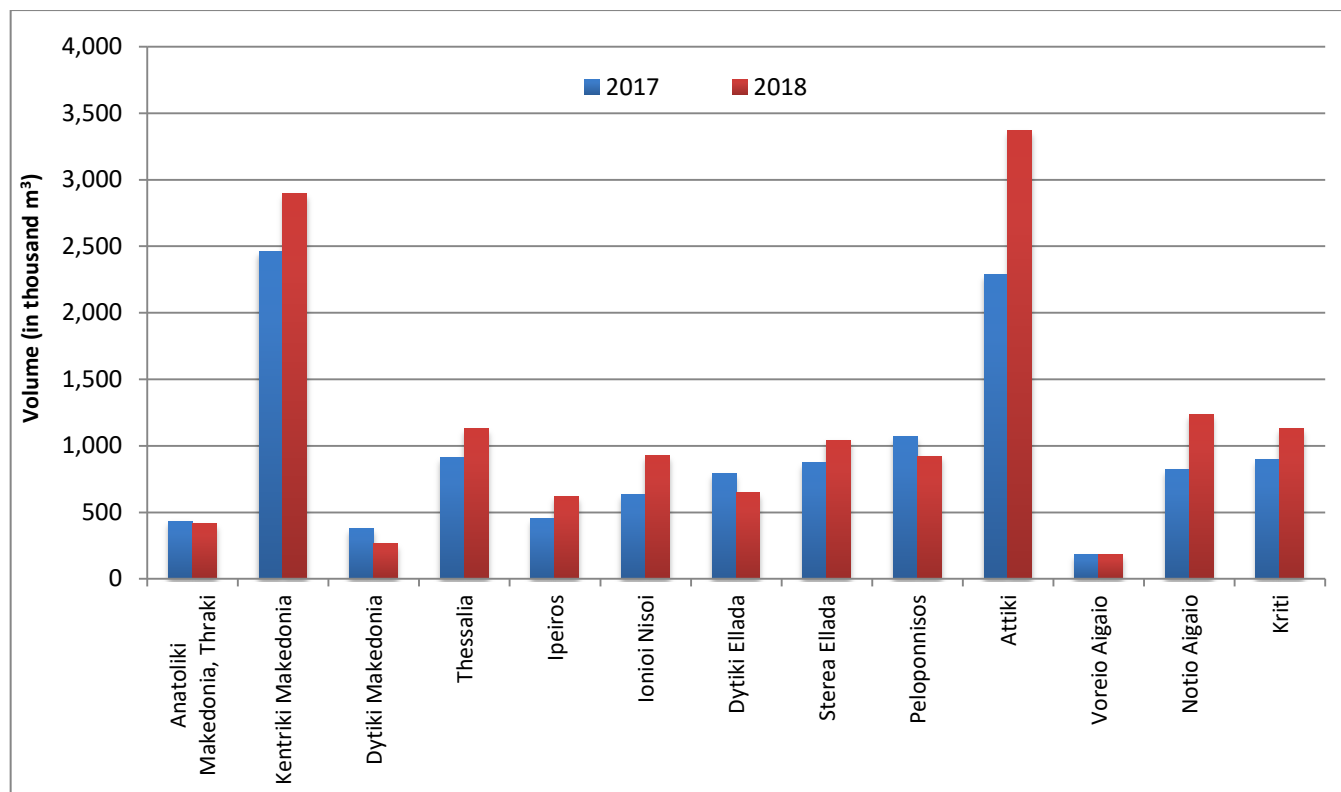
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2017 and 2018 *



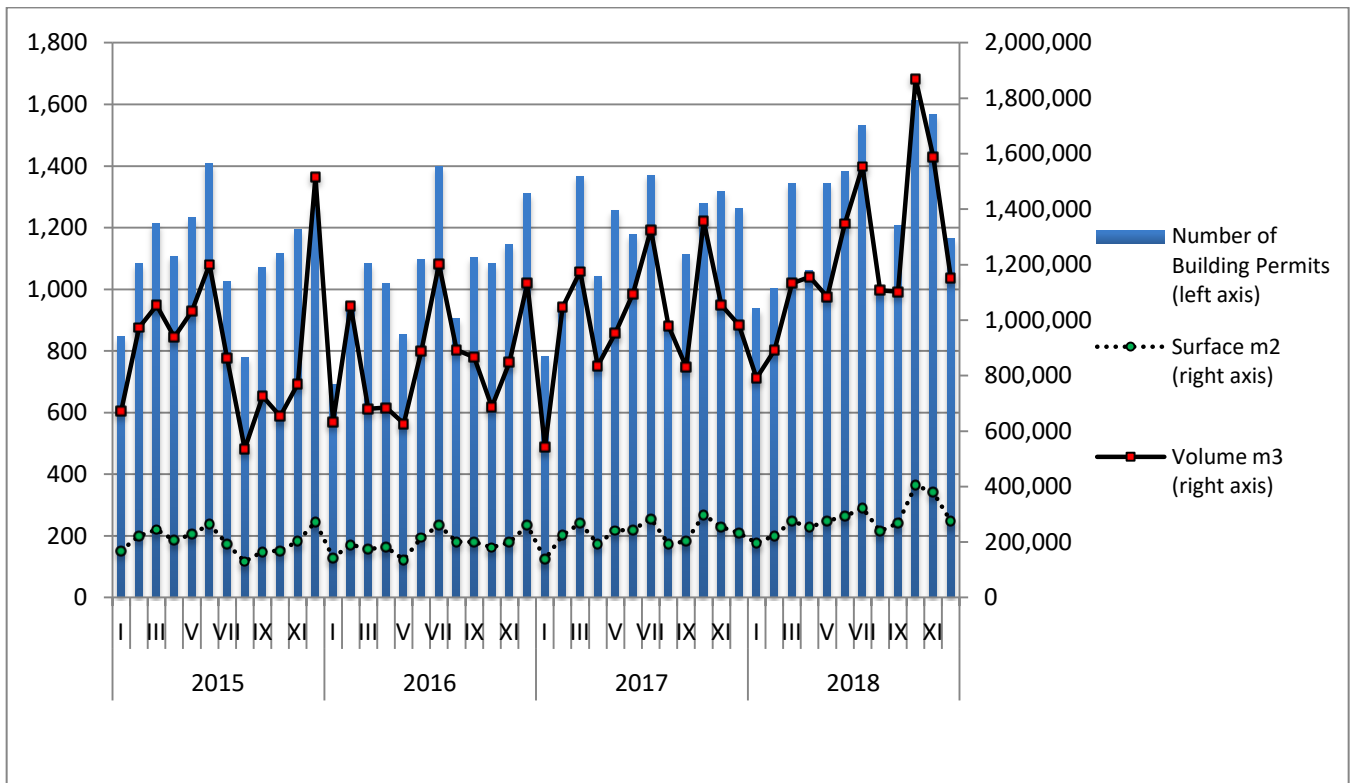
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January – December 2017 and 2018*



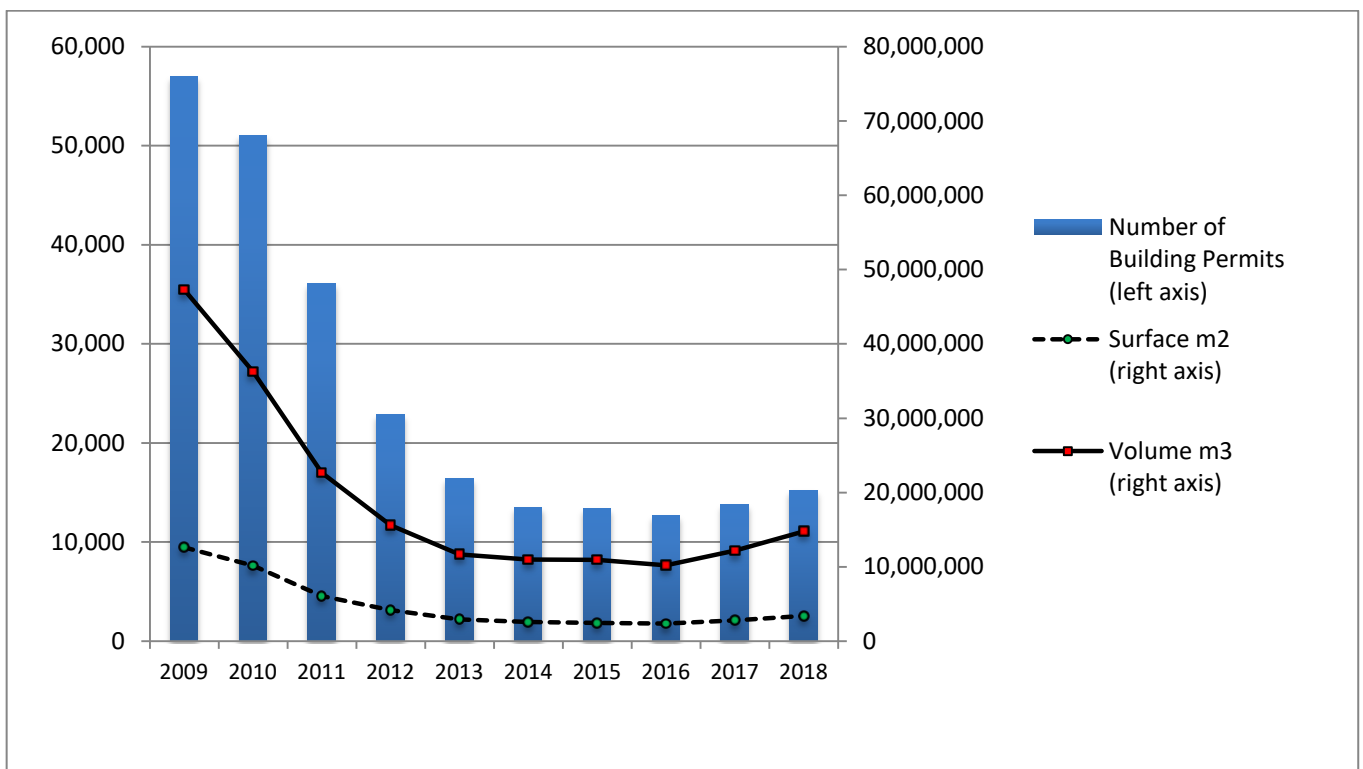
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (January 2015 – December 2018*)



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

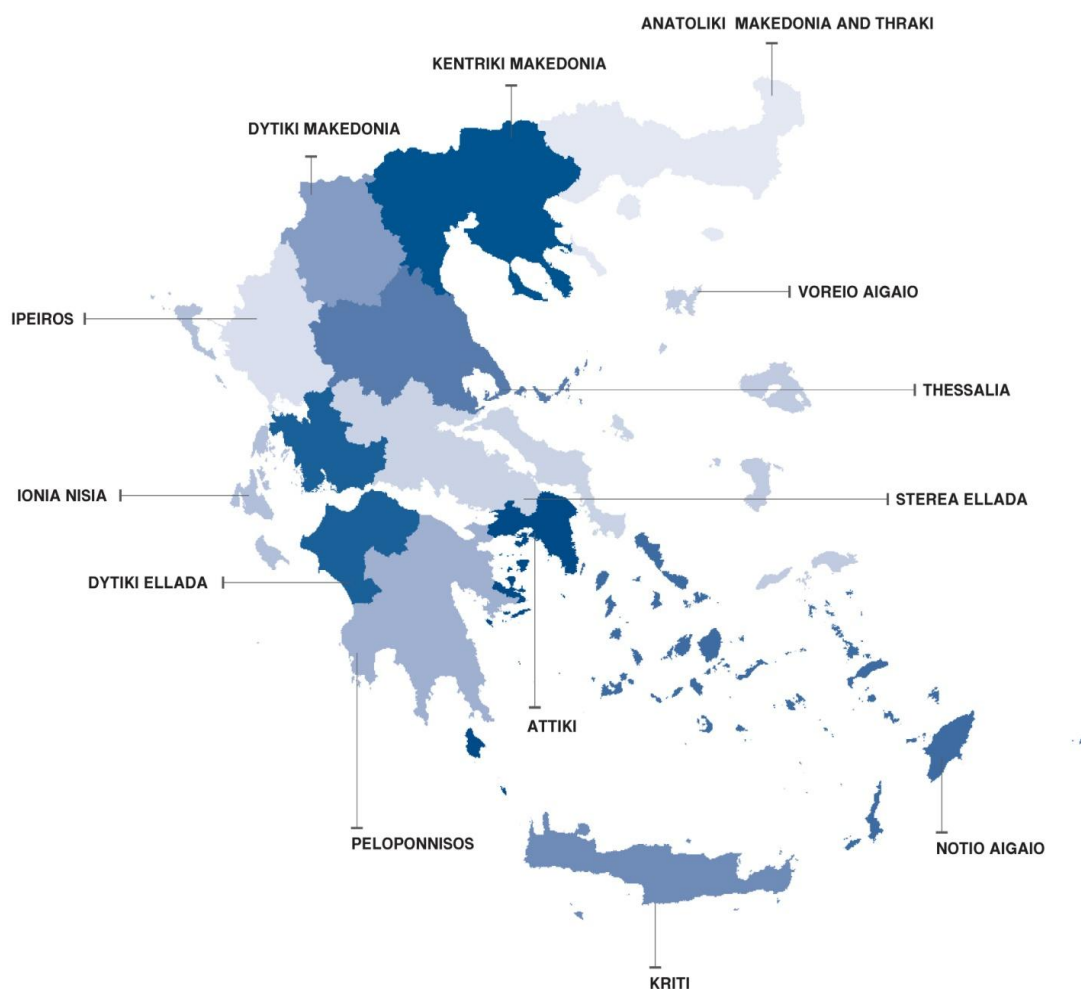


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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	December 1, 2018 to December 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 <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, under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/->