

Building Activity Survey: January 2024

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Building Activity Survey for the month January 2024. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in January 2024 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,123. This figure corresponds to 457,344 m² of surface and 2,039,124 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 15.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 14.7% increase in surface and a 9.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2023 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2024 amounted to 2,112. This figure corresponds to 450,014 m² of surface and 2,004,873 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2023 there is a 15.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 15.0% increase in surface and a 9.6% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2024 amounted to 11. This figure corresponds to 7,330 m² of surface and 34,251 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 1.7% of the total building volume in January 2024.

In the last twelve months, from February 2023 until January 2024, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 27,241. This figure corresponds to 6,296,520 m² of surface and 29,343,580 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from February 2022 until January 2023, there is a 6.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 12.0% increase in surface and a 14.4% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from February 2023 until January 2024, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 11.7% increase in surface and a 14.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2022 to January 2023 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.4% of the total building volume.

Information on methodological issues:

Division on Business Statistics
Section of Manufacture - Construction Indices and Industrial Products
Head of the Section: Diamantaki Aikaterini
Tel.: +30 213 135 2056
E-mail: a.diamantaki@statistics.gr

Information on data provision:

Tel: +30 213 135 2022, 2308, 2310
E-mail: data.dissem@statistics.gr

Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January 2023 and 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	79	100	26.6	19,344	22,694	17.3	112,130	89,497	-20.2
Kentriki Makedonia	231	309	33.8	49,613	76,421	54.0	237,678	376,441	58.4
Dytiki Makedonia	11	22	100.0	855	971	13.6	4,081	3,760	-7.9
Thessalia	116	118	1.7	28,912	43,694	51.1	130,316	280,819	115.5
Ipeiros	60	75	25.0	11,746	28,141	139.6	40,296	178,492	343.0
Ionia Nisia	147	172	17.0	20,044	27,660	38.0	69,403	94,524	36.2
Dytiki Ellada	100	131	31.0	18,504	17,908	-3.2	96,648	73,998	-23.4
Stereia Ellada	109	101	-7.3	30,300	8,420	-72.2	229,274	35,523	-84.5
Peloponnisos	145	175	20.7	23,452	26,843	14.5	94,797	135,821	43.3
Attiki	421	451	7.1	118,594	114,989	-3.0	558,183	436,365	-21.8
Voreio Aigaio	60	47	-21.7	6,951	9,207	32.5	25,379	40,126	58.1
Notio Aigaio	213	221	3.8	38,247	34,839	-8.9	139,056	119,939	-13.7
Kriti	152	201	32.2	32,278	45,557	41.1	129,425	173,819	34.3
Greece, Total	1,844	2,123	15.1	398,840	457,344	14.7	1,866,666	2,039,124	9.2

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), January 2023 and 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	79	100	26.6	19,344	22,694	17.3	112,130	89,497	-20.2
Kentriki Makedonia	226	307	35.8	43,916	76,151	73.4	209,699	375,496	79.1
Dytiki Makedonia	11	22	100.0	855	971	13.6	4,081	3,760	-7.9
Thessalia	115	118	2.6	28,912	43,694	51.1	130,316	280,819	115.5
Ipeiros	60	74	23.3	11,746	28,141	139.6	40,296	178,492	343.0
Ionia Nisia	147	171	16.3	20,044	27,583	37.6	69,403	94,201	35.7
Dytiki Ellada	97	128	32.0	17,275	17,908	3.7	89,377	73,998	-17.2
Stereia Ellada	109	101	-7.3	30,300	8,420	-72.2	229,274	35,523	-84.5
Peloponnisos	144	175	21.5	23,452	26,843	14.5	94,797	135,821	43.3
Attiki	417	450	7.9	118,040	112,855	-4.4	555,792	426,100	-23.3
Voreio Aigaio	58	45	-22.4	6,951	4,358	-37.3	25,379	17,408	-31.4
Notio Aigaio	213	221	3.8	38,247	34,839	-8.9	139,056	119,939	-13.7
Kriti	150	200	33.3	32,278	45,557	41.1	129,425	173,819	34.3
Greece, Total	1,826	2,112	15.7	391,360	450,014	15.0	1,829,025	2,004,873	9.6

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 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2022 - January 2023 and February 2023 - January 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,293	1,352	4.6	374,002	332,871	-11.0	1,939,434	1,532,852	-21.0
Kentriki Makedonia	3,473	3,816	9.9	851,299	1,018,534	19.6	4,173,367	5,513,403	32.1
Dytiki Makedonia	353	312	-11.6	56,495	71,388	26.4	283,810	402,012	41.6
Thessalia	1,585	1,569	-1.0	359,428	360,365	0.3	1,681,067	1,860,725	10.7
Ipeiros	866	938	8.3	215,957	239,791	11.0	923,312	1,110,384	20.3
Ionia Nisia	1,621	1,956	20.7	262,075	352,545	34.5	891,141	1,241,014	39.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,557	1,556	-0.1	202,867	264,810	30.5	874,543	1,194,165	36.5
Stereia Ellada	1,454	1,544	6.2	275,112	293,247	6.6	1,659,606	1,806,209	8.8
Peloponnisos	2,024	2,091	3.3	300,641	384,085	27.8	1,254,157	1,759,789	40.3
Attiki	5,920	6,065	2.4	1,699,330	1,839,860	8.3	8,160,661	8,553,725	4.8
Voreio Aigaio	690	711	3.0	90,006	71,989	-20.0	316,836	282,281	-10.9
Notio Aigaio	2,588	2,834	9.5	503,171	511,206	1.6	1,736,937	1,883,220	8.4
Kriti	2,063	2,497	21.0	433,201	555,829	28.3	1,747,586	2,203,801	26.1
Greece, Total	25,487	27,241	6.9	5,623,584	6,296,520	12.0	25,642,457	29,343,580	14.4

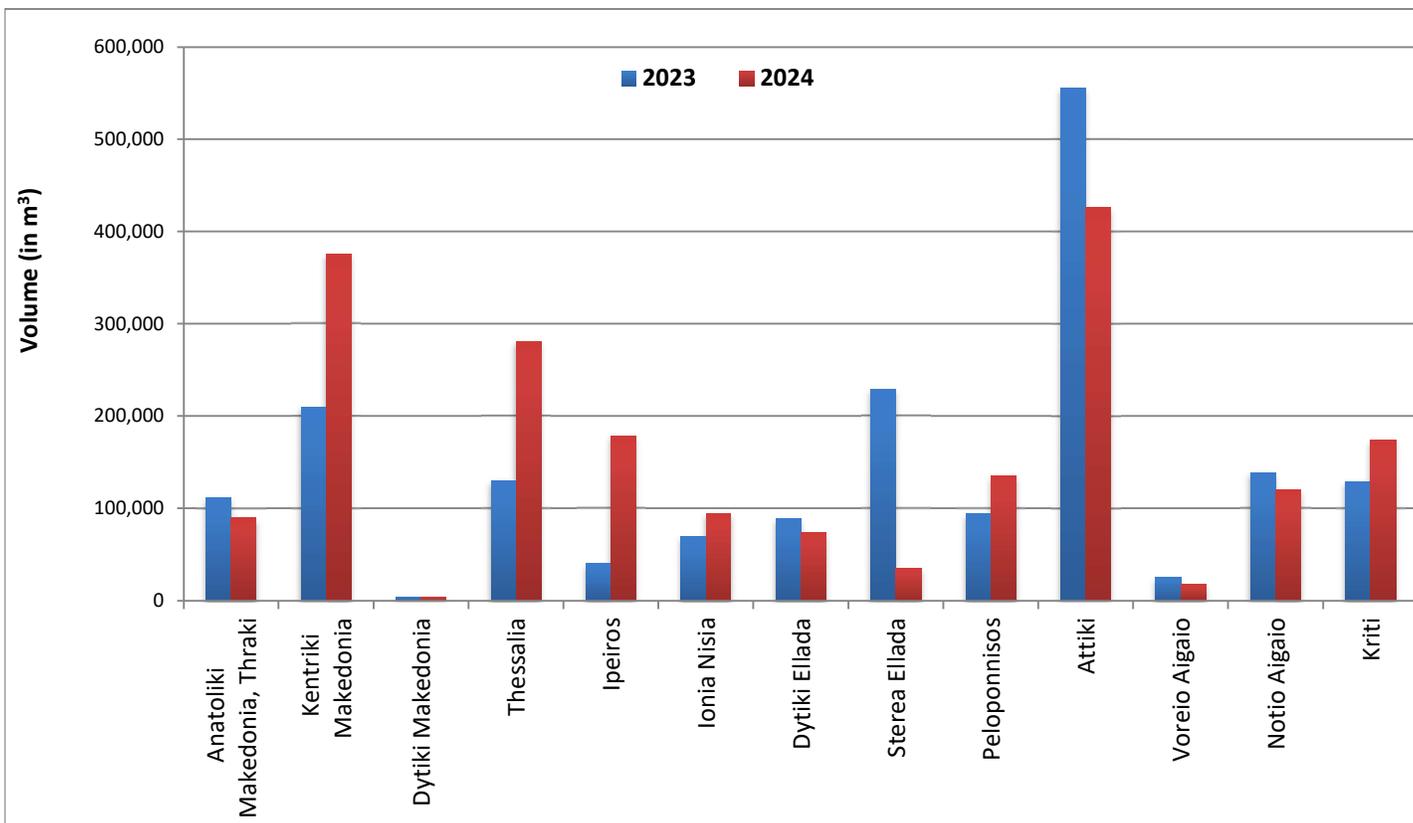
It should be noted that the increase or decrease in the number of the issued building permits does not imply, necessarily, an increase or decrease in underlying surface or volume. This is due to individual building permits involving big surface or volume or to building permits that do not concern surface or volume.

Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2022 - January 2023 and February 2023 - January 2024

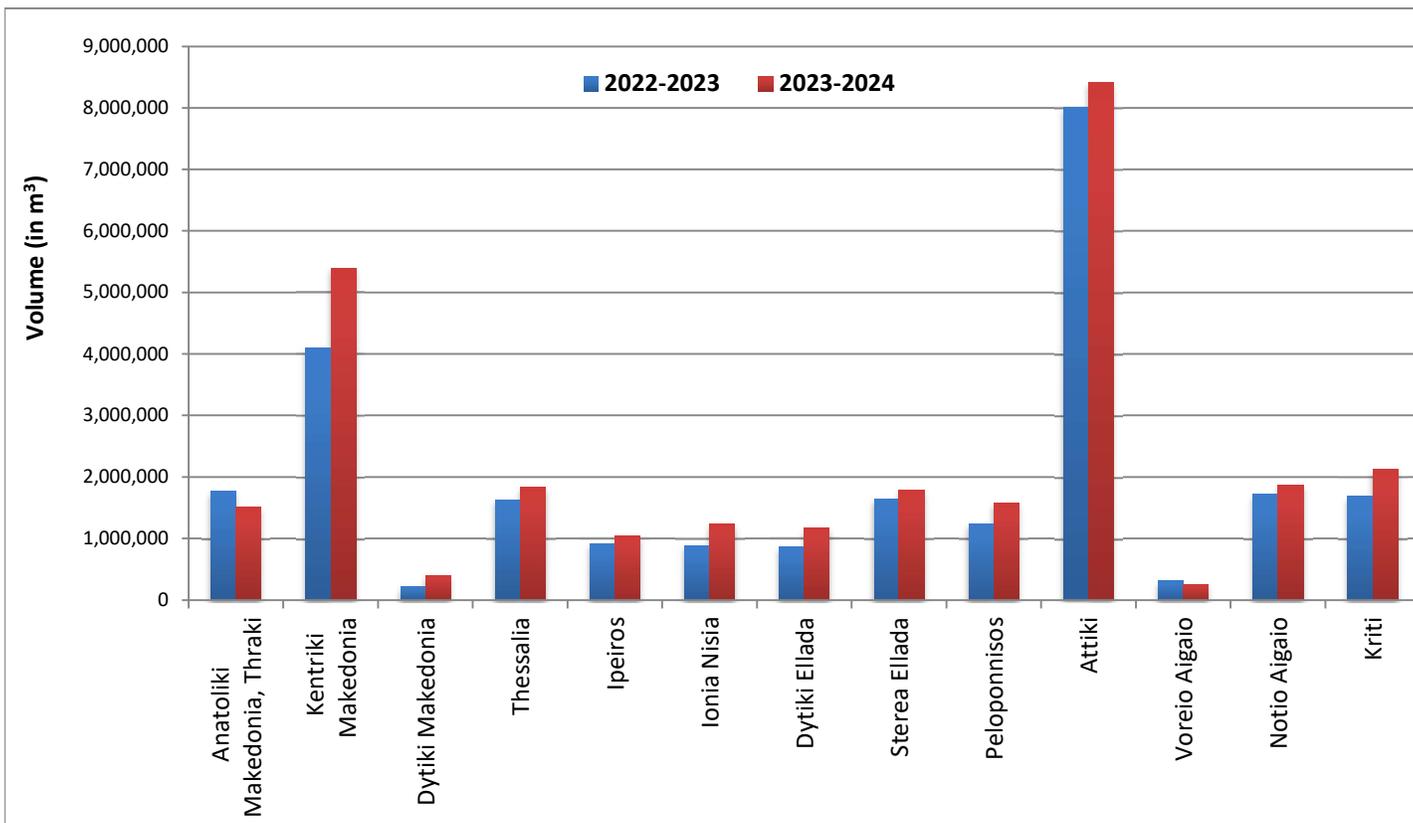
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,280	1,334	4.2	342,482	327,859	-4.3	1,772,591	1,510,708	-14.8
Kentriki Makedonia	3,429	3,779	10.2	835,465	994,537	19.0	4,094,222	5,398,530	31.9
Dytiki Makedonia	345	302	-12.5	44,715	71,373	59.6	220,978	401,886	81.9
Thessalia	1,575	1,553	-1.4	352,937	355,940	0.9	1,634,012	1,834,963	12.3
Ipeiros	857	922	7.6	214,921	221,604	3.1	918,861	1,040,042	13.2
Ionia Nisia	1,612	1,947	20.8	262,075	351,585	34.2	891,141	1,236,275	38.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,543	1,535	-0.5	201,434	256,899	27.5	866,615	1,166,907	34.7
Stereia Ellada	1,439	1,525	6.0	272,810	289,778	6.2	1,649,367	1,793,914	8.8
Peloponnisos	2,008	2,074	3.3	299,382	351,746	17.5	1,248,317	1,580,083	26.6
Attiki	5,853	6,007	2.6	1,663,107	1,809,302	8.8	8,009,431	8,414,591	5.1
Voreio Aigaio	679	702	3.4	89,143	67,049	-24.8	312,582	259,215	-17.1
Notio Aigaio	2,581	2,824	9.4	501,934	509,460	1.5	1,727,479	1,875,086	8.5
Kriti	2,034	2,480	21.9	420,464	540,054	28.4	1,690,006	2,120,453	25.5
Greece, Total	25,235	26,984	6.9	5,500,869	6,147,186	11.7	25,035,602	28,632,653	14.4

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.

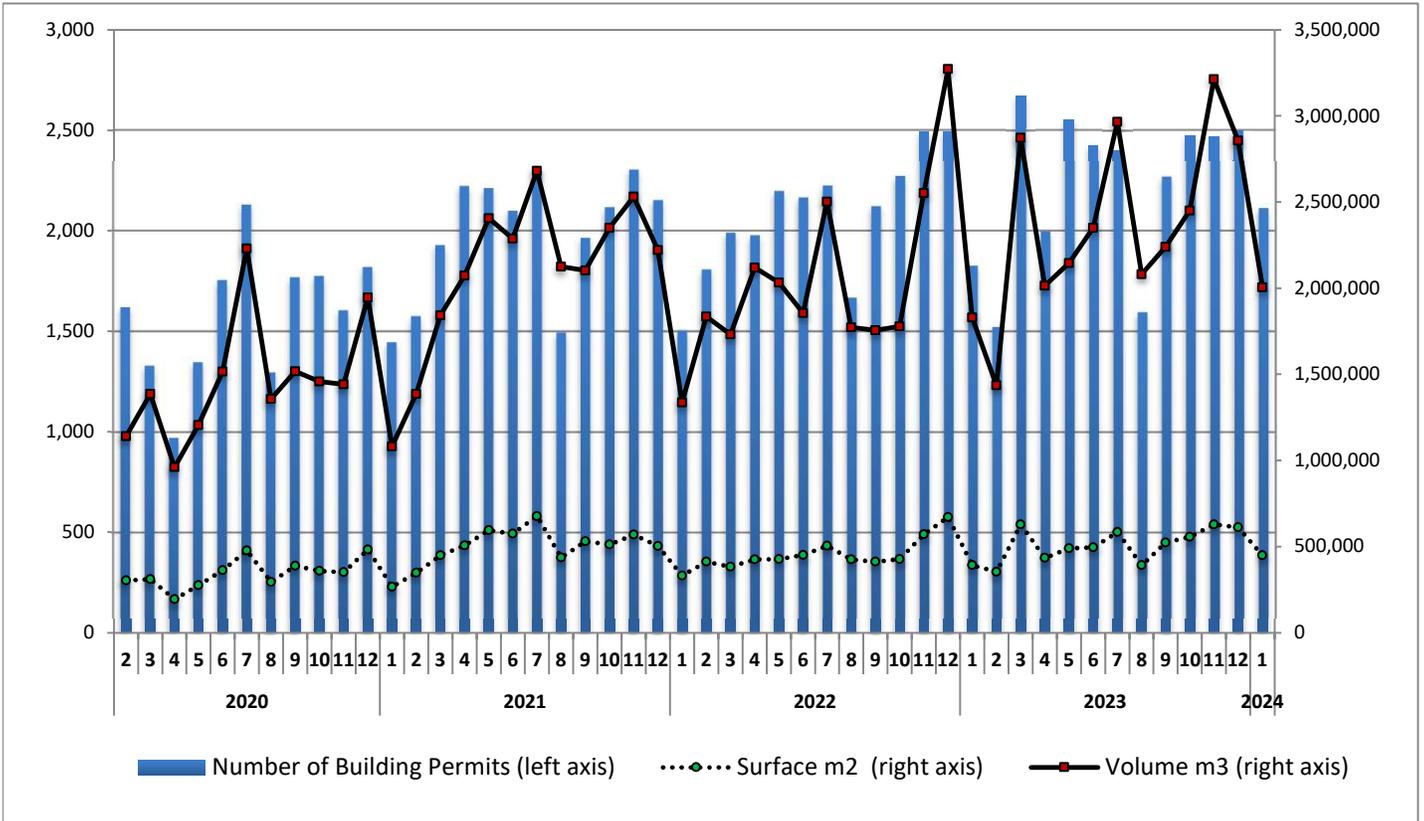
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January 2023 and 2024



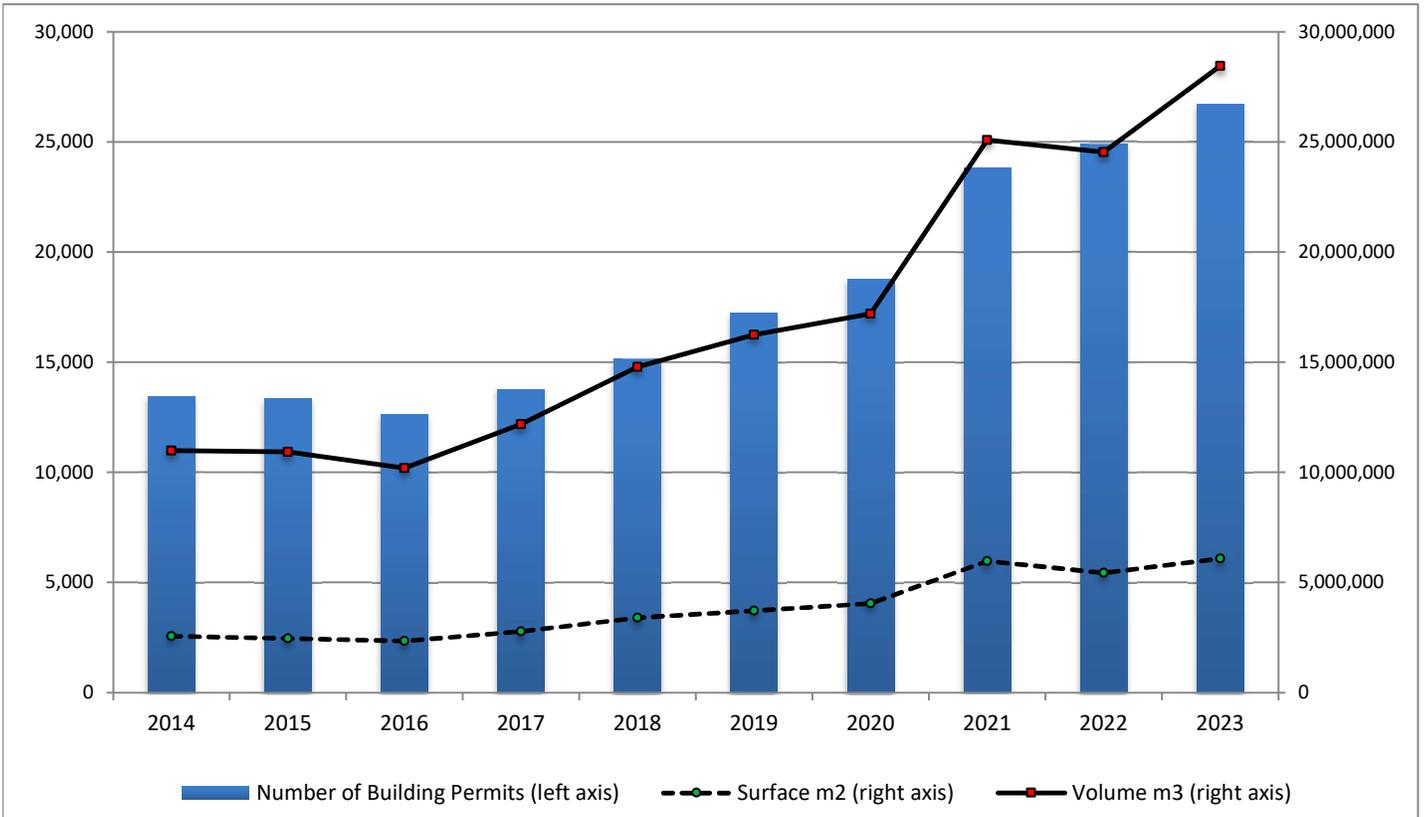
Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), February 2022 - January 2023 and February 2023 - January 2024



Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (February 2020 – January 2024)



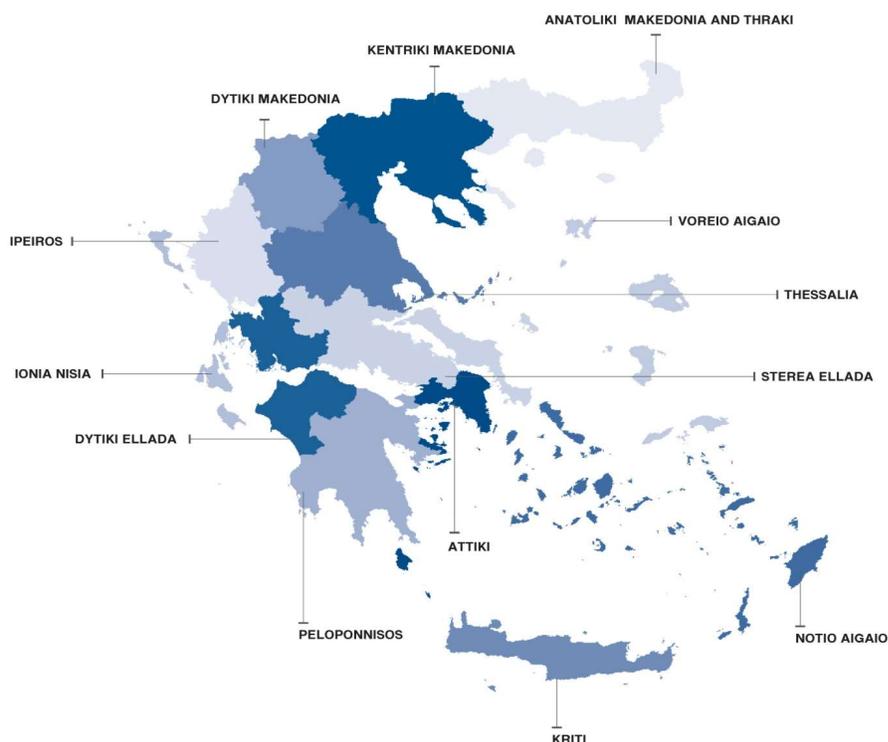
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2014 – 2023)



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	January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024.
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	<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 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>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 (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/