



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: June 2018**

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in June 2018 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,374. This figure corresponds to 299.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,394.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 16.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 20.9% increase in surface and a 25.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2017 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2018 amounted to 1,362. This figure corresponds to 290.6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,342.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2017 there is a 15.7% increase in the number of building permits, an 18.8% increase in surface and a 22.5% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2018 amounted to 12. This figure corresponds to 8.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 52.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 3.8% of the total building volume in June 2018.
- In the last twelve months, from July 2017 until June 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 14,404. This figure corresponds to 3,090.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 13,562.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from July 2016 until June 2017, there is a 5.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 15.6% increase in surface and a 17.5% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from July 2017 until June 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 5.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.1% increase in surface and a 14.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from July 2016 to June 2017 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.7% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - June 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 7.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 17.3% increase in surface and a 15.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2017 (Table 5). During the same period, January - June 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.5% increase in surface and a 13.2% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - June 2017 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	49	35	-28.6	7.5	6.0	-20.8	25.0	21.2	-15.2
Kentriki Makedonia	145	195	34.5	42.4	33.3	-21.5	247.1	149.6	-39.4
Dytiki Makedonia	28	32	14.3	10.0	10.3	2.6	63.0	59.1	-6.2
Thessalia	74	96	29.7	15.3	27.4	79.3	70.0	130.2	86.1
Ipeiros	40	42	5.0	17.0	6.9	-59.4	83.9	36.2	-56.9
Ionioi Nisoi	80	80	0.0	20.9	13.2	-36.9	68.6	39.8	-41.9
Dytiki Ellada	104	121	16.3	15.1	19.6	29.8	57.5	85.0	47.7
Stereia Ellada	85	91	7.1	16.6	34.0	104.8	76.9	141.5	83.9
Peloponnisos	107	128	19.6	11.6	16.9	46.1	38.6	76.4	97.9
Attiki	256	301	17.6	63.2	82.6	30.8	283.6	484.2	70.7
Voreio Aigaio	34	41	20.6	4.4	5.8	31.2	15.7	20.4	29.4
Notio Aigaio	99	127	28.3	9.4	27.3	191.8	31.3	89.7	186.2
Kriti	81	85	4.9	14.0	15.9	13.4	50.2	61.6	22.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>247.3</b>	<b>299.0</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>1,111.6</b>	<b>1,394.8</b>	<b>25.5</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), June 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	49	35	-28.6	7.5	6.0	-20.8	25.0	21.2	-15.2
Kentriki Makedonia	145	193	33.1	42.4	32.0	-24.6	247.1	139.7	-43.5
Dytiki Makedonia	28	32	14.3	10.0	10.3	2.6	63.0	59.1	-6.2
Thessalia	73	95	30.1	14.9	27.2	82.6	68.4	129.4	89.1
Ipeiros	39	42	7.7	14.9	6.9	-53.5	70.8	36.2	-48.9
Ionioi Nisoi	80	80	0.0	20.9	13.2	-36.9	68.6	39.8	-41.9
Dytiki Ellada	104	121	16.3	15.1	19.6	29.8	57.5	85.0	47.7
Stereia Ellada	85	91	7.1	16.6	34.0	104.8	76.9	141.5	83.9
Peloponnisos	107	128	19.6	11.6	16.9	46.1	38.6	76.4	97.9
Attiki	255	294	15.3	63.2	75.6	19.7	283.6	442.3	55.9
Voreio Aigaio	33	41	24.2	4.1	5.8	40.5	14.1	20.4	44.6
Notio Aigaio	98	126	28.6	9.4	27.3	191.8	31.3	89.7	186.2
Kriti	81	84	3.7	14.0	15.9	13.4	50.2	61.6	22.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>244.5</b>	<b>290.6</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>1,095.2</b>	<b>1,342.1</b>	<b>22.5</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	512	466	-9.0	115.5	109.0	-5.6	546.5	430.6	-21.2
Kentriki Makedonia	1,747	2,001	14.5	392.2	479.6	22.3	2,084.4	2,640.0	26.7
Dytiki Makedonia	318	276	-13.2	67.9	68.4	0.8	356.2	317.8	-10.8
Thessalia	740	798	7.8	199.3	202.5	1.6	1,047.5	971.4	-7.3
Ipeiros	464	481	3.7	108.6	133.3	22.7	454.5	652.7	43.6
Ionioi Nisoi	770	853	10.8	179.9	232.0	29.0	609.9	763.3	25.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,124	1,229	9.3	166.7	209.5	25.6	623.8	863.2	38.4
Stereia Ellada	1,095	1,120	2.3	172.9	208.9	20.8	818.7	1,051.2	28.4
Peloponnisos	1,452	1,324	-8.8	230.0	272.6	18.5	958.5	1,201.8	25.4
Attiki	2,682	2,789	4.0	521.2	518.1	-0.6	2,255.8	2,342.8	3.9
Voreio Aigaio	401	454	13.2	43.3	54.5	25.8	143.8	199.4	38.7
Notio Aigaio	1,250	1,523	21.8	187.0	325.1	73.8	626.9	1,132.6	80.7
Kriti	1,044	1,090	4.4	287.6	276.8	-3.8	1,020.8	996.2	-2.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,599</b>	<b>14,404</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>2,672.2</b>	<b>3,090.2</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>11,547.1</b>	<b>13,562.9</b>	<b>17.5</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	503	459	-8.7	112.6	99.6	-11.5	533.1	379.4	-28.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,730	1,970	13.9	387.7	454.8	17.3	2,066.2	2,523.6	22.1
Dytiki Makedonia	317	272	-14.2	66.5	66.5	-0.1	352.3	310.2	-11.9
Thessalia	729	788	8.1	194.5	198.6	2.1	1,026.0	953.1	-7.1
Ipeiros	462	475	2.8	105.9	115.5	9.1	438.6	470.3	7.2
Ionioi Nisoi	769	853	10.9	175.9	232.0	31.9	574.5	763.3	32.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,120	1,226	9.5	164.9	203.3	23.3	616.5	838.8	36.0
Stereia Ellada	1,088	1,108	1.8	171.5	196.9	14.8	813.6	990.4	21.7
Peloponnisos	1,439	1,311	-8.9	227.1	262.9	15.8	945.1	1,158.4	22.6
Attiki	2,670	2,774	3.9	499.3	506.2	1.4	2,168.2	2,276.7	5.0
Voreio Aigaio	398	446	12.1	42.9	52.7	22.9	141.5	192.5	36.0
Notio Aigaio	1,237	1,515	22.5	184.2	320.3	73.9	614.1	1,099.0	79.0
Kriti	1,036	1,081	4.3	278.5	270.3	-2.9	989.4	972.0	-1.8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,498</b>	<b>14,278</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>2,611.6</b>	<b>2,979.7</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>11,279.0</b>	<b>12,927.7</b>	<b>14.6</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	227	208	-8.4	47.6	43.6	-8.3	217.5	159.2	-26.8
Kentriki Makedonia	842	992	17.8	209.9	237.4	13.1	1,085.4	1,203.6	10.9
Dytiki Makedonia	131	122	-6.9	32.7	28.9	-11.5	202.9	135.1	-33.4
Thessalia	363	407	12.1	102.3	114.9	12.3	568.4	602.8	6.0
Ipeiros	236	243	3.0	59.1	66.6	12.7	257.7	264.2	2.5
Ionioi Nisoi	421	462	9.7	101.9	137.4	34.9	331.0	459.7	38.9
Dytiki Ellada	530	566	6.8	79.2	89.2	12.7	285.8	347.0	21.4
Stereia Ellada	485	500	3.1	72.1	105.1	45.6	318.6	473.3	48.6
Peloponnisos	671	665	-0.9	97.9	119.7	22.3	411.1	502.7	22.3
Attiki	1,381	1,433	3.8	295.0	280.4	-4.9	1,275.6	1,306.0	2.4
Voreio Aigaio	206	222	7.8	23.9	25.6	7.1	79.4	94.5	19.0
Notio Aigaio	589	733	24.4	75.7	167.6	121.3	259.9	552.1	112.4
Kriti	511	553	8.2	127.9	138.6	8.4	421.1	498.7	18.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>6,593</b>	<b>7,106</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>1,325.1</b>	<b>1,555.0</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>5,714.6</b>	<b>6,598.9</b>	<b>15.5</b>

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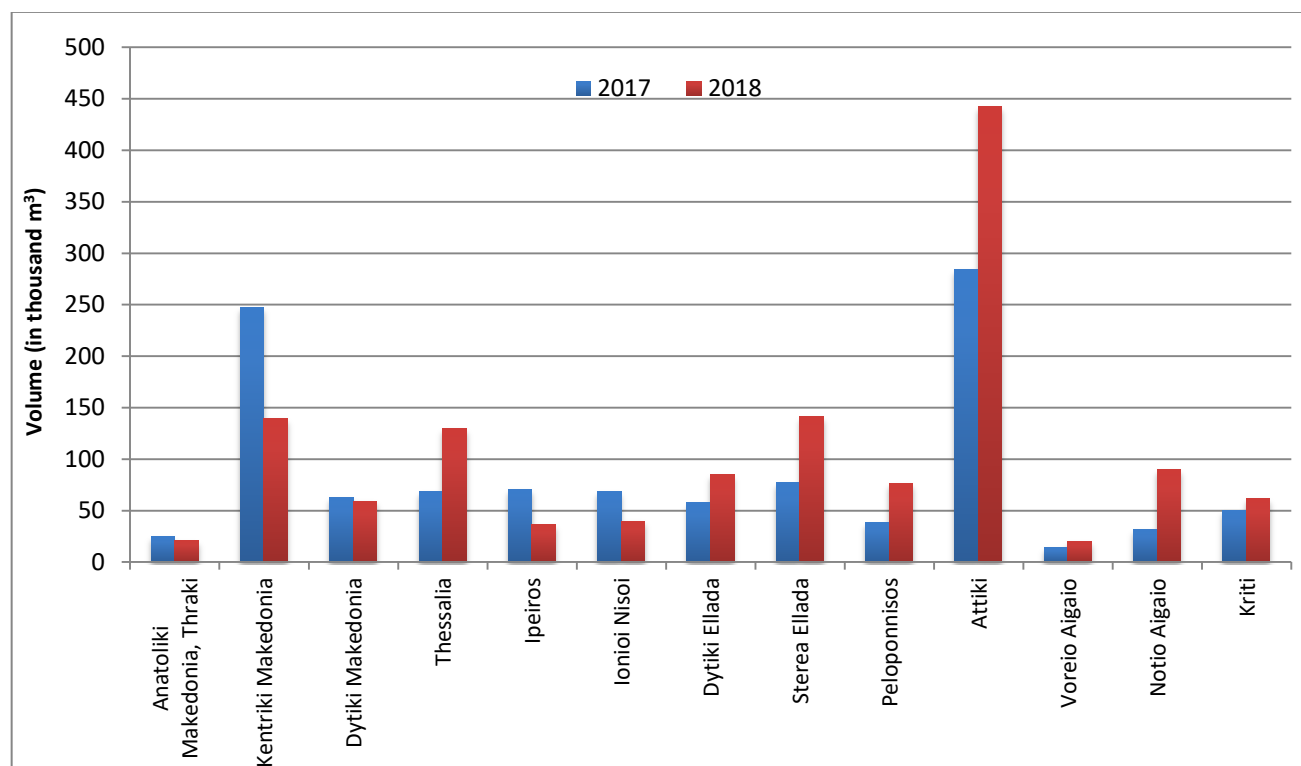
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - June 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	223	208	-6.7	46.6	43.6	-6.4	213.9	159.2	-25.6
Kentriki Makedonia	836	979	17.1	208.9	226.2	8.3	1,080.8	1,144.4	5.9
Dytiki Makedonia	130	121	-6.9	31.3	28.3	-9.7	199.0	132.3	-33.5
Thessalia	359	400	11.4	99.3	113.6	14.4	555.0	596.9	7.5
Ipeiros	234	240	2.6	56.4	66.2	17.5	241.8	262.9	8.7
Ionioi Nisoi	421	462	9.7	101.9	137.4	34.9	331.0	459.7	38.9
Dytiki Ellada	529	565	6.8	77.3	83.7	8.2	278.6	325.0	16.7
Stereia Ellada	484	493	1.9	72.0	97.8	35.7	318.3	436.2	37.1
Peloponnisos	666	662	-0.6	97.1	118.7	22.2	407.7	497.0	21.9
Attiki	1,376	1,423	3.4	294.5	273.3	-7.2	1,273.4	1,263.6	-0.8
Voreio Aigaio	203	217	6.9	23.5	24.0	2.3	77.2	88.4	14.5
Notio Aigaio	587	728	24.0	75.7	164.5	117.1	259.9	538.9	107.3
Kriti	508	551	8.5	125.8	136.5	8.5	413.6	492.6	19.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>6,556</b>	<b>7,049</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>1,310.4</b>	<b>1,513.9</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>5,650.2</b>	<b>6,397.0</b>	<b>13.2</b>

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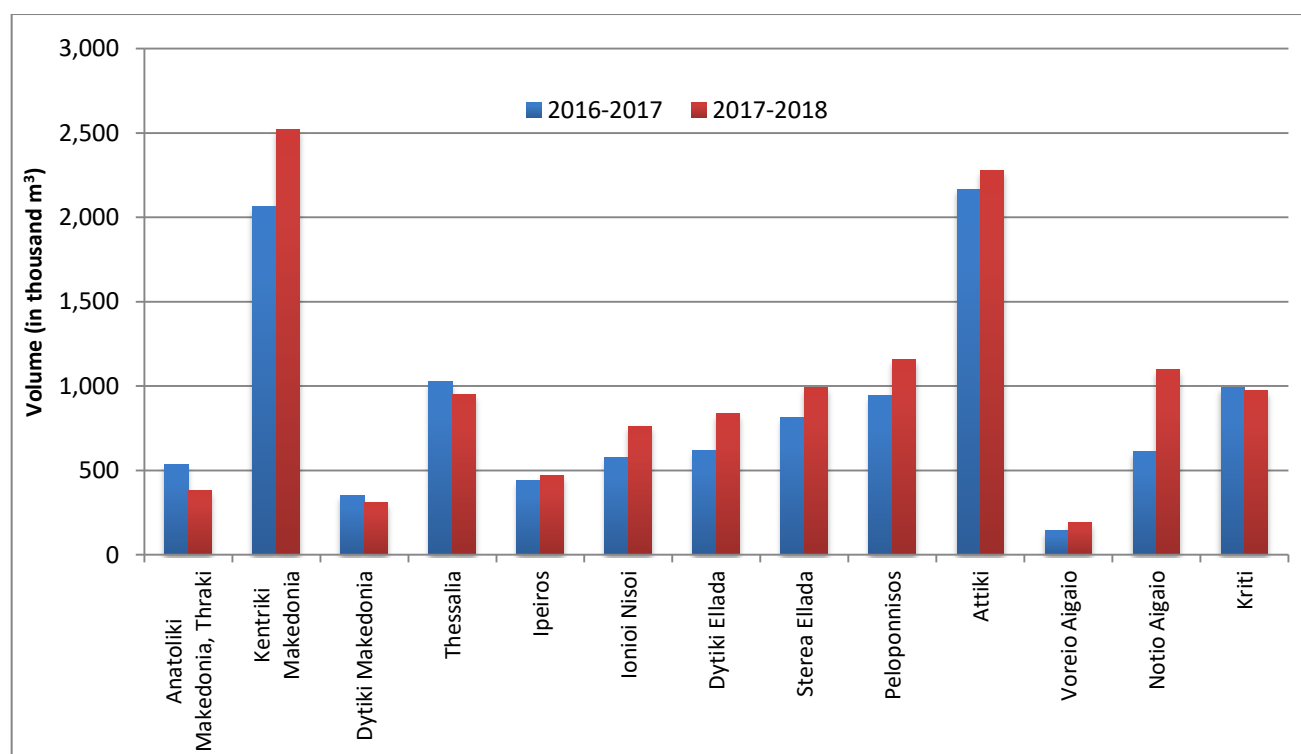
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2017 and 2018 \***



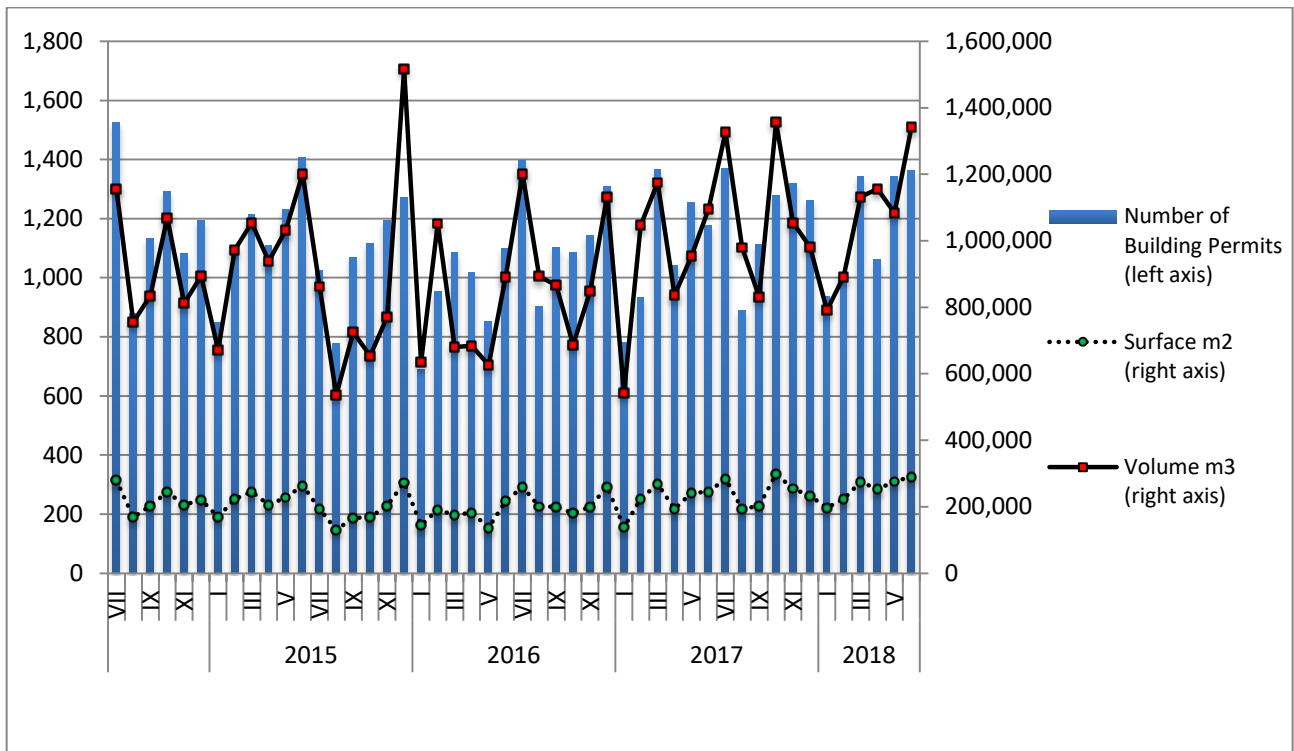
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), July 2016 – June 2017 and July 2017 - June 2018\***



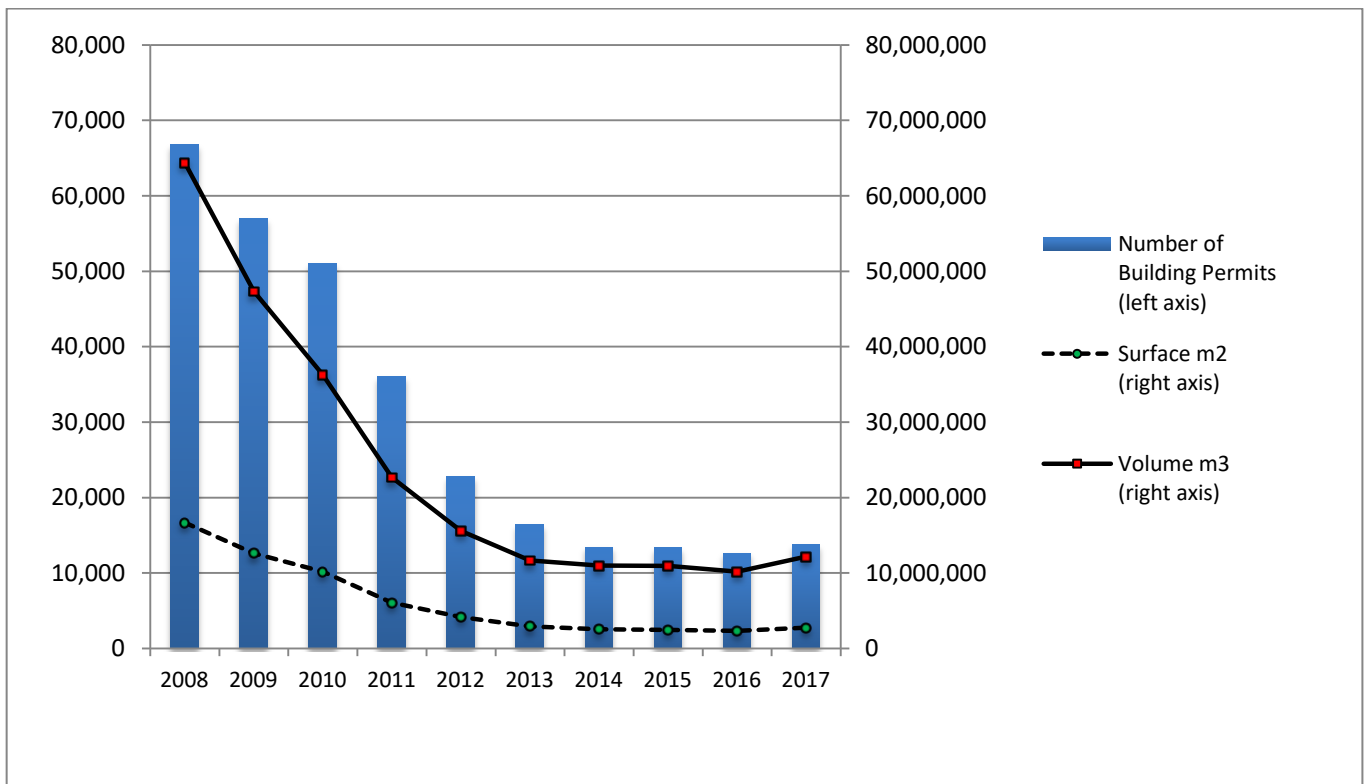
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (July 2014 – June 2018\*)**



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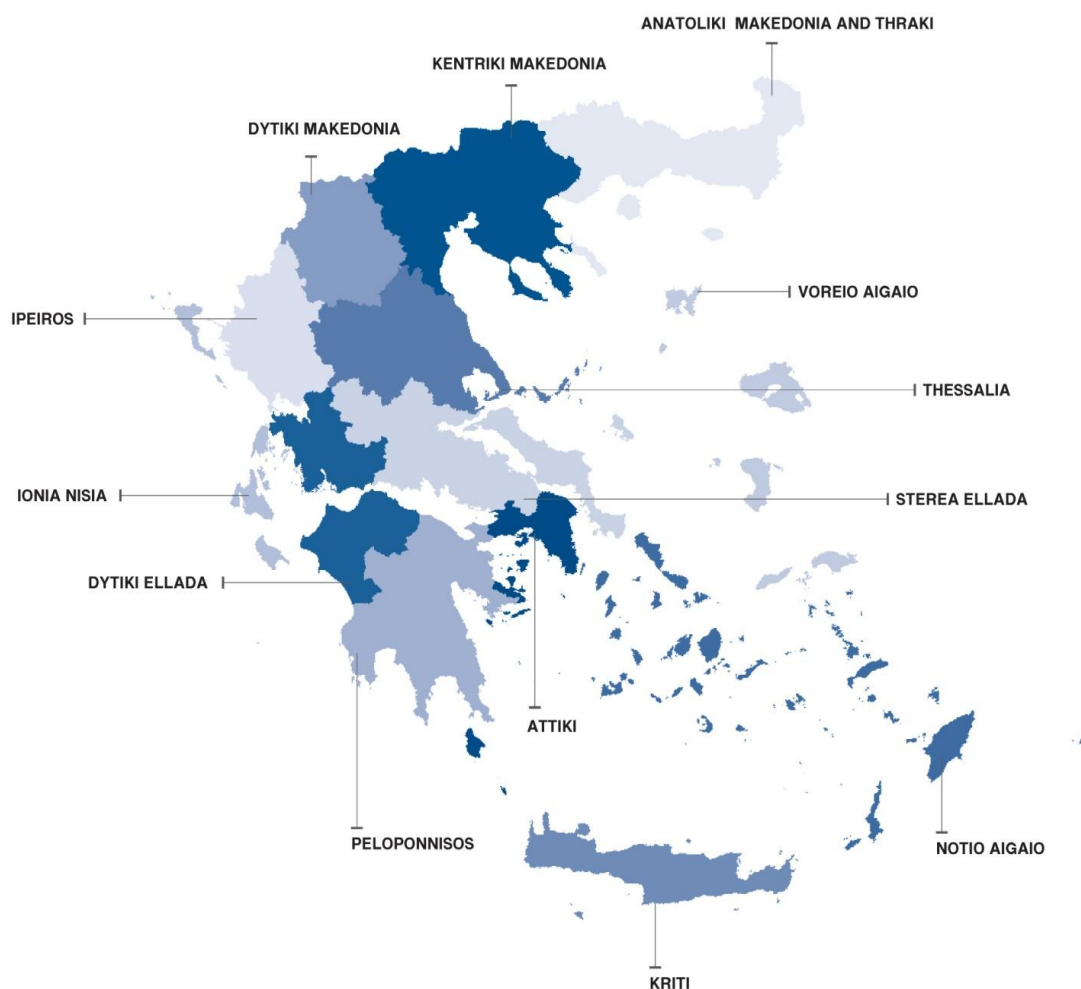
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2008 - 2017)**



## 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>	June 1, 2018 to June 30, 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/->