



## PRESS RELEASE

### Building Activity Survey: January 2018

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in January 2018 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 926. This figure corresponds to 205.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 807.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, an 18.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 45.2% increase in surface and a 45.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2017 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2018 amounted to 915. This figure corresponds to 195.6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 768.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2017 there is a 17.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 41.3% increase in surface and a 41.7% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2018 amounted to 11. This figure corresponds to 9.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 38.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 4.8% of the total building volume in January 2018.
- In the last twelve months, from February 2017 until January 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 14,032. This figure corresponds to 2,924.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 12,932.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from February 2016 until January 2017, there is a 9.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 20.7% increase in surface and a 23.5% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from February 2017 until January 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 21.1% increase in surface and a 22.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2016 to January 2017 (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 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	25	35	40.0	2.7	6.2	124.7	8.7	23.9	176.3
Kentriki Makedonia	65	131	101.5	13.5	32.5	141.1	79.2	149.1	88.4
Dytiki Makedonia	10	14	40.0	1.9	1.8	-5.8	6.4	7.4	16.6
Thessalia	38	38	0.0	13.4	12.2	-9.0	78.6	46.3	-41.1
Ipeiros	19	30	57.9	2.7	6.5	143.5	8.9	25.3	184.9
Ionioi Nisoi	57	55	-3.5	15.7	10.8	-31.4	51.0	36.0	-29.3
Dytiki Ellada	58	68	17.2	10.6	17.0	60.7	35.1	65.3	85.8
Stereia Ellada	76	74	-2.6	8.2	16.1	97.3	34.0	46.4	36.4
Peloponnisos	101	96	-5.0	11.8	15.2	28.6	48.5	57.4	18.4
Attiki	167	181	8.4	25.2	38.6	53.4	91.3	173.6	90.2
Voreio Aigaio	21	34	61.9	2.3	4.6	104.5	7.2	18.7	159.6
Notio Aigaio	74	80	8.1	14.2	13.5	-5.4	51.5	41.5	-19.5
Kriti	74	90	21.6	19.1	30.3	58.1	53.2	116.1	118.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>141.3</b>	<b>205.2</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>553.5</b>	<b>807.1</b>	<b>45.8</b>

\*Provisional data for January 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), January 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	25	35	40.0	2.7	6.2	124.7	8.7	23.9	176.3
Kentriki Makedonia	64	131	104.7	13.5	32.5	141.1	79.2	149.1	88.4
Dytiki Makedonia	10	13	30.0	1.9	1.2	-38.8	6.4	4.5	-30.1
Thessalia	38	36	-5.3	13.4	12.2	-9.3	78.6	46.2	-41.3
Ipeiros	19	29	52.6	2.7	6.5	143.5	8.9	25.3	184.9
Ionioi Nisoi	57	55	-3.5	15.7	10.8	-31.4	51.0	36.0	-29.3
Dytiki Ellada	57	67	17.5	8.7	11.5	31.4	27.9	43.3	55.5
Stereia Ellada	76	71	-6.6	8.2	15.0	82.8	34.0	40.3	18.6
Peloponnisos	101	96	-5.0	11.8	15.2	28.6	48.5	57.4	18.4
Attiki	166	180	8.4	24.8	38.6	55.8	89.8	173.6	93.4
Voreio Aigaio	21	33	57.1	2.3	4.3	92.1	7.2	17.5	144.0
Notio Aigaio	74	80	8.1	14.2	13.5	-5.4	51.5	41.5	-19.5
Kriti	73	89	21.9	18.4	28.2	53.2	50.8	110.0	116.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>138.4</b>	<b>195.6</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>542.3</b>	<b>768.7</b>	<b>41.7</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	545	495	-9.2	99.2	116.4	17.3	441.3	504.2	14.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,784	1,917	7.5	394.1	471.1	19.5	2,256.3	2,591.8	14.9
Dytiki Makedonia	284	289	1.8	60.5	72.1	19.2	261.7	386.7	47.7
Thessalia	687	754	9.8	170.6	188.7	10.6	815.7	904.7	10.9
Ipeiros	409	485	18.6	84.6	129.6	53.3	321.5	662.6	106.1
Ionioi Nisoi	699	810	15.9	147.4	191.5	29.9	521.4	619.7	18.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,023	1,203	17.6	165.9	205.8	24.0	632.2	832.2	31.6
Stereia Ellada	1,119	1,103	-1.4	160.9	183.9	14.3	744.5	908.9	22.1
Peloponnisos	1,440	1,325	-8.0	226.1	254.1	12.4	964.4	1,119.1	16.0
Attiki	2,443	2,751	12.6	420.0	546.1	30.0	1,798.0	2,394.7	33.2
Voreio Aigaio	334	451	35.0	39.7	55.1	38.8	140.9	195.7	38.9
Notio Aigaio	1,115	1,385	24.2	182.2	232.5	27.6	614.8	830.4	35.1
Kriti	963	1,064	10.5	272.4	277.2	1.8	960.3	981.5	2.2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>12,845</b>	<b>14,032</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>2,423.6</b>	<b>2,924.2</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>10,472.9</b>	<b>12,932.2</b>	<b>23.5</b>

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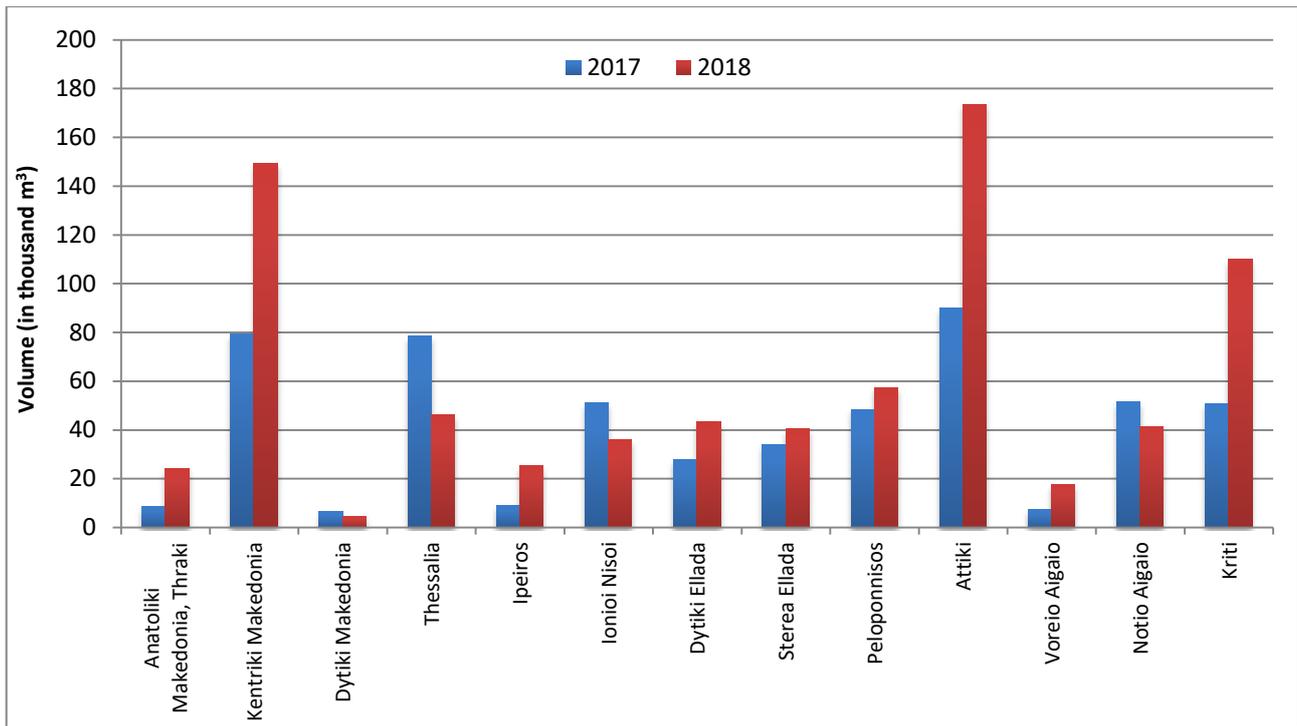
**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2016 - January 2017 and February 2017 - January 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	539	484	-10.2	97.2	106.0	9.0	431.6	449.4	4.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,757	1,894	7.8	376.4	456.5	21.3	2,179.2	2,530.0	16.1
Dytiki Makedonia	283	284	0.4	57.9	68.8	18.8	246.2	375.1	52.4
Thessalia	680	745	9.6	168.9	183.0	8.4	807.5	878.7	8.8
Ipeiros	403	479	18.9	81.2	109.5	34.9	307.1	465.7	51.7
Ionioi Nisoi	698	810	16.0	143.4	191.5	33.5	485.9	619.7	27.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,018	1,200	17.9	160.8	199.7	24.2	609.5	807.7	32.5
Stereia Ellada	1,111	1,094	-1.5	159.3	178.0	11.7	738.6	878.8	19.0
Peloponnisos	1,430	1,310	-8.4	223.7	244.7	9.4	953.5	1,078.0	13.1
Attiki	2,430	2,741	12.8	395.5	541.2	36.9	1,699.6	2,370.3	39.5
Voreio Aigaio	333	444	33.3	39.7	54.2	36.6	140.9	191.7	36.0
Notio Aigaio	1,098	1,380	25.7	177.9	230.8	29.7	595.8	810.0	36.0
Kriti	951	1,054	10.8	258.3	269.4	4.3	909.5	952.1	4.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>12,731</b>	<b>13,919</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>2,340.1</b>	<b>2,833.4</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>10,105.0</b>	<b>12,407.2</b>	<b>22.8</b>

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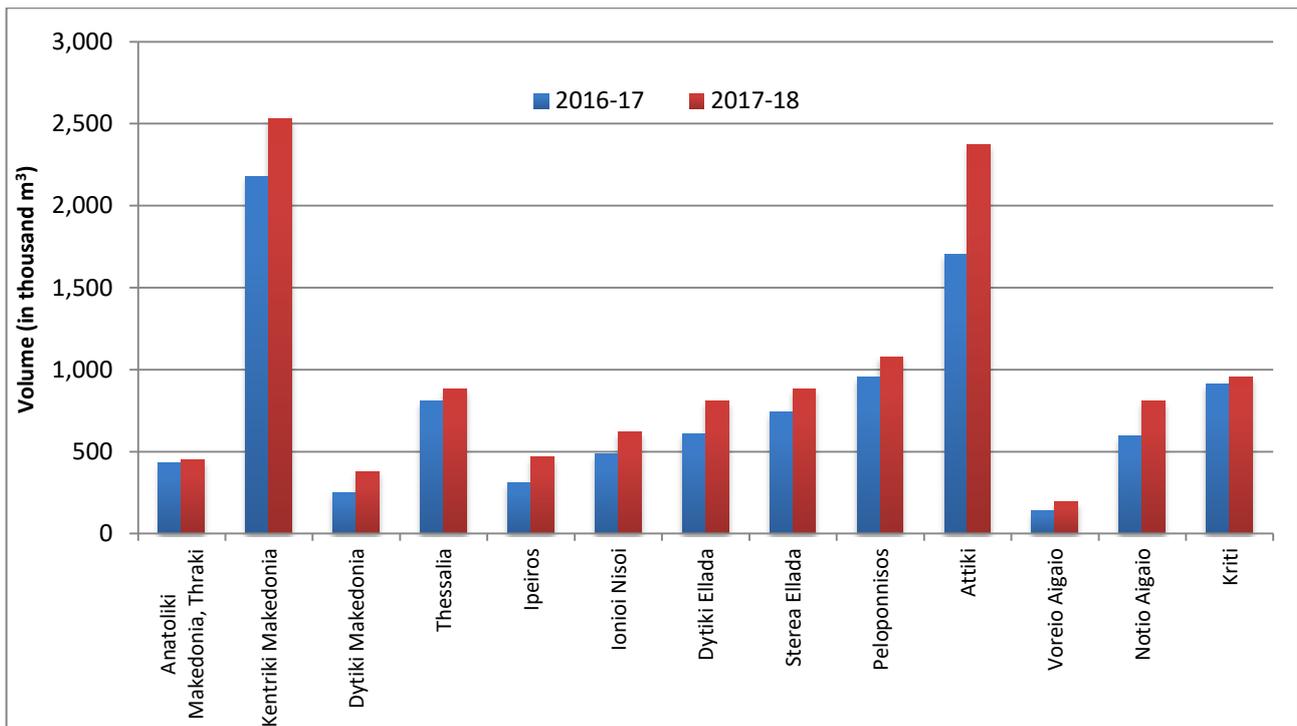
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January 2017 and 2018 \***



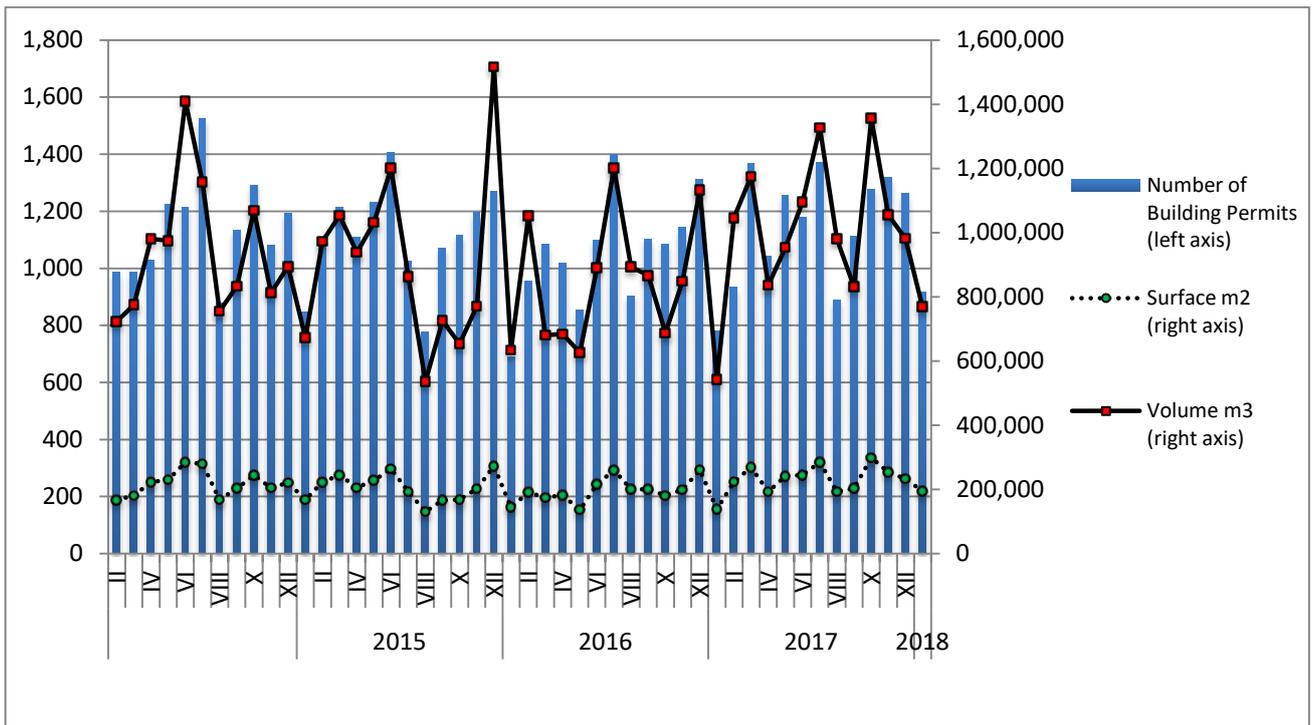
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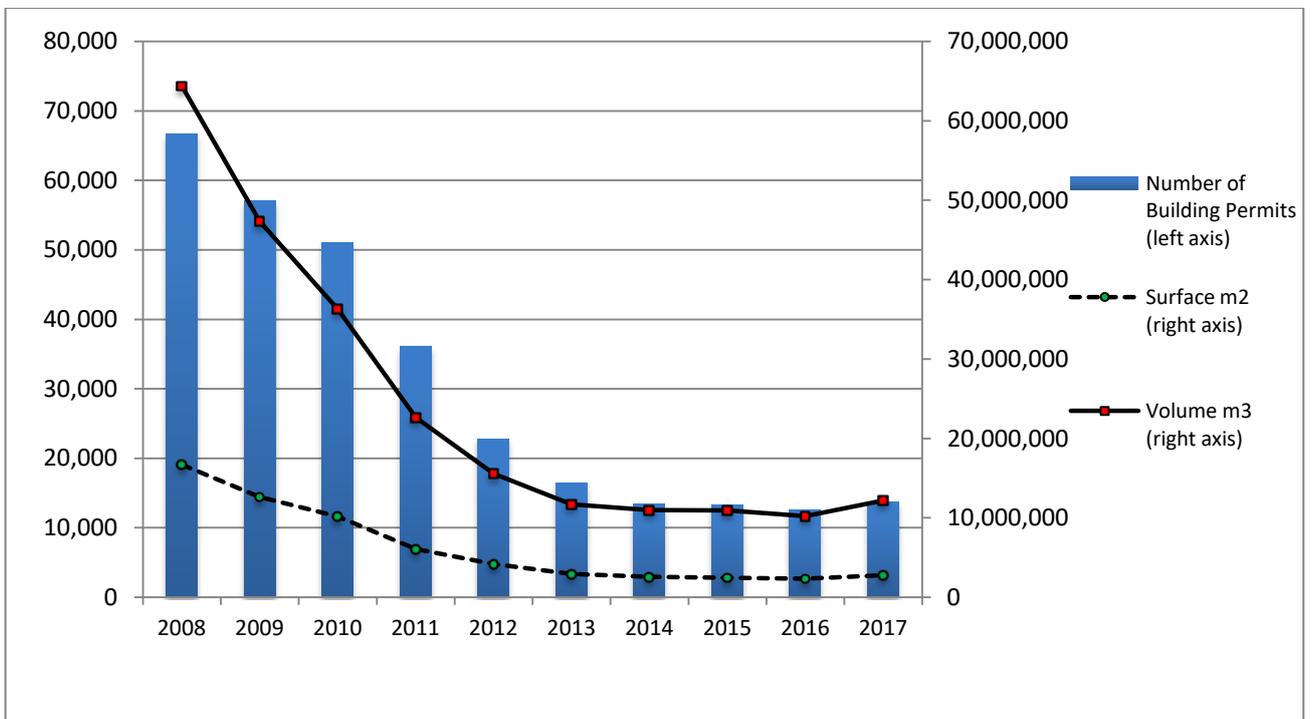
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (February 2014 – January 2018\*)**



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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** January 1, 2018 to January 31, 2018
- Coverage** The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
- 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/->