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Building Activity Survey: August 2026

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Building Activity Survey for the month August 2026. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in August 2026 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,828. This figure corresponds to 383,415 m^2 of surface and 1,543,725 m^3 of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 5.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 17.2% decrease in surface and a 26.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2025 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2026 amounted to 1,807. This figure corresponds to 371,466 m^2 of surface and 1,463,824 m^3 of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2025 there is a 5.6% decrease in the number of building permits, an 18.2% decrease in surface and a 28.8% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2026 amounted to 21. This figure corresponds to 11,949 m^2 of surface and 79,901 m^3 of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 5.2% of the total building volume in August 2026.

In the last twelve months, from September 2025 until August 2026, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 31,347. This figure corresponds to 7,131,639 m^2 of surface and 33,522,887 m^3 of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from September 2024 until August 2025, there is a 7.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 9.3% increase in surface and an 11.4% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from September 2025 untill August 2026, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 9.9% increase in surface and an 11.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2024 to August 2025 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 3.0% of the total building volume.

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2025 and 2026

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m^2)			Volume (in m^3)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2025	2026		2025	2026		2025	2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	128	111	-13.3	27,250	17,554	-35.6	132,270	77,374	-41.5
Kentriki Makedonia	220	254	15.5	67,099	59,659	-11.1	373,423	274,197	-26.6
Dytiki Makedonia	21	20	-4.8	6,126	1,377	-77.5	30,874	5,008	-83.8
Thessalia	122	107	-12.3	30,105	19,107	-36.5	200,654	68,695	-65.8
Ipeiros	88	65	-26.1	27,425	14,002	-48.9	108,451	53,394	-50.8
Ionia Nisia	158	143	-9.5	23,954	23,615	-1.4	83,792	84,055	0.3
Dytiki Ellada	102	100	-2.0	14,556	10,595	-27.2	65,600	38,456	-41.4
Sterea Ellada	110	112	1.8	19,125	12,497	-34.7	127,118	47,652	-62.5
Peloponnisos	128	154	20.3	18,089	23,011	27.2	68,114	85,374	25.3
Attiki	385	333	-13.5	157,252	125,800	-20.0	634,638	523,958	-17.4
Voreio Aigaio	67	64	-4.5	6,181	8,188	32.5	24,165	29,059	20.3
Notio Aigaio	192	155	-19.3	24,167	27,642	14.4	82,203	100,345	22.1
Kriti	206	210	1.9	41,483	40,368	-2.7	161,711	156,158	-3.4
Greece, Total	**1,927**	**1,828**	**-5.1**	**462,812**	**383,415**	**-17.2**	**2,093,013**	**1,543,725**	**-26.2**

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 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 2025 and 2026

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m^2)			Volume (in m^3)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2025	2026		2025	2026		2025	2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	128	111	-13.3	27,250	17,554	-35.6	132,270	77,374	-41.5
Kentriki Makedonia	216	248	14.8	66,463	51,167	-23.0	371,171	208,131	-43.9
Dytiki Makedonia	20	20	0.0	4,900	1,377	-71.9	25,040	5,008	-80.0
Thessalia	121	107	-11.6	29,627	19,107	-35.5	198,528	68,695	-65.4
Ipeiros	88	64	-27.3	27,425	13,123	-52.1	108,451	49,619	-54.2
Ionia Nisia	158	142	-10.1	23,954	23,271	-2.9	83,792	82,965	-1.0
Dytiki Ellada	101	97	-4.0	14,556	9,984	-31.4	65,600	36,481	-44.4
Sterea Ellada	110	111	0.9	19,125	12,497	-34.7	127,118	47,652	-62.5
Peloponnisos	127	152	19.7	17,924	22,861	27.5	67,655	84,883	25.5
Attiki	383	327	-14.6	157,252	124,327	-20.9	634,638	517,454	-18.5
Voreio Aigaio	67	64	-4.5	6,181	8,188	32.5	24,165	29,059	20.3
Notio Aigaio	190	155	-18.4	24,077	27,642	14.8	81,927	100,345	22.5
Kriti	205	209	2.0	35,521	40,368	13.6	134,982	156,158	15.7
Greece, Total	**1,914**	**1,807**	**-5.6**	**454,255**	**371,466**	**-18.2**	**2,055,337**	**1,463,824**	**-28.8**

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2024 - August 2025 and September 2025 - August 2026

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m^2)			Volume (in m^3)		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,573	1,581	0.5	372,389	388,690	4.4	1,538,362	1,813,723	17.9
Kentriki Makedonia	3,828	4,007	4.7	1,071,983	1,187,689	10.8	5,583,806	6,943,369	24.3
Dytiki Makedonia	320	306	-4.4	55,280	81,453	47.3	275,730	512,462	85.9
Thessalia	1,693	1,819	7.4	385,079	408,509	6.1	2,010,607	2,146,571	6.8
Ipeiros	1,019	1,107	8.6	255,307	257,414	0.8	1,272,918	1,028,775	-19.2
Ionia Nisia	2,319	2,612	12.6	379,619	383,347	1.0	1,330,879	1,340,177	0.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,678	1,809	7.8	276,474	319,817	15.7	1,227,571	1,411,456	15.0
Sterea Ellada	1,487	1,640	10.3	328,240	286,482	-12.7	2,066,095	1,615,352	-21.8
Peloponnisos	2,233	2,376	6.4	420,122	390,446	-7.1	2,033,107	1,722,941	-15.3
Attiki	6,566	6,914	5.3	1,910,987	2,097,082	9.7	8,713,282	9,869,618	13.3
Voreio Aigaio	750	860	14.7	72,758	113,700	56.3	273,456	422,492	54.5
Notio Aigaio	2,891	3,067	6.1	458,146	508,593	11.0	1,652,932	1,894,479	14.6
Kriti	2,915	3,249	11.5	539,506	708,417	31.3	2,123,091	2,801,472	32.0
Greece, Total	**29,272**	**31,347**	**7.1**	**6,525,890**	**7,131,639**	**9.3**	**30,101,836**	**33,522,887**	**11.4**

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2024 - August 2025 and September 2025 - August 2026

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m^2)			Volume (in m^3)		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,550	1,566	1.0	357,292	380,254	6.4	1,447,523	1,726,392	19.3
Kentriki Makedonia	3,754	3,942	5.0	1,013,621	1,160,721	14.5	5,290,796	6,750,849	27.6
Dytiki Makedonia	316	304	-3.8	53,554	81,327	51.9	267,261	512,090	91.6
Thessalia	1,683	1,800	7.0	380,933	382,580	0.4	1,987,695	1,943,415	-2.2
Ipeiros	1,012	1,089	7.6	253,886	253,027	-0.3	1,266,496	1,010,509	-20.2
Ionia Nisia	2,307	2,601	12.7	374,048	379,679	1.5	1,285,374	1,324,327	3.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,645	1,785	8.5	268,487	316,529	17.9	1,187,165	1,398,044	17.8
Sterea Ellada	1,477	1,621	9.7	321,256	276,328	-14.0	2,036,351	1,567,701	-23.0
Peloponnisos	2,207	2,363	7.1	407,927	387,727	-5.0	1,960,805	1,714,121	-12.6
Attiki	6,534	6,854	4.9	1,887,229	2,049,147	8.6	8,604,536	9,574,327	11.3
Voreio Aigaio	737	842	14.2	69,794	111,903	60.3	260,309	413,732	58.9
Notio Aigaio	2,863	3,053	6.6	440,639	507,131	15.1	1,562,641	1,886,793	20.7
Kriti	2,885	3,224	11.8	523,602	693,470	32.4	2,056,178	2,698,827	31.3
Greece, Total	**28,970**	**31,044**	**7.2**	**6,352,268**	**6,979,823**	**9.9**	**29,213,130**	**32,521,127**	**11.3**

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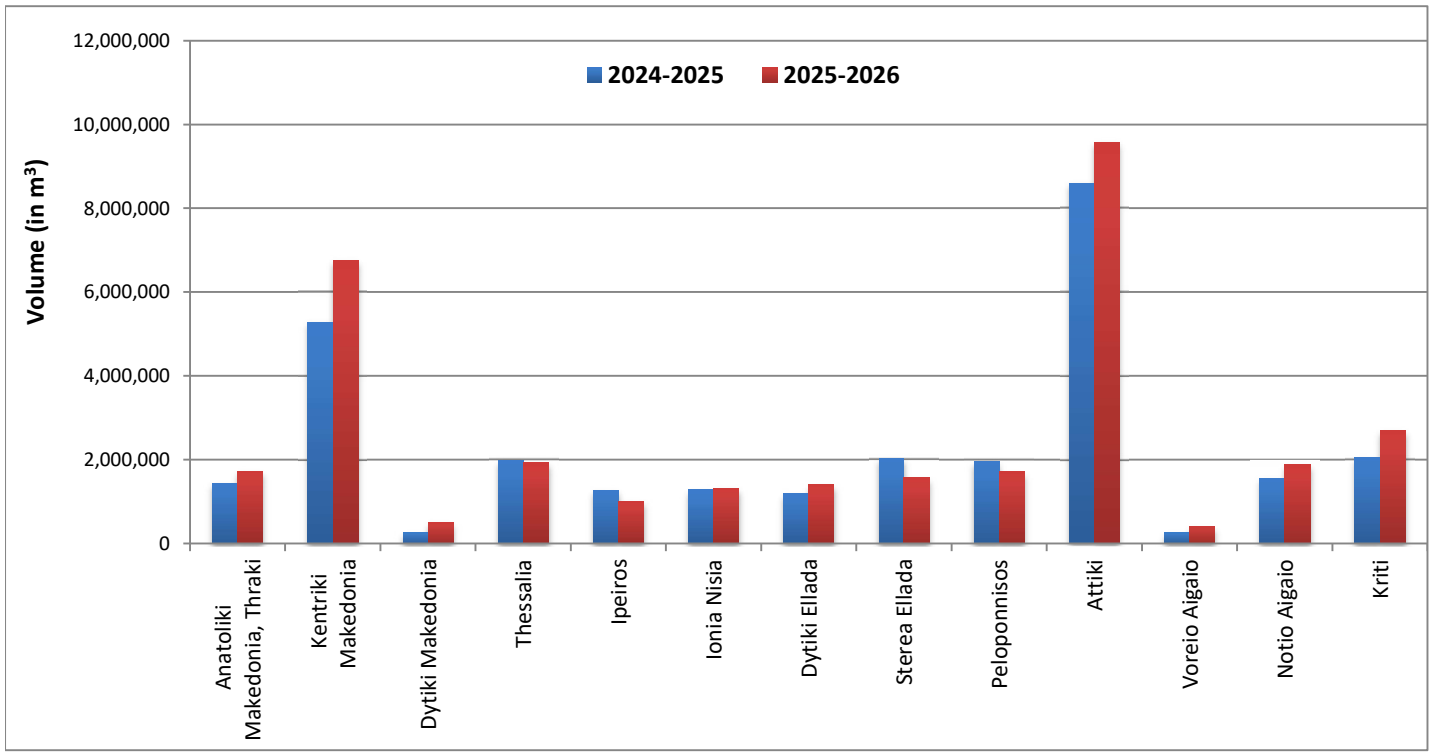
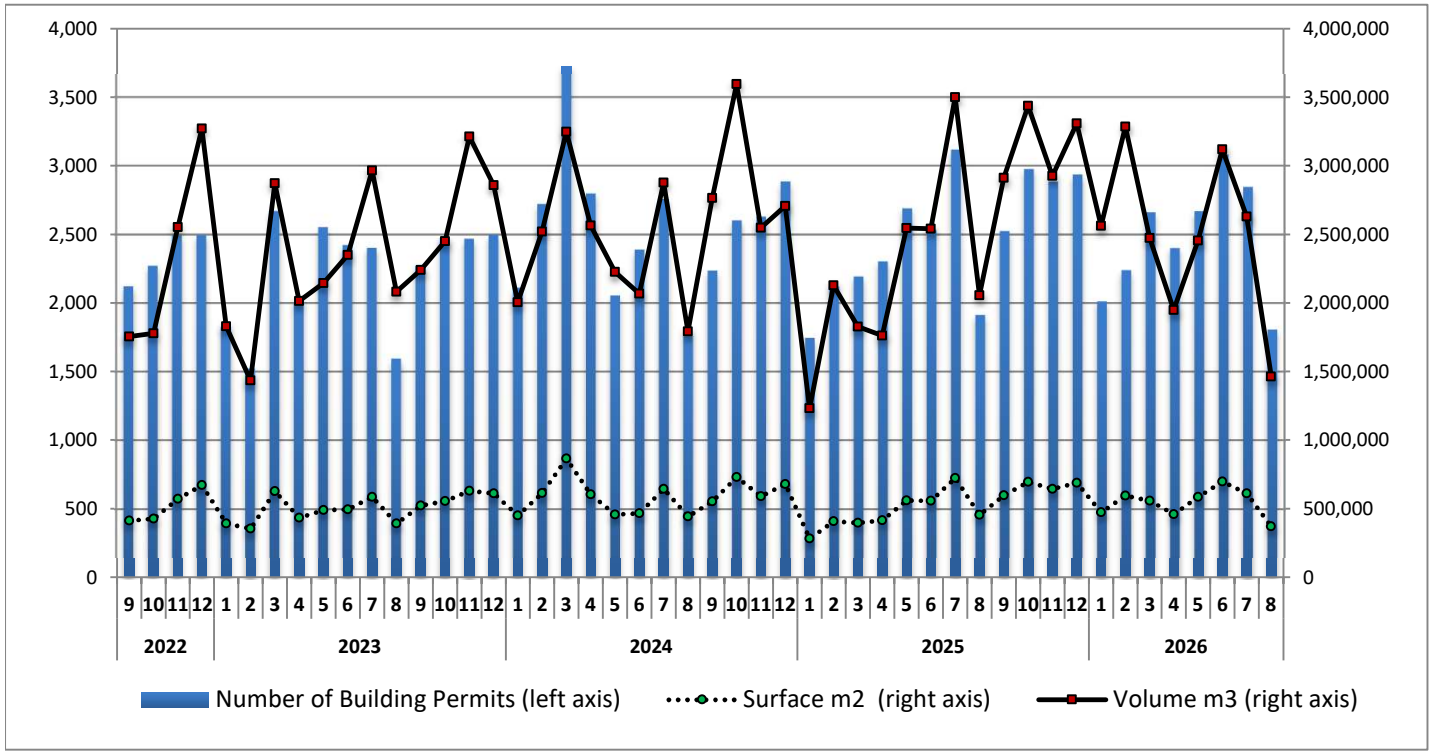
Graph 1 . Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), September 2024 - August 2025 and September 2025 - August 2026



Graph 2. Monthly Private Building Activity (September 2022 – August 2026)



EXPLANATORY NOTES

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) 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 specifications and arrangements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152.

Reference Period

August 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026.

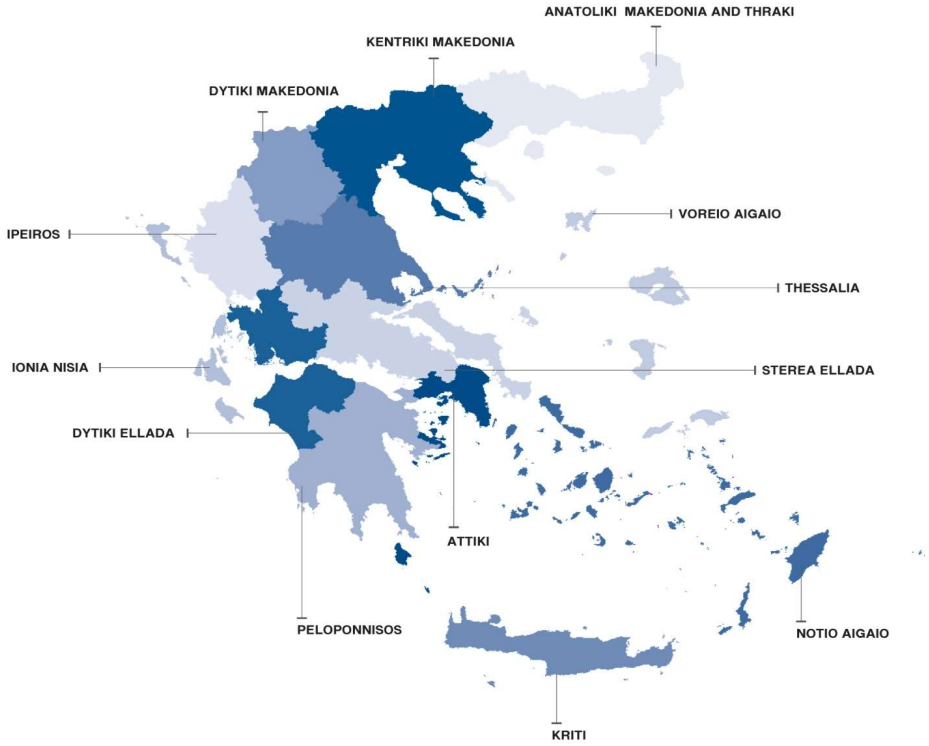
Coverage

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

Geographical classification

The geografical 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 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 (tables, 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/-
All tables that were presented in the previous version of the Announcement are published at the same link.