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Building Activity Survey: March 2019

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in March 2019 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,156. This figure corresponds to 220.6 thousand m² of surface and 900.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 14.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 22.1% decrease in surface and a 23.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2018 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2019 amounted to 1,152. This figure corresponds to 220.4 thousand m² of surface and 899.3 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2018 there is a 14.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 19.9% decrease in surface and a 20.6% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2019 amounted to 4. This figure corresponds to 0.2 thousand m² of surface and 0.6 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.1% of the total building volume in March 2019.
- In the last twelve months, from April 2018 until March 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 15,024. This figure corresponds to 3,385.6 thousand m² of surface and 14,842.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from April 2017 until March 2018, there is a 6.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 15.2% increase in surface and a 16.0% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from April 2018 until March 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.4% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.6% increase in surface and a 16.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2017 to March 2018 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.9% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - March 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 9.6% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 20.5% decrease in surface and a 20.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 5). During the same period, January - March 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.2% decrease in the number of issued building permits, an 18.3% decrease in surface and an 18.7% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - March 2018 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	46	63	37.0	8.9	12.2	37.0	35.2	38.9	10.4
Kentriki Makedonia	163	175	7.4	56.5	32.9	-41.9	311.1	156.4	-49.7
Dytiki Makedonia	28	16	-42.9	3.4	4.6	36.2	12.8	20.8	62.3
Thessalia	68	65	-4.4	17.6	15.9	-9.9	86.0	81.9	-4.8
Ipeiros	46	39	-15.2	11.7	7.7	-34.7	43.9	26.4	-39.9
Ionioi Nisoi	117	93	-20.5	27.6	12.0	-56.5	87.2	45.0	-48.4
Dytiki Ellada	93	59	-36.6	12.8	9.1	-29.0	43.1	41.5	-3.8
Stereia Ellada	90	53	-41.1	21.0	9.9	-52.9	110.3	57.7	-47.7
Peloponnisos	134	92	-31.3	27.2	16.6	-38.9	93.8	62.5	-33.3
Attiki	269	263	-2.2	35.5	53.5	50.8	137.9	180.6	31.0
Voreio Aigaio	43	37	-14.0	3.8	6.3	67.0	13.0	20.5	57.1
Notio Aigaio	159	113	-28.9	34.7	18.1	-47.8	118.2	56.0	-52.6
Kriti	95	88	-7.4	22.6	22.0	-2.7	77.3	111.8	44.7
Greece, Total	1,351	1,156	-14.4	283.2	220.6	-22.1	1,169.8	900.0	-23.1

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	46	63	37.0	8.9	12.2	37.0	35.2	38.9	10.4
Kentriki Makedonia	160	175	9.4	50.2	32.9	-34.5	280.9	156.4	-44.3
Dytiki Makedonia	28	15	-46.4	3.4	4.6	36.2	12.8	20.8	62.3
Thessalia	66	65	-1.5	16.6	15.9	-4.7	81.6	81.9	0.3
Ipeiros	46	39	-15.2	11.7	7.7	-34.7	43.9	26.4	-39.9
Ionioi Nisoi	117	93	-20.5	27.6	12.0	-56.5	87.2	45.0	-48.4
Dytiki Ellada	93	59	-36.6	12.8	9.1	-29.0	43.1	41.5	-3.8
Stereia Ellada	89	53	-40.4	21.0	9.9	-52.9	110.3	57.7	-47.7
Peloponnisos	134	91	-32.1	27.2	16.4	-39.6	93.8	61.9	-34.0
Attiki	269	261	-3.0	35.5	53.5	50.8	137.9	180.6	31.0
Voreio Aigaio	42	37	-11.9	3.8	6.3	67.0	13.0	20.5	57.1
Notio Aigaio	157	113	-28.0	33.9	18.1	-46.6	115.1	56.0	-51.3
Kriti	95	88	-7.4	22.6	22.0	-2.7	77.3	111.8	44.7
Greece, Total	1,342	1,152	-14.2	275.1	220.4	-19.9	1,132.2	899.3	-20.6

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	501	516	3.0	105.8	110.6	4.6	419.0	435.1	3.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,896	2,212	16.7	502.1	532.5	6.1	2,833.4	2,695.4	-4.9
Dytiki Makedonia	288	229	-20.5	68.2	72.9	6.8	325.2	421.7	29.7
Thessalia	778	857	10.2	177.5	214.7	21.0	802.6	1,102.2	37.3
Ipeiros	493	509	3.2	141.0	138.5	-1.8	694.2	542.7	-21.8
Ionioi Nisoi	845	1,012	19.8	207.7	244.8	17.9	673.0	841.3	25.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,180	1,150	-2.5	198.5	176.6	-11.0	803.4	668.8	-16.8
Stereia Ellada	1,118	974	-12.9	192.4	217.4	13.0	975.8	1,120.4	14.8
Peloponnisos	1,317	1,294	-1.7	257.7	230.4	-10.6	1,070.1	935.1	-12.6
Attiki	2,732	3,118	14.1	494.0	707.3	43.2	2,088.8	3,416.7	63.6
Voreio Aigaio	464	408	-12.1	56.0	50.6	-9.7	202.7	184.9	-8.8
Notio Aigaio	1,435	1,605	11.8	272.3	366.2	34.5	955.6	1,244.7	30.3
Kriti	1,051	1,140	8.5	266.6	323.1	21.2	953.5	1,233.6	29.4
Greece, Total	14,098	15,024	6.6	2,939.9	3,385.6	15.2	12,797.1	14,842.6	16.0

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	493	515	4.5	95.9	110.6	15.4	365.8	435.1	18.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,872	2,182	16.6	481.0	526.0	9.4	2,741.3	2,656.2	-3.1
Dytiki Makedonia	283	225	-20.5	64.9	58.5	-9.9	313.7	268.4	-14.4
Thessalia	769	843	9.6	171.2	208.2	21.6	773.2	1,073.7	38.9
Ipeiros	487	506	3.9	120.9	138.0	14.1	497.3	541.2	8.8
Ionioi Nisoi	845	1,010	19.5	207.7	244.0	17.5	673.0	838.2	24.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,177	1,141	-3.1	192.3	166.5	-13.4	778.9	614.8	-21.1
Stereia Ellada	1,108	965	-12.9	184.6	197.4	6.9	940.0	1,015.5	8.0
Peloponnisos	1,304	1,272	-2.5	248.3	214.0	-13.8	1,029.2	869.7	-15.5
Attiki	2,723	3,095	13.7	489.1	695.1	42.1	2,064.3	3,350.9	62.3
Voreio Aigaio	454	400	-11.9	53.8	49.4	-8.2	193.6	178.6	-7.7
Notio Aigaio	1,427	1,596	11.8	269.8	360.8	33.7	932.2	1,221.7	31.1
Kriti	1,043	1,127	8.1	260.2	312.8	20.2	929.2	1,196.5	28.8
Greece, Total	13,985	14,877	6.4	2,839.8	3,281.4	15.6	12,231.7	14,260.4	16.6

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – March 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	108	141	30.6	19.2	25.6	33.2	73.0	94.2	28.9
Kentriki Makedonia	431	424	-1.6	127.4	87.4	-31.4	696.2	421.2	-39.5
Dytiki Makedonia	53	36	-32.1	7.7	7.7	0.8	29.8	31.4	5.5
Thessalia	171	151	-11.7	38.3	26.9	-29.7	182.4	121.0	-33.7
Ipeiros	117	78	-33.3	38.5	18.5	-52.0	146.5	65.9	-55.0
Ionioi Nisoi	241	240	-0.4	61.9	33.8	-45.3	199.9	114.9	-42.5
Dytiki Ellada	255	172	-32.5	42.2	25.8	-38.8	154.8	98.5	-36.4
Stereia Ellada	236	156	-33.9	42.3	26.7	-37.0	190.5	151.4	-20.5
Peloponnisos	323	268	-17.0	56.5	39.9	-29.3	191.4	151.7	-20.8
Attiki	638	665	4.2	111.9	122.9	9.8	454.5	431.1	-5.1
Voreio Aigaio	119	81	-31.9	13.0	10.8	-16.6	50.0	40.0	-20.0
Notio Aigaio	350	342	-2.3	84.5	74.0	-12.4	275.5	258.4	-6.2
Kriti	265	235	-11.3	73.5	69.6	-5.2	261.9	321.6	22.8
Greece, Total	3,307	2,989	-9.6	716.7	569.7	-20.5	2,906.6	2,301.3	-20.8

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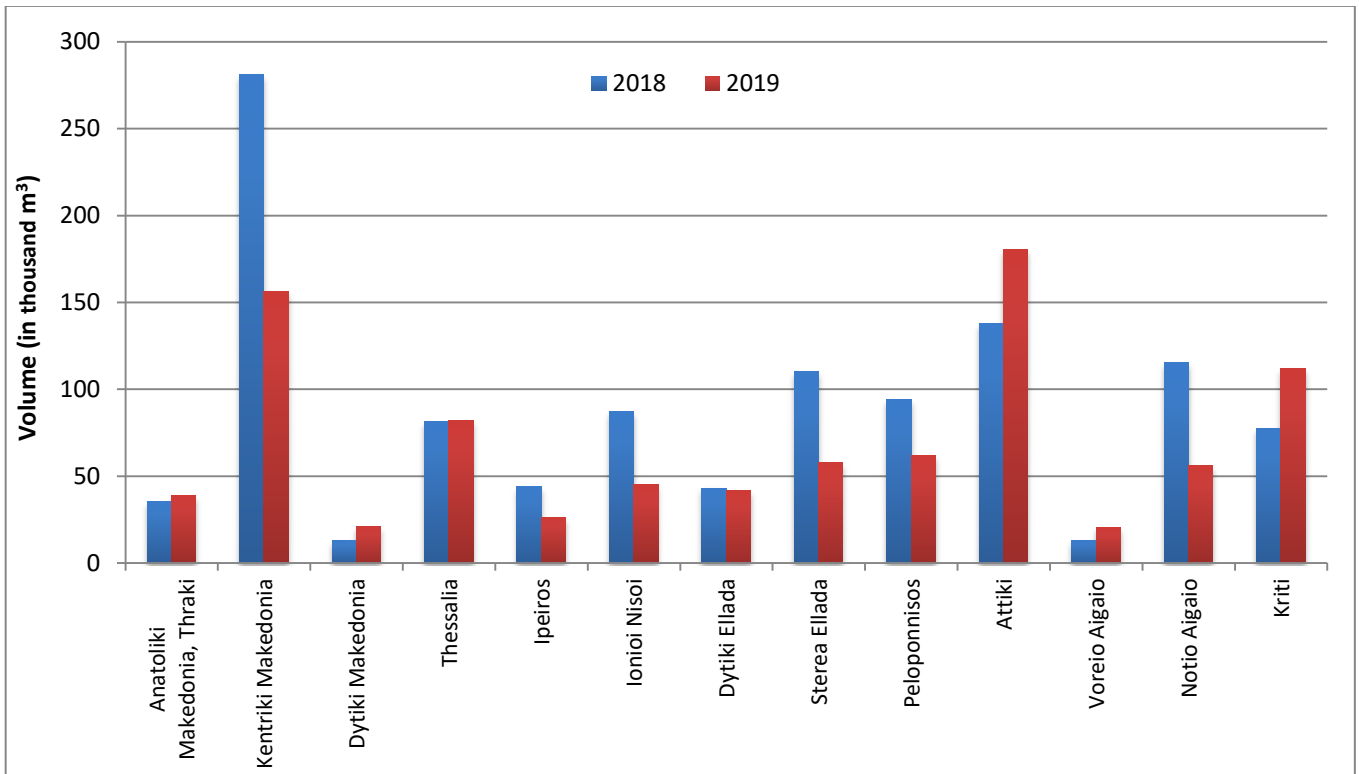
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - March 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	108	141	30.6	19.2	25.6	33.2	73.0	94.2	28.9
Kentriki Makedonia	426	423	-0.7	119.9	87.4	-27.1	661.4	421.2	-36.3
Dytiki Makedonia	52	35	-32.7	7.1	7.7	9.8	26.9	31.4	16.8
Thessalia	167	150	-10.2	37.3	26.9	-27.8	177.8	121.0	-32.0
Ipeiros	116	78	-32.8	38.5	18.5	-52.0	146.5	65.9	-55.0
Ionioi Nisoi	241	240	-0.4	61.9	33.8	-45.3	199.9	114.9	-42.5
Dytiki Ellada	254	172	-32.3	36.7	25.8	-29.7	132.8	98.5	-25.9
Stereia Ellada	231	156	-32.5	39.1	26.7	-31.8	178.4	151.4	-15.2
Peloponnisos	323	263	-18.6	56.5	37.7	-33.2	191.4	139.4	-27.2
Attiki	637	663	4.1	111.9	122.9	9.8	454.5	431.1	-5.1
Voreio Aigaio	115	81	-29.6	11.4	10.8	-5.0	43.9	40.0	-8.8
Notio Aigaio	347	342	-1.4	83.7	74.0	-11.6	272.5	258.4	-5.2
Kriti	264	234	-11.4	71.4	69.6	-2.6	255.8	321.4	25.6
Greece, Total	3,281	2,978	-9.2	694.5	567.4	-18.3	2,815.0	2,288.8	-18.7

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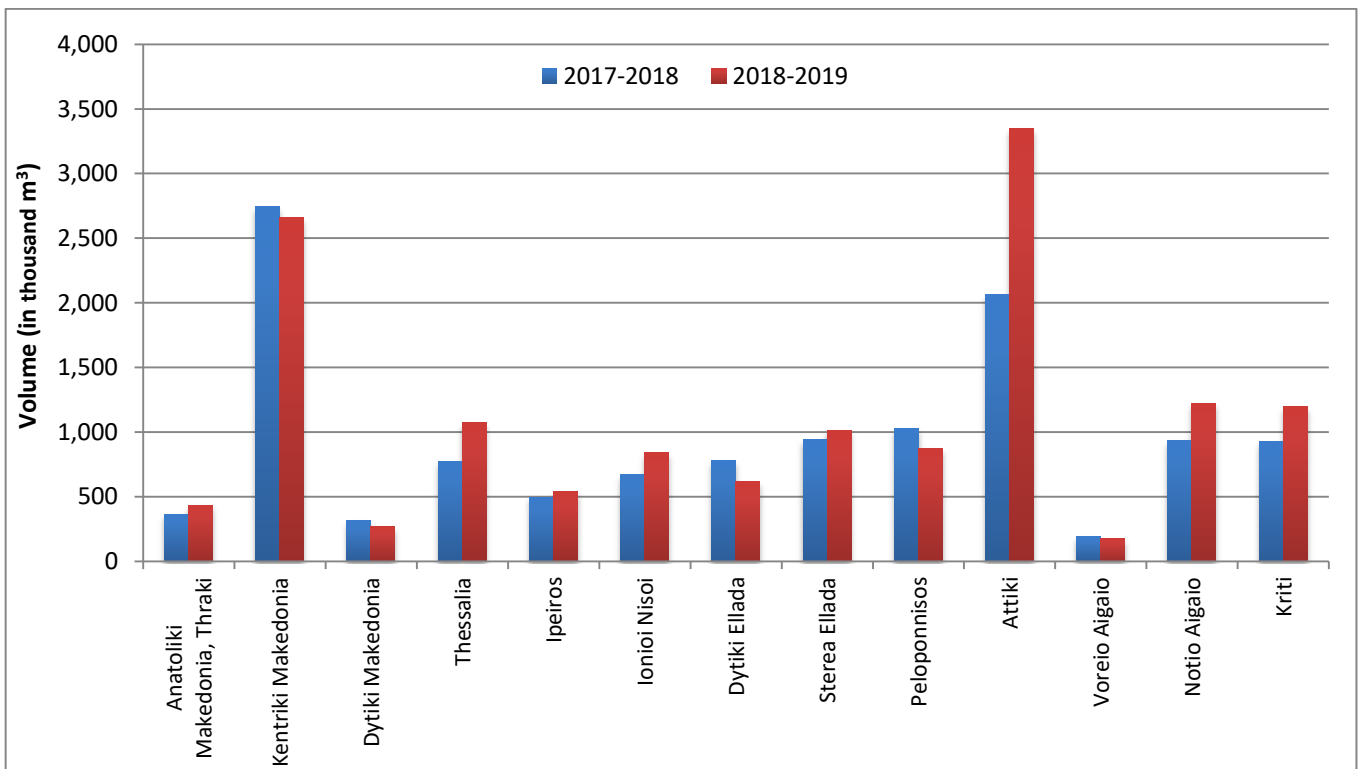
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2018 and 2019*



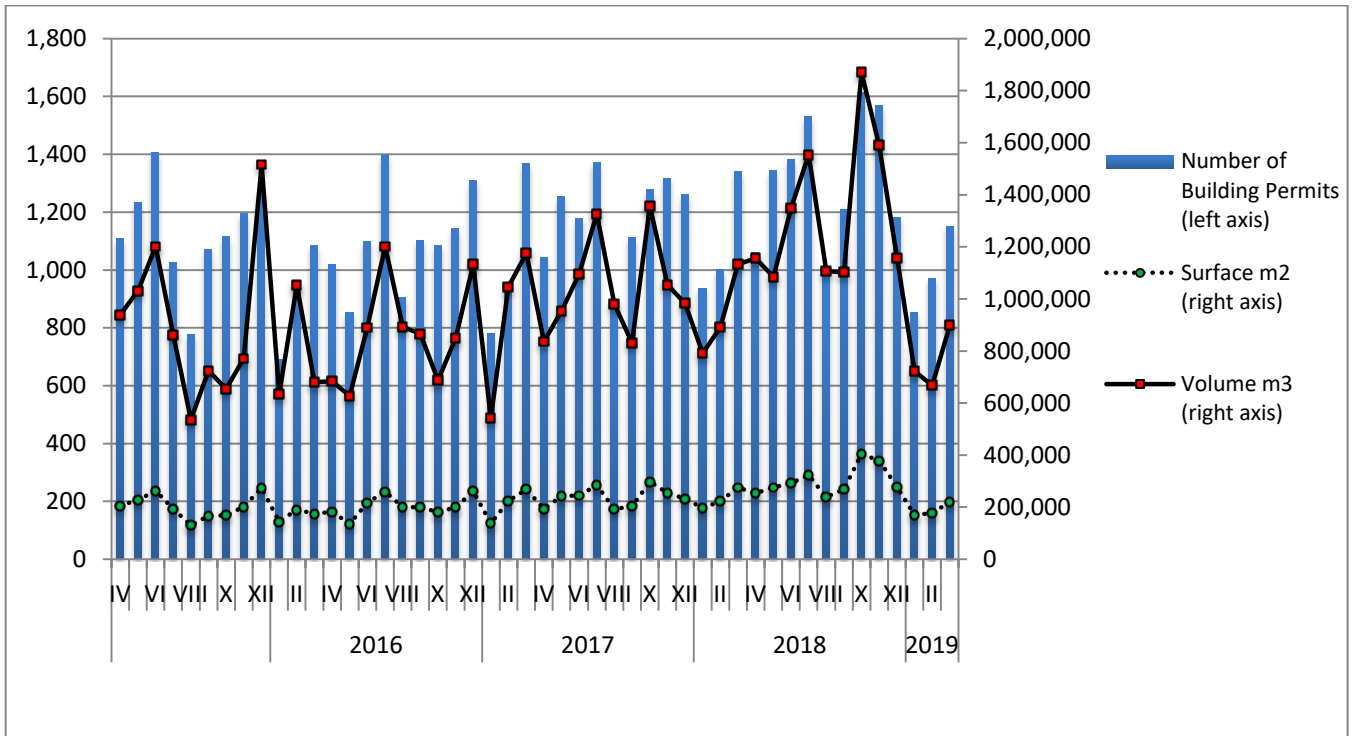
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2017 – March 2018 and April 2018 – March 2019



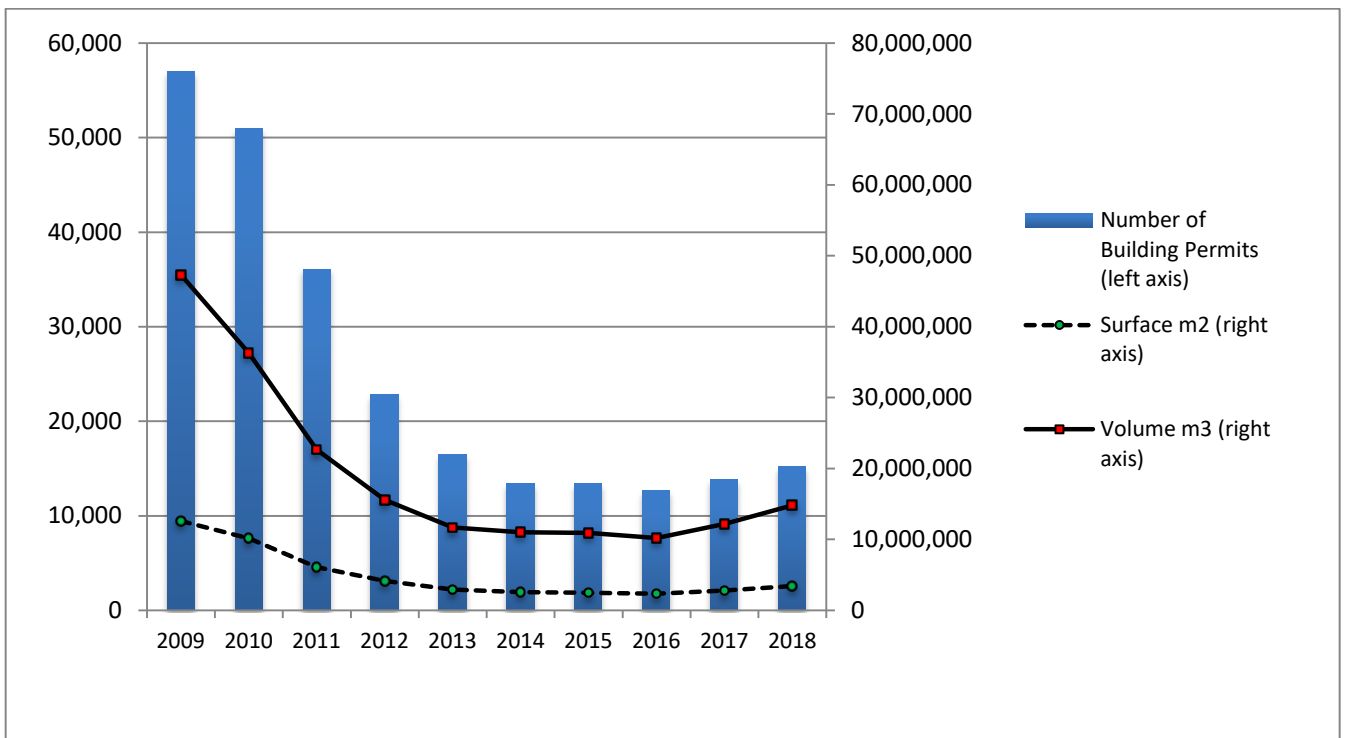
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (April 2015 – March 2019*)



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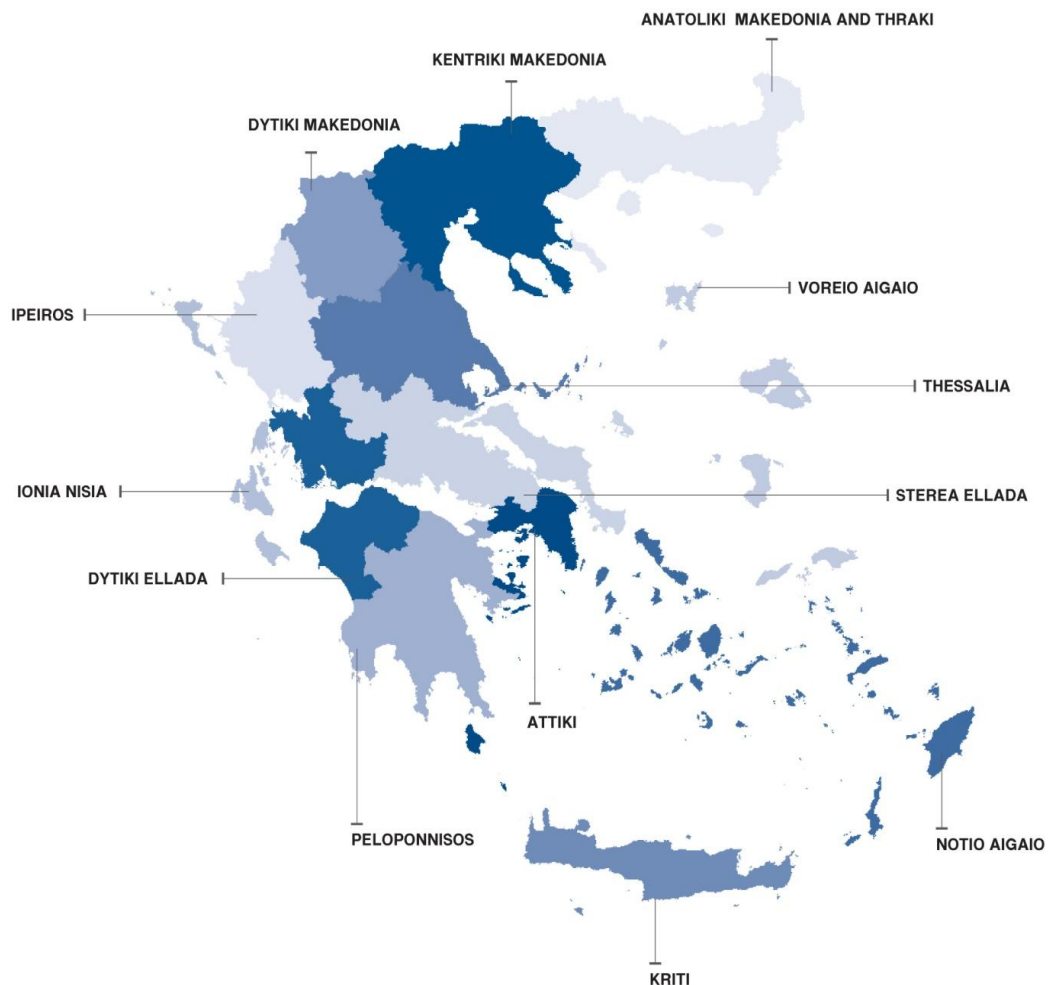
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2009 - 2018)



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** March 1, 2019 to March 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 *Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics*.

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/>