

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: June 2021**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month June 2021, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in June 2021 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,082. This figure corresponds to 574.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,359.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 17.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 57.3% increase in surface and a 54.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2020 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2021 amounted to 2,069. This figure corresponds to 572.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,344.3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2020 there is a 17.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 57.5% increase in surface and a 54.7% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2021 amounted to 13. This figure corresponds to 2.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 15.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.6% of the total building volume in June 2021.
- In the last twelve months, from July 2020 until June 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 22,031. This figure corresponds to 5,203.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 21,793.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from July 2019 until June 2020, there is an 18.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 27.2% increase in surface and a 21.9% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from July 2020 until June 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 18.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 26.3% increase in surface and a 20.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from July 2019 to June 2020 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.3% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - June 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 36.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 62.3% increase in surface and a 57.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2020 (Table 5). During the same period, January - June 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 36.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 60.6% increase in surface and a 53.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - June 2020 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2020 and 2021\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	104	116	11.5	23.1	31.8	37.5	83.6	135.4	61.9
Kentriki Makedonia	289	260	-10.0	63.9	74.7	17.0	266.0	357.6	34.4
Dytiki Makedonia	18	26	44.4	3.9	4.0	1.8	13.7	18.5	35.4
Thessalia	128	134	4.7	24.5	30.2	23.4	114.5	123.7	8.0
Ipeiros	63	80	27.0	11.3	20.1	77.5	41.9	73.0	74.1
Ionia Nisia	112	135	20.5	13.5	22.8	69.2	42.6	75.0	76.1
Dytiki Ellada	128	139	8.6	26.6	23.5	-11.6	137.8	92.0	-33.2
Stereia Ellada	88	149	69.3	12.9	46.8	261.6	68.0	277.2	307.9
Peloponnisos	122	162	32.8	14.3	28.1	96.7	50.3	109.9	118.4
Attiki	357	489	37.0	105.2	194.9	85.2	453.0	776.6	71.4
Voreio Aigaio	50	61	22.0	7.2	7.2	-0.6	35.7	23.8	-33.4
Notio Aigaio	144	157	9.0	28.5	36.5	27.7	98.2	117.1	19.3
Kriti	168	174	3.6	30.4	54.1	77.7	124.2	179.7	44.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>2,082</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>365.3</b>	<b>574.5</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>1,529.6</b>	<b>2,359.5</b>	<b>54.3</b>

\*Provisional data for June 2021.

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**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2020 and 2021\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	102	114	11.8	23.0	31.8	38.0	83.3	135.3	62.5
Kentriki Makedonia	287	260	-9.4	63.9	74.7	17.0	266.0	357.6	34.4
Dytiki Makedonia	17	25	47.1	3.2	4.0	25.8	5.2	18.5	254.1
Thessalia	124	134	8.1	23.8	30.2	26.6	111.3	123.7	11.1
Ipeiros	62	79	27.4	11.3	19.0	68.1	41.9	65.0	55.1
Ionia Nisia	112	135	20.5	13.5	22.8	69.2	42.6	75.0	76.1
Dytiki Ellada	127	138	8.7	26.6	23.5	-11.6	137.8	92.0	-33.2
Stereia Ellada	86	146	69.8	12.6	46.5	268.1	66.4	275.7	315.1
Peloponnisos	121	159	31.4	14.3	27.0	89.6	50.3	104.3	107.3
Attiki	357	489	37.0	105.2	194.9	85.2	453.0	776.6	71.4
Voreio Aigaio	50	61	22.0	7.2	7.2	-0.6	35.7	23.8	-33.4
Notio Aigaio	144	157	9.0	28.5	36.5	27.7	98.2	117.1	19.3
Kriti	166	172	3.6	30.0	54.1	79.9	123.2	179.5	45.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>363.1</b>	<b>572.0</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>1,515.1</b>	<b>2,344.3</b>	<b>54.7</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2019 – June 2020 and July 2020 – June 2021\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July – June		Change (%)	July – June		Change (%)	July – June		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	963	1,183	22.8	210.8	297.7	41.2	782.3	1,306.7	67.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,747	2,918	6.2	612.3	679.0	10.9	3,229.4	3,177.0	-1.6
Dytiki Makedonia	240	279	16.3	66.2	75.3	13.6	372.9	351.6	-5.7
Thessalia	1,117	1,379	23.5	258.8	344.0	32.9	1,250.4	1,694.4	35.5
Ipeiros	632	850	34.5	158.5	283.3	78.7	691.9	1,225.9	77.2
Ionia Nisia	1,305	1,445	10.7	241.8	353.0	46.0	795.1	1,215.1	52.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,156	1,585	37.1	207.1	265.9	28.4	913.9	1,061.4	16.1
Stereia Ellada	960	1,351	40.7	180.2	267.9	48.7	979.5	1,507.1	53.9
Peloponnisos	1,402	1,787	27.5	208.1	349.4	67.9	838.1	1,518.9	81.2
Attiki	3,764	4,848	28.8	1,093.0	1,414.9	29.5	4,926.4	5,733.5	16.4
Voreio Aigaio	461	510	10.6	63.7	77.0	20.8	241.1	286.5	18.8
Notio Aigaio	1,966	1,983	0.9	375.6	360.6	-4.0	1,286.8	1,212.9	-5.7
Kriti	1,822	1,913	5.0	414.2	435.8	5.2	1,566.7	1,502.5	-4.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>18,535</b>	<b>22,031</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>4,090.2</b>	<b>5,203.8</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>17,874.6</b>	<b>21,793.5</b>	<b>21.9</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2019 – June 2020 and July 2020 – June 2021\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July – June		Change (%)	July – June		Change (%)	July – June		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	953	1,169	22.7	208.8	275.9	32.1	771.5	1,122.0	45.4
Kentriki Makedonia	2,732	2,897	6.0	597.7	674.6	12.9	3,089.5	3,156.6	2.2
Dytiki Makedonia	238	273	14.7	61.3	66.2	7.9	348.9	318.5	-8.7
Thessalia	1,100	1,368	24.4	252.6	342.8	35.7	1,227.8	1,689.3	37.6
Ipeiros	626	839	34.0	156.9	275.3	75.4	685.9	1,182.8	72.4
Ionia Nisia	1,305	1,444	10.7	241.8	347.3	43.6	795.1	1,199.2	50.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,146	1,568	36.8	192.6	260.2	35.1	856.8	1,033.3	20.6
Stereia Ellada	951	1,341	41.0	178.1	267.2	50.0	971.7	1,503.8	54.8
Peloponnisos	1,396	1,769	26.7	207.0	320.7	54.9	833.8	1,269.3	52.2
Attiki	3,739	4,807	28.6	1,081.0	1,407.8	30.2	4,867.5	5,700.9	17.1
Voreio Aigaio	458	508	10.9	63.4	76.7	20.9	239.8	282.5	17.8
Notio Aigaio	1,955	1,975	1.0	373.1	359.5	-3.7	1,277.2	1,209.2	-5.3
Kriti	1,810	1,888	4.3	412.9	413.8	0.2	1,561.8	1,415.4	-9.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>18,409</b>	<b>21,846</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>4,027.4</b>	<b>5,087.9</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>17,527.4</b>	<b>21,082.9</b>	<b>20.3</b>

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January – June 2020 and 2021\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January – June		Change (%)	January – June		Change (%)	January – June		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	425	652	53.4	89.0	180.3	102.4	320.8	799.2	149.2
Kentriki Makedonia	1,282	1,523	18.8	291.0	376.2	29.3	1,435.3	1,736.2	21.0
Dytiki Makedonia	107	133	24.3	21.8	39.8	82.2	98.9	173.1	75.1
Thessalia	519	697	34.3	108.8	154.0	41.5	530.0	681.7	28.6
Ipeiros	284	459	61.6	60.1	162.7	170.6	272.6	693.7	154.4
Ionia Nisia	603	771	27.9	99.5	174.9	75.9	331.2	596.6	80.1
Dytiki Ellada	493	829	68.2	77.1	143.8	86.7	343.3	564.8	64.5
Stereia Ellada	419	703	67.8	87.2	137.4	57.5	507.9	726.7	43.1
Peloponnisos	647	941	45.4	93.4	210.2	125.1	360.4	1,013.9	181.3
Attiki	1,718	2,597	51.2	469.5	762.1	62.3	1,950.7	2,969.1	52.2
Voreio Aigaio	208	300	44.2	25.0	44.1	76.2	94.8	177.0	86.6
Notio Aigaio	900	982	9.1	147.8	185.9	25.7	476.2	624.2	31.1
Kriti	852	973	14.2	153.4	226.8	47.8	610.1	783.6	28.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>8,457</b>	<b>11,560</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>1,723.7</b>	<b>2,798.3</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>7,332.2</b>	<b>11,539.9</b>	<b>57.4</b>

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**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January – June 2020 and 2021\***

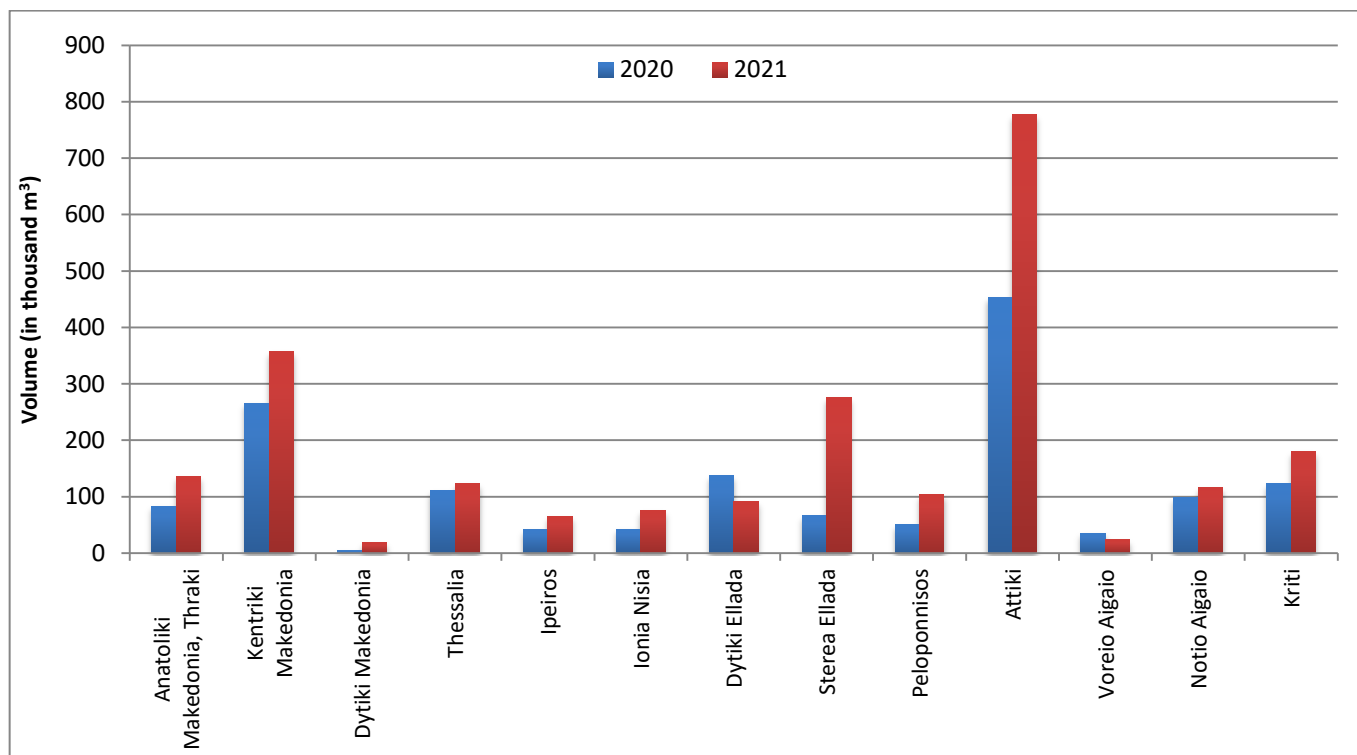
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January – June		Change (%)	January – June		Change (%)	January – June		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	422	644	52.6	88.8	174.0	96.0	319.8	757.3	136.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,273	1,513	18.9	290.0	374.2	29.0	1,431.2	1,730.2	20.9
Dytiki Makedonia	106	130	22.6	21.1	39.4	86.9	90.4	171.6	89.7
Thessalia	507	688	35.7	106.1	152.8	44.0	521.5	676.6	29.7
Ipeiros	281	451	60.5	60.0	155.6	159.4	272.1	653.6	140.2
Ionia Nisia	603	770	27.7	99.5	169.3	70.2	331.2	580.7	75.4
Dytiki Ellada	484	821	69.6	76.0	143.6	88.9	339.9	564.2	66.0
Stereia Ellada	412	695	68.7	85.4	136.7	60.1	501.0	723.6	44.4
Peloponnisos	643	928	44.3	92.4	182.1	97.2	356.1	766.2	115.2
Attiki	1,703	2,573	51.1	462.0	758.2	64.1	1,916.2	2,952.4	54.1
Voreio Aigaio	205	299	45.9	24.7	44.1	78.5	93.5	177.0	89.3
Notio Aigaio	890	978	9.9	145.4	185.5	27.6	466.6	622.8	33.5
Kriti	845	962	13.8	152.7	221.2	44.8	606.9	756.8	24.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>8,374</b>	<b>11,452</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>1,704.0</b>	<b>2,736.7</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>7,246.4</b>	<b>11,133.0</b>	<b>53.6</b>

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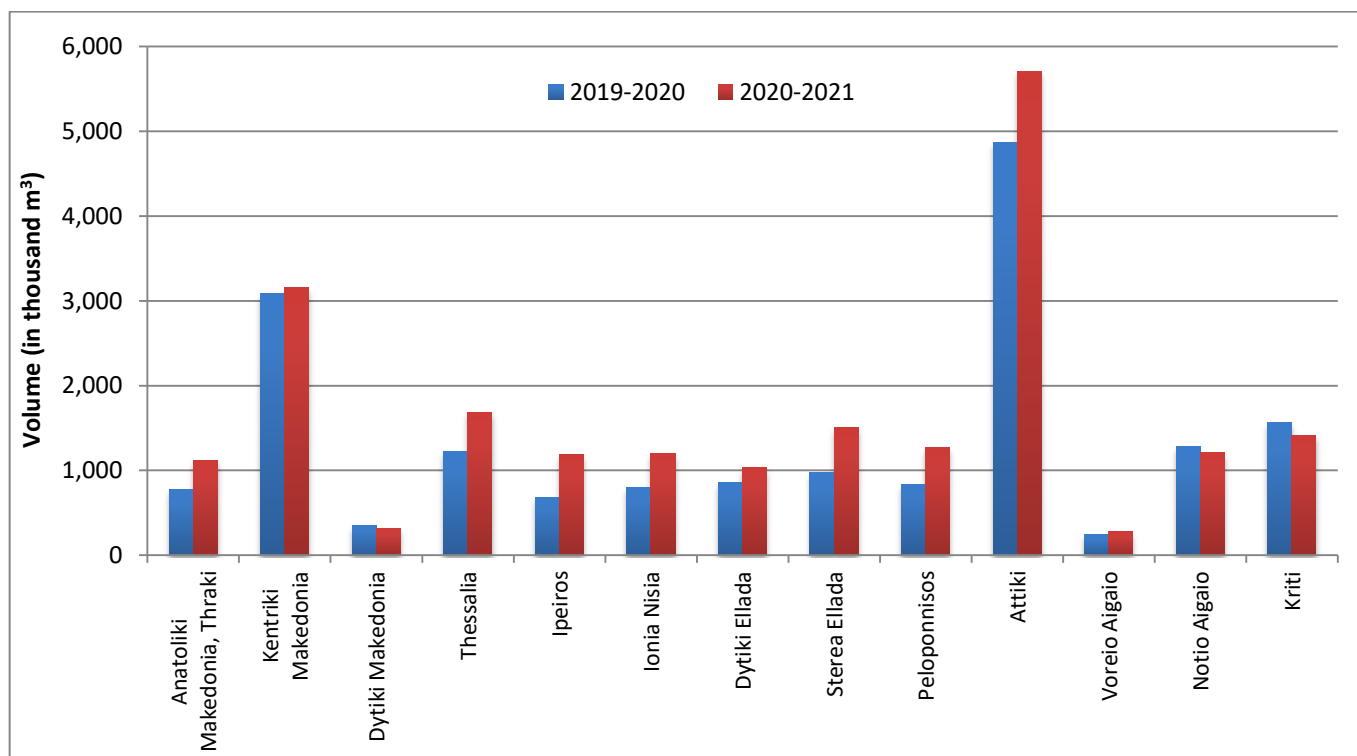
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2020 and 2021\***



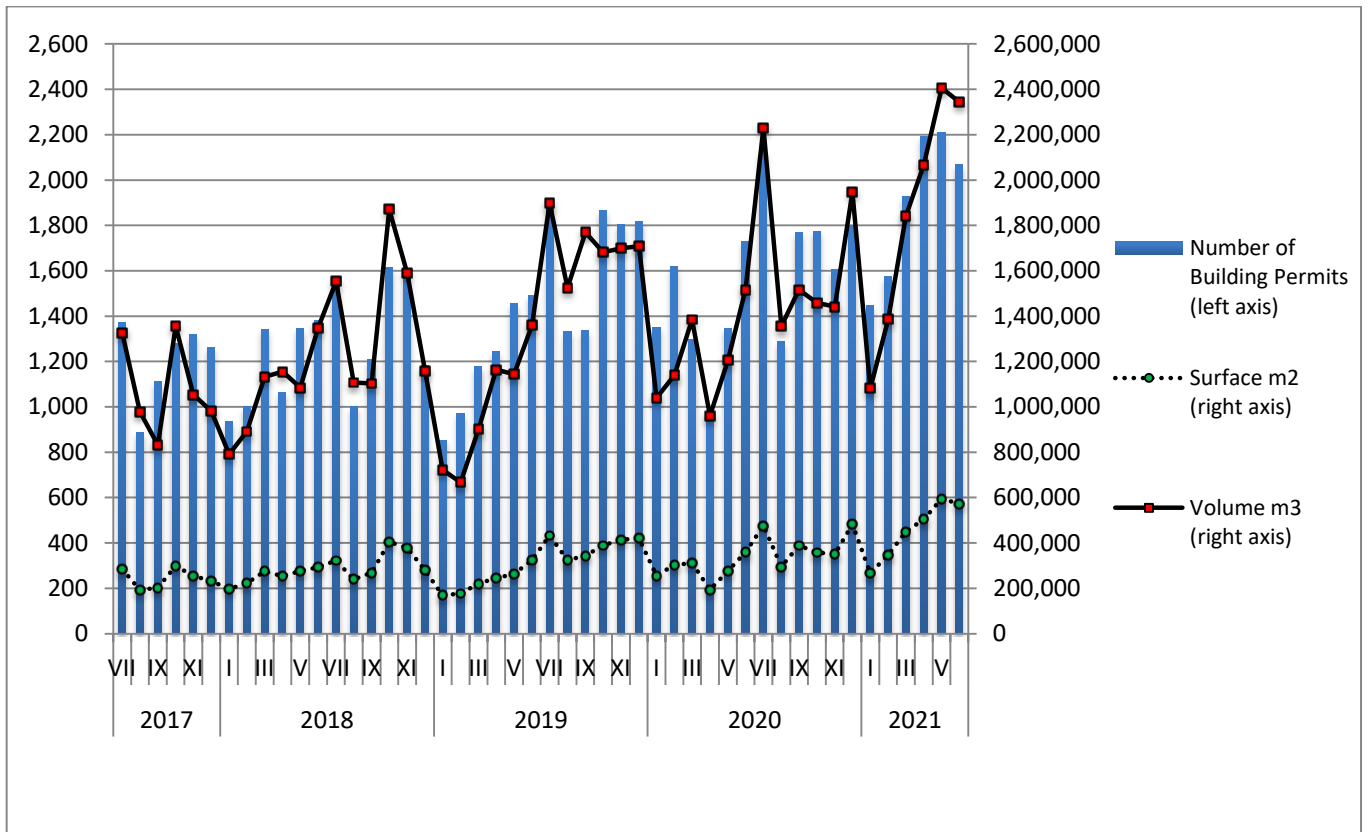
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), July 2019 – June 2020 and July 2020 – June 2021\***



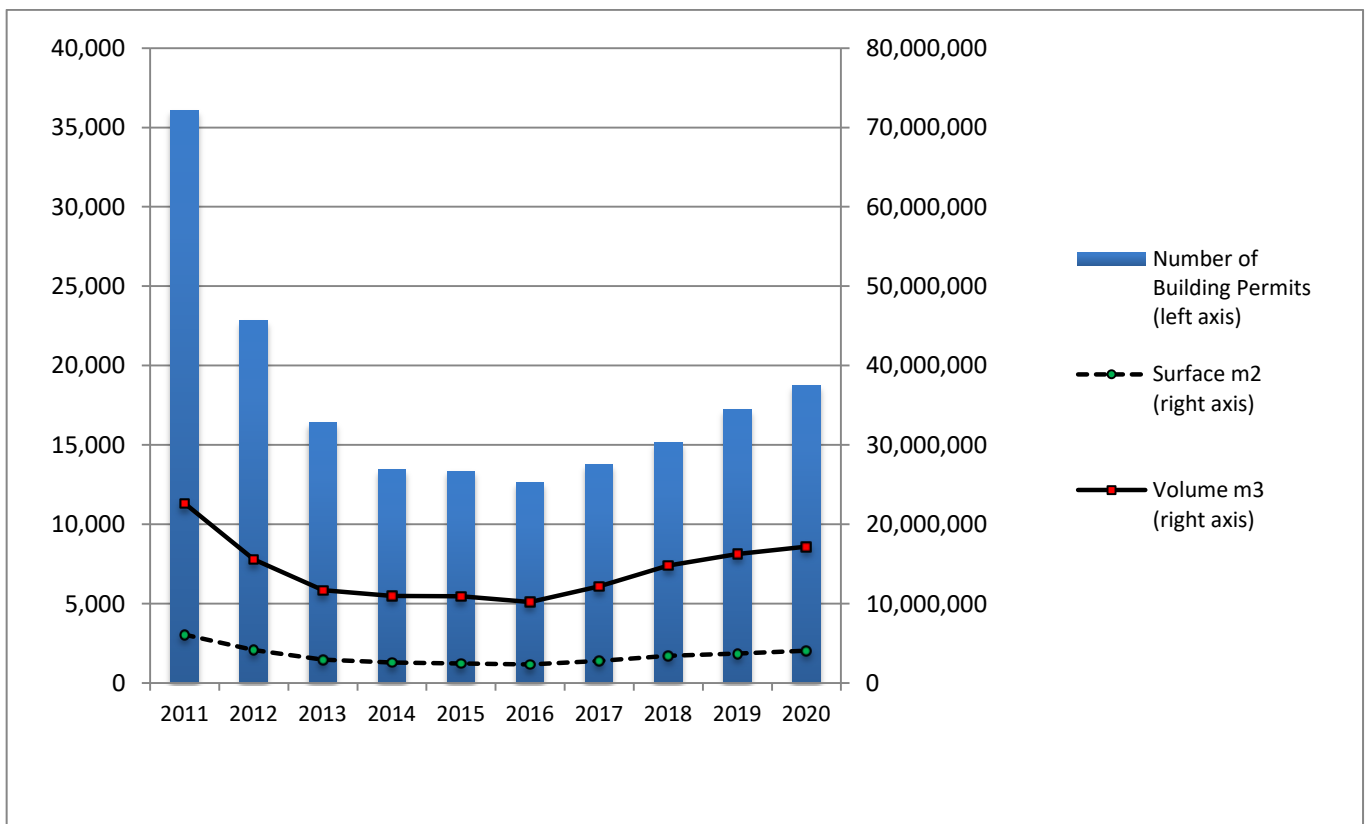
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (July 2017 – June 2021\*)**



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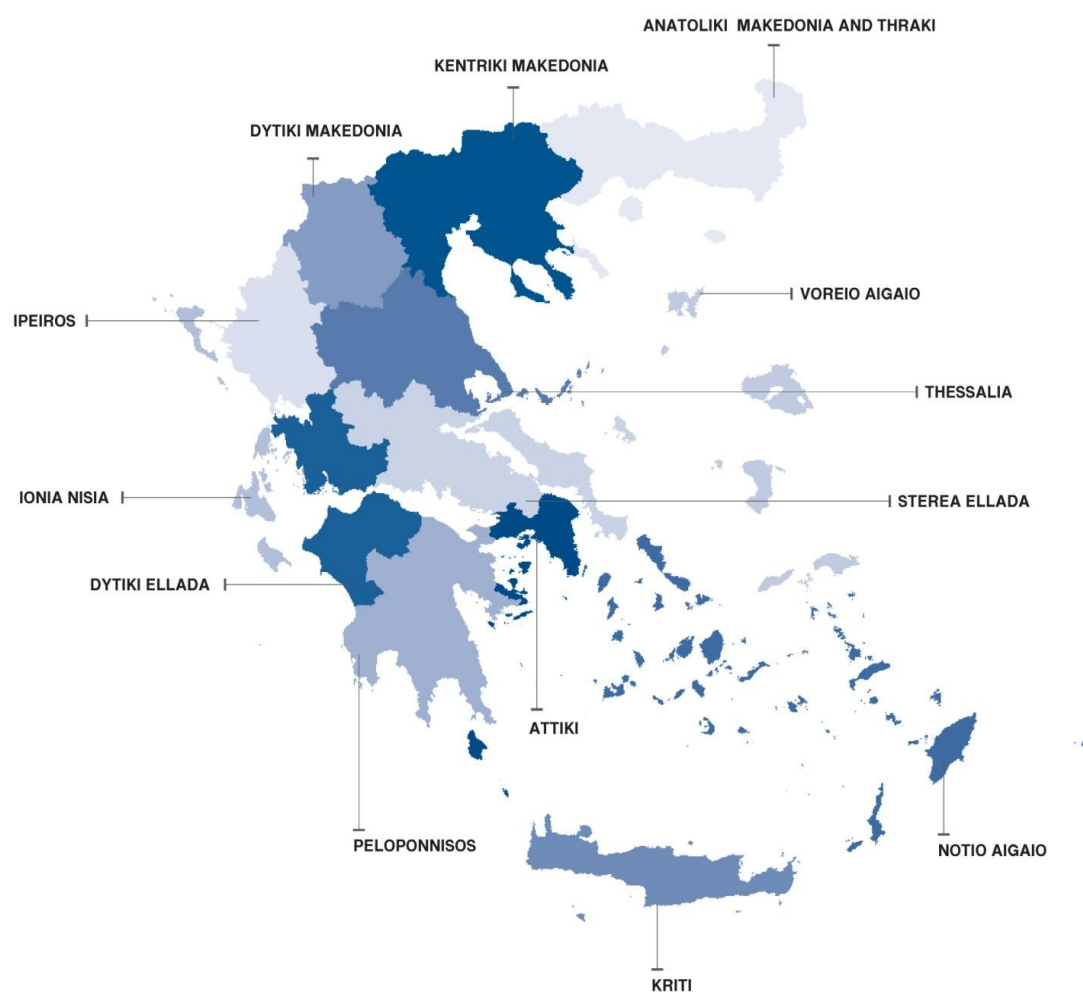
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2011 - 2020)**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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 and 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 technical specifications and arrangements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152.
<b>Reference Period</b>	June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.
<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



<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 area along with the outer side of the outer walls, as well as other auxiliary spaces.</p>
<b>Data collection and processing in the context of COVID-19 pandemic</b>	No impact occurred to the completeness and the timely transmission of the data on the issued building permits from the competent administrative authorities.
<b>General Remark</b>	Any delineation that may occur either between the sum of sub totals and the totals or in the change rates, is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	<p>More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regard to the Building Activity Survey is available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT):</p> <p><a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/</a>.</p>