

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: January 2021**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month January 2021, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in January 2021 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,453. This figure corresponds to 273.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,109.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 6.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 4.9% increase in surface and a 5.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2020 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2021 amounted to 1,441. This figure corresponds to 266.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,078.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2020 there is a 6.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 3.9% increase in surface and a 3.8% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2021 amounted to 12. This figure corresponds to 6.4 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 30.3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.7% of the total building volume in January 2021.
- In the last twelve months, from February 2020 until January 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 19,015. This figure corresponds to 4,142.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 17,643.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from February 2019 until January 2020, there is a 6.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 7.0% increase in surface and a 4.5% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from February 2020 until January 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.4% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 6.7% increase in surface and a 4.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2019 to January 2020 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.3% of the total building volume.

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January 2020 and 2021\***

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 (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	61	97	59.0	11.2	21.4	90.3	36.6	90.0	145.7
Kentriki Makedonia	184	184	0.0	37.8	42.3	11.8	195.9	166.6	-14.9
Dytiki Makedonia	11	10	-9.1	0.7	4.6	611.5	2.2	26.6	1,100.3
Thessalia	69	71	2.9	16.7	10.3	-38.0	100.1	73.1	-27.0
Ipeiros	40	55	37.5	4.1	17.7	335.4	14.6	79.0	442.4
Ionia Nisia	120	102	-15.0	22.6	13.3	-41.2	77.2	36.8	-52.3
Dytiki Ellada	82	90	9.8	9.0	16.2	80.5	34.9	64.9	85.6
Stereia Ellada	67	89	32.8	16.9	9.4	-44.4	103.2	45.3	-56.1
Peloponnisos	105	116	10.5	15.7	10.8	-31.3	59.3	37.6	-36.6
Attiki	274	353	28.8	66.5	72.0	8.2	227.4	285.4	25.5
Voreio Aigaio	38	42	10.5	3.6	3.9	8.7	12.7	13.6	7.3
Notio Aigaio	184	134	-27.2	29.4	24.9	-15.3	84.2	90.8	7.9
Kriti	131	110	-16.0	26.1	26.2	0.6	103.5	99.4	-4.0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>260.3</b>	<b>273.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>1,051.9</b>	<b>1,109.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>

\*Provisional data for January 2021.

- 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.

- Any delineation that may occur either between the sum of sub totals and the totals or in the change rates, is due to rounding.

**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January 2020 and 2021\***

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 (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	61	96	57.4	11.2	20.3	80.8	36.6	85.3	132.8
Kentriki Makedonia	184	182	-1.1	37.8	41.6	10.0	195.9	164.6	-16.0
Dytiki Makedonia	11	10	-9.1	0.7	4.6	611.5	2.2	26.6	1,100.3
Thessalia	67	69	3.0	16.3	10.3	-36.4	98.8	73.1	-26.0
Ipeiros	39	54	38.5	4.1	15.2	274.3	14.6	66.5	356.9
Ionia Nisia	120	102	-15.0	22.6	13.3	-41.2	77.2	36.8	-52.3
Dytiki Ellada	79	90	13.9	8.2	16.2	97.6	32.6	64.9	98.9
Stereia Ellada	65	88	35.4	15.5	9.4	-39.1	97.9	45.3	-53.7
Peloponnisos	105	116	10.5	15.7	10.8	-31.3	59.3	37.6	-36.6
Attiki	270	351	30.0	65.9	72.0	9.2	225.6	285.4	26.5
Voreio Aigaio	38	42	10.5	3.6	3.9	8.7	12.7	13.6	7.3
Notio Aigaio	184	133	-27.7	29.4	24.8	-15.8	84.2	90.2	7.1
Kriti	129	108	-16.3	25.8	24.2	-5.9	101.4	88.9	-12.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>256.7</b>	<b>266.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1,039.0</b>	<b>1,078.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2019 – January 2020 and February 2020 – January 2021 \***

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 (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	936	992	6.0	208.6	216.6	3.9	800.4	881.7	10.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,644	2,677	1.2	565.7	598.2	5.8	2,992.5	2,846.8	-4.9
Dytiki Makedonia	221	252	14.0	61.4	61.3	-0.2	356.8	301.8	-15.4
Thessalia	1,063	1,203	13.2	252.5	292.5	15.8	1,355.2	1,515.7	11.8
Ipeiros	609	690	13.3	163.6	194.3	18.8	678.2	869.3	28.2
Ionia Nisia	1,303	1,259	-3.4	234.4	268.2	14.4	767.5	909.3	18.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,095	1,257	14.8	191.2	206.3	7.9	799.4	869.8	8.8
Stereia Ellada	933	1,089	16.7	156.0	210.2	34.7	841.9	1,230.3	46.1
Peloponnisos	1,337	1,504	12.5	194.3	227.6	17.2	776.0	843.7	8.7
Attiki	3,742	4,048	8.2	1,007.2	1,127.8	12.0	4,480.7	4,773.1	6.5
Voreio Aigaio	455	422	-7.3	60.5	58.2	-3.7	222.0	205.3	-7.5
Notio Aigaio	1,856	1,851	-0.3	382.4	318.1	-16.8	1,338.8	1,071.5	-20.0
Kriti	1,620	1,771	9.3	392.1	362.7	-7.5	1,468.9	1,324.8	-9.8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>17,814</b>	<b>19,015</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>3,869.9</b>	<b>4,142.1</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>16,878.3</b>	<b>17,643.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2019 – January 2020 and February 2020 – January 2021\***

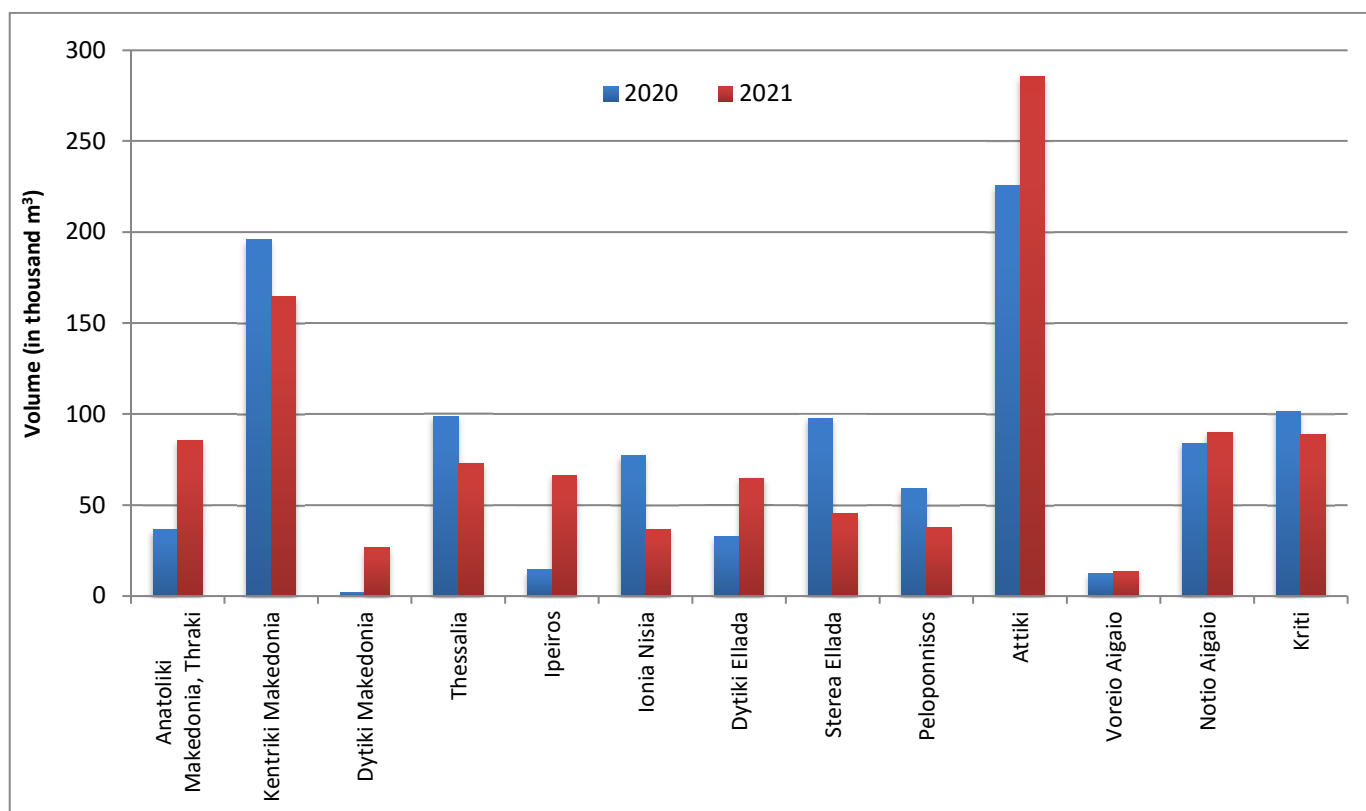
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February – January		Change (%)	February – January		Change (%)	February – January		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	929	982	5.7	206.9	199.8	-3.4	790.6	733.2	-7.3
Kentriki Makedonia	2,635	2,655	0.8	552.1	594.2	7.6	2,856.7	2,826.2	-1.1
Dytiki Makedonia	219	248	13.2	57.3	51.9	-9.4	341.3	261.7	-23.3
Thessalia	1,055	1,189	12.7	248.1	290.1	16.9	1,337.9	1,508.5	12.8
Ipeiros	604	684	13.2	162.2	190.9	17.7	672.7	853.3	26.8
Ionia Nisia	1,303	1,259	-3.4	234.4	268.2	14.4	767.5	909.3	18.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,089	1,242	14.0	176.7	200.6	13.5	742.8	841.3	13.3
Stereia Ellada	929	1,081	16.4	154.3	209.8	36.0	835.8	1,228.5	47.0
Peloponnisos	1,330	1,495	12.4	192.8	226.0	17.2	770.9	837.4	8.6
Attiki	3,720	4,018	8.0	997.4	1,117.7	12.1	4,434.1	4,724.5	6.6
Voreio Aigaio	454	418	-7.9	60.5	57.6	-4.7	222.0	200.0	-9.9
Notio Aigaio	1,853	1,836	-0.9	382.1	314.7	-17.6	1,337.9	1,059.0	-20.8
Kriti	1,607	1,750	8.9	386.8	343.8	-11.1	1,447.8	1,253.0	-13.5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>17,727</b>	<b>18,857</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>3,811.5</b>	<b>4,065.3</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>16,557.8</b>	<b>17,236.0</b>	<b>4.1</b>

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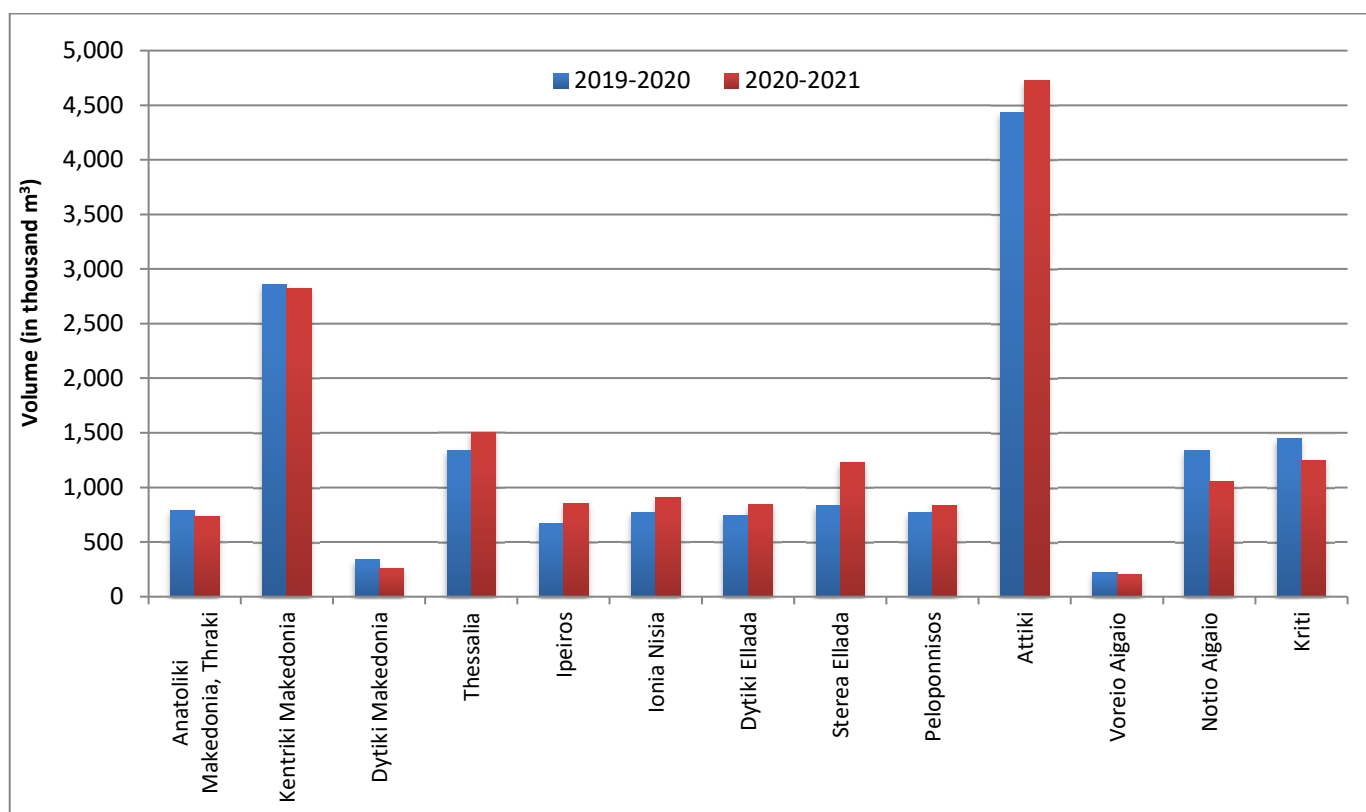
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January 2020 and 2021\***



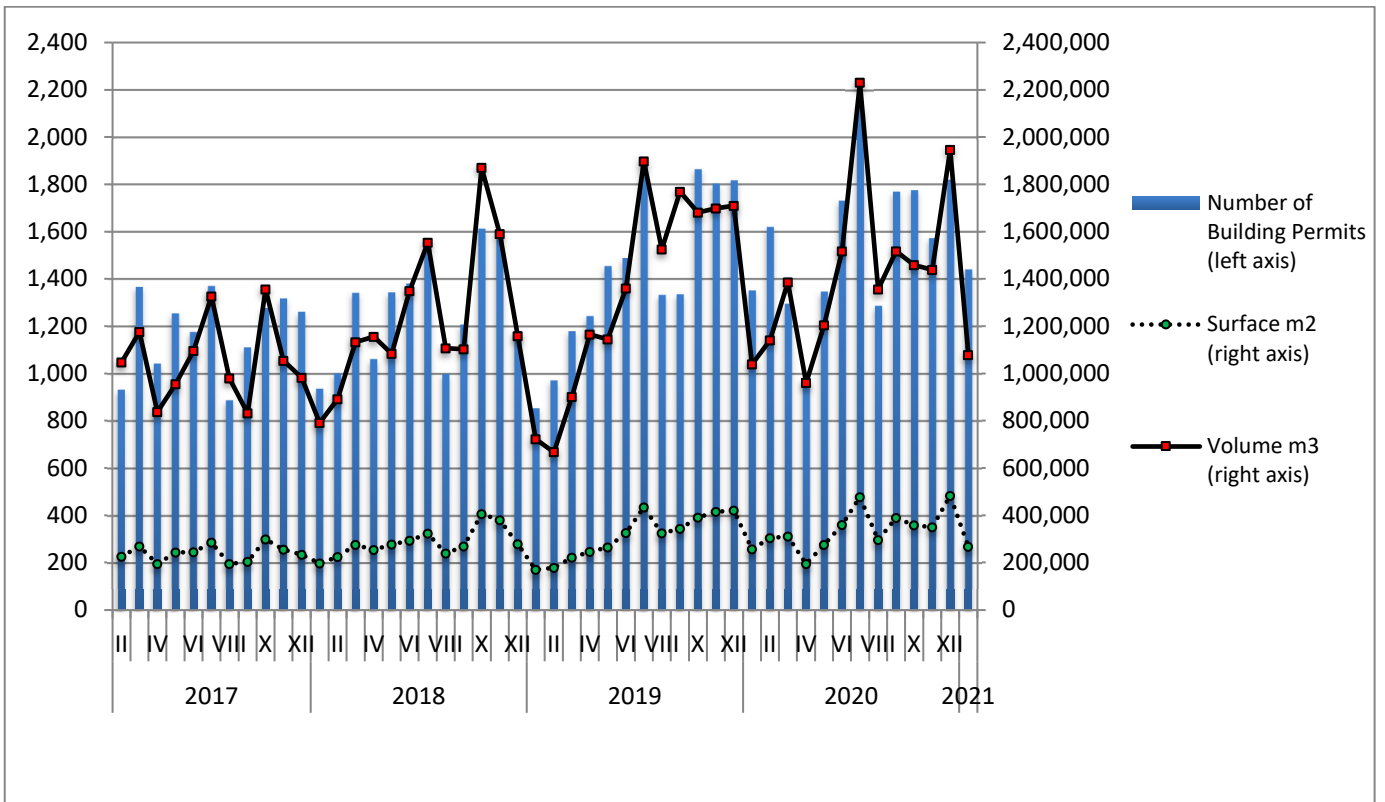
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), February 2019 – January 2020 and February 2020 – January 2021\***



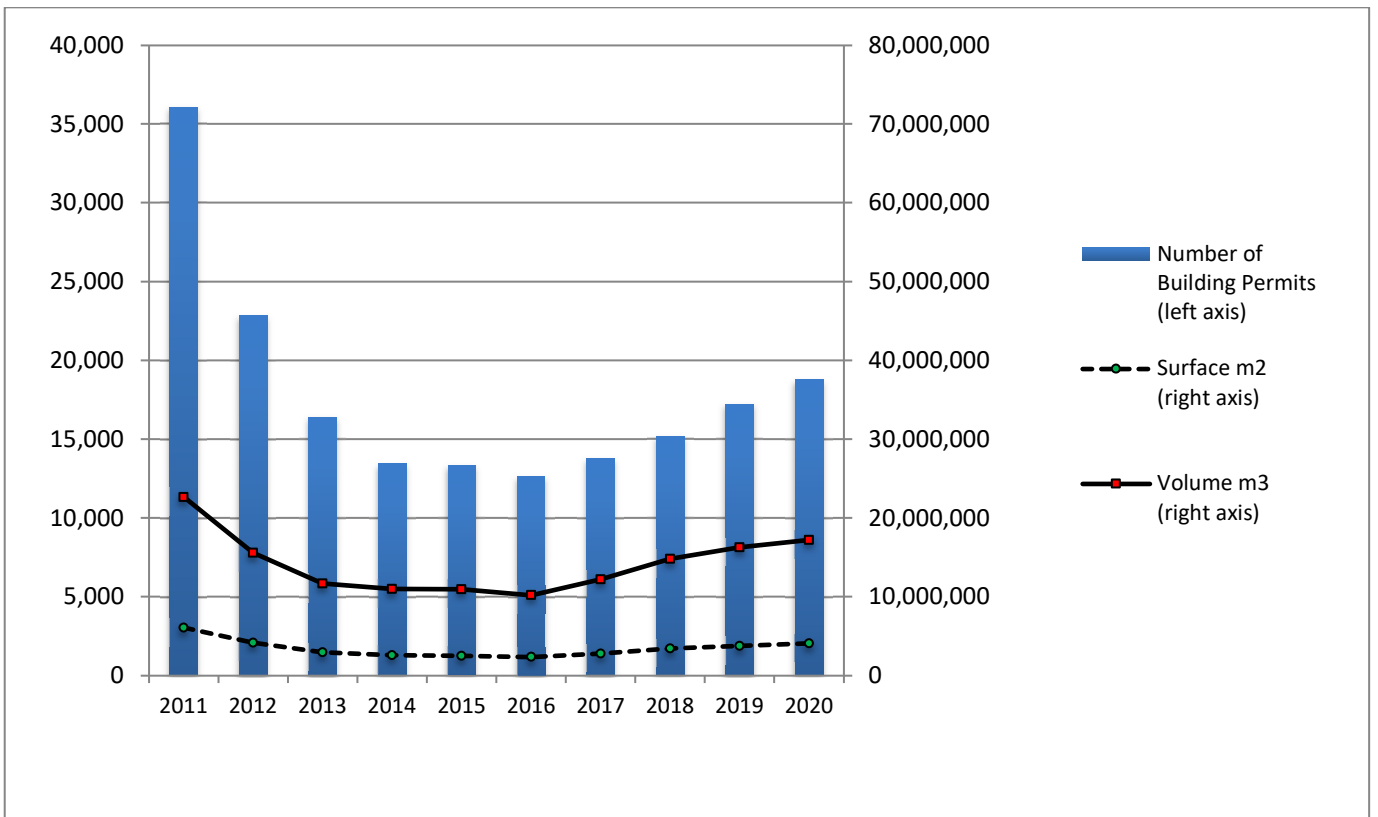
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (February 2017 – January 2021\*)**



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**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2011 – 2020)**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Building Activity Survey** The Building Activity Survey has been providing exhaustive 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.

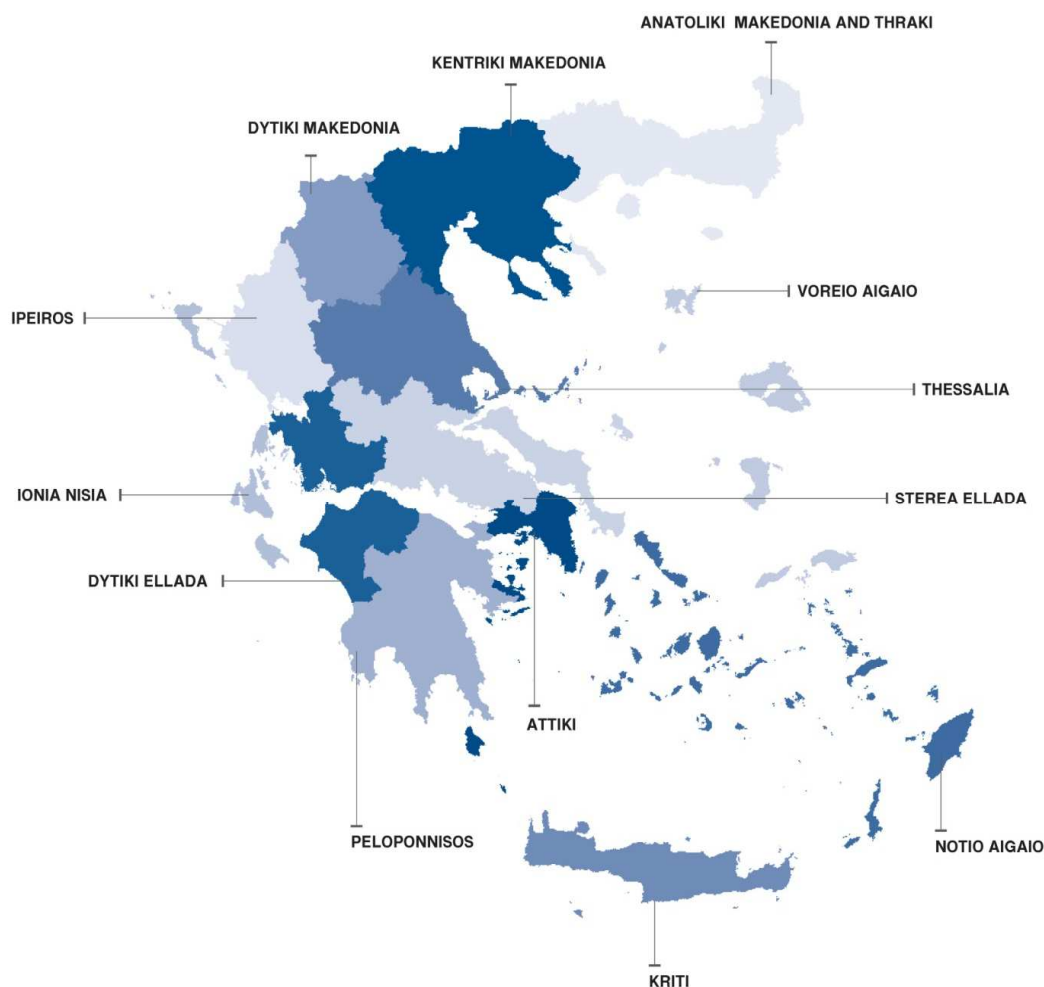
**Legal Framework** The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EC) No 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) No 1158/2005 and Regulation (EC) No 451/2008 of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics, as well as Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2020/1197 laying down technical specifications and arrangements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152.

**Reference Period** January 1, 2021 to January 31, 2021.

**Coverage** The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the Country.

**Geographical classification** The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS).

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 area along with the outer side of the outer walls, as well as other auxiliary spaces.

**Data collection and processing in the context of COVID-19 pandemic** No impact occurred to the completeness and the timely transmission of the data on the issued building permits from the competent administrative authorities.

**General Remark** Any delineation that may occur either between the sum of sub totals and the totals or in the change rates, is due to rounding.

**References** More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regard to the Building Activity Survey is available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT): <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/>.