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Building Activity Survey: September 2018

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in September 2018 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,197. This figure corresponds to 263.9 thousand m² of surface and 1,113.4 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 6.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 23.3% increase in surface and a 25.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2017 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2018 amounted to 1,186. This figure corresponds to 262.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,104.8 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2017 there is a 6.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 29.2% increase in surface and a 32.8% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2018 amounted to 11. This figure corresponds to 1.7 thousand m² of surface and 8.5 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.8% of the total building volume in September 2018.
- In the last twelve months, from October 2017 until September 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 14,794. This figure corresponds to 3,243.4 thousand m² of surface and 14,225.9 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from October 2016 until September 2017, there is a 9.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 20.6% increase in surface and a 21.3% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from October 2017 until September 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 18.8% increase in surface and an 18.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from October 2016 to September 2017 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.7% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - September 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 9.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 18.9% increase in surface and a 17.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2017 (Table 5). During the same period, January - September 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 17.6% increase in surface and a 15.7% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - September 2017 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	51	41	-19.6	15.5	11.0	-29.1	68.5	57.3	-16.4
Kentriki Makedonia	169	189	11.8	27.2	42.1	54.4	125.4	203.2	62.1
Dytiki Makedonia	31	23	-25.8	5.4	6.8	26.0	19.3	29.2	51.4
Thessalia	77	66	-14.3	12.0	13.5	12.4	53.4	70.5	31.8
Ipeiros	43	46	7.0	9.8	16.9	71.5	36.6	65.7	79.4
Ionioi Nisoi	70	80	14.3	16.3	21.0	28.6	53.8	77.7	44.3
Dytiki Ellada	87	103	18.4	11.1	17.5	57.5	36.1	65.0	80.1
Stereia Ellada	74	88	18.9	10.7	23.1	115.0	48.7	130.8	168.5
Peloponnisos	78	108	38.5	22.0	15.4	-29.9	127.6	58.3	-54.3
Attiki	172	211	22.7	35.2	37.3	6.0	142.2	153.6	8.0
Voreio Aigaio	38	42	10.5	5.8	6.3	8.9	22.6	20.1	-10.9
Notio Aigaio	151	118	-21.9	27.7	24.6	-11.2	98.6	85.7	-13.1
Kriti	82	82	0.0	15.2	28.4	86.4	51.9	96.4	85.6
Greece, Total	1,123	1,197	6.6	214.1	263.9	23.3	884.8	1,113.4	25.8

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	49	41	-16.3	10.0	11.0	9.5	32.9	57.3	73.8
Kentriki Makedonia	166	188	13.3	23.9	42.1	75.9	116.1	203.2	74.9
Dytiki Makedonia	29	23	-20.7	4.1	6.8	65.9	14.6	29.2	99.5
Thessalia	76	65	-14.5	12.0	13.5	12.4	53.4	70.5	31.8
Ipeiros	43	46	7.0	9.8	16.9	71.5	36.6	65.7	79.4
Ionioi Nisoi	70	80	14.3	16.3	21.0	28.6	53.8	77.7	44.3
Dytiki Ellada	87	103	18.4	11.1	17.5	57.5	36.1	65.0	80.1
Stereia Ellada	74	88	18.9	10.7	23.1	115.0	48.7	130.8	168.5
Peloponnisos	77	106	37.7	21.4	14.0	-34.8	126.0	50.6	-59.9
Attiki	172	209	21.5	35.2	37.0	5.1	142.2	152.8	7.4
Voreio Aigaio	38	40	5.3	5.8	6.3	8.9	22.6	20.1	-10.9
Notio Aigaio	151	117	-22.5	27.7	24.6	-11.2	98.6	85.7	-13.1
Kriti	80	80	0.0	14.7	28.4	93.3	49.9	96.4	93.1
Greece, Total	1,112	1,186	6.7	202.8	262.1	29.2	831.8	1,104.8	32.8

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	518	448	-13.5	125.8	105.6	-16.0	590.0	433.5	-26.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,747	2,118	21.2	398.8	523.7	31.3	2,092.4	2,848.6	36.1
Dytiki Makedonia	298	250	-16.1	71.2	58.3	-18.2	375.3	254.3	-32.3
Thessalia	739	833	12.7	183.3	213.1	16.3	970.8	1,097.6	13.1
Ipeiros	462	513	11.0	102.2	144.9	41.9	438.1	701.0	60.0
Ionioi Nisoi	776	924	19.1	178.6	243.3	36.2	577.8	816.0	41.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,155	1,267	9.7	175.5	209.7	19.5	687.1	812.9	18.3
Stereia Ellada	1,076	1,124	4.5	167.1	233.3	39.7	878.1	1,315.5	28.9
Peloponnisos	1,359	1,353	-0.4	236.0	261.6	10.8	1,066.0	1,063.4	-0.2
Attiki	2,682	2,866	6.9	540.4	553.6	2.4	2,305.9	2,571.3	11.5
Voreio Aigaio	412	463	12.4	48.5	53.1	9.5	166.6	191.1	14.7
Notio Aigaio	1,288	1,532	18.9	193.6	344.0	77.7	655.6	1,199.1	82.9
Kriti	1,058	1,103	4.3	269.0	299.2	11.2	921.4	1,105.8	20.0
Greece, Total	13,570	14,794	9.0	2,690.0	3,243.4	20.6	11,725.2	14,225.9	21.3

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	507	446	-12.0	116.0	104.9	-9.6	537.4	430.7	-19.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,726	2,086	20.9	390.2	502.3	28.7	2,062.1	2,738.5	32.8
Dytiki Makedonia	295	247	-16.3	68.6	57.4	-16.3	366.8	250.3	-31.8
Thessalia	729	822	12.8	178.6	208.5	16.7	949.4	1,078.2	13.6
Ipeiros	460	507	10.2	99.4	127.2	27.9	422.3	518.6	22.8
Ionioi Nisoi	776	923	18.9	178.6	242.6	35.8	577.8	814.2	40.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,152	1,262	9.5	173.1	202.5	17.0	677.4	782.8	15.6
Stereia Ellada	1,071	1,112	3.8	166.7	207.2	24.4	876.4	996.9	13.7
Peloponnisos	1,343	1,338	-0.4	228.5	248.1	8.6	1,030.8	1,015.3	-1.5
Attiki	2,671	2,847	6.6	529.2	542.9	2.6	2,245.7	2,512.3	11.9
Voreio Aigaio	409	453	10.8	48.1	51.3	6.8	164.4	184.2	12.1
Notio Aigaio	1,278	1,519	18.9	191.0	336.5	76.2	643.9	1,154.1	79.2
Kriti	1,049	1,091	4.0	263.5	294.2	11.6	902.0	1,086.8	20.5
Greece, Total	13,466	14,653	8.8	2,631.5	3,125.7	18.8	11,456.4	13,563.0	18.4

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – September 2017 and 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	365	328	-10.1	84.9	77.6	-8.6	376.2	320.8	-14.7
Kentriki Makedonia	1,312	1,579	20.4	323.0	394.6	22.2	1,702.4	2,029.1	19.2
Dytiki Makedonia	217	182	-16.1	56.6	42.7	-24.5	316.0	184.7	-41.6
Thessalia	555	634	14.2	142.2	165.4	16.3	743.2	903.8	21.6
Ipeiros	350	389	11.1	84.0	103.1	22.8	364.9	419.7	15.0
Ionioi Nisoi	597	709	18.8	143.5	190.3	32.6	463.7	645.0	39.1
Dytiki Ellada	825	899	9.0	130.5	140.8	7.9	522.5	533.4	2.1
Stereia Ellada	778	797	2.4	127.6	185.0	45.0	689.8	924.8	34.1
Peloponnisos	990	1,013	2.3	166.8	177.6	6.5	760.8	714.1	-6.1
Attiki	2,014	2,143	6.4	425.0	445.9	4.9	1,862.2	2,121.0	13.9
Voreio Aigaio	303	328	8.3	37.1	37.4	0.9	127.8	134.6	5.3
Notio Aigaio	922	1,075	16.6	124.5	235.2	88.9	427.0	785.7	84.0
Kriti	769	824	7.2	184.6	217.7	17.9	608.4	795.5	30.8
Greece, Total	9,997	10,900	9.0	2,030.2	2,413.3	18.9	8,964.9	10,512.2	17.3

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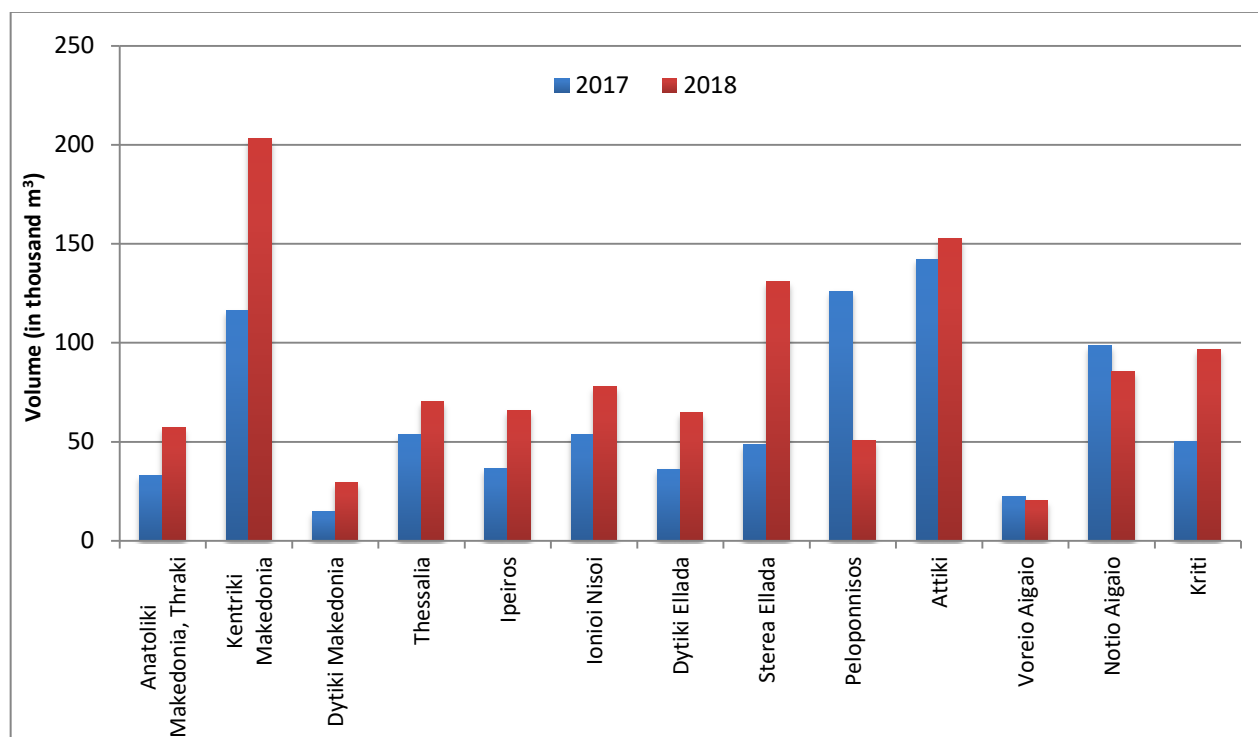
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - September 2017 and 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	355	327	-7.9	75.3	77.6	3.0	324.1	320.7	-1.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,298	1,557	20.0	317.2	382.1	20.4	1,683.1	1,961.6	16.5
Dytiki Makedonia	214	180	-15.9	54.0	41.9	-22.4	307.5	180.7	-41.2
Thessalia	550	625	13.6	139.2	163.5	17.4	729.8	896.8	22.9
Ipeiros	348	386	10.9	81.3	102.7	26.4	349.0	418.3	19.9
Ionioi Nisoi	597	708	18.6	143.5	189.6	32.2	463.7	643.3	38.7
Dytiki Ellada	823	895	8.7	128.1	133.7	4.4	512.8	503.3	-1.8
Stereia Ellada	774	787	1.7	127.2	163.2	28.3	688.3	812.8	18.1
Peloponnisos	980	1,003	2.3	161.3	168.1	4.2	734.9	681.1	-7.3
Attiki	2,006	2,126	6.0	422.3	437.9	3.7	1,849.3	2,075.1	12.2
Voreio Aigaio	300	321	7.0	36.6	35.8	-2.2	125.6	128.5	2.3
Notio Aigaio	920	1,065	15.8	124.5	229.4	84.3	427.0	761.0	78.2
Kriti	762	815	7.0	180.5	215.0	19.1	593.2	787.1	32.7
Greece, Total	9,927	10,795	8.7	1,990.9	2,340.4	17.6	8,788.2	10,170.3	15.7

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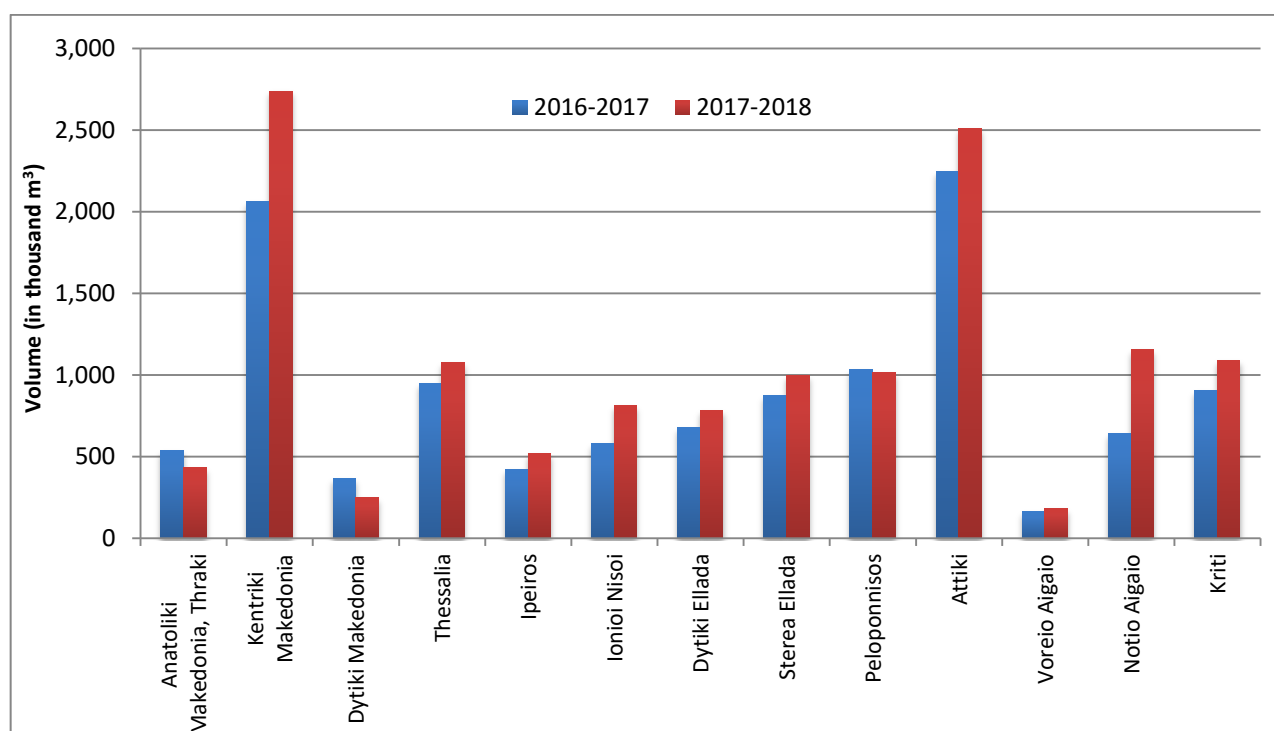
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), September 2017 and 2018 *



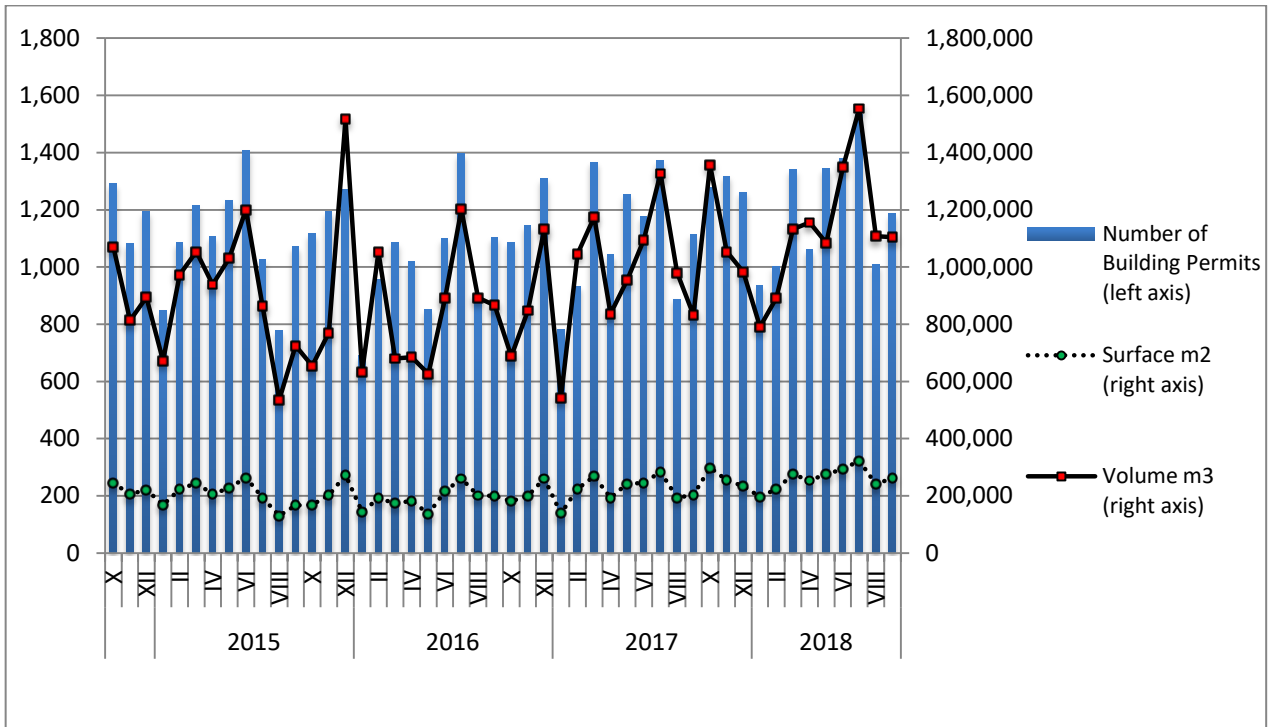
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), October 2016 – September 2017 and October 2017 – September 2018*



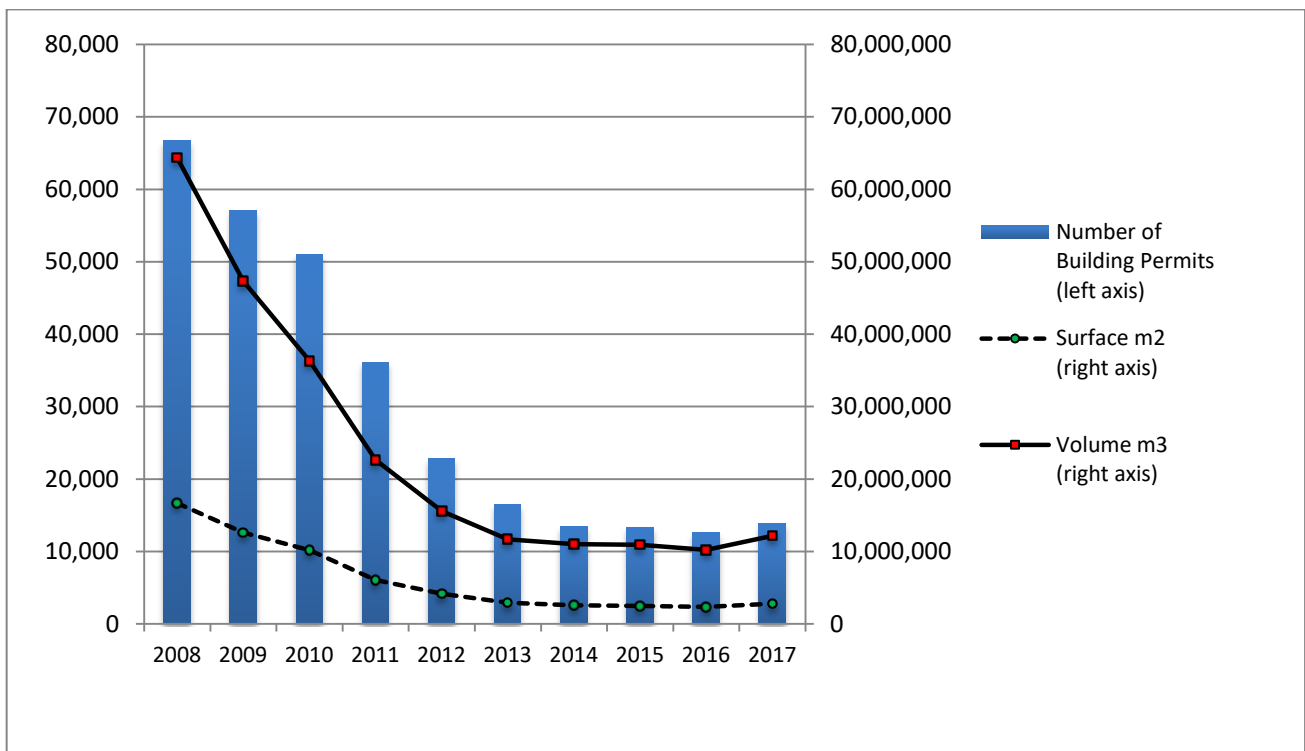
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (October 2014 – September 2018*)



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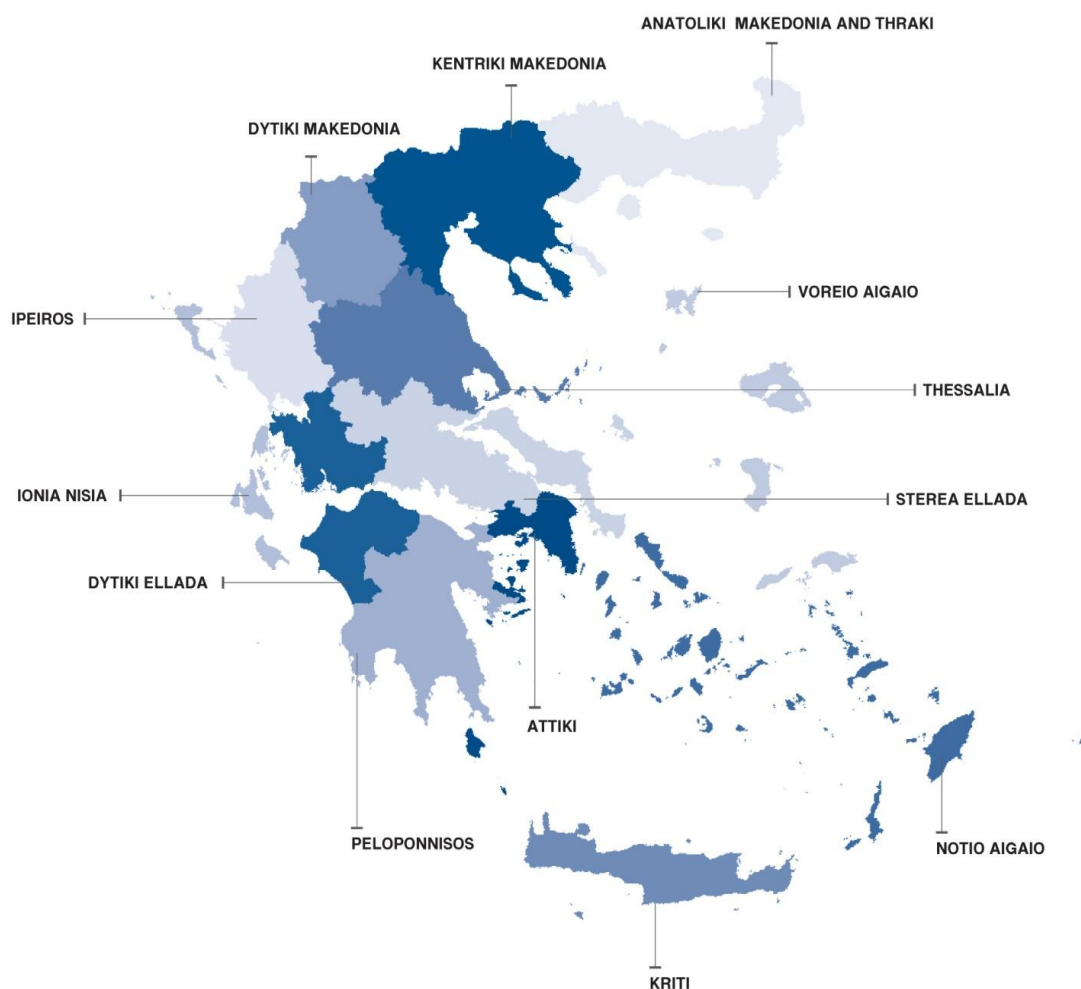
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2008 - 2017)



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	September 1, 2018 to September 30, 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/->