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Building Activity Survey: November 2017

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month November 2017, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in November 2017 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,302. This figure corresponds to 264.2 thousand m² of surface and 1,080.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 12.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 30.6% increase in surface and a 25.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2016 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2017 amounted to 1,296. This figure corresponds to 259.2 thousand m² of surface and 1,055.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2016 there is a 13.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 30.0% increase in surface and a 24.4% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2017 amounted to 6. This figure corresponds to 5.0 thousand m² of surface and 25.1 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.3% of the total building volume in November 2017.
- In the last twelve months, from December 2016 until November 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,914. This figure corresponds to 2,882.8 thousand m² of surface and 12,769.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from December 2015 until November 2016, there is a 9.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 17.7% increase in surface and a 15.4% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from December 2016 until November 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 19.1% increase in surface and a 16.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from December 2015 to November 2016 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.4% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - November 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 10.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 21.1% increase in surface and a 23.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2016 (Table 5). During the same period, January - November 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 10.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 22.2% increase in surface and a 23.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - November 2016 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), November 2016 and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	59	34	-42.4	13.0	3.6	-72.2	61.5	15.6	-74.6
Kentriki Makedonia	148	190	28.4	22.1	47.6	115.4	112.1	237.5	111.9
Dytiki Makedonia	26	19	-26.9	7.1	7.4	4.8	27.8	39.3	41.2
Thessalia	62	85	37.1	20.6	16.7	-19.1	122.4	73.4	-40.0
Ipeiros	40	34	-15.0	6.1	6.7	9.9	23.6	22.9	-2.8
Ionioi Nisoi	53	64	20.8	9.4	19.3	104.6	31.4	59.1	88.4
Dytiki Ellada	116	113	-2.6	16.6	24.3	45.9	66.5	89.5	34.5
Stereia Ellada	92	105	14.1	13.8	12.2	-11.0	74.6	41.8	-44.0
Peloponnisos	123	106	-13.8	16.6	13.7	-17.3	66.8	55.7	-16.6
Attiki	215	242	12.6	32.0	42.3	31.9	128.6	182.5	41.9
Voreio Aigaio	30	48	60.0	3.0	3.5	15.9	9.8	11.5	16.9
Notio Aigaio	110	160	45.5	23.7	40.2	69.5	75.0	161.4	115.1
Kriti	82	102	24.4	18.3	26.8	46.6	59.4	90.0	51.5
Greece, Total	1,156	1,302	12.6	202.3	264.2	30.6	859.6	1,080.2	25.7

*Provisional data for November 2017

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), November 2016 and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	59	34	-42.4	13.0	3.6	-72.2	61.5	15.6	-74.6
Kentriki Makedonia	146	189	29.5	21.9	43.1	97.1	111.3	214.5	92.8
Dytiki Makedonia	26	18	-30.8	7.1	7.4	4.5	27.8	39.2	41.0
Thessalia	58	84	44.8	19.0	16.7	-12.4	115.2	73.4	-36.3
Ipeiros	40	34	-15.0	6.1	6.7	9.9	23.6	22.9	-2.8
Ionioi Nisoi	53	64	20.8	9.4	19.3	104.6	31.4	59.1	88.4
Dytiki Ellada	115	113	-1.7	16.6	24.3	45.9	66.5	89.5	34.5
Stereia Ellada	92	105	14.1	13.8	12.2	-11.0	74.6	41.8	-44.0
Peloponnisos	121	106	-12.4	16.6	13.7	-17.3	66.8	55.7	-16.6
Attiki	214	242	13.1	32.0	42.3	31.9	128.6	182.5	41.9
Voreio Aigaio	30	46	53.3	3.0	3.4	14.3	9.8	11.4	15.3
Notio Aigaio	109	160	46.8	23.7	40.2	69.5	75.0	161.4	115.1
Kriti	81	101	24.7	17.2	26.3	53.4	56.0	88.1	57.4
Greece, Total	1,144	1,296	13.3	199.3	259.2	30.0	848.2	1,055.1	24.4

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2015 - November 2016 and December 2016 – November 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	568	486	-14.4	91.8	122.7	33.6	381.1	573.3	50.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,857	1,844	-0.7	407.1	458.5	12.6	2,302.7	2,524.8	9.6
Dytiki Makedonia	266	303	13.9	72.2	75.2	4.2	393.8	397.5	0.9
Thessalia	707	767	8.5	200.5	189.1	-5.7	1,154.1	955.8	-17.2
Ipeiros	423	471	11.3	95.3	121.8	27.7	384.7	622.8	61.9
Ionioi Nisoi	670	807	20.4	135.3	196.4	45.1	483.7	637.3	31.8
Dytiki Ellada	992	1,158	16.7	169.6	192.3	13.4	695.1	764.8	10.0
Stereia Ellada	1,080	1,117	3.4	172.6	177.1	2.6	825.0	915.3	10.9
Peloponnisos	1,391	1,349	-3.0	212.3	263.7	24.2	859.3	1,190.6	38.6
Attiki	2,400	2,737	14.0	428.2	542.5	26.7	1,932.2	2,311.8	19.6
Voreio Aigaio	326	430	31.9	38.8	49.5	27.6	140.9	167.7	19.1
Notio Aigaio	1,100	1,358	23.5	172.9	225.9	30.7	630.5	795.1	26.1
Kriti	929	1,087	17.0	252.3	268.0	6.2	886.8	912.8	2.9
Greece, Total	12,709	13,914	9.5	2,448.9	2,882.8	17.7	11,069.8	12,769.6	15.4

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2015 - November 2016 and December 2016 - November 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	560	474	-15.4	87.4	112.2	28.4	356.0	518.0	45.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,829	1,823	-0.3	389.8	447.8	14.9	2,227.5	2,480.1	11.3
Dytiki Makedonia	263	299	13.7	58.2	72.5	24.7	245.1	388.8	58.6
Thessalia	701	760	8.4	198.9	186.0	-6.5	1,146.8	941.5	-17.9
Ipeiros	416	467	12.3	91.9	101.8	10.8	370.3	426.5	15.2
Ionioi Nisoi	669	807	20.6	131.3	196.4	49.6	448.3	637.3	42.2
Dytiki Ellada	988	1,156	17.0	166.3	189.9	14.2	679.7	755.1	11.1
Stereia Ellada	1,073	1,111	3.5	171.0	174.5	2.0	819.3	901.6	10.0
Peloponnisos	1,385	1,333	-3.8	211.8	252.6	19.2	857.6	1,141.6	33.1
Attiki	2,389	2,728	14.2	404.1	539.8	33.6	1,835.3	2,298.9	25.3
Voreio Aigaio	325	424	30.5	38.8	48.8	26.0	140.9	164.8	17.0
Notio Aigaio	1,085	1,352	24.6	169.5	225.0	32.8	615.1	791.4	28.6
Kriti	918	1,077	17.3	239.1	261.3	9.3	839.1	886.4	5.6
Greece, Total	12,601	13,811	9.6	2,358.1	2,808.7	19.1	10,580.9	12,332.0	16.5

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - November 2016 and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	511	444	-13.1	83.1	103.8	24.9	340.0	453.1	33.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1664	1,680	1.0	368.9	426.1	15.5	2,102.0	2,338.0	11.2
Dytiki Makedonia	242	265	9.5	53.9	69.8	29.5	237.1	374.9	58.1
Thessalia	628	708	12.7	152.9	178.3	16.6	702.5	895.4	27.5
Ipeiros	374	434	16.0	81.8	115.9	41.7	312.2	601.9	92.8
Ionioi Nisoi	610	741	21.5	125.7	184.8	46.9	451.8	598.9	32.6
Dytiki Ellada	896	1,041	16.2	146.2	175.3	19.9	565.0	703.6	24.5
Stereia Ellada	989	1,010	2.1	143.0	161.6	13.0	655.1	840.9	28.4
Peloponnisos	1,276	1,215	-4.8	190.6	230.6	21.0	788.3	1,030.7	30.7
Attiki	2,161	2,488	15.1	393.5	496.1	26.1	1,732.2	2,148.9	24.1
Voreio Aigaio	286	383	33.9	34.6	44.2	27.9	124.3	150.7	21.3
Notio Aigaio	948	1,210	27.6	156.0	197.3	26.5	572.9	698.8	22.0
Kriti	844	973	15.3	231.8	234.6	1.2	820.2	784.1	-4.4
Greece, Total	11,429	12,592	10.2	2,162.0	2,618.5	21.1	9,403.8	11,619.9	23.6

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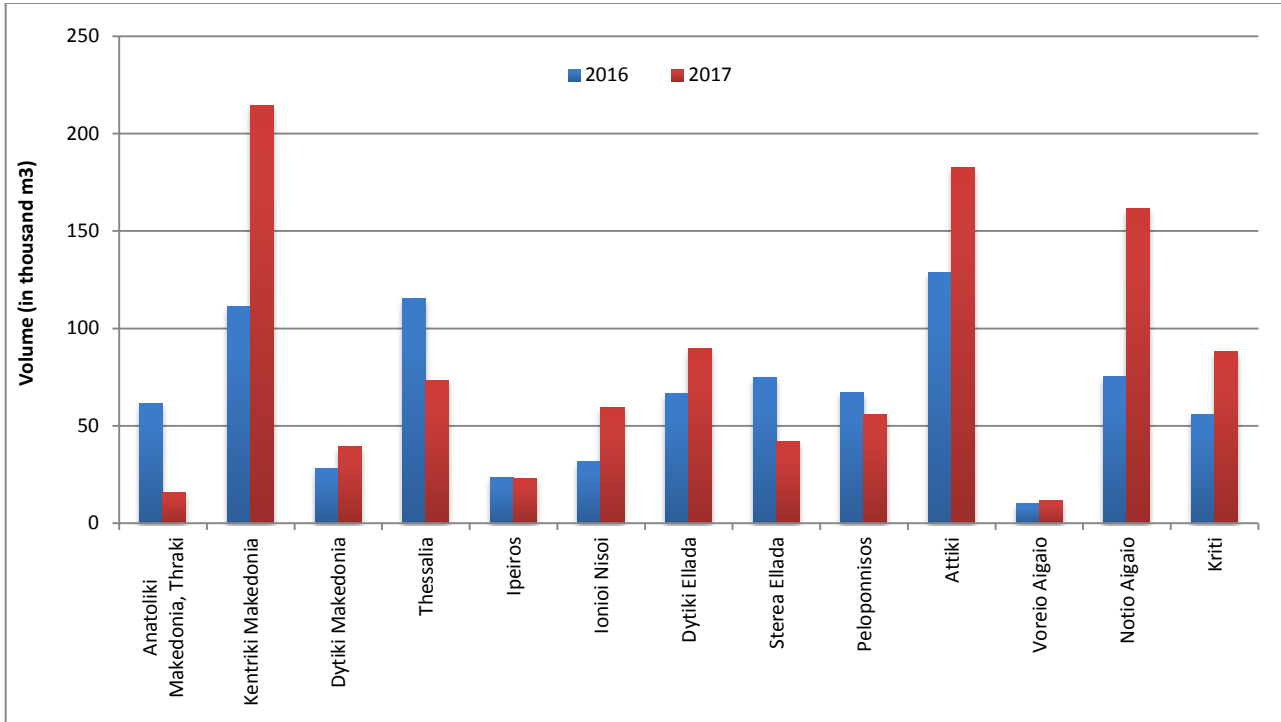
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - November 2016 and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	506	433	-14.4	81.3	93.4	15.0	330.7	398.3	20.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,639	1,660	1.3	351.6	415.8	18.3	2,027.1	2,295.4	13.2
Dytiki Makedonia	241	261	8.3	51.3	67.2	30.9	221.6	366.2	65.3
Thessalia	622	702	12.9	151.3	175.4	15.9	695.2	882.1	26.9
Ipeiros	368	430	16.8	78.4	96.0	22.4	297.8	405.5	36.2
Ionioi Nisoi	609	741	21.7	121.7	184.8	51.8	416.4	598.9	43.8
Dytiki Ellada	892	1,039	16.5	142.9	172.9	21.0	549.6	694.0	26.3
Stereia Ellada	982	1,005	2.3	141.4	159.0	12.4	649.4	827.3	27.4
Peloponnisos	1,270	1,203	-5.3	190.1	221.5	16.5	786.6	990.9	26.0
Attiki	2,150	2,480	15.3	369.4	493.4	33.6	1,635.4	2,136.0	30.6
Voreio Aigaio	285	377	32.3	34.6	43.6	26.1	124.3	147.7	18.9
Notio Aigaio	933	1,206	29.3	152.6	197.3	29.3	557.6	698.7	25.3
Kriti	833	964	15.7	218.6	228.1	4.3	772.6	758.4	-1.8
Greece, Total	11,330	12,501	10.3	2,085.3	2,548.3	22.2	9,064.2	11,199.5	23.6

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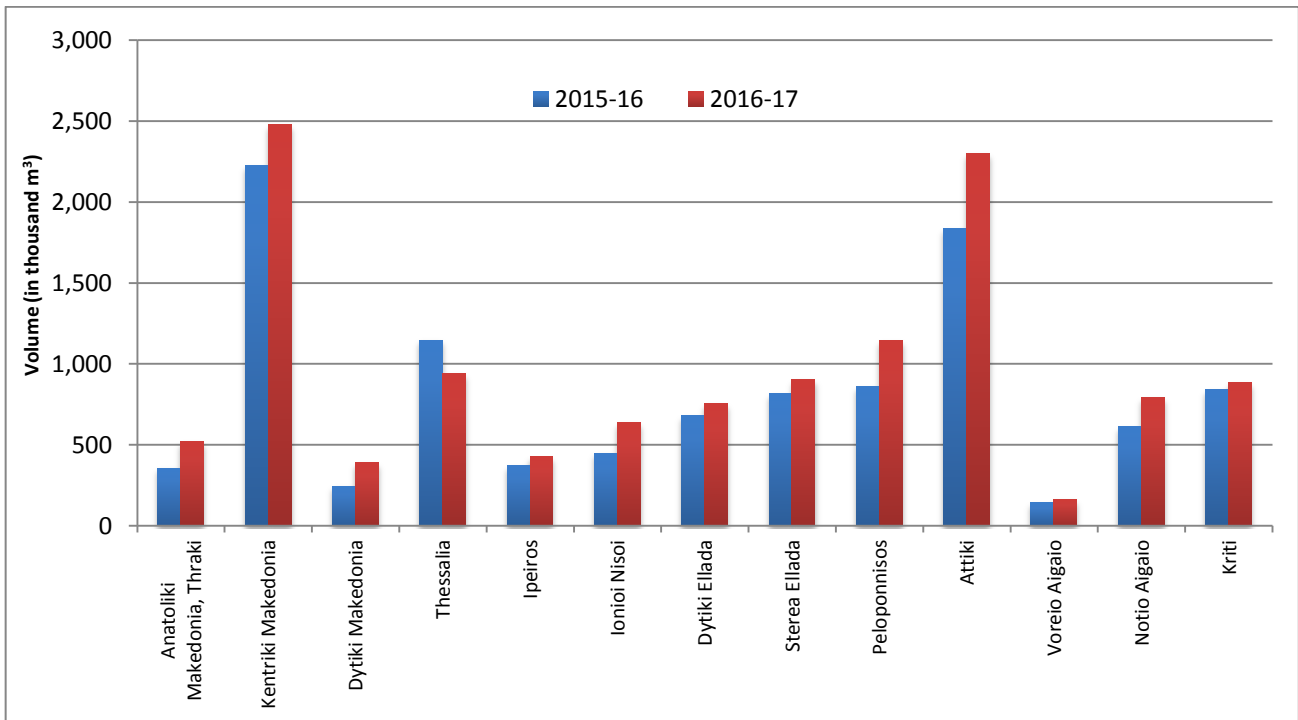
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), November 2016 and 2017 *



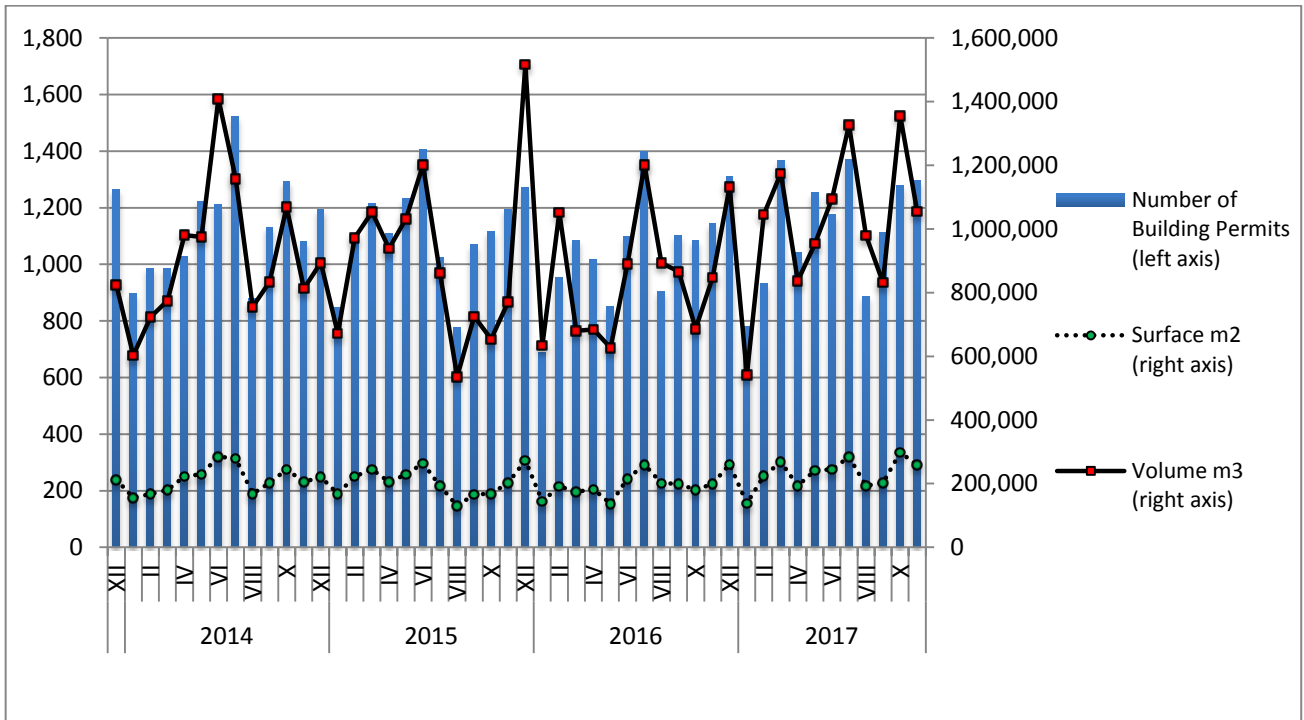
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2015 - November 2016 and December 2016 - November 2017*



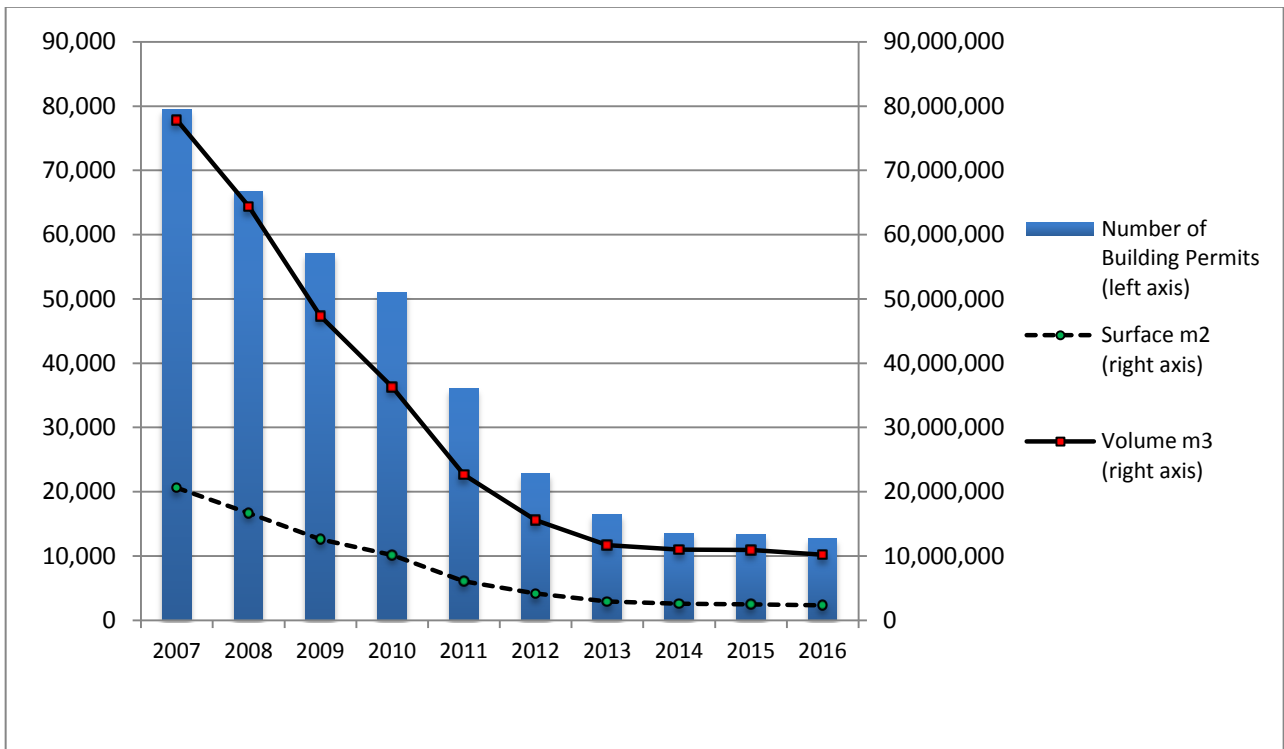
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (December 2013 – November 2017*)



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Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2007 - 2016)



EXPLANATORY NOTE

- 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) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
- Reference Period** November 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017
- Coverage** The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
- 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 net 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 (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/->