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Building Activity Survey: February 2018

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in February 2018 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 989. This figure corresponds to 220.5 thousand m² of surface and 899.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 5.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 2.2% decrease in surface and a 14.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2017 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2018 amounted to 985. This figure corresponds to 218.0 thousand m² of surface and 889.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2017 there is a 5.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 2.8% decrease in surface and a 15.0% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2018 amounted to 4. This figure corresponds to 2.5 thousand m² of surface and 9.6 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.1% of the total building volume in February 2018.
- In the last twelve months, from March 2017 until February 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 14,107. This figure corresponds to 2,922.2 thousand m² of surface and 12,808.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from March 2016 until February 2017, there is a 10.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 19.4% increase in surface and a 22.8% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from March 2017 until February 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 10.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 19.2% increase in surface and a 21.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from March 2016 to February 2017 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.2% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - February 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 12.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.9% increase in surface and an 8.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2017 (Table 5). During the same period, January - February 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 12.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.3% increase in surface and a 5.8% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - February 2017 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	27	26	-3.7	7.8	3.6	-53.3	30.8	11.9	-61.4
Kentriki Makedonia	138	135	-2.2	28.8	39.7	37.8	127.8	235.7	84.4
Dytiki Makedonia	12	11	-8.3	2.0	2.5	27.6	12.1	9.7	-20.1
Thessalia	41	57	39.0	19.6	9.9	-49.6	142.1	50.1	-64.7
Ipeiros	24	36	50.0	8.4	18.0	113.4	42.4	77.4	82.6
Ionioi Nisoi	63	70	11.1	14.7	23.2	57.7	47.7	76.1	59.7
Dytiki Ellada	105	93	-11.4	12.8	12.4	-3.2	48.3	45.9	-5.0
Stereia Ellada	62	72	16.1	7.2	7.7	6.9	29.0	32.8	13.3
Peloponnisos	98	83	-15.3	15.6	13.6	-12.7	87.2	40.2	-53.9
Attiki	190	185	-2.6	82.7	37.0	-55.2	399.9	142.2	-64.4
Voreio Aigaio	26	41	57.7	3.2	4.6	46.2	9.8	18.4	87.0
Notio Aigaio	83	102	22.9	10.1	28.0	176.2	33.7	89.6	166.2
Kriti	69	78	13.0	12.7	20.3	60.8	40.7	69.1	69.9
Greece, Total	938	989	5.4	225.5	220.5	-2.2	1,051.2	899.0	-14.5

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	27	26	-3.7	7.8	3.6	-53.3	30.8	11.9	-61.4
Kentriki Makedonia	137	133	-2.9	28.8	38.5	33.6	127.8	231.1	80.8
Dytiki Makedonia	12	11	-8.3	2.0	2.5	27.6	12.1	9.7	-20.1
Thessalia	39	57	46.2	19.3	9.9	-48.8	141.1	50.1	-64.5
Ipeiros	24	36	50.0	8.4	18.0	113.4	42.4	77.4	82.6
Ionioi Nisoi	63	70	11.1	14.7	23.2	57.7	47.7	76.1	59.7
Dytiki Ellada	105	93	-11.4	12.8	12.4	-3.2	48.3	45.9	-5.0
Stereia Ellada	62	72	16.1	7.2	7.7	6.9	29.0	32.8	13.3
Peloponnisos	97	83	-14.4	15.6	13.6	-12.7	87.2	40.2	-53.9
Attiki	190	185	-2.6	82.7	37.0	-55.2	399.9	142.2	-64.4
Voreio Aigaio	26	39	50.0	3.2	3.3	5.0	9.8	13.3	35.8
Notio Aigaio	83	102	22.9	10.1	28.0	176.2	33.7	89.6	166.2
Kriti	68	78	14.7	11.7	20.3	73.5	36.9	69.1	87.3
Greece, Total	933	985	5.6	224.3	218.0	-2.8	1,046.4	889.4	-15.0

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2016 - February 2017 and March 2017 – February 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	537	494	-8.0	103.8	112.7	8.6	461.2	487.3	5.7
Kentriki Makedonia	1,794	1,917	6.9	368.5	481.0	30.5	1,900.7	2,701.5	42.1
Dytiki Makedonia	282	288	2.1	56.7	72.6	28.1	249.7	384.1	53.9
Thessalia	683	779	14.1	181.7	177.2	-2.5	926.8	812.8	-12.3
Ipeiros	390	499	27.9	84.3	139.5	65.6	332.2	697.6	110.0
Ionioi Nisoi	704	816	15.9	153.5	200.0	30.3	540.1	648.2	20.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,066	1,191	11.7	169.0	205.6	21.7	648.0	830.3	28.1
Stereia Ellada	1,110	1,113	0.3	160.0	181.7	13.5	738.1	914.2	23.9
Peloponnisos	1,432	1,314	-8.2	221.8	252.3	13.8	926.5	1,072.6	15.8
Attiki	2,421	2,747	13.5	471.1	501.0	6.4	2,066.1	2,138.5	3.5
Voreio Aigaio	326	467	43.3	39.0	56.5	44.8	134.2	204.3	52.2
Notio Aigaio	1,101	1,407	27.8	175.2	257.4	47.0	578.7	907.7	56.8
Kriti	968	1,075	11.1	261.9	284.7	8.7	927.4	1,009.4	8.8
Greece, Total	12,814	14,107	10.1	2,446.5	2,922.2	19.4	10,429.5	12,808.4	22.8

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2016 - February 2017 and March 2017 – February 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	531	483	-9.0	101.9	102.4	0.5	451.5	432.5	-4.2
Kentriki Makedonia	1,770	1,893	6.9	353.8	465.2	31.5	1,835.7	2,635.0	43.5
Dytiki Makedonia	281	283	0.7	54.1	69.3	28.2	234.1	372.6	59.2
Thessalia	674	772	14.5	179.6	171.8	-4.3	917.6	787.8	-14.1
Ipeiros	388	493	27.1	84.2	119.4	41.8	332.1	500.7	50.8
Ionioi Nisoi	703	816	16.1	149.5	200.0	33.7	504.7	648.2	28.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,061	1,188	12.0	163.9	199.5	21.7	625.2	805.8	28.9
Stereia Ellada	1,104	1,103	-0.1	158.7	173.8	9.5	733.3	878.1	19.7
Peloponnisos	1,421	1,300	-8.5	219.4	242.9	10.7	915.5	1,031.5	12.7
Attiki	2,409	2,737	13.6	446.6	496.1	11.1	1,967.8	2,114.0	7.4
Voreio Aigaio	325	458	40.9	39.0	54.3	39.2	134.2	195.2	45.5
Notio Aigaio	1,084	1,401	29.2	170.9	255.7	49.6	559.7	887.3	58.5
Kriti	958	1,066	11.3	251.8	277.8	10.3	887.9	983.7	10.8
Greece, Total	12,709	13,993	10.1	2,373.4	2,828.1	19.2	10,099.3	12,272.6	21.5

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - February 2017 and 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	52	61	17.3	10.5	10.3	-2.0	39.4	37.8	-4.1
Kentriki Makedonia	203	269	32.5	42.2	71.2	68.5	206.9	386.6	86.8
Dytiki Makedonia	22	25	13.6	3.9	4.3	11.2	18.5	17.0	-8.0
Thessalia	79	104	31.6	33.1	20.4	-38.4	220.7	96.5	-56.3
Ipeiros	43	68	58.1	11.1	24.8	123.2	51.3	102.7	100.3
Ionioi Nisoi	120	124	3.3	30.4	34.0	11.7	98.7	112.2	13.7
Dytiki Ellada	163	161	-1.2	23.3	29.5	26.5	83.4	111.7	33.8
Stereia Ellada	138	146	5.8	15.4	21.1	37.3	63.0	80.7	28.2
Peloponnisos	199	183	-8.0	27.4	28.9	5.7	135.6	98.1	-27.7
Attiki	357	367	2.8	107.9	76.2	-29.4	491.2	317.2	-35.4
Voreio Aigaio	47	76	61.7	5.4	9.1	68.6	17.0	37.0	117.6
Notio Aigaio	157	185	17.8	24.4	48.5	99.0	85.1	152.4	79.0
Kriti	143	170	18.9	31.8	50.3	58.3	93.9	184.7	96.7
Greece, Total	1,723	1,939	12.5	366.8	428.7	16.9	1,604.7	1,734.5	8.1

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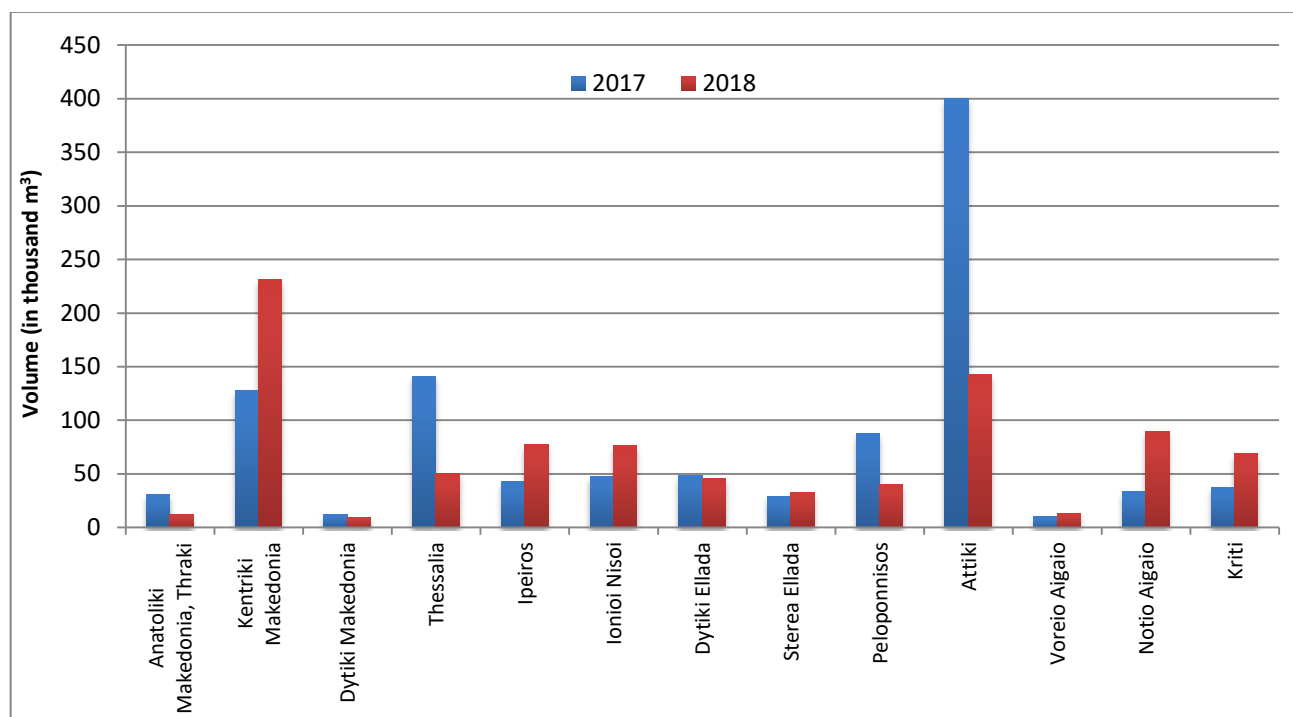
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - February 2017 and 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	52	61	17.3	10.5	10.3	-2.0	39.4	37.8	-4.1
Kentriki Makedonia	201	267	32.8	42.2	70.0	65.6	206.9	382.0	84.6
Dytiki Makedonia	22	24	9.1	3.9	3.7	-5.0	18.5	14.1	-23.6
Thessalia	77	102	32.5	32.8	20.3	-38.0	219.7	96.3	-56.2
Ipeiros	43	67	55.8	11.1	24.8	123.2	51.3	102.7	100.3
Ionioi Nisoi	120	124	3.3	30.4	34.0	11.7	98.7	112.2	13.7
Dytiki Ellada	162	160	-1.2	21.5	24.0	11.7	76.2	89.7	17.8
Stereia Ellada	138	142	2.9	15.4	17.9	16.7	63.0	68.6	9.0
Peloponnisos	198	183	-7.6	27.4	28.9	5.7	135.6	98.1	-27.7
Attiki	356	366	2.8	107.5	76.2	-29.1	489.7	317.2	-35.2
Voreio Aigaio	47	73	55.3	5.4	7.5	39.4	17.0	30.9	81.5
Notio Aigaio	157	184	17.2	24.4	48.5	99.0	85.1	152.4	79.0
Kriti	141	169	19.9	30.1	48.3	60.2	87.7	178.5	103.5
Greece, Total	1,714	1,922	12.1	362.6	414.5	14.3	1,588.8	1,680.5	5.8

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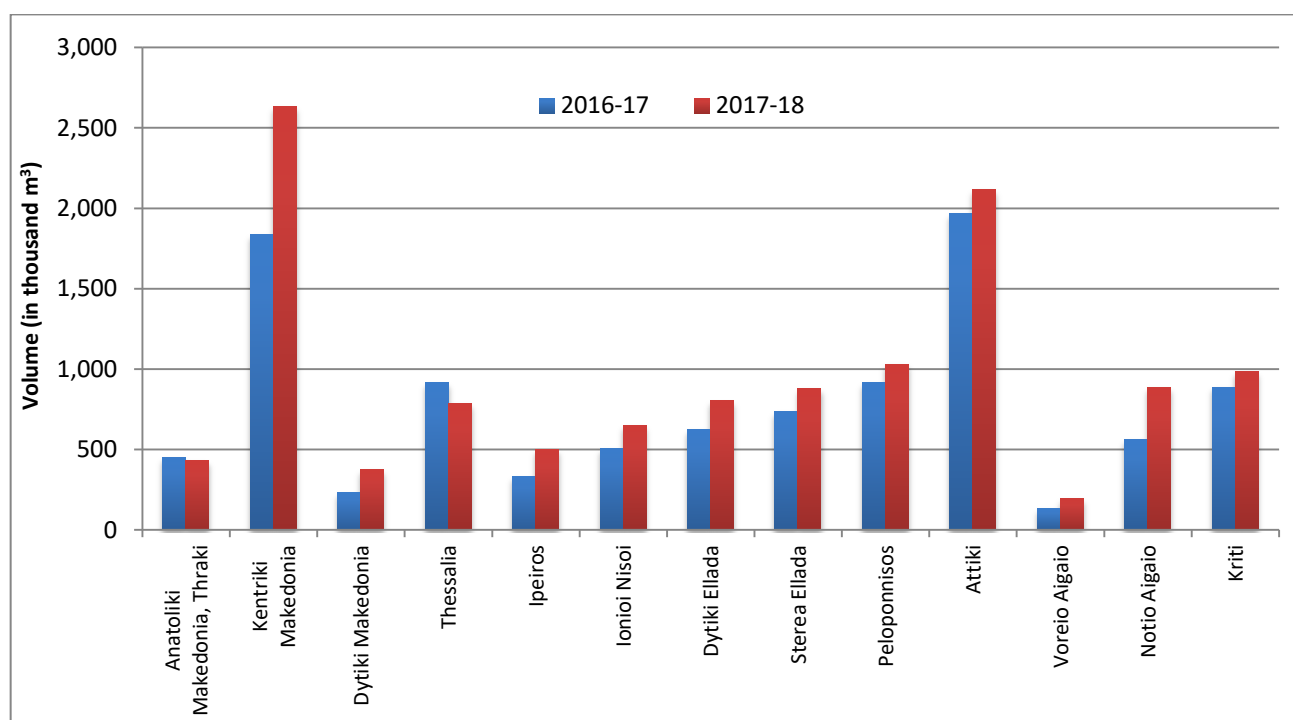
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), February 2017 and 2018 *



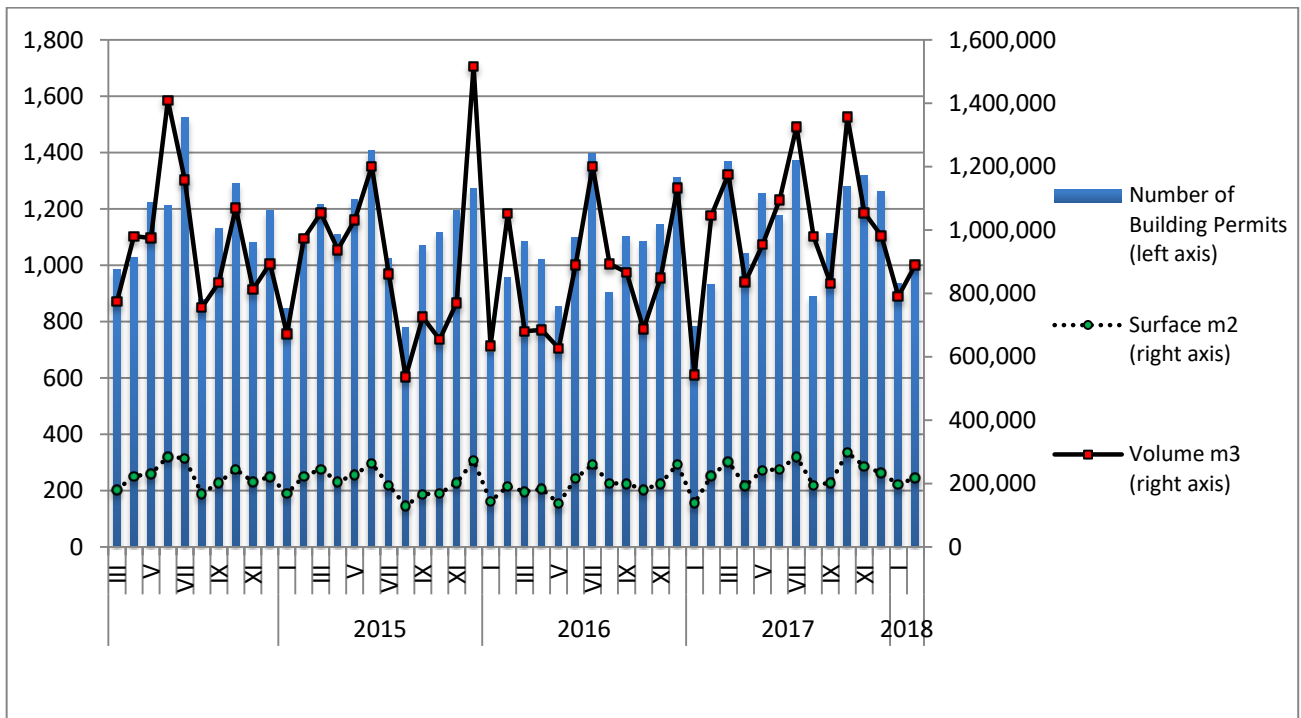
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2016 – February 2017 and March 2017 - February 2018*



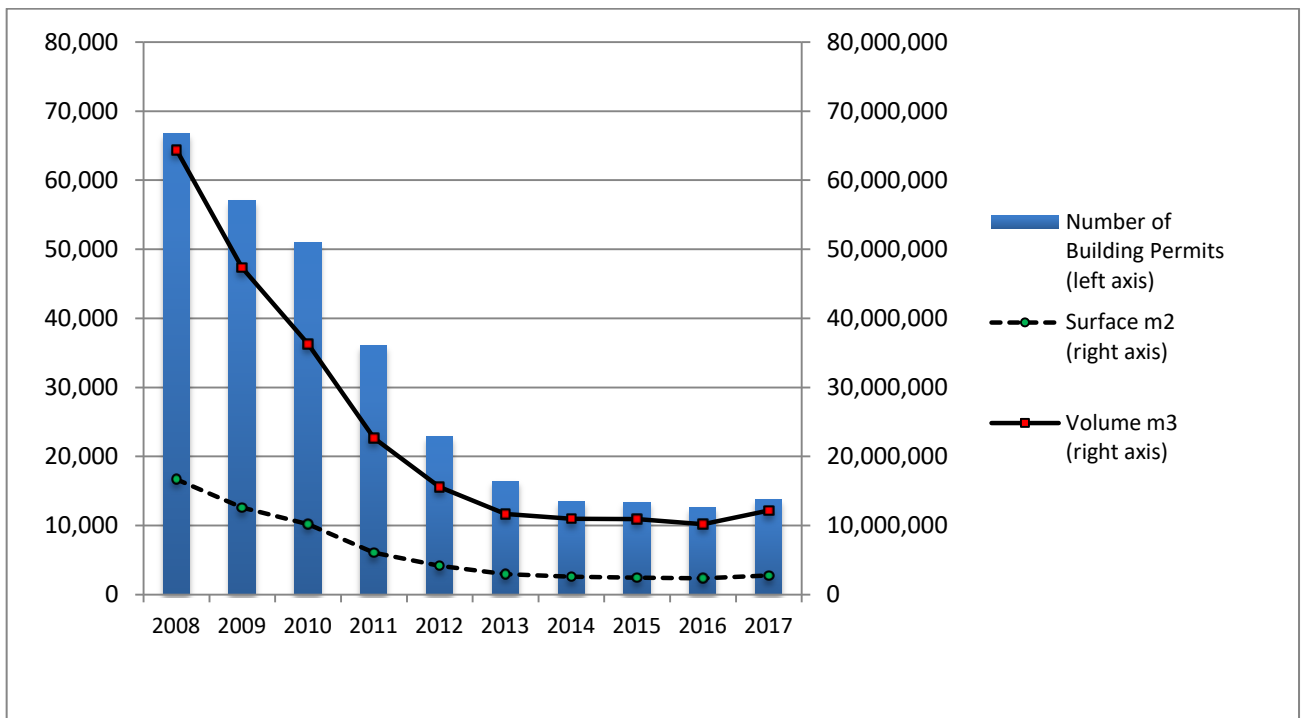
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (March 2014 – February 2018*)



*Provisional data for February 2018

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	February 1, 2018 to February 28, 2018
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 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.</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/-