



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: March 2018**

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in March 2018 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,346. This figure corresponds to 278.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,167.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 2.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 3.2% increase in surface and a 1.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2017 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2018 amounted to 1,339. This figure corresponds to 271.6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,132.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2017 there is a 2.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 1.2% increase in surface and a 3.6% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2018 amounted to 7. This figure corresponds to 7.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 34.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 3.0% of the total building volume in March 2018.
- In the last twelve months, from April 2017 until March 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 14,093. This figure corresponds to 2,935.6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 12,794.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from April 2016 until March 2017, there is a 7.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 15.8% increase in surface and a 17.4% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from April 2017 until March 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.0% increase in surface and a 15.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2016 to March 2017 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.4% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - March 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 6.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 11.8% increase in surface and a 4.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2017 (Table 5). During the same period, January - March 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.4% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 9.5% increase in surface and a 1.9% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - March 2017 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	40	41	2.5	15.8	8.8	-44.2	103.6	35.2	-66.0
Kentriki Makedonia	183	161	-12.0	35.1	56.4	60.7	177.7	310.9	74.9
Dytiki Makedonia	28	29	3.6	7.7	3.3	-56.8	71.8	12.7	-82.3
Thessalia	68	67	-1.5	17.6	17.1	-2.8	96.1	85.9	-10.6
Ipeiros	55	44	-20.0	12.1	11.1	-8.1	47.2	42.9	-9.2
Ionioi Nisoi	88	126	43.2	20.2	27.5	36.1	63.0	87.2	38.5
Dytiki Ellada	105	93	-11.4	19.9	12.6	-36.6	70.0	42.9	-38.8
Stereia Ellada	85	94	10.6	10.4	20.8	99.8	48.2	110.3	128.6
Peloponnisos	137	128	-6.6	22.2	24.8	11.5	95.9	94.2	-1.7
Attiki	286	266	-7.0	42.6	35.3	-17.2	187.0	136.2	-27.2
Voreio Aigaio	46	43	-6.5	4.4	3.8	-12.8	14.6	13.0	-10.9
Notio Aigaio	137	159	16.1	21.1	34.7	64.5	75.2	118.8	58.1
Kriti	119	95	-20.2	41.2	22.5	-45.3	133.2	76.9	-42.2
Greece, Total	1,377	1,346	-2.3	270.4	278.9	3.2	1,183.5	1,167.2	-1.4

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	37	41	10.8	15.4	8.8	-42.5	101.9	35.2	-65.5
Kentriki Makedonia	180	158	-12.2	34.1	50.1	46.9	173.2	280.7	62.1
Dytiki Makedonia	28	29	3.6	7.7	3.3	-56.8	71.8	12.7	-82.3
Thessalia	68	65	-4.4	17.6	16.2	-8.3	96.1	81.5	-15.2
Ipeiros	55	44	-20.0	12.1	11.1	-8.1	47.2	42.9	-9.2
Ionioi Nisoi	88	126	43.2	20.2	27.5	36.1	63.0	87.2	38.5
Dytiki Ellada	105	93	-11.4	19.9	12.6	-36.6	70.0	42.9	-38.8
Stereia Ellada	84	93	10.7	10.3	20.8	102.0	47.9	110.3	130.3
Peloponnisos	136	128	-5.9	22.2	24.8	11.8	95.7	94.2	-1.6
Attiki	285	266	-6.7	42.6	35.3	-17.2	187.0	136.2	-27.2
Voreio Aigaio	46	42	-8.7	4.4	3.8	-12.8	14.6	13.0	-10.9
Notio Aigaio	137	159	16.1	21.1	34.7	64.5	75.2	118.8	58.1
Kriti	118	95	-19.5	40.8	22.5	-44.8	131.8	76.9	-41.6
Greece, Total	1,367	1,339	-2.0	268.3	271.6	1.2	1,175.3	1,132.6	-3.6

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	540	496	-8.1	116.0	105.7	-8.9	553.2	419.0	-24.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,795	1,894	5.5	367.2	502.0	36.7	1,921.3	2,833.1	47.5
Dytiki Makedonia	292	289	-1.0	59.3	68.2	15.1	296.8	325.1	9.6
Thessalia	698	777	11.3	184.2	177.0	-3.9	951.1	802.5	-15.6
Ipeiros	412	491	19.2	93.0	140.4	51.0	369.0	693.2	87.9
Ionioi Nisoi	723	854	18.1	154.9	207.6	34.0	525.1	673.0	28.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,090	1,180	8.3	178.6	198.3	11.0	680.1	803.1	18.1
Stereia Ellada	1,111	1,122	1.0	160.2	192.3	20.0	746.2	975.7	30.8
Peloponnisos	1,446	1,311	-9.3	227.1	255.3	12.4	964.2	1,070.5	11.0
Attiki	2,508	2,729	8.8	487.5	493.9	1.3	2,149.2	2,087.1	-2.9
Voreio Aigaio	346	464	34.1	39.9	56.0	40.5	137.2	202.7	47.7
Notio Aigaio	1,131	1,435	26.9	184.8	272.3	47.3	617.5	956.3	54.8
Kriti	1,005	1,051	4.6	282.7	266.5	-5.7	985.9	953.2	-3.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,097</b>	<b>14,093</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>2,535.4</b>	<b>2,935.6</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>10,896.6</b>	<b>12,794.4</b>	<b>17.4</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18		2016-17	2017-18	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	532	488	-8.3	113.6	95.8	-15.6	541.9	365.8	-32.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,769	1,870	5.7	353.7	480.9	36.0	1,859.9	2,741.1	47.4
Dytiki Makedonia	292	284	-2.7	59.3	64.9	9.5	296.8	313.6	5.7
Thessalia	689	768	11.5	182.2	170.7	-6.3	941.9	773.1	-17.9
Ipeiros	410	485	18.3	92.9	120.3	29.5	368.9	496.3	34.5
Ionioi Nisoi	722	854	18.3	150.9	207.6	37.6	489.6	673.0	37.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,085	1,177	8.5	173.5	192.2	10.8	657.4	778.7	18.5
Stereia Ellada	1,104	1,112	0.7	158.8	184.5	16.2	741.1	940.0	26.8
Peloponnisos	1,435	1,298	-9.5	224.9	245.9	9.4	953.9	1,029.6	7.9
Attiki	2,495	2,720	9.0	463.0	489.0	5.6	2,050.8	2,062.6	0.6
Voreio Aigaio	345	454	31.6	39.9	53.8	35.1	137.2	193.6	41.1
Notio Aigaio	1,119	1,429	27.7	181.3	270.6	49.3	601.2	935.9	55.7
Kriti	995	1,043	4.8	273.5	260.0	-4.9	953.8	928.9	-2.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>12,992</b>	<b>13,982</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>2,467.4</b>	<b>2,836.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>10,594.4</b>	<b>12,232.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	92	103	12.0	26.3	19.1	-27.3	143.0	73.0	-48.9
Kentriki Makedonia	386	429	11.1	77.3	127.3	64.6	384.7	696.0	80.9
Dytiki Makedonia	50	54	8.0	11.6	7.7	-34.1	90.2	29.7	-67.1
Thessalia	147	170	15.6	50.7	37.8	-25.4	316.8	182.3	-42.5
Ipeiros	98	115	17.3	23.3	37.9	62.9	98.5	145.5	47.8
Ionioi Nisoi	208	250	20.2	50.6	61.8	22.0	161.6	200.0	23.7
Dytiki Ellada	268	255	-4.9	43.2	42.1	-2.6	153.5	154.5	0.7
Stereia Ellada	223	240	7.6	25.8	42.1	63.3	111.2	190.4	71.2
Peloponnisos	336	317	-5.7	49.6	54.1	9.2	231.5	191.8	-17.1
Attiki	643	635	-1.2	150.5	111.7	-25.8	678.2	452.9	-33.2
Voreio Aigaio	93	119	28.0	9.8	13.0	33.3	31.6	50.0	58.2
Notio Aigaio	294	350	19.0	45.5	84.5	85.9	160.3	276.2	72.3
Kriti	262	265	1.1	73.0	73.3	0.5	227.1	261.6	15.2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>3,302</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>637.2</b>	<b>712.4</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>2,788.2</b>	<b>2,903.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>

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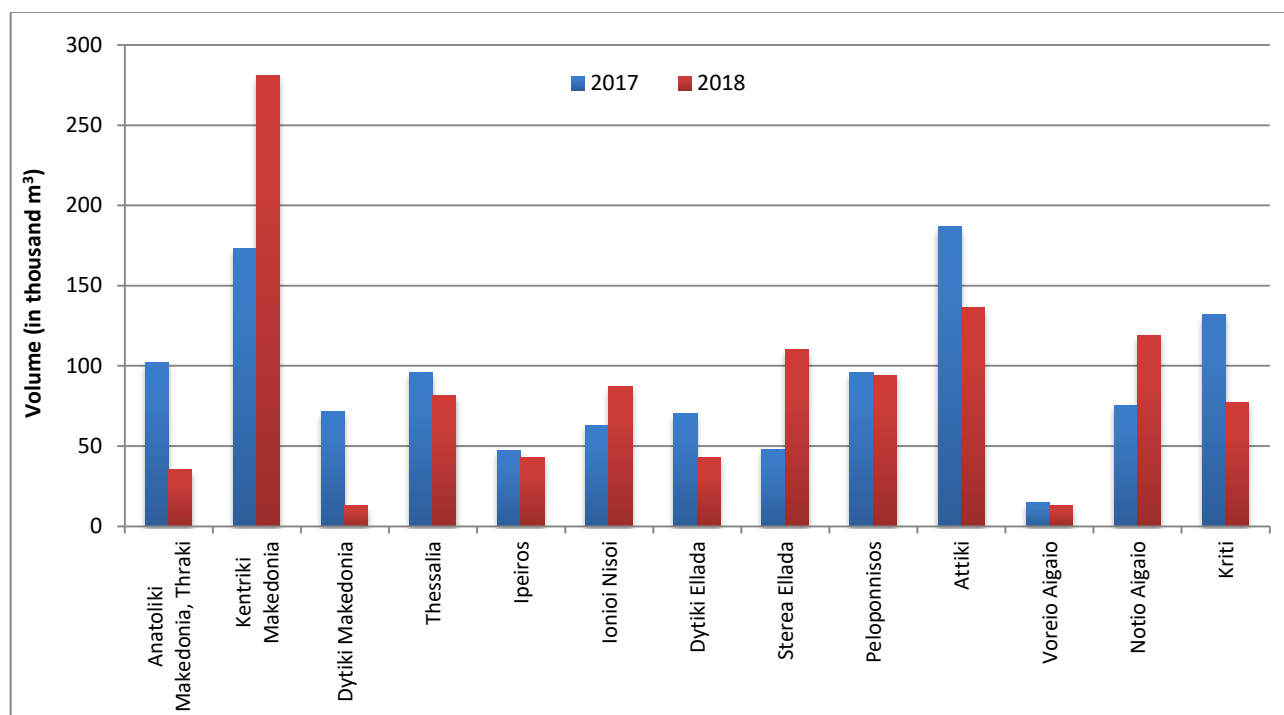
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - March 2017 and 2018\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	89	103	15.7	25.9	19.1	-26.1	141.4	73.0	-48.3
Kentriki Makedonia	381	424	11.3	76.3	119.8	56.9	380.1	661.2	74.0
Dytiki Makedonia	50	53	6.0	11.6	7.0	-39.5	90.2	26.8	-70.2
Thessalia	145	166	14.5	50.4	36.8	-27.0	315.8	177.7	-43.7
Ipeiros	98	114	16.3	23.3	37.9	62.9	98.5	145.5	47.8
Ionioi Nisoi	208	250	20.2	50.6	61.8	22.0	161.6	200.0	23.7
Dytiki Ellada	267	254	-4.9	41.4	36.6	-11.6	146.2	132.6	-9.3
Stereia Ellada	222	235	5.9	25.7	39.0	51.7	110.9	178.4	60.9
Peloponnisos	334	317	-5.1	49.5	54.1	9.3	231.4	191.8	-17.1
Attiki	641	634	-1.1	150.1	111.7	-25.6	676.7	452.9	-33.1
Voreio Aigaio	93	115	23.7	9.8	11.4	17.1	31.6	43.9	38.8
Notio Aigaio	294	349	18.7	45.5	84.5	85.9	160.3	276.2	72.3
Kriti	259	264	1.9	70.9	71.3	0.5	219.5	255.5	16.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>3,278</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>631.0</b>	<b>691.0</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>2,764.1</b>	<b>2,815.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>

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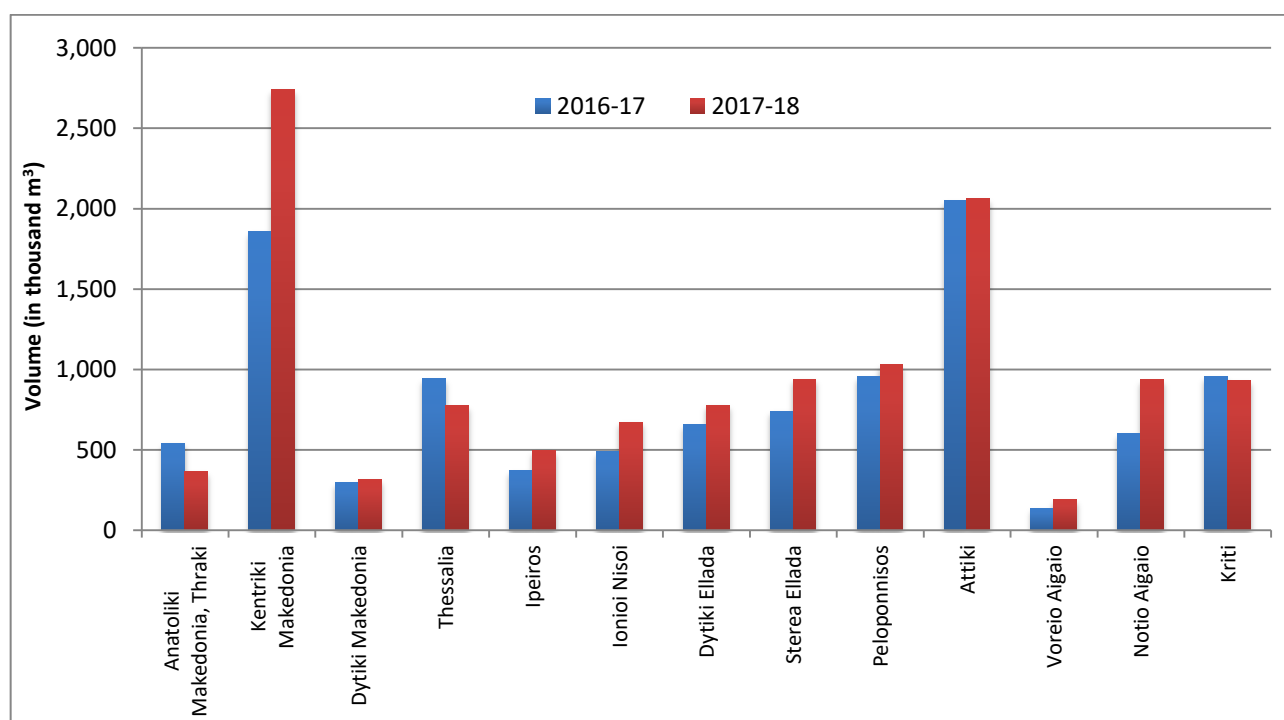
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2017 and 2018 \***



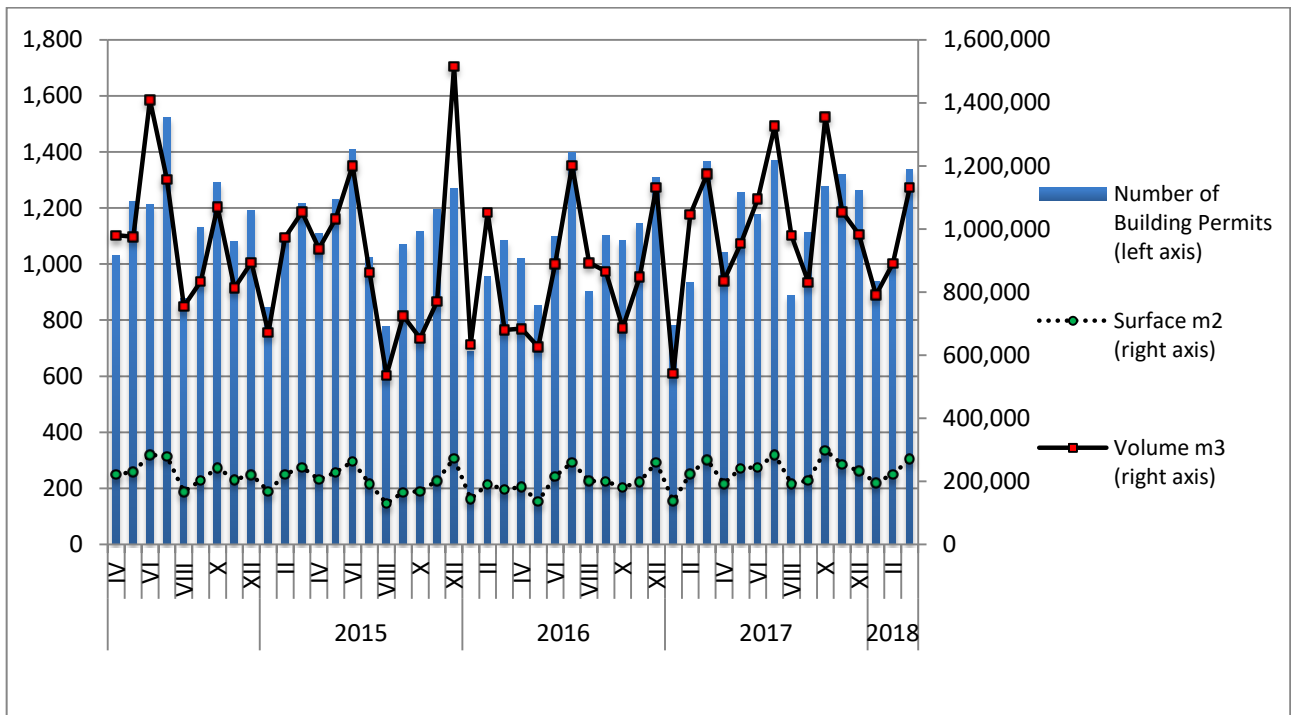
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2016 – March 2017 and April 2017 - March 2018\***



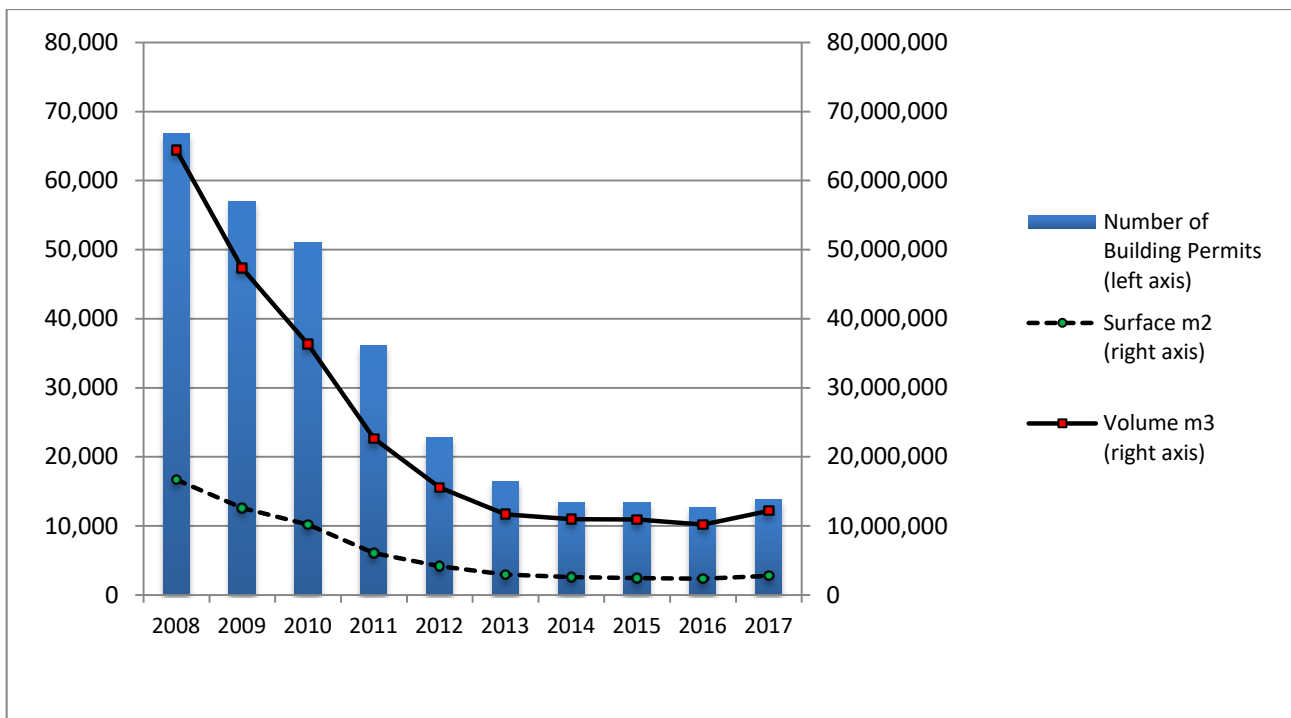
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (April 2014 – March 2018\*)**



\*Provisional data for March 2018

**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>	March 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Building Permit</b> 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><b>Building</b> 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><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> 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><b>Building volume</b> (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.</p> <p><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
<b>General Remark</b>	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , under the link: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/-">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/-</a>