

PRESS RELEASE

BUILDING ACTIVITY SURVEY: September 2021

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in September 2021 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,982. This figure corresponds to 728.1 thousand m² of surface and 3,118.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, an 11.2% increase in the number of building permits, an 85.1% increase in surface and an 102.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2020 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2021 amounted to 1,973. This figure corresponds to 709.1 thousand m² of surface and 2,963.9 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2020 there is an 11.5% increase in the number of building permits, an 82.2% increase in surface and a 95.5% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2021 amounted to 9. This figure corresponds to 19.0 thousand m² of surface and 155.1 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 5.0% of the total building volume in September 2021.
- In the last twelve months, from October 2020 until September 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 22,596. This figure corresponds to 5,879.3 thousand m² of surface and 24,529.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from October 2019 until September 2020, there is a 17.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 42.5% increase in surface and a 39.3% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from October 2020 until September 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 17.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 40.7% increase in surface and a 35.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from October 2019 to September 2020 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.5% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - September 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 26.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 60.5% increase in surface and a 55.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2020 (Table 5). During the same period, January - September 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 26.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 59.2% increase in surface and a 52.5% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - September 2020 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	99	91	-8.1	17.7	20.4	15.5	63.8	78.8	23.4
Kentriki Makedonia	237	313	32.1	48.2	94.2	95.6	190.8	441.1	131.2
Dytiki Makedonia	30	25	-16.7	6.4	5.5	-13.4	28.3	24.1	-14.7
Thessalia	119	137	15.1	26.2	62.2	137.3	133.9	295.9	121.0
Ipeiros	75	89	18.7	23.5	31.1	32.0	104.4	160.2	53.4
Ionia Nisia	106	119	12.3	25.1	46.6	85.8	77.4	178.5	130.7
Dytiki Ellada	129	136	5.4	22.2	36.3	63.4	90.3	117.7	30.4
Stereia Ellada	94	103	9.6	22.8	19.5	-14.6	123.3	90.4	-26.7
Peloponnisos	168	164	-2.4	32.7	41.0	25.3	112.9	228.9	102.8
Attiki	352	415	17.9	108.9	198.9	82.6	407.7	917.9	125.2
Voreio Aigaio	37	43	16.2	6.5	7.9	21.4	24.4	35.6	46.0
Notio Aigaio	185	173	-6.5	27.2	57.1	109.8	92.4	187.0	102.4
Kriti	151	174	15.2	26.0	107.5	314.1	92.0	363.0	294.6
Greece, Total	1,782	1,982	11.2	393.4	728.1	85.1	1,541.4	3,118.9	102.3

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	99	91	-8.1	17.7	20.4	15.5	63.8	78.8	23.4
Kentriki Makedonia	234	313	33.8	48.0	94.2	96.2	189.8	441.1	132.4
Dytiki Makedonia	29	25	-13.8	4.4	5.5	25.5	20.4	24.1	18.4
Thessalia	119	135	13.4	26.2	61.0	132.7	133.9	291.3	117.5
Ipeiros	75	89	18.7	23.5	31.1	32.0	104.4	160.2	53.4
Ionia Nisia	106	119	12.3	25.1	46.6	85.8	77.4	178.5	130.7
Dytiki Ellada	127	136	7.1	22.1	36.3	64.1	90.0	117.7	30.7
Stereia Ellada	94	101	7.4	22.8	17.8	-21.8	123.3	76.8	-37.7
Peloponnisos	166	161	-3.0	32.5	28.3	-12.8	112.0	107.2	-4.2
Attiki	352	413	17.3	108.9	195.4	79.4	407.7	902.7	121.4
Voreio Aigaio	37	43	16.2	6.5	7.9	21.4	24.4	35.6	46.0
Notio Aigaio	183	173	-5.5	27.1	57.1	110.3	92.2	187.0	102.8
Kriti	148	174	17.6	24.2	107.5	344.7	77.2	363.0	370.2
Greece, Total	1,769	1,973	11.5	389.1	709.1	82.2	1,516.4	2,963.9	95.5

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October – September		Change (%)	October – September		Change (%)	October – September		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,011	1,183	17.0	210.7	318.4	51.1	764.5	1,441.6	88.6
Kentriki Makedonia	2,864	3,005	4.9	610.9	769.4	25.9	3,035.0	3,580.7	18.0
Dytiki Makedonia	248	274	10.5	59.9	73.3	22.3	322.3	313.5	-2.7
Thessalia	1,174	1,441	22.7	278.9	390.3	39.9	1,445.3	1,953.2	35.1
Ipeiros	696	875	25.7	168.2	293.5	74.5	729.7	1,286.3	76.3
Ionia Nisia	1,343	1,473	9.7	254.1	372.1	46.4	847.0	1,290.2	52.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,223	1,616	32.1	197.5	293.0	48.3	864.9	1,159.3	34.0
Stereia Ellada	1,037	1,369	32.0	205.4	306.4	49.2	1,160.6	1,809.3	55.9
Peloponnisos	1,497	1,804	20.5	225.1	376.0	67.1	852.7	1,784.8	109.3
Attiki	3,861	4,992	29.3	1,108.0	1,604.8	44.8	4,709.0	6,099.7	29.5
Voreio Aigaio	439	552	25.7	58.7	83.6	42.5	209.7	315.9	50.7
Notio Aigaio	1,956	2,062	5.4	365.6	446.3	22.0	1,235.6	1,472.9	19.2
Kriti	1,843	1,950	5.8	381.5	552.3	44.8	1,436.6	2,022.2	40.8
Greece, Total	19,192	22,596	17.7	4,124.6	5,879.3	42.5	17,612.8	24,529.5	39.3

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October – September		Change (%)	October – September		Change (%)	October – September		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,003	1,170	16.7	209.3	296.7	41.7	756.9	1,257.2	66.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,847	2,989	5.0	608.8	766.1	25.8	3,022.2	3,569.0	18.1
Dytiki Makedonia	244	268	9.8	53.0	65.8	24.0	290.4	286.4	-1.4
Thessalia	1,158	1,428	23.3	274.3	386.5	40.9	1,430.6	1,918.8	34.1
Ipeiros	691	865	25.2	167.4	285.8	70.7	726.8	1,244.4	71.2
Ionia Nisia	1,343	1,472	9.6	254.1	366.4	44.2	847.0	1,274.3	50.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,206	1,606	33.2	194.4	289.4	48.9	851.0	1,141.7	34.2
Stereia Ellada	1,028	1,357	32.0	203.3	304.1	49.6	1,152.8	1,792.4	55.5
Peloponnisos	1,489	1,785	19.9	223.6	334.1	49.5	846.7	1,410.6	66.6
Attiki	3,838	4,950	29.0	1,099.3	1,594.1	45.0	4,667.8	6,051.9	29.7
Voreio Aigaio	436	549	25.9	58.4	83.3	42.7	208.3	311.5	49.5
Notio Aigaio	1,943	2,056	5.8	362.4	445.9	23.0	1,223.6	1,471.5	20.3
Kriti	1,827	1,927	5.5	377.7	532.8	41.1	1,414.9	1,952.1	38.0
Greece, Total	19,053	22,422	17.7	4,086.0	5,750.9	40.7	17,439.0	23,681.8	35.8

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – September		Change (%)	January – September		Change (%)	January – September		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	711	938	31.9	144.8	256.7	77.3	530.3	1,143.6	115.7
Kentriki Makedonia	2,030	2,358	16.2	447.2	622.8	39.3	2,201.9	2,906.5	32.0
Dytiki Makedonia	188	209	11.2	41.1	57.0	38.8	215.1	251.3	16.8
Thessalia	860	1,100	27.9	199.2	290.6	45.9	1,027.6	1,438.1	40.0
Ipeiros	498	698	40.2	117.6	230.5	95.9	532.3	1,013.7	90.5
Ionia Nisia	932	1,128	21.0	166.5	261.0	56.8	559.4	899.8	60.9
Dytiki Ellada	882	1,249	41.6	135.5	229.4	69.3	589.4	908.9	54.2
Stereia Ellada	744	1,046	40.6	156.3	245.0	56.7	940.9	1,461.9	55.4
Peloponnisos	1,097	1,408	28.4	172.2	315.7	83.4	647.5	1,567.0	142.0
Attiki	2,752	3,775	37.2	801.0	1,283.4	60.2	3,427.1	4,811.7	40.4
Voreio Aigaio	307	441	43.6	38.8	64.5	66.4	143.3	254.8	77.8
Notio Aigaio	1,368	1,529	11.8	233.5	357.1	53.0	766.6	1,174.5	53.2
Kriti	1,316	1,474	12.0	238.9	428.7	79.4	905.0	1,598.2	76.6
Greece, Total	13,685	17,353	26.8	2,892.4	4,642.4	60.5	12,486.3	19,430.0	55.6

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

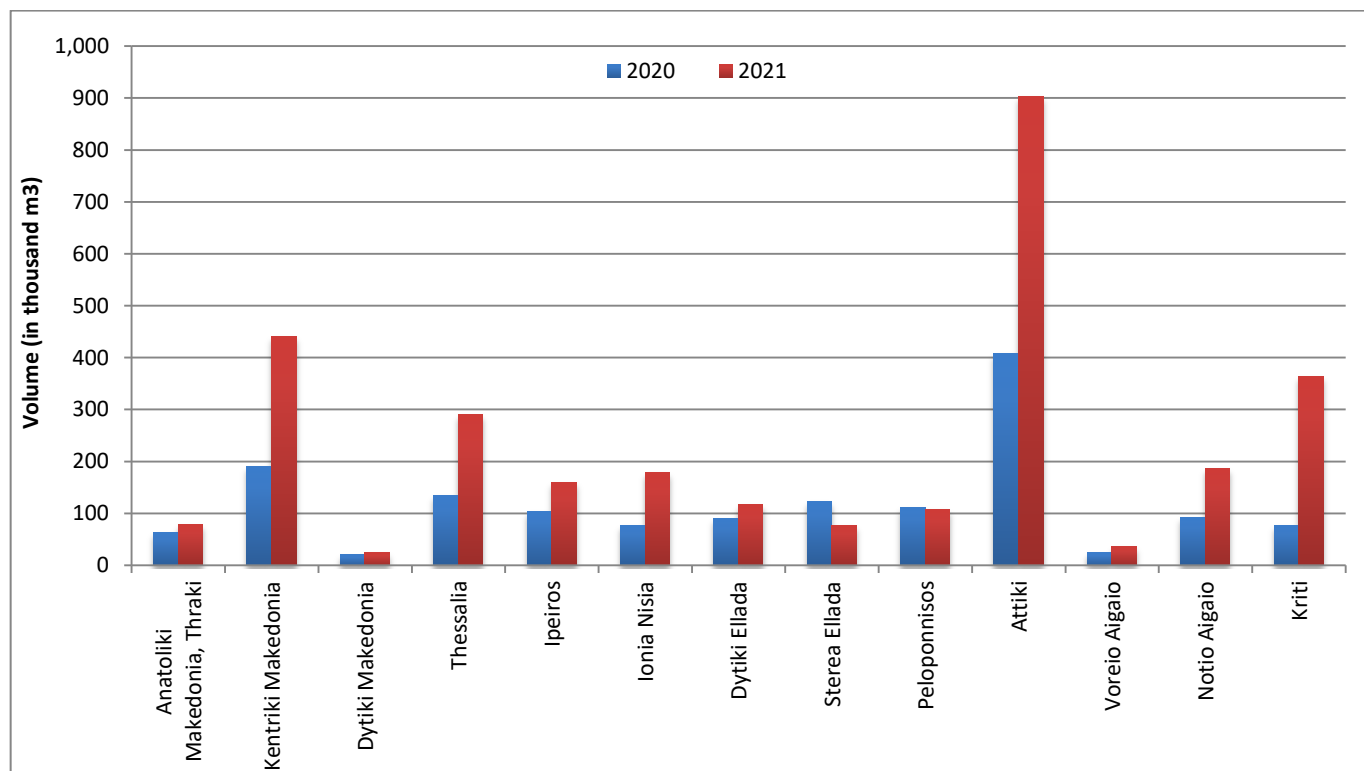
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – September		Change (%)	January – September		Change (%)	January – September		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	707	930	31.5	144.4	250.5	73.4	529.1	1,101.8	108.2
Kentriki Makedonia	2,014	2,346	16.5	445.1	620.8	39.5	2,189.0	2,900.5	32.5
Dytiki Makedonia	185	204	10.3	38.4	56.2	46.6	198.8	247.8	24.7
Thessalia	847	1,088	28.5	196.4	286.8	46.0	1,019.1	1,403.7	37.7
Ipeiros	494	690	39.7	117.2	223.3	90.5	530.5	973.6	83.5
Ionia Nisia	932	1,127	20.9	166.5	255.4	53.4	559.4	883.9	58.0
Dytiki Ellada	865	1,240	43.4	132.3	229.1	73.2	575.6	908.3	57.8
Stereia Ellada	737	1,036	40.6	154.5	242.7	57.1	934.0	1,445.2	54.7
Peloponnisos	1,090	1,391	27.6	170.6	273.8	60.5	641.6	1,193.1	86.0
Attiki	2,735	3,748	37.0	793.5	1,276.1	60.8	3,392.5	4,779.8	40.9
Voreio Aigaio	304	439	44.4	38.5	64.5	67.6	142.0	254.4	79.2
Notio Aigaio	1,355	1,524	12.5	230.2	356.8	55.0	754.6	1,173.1	55.5
Kriti	1,303	1,459	12.0	235.3	422.7	79.7	883.7	1,570.3	77.7
Greece, Total	13,568	17,222	26.9	2,862.9	4,558.7	59.2	12,349.9	18,835.4	52.5

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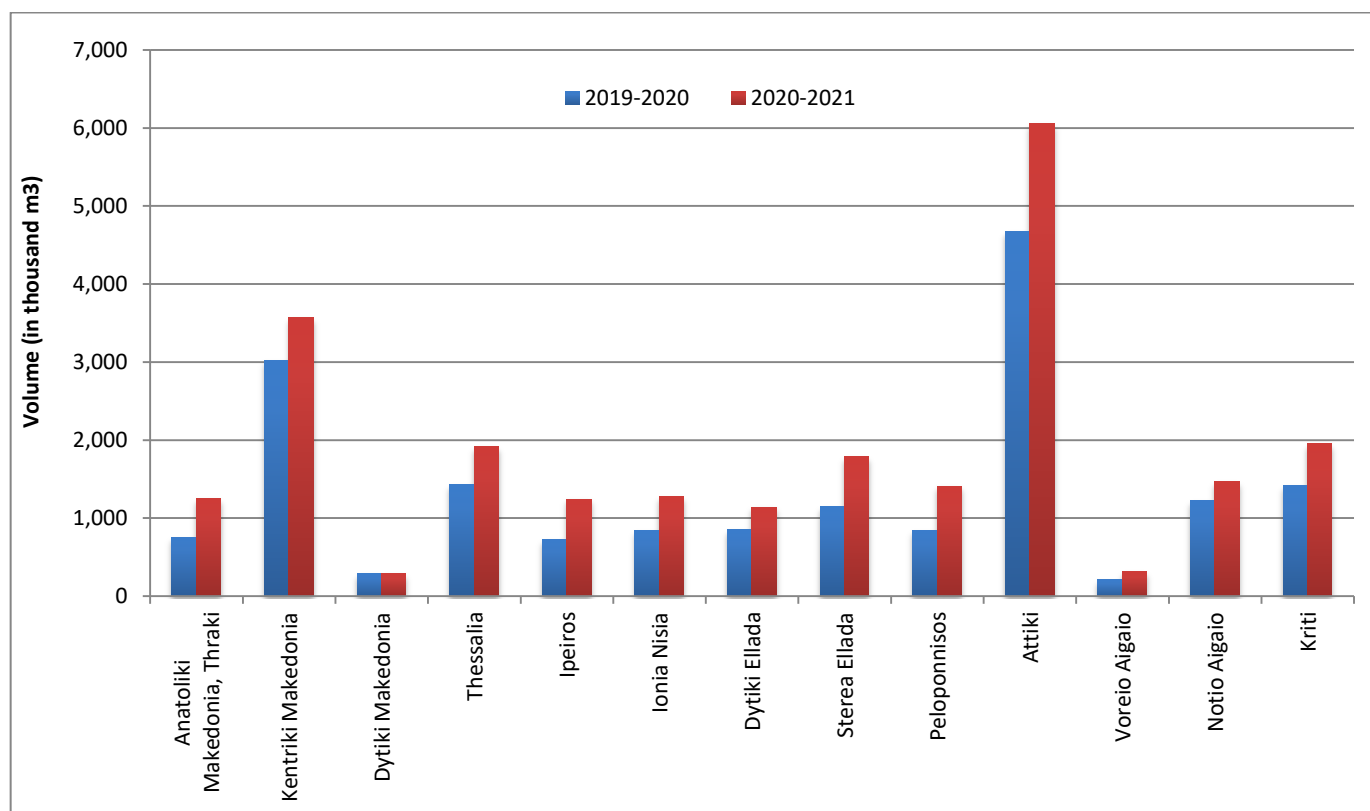
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), September 2020 and 2021*



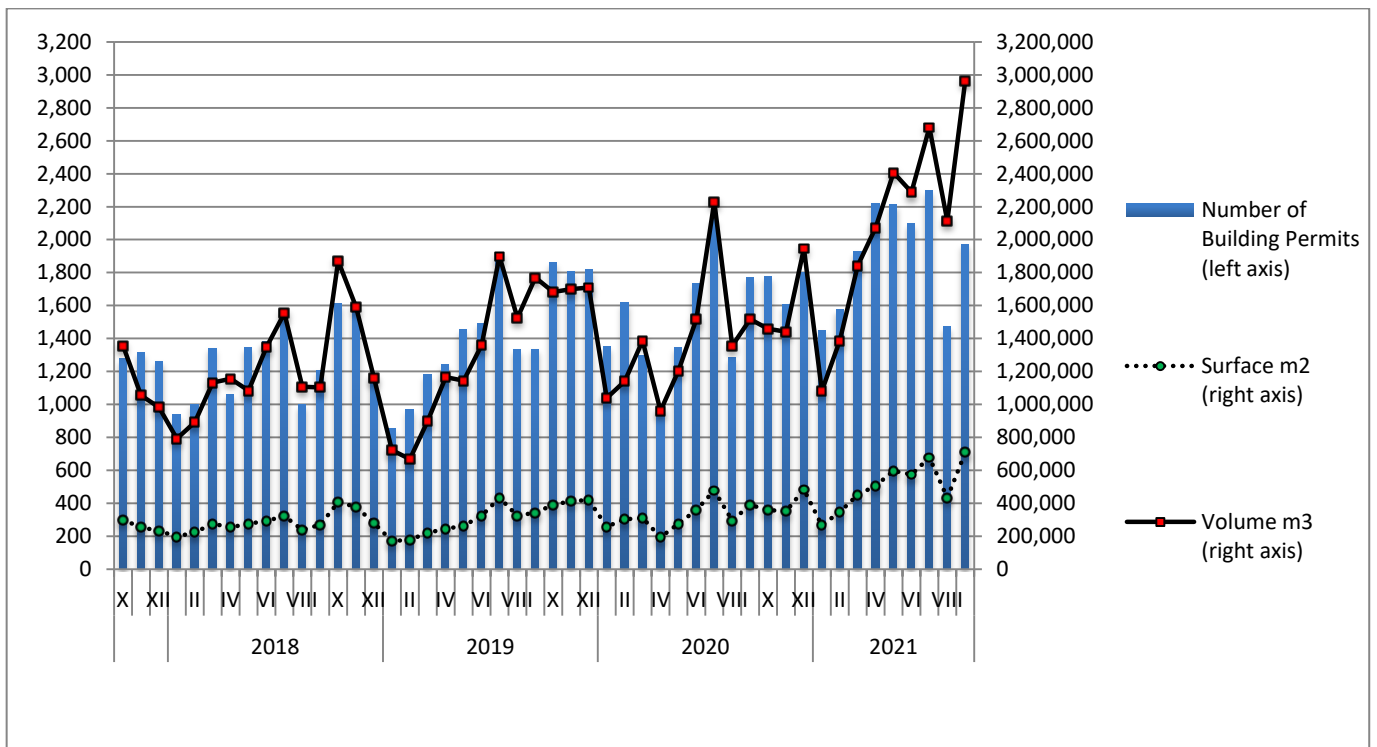
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), October 2019 – September 2020 and October 2020 – September 2021*



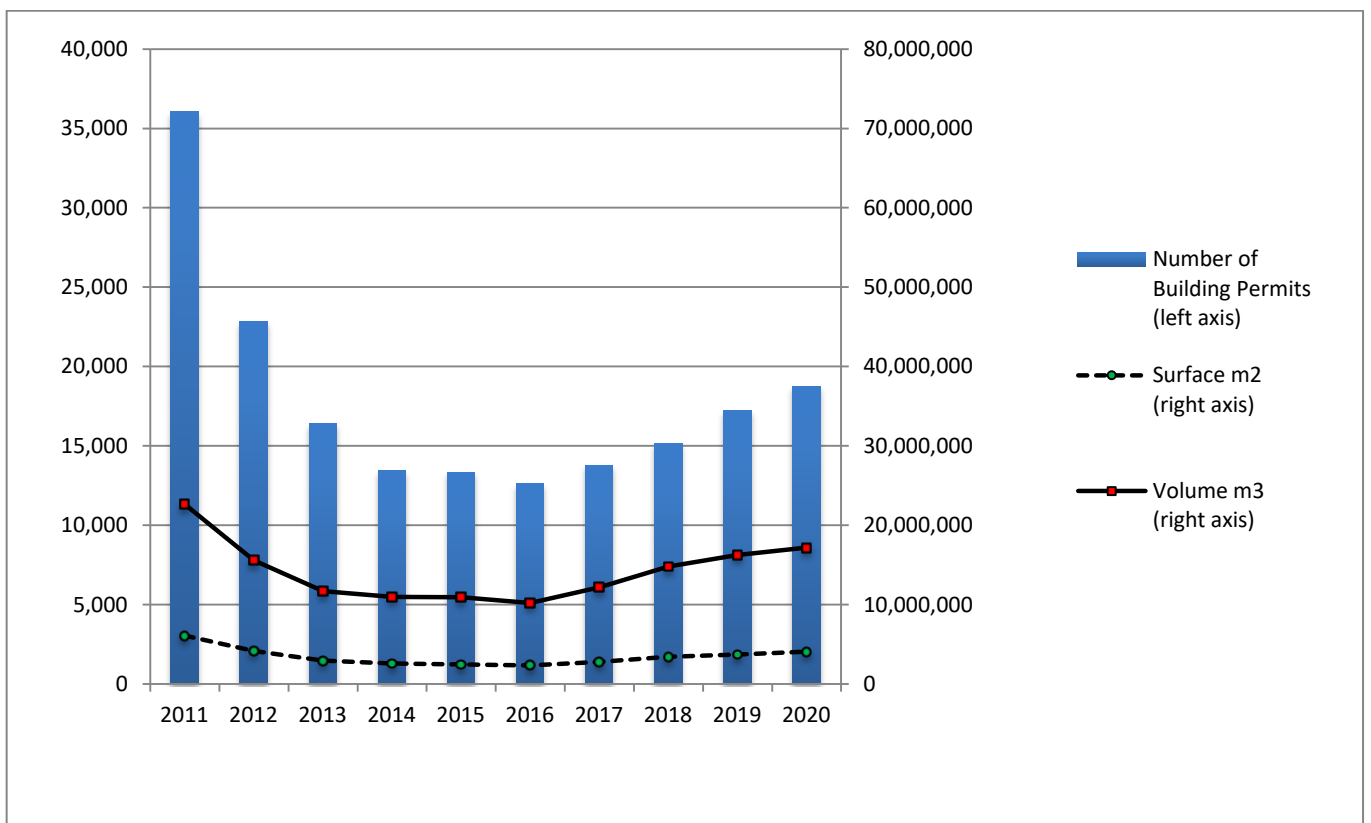
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (October 2017 – September 2021*)



*Provisional data for September 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.

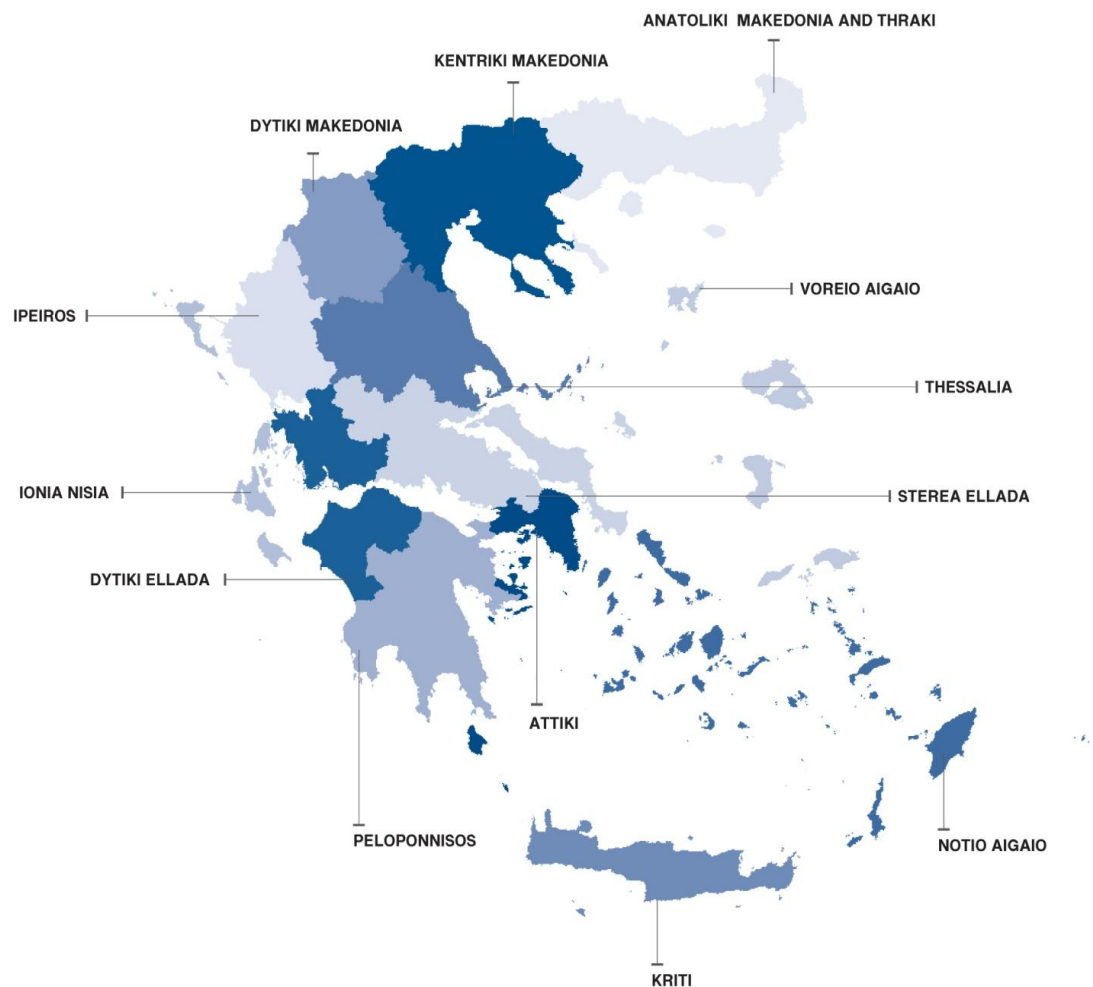
Legal Framework The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EC) No 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) No 1158/2005 and Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics,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



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>