



PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: January 2019

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in January 2019 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 853. This figure corresponds to 170.6 thousand m² of surface and 731.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 10.2% decrease in the number of building permits, an 18.0% decrease in surface and a 12.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2018 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2019 amounted to 847. This figure corresponds to 168.6 thousand m² of surface and 719.3 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2018 there is a 9.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 14.2% decrease in surface and a 9.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2019 amounted to 6. This figure corresponds to 2.0 thousand m² of surface and 11.7 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.6% of the total building volume in January 2019.
- In the last twelve months, from February 2018 until January 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 15,245. This figure corresponds to 3,495.1 thousand m² of surface and 15,343.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from February 2017 until January 2018, there is an 8.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 19.4% increase in surface and an 18.4% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from February 2018 until January 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 19.3% increase in surface and an 18.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2017 to January 2018 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.1% of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	35	34	-2.9	6.7	4.4	-34.2	25.9	17.1	-34.3
Kentriki Makedonia	134	105	-21.6	31.5	26.2	-16.8	150.9	160.4	6.3
Dytiki Makedonia	14	13	-7.1	1.8	2.8	58.1	7.3	9.2	25.3
Thessalia	47	44	-6.4	10.5	6.7	-36.5	46.3	22.6	-51.1
Ipeiros	32	18	-43.8	6.8	5.0	-27.0	25.3	21.3	-15.8
Ionioi Nisoi	54	59	9.3	10.8	8.5	-21.4	36.0	28.2	-21.7
Dytiki Ellada	68	57	-16.2	17.1	7.2	-57.8	65.8	28.6	-56.6
Stereia Ellada	74	52	-29.7	13.4	7.9	-41.4	47.9	34.5	-28.0
Peloponnisos	100	93	-7.0	15.3	13.7	-10.7	57.9	56.4	-2.6
Attiki	182	175	-3.8	39.2	24.4	-37.8	175.0	83.3	-52.4
Voreio Aigaio	35	17	-51.4	4.5	1.6	-64.9	18.7	8.5	-54.4
Notio Aigaio	83	109	31.3	20.5	32.4	58.1	62.8	112.4	78.9
Kriti	92	77	-16.3	30.0	29.9	-0.2	115.6	148.6	28.6
Greece, Total	950	853	-10.2	208.2	170.6	-18.0	835.4	731.0	-12.5

*Provisional data for January 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), January 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	35	34	-2.9	6.7	4.4	-34.2	25.9	17.1	-34.3
Kentriki Makedonia	134	104	-22.4	31.5	26.2	-16.9	150.9	160.4	6.3
Dytiki Makedonia	13	13	0.0	1.2	2.8	143.3	4.5	9.2	106.3
Thessalia	45	43	-4.4	10.4	6.7	-36.2	46.2	22.6	-51.0
Ipeiros	31	18	-41.9	6.8	5.0	-27.0	25.3	21.3	-15.8
Ionioi Nisoi	54	59	9.3	10.8	8.5	-21.4	36.0	28.2	-21.7
Dytiki Ellada	67	57	-14.9	11.7	7.2	-37.9	43.8	28.6	-34.8
Stereia Ellada	70	52	-25.7	10.3	7.9	-23.3	35.8	34.5	-3.7
Peloponnisos	100	89	-11.0	15.3	11.7	-23.7	57.9	44.7	-22.8
Attiki	181	175	-3.3	39.2	24.4	-37.8	175.0	83.3	-52.4
Voreio Aigaio	34	17	-50.0	4.2	1.6	-62.6	17.5	8.5	-51.5
Notio Aigaio	82	109	32.9	20.5	32.4	58.1	62.8	112.4	78.9
Kriti	91	77	-15.4	28.0	29.9	7.1	109.4	148.6	35.8
Greece, Total	937	847	-9.6	196.5	168.6	-14.2	791.1	719.3	-9.1

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2017– January 2018 and February 2018– January 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2017-18	2018-19		2017-18	2018-19		2017-18	2018-19	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	495	482	-2.6	116.9	102.0	-12.7	506.2	405.1	-20.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,920	2,190	14.1	470.1	567.2	20.7	2,593.6	2,979.9	14.9
Dytiki Makedonia	289	245	-15.2	72.1	73.8	2.5	386.6	421.9	9.1
Thessalia	763	874	14.5	186.9	222.2	18.9	904.7	1,139.9	26.0
Ipeiros	487	534	9.7	129.9	156.6	20.6	662.6	619.3	-6.5
Ionioi Nisoi	809	1,018	25.8	191.5	270.5	41.3	619.7	918.5	48.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,203	1,222	1.6	206.0	183.1	-11.1	832.7	687.9	-17.4
Stereia Ellada	1,103	1,032	-6.4	181.2	227.5	25.5	910.4	1,146.1	25.9
Peloponnisos	1,329	1,342	1.0	254.3	245.3	-3.5	1,119.6	973.3	-13.1
Attiki	2,752	3,084	12.1	546.7	681.5	24.7	2,396.1	3,348.4	39.7
Voreio Aigaio	452	428	-5.3	55.0	49.8	-9.5	195.7	184.7	-5.6
Notio Aigaio	1,388	1,639	18.1	239.6	388.6	62.2	851.7	1,311.4	54.0
Kriti	1,066	1,155	8.3	277.0	326.9	18.0	981.0	1,207.0	23.0
Greece, Total	14,056	15,245	8.5	2,927.2	3,495.1	19.4	12,960.6	15,343.5	18.4

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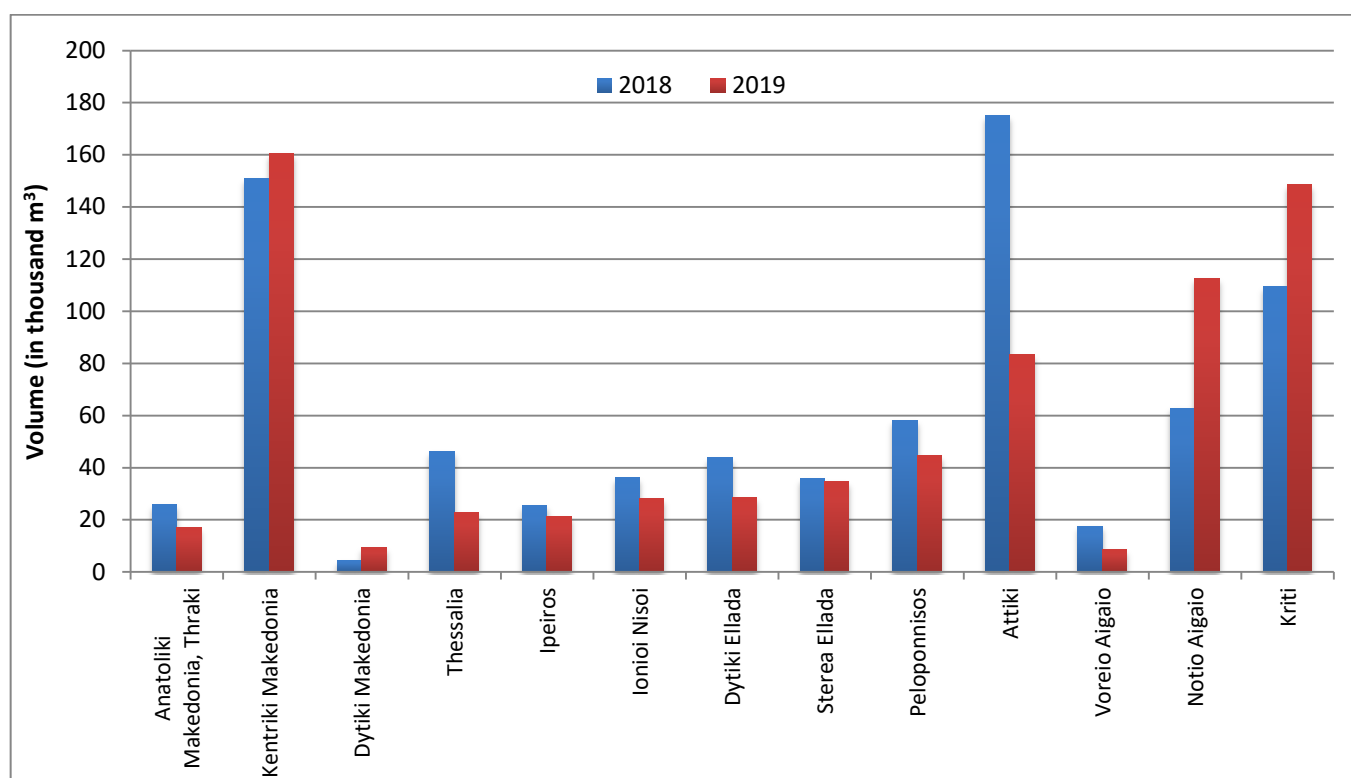
Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2017– January 2018 and February 2018– January 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2017-18	2018-19		2017-18	2018-19		2017-18	2018-19	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	484	481	-0.6	106.5	102.0	-4.3	451.4	405.1	-10.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,897	2,155	13.6	455.5	553.2	21.4	2,531.7	2,905.9	14.8
Dytiki Makedonia	284	242	-14.8	68.8	59.5	-13.5	375.1	268.6	-28.4
Thessalia	754	858	13.8	181.3	214.8	18.5	878.7	1,107.0	26.0
Ipeiros	481	531	10.4	109.8	156.2	42.2	465.7	617.8	32.7
Ionioi Nisoi	809	1,016	25.6	191.5	269.7	40.8	619.7	915.4	47.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,200	1,213	1.1	199.9	173.0	-13.5	808.2	633.9	-21.6
Stereia Ellada	1,093	1,022	-6.5	173.3	207.4	19.7	874.3	1,041.3	19.1
Peloponnisos	1,314	1,321	0.5	244.9	229.2	-6.4	1,078.5	908.5	-15.8
Attiki	2,742	3,063	11.7	541.8	669.3	23.5	2,371.7	3,282.6	38.4
Voreio Aigaio	445	417	-6.3	54.1	47.4	-12.5	191.7	173.4	-9.5
Notio Aigaio	1,382	1,628	17.8	237.8	382.4	60.8	831.4	1,285.4	54.6
Kriti	1,056	1,143	8.2	269.2	316.7	17.6	951.5	1,170.0	23.0
Greece, Total	13,941	15,090	8.2	2,834.4	3,380.6	19.3	12,429.6	14,714.9	18.4

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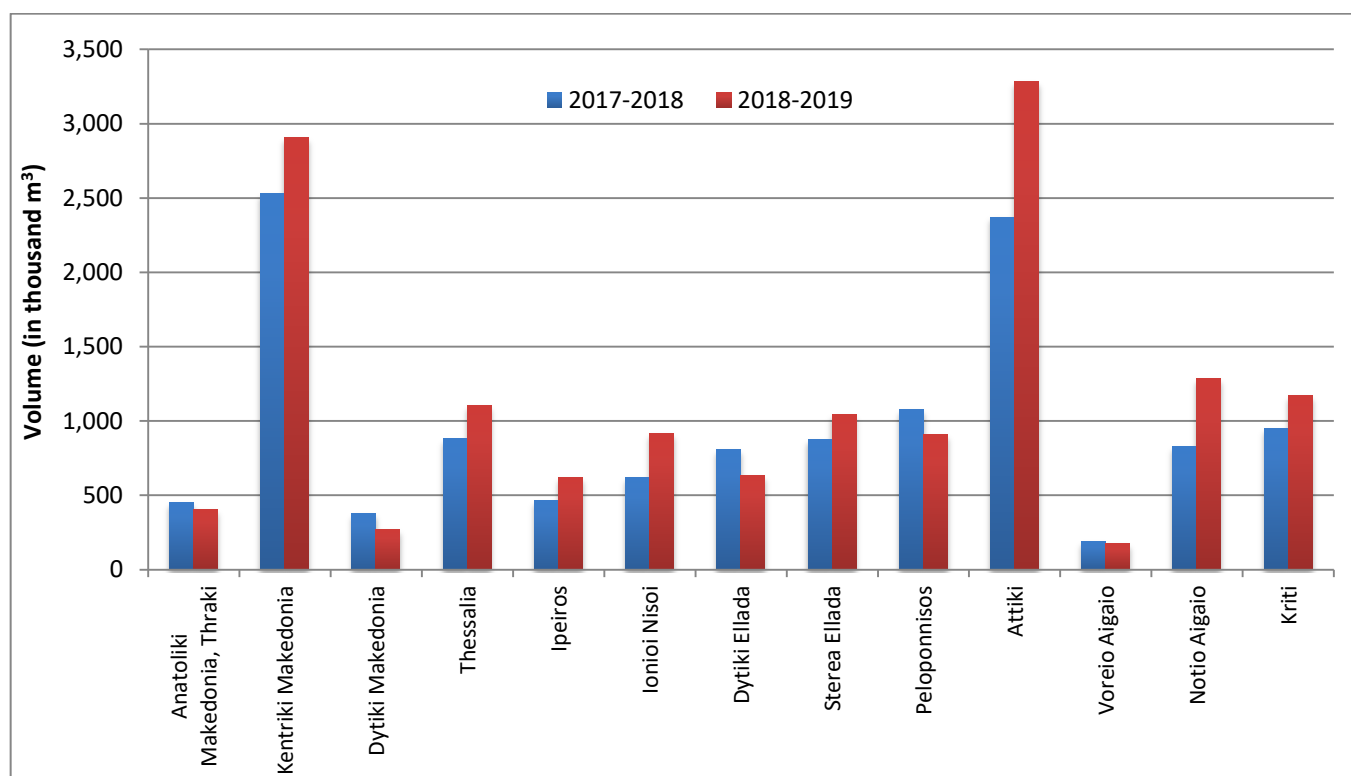
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January 2018 and 2019 *



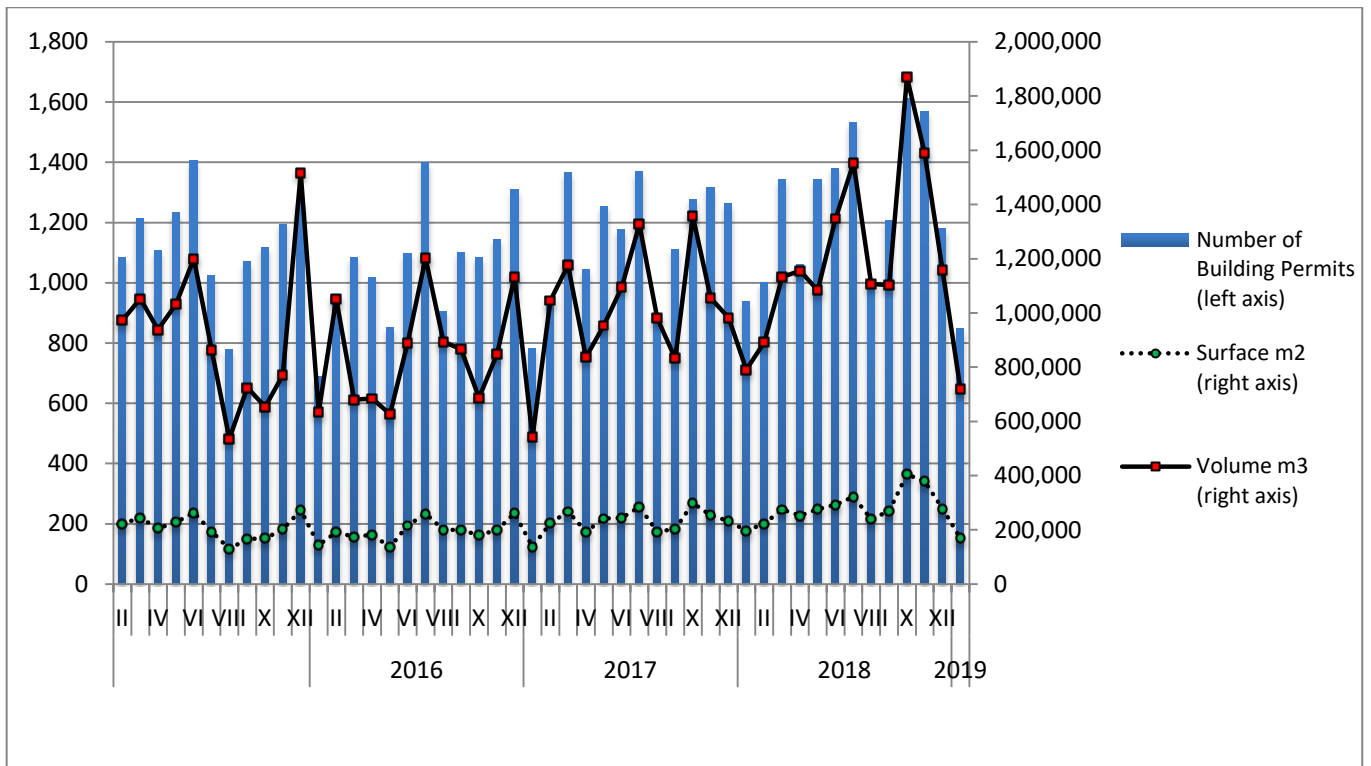
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), February 2017– January 2018 and February 2018– January 2019*



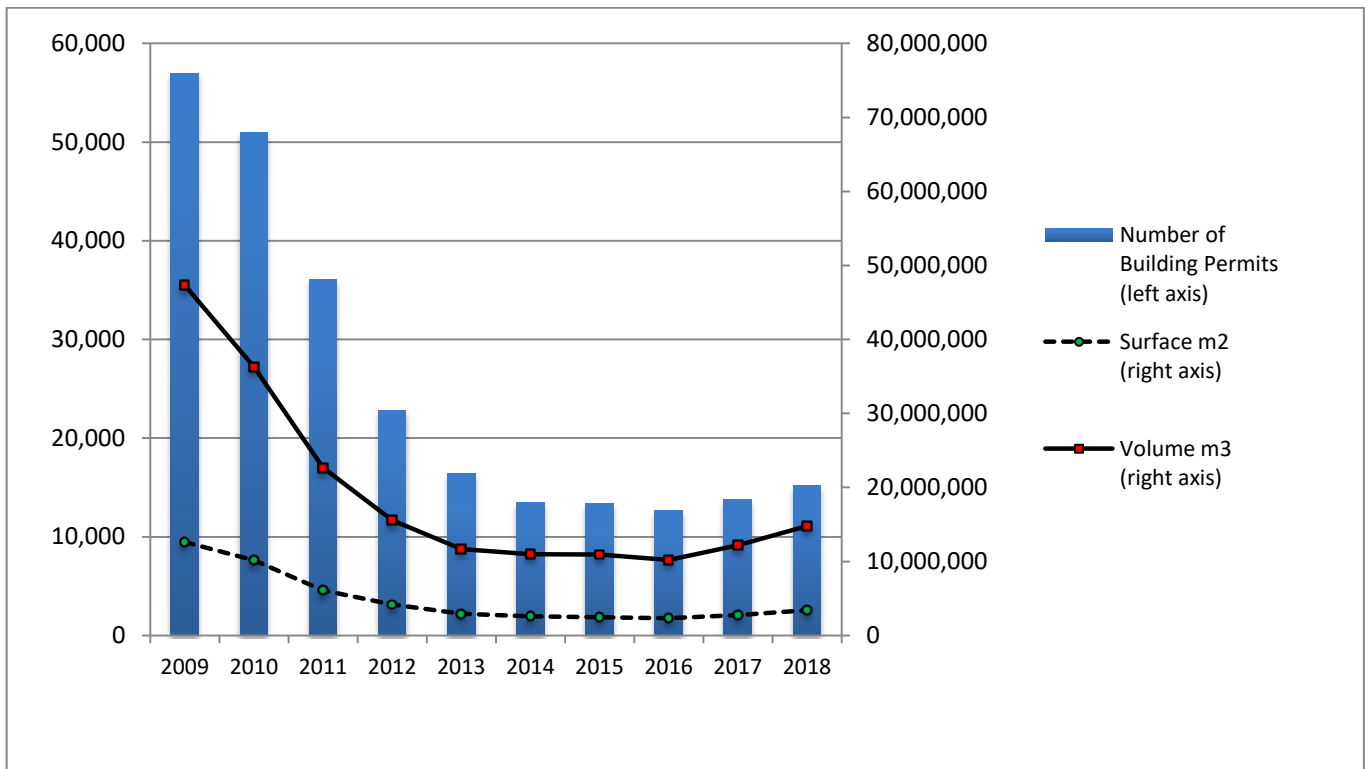
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (February 2015 – January 2019*)



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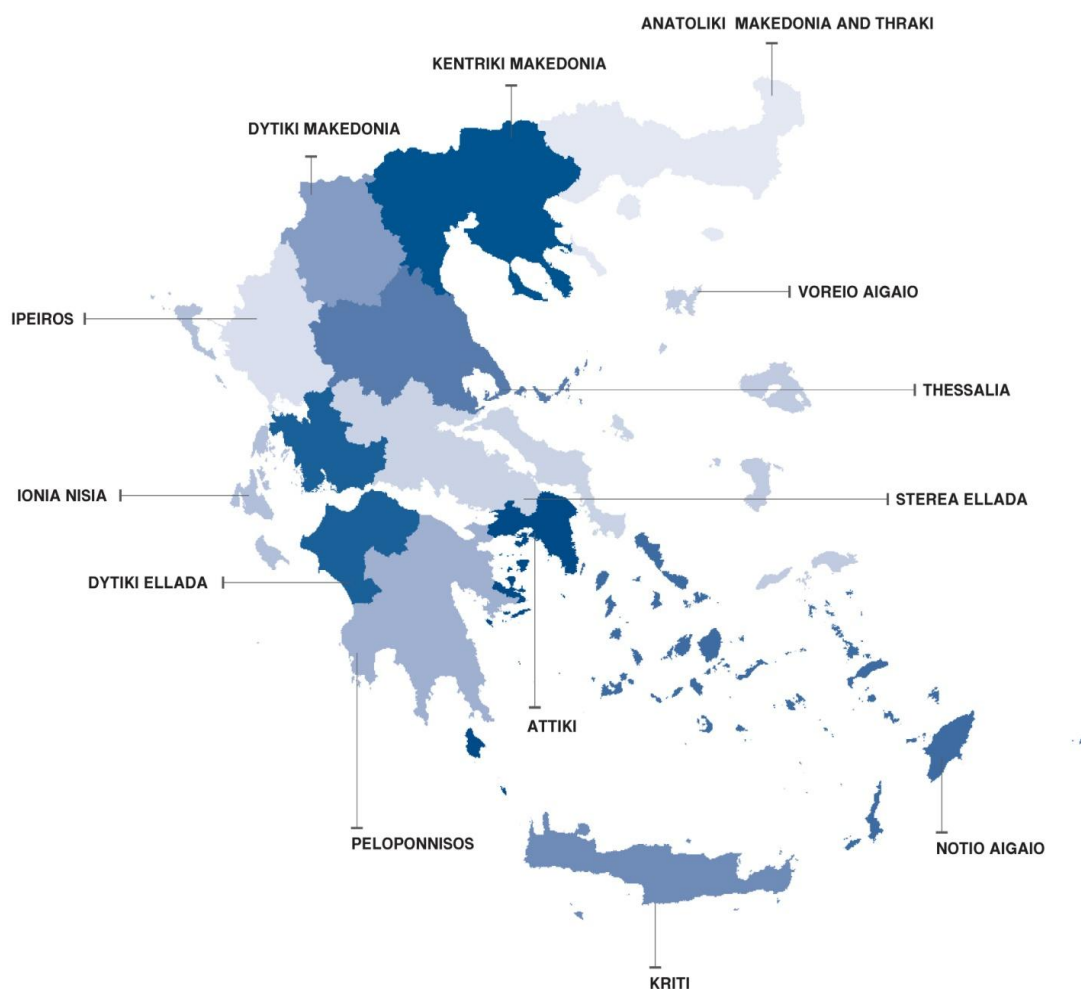
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2009 – 2018)



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	January 1, 2019 to January 31, 2019
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/->