

PRESS RELEASE

BUILDING ACTIVITY SURVEY: October 2021

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in October 2021 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,122. This figure corresponds to 513.1 thousand m² of surface and 2,352.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, an 18.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 36.1% increase in surface and a 45.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2020 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2021 amounted to 2,116. This figure corresponds to 512.7 thousand m² of surface and 2,350.8 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2020 there is a 19.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 43.1% increase in surface and a 61.2% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2021 amounted to 6. This figure corresponds to 0.5 thousand m² of surface and 1.5 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.1% of the total building volume.
- In the last twelve months, from November 2020 until October 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 22,941. This figure corresponds to 5,829.9 thousand m² of surface and 24,305.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from November 2019 until October 2020, there is a 20.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 41.8% increase in surface and a 38.5% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from November 2020 until October 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 20.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 41.3% increase in surface and a 37.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from November 2019 to October 2020 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.4% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - October 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 25.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 52.0% increase in surface and a 47.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2020 (Table 5). During the same period, January - October 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 26.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 52.0% increase in surface and a 47.3% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - October 2020 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	92	119	29.3	34.2	30.5	-10.9	207.8	149.3	-28.2
Kentriki Makedonia	240	288	20.0	50.2	77.7	54.9	210.5	417.3	98.3
Dytiki Makedonia	28	32	14.3	5.8	17.6	201.6	21.4	82.7	285.8
Thessalia	114	168	47.4	23.0	47.1	104.6	87.2	213.8	145.1
Ipeiros	58	75	29.3	27.4	25.5	-6.9	134.8	114.4	-15.1
Ionia Nisia	119	129	8.4	21.9	20.6	-6.0	70.4	82.2	16.9
Dytiki Ellada	133	128	-3.8	17.0	17.1	0.7	54.2	59.4	9.4
Stereia Ellada	114	146	28.1	33.3	19.9	-40.1	208.5	96.3	-53.8
Peloponnisos	137	173	26.3	21.9	37.0	68.7	71.2	183.3	157.4
Attiki	394	474	20.3	89.2	139.3	56.1	374.4	649.0	73.3
Voreio Aigaio	39	50	28.2	6.8	6.0	-11.7	24.4	23.5	-3.4
Notio Aigaio	169	197	16.6	21.6	45.7	111.1	75.0	170.5	127.3
Kriti	155	143	-7.7	24.8	29.2	17.8	79.7	110.6	38.8
Greece, Total	1,792	2,122	18.4	377.1	513.1	36.1	1,619.5	2,352.2	45.2

*Final data for October 2021.

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- Any delineation that may occur either between the sum of sub totals and the totals or in the change rates, is due to rounding.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	88	119	35.2	18.8	30.5	61.8	65.6	149.3	127.7
Kentriki Makedonia	238	285	19.7	50.1	77.4	54.5	210.2	416.1	98.0
Dytiki Makedonia	28	32	14.3	5.8	17.6	201.6	21.4	82.7	285.8
Thessalia	113	168	48.7	23.0	47.1	104.6	87.2	213.8	145.1
Ipeiros	58	75	29.3	27.4	25.5	-6.9	134.8	114.4	-15.1
Ionia Nisia	119	129	8.4	21.9	20.6	-6.0	70.4	82.2	16.9
Dytiki Ellada	133	128	-3.8	17.0	17.1	0.7	54.2	59.4	9.4
Stereia Ellada	113	146	29.2	33.3	19.9	-40.1	208.5	96.3	-53.8
Peloponnisos	136	172	26.5	21.9	37.0	68.5	71.2	183.2	157.3
Attiki	388	473	21.9	86.1	139.3	61.7	359.7	649.0	80.4
Voreio Aigaio	38	50	31.6	6.5	6.0	-7.9	20.4	23.5	15.6
Notio Aigaio	169	197	16.6	21.6	45.7	111.1	75.0	170.5	127.3
Kriti	154	142	-7.8	24.7	29.1	17.7	79.6	110.4	38.7
Greece, Total	1,775	2,116	19.2	358.3	512.7	43.1	1,458.2	2,350.8	61.2

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), November 2019 – October 2020 and November 2020 – October 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November – October		Change (%)	November – October		Change (%)	November – October		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	995	1,234	24.0	219.0	314.9	43.8	875.9	1,382.7	57.9
Kentriki Makedonia	2,823	3,046	7.9	611.3	774.1	26.6	3,015.6	3,677.4	21.9
Dytiki Makedonia	257	278	8.2	63.0	85.1	35.1	334.4	374.6	12.0
Thessalia	1,167	1,489	27.6	274.4	388.4	41.5	1,395.4	1,941.0	39.1
Ipeiros	690	893	29.4	180.7	288.8	59.8	815.5	1,248.5	53.1
Ionia Nisia	1,326	1,490	12.4	247.1	371.4	50.3	816.5	1,306.1	60.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,237	1,614	30.5	200.3	291.2	45.3	858.1	1,152.4	34.3
Stereia Ellada	1,045	1,402	34.2	223.3	294.0	31.7	1,305.5	1,699.0	30.1
Peloponnisos	1,486	1,840	23.8	227.7	380.1	66.9	852.0	1,785.6	109.6
Attiki	3,884	5,072	30.6	1,092.9	1,606.7	47.0	4,534.8	6,046.0	33.3
Voreio Aigaio	445	562	26.3	62.8	82.8	32.0	223.2	315.1	41.2
Notio Aigaio	1,938	2,085	7.6	345.0	470.3	36.3	1,160.0	1,568.3	35.2
Kriti	1,819	1,936	6.4	363.0	482.2	32.8	1,359.3	1,809.0	33.1
Greece, Total	19,112	22,941	20.0	4,110.4	5,829.9	41.8	17,546.1	24,305.6	38.5

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), November 2019 – October 2020 and November 2020 – October 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November – October		Change (%)	November – October		Change (%)	November – October		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	985	1,225	24.4	202.4	308.6	52.5	726.3	1,340.5	84.6
Kentriki Makedonia	2,805	3,028	8.0	609.1	770.6	26.5	3,002.4	3,664.9	22.1
Dytiki Makedonia	253	272	7.5	56.1	77.6	38.3	302.5	347.4	14.9
Thessalia	1,151	1,477	28.3	270.8	384.5	42.0	1,383.2	1,906.6	37.8
Ipeiros	685	883	28.9	179.9	281.0	56.2	812.6	1,206.7	48.5
Ionia Nisia	1,326	1,489	12.3	247.1	365.7	48.0	816.5	1,290.2	58.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,220	1,604	31.5	197.2	287.6	45.8	844.3	1,134.8	34.4
Stereia Ellada	1,036	1,391	34.3	221.3	291.7	31.8	1,298.0	1,682.1	29.6
Peloponnisos	1,477	1,821	23.3	226.2	348.2	54.0	846.0	1,517.9	79.4
Attiki	3,858	5,035	30.5	1,081.6	1,599.2	47.9	4,480.7	6,013.0	34.2
Voreio Aigaio	441	560	27.0	62.2	82.8	33.2	217.9	314.7	44.5
Notio Aigaio	1,925	2,079	8.0	341.7	469.9	37.5	1,148.1	1,566.9	36.5
Kriti	1,802	1,913	6.2	359.2	462.7	28.8	1,337.4	1,738.8	30.0
Greece, Total	18,964	22,777	20.1	4,054.7	5,730.0	41.3	17,215.9	23,724.4	37.8

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – October		Change (%)	January – October		Change (%)	January – October		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	803	1,081	34.6	179.0	287.4	60.6	738.1	1,292.6	75.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,270	2,639	16.3	497.4	677.8	36.3	2,412.4	3,213.7	33.2
Dytiki Makedonia	216	241	11.6	46.9	74.6	59.1	236.6	333.8	41.1
Thessalia	974	1,262	29.6	222.2	311.7	40.3	1,114.8	1,513.1	35.7
Ipeiros	556	774	39.2	145.0	253.1	74.6	667.1	1,110.7	66.5
Ionia Nisia	1,051	1,264	20.3	188.4	282.3	49.8	629.7	986.1	56.6
Dytiki Ellada	1,015	1,380	36.0	152.5	244.5	60.4	643.7	956.2	48.6
Stereia Ellada	858	1,193	39.0	189.5	265.9	40.3	1,149.4	1,560.2	35.7
Peloponnisos	1,234	1,581	28.1	194.1	341.6	76.0	718.7	1,638.9	128.0
Attiki	3,146	4,249	35.1	890.2	1,374.6	54.4	3,801.5	5,132.4	35.0
Voreio Aigaio	346	490	41.6	45.6	70.5	54.7	167.6	278.4	66.1
Notio Aigaio	1,537	1,721	12.0	255.1	402.8	57.9	841.6	1,345.0	59.8
Kriti	1,471	1,615	9.8	263.6	383.3	45.4	984.7	1,464.7	48.7
Greece, Total	15,477	19,490	25.9	3,269.5	4,970.1	52.0	14,105.8	20,825.6	47.6

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

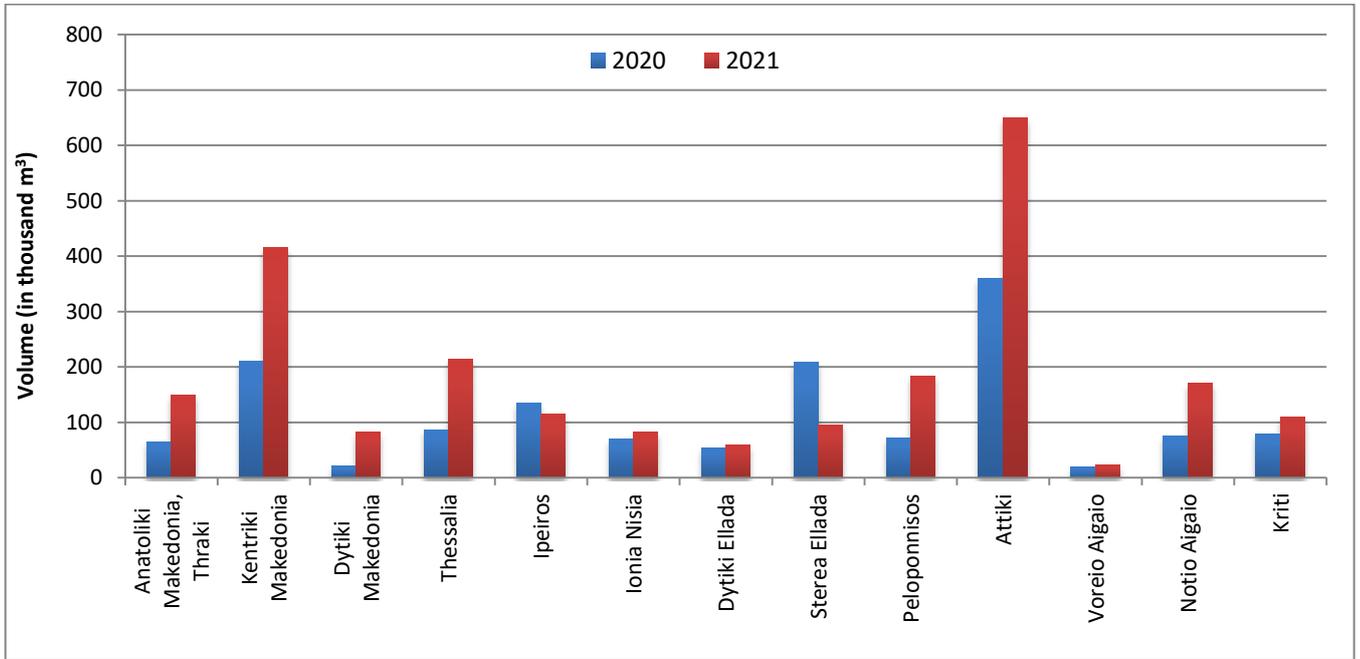
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – October		Change (%)	January – October		Change (%)	January – October		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	795	1,073	35.0	163.3	281.2	72.2	594.7	1,250.7	110.3
Kentriki Makedonia	2,252	2,623	16.5	495.2	675.4	36.4	2,399.2	3,206.6	33.7
Dytiki Makedonia	213	236	10.8	44.2	73.9	67.2	220.2	330.3	50.0
Thessalia	960	1,250	30.2	219.4	307.9	40.3	1,106.3	1,478.7	33.7
Ipeiros	552	766	38.8	144.6	245.9	70.1	665.3	1,070.6	60.9
Ionia Nisia	1,051	1,263	20.2	188.4	276.6	46.8	629.7	970.2	54.1
Dytiki Ellada	998	1,371	37.4	149.3	244.3	63.6	629.9	955.6	51.7
Stereia Ellada	850	1,183	39.2	187.7	263.6	40.4	1,142.5	1,543.4	35.1
Peloponnisos	1,226	1,563	27.5	192.6	309.8	60.9	712.8	1,371.6	92.4
Attiki	3,123	4,221	35.2	879.7	1,367.2	55.4	3,752.2	5,100.5	35.9
Voreio Aigaio	342	488	42.7	45.0	70.5	56.6	162.3	278.0	71.3
Notio Aigaio	1,524	1,716	12.6	251.9	402.4	59.8	829.6	1,343.6	61.9
Kriti	1,457	1,599	9.7	260.0	377.4	45.1	963.3	1,436.6	49.1
Greece, Total	15,343	19,352	26.1	3,221.2	4,896.0	52.0	13,808.1	20,336.3	47.3

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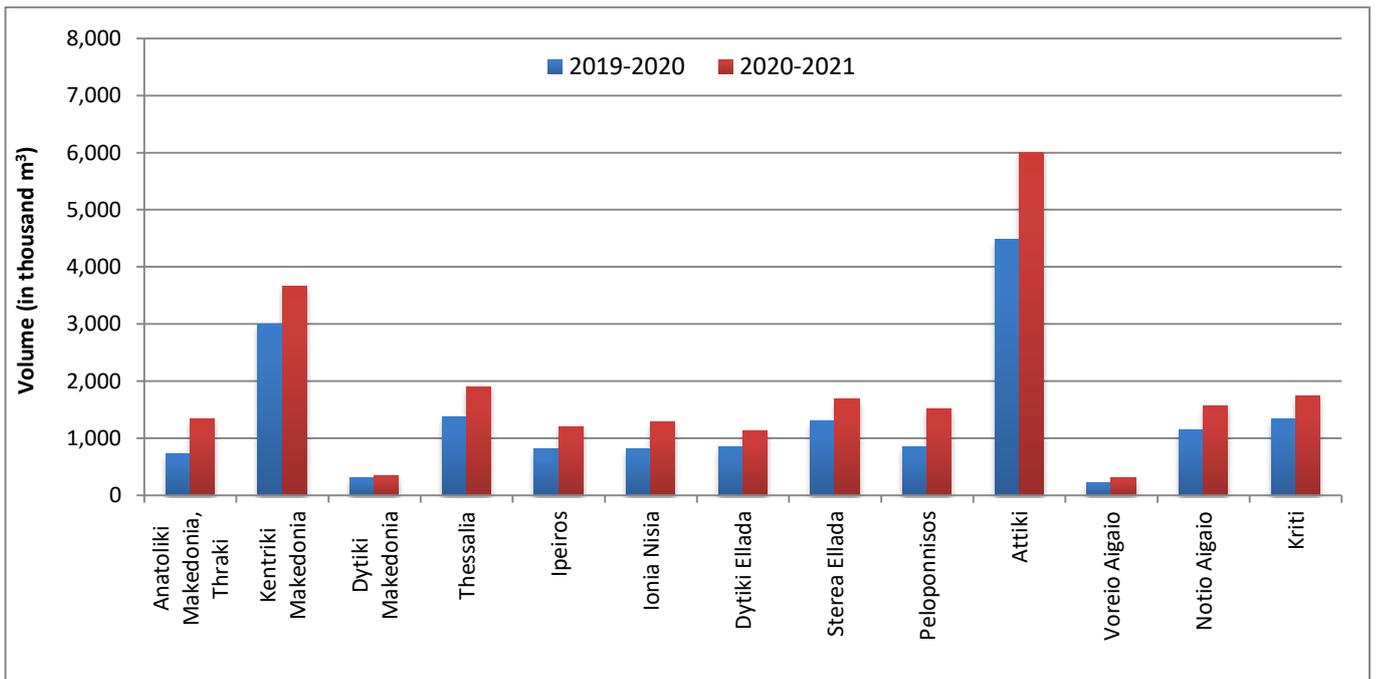
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), October 2020 and 2021*



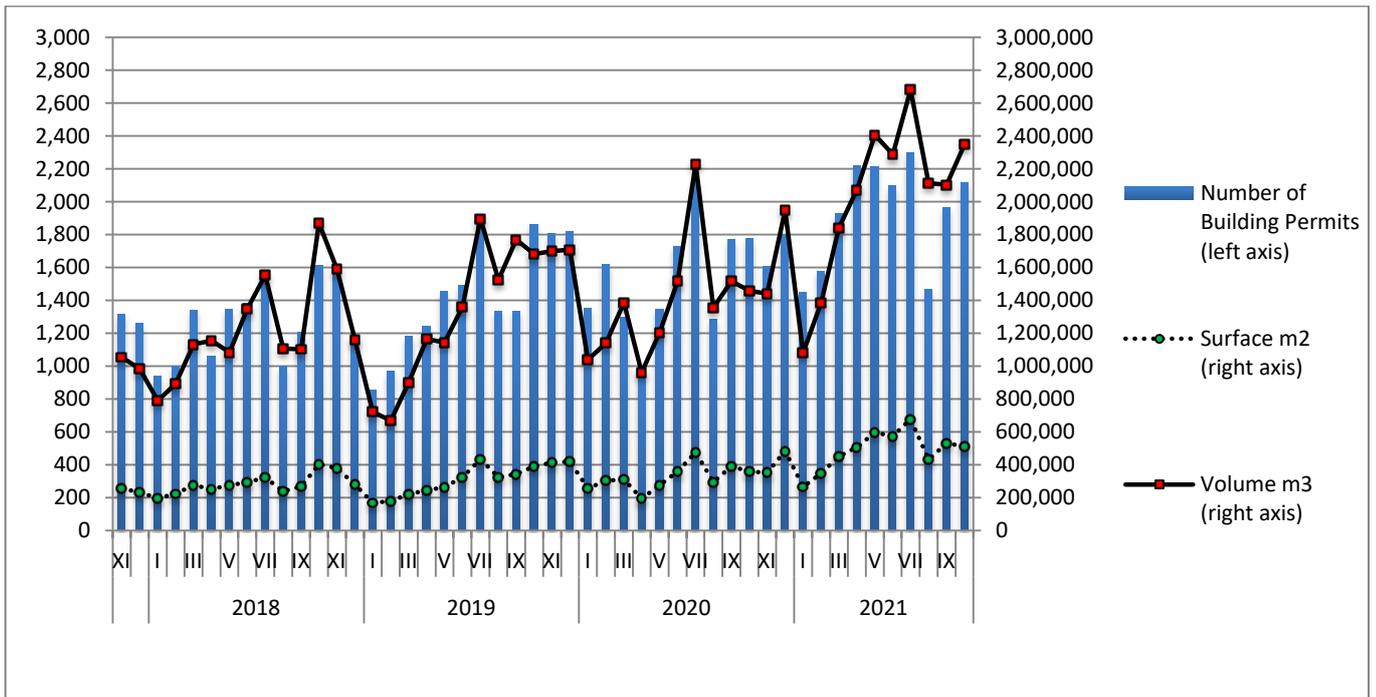
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), November 2019 – October 2020 and November 2020 – October 2021*



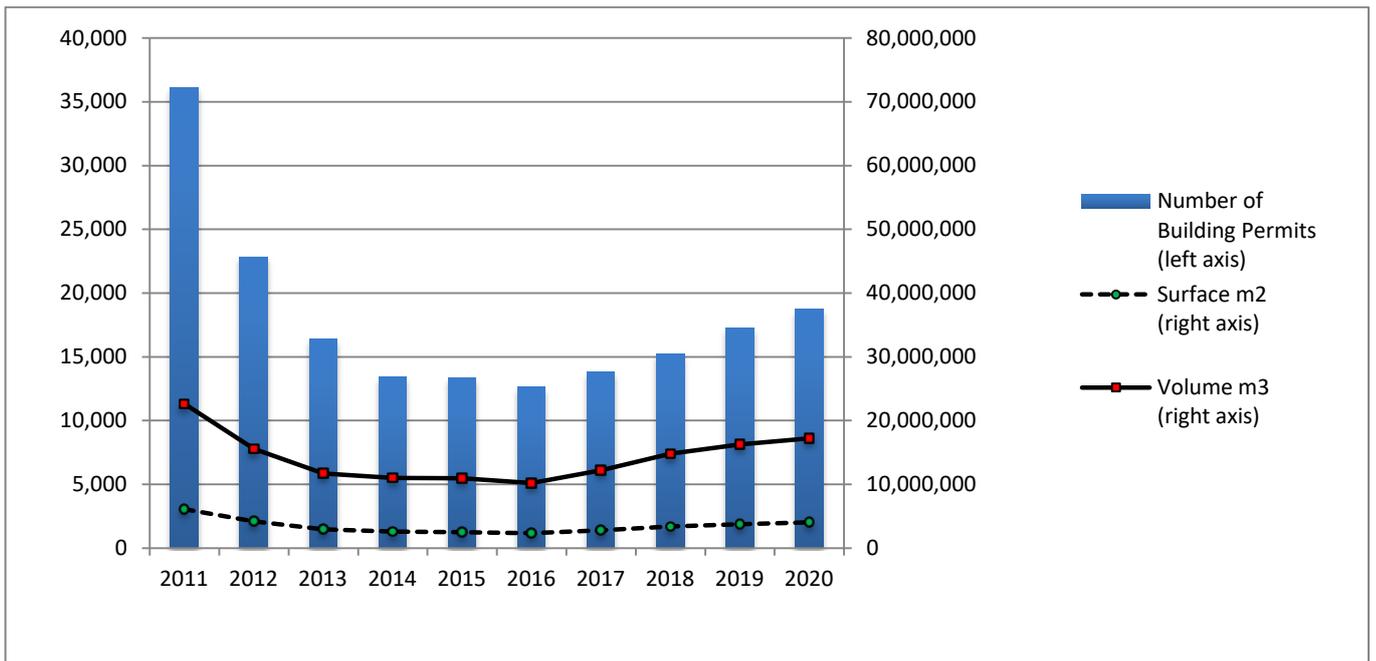
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (November 2017 – October 2021*)



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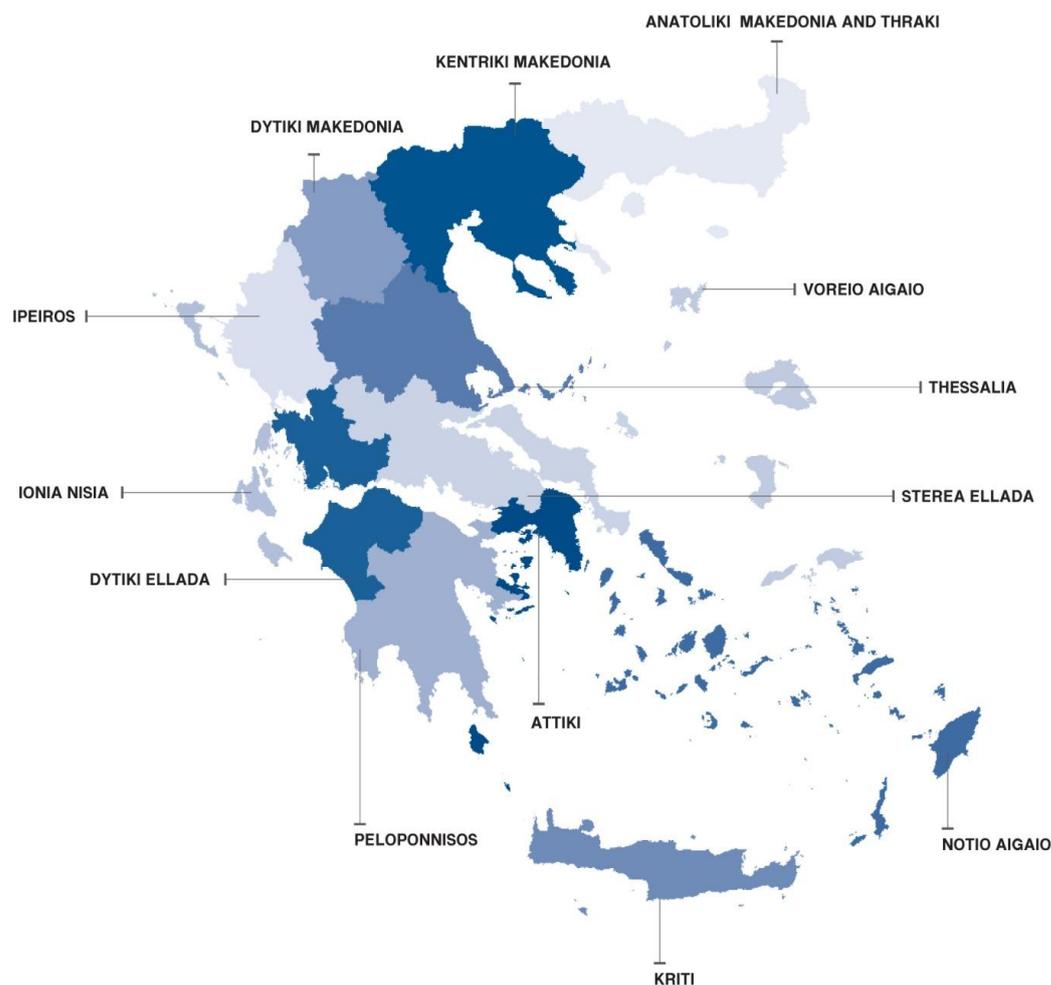
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2011 - 2020)



EXPLANATORY NOTES

- 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) 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.
- Reference Period** October 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021.
- 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 area along with the outer side of the outer walls, as well as other auxiliary spaces.

Data collection and processing in the context of COVID-19 pandemic No impact occurred to the completeness and the timely transmission of the data on the issued building permits from the competent administrative authorities.

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 the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT):
<http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/->.