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Building Activity Survey: January 2026

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

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in January 2026 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,034. This figure corresponds to 482,056 m² of surface and 2,612,547 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 15.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 67.3% increase in surface and a 107.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2025 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2026 amounted to 2,013. This figure corresponds to 474,263 m² of surface and 2,563,422 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2025 there is a 15.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 67.9% increase in surface and a 107.7% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2026 amounted to 21. This figure corresponds to 7,793 m² of surface and 49,125 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 1.9% of the total building volume in January 2026.

In the last twelve months, from February 2025 until January 2026, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 30,471. This figure corresponds to 6,768,876 m² of surface and 32,396,022 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from February 2024 until January 2025, there is a 0.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 4.9% decrease in surface and a 3.8% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from February 2025 until January 2026, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 0.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 4.5% decrease in surface and a 4.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2024 to January 2025 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.7% of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2025	2026		2025	2026		2025	2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	90	90	0.0	17,853	24,101	35.0	76,987	119,658	55.4
Kentriki Makedonia	213	271	27.2	41,122	113,512	176.0	215,852	1,118,591	418.2
Dytiki Makedonia	23	21	-8.7	4,889	3,409	-30.3	19,128	13,557	-29.1
Thessalia	84	107	27.4	15,441	19,442	25.9	84,560	71,690	-15.2
Ipeiros	77	71	-7.8	25,859	10,655	-58.8	176,098	58,531	-66.8
Ionia Nisia	163	192	17.8	24,646	21,873	-11.3	84,414	74,892	-11.3
Dytiki Ellada	101	124	22.8	17,862	21,920	22.7	71,102	83,661	17.7
Stereia Ellada	101	103	2.0	16,980	13,122	-22.7	74,097	54,067	-27.0
Peloponnisos	147	159	8.2	14,474	25,901	78.9	51,622	105,843	105.0
Attiki	348	458	31.6	44,870	135,890	202.9	187,650	565,271	201.2
Voreio Aigaio	48	50	4.2	3,388	5,214	53.9	12,049	18,371	52.5
Notio Aigaio	185	193	4.3	31,987	34,171	6.8	108,939	128,280	17.8
Kriti	182	195	7.1	28,692	52,846	84.2	97,984	200,135	104.3
Greece, Total	1,762	2,034	15.4	288,063	482,056	67.3	1,260,482	2,612,547	107.3

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 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), January 2025 and 2026

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2025	2026		2025	2026		2025	2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	90	90	0.0	17,853	24,101	35.0	76,987	119,658	55.4
Kentriki Makedonia	209	268	28.2	38,332	113,512	196.1	203,954	1,118,591	448.5
Dytiki Makedonia	23	20	-13.0	4,889	3,283	-32.8	19,128	13,185	-31.1
Thessalia	81	104	28.4	13,680	19,045	39.2	74,470	69,273	-7.0
Ipeiros	77	69	-10.4	25,859	10,391	-59.8	176,098	57,573	-67.3
Ionia Nisia	161	191	18.6	24,509	21,873	-10.8	83,650	74,892	-10.5
Dytiki Ellada	100	124	24.0	17,830	21,920	22.9	70,789	83,661	18.2
Stereia Ellada	101	101	0.0	16,980	13,009	-23.4	74,097	53,667	-27.6
Peloponnisos	146	158	8.2	14,474	25,901	78.9	51,622	105,843	105.0
Attiki	347	454	30.8	44,870	132,183	194.6	187,650	534,608	184.9
Voreio Aigaio	45	50	11.1	2,580	5,214	102.1	9,087	18,371	102.2
Notio Aigaio	184	192	4.3	31,987	33,243	3.9	108,939	123,380	13.3
Kriti	182	192	5.5	28,692	50,588	76.3	97,984	190,720	94.6
Greece, Total	1,746	2,013	15.3	282,535	474,263	67.9	1,234,455	2,563,422	107.7

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2024 - January 2025 and February 2025 - January 2026

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,628	1,574	-3.3	428,685	384,407	-10.3	1,944,455	1,727,759	-11.1
Kentriki Makedonia	4,157	3,824	-8.0	1,182,252	1,093,954	-7.5	5,498,247	6,705,074	21.9
Dytiki Makedonia	354	333	-5.9	74,351	81,802	10.0	419,750	471,130	12.2
Thessalia	1,811	1,833	1.2	392,287	447,923	14.2	1,941,441	2,459,412	26.7
Ipeiros	1,172	1,109	-5.4	290,785	254,494	-12.5	1,223,072	1,181,359	-3.4
Ionia Nisia	2,540	2,413	-5.0	483,185	353,839	-26.8	1,737,935	1,224,680	-29.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,662	1,796	8.1	290,180	307,927	6.1	1,339,775	1,407,245	5.0
Stereia Ellada	1,435	1,651	15.1	296,171	359,754	21.5	1,735,197	2,319,547	33.7
Peloponnisos	2,288	2,313	1.1	390,160	406,460	4.2	1,630,100	2,062,120	26.5
Attiki	6,745	6,723	-0.3	2,029,559	1,942,237	-4.3	9,026,301	8,501,829	-5.8
Voreio Aigaio	768	827	7.7	82,263	87,648	6.5	313,685	324,325	3.4
Notio Aigaio	3,047	3,065	0.6	538,831	470,678	-12.6	1,892,791	1,756,207	-7.2
Kriti	3,024	3,010	-0.5	635,513	577,753	-9.1	2,516,381	2,255,335	-10.4
Greece, Total	30,631	30,471	-0.5	7,114,222	6,768,876	-4.9	31,219,130	32,396,022	3.8

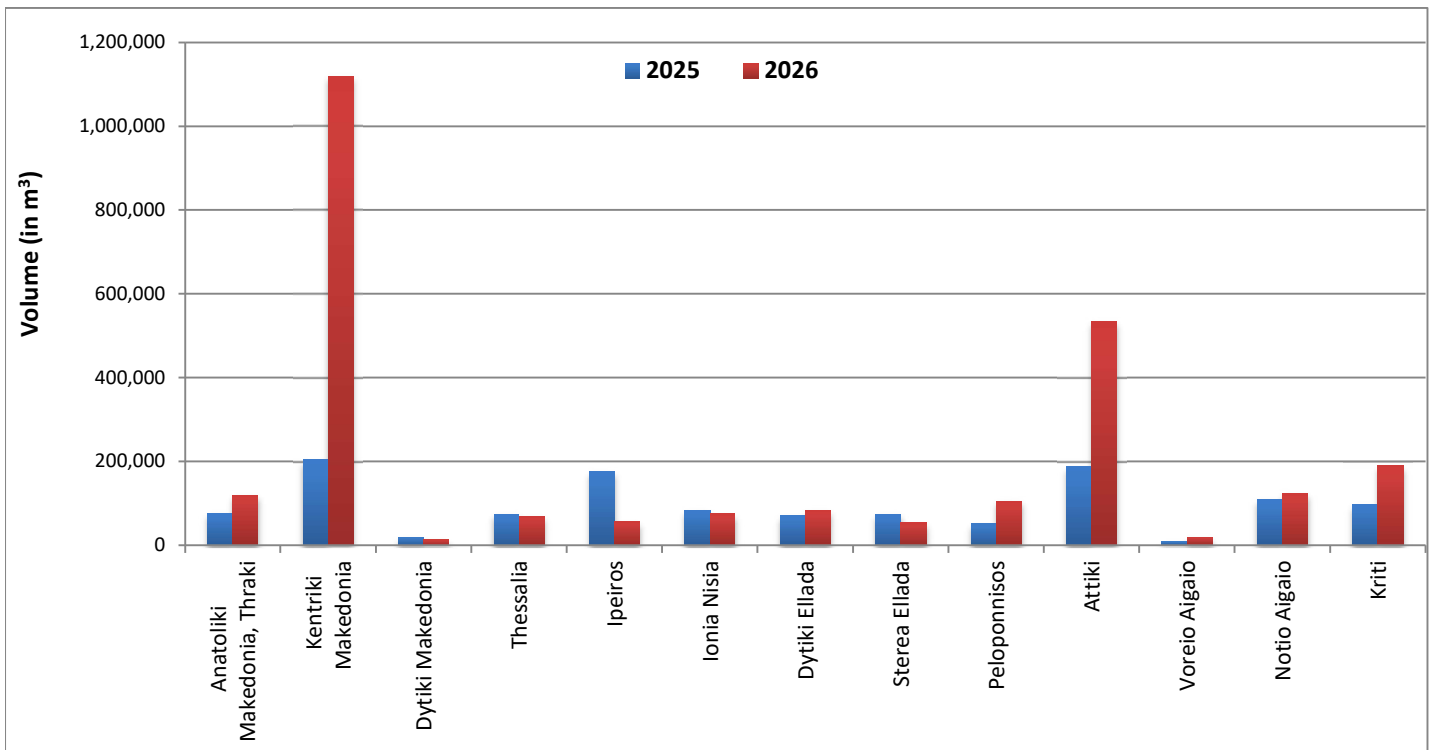
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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2024 - January 2025 and February 2025 - January 2026

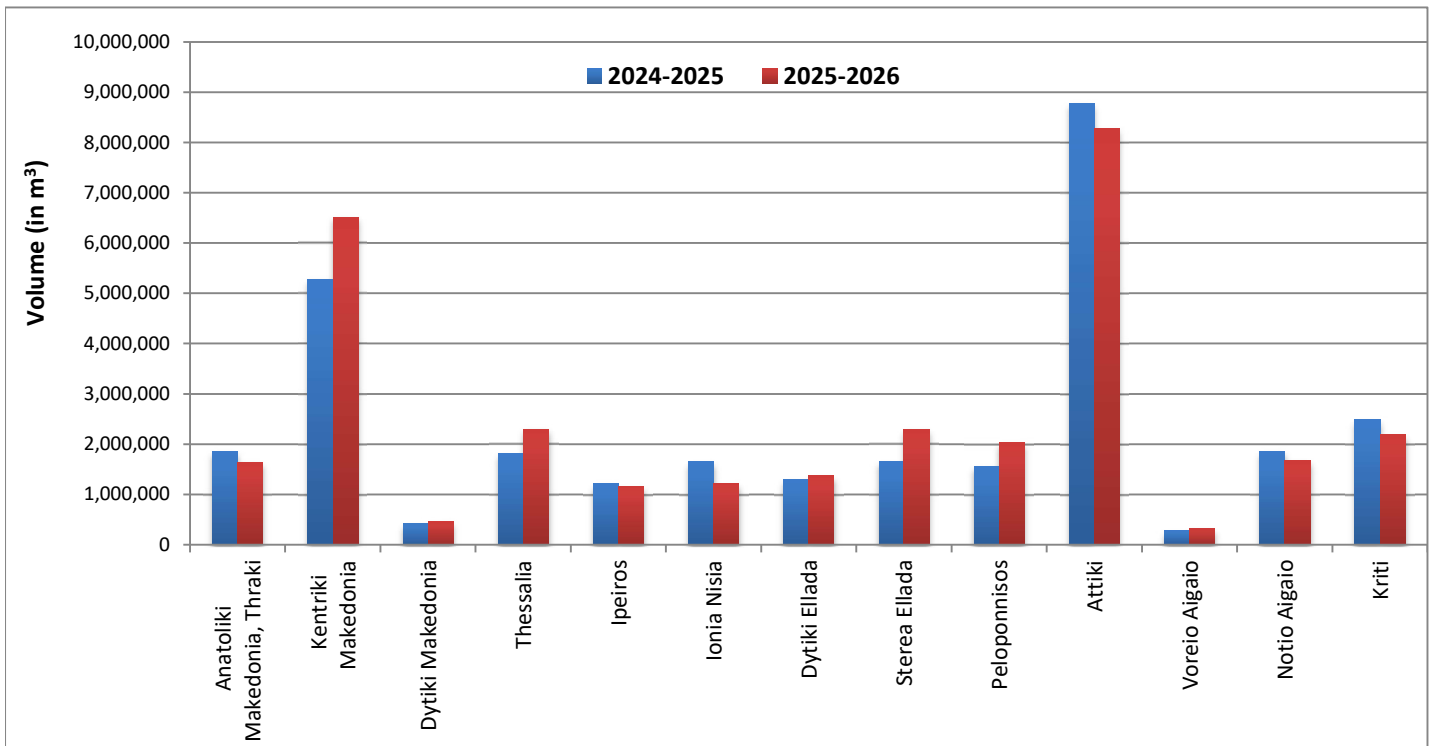
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Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,604	1,560	-2.7	413,105	375,985	-9.0	1,851,688	1,643,514	-11.2
Kentriki Makedonia	4,089	3,772	-7.8	1,137,614	1,059,979	-6.8	5,283,393	6,518,774	23.4
Dytiki Makedonia	348	327	-6.0	73,768	79,950	8.4	417,407	462,289	10.8
Thessalia	1,800	1,819	1.1	376,562	428,949	13.9	1,813,230	2,300,894	26.9
Ipeiros	1,163	1,095	-5.8	287,701	251,526	-12.6	1,211,456	1,168,516	-3.5
Ionia Nisia	2,525	2,403	-4.8	473,750	353,743	-25.3	1,657,106	1,224,286	-26.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,629	1,772	8.8	281,885	301,002	6.8	1,301,147	1,372,281	5.5
Stereia Ellada	1,418	1,639	15.6	279,182	354,278	26.9	1,652,805	2,300,005	39.2
Peloponnisos	2,266	2,296	1.3	379,981	402,548	5.9	1,569,619	2,042,504	30.1
Attiki	6,710	6,680	-0.4	1,992,773	1,903,207	-4.5	8,774,816	8,278,545	-5.7
Voreio Aigaio	746	818	9.7	73,525	86,691	17.9	274,929	320,220	16.5
Notio Aigaio	3,017	3,049	1.1	530,914	456,420	-14.0	1,853,342	1,681,335	-9.3
Kriti	2,997	2,977	-0.7	627,941	564,340	-10.1	2,491,071	2,194,901	-11.9
Greece, Total	30,312	30,207	-0.3	6,928,701	6,618,618	-4.5	30,152,009	31,508,064	4.5

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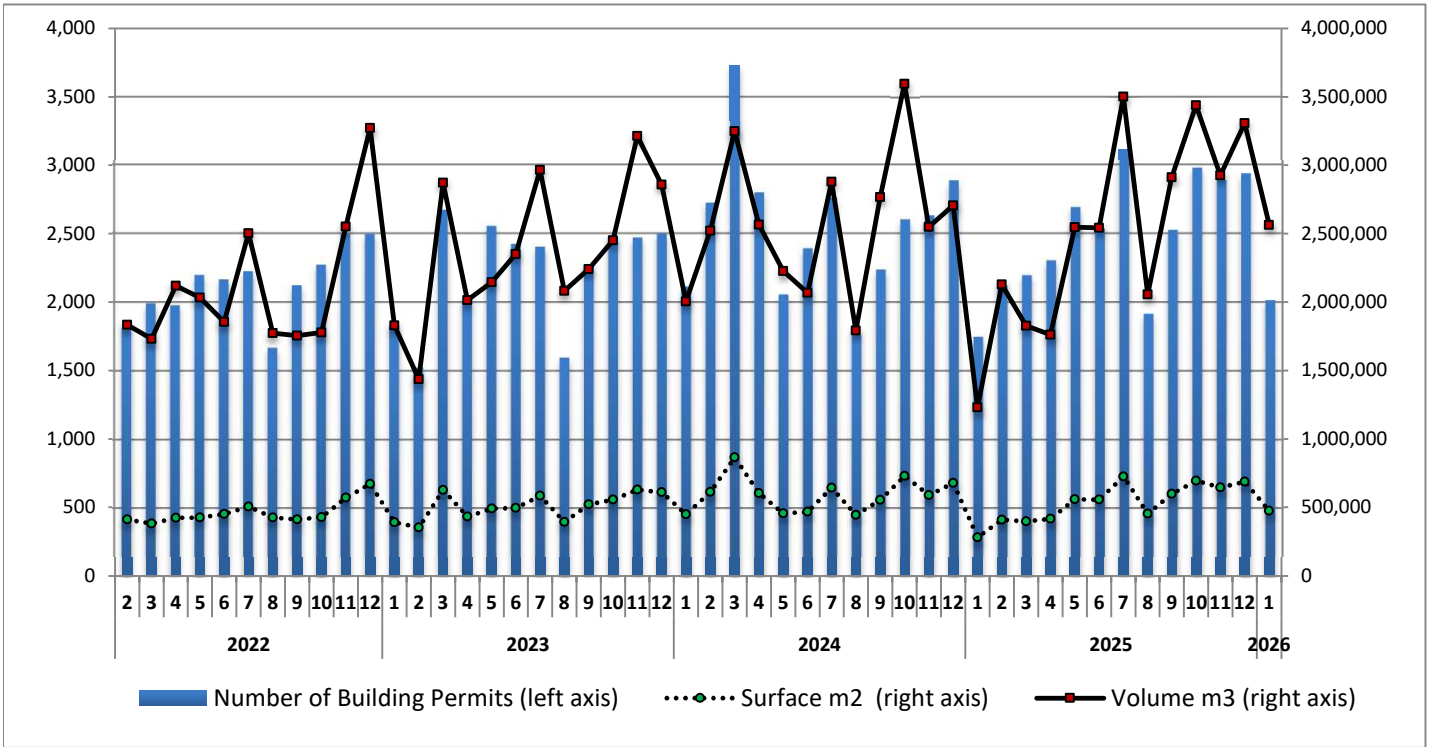
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January 2025 and 2026



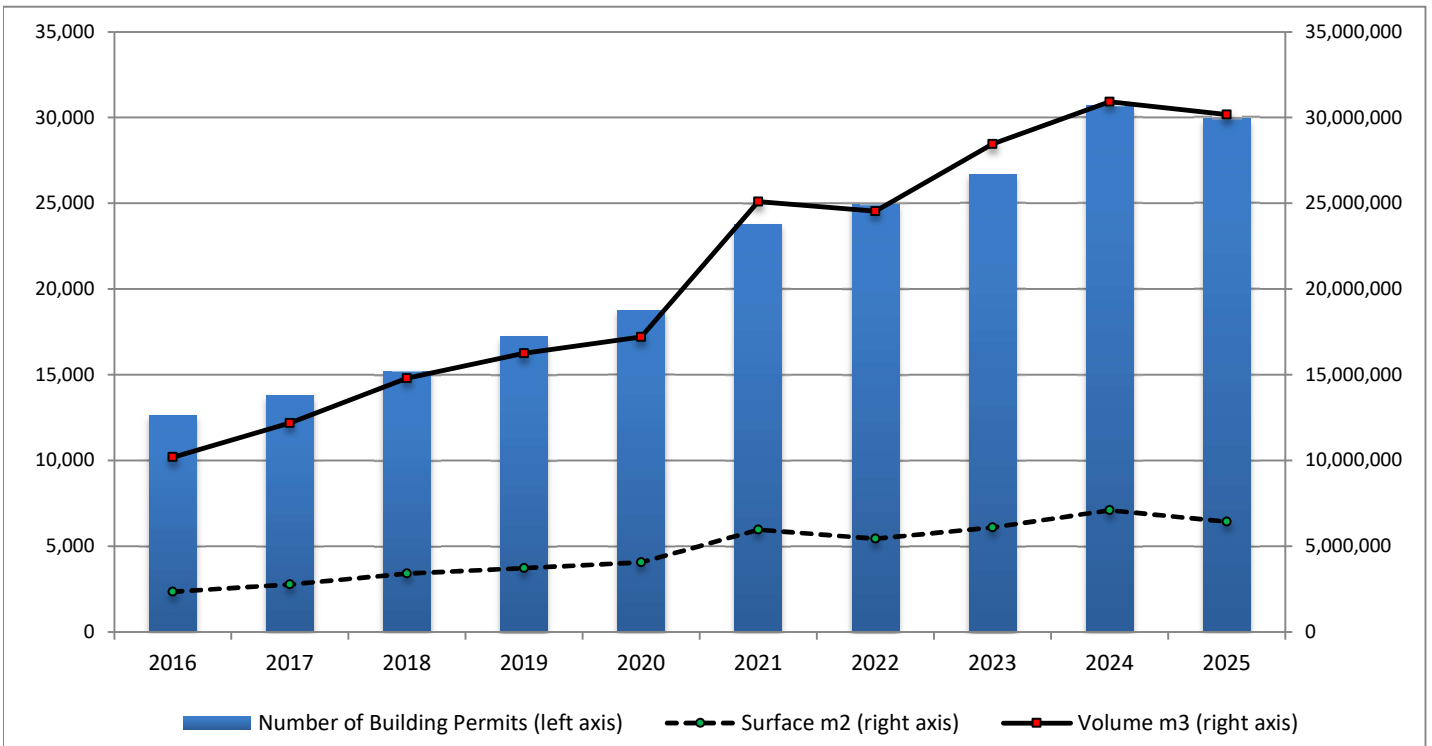
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (February 2022 – January 2026)



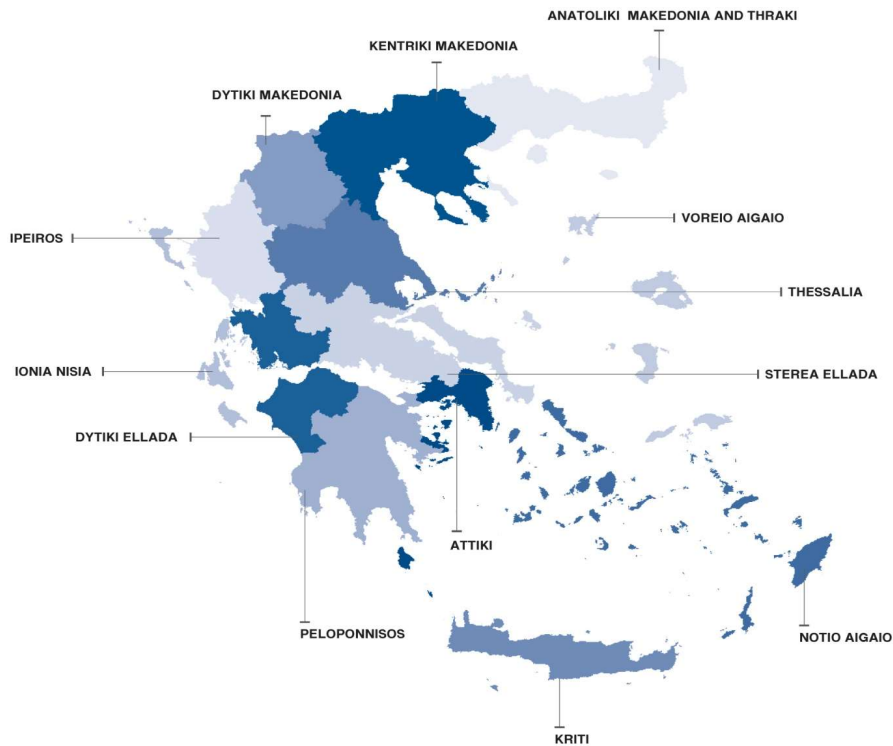
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2016 – 2025)



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Building Activity Survey	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.
Legal Framework	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.
Reference Period	January 1, 2026 to January 31, 2026.
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	<p>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.</p> <p>The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".</p> <p>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.</p> <p>New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Surface of new-built property is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
General Remark	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
References	More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regards 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/-