



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: August 2018**

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in August 2018 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,015. This figure corresponds to 250.4 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,142.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 13.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 25.8% increase in surface and a 13.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2017 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2018 amounted to 1,000. This figure corresponds to 239.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,107.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2017 there is a 12.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 23.6% increase in surface and a 13.0% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2018 amounted to 15. This figure corresponds to 11.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 35.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 3.1% of the total building volume in August 2018.
- In the last twelve months, from September 2017 until August 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 14,711. This figure corresponds to 3,193.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 13,996.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from September 2016 until August 2017, there is an 8.5% increase in the number of building permits, an 18.7% increase in surface and a 19.1% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from September 2017 until August 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.7% increase in surface and a 15.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2016 to August 2017 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 5.1% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - August 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 9.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 18.3% increase in surface and a 16.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2017 (Table 5). During the same period, January - August 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 8.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.2% increase in surface and a 13.9% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - August 2017 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	41	37	-9.8	10.1	11.6	15.3	45.7	63.8	39.7
Kentriki Makedonia	129	155	20.2	35.3	61.9	75.1	186.2	332.1	78.4
Dytiki Makedonia	30	11	-63.3	7.3	1.8	-75.2	29.6	6.6	-77.6
Thessalia	45	73	62.2	15.2	15.7	3.6	68.8	79.4	15.5
Ipeiros	29	36	24.1	3.5	5.3	49.6	15.4	19.1	24.0
Ionioi Nisoi	40	81	102.5	13.4	16.1	19.5	41.8	57.7	37.9
Dytiki Ellada	98	96	-2.0	23.9	12.6	-47.4	138.5	44.9	-67.6
Stereia Ellada	105	90	-14.3	18.1	22.1	22.2	161.4	130.2	-19.3
Peloponnisos	93	89	-4.3	21.3	20.0	-5.8	89.7	63.5	-29.2
Attiki	101	121	19.8	24.7	27.9	12.9	135.6	121.8	-10.2
Voreio Aigaio	23	32	39.1	3.6	3.7	2.8	13.2	12.5	-5.6
Notio Aigaio	88	90	2.3	11.7	24.2	106.7	39.8	87.5	120.1
Kriti	74	104	40.5	11.0	27.5	150.9	40.5	123.0	203.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>199.1</b>	<b>250.4</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>1,006.2</b>	<b>1,142.2</b>	<b>13.5</b>

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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), August 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	40	36	-10.0	10.1	11.6	15.2	45.7	63.8	39.6
Kentriki Makedonia	127	155	22.0	34.0	61.9	82.2	180.8	332.1	83.7
Dytiki Makedonia	30	10	-66.7	7.3	1.6	-78.8	29.6	5.6	-81.2
Thessalia	45	72	60.0	15.2	15.1	-0.7	68.8	78.4	13.9
Ipeiros	29	36	24.1	3.5	5.3	49.6	15.4	19.1	24.0
Ionioi Nisoi	40	81	102.5	13.4	16.1	19.5	41.8	57.7	37.9
Dytiki Ellada	98	96	-2.0	23.9	12.6	-47.4	138.5	44.9	-67.6
Stereia Ellada	104	89	-14.4	18.0	22.0	22.4	161.1	130.0	-19.3
Peloponnisos	90	84	-6.7	17.0	12.9	-24.4	68.7	44.0	-35.9
Attiki	101	119	17.8	24.7	27.7	12.1	135.6	120.9	-10.8
Voreio Aigaio	23	32	39.1	3.6	3.7	2.8	13.2	12.5	-5.6
Notio Aigaio	88	87	-1.1	11.7	21.5	84.1	39.8	76.1	91.4
Kriti	73	103	41.1	11.0	27.2	148.2	40.5	122.0	201.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>193.4</b>	<b>239.1</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>979.6</b>	<b>1,107.1</b>	<b>13.0</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	508	458	-9.8	118.7	110.2	-7.2	554.3	444.8	-19.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,731	2,097	21.1	403.5	508.8	26.1	2,104.7	2,770.7	31.6
Dytiki Makedonia	297	258	-13.1	71.5	56.9	-20.5	379.6	244.4	-35.6
Thessalia	734	842	14.7	185.7	211.5	13.9	987.7	1,080.9	9.4
Ipeiros	460	510	10.9	100.0	137.6	37.5	425.8	672.1	57.8
Ionioi Nisoi	759	914	20.4	182.0	238.7	31.2	592.9	792.8	33.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,159	1,250	7.9	180.3	202.6	12.4	724.0	783.1	8.2
Stereia Ellada	1,101	1,110	0.8	176.7	220.9	25.0	929.6	1,049.2	12.9
Peloponnisos	1,410	1,319	-6.5	227.8	268.0	17.7	990.2	1,132.7	14.4
Attiki	2,701	2,826	4.6	547.7	551.4	0.7	2,375.3	2,558.9	7.7
Voreio Aigaio	411	459	11.7	45.8	53.2	16.1	154.2	193.5	25.5
Notio Aigaio	1,242	1,565	26.0	180.8	347.3	92.1	604.1	1,211.8	100.6
Kriti	1,049	1,103	5.1	268.7	286.0	6.5	929.7	1,061.5	14.2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,562</b>	<b>14,711</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>2,689.2</b>	<b>3,193.1</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>11,752.1</b>	<b>13,996.4</b>	<b>19.1</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	495	454	-8.3	112.6	103.9	-7.7	528.1	406.5	-23.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,712	2,063	20.5	398.2	484.1	21.6	2,083.7	2,651.3	27.2
Dytiki Makedonia	296	253	-14.5	70.2	54.7	-22.1	375.7	235.7	-37.3
Thessalia	724	831	14.8	180.9	206.9	14.4	966.2	1,061.6	9.9
Ipeiros	458	504	10.0	97.3	119.8	23.1	409.9	489.7	19.5
Ionioi Nisoi	759	913	20.3	182.0	238.0	30.8	592.9	791.0	33.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,156	1,245	7.7	177.9	195.5	9.9	714.3	753.0	5.4
Stereia Ellada	1,092	1,098	0.5	175.2	194.8	11.2	923.6	914.6	-1.0
Peloponnisos	1,394	1,305	-6.4	220.9	255.5	15.7	956.4	1,090.8	14.0
Attiki	2,688	2,809	4.5	525.9	541.0	2.9	2,283.4	2,500.8	9.5
Voreio Aigaio	408	451	10.5	45.4	51.4	13.3	151.9	186.7	22.9
Notio Aigaio	1,232	1,553	26.1	178.2	339.8	90.7	592.3	1,166.9	97.0
Kriti	1,042	1,091	4.7	263.7	280.5	6.4	912.4	1,040.5	14.0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,456</b>	<b>14,570</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>2,628.3</b>	<b>3,065.9</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>11,490.8</b>	<b>13,289.0</b>	<b>15.6</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	314	287	-8.6	69.4	66.6	-4.0	307.7	263.6	-14.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,143	1,389	21.5	295.7	352.5	19.2	1,577.0	1,825.9	15.8
Dytiki Makedonia	186	159	-14.5	51.2	35.9	-29.9	296.7	155.5	-47.6
Thessalia	478	566	18.4	130.2	151.8	16.6	689.7	833.6	20.9
Ipeiros	307	343	11.7	74.1	86.0	15.9	328.2	354.1	7.9
Ionioi Nisoi	527	629	19.4	127.1	169.4	33.2	409.9	568.0	38.6
Dytiki Ellada	738	795	7.7	119.4	122.6	2.7	486.4	467.4	-3.9
Stereia Ellada	704	709	0.7	116.8	161.7	38.5	641.1	793.8	23.8
Peloponnisos	912	901	-1.2	144.9	162.1	11.9	633.3	655.8	3.6
Attiki	1,842	1,931	4.8	389.8	408.5	4.8	1,719.9	1,966.5	14.3
Voreio Aigaio	265	286	7.9	31.3	31.7	1.3	105.2	114.5	8.8
Notio Aigaio	771	957	24.1	96.8	210.7	117.8	328.4	699.9	113.1
Kriti	687	742	8.0	169.4	189.3	11.7	556.5	699.3	25.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>8,874</b>	<b>9,694</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>1,816.1</b>	<b>2,148.9</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>8,080.1</b>	<b>9,397.9</b>	<b>16.3</b>

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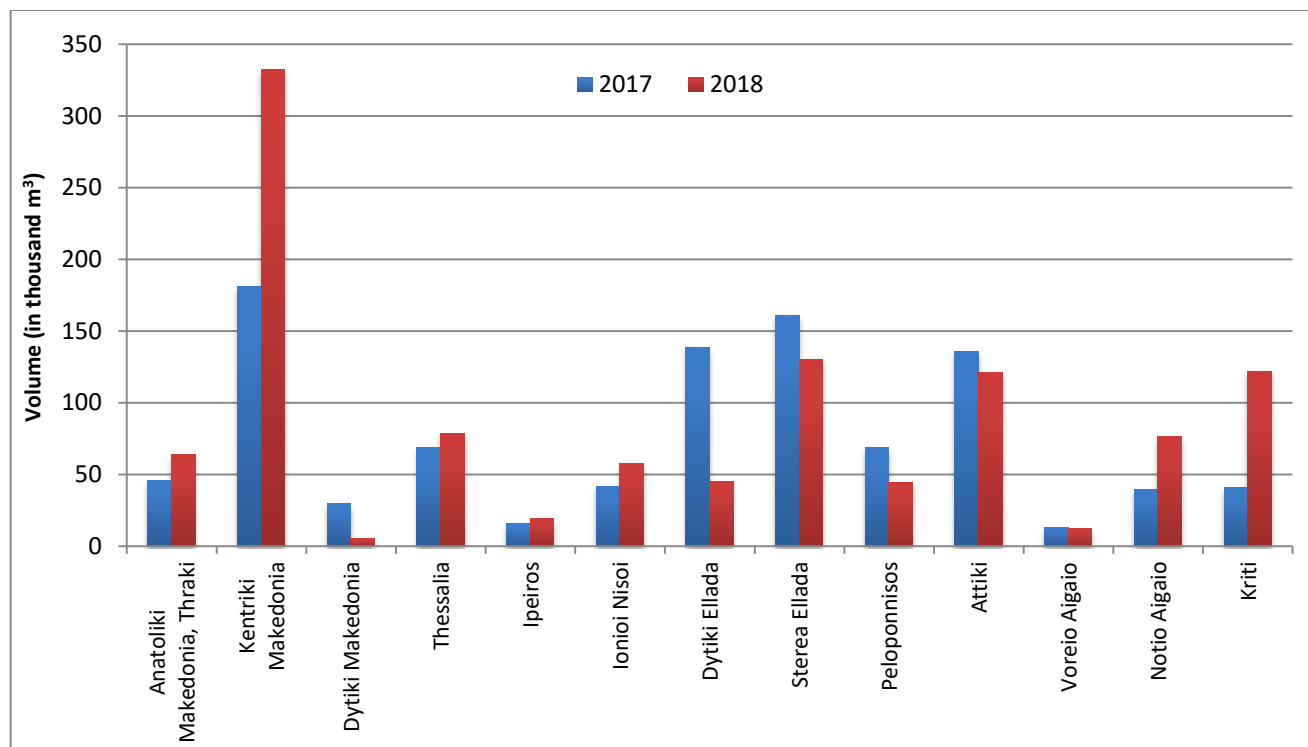
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - August 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	306	286	-6.5	65.3	66.6	2.1	291.2	263.5	-9.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,132	1,368	20.8	293.3	340.0	15.9	1,567.0	1,758.3	12.2
Dytiki Makedonia	185	157	-15.1	49.8	35.0	-29.7	292.8	151.5	-48.3
Thessalia	474	558	17.7	127.3	149.9	17.8	676.4	826.7	22.2
Ipeiros	305	340	11.5	71.4	85.6	19.8	312.4	352.8	12.9
Ionioi Nisoi	527	628	19.2	127.1	168.7	32.7	409.9	566.2	38.1
Dytiki Ellada	736	791	7.5	117.0	115.5	-1.3	476.7	437.4	-8.3
Stereia Ellada	700	699	-0.1	116.4	140.0	20.2	639.6	681.7	6.6
Peloponnisos	903	893	-1.1	139.9	154.0	10.1	608.9	630.5	3.6
Attiki	1,834	1,916	4.5	387.1	400.8	3.5	1,707.0	1,921.4	12.6
Voreio Aigaio	262	281	7.3	30.9	30.1	-2.4	103.0	108.4	5.2
Notio Aigaio	769	948	23.3	96.8	205.0	111.9	328.4	675.2	105.6
Kriti	682	735	7.8	165.8	186.6	12.6	543.3	690.9	27.2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>8,815</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>1,788.0</b>	<b>2,077.7</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>7,956.5</b>	<b>9,064.5</b>	<b>13.9</b>

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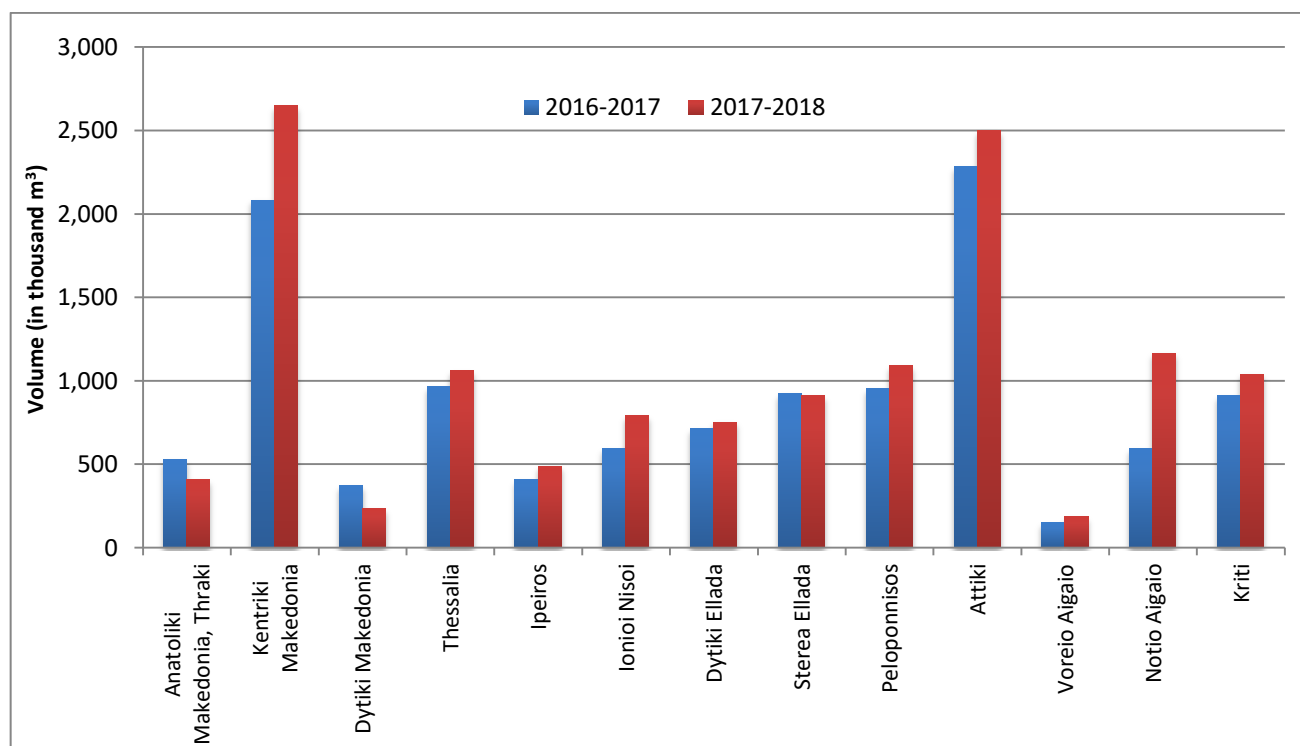
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), August 2017 and 2018 \***



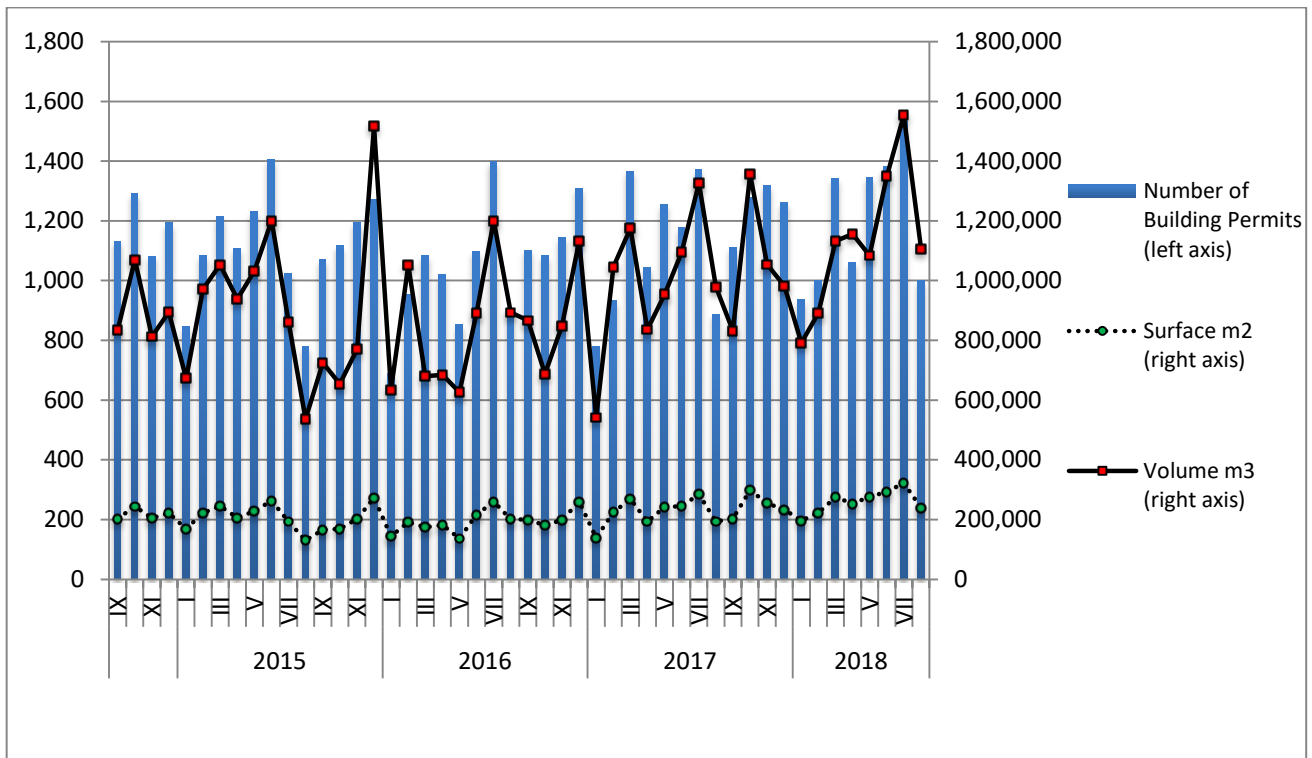
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), September 2016 – August 2017 and September 2017 – August 2018\***



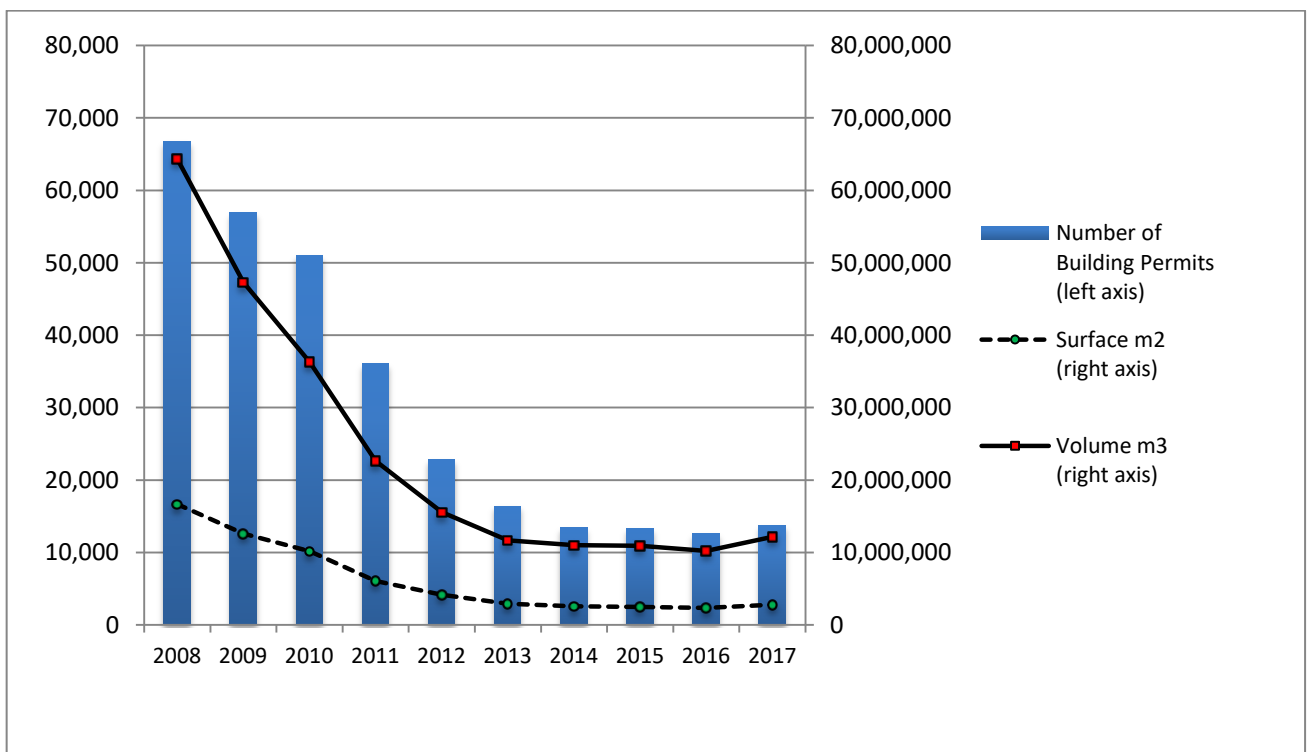
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (September 2014 – August 2018\*)**



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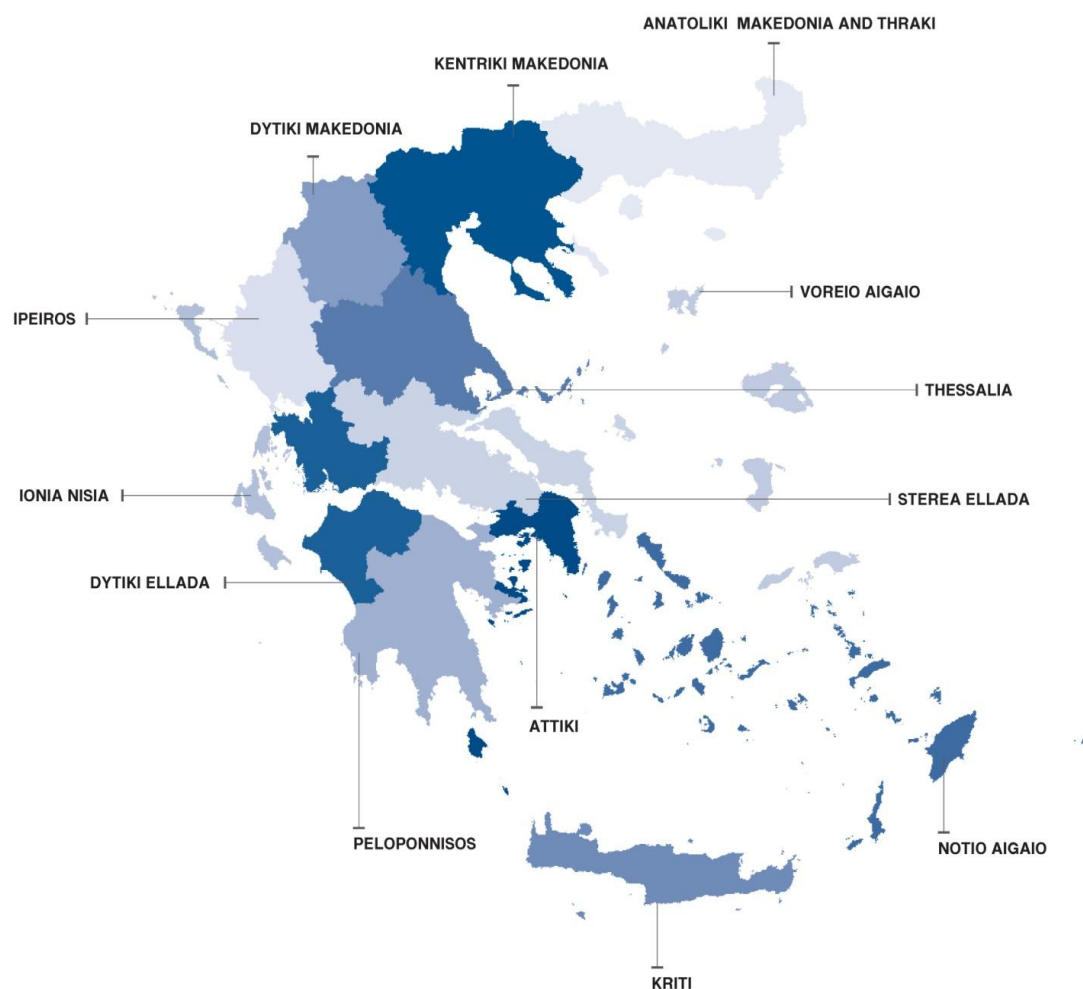
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2008 - 2017)**



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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.
<b>Reference Period</b>	August 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
<b>Geographical classification</b>	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](http://www.statistics.gr), under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/->