

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: November 2019

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month November 2019, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in November 2019 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,785. This figure corresponds to 413.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,719.4 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 12.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 4.4% increase in surface and a 3.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2018 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2019 amounted to 1,779. This figure corresponds to 408.5 thousand m² of surface and 1,701.8 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2018 there is a 13.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 7.8% increase in surface and a 7.0% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2019 amounted to 6. This figure corresponds to 4.8 thousand m² of surface and 17.6 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.0% of the total building volume in November 2019.
- In the last twelve months, from December 2018 until November 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 16,655. This figure corresponds to 3,653.8 thousand m² of surface and 16,193.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from December 2017 until November 2018, there is an 8.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 5.0% increase in surface and a 6.9% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from December 2018 until November 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 6.4% increase in surface and a 7.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from December 2017 to November 2018 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.1% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - November 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 9.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 3.7% increase in surface and a 5.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 5). During the same period, January - November 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 5.4% increase in surface and a 6.7% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - November 2018 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), November 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	58	94	62.1	9.6	20.0	108.5	32.4	66.8	106.0
Kentriki Makedonia	231	277	19.9	62.4	47.6	-23.6	310.0	196.5	-36.6
Dytiki Makedonia	16	22	37.5	3.1	11.9	284.6	12.4	71.8	476.8
Thessalia	91	94	3.3	17.1	29.1	70.2	63.5	153.8	142.2
Ipeiros	56	63	12.5	13.9	16.5	18.9	62.5	69.6	11.3
Ionioi Nisoi	115	138	20.0	38.7	35.2	-9.0	132.7	110.9	-16.4
Dytiki Ellada	78	108	38.5	10.6	26.7	152.5	35.6	127.3	257.5
Stereia Ellada	94	103	9.6	13.3	21.8	64.1	70.0	112.5	60.8
Peloponnisos	116	121	4.3	25.0	17.8	-28.6	100.3	69.8	-30.5
Attiki	387	370	-4.4	92.6	95.8	3.4	473.0	378.7	-19.9
Voreio Aigaio	26	53	103.8	5.4	7.4	37.7	26.1	24.7	-5.4
Notio Aigaio	185	177	-4.3	52.4	35.3	-32.7	170.9	138.8	-18.8
Kriti	135	165	22.2	51.9	48.2	-7.2	173.6	198.3	14.3
Greece, Total	1,588	1,785	12.4	395.9	413.4	4.4	1,662.9	1,719.4	3.4

*Provisional data for November 2019

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 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	58	93	60.3	9.6	19.9	107.5	32.4	66.5	105.2
Kentriki Makedonia	228	277	21.5	61.9	47.6	-23.1	307.7	196.5	-36.1
Dytiki Makedonia	16	21	31.3	3.1	7.8	150.4	12.4	56.2	351.8
Thessalia	87	94	8.0	15.4	29.1	89.0	55.3	153.8	178.0
Ipeiros	55	62	12.7	13.8	16.1	16.6	62.3	68.4	9.7
Ionioi Nisoi	115	138	20.0	38.7	35.2	-9.0	132.7	110.9	-16.4
Dytiki Ellada	77	108	40.3	10.6	26.7	152.5	35.6	127.3	257.5
Stereia Ellada	92	102	10.9	12.7	21.6	70.7	67.8	112.0	65.2
Peloponnisos	115	120	4.3	23.8	17.8	-25.2	91.5	69.7	-23.8
Attiki	382	369	-3.4	88.5	95.8	8.2	453.1	378.7	-16.4
Voreio Aigaio	25	53	112.0	5.0	7.4	48.4	23.9	24.7	3.0
Notio Aigaio	184	177	-3.8	52.0	35.3	-32.1	169.5	138.8	-18.1
Kriti	134	165	23.1	43.8	48.2	10.2	145.6	198.3	36.2
Greece, Total	1,568	1,779	13.5	378.8	408.5	7.8	1,589.9	1,701.8	7.0

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2017 – November 2018 and December 2018 – November 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	482	850	76.3	105.2	189.9	80.6	419.6	740.2	76.4
Kentriki Makedonia	2,195	2,482	13.1	562.0	529.3	-5.8	2,949.6	2,755.2	-6.6
Dytiki Makedonia	247	223	-9.7	54.1	80.5	49.0	230.2	538.4	133.9
Thessalia	859	1,005	17.0	220.1	236.8	7.6	1,127.6	1,228.4	8.9
Ipeiros	542	560	3.3	147.7	165.6	12.1	602.2	671.6	11.5
Ionioi Nisoi	996	1,193	19.8	267.7	213.5	-20.2	905.2	699.3	-22.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,288	1,051	-18.4	199.5	186.2	-6.7	753.2	776.2	3.0
Stereia Ellada	1,083	900	-16.9	230.4	151.9	-34.0	1,124.5	820.0	-27.1
Peloponnisos	1,356	1,300	-4.1	247.2	196.0	-20.7	981.8	781.3	-20.4
Attiki	3,112	3,504	12.6	681.1	910.3	33.6	3,363.5	4,222.9	25.6
Voreio Aigaio	485	404	-16.7	59.4	50.5	-15.0	220.7	194.7	-11.8
Notio Aigaio	1,624	1,710	5.3	375.7	368.3	-2.0	1,277.6	1,312.3	2.7
Kriti	1,153	1,473	27.8	329.0	374.9	13.9	1,197.2	1,453.0	21.4
Greece, Total	15,422	16,655	8.0	3,479.0	3,653.8	5.0	15,152.9	16,193.5	6.9

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2017 – November 2018 and December 2018 – November 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	481	844	75.5	105.2	189.1	79.8	419.5	736.2	75.5
Kentriki Makedonia	2,161	2,468	14.2	544.7	514.7	-5.5	2,860.5	2,615.2	-8.6
Dytiki Makedonia	244	220	-9.8	52.3	63.2	20.9	221.3	375.6	69.7
Thessalia	842	999	18.6	210.4	233.1	10.8	1,083.7	1,214.6	12.1
Ipeiros	537	556	3.5	147.1	164.2	11.6	600.1	666.1	11.0
Ionioi Nisoi	995	1,192	19.8	267.0	213.3	-20.1	903.4	698.0	-22.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,280	1,045	-18.4	189.2	167.2	-11.6	709.5	689.6	-2.8
Stereia Ellada	1,068	898	-15.9	205.0	151.7	-26.0	997.1	819.2	-17.8
Peloponnisos	1,338	1,287	-3.8	233.8	191.6	-18.1	932.6	759.3	-18.6
Attiki	3,088	3,488	13.0	666.3	901.8	35.3	3,284.6	4,182.9	27.3
Voreio Aigaio	474	402	-15.2	57.3	49.9	-13.0	212.0	191.0	-9.9
Notio Aigaio	1,612	1,706	5.8	367.9	368.0	0.0	1,231.3	1,311.5	6.5
Kriti	1,141	1,463	28.2	316.8	369.9	16.8	1,154.6	1,434.0	24.2
Greece, Total	15,261	16,568	8.6	3,363.0	3,577.6	6.4	14,610.2	15,693.1	7.4

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – November 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	444	811	82.7	96.1	181.7	89.2	383.7	709.9	85.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,026	2,289	13.0	531.1	487.8	-8.1	2,766.3	2,551.1	-7.8
Dytiki Makedonia	227	204	-10.1	51.7	59.4	15.0	219.4	337.8	53.9
Thessalia	811	939	15.8	208.6	219.3	5.1	1,086.0	1,150.8	6.0
Ipeiros	504	516	2.4	138.2	145.3	5.2	557.8	606.1	8.7
Ionioi Nisoi	925	1,105	19.5	256.3	196.9	-23.2	870.0	643.0	-26.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,137	955	-16.0	175.8	169.0	-3.8	654.9	706.0	7.8
Stereia Ellada	988	834	-15.6	216.1	135.0	-37.5	1,069.1	729.7	-31.8
Peloponnisos	1,245	1,196	-3.9	227.4	176.5	-22.4	903.1	709.5	-21.4
Attiki	2,862	3,275	14.4	644.1	858.0	33.2	3,200.3	3,983.1	24.5
Voreio Aigaio	430	388	-9.8	50.9	48.7	-4.4	187.1	187.0	-0.1
Notio Aigaio	1,466	1,563	6.6	339.2	330.8	-2.5	1,136.8	1,187.3	4.4
Kriti	1,080	1,383	28.1	296.9	344.8	16.1	1,058.7	1,337.8	26.4
Greece, Total	14,145	15,458	9.3	3,232.2	3,353.4	3.7	14,093.4	14,839.0	5.3

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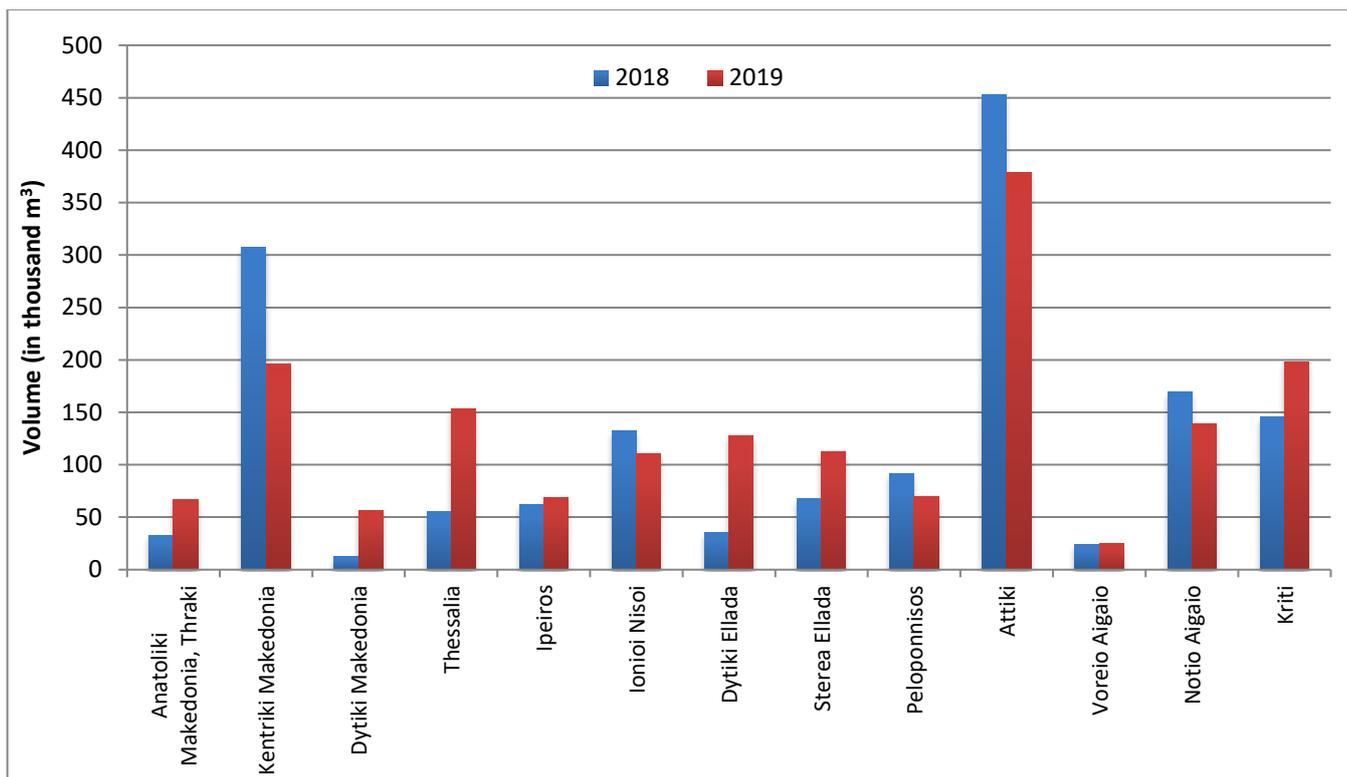
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – November 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	443	805	81.7	96.1	180.9	88.3	383.7	705.9	84.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,996	2,279	14.2	518.1	474.2	-8.5	2,696.5	2,415.3	-10.4
Dytiki Makedonia	224	202	-9.8	49.9	55.3	10.8	210.6	322.2	53.0
Thessalia	795	934	17.5	201.6	216.2	7.2	1,054.5	1,138.6	8.0
Ipeiros	500	512	2.4	137.7	143.9	4.5	556.3	600.6	8.0
Ionioi Nisoi	924	1,105	19.6	255.6	196.9	-23.0	868.2	643.0	-25.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,130	952	-15.8	165.5	155.3	-6.1	611.3	651.7	6.6
Stereia Ellada	974	832	-14.6	192.9	134.8	-30.1	952.2	728.8	-23.5
Peloponnisos	1,230	1,185	-3.7	214.3	173.0	-19.2	855.1	692.7	-19.0
Attiki	2,840	3,259	14.8	631.9	849.6	34.5	3,134.4	3,943.1	25.8
Voreio Aigaio	419	387	-7.6	48.8	48.7	-0.3	178.4	187.0	4.8
Notio Aigaio	1,455	1,560	7.2	333.1	330.5	-0.8	1,110.8	1,186.5	6.8
Kriti	1,069	1,375	28.6	284.7	340.0	19.4	1,016.1	1,319.2	29.8
Greece, Total	13,999	15,387	9.9	3,130.1	3,299.2	5.4	13,628.1	14,534.6	6.7

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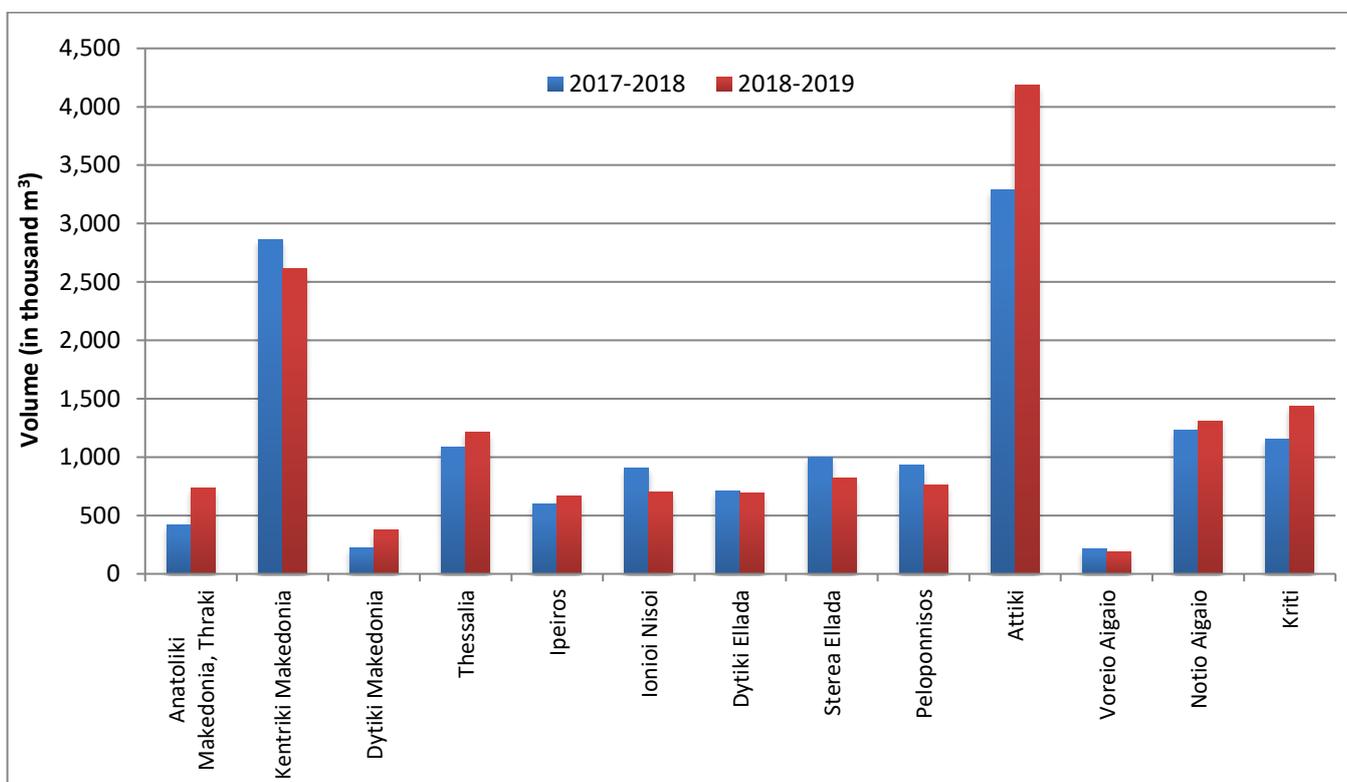
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), November 2018 and 2019*



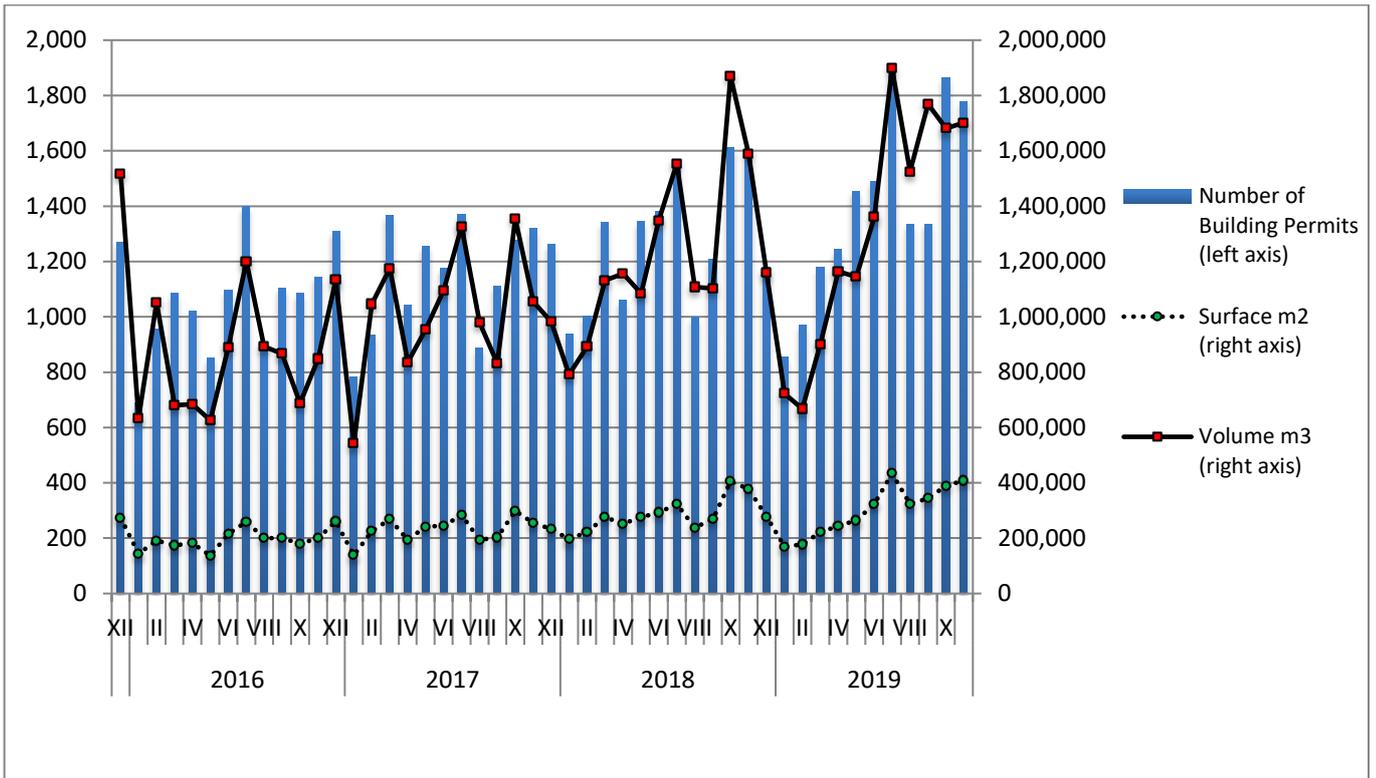
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2017 – November 2018 and December 2018 – November 2019*



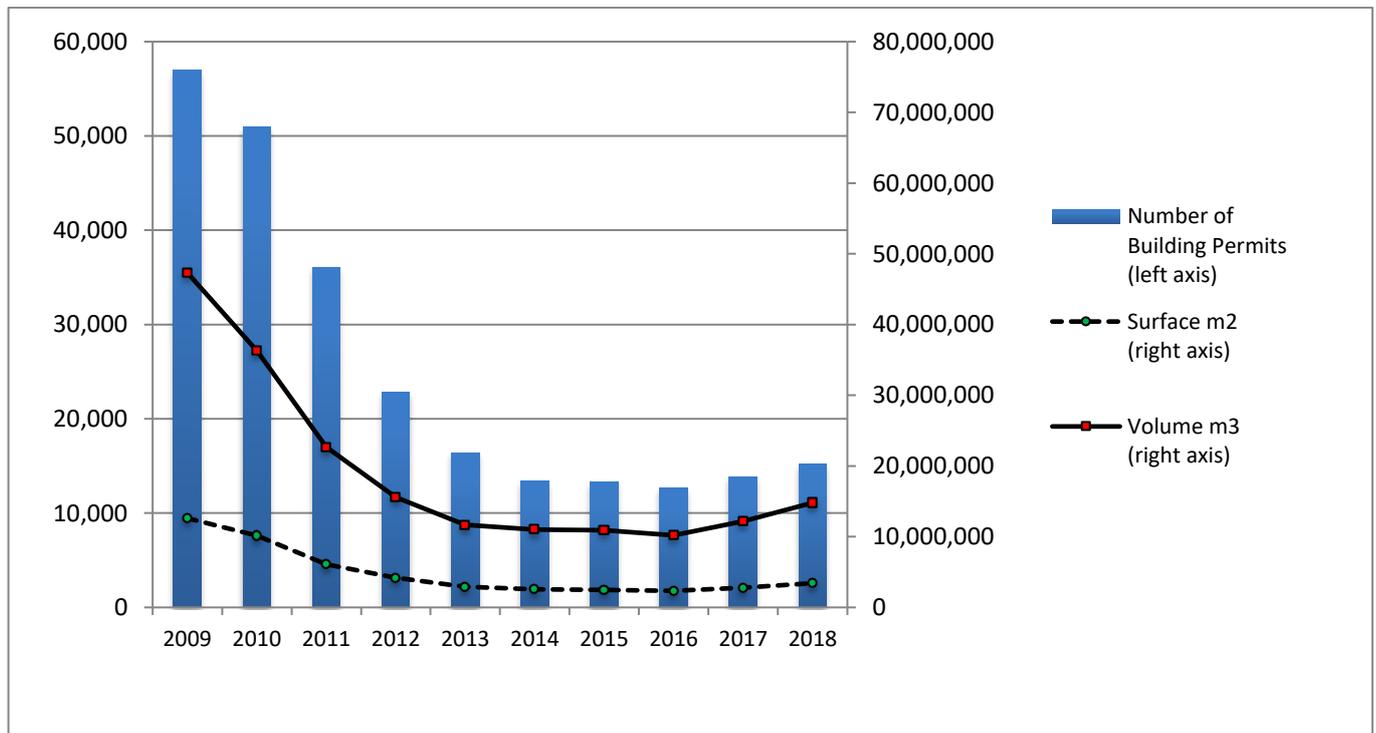
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (December 2015 – November 2019*)



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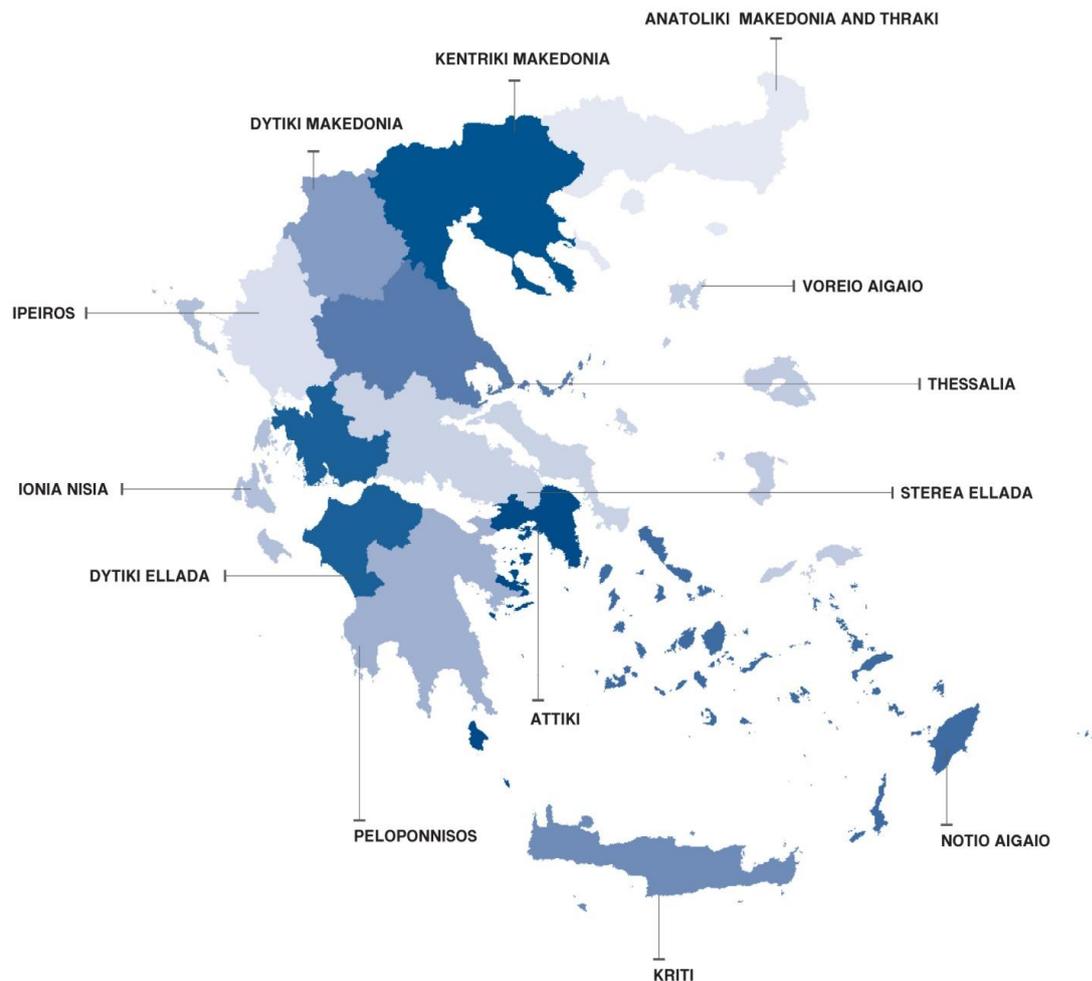
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2009 - 2018)



EXPLANATORY NOTE

- 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) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) 1158/2005.
- Reference Period** November 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019
- 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 space along with the outer space of the outer walls.

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 ELSTAT's web-site: www.statistics.gr under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/->