

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: July 2021**

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in July 2021 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,289. This figure corresponds to 656.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,863.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 6.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 36.6% increase in surface and a 27.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2020 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2021 amounted to 2,280. This figure corresponds to 648.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,813.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2020 there is a 7.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 36.0% increase in surface and a 26.1% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2021 amounted to 9. This figure corresponds to 8.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 49.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.7% of the total building volume in July 2021.
- In the last twelve months, from August 2020 until July 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 22,209. This figure corresponds to 5,382.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 22,348.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from August 2019 until July 2020, there is an 18.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 31.0% increase in surface and a 23.9% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from August 2020 until July 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 18.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 29.3% increase in surface and a 21.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2019 to July 2020 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.3% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - July 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 31.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 56.9% increase in surface and a 49.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2020 (Table 5). During the same period, January - July 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 31.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 55.4% increase in surface and a 46.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - July 2020 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	108	130	20.4	25.9	35.2	35.6	105.3	140.2	33.1
Kentriki Makedonia	315	310	-1.6	66.3	93.6	41.1	381.4	404.4	6.0
Dytiki Makedonia	26	25	-3.8	5.4	7.5	37.8	33.0	37.7	14.3
Thessalia	126	144	14.3	51.3	40.6	-20.8	309.4	263.9	-14.7
Ipeiros	79	71	-10.1	20.4	21.3	4.0	105.3	90.1	-14.4
Ionia Nisia	141	126	-10.6	29.1	27.1	-6.7	111.1	83.1	-25.2
Dytiki Ellada	169	168	-0.6	27.0	30.0	11.2	125.8	104.8	-16.7
Stereia Ellada	133	145	9.0	25.4	42.7	68.0	180.2	274.0	52.1
Peloponnisos	162	175	8.0	26.5	45.7	72.6	85.7	237.5	177.1
Attiki	509	556	9.2	132.3	201.6	52.4	569.6	754.7	32.5
Voreio Aigaio	31	55	77.4	2.7	7.4	175.8	9.3	23.4	151.6
Notio Aigaio	168	186	10.7	31.4	44.2	40.9	104.2	145.4	39.6
Kriti	176	198	12.5	36.8	59.5	61.5	131.9	304.0	130.5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>480.5</b>	<b>656.3</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>2,252.1</b>	<b>2,863.4</b>	<b>27.1</b>

\*Provisional data for July 2021.

- 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.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	107	130	21.5	25.9	35.2	36.0	105.1	140.2	33.4
Kentriki Makedonia	314	308	-1.9	65.3	89.4	36.9	373.6	391.0	4.7
Dytiki Makedonia	25	24	-4.0	5.4	7.5	37.8	33.0	37.7	14.3
Thessalia	126	143	13.5	51.3	39.3	-23.4	309.4	239.2	-22.7
Ipeiros	78	71	-9.0	20.2	21.3	5.3	104.1	90.1	-13.4
Ionia Nisia	141	126	-10.6	29.1	27.1	-6.7	111.1	83.1	-25.2
Dytiki Ellada	163	168	3.1	25.0	30.0	20.2	115.6	104.8	-9.3
Stereia Ellada	133	144	8.3	25.4	42.4	67.0	180.2	273.1	51.6
Peloponnisos	162	172	6.2	26.5	43.4	64.0	85.7	227.0	164.7
Attiki	507	556	9.7	132.3	201.6	52.4	569.6	754.7	32.5
Voreio Aigaio	31	55	77.4	2.7	7.4	175.8	9.3	23.4	151.6
Notio Aigaio	167	186	11.4	30.7	44.2	44.3	102.1	145.4	42.5
Kriti	175	197	12.6	36.8	59.4	61.3	131.9	303.8	130.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2,129</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>476.5</b>	<b>648.2</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>2,230.6</b>	<b>2,813.6</b>	<b>26.1</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August – July		Change (%)	August – July		Change (%)	August – July		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	990	1.206	21.8	219.9	307.0	39.6	803.6	1,342.5	67.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,801	2,928	4.5	613.3	702.2	14.5	3,208.4	3,181.4	-0.8
Dytiki Makedonia	240	279	16.3	54.0	76.9	42.2	293.4	355.9	21.3
Thessalia	1,134	1,391	22.7	285.4	333.3	16.8	1,465.3	1,647.6	12.4
Ipeiros	653	847	29.7	150.3	283.9	88.9	651.6	1,210.1	85.7
Ionia Nisia	1,307	1,433	9.6	252.1	351.0	39.2	842.8	1,187.3	40.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,212	1,586	30.9	195.7	268.2	37.1	847.1	1,034.4	22.1
Stereia Ellada	990	1,365	37.9	189.3	284.4	50.2	1,084.0	1,588.3	46.5
Peloponnisos	1,432	1,801	25.8	213.7	366.1	71.3	840.8	1,659.6	97.4
Attiki	3,800	4,884	28.5	1,096.6	1,495.6	36.4	4,964.7	5,911.6	19.1
Voreio Aigaio	446	535	20.0	57.0	82.4	44.7	210.6	303.3	44.0
Notio Aigaio	1,956	2,024	3.5	376.7	373.4	-0.9	1,290.4	1,256.6	-2.6
Kriti	1,827	1,930	5.6	405.2	458.3	13.1	1,531.8	1,670.2	9.0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>18,788</b>	<b>22,209</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>4,109.3</b>	<b>5,382.8</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>18,034.7</b>	<b>22,348.9</b>	<b>23.9</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August – July		Change (%)	August – July		Change (%)	August – July		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	979	1,193	21.9	217.9	285.3	30.9	792.6	1,158.0	46.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,788	2,906	4.2	611.1	694.6	13.7	3,195.9	3,155.3	-1.3
Dytiki Makedonia	237	273	15.2	49.1	67.8	37.9	269.4	322.8	19.8
Thessalia	1,117	1,379	23.5	279.3	330.7	18.4	1,442.8	1,617.9	12.1
Ipeiros	648	837	29.2	149.5	276.2	84.7	648.7	1,168.3	80.1
Ionia Nisia	1,307	1,432	9.6	252.1	345.3	37.0	842.8	1,171.4	39.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,197	1,575	31.6	192.6	264.5	37.3	833.5	1,016.6	22.0
Stereia Ellada	981	1,354	38.0	187.2	283.4	51.4	1,076.2	1,584.1	47.2
Peloponnisos	1,427	1,780	24.7	212.7	335.2	57.6	836.5	1,399.4	67.3
Attiki	3,774	4,845	28.4	1,084.6	1,488.5	37.2	4,905.8	5,879.0	19.8
Voreio Aigaio	443	533	20.3	56.6	82.1	45.0	209.3	299.3	43.0
Notio Aigaio	1,944	2,017	3.8	373.6	373.0	-0.2	1,278.7	1,255.0	-1.8
Kriti	1,815	1,903	4.8	404.3	436.2	7.9	1,528.2	1,582.8	3.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>18,657</b>	<b>22,027</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>4,070.7</b>	<b>5,262.8</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>17,860.3</b>	<b>21,609.9</b>	<b>21.0</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January – July		Change (%)	January – July		Change (%)	January – July		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	533	783	46.9	115.0	215.5	87.5	426.1	940.3	120.7
Kentriki Makedonia	1,597	1,848	15.7	357.3	465.7	30.4	1,816.6	2,122.0	16.8
Dytiki Makedonia	133	159	19.5	27.3	46.8	71.7	131.9	210.5	59.6
Thessalia	645	835	29.5	160.1	194.6	21.5	839.3	944.3	12.5
Ipeiros	363	535	47.4	80.6	183.8	128.1	377.9	783.2	107.2
Ionia Nisia	744	900	21.0	128.6	202.0	57.1	442.2	679.8	53.7
Dytiki Ellada	662	999	50.9	104.1	173.2	66.4	469.1	663.7	41.5
Stereia Ellada	552	850	54.0	112.6	179.3	59.2	688.1	988.1	43.6
Peloponnisos	809	1,117	38.1	119.9	253.5	111.4	446.1	1,240.4	178.0
Attiki	2,227	3,142	41.1	601.7	975.0	62.0	2,520.3	3,716.8	47.5
Voreio Aigaio	239	356	49.0	27.7	52.2	88.5	104.1	203.0	95.0
Notio Aigaio	1,068	1,191	11.5	179.2	230.0	28.4	580.4	772.1	33.0
Kriti	1,028	1,166	13.4	190.3	286.0	50.3	742.0	1,083.1	46.0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>13,881</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>2,204.3</b>	<b>3,457.8</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>9,584.3</b>	<b>14,347.3</b>	<b>49.7</b>

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

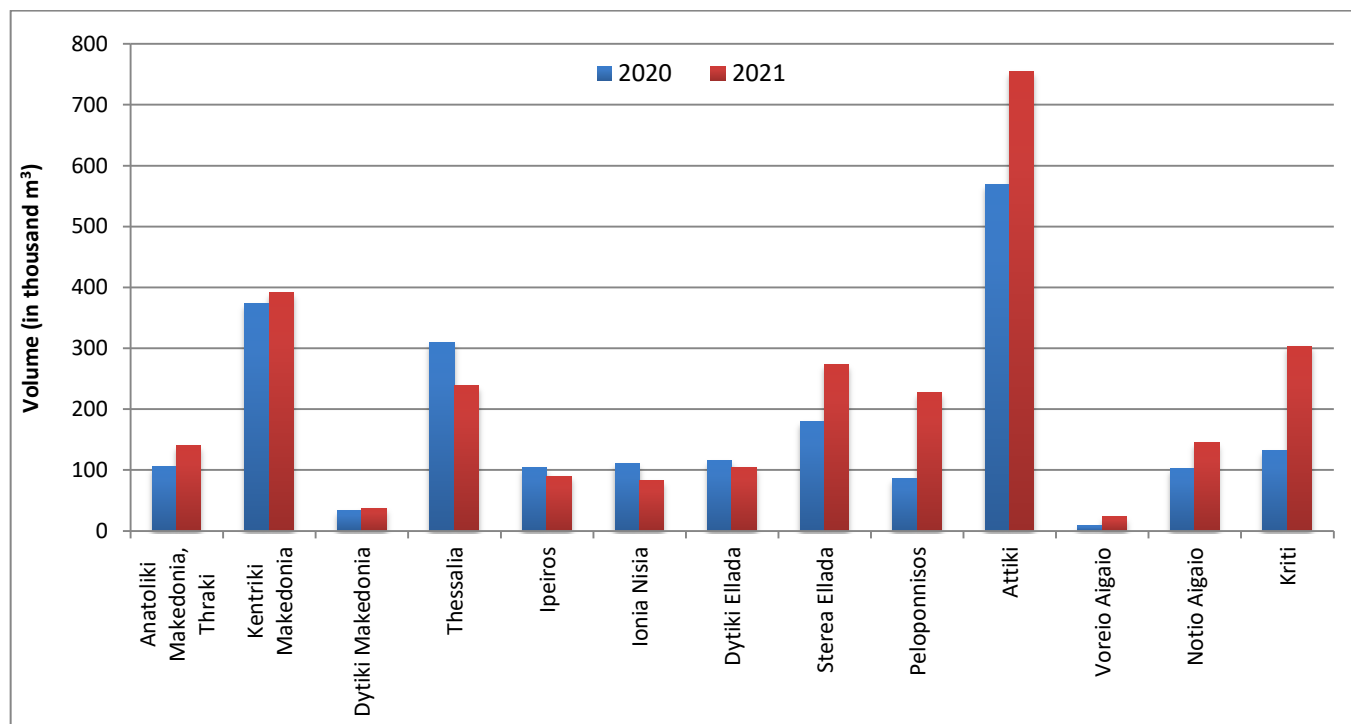
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January – July		Change (%)	January – July		Change (%)	January – July		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	529	775	46.5	114.7	209.3	82.6	424.9	898.4	111.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,587	1,836	15.7	355.3	459.6	29.3	1,804.8	2,102.6	16.5
Dytiki Makedonia	131	155	18.3	26.5	46.4	75.1	123.5	208.9	69.2
Thessalia	633	825	30.3	157.3	192.0	22.0	830.9	914.5	10.1
Ipeiros	359	527	46.8	80.2	176.6	120.3	376.2	743.1	97.5
Ionia Nisia	744	899	20.8	128.6	196.4	52.7	442.2	664.0	50.1
Dytiki Ellada	647	991	53.2	101.0	173.0	71.2	455.5	663.0	45.6
Stereia Ellada	545	841	54.3	110.8	178.4	61.0	681.1	984.1	44.5
Peloponnisos	805	1,101	36.8	118.8	223.1	87.7	441.8	982.1	122.3
Attiki	2,210	3,118	41.1	594.3	971.2	63.4	2,485.8	3,700.0	48.8
Voreio Aigaio	236	355	50.4	27.4	52.2	90.7	102.8	203.0	97.5
Notio Aigaio	1,057	1,187	12.3	176.0	229.7	30.5	568.7	770.7	35.5
Kriti	1,020	1,152	12.9	189.6	280.4	47.9	738.8	1,056.2	42.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>10,503</b>	<b>13,762</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>2,180.5</b>	<b>3,388.1</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>9,477.0</b>	<b>13,890.6</b>	<b>46.6</b>

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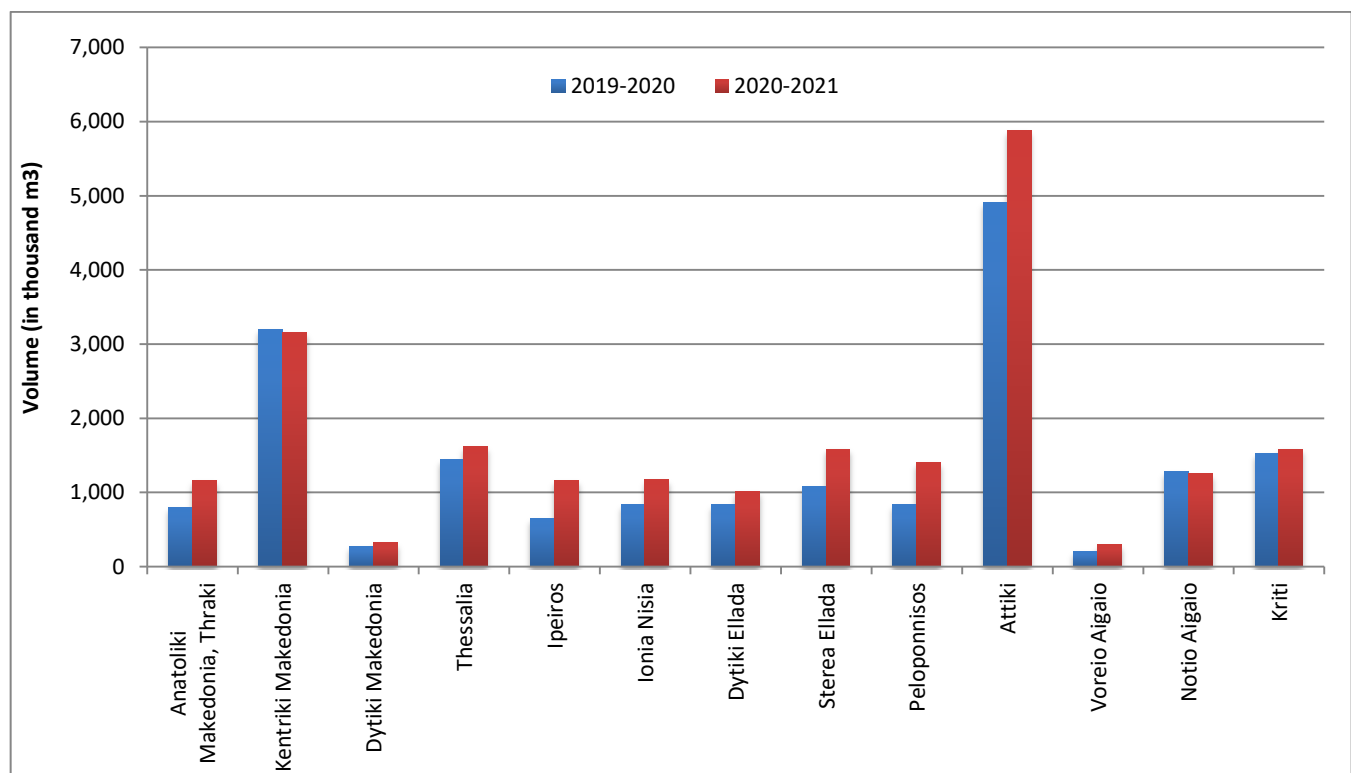
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), July 2020 and 2021\***



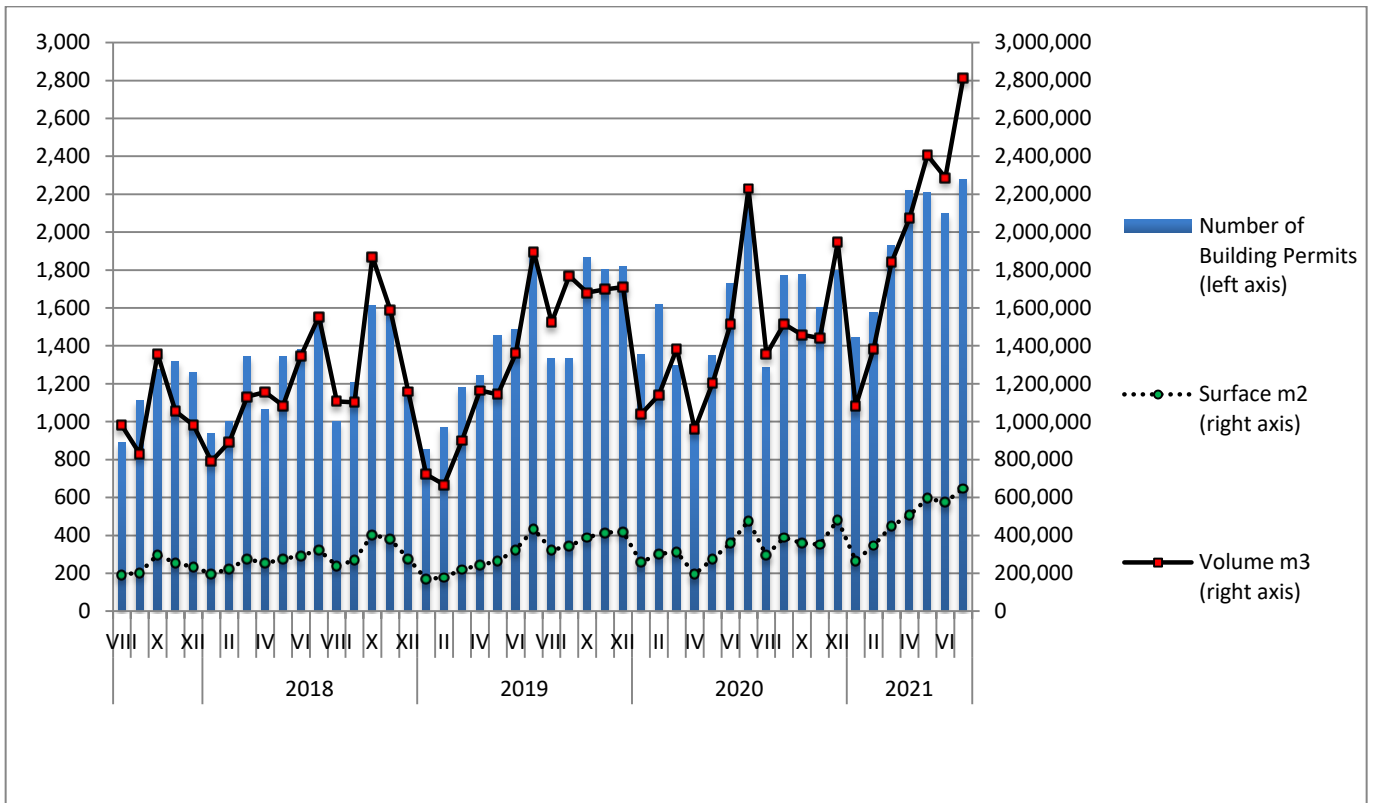
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), August 2019 – July 2020 and August 2020 – July 2021\***



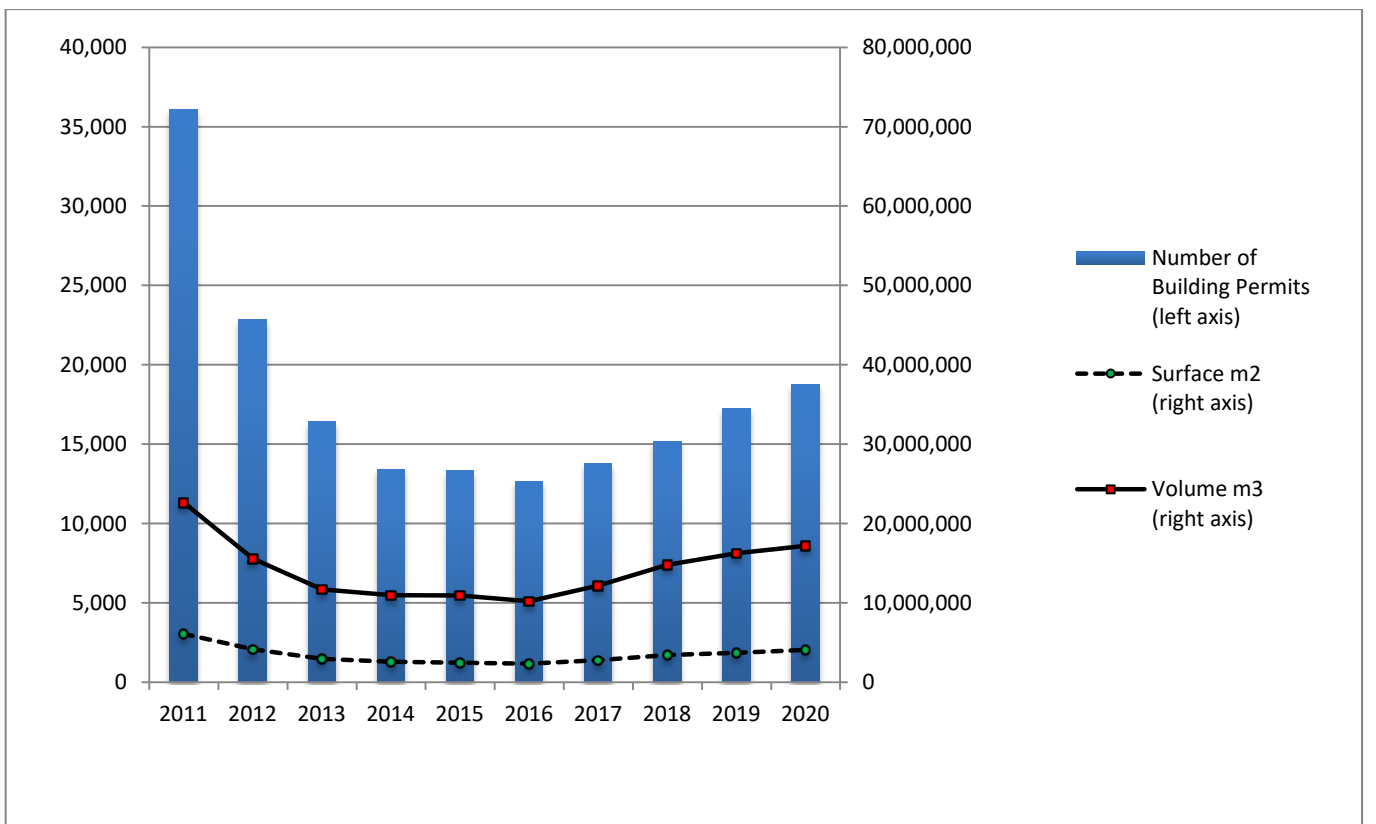
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (August 2017 – July 2021\*)**



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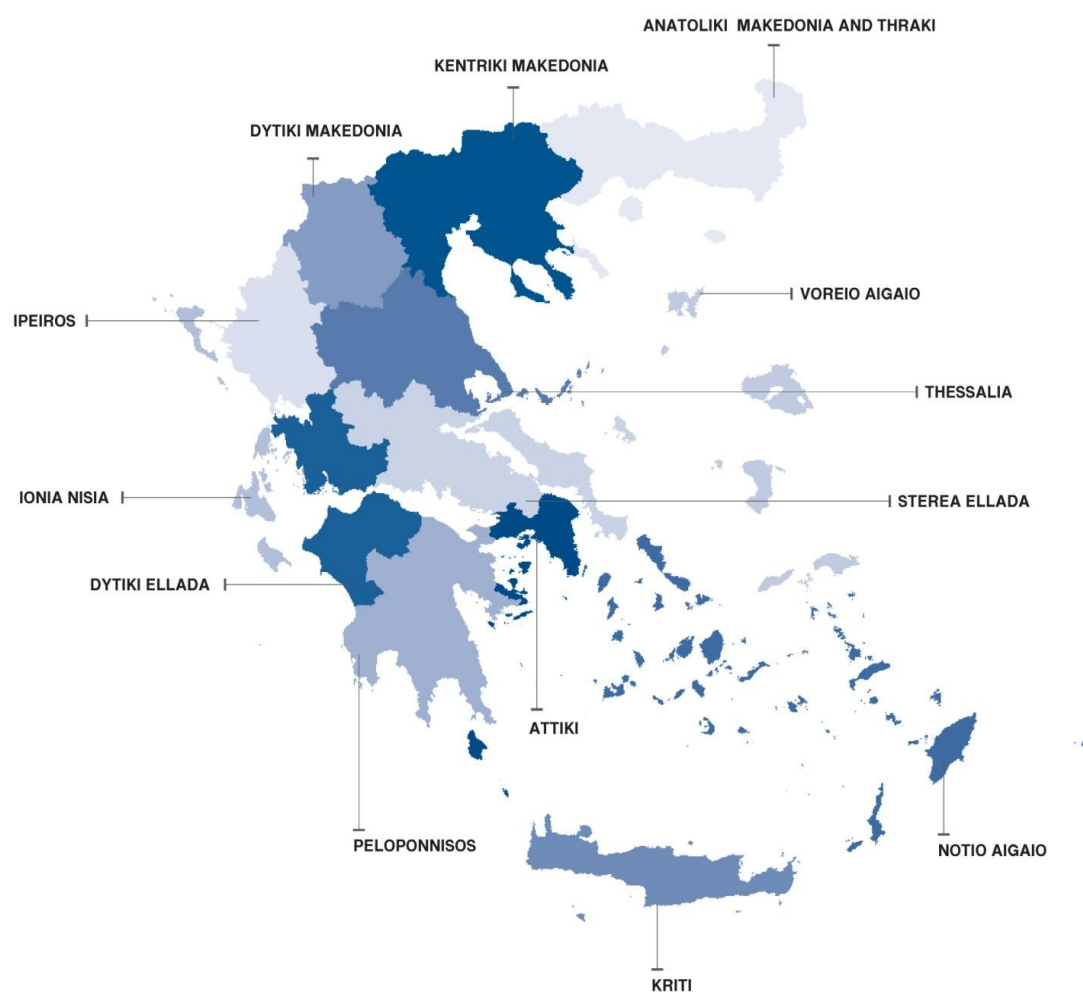
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2011 - 2020)**



## 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>	July 1, 2021 to July 31, 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>