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Building Activity Survey: August 2017

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month August 2017, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in August 2017 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 864. This figure corresponds to 198.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,004.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 5.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 3.9% decrease in surface and a 7.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2016 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2017 amounted to 856. This figure corresponds to 192.4 thousand m² of surface and 977.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2016 there is a 5.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 4.3% decrease in surface and a 9.5% increase in volume (Table 2). The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2017 amounted to 8. This figure corresponds to 5.7 thousand m² of surface and 26.7 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.7% of the total building volume in August 2017.
- In the last twelve months, from September 2016 until August 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,530. This figure corresponds to 2,688.2 thousand m² of surface and 11,750.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from September 2015 until August 2016, there is a 6.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 12.2% increase in surface and a 9.1% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from September 2016 until August 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 13.5% increase in surface and an 11.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2015 to August 2016 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.2% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - August 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 9.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.9% increase in surface and a 17.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2016 (Table 5).
- During the same period, January - August 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 18.7% increase in surface and a 19.4% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - August 2016 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2016 and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	28	35	25.0	7.0	10.1	44.7	32.4	45.7	40.8
Kentriki Makedonia	142	126	-11.3	27.2	35.0	28.5	131.0	186.5	42.3
Dytiki Makedonia	33	26	-21.2	8.7	7.2	-16.3	42.0	29.9	-28.9
Thessalia	55	44	-20.0	21.2	15.2	-28.4	63.2	68.8	8.8
Ipeiros	41	27	-34.1	14.5	3.5	-75.7	63.4	15.4	-75.7
Ionioi Nisoi	60	40	-33.3	16.3	13.5	-17.5	74.0	42.0	-43.2
Dytiki Ellada	67	96	43.3	10.4	23.8	128.1	40.1	138.9	246.6
Stereia Ellada	89	106	19.1	16.8	18.3	8.8	98.4	162.0	64.7
Peloponnisos	121	90	-25.6	21.3	21.1	-1.0	89.8	88.1	-1.8
Attiki	106	98	-7.5	19.3	24.6	27.8	132.8	134.4	1.3
Voreio Aigaio	25	24	-4.0	2.6	3.9	47.2	8.3	14.1	70.0
Notio Aigaio	70	79	12.9	14.8	10.9	-26.2	50.4	38.2	-24.3
Kriti	74	73	-1.4	25.9	11.0	-57.6	107.4	40.3	-62.5
Greece, Total	911	864	-5.2	206.1	198.1	-3.9	933.3	1,004.2	7.6

*Provisional data for August 2017

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 2016 and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	28	34	21.4	7.0	10.1	44.7	32.4	45.7	40.8
Kentriki Makedonia	141	124	-12.1	26.8	33.6	25.3	129.0	181.1	40.4
Dytiki Makedonia	33	26	-21.2	8.7	7.2	-16.3	42.0	29.9	-28.9
Thessalia	55	44	-20.0	21.2	15.2	-28.4	63.2	68.8	8.8
Ipeiros	41	27	-34.1	14.5	3.5	-75.7	63.4	15.4	-75.7
Ionioi Nisoi	59	40	-32.2	12.3	13.5	9.3	38.6	42.0	8.8
Dytiki Ellada	67	96	43.3	10.4	23.8	128.1	40.1	138.9	246.6
Stereia Ellada	88	105	19.3	16.7	18.2	8.8	98.1	161.8	64.9
Peloponnisos	120	87	-27.5	21.2	16.9	-20.2	89.0	67.1	-24.6
Attiki	106	98	-7.5	19.3	24.6	27.8	132.8	134.4	1.3
Voreio Aigaio	25	24	-4.0	2.6	3.9	47.2	8.3	14.1	70.0
Notio Aigaio	69	79	14.5	14.6	10.9	-25.0	49.5	38.2	-22.8
Kriti	72	72	0.0	25.7	11.0	-57.3	106.7	40.3	-62.3
Greece, Total	904	856	-5.3	201.0	192.4	-4.3	893.1	977.6	9.5

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2015 - August 2016 and September 2016 – August 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	558	502	-10.0	90.3	118.7	31.5	373.0	554.3	48.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,950	1,728	-11.4	416.3	403.1	-3.2	2,363.3	2,105.0	-10.9
Dytiki Makedonia	263	293	11.4	78.5	71.5	-9.0	453.4	379.9	-16.2
Thessalia	683	733	7.3	186.3	185.7	-0.3	1,051.2	987.7	-6.0
Ipeiros	446	458	2.7	100.7	100.0	-0.6	405.9	425.8	4.9
Ionioi Nisoi	654	759	16.1	115.2	182.0	58.0	418.6	593.1	41.7
Dytiki Ellada	996	1,157	16.2	177.4	180.2	1.6	713.4	724.3	1.5
Stereia Ellada	1,049	1,102	5.1	156.2	176.9	13.3	727.2	930.2	27.9
Peloponnisos	1,405	1,407	0.1	215.0	227.7	5.9	881.1	988.6	12.2
Attiki	2,315	2,698	16.5	389.0	547.6	40.8	1,708.2	2,374.1	39.0
Voreio Aigaio	377	412	9.3	59.4	46.1	-22.4	226.2	155.0	-31.5
Notio Aigaio	1,111	1,233	11.0	176.0	180.0	2.3	646.8	602.5	-6.8
Kriti	949	1,048	10.4	235.3	268.7	14.2	805.1	929.5	15.5
Greece, Total	12,756	13,530	6.1	2,395.5	2,688.2	12.2	10,773.5	11,750.1	9.1

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2015 - August 2016 and September 2016 - August 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	551	489	-11.3	87.4	112.6	28.8	356.5	528.1	48.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,917	1,709	-10.9	400.4	397.8	-0.6	2,294.1	2,083.9	-9.2
Dytiki Makedonia	259	292	12.7	61.6	70.1	13.8	282.3	376.0	33.2
Thessalia	680	723	6.3	186.2	180.9	-2.8	1,050.7	966.2	-8.0
Ipeiros	437	456	4.3	97.0	97.3	0.4	390.3	409.9	5.0
Ionioi Nisoi	653	759	16.2	111.2	182.0	63.7	383.2	593.1	54.8
Dytiki Ellada	993	1,154	16.2	174.1	177.8	2.1	697.9	714.6	2.4
Stereia Ellada	1,046	1,093	4.5	155.8	175.4	12.6	725.9	924.2	27.3
Peloponnisos	1,400	1,391	-0.6	214.4	220.7	2.9	879.1	954.9	8.6
Attiki	2,305	2,685	16.5	375.4	525.8	40.1	1,661.6	2,282.2	37.3
Voreio Aigaio	375	409	9.1	55.1	45.6	-17.2	209.8	152.8	-27.2
Notio Aigaio	1,098	1,223	11.4	173.8	177.4	2.0	637.7	590.7	-7.4
Kriti	938	1,041	11.0	222.8	263.7	18.4	759.5	912.2	20.1
Greece, Total	12,652	13,424	6.1	2,315.3	2,627.3	13.5	10,328.6	11,488.8	11.2

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - August 2016 and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	359	308	-14.2	52.7	69.4	31.6	213.6	307.7	44.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,240	1,140	-8.1	293.6	295.4	0.6	1,761.0	1,577.3	-10.4
Dytiki Makedonia	169	182	7.7	39.0	51.1	31.1	176.8	297.0	68.0
Thessalia	431	477	10.7	108.3	130.2	20.3	464.9	689.7	48.4
Ipeiros	258	305	18.2	61.7	74.1	20.1	235.6	328.2	39.3
Ionioi Nisoi	444	527	18.7	82.5	127.2	54.1	307.2	410.1	33.5
Dytiki Ellada	592	736	24.3	102.4	119.3	16.6	388.6	486.7	25.2
Stereia Ellada	699	705	0.9	98.5	117.0	18.8	441.1	641.8	45.5
Peloponnisos	912	909	-0.3	140.7	144.7	2.9	591.5	631.7	6.8
Attiki	1,551	1,839	18.6	282.0	389.8	38.2	1,239.8	1,718.8	38.6
Voreio Aigaio	187	266	42.2	25.3	31.5	24.7	92.3	106.1	14.9
Notio Aigaio	625	762	21.9	100.5	96.0	-4.5	393.5	326.9	-16.9
Kriti	596	686	15.1	166.0	169.4	2.0	575.6	556.2	-3.4
Greece, Total	8,063	8,842	9.7	1,553.2	1,815.1	16.9	6,881.6	8,078.1	17.4

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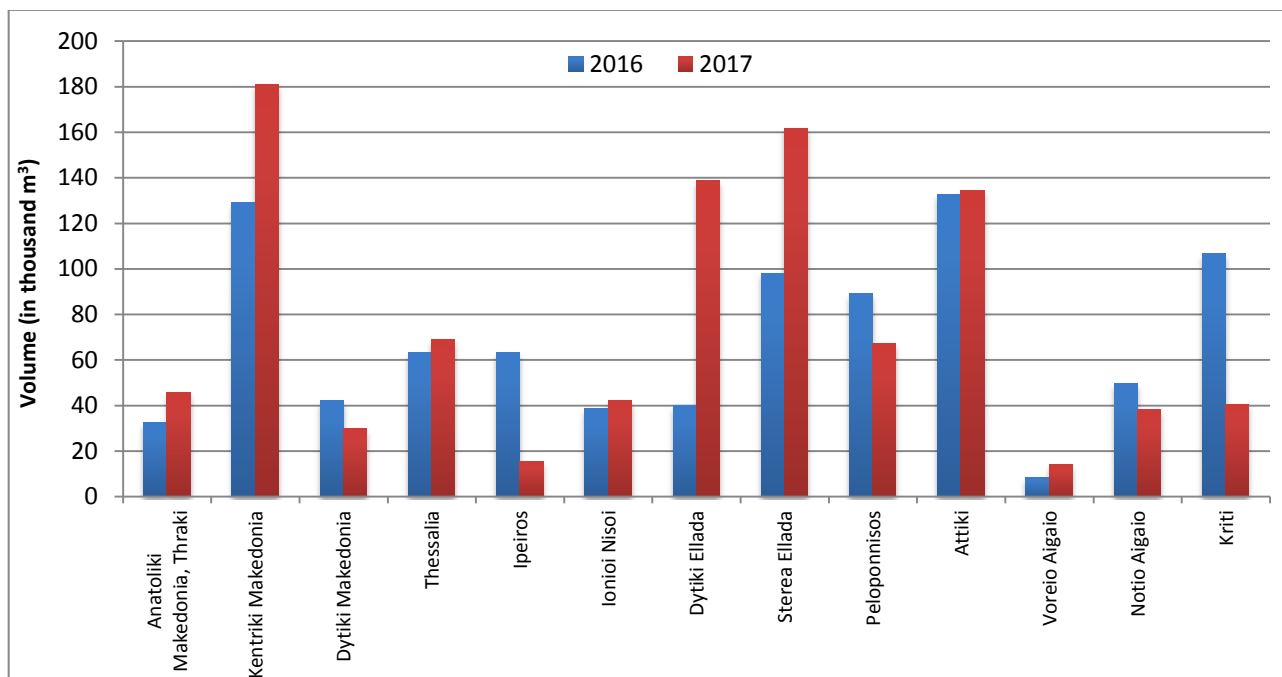
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - August 2016 and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	358	300	-16.2	52.7	65.3	23.8	213.5	291.2	36.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,222	1,129	-7.6	278.8	293.0	5.1	1,695.0	1,567.3	-7.5
Dytiki Makedonia	168	181	7.7	36.4	49.8	36.8	161.3	293.1	81.7
Thessalia	430	473	10.0	108.3	127.3	17.5	464.9	676.4	45.5
Ipeiros	252	303	20.2	58.3	71.4	22.4	221.2	312.3	41.2
Ionioi Nisoi	443	527	19.0	78.5	127.2	61.9	271.8	410.1	50.9
Dytiki Ellada	589	734	24.6	99.0	116.9	18.0	373.2	477.0	27.8
Stereia Ellada	696	701	0.7	98.1	116.6	18.9	439.7	640.3	45.6
Peloponnisos	909	900	-1.0	140.3	139.7	-0.4	589.8	607.3	3.0
Attiki	1,544	1,831	18.6	277.0	387.1	39.7	1,221.9	1,705.9	39.6
Voreio Aigaio	186	263	41.4	25.3	31.1	23.0	92.3	103.8	12.4
Notio Aigaio	616	760	23.4	98.8	96.0	-2.9	386.3	326.9	-15.4
Kriti	586	681	16.2	153.9	165.8	7.7	531.4	543.0	2.2
Greece, Total	7,999	8,783	9.8	1,505.5	1,787.0	18.7	6,662.3	7,954.5	19.4

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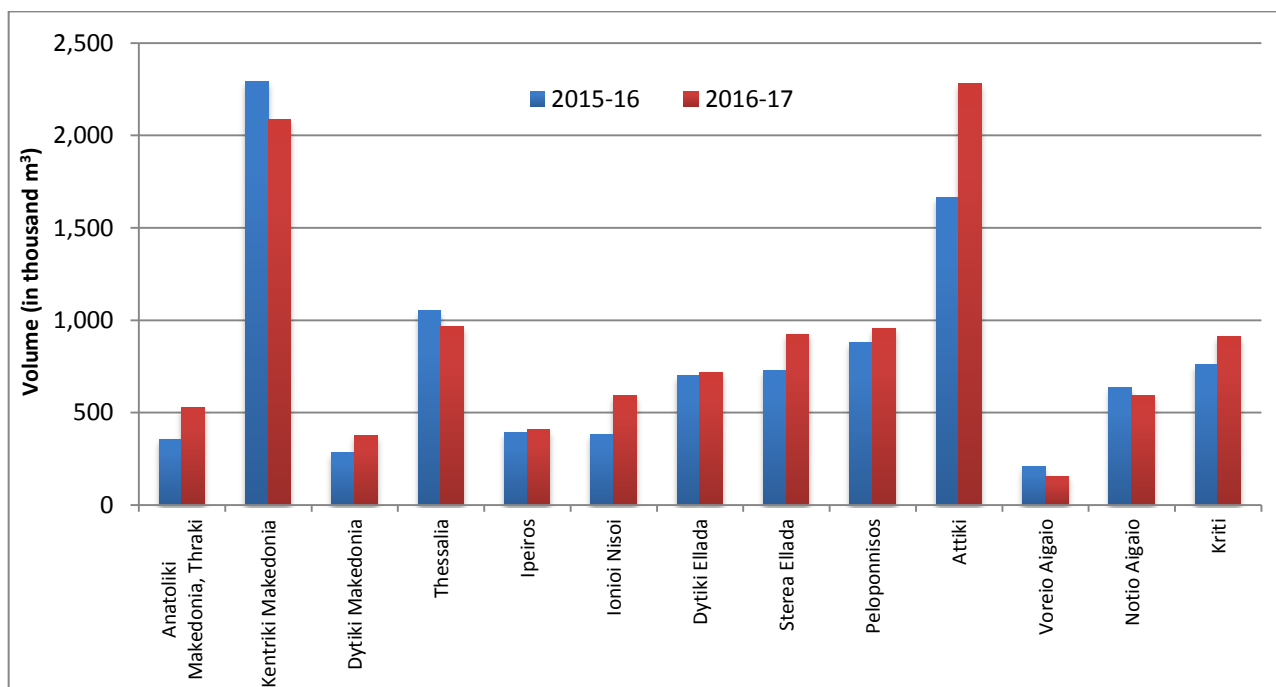
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), August 2016 and 2017 *



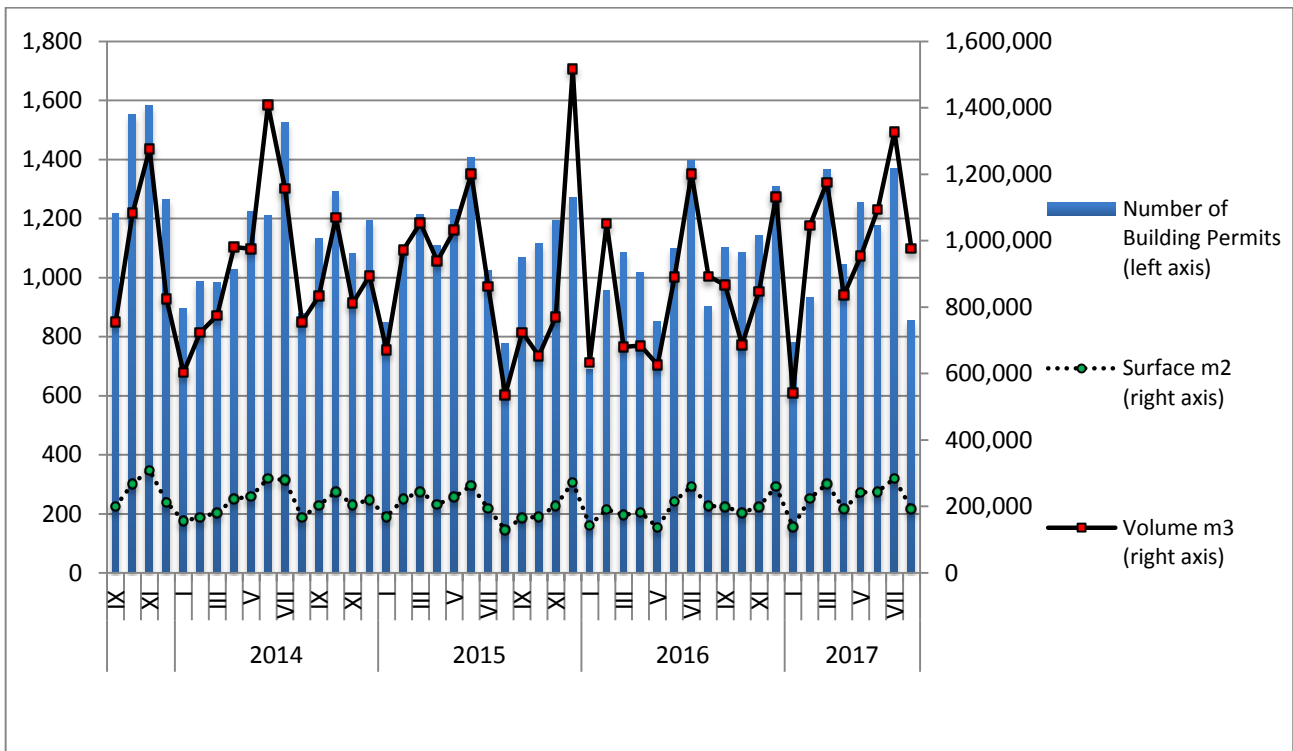
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), September 2015 - August 2016 and September 2016 - August 2017*



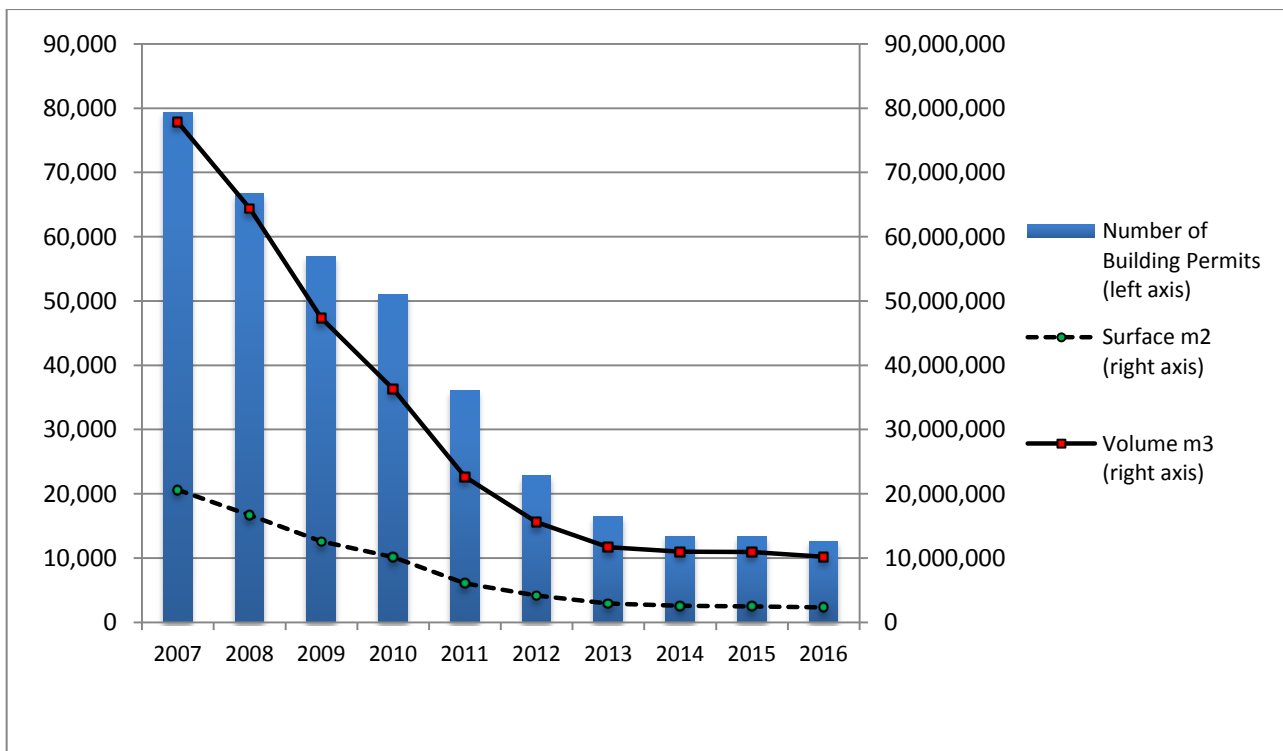
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (September 2013 – August 2017*)



*Provisional data for August 2017

Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2007 - 2016)



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	August 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017
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 net 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/-