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Building Activity Survey: April 2017

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month April 2017, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in April 2017 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,022. This figure corresponds to 198.6 thousand m² of surface and 855.4 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 0.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 7.4% increase in surface and a 22.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2016 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2017 amounted to 1,017. This figure corresponds to 193.8 thousand m² of surface and 835.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2016 there is a 0.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 6.7% increase in surface and a 22.1% increase in volume (Table 2). The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2017 amounted to 5. This figure corresponds to 4.9 thousand m² of surface and 20.0 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.3% of the total building volume in April 2017.
- In the last twelve months, from May 2016 until April 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,820. This figure corresponds to 2,542.3 thousand m² of surface and 11,063.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from May 2015 until April 2016, there is a 0.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 2.8% decrease in surface and a 22.4% decrease in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from May 2016 until April 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 0.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 6.8% increase in surface and a 3.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from May 2015 to April 2016 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.8% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - April 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 7.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 17.6% increase in surface and a 15.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2016 (Table 5).
- During the same period, January - April 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 19.9% increase in surface and a 17.9% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - April 2016 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	54	48	-11.1	7.7	8.3	7.6	27.6	32.2	16.7
Kentriki Makedonia	172	142	-17.4	36.7	44.1	20.1	148.9	243.9	63.8
Dytiki Makedonia	10	24	140.0	2.7	10.6	295.4	13.1	39.4	201.9
Thessalia	52	65	25.0	8.7	18.3	109.9	33.3	103.9	211.7
Ipeiros	31	37	19.4	10.9	5.3	-51.6	42.2	21.0	-50.1
Ionioi Nisoi	57	60	5.3	11.2	15.6	39.0	36.4	47.6	30.8
Dytiki Ellada	83	69	-16.9	14.6	8.5	-42.2	50.9	31.5	-38.0
Stereia Ellada	88	87	-1.1	9.3	12.1	29.8	34.5	58.4	68.9
Peloponnisos	89	94	5.6	12.1	16.0	31.9	42.1	56.3	33.9
Attiki	205	206	0.5	32.4	29.5	-8.9	147.0	116.8	-20.6
Voreio Aigaio	17	36	111.8	2.5	5.1	107.7	9.7	17.8	83.6
Notio Aigaio	102	87	-14.7	11.5	9.5	-17.6	38.3	31.3	-18.3
Kriti	71	67	-5.6	24.6	15.8	-35.8	76.1	55.3	-27.2
Greece, Total	1,031	1,022	-0.9	185.0	198.6	7.4	700.0	855.4	22.2

*Provisional Data

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 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	54	47	-13.0	7.7	7.8	1.0	27.6	30.2	9.3
Kentriki Makedonia	167	142	-15.0	35.7	44.1	23.6	144.4	243.9	68.9
Dytiki Makedonia	10	23	130.0	2.7	9.2	244.7	13.1	35.5	171.9
Thessalia	52	64	23.1	8.7	16.0	83.6	33.3	93.1	179.3
Ipeiros	31	37	19.4	10.9	5.3	-51.6	42.2	21.0	-50.1
Ionioi Nisoi	57	60	5.3	11.2	15.6	39.0	36.4	47.6	30.8
Dytiki Ellada	83	69	-16.9	14.6	8.5	-42.2	50.9	31.5	-38.0
Stereia Ellada	88	87	-1.1	9.3	12.1	29.8	34.5	58.4	68.9
Peloponnisos	89	93	4.5	12.1	15.3	26.1	42.1	53.1	26.2
Attiki	204	206	1.0	30.8	29.5	-4.3	139.3	116.8	-16.2
Voreio Aigaio	17	36	111.8	2.5	5.1	107.7	9.7	17.8	83.6
Notio Aigaio	101	86	-14.9	10.8	9.5	-11.9	34.7	31.3	-9.9
Kriti	71	67	-5.6	24.6	15.8	-35.8	76.1	55.3	-27.2
Greece, Total	1,024	1,017	-0.7	181.7	193.8	6.7	684.1	835.4	22.1

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2015 - April 2016* and May 2016 - April 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	546	505	-7.5	92.0	119.0	29.3	370.9	556.2	50.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,899	1,735	-8.6	417.8	371.7	-11.0	2,239.1	2,006.5	-10.4
Dytiki Makedonia	246	303	23.2	316.4	65.8	-79.2	3,986.1	325.2	-91.8
Thessalia	668	664	-0.6	167.9	192.3	14.5	1,008.1	1,019.3	1.1
Ipeiros	469	417	-11.1	87.8	87.3	-0.6	355.1	352.9	-0.6
Ionioi Nisoi	603	721	19.6	104.8	158.4	51.1	371.9	538.3	44.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,047	1,064	1.6	174.6	168.4	-3.5	724.8	663.2	-8.5
Stereia Ellada	992	1,107	11.6	181.2	161.3	-11.0	892.7	774.6	-13.2
Peloponnisos	1,374	1,353	-1.5	224.6	237.9	5.9	933.6	985.0	5.5
Attiki	2,321	2,496	7.5	381.5	476.0	24.8	1,667.7	2,102.5	26.1
Voreio Aigaio	464	355	-23.5	69.3	43.1	-37.7	267.0	144.6	-45.8
Notio Aigaio	1,173	1,115	-4.9	178.5	184.8	3.5	679.3	620.0	-8.7
Kriti	965	985	2.1	219.9	276.3	25.6	753.9	975.2	29.4
Greece, Total	12,767	12,820	0.4	2,616.3	2,542.3	-2.8	14,250.1	11,063.7	-22.4

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2015 - April 2016* and May 2016 - April 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	536	496	-7.5	88.5	116.1	31.1	352.0	542.9	54.2
Kentriki Makedonia	1,861	1,714	-7.9	408.6	359.3	-12.1	2,204.8	1,949.7	-11.6
Dytiki Makedonia	241	302	25.3	60.2	64.4	7.0	311.4	321.3	3.2
Thessalia	666	654	-1.8	167.7	187.9	12.1	1,007.0	999.3	-0.8
Ipeiros	462	415	-10.2	84.2	87.3	3.7	339.6	352.8	3.9
Ionioi Nisoi	603	720	19.4	104.8	154.4	47.3	371.9	502.9	35.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,046	1,059	1.2	171.6	163.3	-4.9	712.6	640.5	-10.1
Stereia Ellada	988	1,100	11.3	180.8	159.9	-11.6	891.4	769.5	-13.7
Peloponnisos	1,368	1,342	-1.9	224.1	235.1	4.9	931.7	971.7	4.3
Attiki	2,312	2,484	7.4	370.3	453.1	22.3	1,625.8	2,011.9	23.7
Voreio Aigaio	461	354	-23.2	64.7	43.1	-33.3	249.0	144.6	-41.9
Notio Aigaio	1,163	1,105	-5.0	176.4	181.7	3.0	670.7	605.8	-9.7
Kriti	957	976	2.0	212.7	267.4	25.7	726.2	944.4	30.1
Greece, Total	12,664	12,721	0.5	2,314.8	2,473.0	6.8	10,394.1	10,757.4	3.5

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - April 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	158	136	-13.9	20.0	34.6	72.5	78.2	175.2	124.0
Kentriki Makedonia	585	522	-10.8	148.8	120.5	-19.0	900.8	626.6	-30.4
Dytiki Makedonia	49	74	51.0	14.2	22.2	56.6	66.5	129.7	95.0
Thessalia	189	199	5.3	38.3	68.7	79.3	170.0	420.7	147.6
Ipeiros	128	135	5.5	28.6	28.7	0.1	104.9	119.3	13.7
Ionioi Nisoi	217	265	22.1	44.6	66.5	49.1	164.2	211.5	28.8
Dytiki Ellada	275	334	21.5	42.4	51.1	20.7	150.8	185.0	22.7
Stereia Ellada	297	311	4.7	33.6	37.7	12.4	130.6	169.0	29.4
Peloponnisos	377	405	7.4	59.4	70.7	19.1	261.4	293.2	12.2
Attiki	748	844	12.8	135.0	176.9	31.1	569.7	793.2	39.2
Voreio Aigaio	95	126	32.6	11.9	14.9	25.3	45.6	50.4	10.4
Notio Aigaio	354	381	7.6	55.7	55.2	-0.9	250.5	192.0	-23.3
Kriti	280	314	12.1	80.3	90.7	13.0	264.6	288.0	8.9
Greece, Total	3,752	4,046	7.8	712.8	838.5	17.6	3,157.8	3,653.9	15.7

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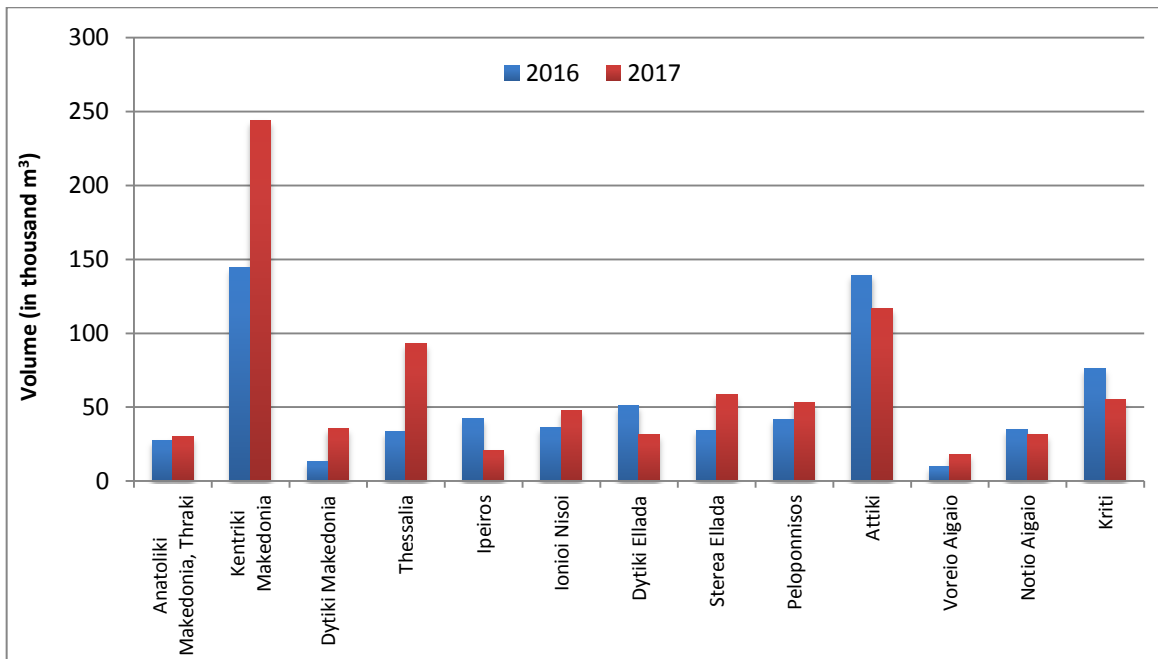
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - April 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	156	132	-15.4	20.0	33.6	67.8	78.1	171.5	119.5
Kentriki Makedonia	575	517	-10.1	142.5	119.5	-16.2	876.0	622.0	-29.0
Dytiki Makedonia	48	73	52.1	11.6	20.8	80.4	51.0	125.8	146.8
Thessalia	189	196	3.7	38.3	66.1	72.5	170.0	408.9	140.6
Ipeiros	124	135	8.9	25.3	28.7	13.5	90.6	119.3	31.7
Ionioi Nisoi	217	265	22.1	44.6	66.5	49.1	164.2	211.5	28.8
Dytiki Ellada	275	333	21.1	42.4	49.3	16.4	150.8	177.8	17.9
Stereia Ellada	295	310	5.1	33.2	37.6	13.1	129.5	168.6	30.2
Peloponnisos	376	402	6.9	59.1	70.0	18.4	260.5	290.0	11.3
Attiki	746	842	12.9	133.5	176.6	32.3	562.0	791.8	40.9
Voreio Aigaio	95	126	32.6	11.9	14.9	25.3	45.6	50.4	10.4
Notio Aigaio	348	380	9.2	54.3	55.2	1.8	244.3	192.0	-21.4
Kriti	275	312	13.5	74.1	89.1	20.3	240.7	281.7	17.0
Greece, Total	3,719	4,023	8.2	690.7	827.9	19.9	3,063.3	3,611.2	17.9

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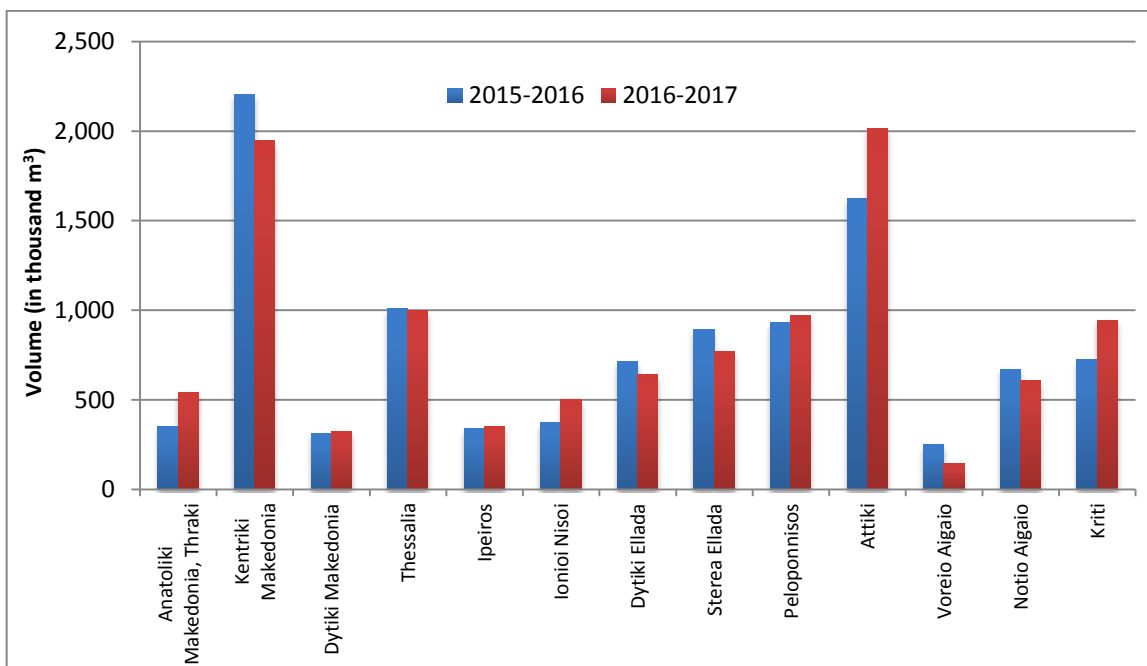
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2016* and 2017 *



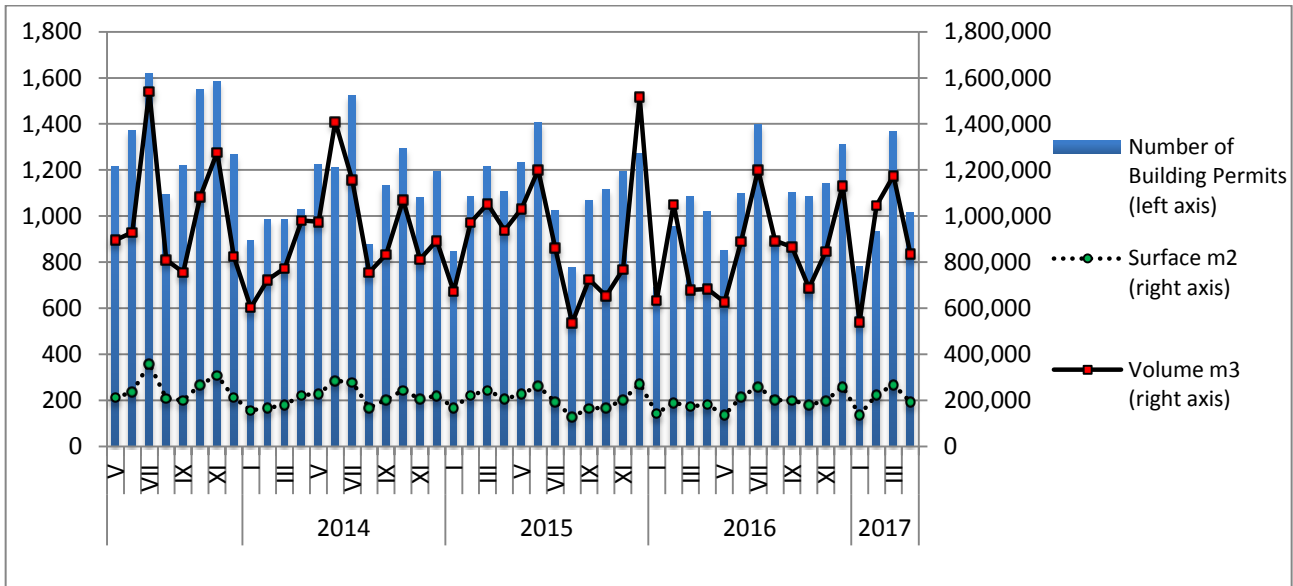
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2015 - April 2016* and May 2016 - April 2017*



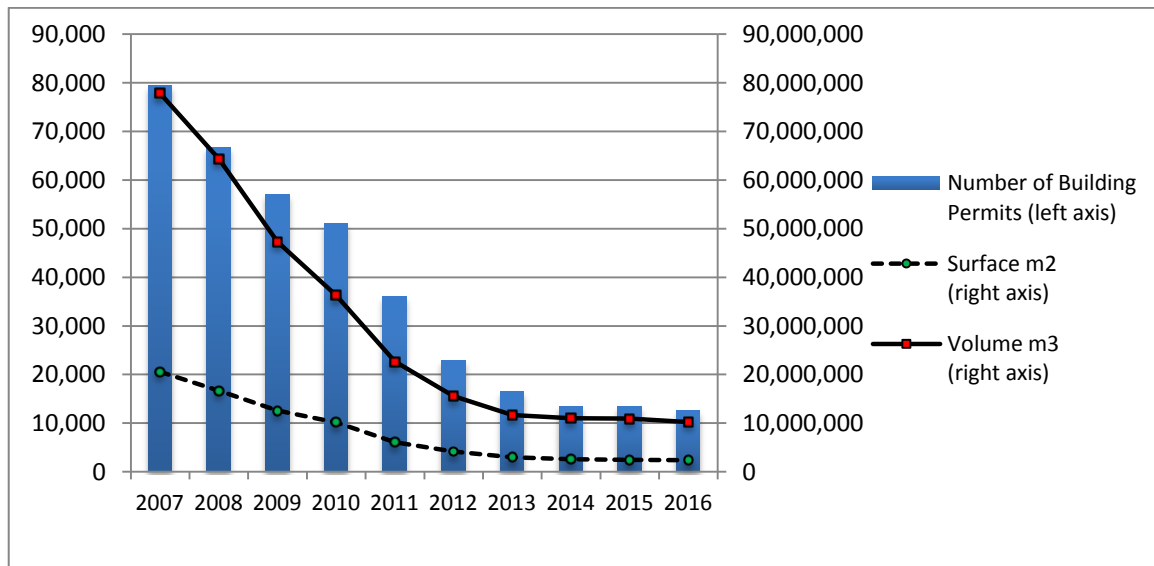
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (May 2013 – April 2017*)



**Provisional data for April 2017*

Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2007 - 2016)



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, 2017 to April 30, 2017
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 net 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/-