

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: May 2021

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in May 2021 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,222. This figure corresponds to 592.4 thousand m² of surface and 2,401.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 62.9% increase in the number of building permits, an 111.8% increase in surface and a 97.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2020 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2021 amounted to 2,203. This figure corresponds to 588.7 thousand m² of surface and 2,387.8 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2020 there is a 63.5% increase in the number of building permits, an 113.7% increase in surface and a 98.2% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2021 amounted to 19. This figure corresponds to 3.7 thousand m² of surface and 13.9 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.6% of the total building volume in May 2021.
- In the last twelve months, from June 2020 until May 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 21,713. This figure corresponds to 4,987.9 thousand m² of surface and 20,944.2 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from June 2019 until May 2020, there is an 18.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 23.1% increase in surface and an 18.2% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from June 2020 until May 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 18.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 22.1% increase in surface and a 16.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2019 to May 2020 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.4% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - May 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 41.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 63.2% increase in surface and a 57.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2020 (Table 5). During the same period, January - May 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 41.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 60.9% increase in surface and a 53.0% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - May 2020 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	78	124	59.0	13.9	45.5	227.7	62.5	221.4	254.1
Kentriki Makedonia	219	296	35.2	55.6	70.1	26.1	338.7	316.0	-6.7
Dytiki Makedonia	19	30	57.9	5.3	17.1	221.9	22.0	71.5	225.4
Thessalia	92	127	38.0	19.4	26.0	34.0	91.8	111.0	20.9
Ipeiros	45	92	104.4	8.5	38.3	350.1	28.6	166.2	480.4
Ionia Nisia	90	121	34.4	11.8	34.0	189.0	40.6	111.5	174.9
Dytiki Ellada	82	182	122.0	9.9	32.5	227.9	38.1	136.9	259.7
Stereia Ellada	72	148	105.6	11.4	34.1	199.3	98.3	190.4	93.7
Peloponnisos	128	182	42.2	17.5	35.8	104.1	65.6	131.1	99.7
Attiki	283	496	75.3	83.2	172.7	107.6	291.6	649.9	122.9
Voreio Aigaio	32	74	131.3	3.5	9.5	167.7	11.0	33.2	201.0
Notio Aigaio	103	169	64.1	20.3	35.7	75.7	64.9	128.4	97.8
Kriti	121	181	49.6	19.4	41.1	111.9	65.7	134.3	104.5
Greece, Total	1,364	2,222	62.9	279.7	592.4	111.8	1,219.4	2,401.7	97.0

*Provisional data for May 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), May 2020 and 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	77	124	61.0	13.7	45.5	231.4	61.9	221.4	257.7
Kentriki Makedonia	216	294	36.1	55.6	70.0	25.9	338.7	315.6	-6.8
Dytiki Makedonia	19	29	52.6	5.3	16.8	214.9	22.0	69.9	218.4
Thessalia	87	123	41.4	17.7	24.7	39.9	87.9	106.0	20.6
Ipeiros	45	92	104.4	8.5	38.3	350.1	28.6	166.2	480.4
Ionia Nisia	90	121	34.4	11.8	34.0	189.0	40.6	111.5	174.9
Dytiki Ellada	81	179	121.0	9.9	32.5	227.9	38.1	136.9	259.7
Stereia Ellada	71	147	107.0	11.4	34.1	199.3	98.3	190.4	93.7
Peloponnisos	128	180	40.6	17.5	34.8	98.3	65.6	127.6	94.4
Attiki	279	492	76.3	80.9	172.1	112.6	282.1	647.3	129.4
Voreio Aigaio	32	73	128.1	3.5	9.5	167.7	11.0	33.2	201.0
Notio Aigaio	102	169	65.7	20.1	35.7	77.1	64.4	128.4	99.6
Kriti	120	180	50.0	19.4	40.9	110.6	65.7	133.6	103.3
Greece, Total	1,347	2,203	63.5	275.4	588.7	113.7	1,204.7	2,387.8	98.2

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June – May		Change (%)	June – May		Change (%)	June – May		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	942	1,170	24.2	201.4	289.0	43.5	757.2	1,254.8	65.7
Kentriki Makedonia	2,696	2,946	9.3	601.4	668.4	11.1	3,260.0	3,086.0	-5.3
Dytiki Makedonia	238	268	12.6	70.7	75.3	6.5	403.7	346.8	-14.1
Thessalia	1,090	1,366	25.3	252.1	338.7	34.4	1,215.0	1,686.2	38.8
Ipeiros	617	833	35.0	164.7	274.2	66.4	714.0	1,193.9	67.2
Ionia Nisia	1,292	1,427	10.4	244.4	343.3	40.5	803.0	1,181.4	47.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,126	1,574	39.8	196.4	269.0	37.0	829.6	1,105.5	33.3
Stereia Ellada	958	1,289	34.6	178.1	233.9	31.3	975.9	1,297.8	33.0
Peloponnisos	1,385	1,746	26.1	202.9	335.7	65.4	818.7	1,459.3	78.2
Attiki	3,740	4,722	26.3	1,088.4	1,319.0	21.2	4,876.2	5,391.7	10.6
Voreio Aigaio	452	499	10.4	61.5	77.0	25.1	223.3	298.2	33.5
Notio Aigaio	1,949	1,964	0.8	385.1	352.5	-8.5	1,323.2	1,195.0	-9.7
Kriti	1,772	1,909	7.7	405.4	411.9	1.6	1,519.1	1,447.6	-4.7
Greece, Total	18,257	21,713	18.9	4,052.5	4,987.9	23.1	17,718.9	20,944.2	18.2

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June – May		Change (%)	June – May		Change (%)	June – May		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	934	1,156	23.8	199.5	267.2	33.9	746.7	1,069.9	43.3
Kentriki Makedonia	2,682	2,923	9.0	586.9	663.9	13.1	3,120.1	3,065.6	-1.7
Dytiki Makedonia	237	262	10.5	66.5	65.5	-1.6	388.1	305.2	-21.4
Thessalia	1,077	1,351	25.4	246.5	336.8	36.6	1,195.6	1,678.0	40.3
Ipeiros	611	822	34.5	163.1	267.3	63.8	708.0	1,158.9	63.7
Ionia Nisia	1,292	1,426	10.4	244.4	337.6	38.1	803.0	1,165.5	45.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,117	1,556	39.3	181.8	263.3	44.8	772.5	1,077.4	39.5
Stereia Ellada	951	1,280	34.6	176.4	233.2	32.2	969.6	1,294.4	33.5
Peloponnisos	1,380	1,730	25.4	201.9	308.0	52.6	814.4	1,215.3	49.2
Attiki	3,714	4,681	26.0	1,075.3	1,311.9	22.0	4,812.1	5,359.9	11.4
Voreio Aigaio	449	497	10.7	61.2	76.7	25.3	222.0	294.2	32.5
Notio Aigaio	1,938	1,956	0.9	382.7	351.4	-8.2	1,313.5	1,191.3	-9.3
Kriti	1,761	1,884	7.0	402.7	389.5	-3.3	1,506.7	1,359.6	-9.8
Greece, Total	18,143	21,524	18.6	3,988.9	4,872.3	22.1	17,372.4	20,235.1	16.5

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – May		Change (%)	January – May		Change (%)	January – May		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	321	535	66.7	65.9	148.5	125.3	237.1	663.7	179.9
Kentriki Makedonia	993	1,262	27.1	227.1	301.7	32.8	1,169.3	1,379.2	17.9
Dytiki Makedonia	89	104	16.9	17.9	35.9	100.2	85.2	154.6	81.4
Thessalia	391	556	42.2	84.4	124.3	47.3	415.5	559.0	34.6
Ipeiros	221	379	71.5	48.8	142.3	191.6	230.7	619.8	168.6
Ionia Nisia	491	641	30.5	86.0	151.8	76.5	288.6	520.3	80.3
Dytiki Ellada	365	690	89.0	50.5	120.3	138.3	205.5	471.1	129.3
Stereia Ellada	331	553	67.1	74.3	90.4	21.8	440.0	449.5	2.2
Peloponnisos	525	778	48.2	79.2	182.3	130.3	310.1	904.0	191.5
Attiki	1,361	2,114	55.3	364.3	561.0	54.0	1,497.7	2,174.3	45.2
Voreio Aigaio	158	239	51.3	17.8	36.9	106.9	59.1	153.0	158.8
Notio Aigaio	756	819	8.3	119.3	149.2	25.1	378.0	508.1	34.4
Kriti	684	801	17.1	123.0	172.4	40.2	485.9	604.4	24.4
Greece, Total	6,686	9,471	41.7	1,358.5	2,217.1	63,2	5,802.6	9,161.0	57.9

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

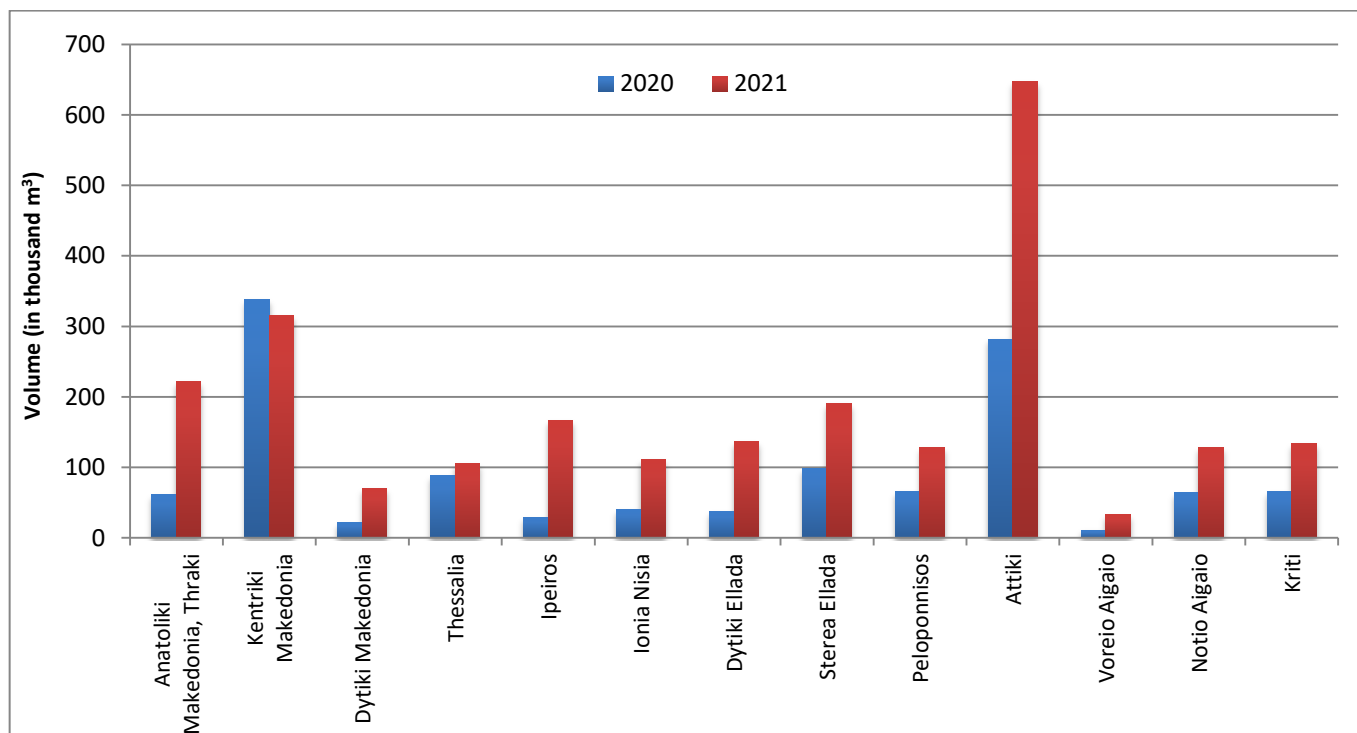
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – May		Change (%)	January – May		Change (%)	January – May		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	320	529	65.3	65.8	142.3	116.4	236.5	621.9	162.9
Kentriki Makedonia	986	1,252	27.0	226.2	299.7	32.5	1,165.2	1,373.2	17.8
Dytiki Makedonia	89	102	14.6	17.9	35.5	98.1	85.2	153.1	79.6
Thessalia	383	547	42.8	82.2	123.0	49.6	410.2	553.9	35.0
Ipeiros	219	372	69.9	48.7	136.2	180.0	230.2	587.7	155.3
Ionia Nisia	491	640	30.3	86.0	146.2	69.9	288.6	504.4	74.8
Dytiki Ellada	357	682	91.0	49.5	120.1	142.8	202.2	470.5	132.7
Stereia Ellada	326	548	68.1	72.8	90.1	23.8	434.5	447.8	3.0
Peloponnisos	522	768	47.1	78.1	155.2	98.7	305.7	661.9	116.5
Attiki	1,346	2,090	55.3	356.8	557.1	56.1	1,463.1	2,158.4	47.5
Voreio Aigaio	155	238	53.5	17.5	36.9	110.7	57.8	153.0	164.7
Notio Aigaio	746	815	9.2	116.8	148.8	27.4	368.4	506.7	37.5
Kriti	679	792	16.6	122.7	166.9	36.0	483.7	577.8	19.5
Greece, Total	6,619	9,375	41.6	1,341.0	2,158.0	60.9	5,731.3	8,770.1	53.0

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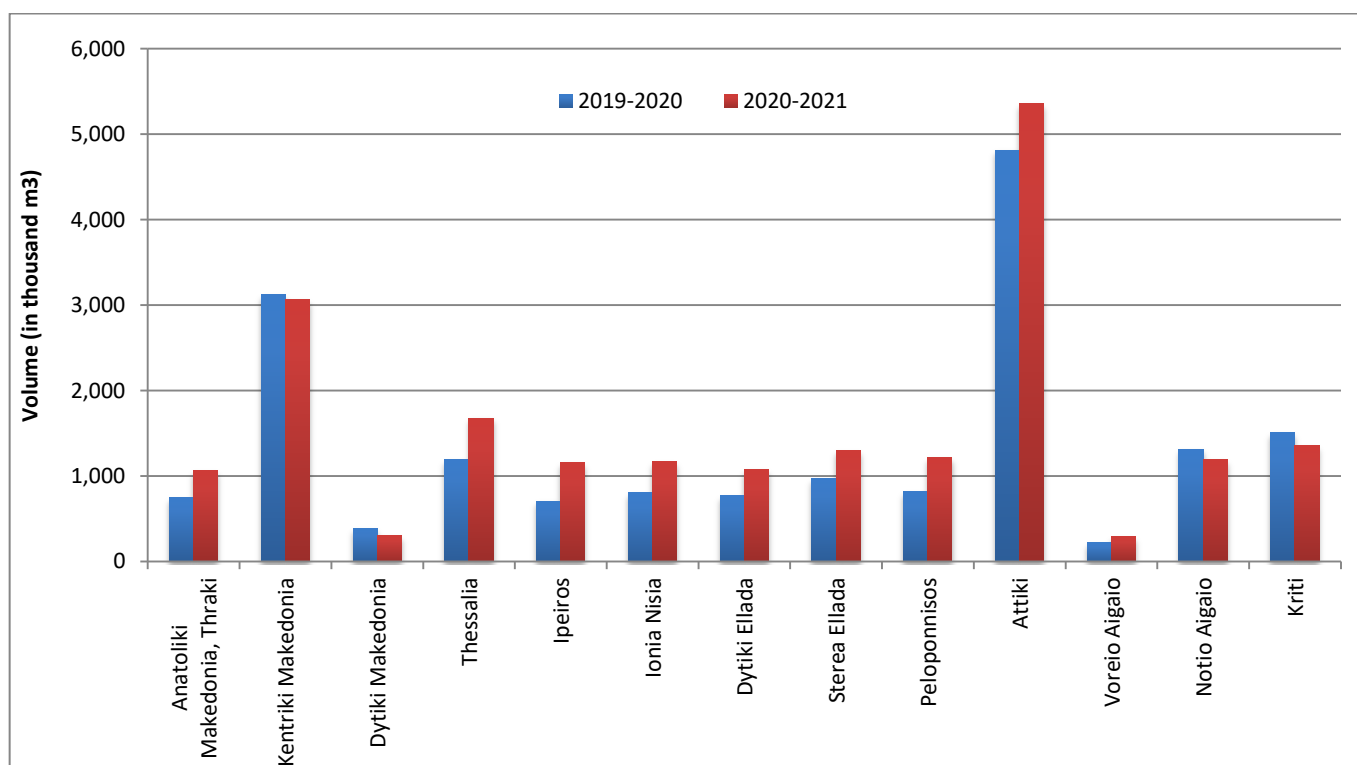
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2020 and 2021*



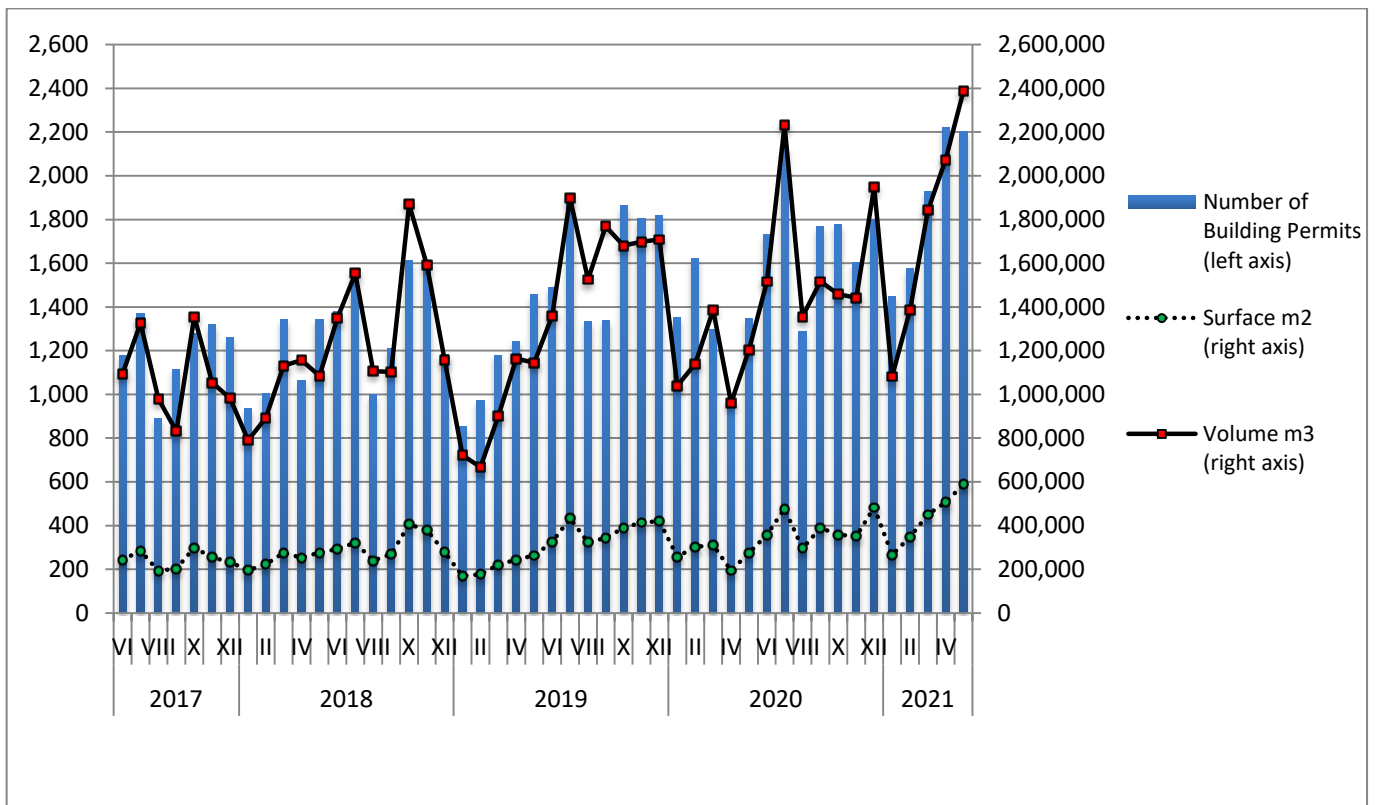
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2019 – May 2020 and June 2020 – May 2021*



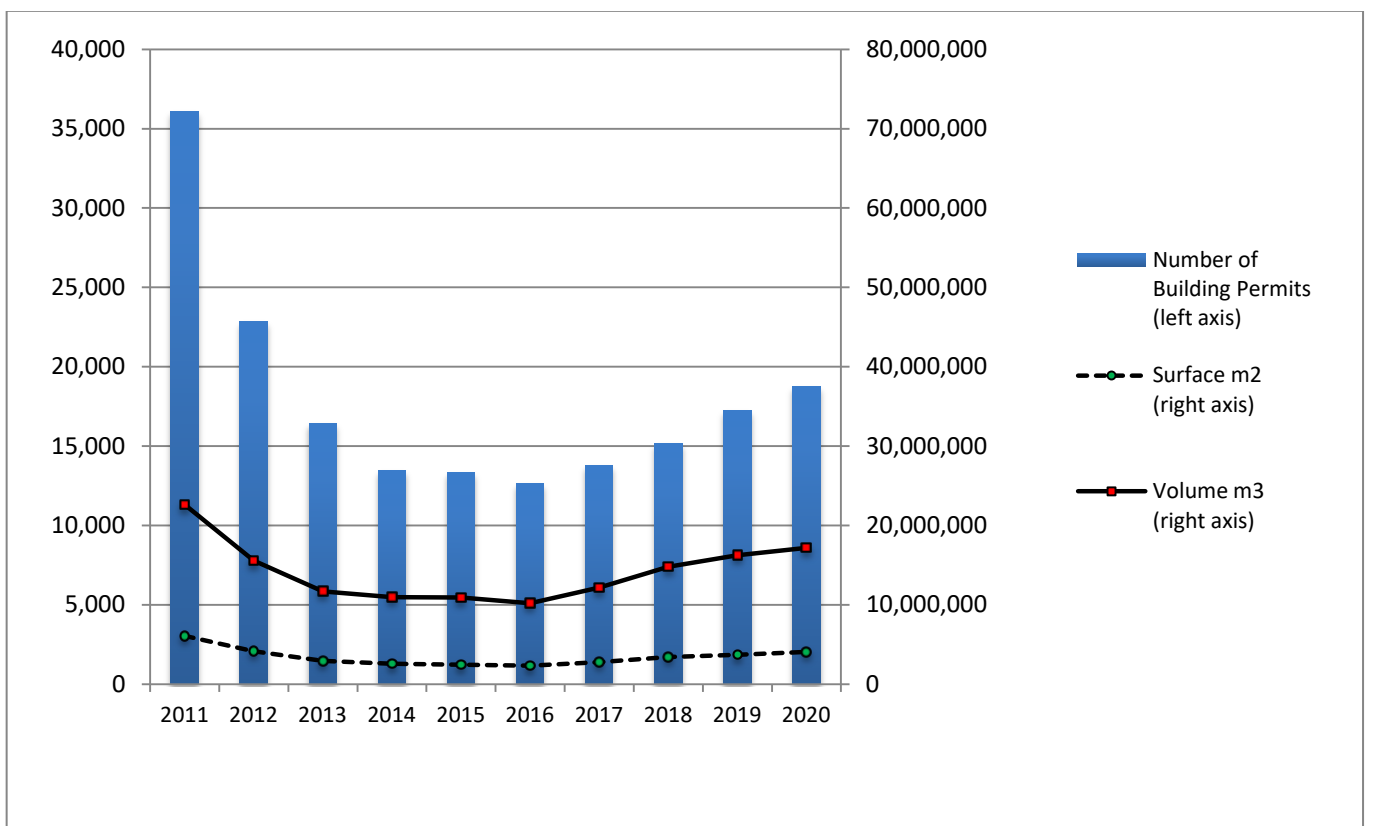
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (June 2017 – May 2021*)



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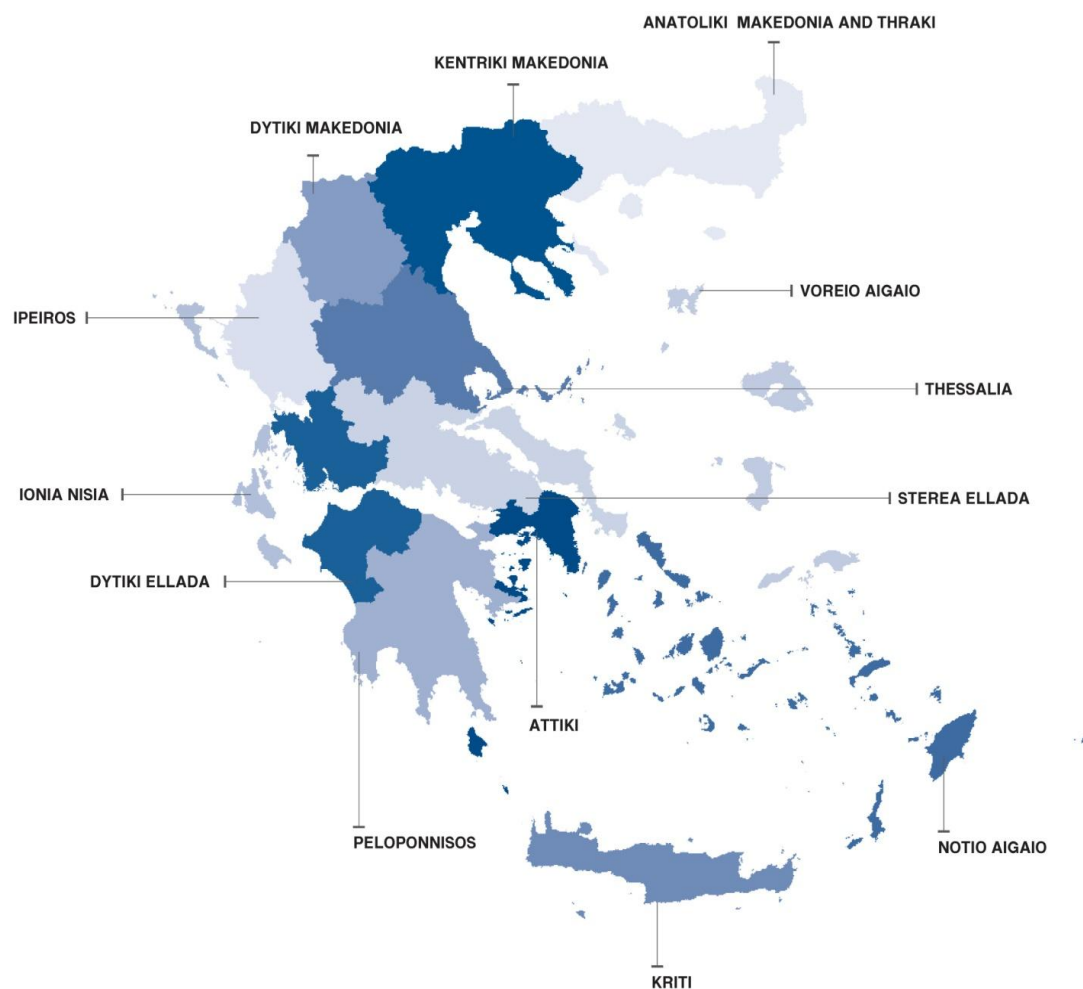
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2011 - 2020)



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	May 1, 2021 to May 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	<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 area along with the outer side of the outer walls, as well as other auxiliary spaces.</p>
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	<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>http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/-.</p>