

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BUILDING ACTIVITY SURVEY: November 2021**

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in November 2021 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,310. This figure corresponds to 572.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,543.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 42.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 58.1% increase in surface and a 71.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2020 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2021 amounted to 2,303. This figure corresponds to 570.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,531.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2020 there is a 43.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 62.3% increase in surface and a 75.6% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2021 amounted to 7. This figure corresponds to 2.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 12.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.5% of the total building volume.
- In the last twelve months, from December 2020 until November 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 23,634. This figure corresponds to 6,040.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 25,364.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from December 2019 until November 2020, there is a 24.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 49.0% increase in surface and a 46.5% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from December 2020 until November 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 25.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 49.0% increase in surface and a 46.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from December 2019 to November 2020 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.2% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - November 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 27.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 52.6% increase in surface and a 49.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2020 (Table 5). During the same period, January - November 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 27.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 53.0% increase in surface and a 50.0% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - November 2020 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	75	122	62.7	13.8	29.7	115.6	39.5	170.8	332.0
Kentriki Makedonia	197	325	65.0	55.4	74.5	34.5	305.3	361.3	18.4
Dytiki Makedonia	24	23	-4.2	10.0	13.2	32.4	39.2	74.4	90.1
Thessalia	96	138	43.8	25.2	30.2	19.7	109.3	107.4	-1.7
Ipeiros	60	78	30.0	19.9	17.2	-13.7	80.1	71.0	-11.4
Ionia Nisia	115	148	28.7	18.3	32.0	74.7	55.6	109.6	97.1
Dytiki Ellada	109	155	42.2	25.7	28.0	9.1	106.9	124.1	16.1
Stereia Ellada	92	116	26.1	11.3	16.3	44.8	48.0	71.9	50.0
Peloponnisos	134	181	35.1	21.2	23.3	9.8	84.1	90.7	7.9
Attiki	387	553	42.9	96.9	176.6	82.3	386.0	716.8	85.7
Voreio Aigaio	24	55	129.2	2.4	11.2	360.8	7.2	39.6	447.6
Notio Aigaio	156	238	52.6	31.4	43.7	39.3	105.6	149.7	41.8
Kriti	148	178	20.3	30.6	76.2	149.5	117.9	456.3	286.9
Greece, Total	1,617	2,310	42.9	362.0	572.2	58.1	1,484.6	2,543.6	71.3

\*Final data for November 2021.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	74	122	64.9	13.7	29.7	117.0	39.2	170.8	335.5
Kentriki Makedonia	197	324	64.5	55.4	73.9	33.4	305.3	359.0	17.6
Dytiki Makedonia	23	22	-4.3	3.2	13.2	309.4	15.4	74.4	382.1
Thessalia	96	138	43.8	25.2	30.2	19.7	109.3	107.4	-1.7
Ipeiros	59	78	32.2	19.9	17.2	-13.7	80.1	71.0	-11.4
Ionia Nisia	115	148	28.7	18.3	32.0	74.7	55.6	109.6	97.1
Dytiki Ellada	108	154	42.6	22.3	28.0	25.5	90.0	123.8	37.5
Stereia Ellada	92	116	26.1	11.3	16.3	44.8	48.0	71.9	50.0
Peloponnisos	133	181	36.1	21.2	23.3	10.1	83.8	90.7	8.3
Attiki	382	551	44.2	96.9	176.6	82.3	386.0	716.8	85.7
Voreio Aigaio	24	55	129.2	2.4	11.2	360.8	7.2	39.6	447.6
Notio Aigaio	155	238	53.5	31.4	43.7	39.3	105.6	149.7	41.8
Kriti	147	176	19.7	30.1	74.8	148.3	116.1	446.5	284.5
Greece, Total	1,605	2,303	43.5	351.3	570.1	62.3	1,441.4	2,531.1	75.6

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	974	1,281	31.5	212.6	330.9	55.6	848.8	1,513.9	78.4
Kentriki Makedonia	2,740	3,174	15.8	617.7	793.3	28.4	3,125.9	3,733.5	19.4
Dytiki Makedonia	259	277	6.9	61.0	88.3	44.7	301.7	409.9	35.8
Thessalia	1,167	1,531	31.2	270.7	393.3	45.3	1,350.9	1,939.1	43.5
Ipeiros	686	911	32.8	183.9	286.1	55.6	826.0	1,239.4	50.1
Ionia Nisia	1,302	1,523	17.0	229.6	385.0	67.7	761.3	1,360.1	78.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,237	1,660	34.2	198.8	293.5	47.7	838.3	1,169.6	39.5
Stereia Ellada	1,034	1,426	37.9	213.0	299.1	40.4	1,240.9	1,723.0	38.8
Peloponnisos	1,497	1,887	26.1	231.1	382.2	65.4	866.3	1,792.2	106.9
Attiki	3,898	5,238	34.4	1,091.1	1,686.4	54.6	4,542.0	6,376.9	40.4
Voreio Aigaio	416	593	42.5	57.8	91.6	58.5	205.7	347.4	68.9
Notio Aigaio	1,915	2,167	13.2	341.1	482.6	41.5	1,126.5	1,612.4	43.1
Kriti	1,794	1,966	9.6	345.5	527.9	52.8	1,279.9	2,147.4	67.8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>18,919</b>	<b>23,634</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>4,053.7</b>	<b>6,040.1</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>17,314.3</b>	<b>25,364.7</b>	<b>46.5</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	964	1,273	32.1	196.0	324.6	65.6	699.2	1,472.0	110.5
Kentriki Makedonia	2,722	3,155	15.9	615.5	789.1	28.2	3,112.8	3,718.6	19.5
Dytiki Makedonia	255	271	6.3	51.5	87.5	69.8	261.7	406.4	55.3
Thessalia	1,151	1,519	32.0	267.1	389.5	45.8	1,338.7	1,904.7	42.3
Ipeiros	681	902	32.5	183.5	278.3	51.7	824.3	1,197.6	45.3
Ionia Nisia	1,302	1,522	16.9	229.6	379.4	65.3	761.3	1,344.2	76.6
Dytiki Ellada	1,219	1,650	35.4	192.2	293.3	52.5	807.6	1,168.6	44.7
Stereia Ellada	1,026	1,415	37.9	211.2	296.7	40.5	1,234.0	1,706.1	38.3
Peloponnisos	1,488	1,869	25.6	229.5	350.3	52.6	860.1	1,524.8	77.3
Attiki	3,868	5,204	34.5	1,079.7	1,678.9	55.5	4,488.0	6,343.8	41.4
Voreio Aigaio	412	591	43.4	57.2	91.5	60.0	200.4	347.1	73.2
Notio Aigaio	1,901	2,162	13.7	337.8	482.2	42.7	1,114.5	1,611.0	44.5
Kriti	1,776	1,942	9.3	341.3	507.4	48.7	1,256.3	2,069.2	64.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>18,765</b>	<b>23,475</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>3,992.1</b>	<b>5,948.8</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>16,958.6</b>	<b>24,814.1</b>	<b>46.3</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January – November		Change (%)	January – November		Change (%)	January – November		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	878	1,203	37.0	192.8	317.2	64.5	777.7	1,463.3	88.2
Kentriki Makedonia	2,467	2,964	20.1	552.8	752.3	36.1	2,717.6	3,575.0	31.6
Dytiki Makedonia	240	264	10.0	56.9	87.8	54.5	275.7	408.2	48.1
Thessalia	1,070	1,400	30.8	247.4	341.9	38.2	1,224.0	1,620.5	32.4
Ipeiros	616	852	38.3	164.9	270.3	63.9	747.1	1,181.7	58.2
Ionia Nisia	1,166	1,412	21.1	206.7	314.3	52.0	685.3	1,095.7	59.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,124	1,535	36.6	178.2	272.6	53.0	750.6	1,080.3	43.9
Stereia Ellada	950	1,309	37.8	200.8	282.2	40.5	1,197.4	1,632.1	36.3
Peloponnisos	1,368	1,762	28.8	215.3	364.9	69.5	802.8	1,729.6	115.4
Attiki	3,533	4,802	35.9	987.1	1,551.2	57.1	4,187.4	5,849.2	39.7
Voreio Aigaio	370	545	47.3	48.0	81.7	70.2	174.9	317.9	81.8
Notio Aigaio	1,693	1,959	15.7	286.5	446.5	55.9	947.2	1,494.6	57.8
Kriti	1,619	1,793	10.7	294.2	459.6	56.2	1,102.6	1,921.0	74.2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>17,094</b>	<b>21,800</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>3,631.5</b>	<b>5,542.3</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>15,590.4</b>	<b>23,369.3</b>	<b>49.9</b>

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

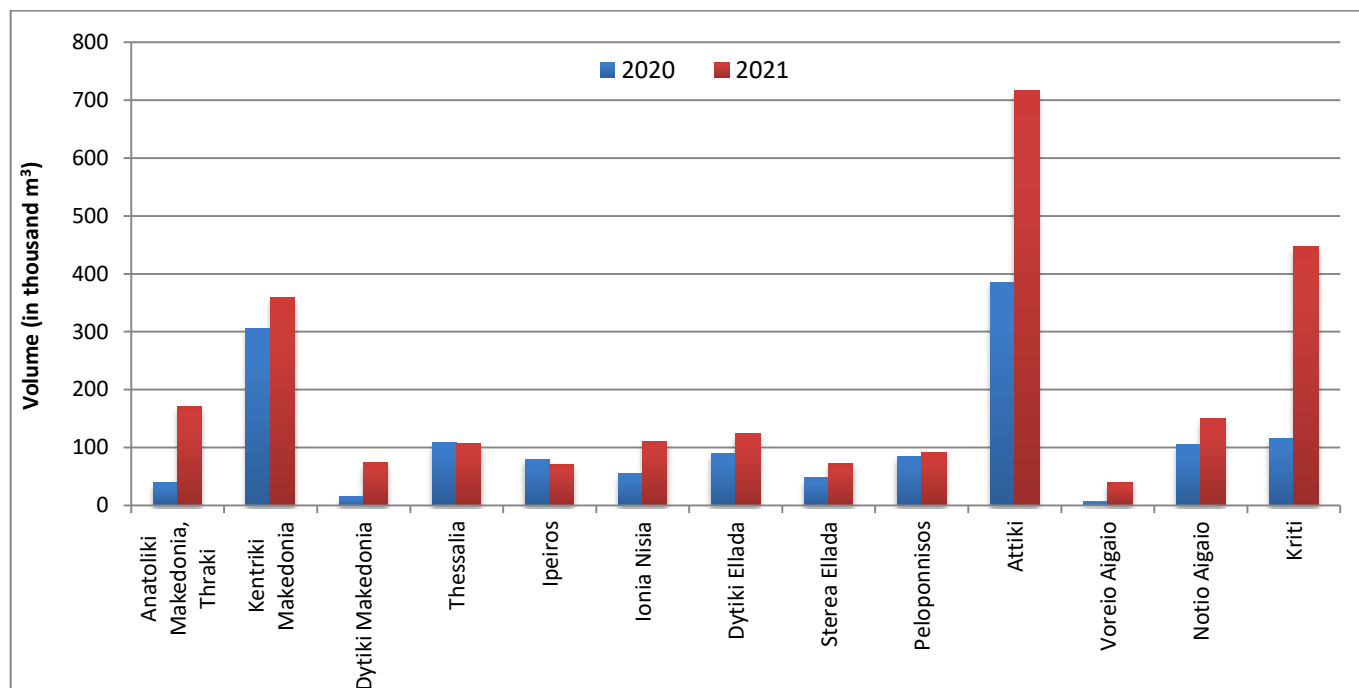
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January – November		Change (%)	January – November		Change (%)	January – November		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	869	1,195	37.5	177.0	310.9	75.7	633.9	1,421.4	124.2
Kentriki Makedonia	2,449	2,947	20.3	550.6	749.3	36.1	2,704.4	3,565.5	31.8
Dytiki Makedonia	236	258	9.3	47.4	87.0	83.6	235.6	404.7	71.8
Thessalia	1,056	1,388	31.4	244.6	338.1	38.2	1,215.6	1,586.1	30.5
Ipeiros	611	844	38.1	164.5	263.1	59.9	745.4	1,141.6	53.2
Ionia Nisia	1,166	1,411	21.0	206.7	308.6	49.3	685.3	1,079.9	57.6
Dytiki Ellada	1,106	1,525	37.9	171.7	272.3	58.6	719.8	1,079.3	49.9
Stereia Ellada	942	1,299	37.9	199.0	279.9	40.6	1,190.4	1,615.3	35.7
Peloponnisos	1,359	1,744	28.3	213.8	333.1	55.8	796.6	1,462.3	83.6
Attiki	3,505	4,772	36.1	976.6	1,543.9	58.1	4,138.2	5,817.3	40.6
Voreio Aigaio	366	543	48.4	47.4	81.7	72.2	169.6	317.6	87.3
Notio Aigaio	1,679	1,954	16.4	283.3	446.1	57.5	935.2	1,493.2	59.7
Kriti	1,604	1,775	10.7	290.1	452.2	55.9	1,079.4	1,883.1	74.5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>16,948</b>	<b>21,655</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>3,572.6</b>	<b>5,466.2</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>15,249.5</b>	<b>22,867.4</b>	<b>50.0</b>

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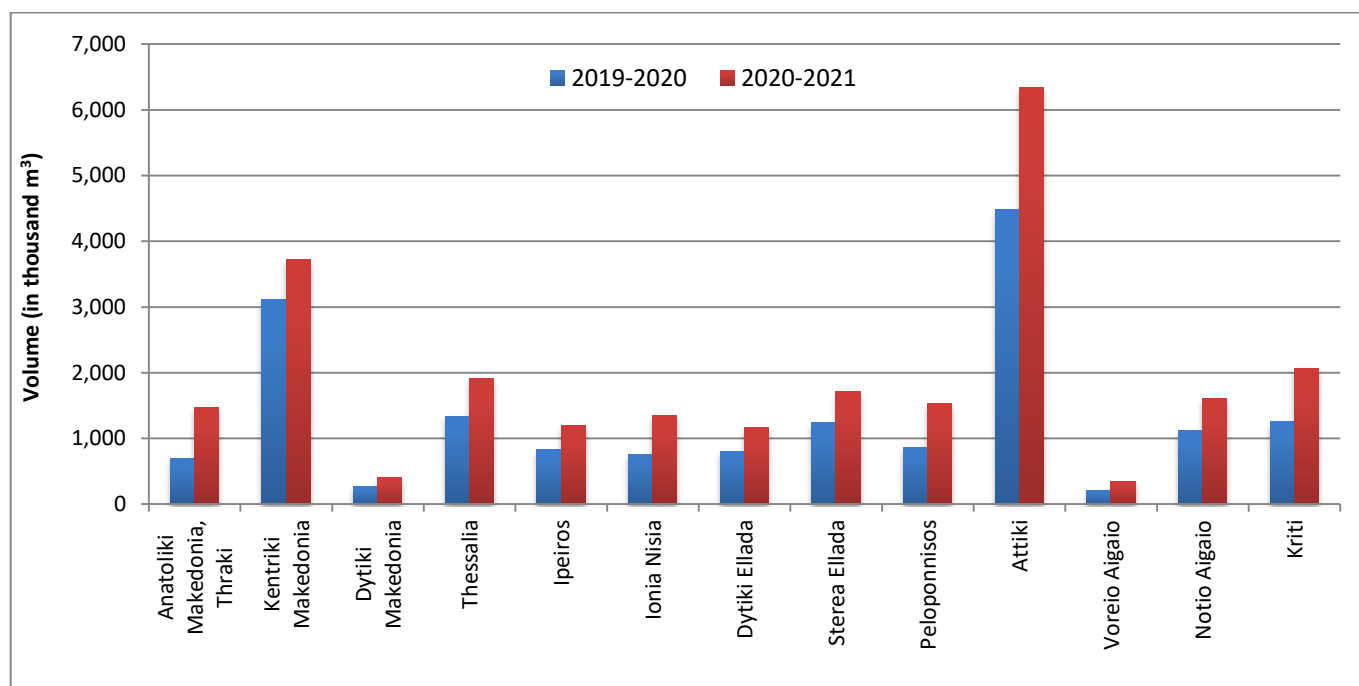
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), November 2020 and 2021\***



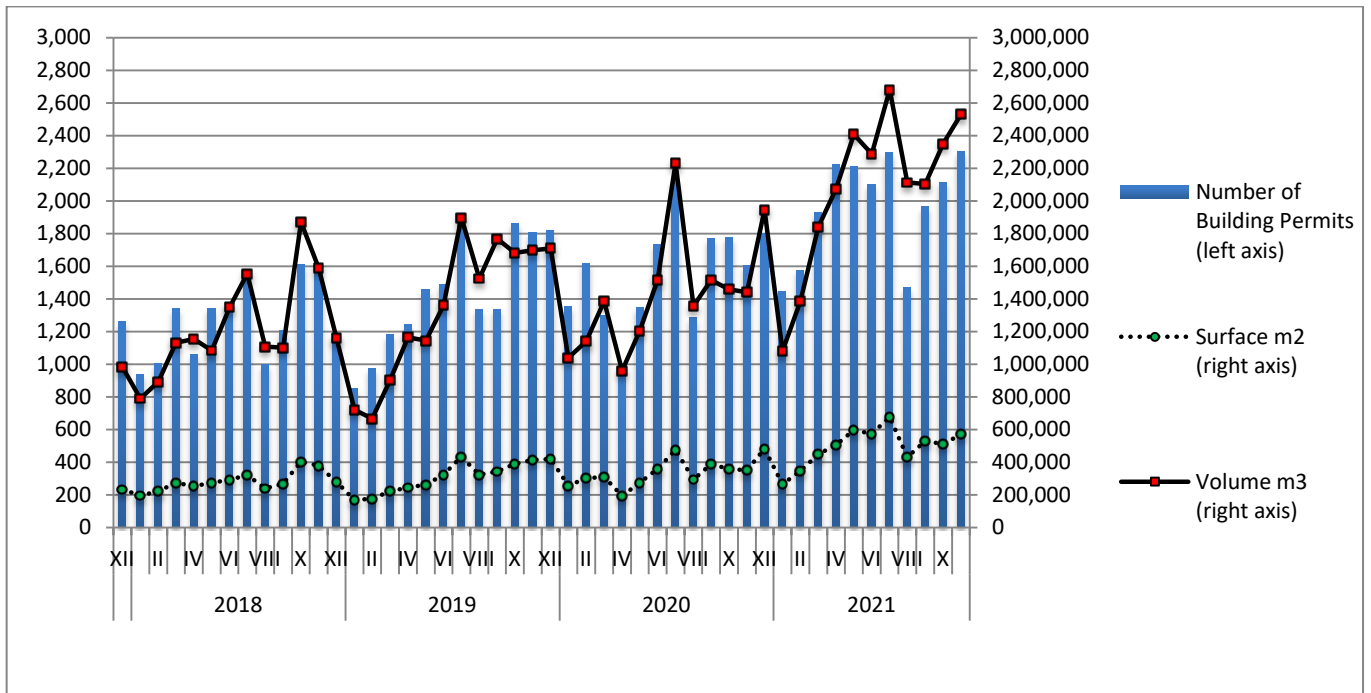
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2019 – November 2020 and December 2020 – November 2021\***



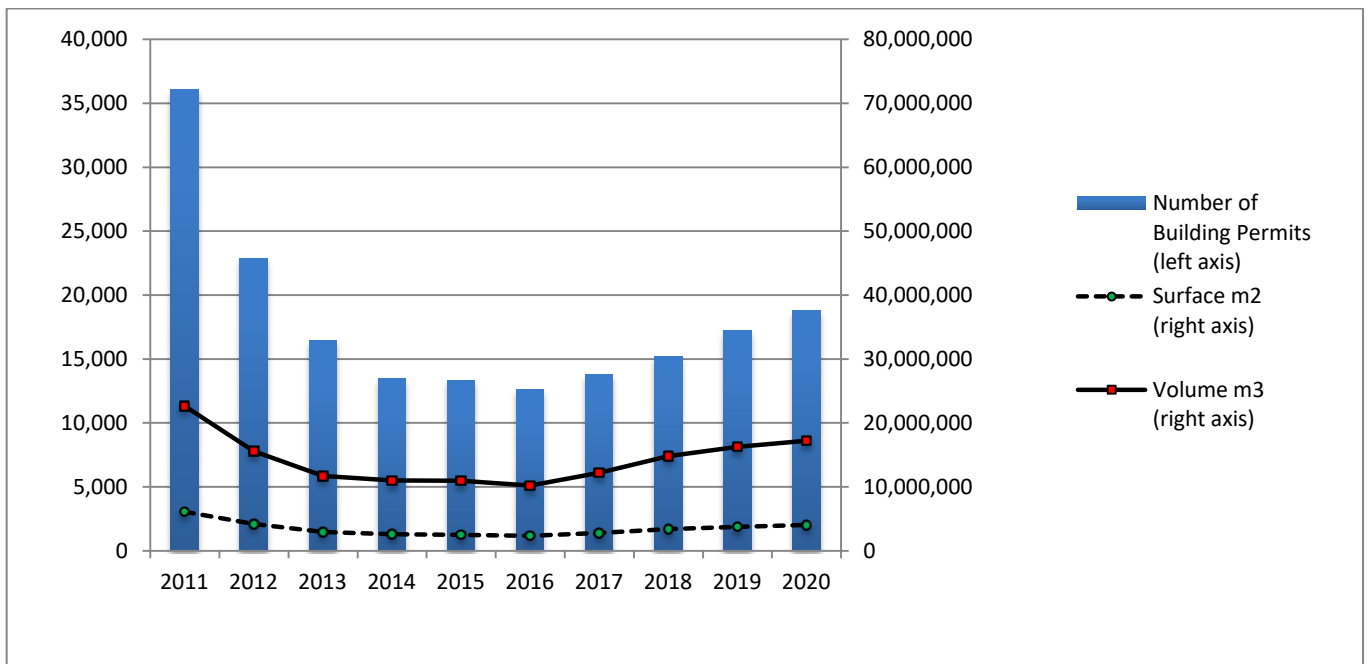
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (December 2017 – November 2021\*)**



\*Final data for November 2021.

**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.

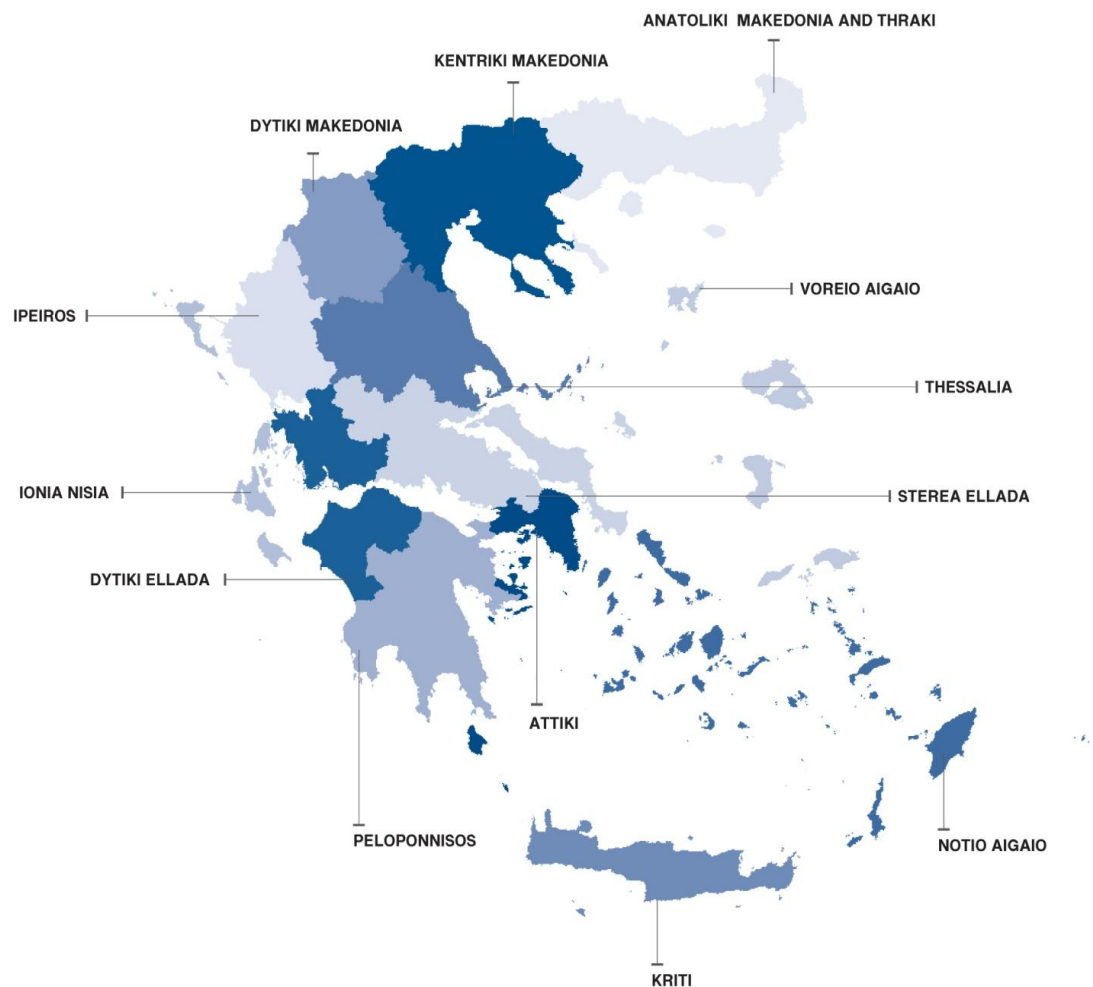
**Legal Framework** The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EC) No 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) No 1158/2005 and Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business 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** November 1, 2021 to November 30, 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



<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>