

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: August 2020

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month August 2020, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in August 2020 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,294. This figure corresponds to 296.5 thousand m² of surface and 1,360.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 3.3% decrease in the number of building permits, an 8.7% decrease in surface and an 11.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2019 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2020 amounted to 1,287. This figure corresponds to 295.2 thousand m² of surface and 1,356.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2019 there is a 3.5% decrease in the number of building permits, an 8.9% decrease in surface and an 11.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2020 amounted to 7. This figure corresponds to 1.4 thousand m² of surface and 4.2 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.3% of the total building volume in August 2020.
- In the last twelve months, from September 2019 until August 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 18,744. This figure corresponds to 4,081.0 thousand m² of surface and 17,865.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from September 2018 until August 2019, there is a 16.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 13.9% increase in surface and a 13.9% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from September 2019 until August 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 16.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.9% increase in surface and a 17.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2018 to August 2019 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.0% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - August 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 13.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 13.6% increase in surface and a 13.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2019 (Table 5). During the same period, January - August 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 13.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.7% increase in surface and a 15.5% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - August 2019 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2019 and 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	63	78	23.8	15.3	12.1	-20.7	58.9	40.4	-31.5
Kentriki Makedonia	172	195	13.4	46.0	40.2	-12.5	274.0	194.0	-29.2
Dytiki Makedonia	27	25	-7.4	6.8	7.5	8.9	50.0	55.0	9.9
Thessalia	85	94	10.6	32.6	12.7	-61.1	161.8	54.4	-66.4
Ipeiros	53	60	13.2	11.8	13.4	13.3	52.6	50.0	-5.0
Ionia Nisia	84	82	-2.4	23.9	12.8	-46.5	75.8	39.7	-47.6
Dytiki Ellada	106	93	-12.3	10.9	10.0	-7.8	37.7	32.1	-14.7
Stereia Ellada	75	96	28.0	19.3	20.2	4.5	147.1	127.4	-13.4
Peloponnisos	109	119	9.2	21.1	22.4	6.4	79.2	89.3	12.7
Attiki	214	173	-19.2	64.6	90.8	40.5	328.5	497.6	51.5
Voreio Aigaio	48	28	-41.7	6.3	4.6	-27.4	29.5	14.8	-49.8
Notio Aigaio	159	114	-28.3	32.3	27.1	-16.2	121.0	93.8	-22.5
Kriti	143	137	-4.2	33.8	22.7	-32.8	113.0	71.9	-36.4
Greece, Total	1,338	1,294	-3.3	324.8	296.5	-8.7	1,529.1	1,360.2	-11.0

*Provisional data for August 2020.

- 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.
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Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2019 and 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	61	78	27.9	14.6	12.1	-17.1	55.5	40.4	-27.3
Kentriki Makedonia	171	192	12.3	45.8	40.2	-12.2	273.3	193.9	-29.1
Dytiki Makedonia	27	25	-7.4	6.8	7.5	8.9	50.0	55.0	9.9
Thessalia	85	93	9.4	32.6	12.7	-61.1	161.8	54.4	-66.4
Ipeiros	53	60	13.2	11.8	13.4	13.3	52.6	50.0	-5.0
Ionia Nisia	84	82	-2.4	23.9	12.8	-46.5	75.8	39.7	-47.6
Dytiki Ellada	106	93	-12.3	10.9	10.0	-7.8	37.7	32.1	-14.7
Stereia Ellada	75	96	28.0	19.3	20.2	4.5	147.1	127.4	-13.4
Peloponnisos	109	118	8.3	21.1	22.2	5.3	79.2	88.5	11.7
Attiki	214	173	-19.2	64.6	90.8	40.5	328.5	497.6	51.5
Voreio Aigaio	48	28	-41.7	6.3	4.6	-27.4	29.5	14.8	-49.8
Notio Aigaio	158	114	-27.8	32.3	27.1	-16.2	121.0	93.8	-22.5
Kriti	142	135	-4.9	33.8	21.6	-36.1	113.0	68.5	-39.4
Greece, Total	1,333	1,287	-3.5	323.9	295.2	-8.9	1,525.0	1,356.0	-11.1

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2018 – August 2019 and September 2019 – August 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September – August		Change (%)	September – August		Change (%)	September – August		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	711	1,005	41.4	149.7	216.8	44.8	612.8	785.0	28.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,362	2,824	19.6	564.1	607.5	7.7	2,984.6	3,128.3	4.8
Dytiki Makedonia	230	238	3.5	80.5	54.7	-32.1	516.8	298.4	-42.3
Thessalia	943	1,143	21.2	223.8	265.5	18.6	1,143.8	1,357.9	18.7
Ipeiros	555	660	18.9	178.9	151.9	-15.1	733.1	649.0	-11.5
Ionia Nisia	1,147	1,305	13.8	224.5	241.0	7.3	753.1	806.8	7.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,061	1,199	13.0	179.2	194.8	8.7	709.4	841.6	18.6
Stereia Ellada	900	1,011	12.3	160.7	190.2	18.3	889.9	1,064.3	19.6
Peloponnisos	1,257	1,442	14.7	204.2	215.1	5.3	776.6	850.9	9.6
Attiki	3,443	3,759	9.2	822.5	1,122.8	36.5	3,694.5	5,133.8	39.0
Voreio Aigaio	435	426	-2.1	57.1	55.2	-3.3	221.2	195.9	-11.4
Notio Aigaio	1,714	1,911	11.5	386.3	371.5	-3.8	1,339.8	1,263.2	-5.7
Kriti	1,338	1,821	36.1	352.6	394.1	11.8	1,312.0	1,490.6	13.6
Greece, Total	16,096	18,744	16.5	3,584.0	4,081.0	13.9	15,687.7	17,865.7	13.9

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2018 – August 2019 and September 2019 – August 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September – August		Change (%)	September – August		Change (%)	September – August		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	709	996	40.5	149.0	215.4	44.5	609.3	777.4	27.6
Kentriki Makedonia	2,341	2,809	20.0	549.0	605.5	10.3	2,842.3	3,116.4	9.6
Dytiki Makedonia	227	235	3.5	66.4	49.8	-25.1	364.6	274.4	-24.8
Thessalia	932	1,125	20.7	217.7	259.3	19.1	1,115.7	1,335.4	19.7
Ipeiros	551	655	18.9	177.7	151.1	-15.0	728.7	646.1	-11.3
Ionia Nisia	1,146	1,305	13.9	224.3	241.0	7.4	751.7	806.8	7.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,052	1,184	12.5	157.0	191.8	22.1	609.2	828.0	35.9
Stereia Ellada	896	1,002	11.8	159.3	188.1	18.1	885.0	1,056.5	19.4
Peloponnisos	1,238	1,436	16.0	194.7	213.8	9.8	732.0	845.7	15.5
Attiki	3,427	3,733	8.9	813.3	1,110.8	36.6	3,653.3	5,074.9	38.9
Voreio Aigaio	427	423	-0.9	56.0	54.9	-1.9	214.9	194.6	-9.4
Notio Aigaio	1,708	1,900	11.2	385.6	368.3	-4.5	1,337.6	1,251.5	-6.4
Kriti	1,324	1,808	36.6	338.1	392.1	16.0	1,258.9	1,483.7	17.9
Greece, Total	15,978	18,611	16.5	3,488.2	4,041.9	15.9	15,103.4	17,691.4	17.1

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – August 2019 and 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	515	611	18.6	112.1	127.1	13.4	462.3	466.5	0.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,533	1,792	16.9	344.1	397.5	15.5	1,840.2	2,010.6	9.3
Dytiki Makedonia	143	158	10.5	43.6	34.7	-20.5	252.3	186.9	-25.9
Thessalia	634	739	16.6	149.7	172.8	15.4	813.5	893.7	9.9
Ipeiros	350	423	20.9	106.6	94.0	-11.8	463.8	427.9	-7.8
Ionia Nisia	763	826	8.3	120.9	141.4	16.9	394.1	482.0	22.3
Dytiki Ellada	625	755	20.8	109.5	114.1	4.2	452.7	501.2	10.7
Stereia Ellada	555	648	16.8	89.5	132.8	48.3	524.4	815.5	55.5
Peloponnisos	813	928	14.1	119.5	142.3	19.1	457.6	535.4	17.0
Attiki	2,284	2,400	5.1	534.8	692.5	29.5	2,221.8	3,017.9	35.8
Voreio Aigaio	275	267	-2.9	35.5	32.3	-9.0	140.8	118.9	-15.6
Notio Aigaio	1,058	1,182	11.7	220.1	206.3	-6.3	777.9	674.2	-13.3
Kriti	910	1,165	28.0	214.9	213.0	-0.9	837.2	813.9	-2.8
Greece, Total	10,458	11,894	13.7	2,200.8	2,500.8	13.6	9,638.6	10,944.5	13.5

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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – August 2019 and 2020*

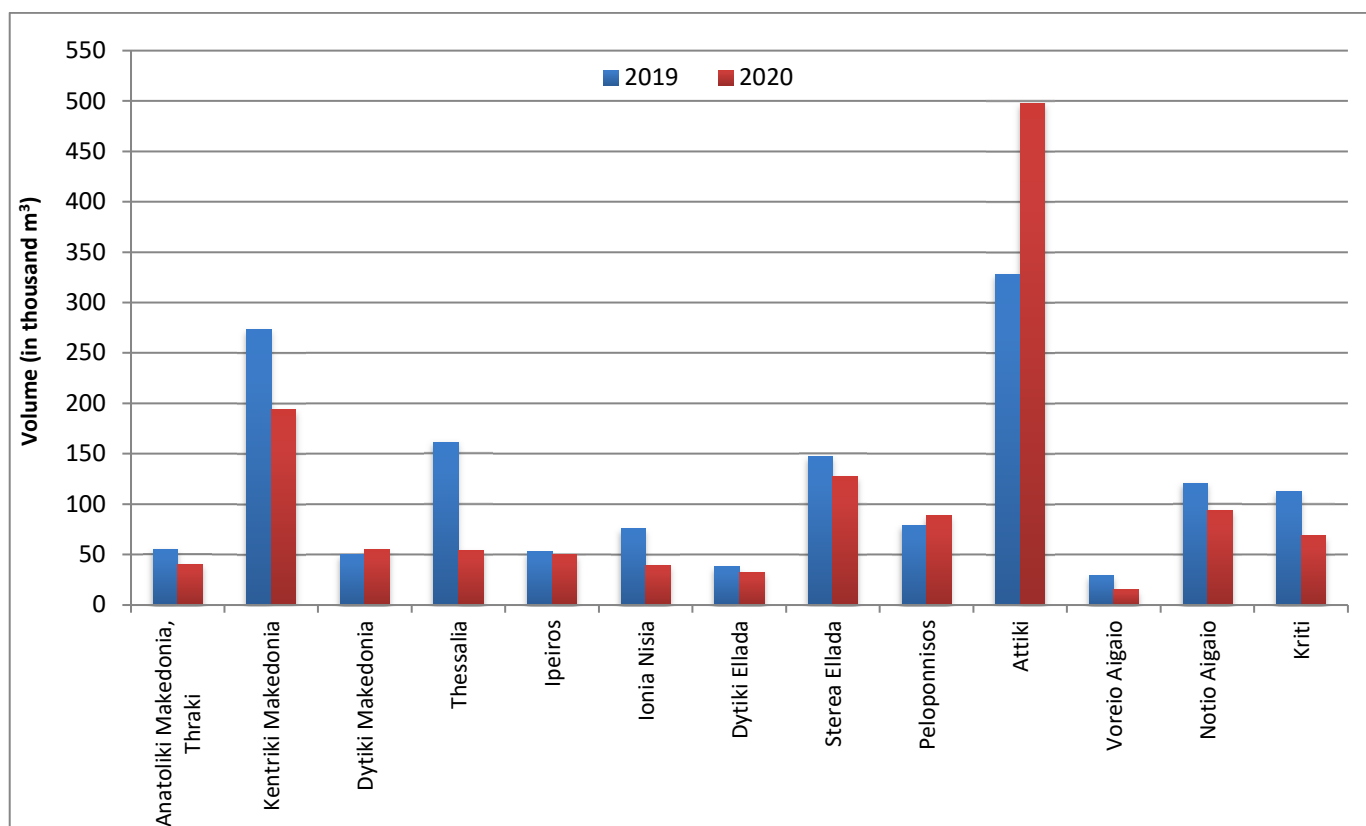
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	513	607	18.3	111.4	126.8	13.8	458.8	465.3	1.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,525	1,779	16.7	330.5	395.5	19.7	1,704.3	1,998.7	17.3
Dytiki Makedonia	142	156	9.9	43.6	34.0	-22.2	252.3	178.4	-29.3
Thessalia	632	726	14.9	149.2	170.0	14.0	811.6	885.3	9.1
Ipeiros	347	419	20.7	105.5	93.6	-11.3	459.6	426.1	-7.3
Ionia Nisia	763	826	8.3	120.9	141.4	16.9	394.1	482.0	22.3
Dytiki Ellada	622	740	19.0	95.8	111.1	15.9	398.4	487.6	22.4
Stereia Ellada	555	641	15.5	89.5	131.0	46.3	524.4	808.5	54.2
Peloponnisos	803	923	14.9	116.1	141.0	21.5	440.8	530.3	20.3
Attiki	2,275	2,383	4.7	530.0	685.1	29.3	2,201.3	2,983.3	35.5
Voreio Aigaio	274	264	-3.6	35.5	32.0	-9.9	140.8	117.6	-16.5
Notio Aigaio	1,055	1,171	11.0	219.9	203.1	-7.6	777.1	662.4	-14.8
Kriti	902	1,155	28.0	210.0	211.2	0.5	818.7	807.4	-1.4
Greece, Total	10,408	11,790	13.3	2,157.9	2,475.7	14.7	9,382.2	10,833.0	15.5

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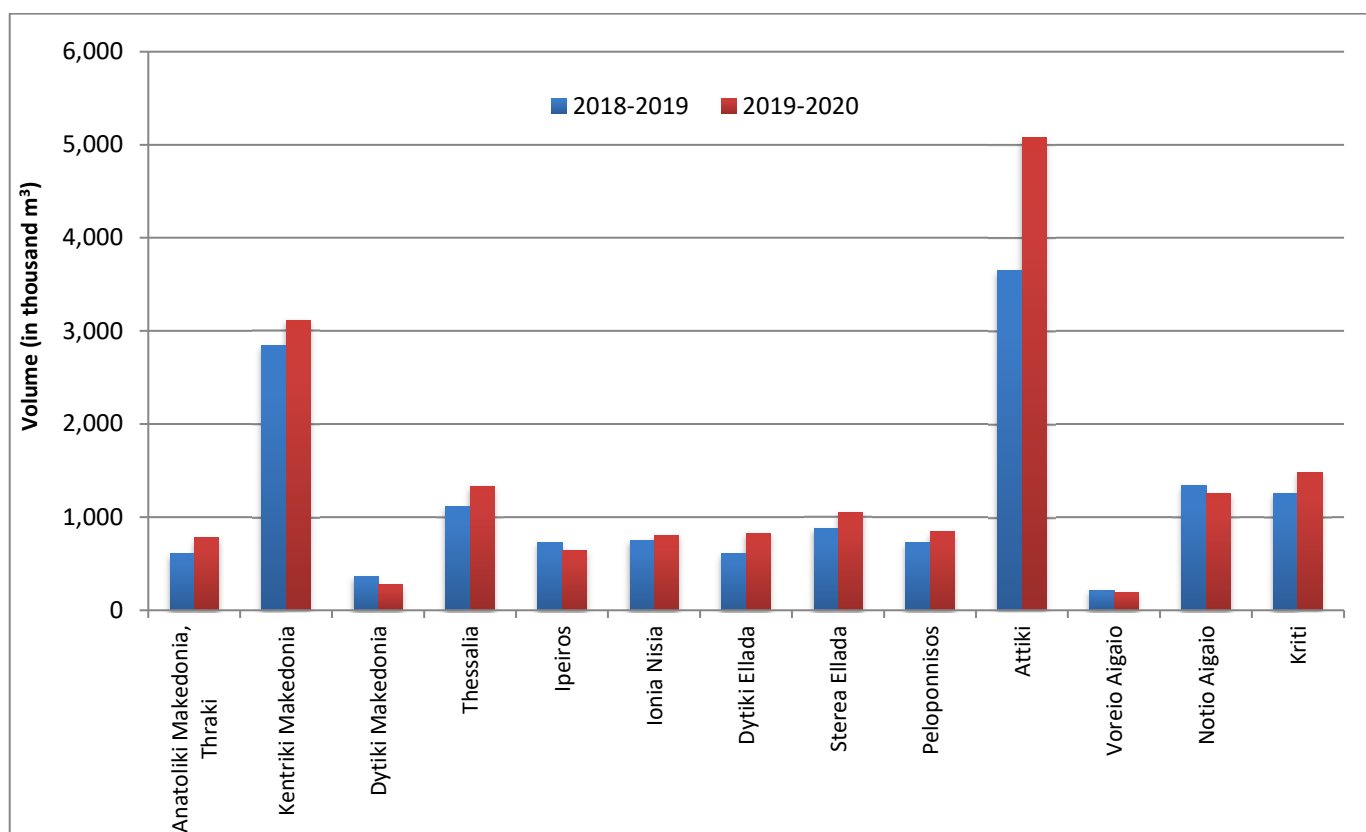
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), August 2019 and 2020*



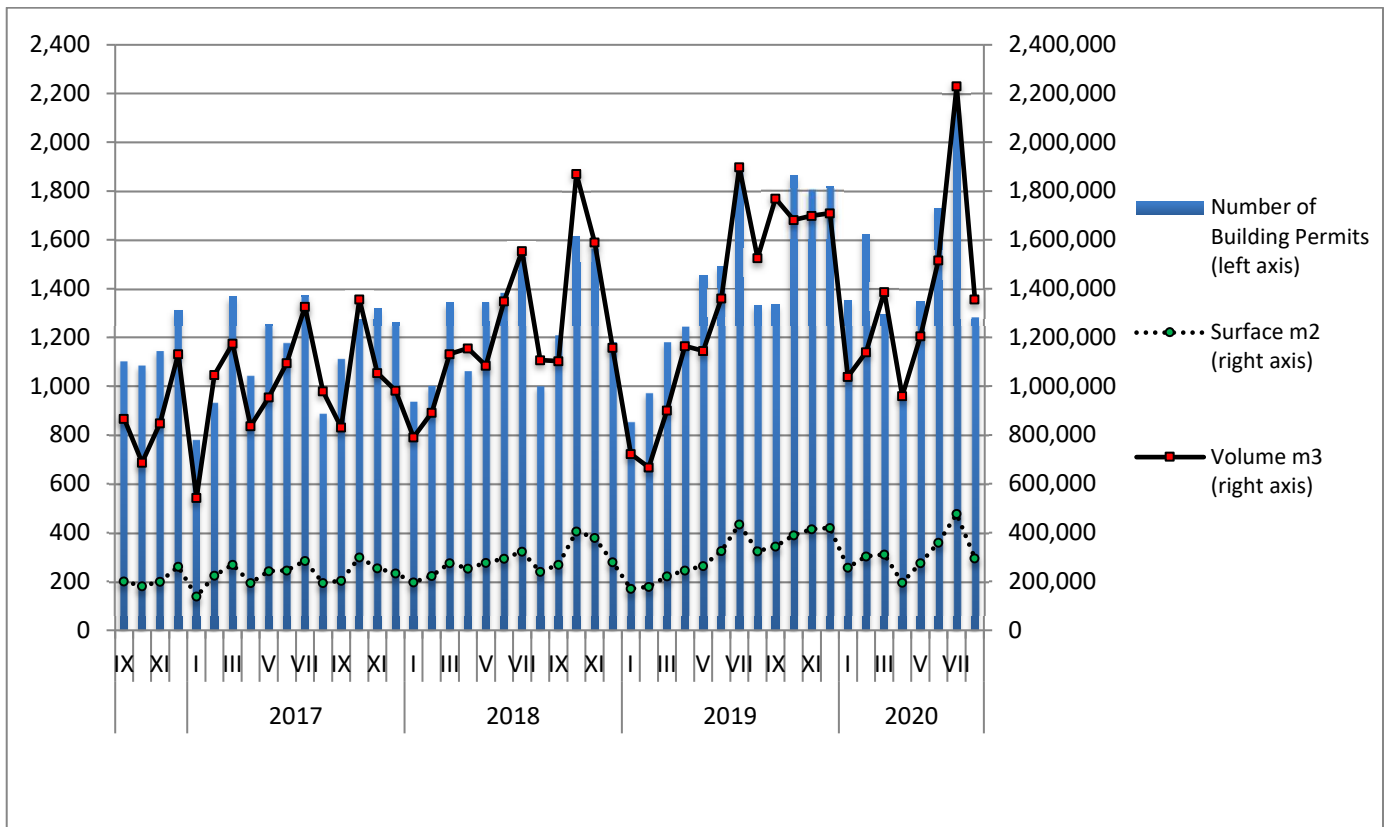
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), September 2018 – August 2019 and September 2019 – August 2020*



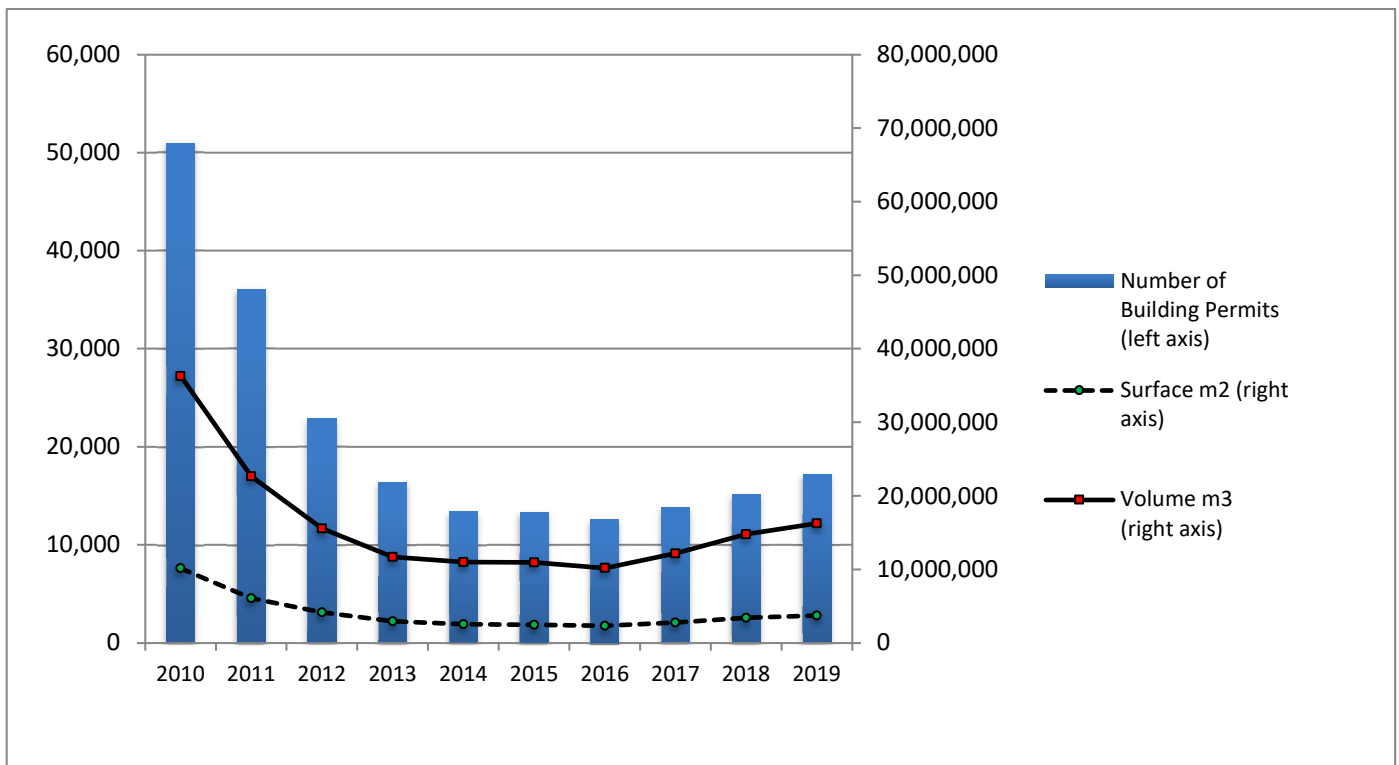
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (September 2016 – August 2020*)



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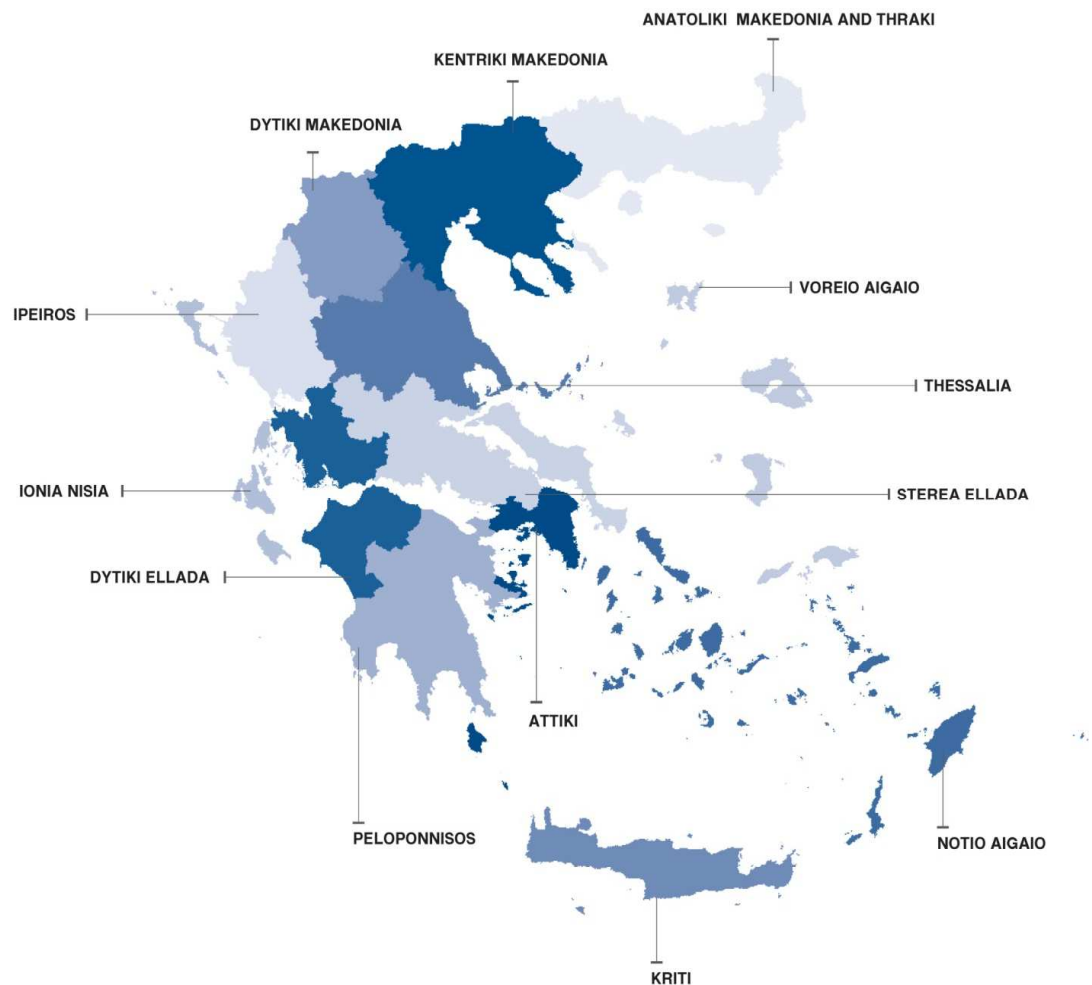
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2010 - 2019)



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.
Reference Period	August 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020.
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/>.