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## **Building Activity Survey: May 2026**

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

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in May 2026 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,695. This figure corresponds to 593,619 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,508,628 m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 0.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 4.2% increase in surface and a 3.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2025 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2026 amounted to 2,669. This figure corresponds to 585,896 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,455,312 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2025 there is a 0.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 4.6% increase in surface and a 3.6% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2026 amounted to 26. This figure corresponds to 7,723 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 53,316 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.1% of the total building volume in May 2026.

In the last twelve months, from June 2025 until May 2026, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 31,155. This figure corresponds to 7,187,501 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 34,378,018 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from June 2024 until May 2025, there is an 8.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 13.3% increase in surface and a 19.3% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from June 2025 until May 2026, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.0% increase in surface and a 19.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2024 to May 2025 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.8% of the total building volume.

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

| Region                      | Number of Building Permits |       |            | Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> ) |         |            | Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> ) |           |            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|
|                             | May                        |       | Change (%) | May                          |         | Change (%) | May                         |           | Change (%) |
|                             | 2025                       | 2026  |            | 2025                         | 2026    |            | 2025                        | 2026      |            |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 138                        | 141   | 2.2        | 30,082                       | 31,459  | 4.6        | 142,545                     | 121,340   | -14.9      |
| Kentriki Makedonia          | 333                        | 355   | 6.6        | 62,977                       | 112,013 | 77.9       | 328,336                     | 525,387   | 60.0       |
| Dytiki Makedonia            | 33                         | 31    | -6.1       | 5,920                        | 5,774   | -2.5       | 27,787                      | 31,704    | 14.1       |
| Thessalia                   | 178                        | 166   | -6.7       | 44,055                       | 31,187  | -29.2      | 236,169                     | 141,596   | -40.0      |
| Ipeiros                     | 100                        | 93    | -7.0       | 18,399                       | 25,114  | 36.5       | 62,321                      | 99,218    | 59.2       |
| Ionia Nisia                 | 210                        | 170   | -19.0      | 28,787                       | 21,402  | -25.7      | 95,153                      | 75,130    | -21.0      |
| Dytiki Ellada               | 169                        | 166   | -1.8       | 34,592                       | 28,900  | -16.5      | 140,423                     | 115,341   | -17.9      |
| Stereia Ellada              | 142                        | 117   | -17.6      | 22,372                       | 24,205  | 8.2        | 120,148                     | 123,287   | 2.6        |
| Peloponnisos                | 194                        | 199   | 2.6        | 57,897                       | 32,306  | -44.2      | 355,990                     | 130,943   | -63.2      |
| Attiki                      | 611                        | 614   | 0.5        | 171,079                      | 160,813 | -6.0       | 744,530                     | 679,324   | -8.8       |
| Voreio Aigaio               | 66                         | 74    | 12.1       | 5,418                        | 8,120   | 49.9       | 19,181                      | 27,104    | 41.3       |
| Notio Aigaio                | 259                        | 289   | 11.6       | 37,661                       | 58,230  | 54.6       | 132,176                     | 227,637   | 72.2       |
| Kriti                       | 284                        | 280   | -1.4       | 50,348                       | 54,096  | 7.4        | 193,440                     | 210,617   | 8.9        |
| Greece, Total               | 2,717                      | 2,695 | -0.8       | 569,587                      | 593,619 | 4.2        | 2,598,199                   | 2,508,628 | -3.4       |

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**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2025 and 2026**

| Region                      | Number of Building Permits |       |            | Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> ) |         |            | Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> ) |           |            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|
|                             | May                        |       | Change (%) | May                          |         | Change (%) | May                         |           | Change (%) |
|                             | 2025                       | 2026  |            | 2025                         | 2026    |            | 2025                        | 2026      |            |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 137                        | 140   | 2.2        | 30,082                       | 30,673  | 2.0        | 142,545                     | 115,138   | -19.2      |
| Kentriki Makedonia          | 327                        | 351   | 7.3        | 62,977                       | 110,423 | 75.3       | 328,336                     | 519,097   | 58.1       |
| Dytiki Makedonia            | 31                         | 31    | 0.0        | 5,420                        | 5,774   | 6.5        | 25,152                      | 31,704    | 26.0       |
| Thessalia                   | 178                        | 163   | -8.4       | 44,055                       | 27,862  | -36.8      | 236,169                     | 109,318   | -53.7      |
| Ipeiros                     | 99                         | 92    | -7.1       | 18,378                       | 24,224  | 31.8       | 62,114                      | 95,330    | 53.5       |
| Ionia Nisia                 | 210                        | 170   | -19.0      | 28,787                       | 21,402  | -25.7      | 95,153                      | 75,130    | -21.0      |
| Dytiki Ellada               | 168                        | 161   | -4.2       | 34,592                       | 28,818  | -16.7      | 140,423                     | 115,091   | -18.0      |
| Stereia Ellada              | 141                        | 115   | -18.4      | 22,169                       | 23,885  | 7.7        | 119,456                     | 121,667   | 1.9        |
| Peloponnisos                | 190                        | 197   | 3.7        | 55,066                       | 32,259  | -41.4      | 340,639                     | 130,797   | -61.6      |
| Attiki                      | 606                        | 610   | 0.7        | 167,504                      | 160,130 | -4.4       | 725,392                     | 676,682   | -6.7       |
| Voreio Aigaio               | 66                         | 73    | 10.6       | 5,418                        | 8,120   | 49.9       | 19,181                      | 27,104    | 41.3       |
| Notio Aigaio                | 258                        | 286   | 10.9       | 37,656                       | 58,230  | 54.6       | 132,165                     | 227,637   | 72.2       |
| Kriti                       | 279                        | 280   | 0.4        | 47,806                       | 54,096  | 13.2       | 179,762                     | 210,617   | 17.2       |
| Greece, Total               | 2,690                      | 2,669 | -0.8       | 559,910                      | 585,896 | 4.6        | 2,546,487                   | 2,455,312 | -3.6       |

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2024 - May 2025 and June 2025 - May 2026**

| Region                      | Number of Building Permits |           |            | Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> ) |           |            | Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> ) |            |            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
|                             | June - May                 |           | Change (%) | June - May                   |           | Change (%) | June - May                  |            | Change (%) |
|                             | 2024-2025                  | 2025-2026 |            | 2024-2025                    | 2025-2026 |            | 2024-2025                   | 2025-2026  |            |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 1,544                      | 1,579     | 2.3        | 366,270                      | 396,318   | 8.2        | 1,539,205                   | 1,800,512  | 17.0       |
| Kentriki Makedonia          | 3,864                      | 3,989     | 3.2        | 1,039,461                    | 1,227,280 | 18.1       | 5,105,132                   | 7,297,577  | 42.9       |
| Dytiki Makedonia            | 324                        | 339       | 4.6        | 71,919                       | 92,064    | 28.0       | 415,184                     | 576,395    | 38.8       |
| Thessalia                   | 1,686                      | 1,867     | 10.7       | 358,306                      | 434,281   | 21.2       | 1,809,367                   | 2,343,314  | 29.5       |
| Ipeiros                     | 980                        | 1,119     | 14.2       | 240,426                      | 251,118   | 4.4        | 1,215,818                   | 1,016,116  | -16.4      |
| Ionia Nisia                 | 2,289                      | 2,426     | 6.0        | 382,311                      | 359,927   | -5.9       | 1,342,698                   | 1,268,751  | -5.5       |
| Dytiki Ellada               | 1,645                      | 1,799     | 9.4        | 271,986                      | 319,115   | 17.3       | 1,196,347                   | 1,465,247  | 22.5       |
| Stereia Ellada              | 1,359                      | 1,659     | 22.1       | 264,903                      | 337,299   | 27.3       | 1,564,065                   | 2,091,832  | 33.7       |
| Peloponnisos                | 2,206                      | 2,313     | 4.9        | 420,023                      | 364,165   | -13.3      | 2,019,863                   | 1,639,205  | -18.8      |
| Attiki                      | 6,391                      | 7,008     | 9.7        | 1,861,827                    | 2,158,181 | 15.9       | 8,585,627                   | 10,049,500 | 17.1       |
| Voreio Aigaio               | 714                        | 852       | 19.3       | 70,026                       | 101,525   | 45.0       | 266,567                     | 375,545    | 40.9       |
| Notio Aigaio                | 2,865                      | 3,078     | 7.4        | 460,024                      | 502,472   | 9.2        | 1,626,844                   | 1,884,456  | 15.8       |
| Kriti                       | 2,775                      | 3,127     | 12.7       | 538,671                      | 643,756   | 19.5       | 2,141,768                   | 2,569,568  | 20.0       |
| Greece, Total               | 28,642                     | 31,155    | 8.8        | 6,346,153                    | 7,187,501 | 13.3       | 28,828,485                  | 34,378,018 | 19.3       |

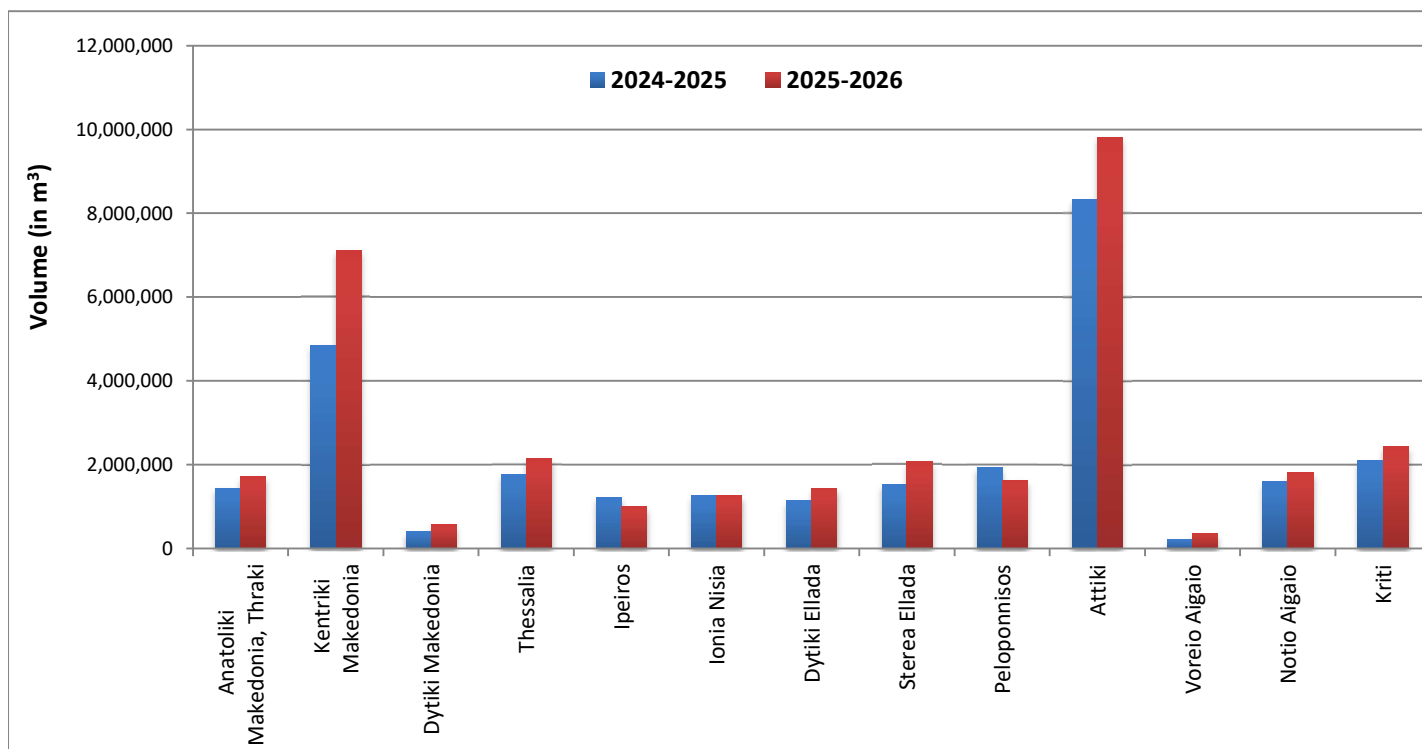
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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2024 - May 2025 and June 2025 - May 2026**

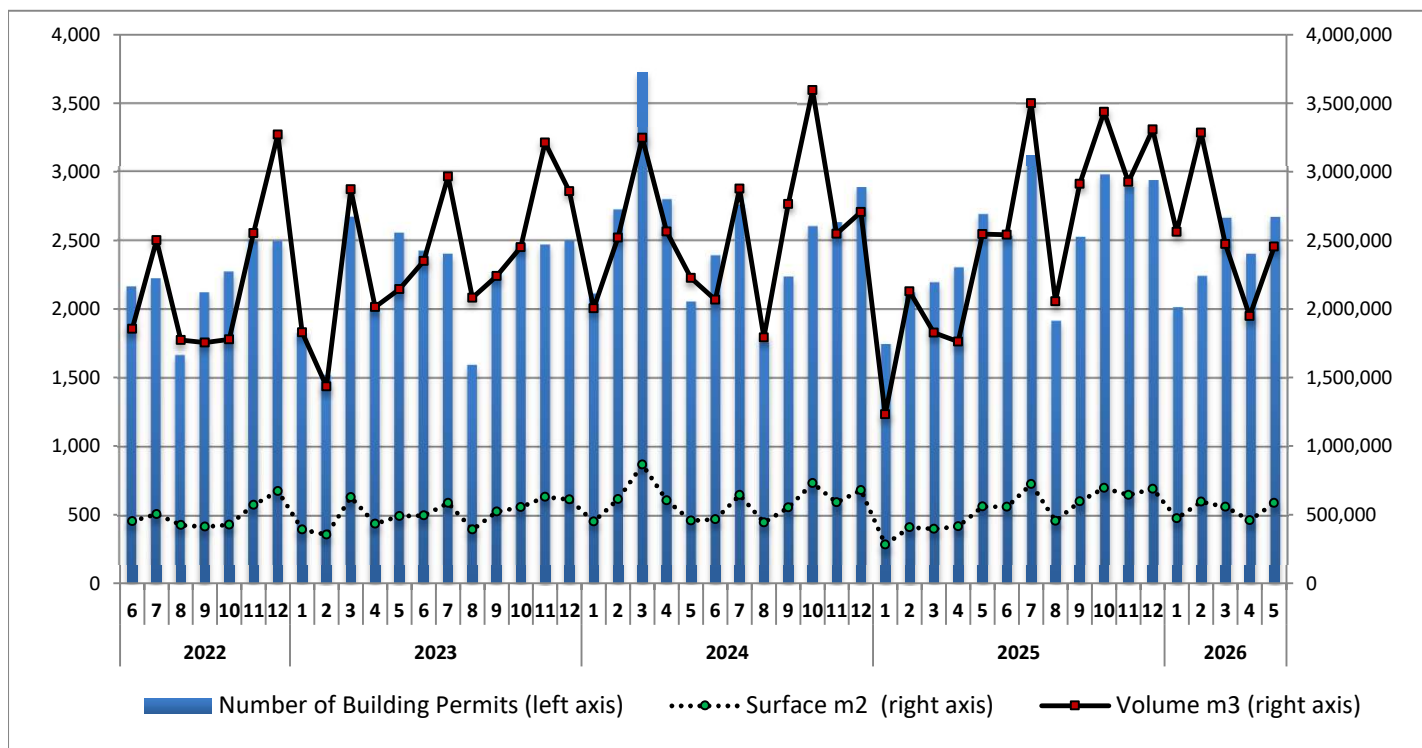
| Region                      | Number of Building Permits |           |            | Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> ) |           |            | Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> ) |            |            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
|                             | June - May                 |           | Change (%) | June - May                   |           | Change (%) | June - May                  |            | Change (%) |
|                             | 2024-2025                  | 2025-2026 |            | 2024-2025                    | 2025-2026 |            | 2024-2025                   | 2025-2026  |            |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 1,519                      | 1,567     | 3.2        | 351,319                      | 387,369   | 10.3       | 1,448,748                   | 1,711,240  | 18.1       |
| Kentriki Makedonia          | 3,786                      | 3,928     | 3.8        | 986,595                      | 1,198,051 | 21.4       | 4,846,210                   | 7,112,914  | 46.8       |
| Dytiki Makedonia            | 321                        | 335       | 4.4        | 71,264                       | 90,712    | 27.3       | 411,930                     | 570,189    | 38.4       |
| Thessalia                   | 1,677                      | 1,850     | 10.3       | 352,279                      | 412,987   | 17.2       | 1,776,594                   | 2,158,289  | 21.5       |
| Ipeiros                     | 971                        | 1,102     | 13.5       | 240,246                      | 246,817   | 2.7        | 1,215,069                   | 997,359    | -17.9      |
| Ionia Nisia                 | 2,275                      | 2,417     | 6.2        | 374,637                      | 359,524   | -4.0       | 1,277,510                   | 1,267,467  | -0.8       |
| Dytiki Ellada               | 1,607                      | 1,777     | 10.6       | 263,105                      | 314,877   | 19.7       | 1,153,739                   | 1,442,756  | 25.1       |
| Stereia Ellada              | 1,348                      | 1,644     | 22.0       | 257,933                      | 331,237   | 28.4       | 1,527,080                   | 2,069,794  | 35.5       |
| Peloponnisos                | 2,180                      | 2,301     | 5.6        | 407,062                      | 362,857   | -10.9      | 1,944,189                   | 1,634,254  | -15.9      |
| Attiki                      | 6,356                      | 6,959     | 9.5        | 1,825,153                    | 2,116,946 | 16.0       | 8,333,377                   | 9,818,866  | 17.8       |
| Voreio Aigaio               | 694                        | 836       | 20.5       | 61,107                       | 100,111   | 63.8       | 227,020                     | 368,748    | 62.4       |
| Notio Aigaio                | 2,839                      | 3,058     | 7.7        | 453,734                      | 487,904   | 7.5        | 1,597,084                   | 1,807,774  | 13.2       |
| Kriti                       | 2,743                      | 3,098     | 12.9       | 526,540                      | 625,349   | 18.8       | 2,095,066                   | 2,447,659  | 16.8       |
| Greece, Total               | 28,316                     | 30,872    | 9.0        | 6,170,974                    | 7,034,741 | 14.0       | 27,853,616                  | 33,407,309 | 19.9       |

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**Graph 1 . Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II),  
June 2024 - May 2025 and June 2025 - May 2026**



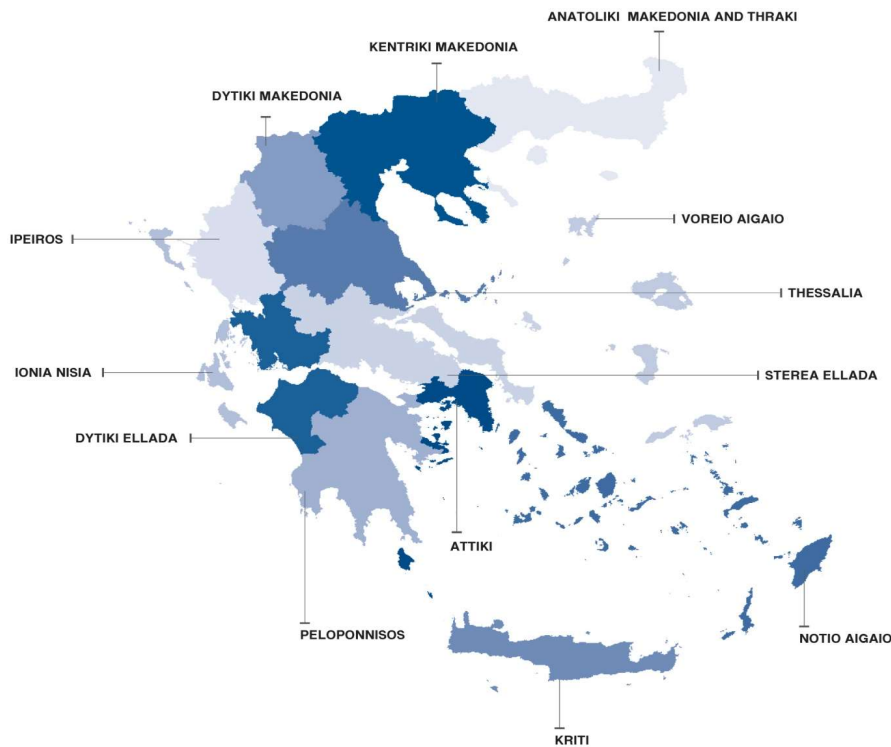
**Graph 2. Monthly Private Building Activity (June 2022 – May 2026)**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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| <b>Building Activity Survey</b>    | 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. |
| <b>Legal Framework</b>             | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Reference Period</b>            | May 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Coverage</b>                    | The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the Country.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Geographical classification</b> | The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

Map of the 13 Regions (NUTS 2) of Greece



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| <b>Definitions</b>    | <p><b>Building Permit</b> 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><b>The denotation of "built-property"</b> is equal to "building".</p> <p><b>Building</b> 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><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> 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><b>Building volume</b> (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><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p> |
| <b>General Remark</b> | Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>References</b>     | <p>More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site (<a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a>), under the link: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/-">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/-</a></p> <p>All tables that were presented in the previous version of the Announcement are published at the same link.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |