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Building Activity Survey: August 2019

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month August 2019, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in August 2019 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,300. This figure corresponds to 325.2 thousand m² of surface and 1,530.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 27.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 29.6% increase in surface and a 33.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2018 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2019 amounted to 1,295. This figure corresponds to 324.3 thousand m² of surface and 1,526.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2018 there is a 28.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 35.3% increase in surface and a 37.8% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2019 amounted to 5. This figure corresponds to 0.9 thousand m² of surface and 4.2 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.3% of the total building volume in August 2019.
- In the last twelve months, from September 2018 until August 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 16,058. This figure corresponds to 3,584.4 thousand m² of surface and 15,689.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from September 2017 until August 2018, there is a 9.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 12.2% increase in surface and a 12.1% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from September 2018 until August 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 13.8% increase in surface and a 13.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2017 to August 2018 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.7% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - August 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 7.4% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 2.4% increase in surface and a 2.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 5). During the same period, January - August 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 3.9% increase in surface and a 3.5% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - August 2018 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	37	62	67.6	11.6	15.3	31.5	63.7	59.0	-7.5
Kentriki Makedonia	156	168	7.7	61.9	46.0	-25.7	332.2	273.9	-17.6
Dytiki Makedonia	11	27	145.5	1.8	6.8	277.9	6.6	50.1	655.0
Thessalia	75	79	5.3	15.9	32.9	107.3	79.1	161.8	104.5
Ipeiros	36	53	47.2	5.6	11.7	111.1	19.0	52.6	176.6
Ionioi Nisoi	81	80	-1.2	16.0	23.9	49.8	57.0	75.7	32.8
Dytiki Ellada	97	105	8.2	13.2	11.1	-16.3	45.9	37.4	-18.5
Stereia Ellada	90	77	-14.4	22.2	19.5	-11.9	130.4	148.8	14.1
Peloponnisos	93	109	17.2	20.1	21.1	4.9	63.5	79.3	24.9
Attiki	122	215	76.2	27.9	64.6	131.1	122.7	328.9	168.1
Voreio Aigaio	32	46	43.8	3.1	6.3	100.3	12.5	29.5	136.0
Notio Aigaio	90	149	65.6	24.0	32.1	33.6	87.6	120.9	37.9
Kriti	104	130	25.0	27.5	33.8	22.7	122.8	113.0	-7.9
Greece, Total	1,024	1,300	27.0	250.9	325.2	29.6	1,143.2	1,530.9	33.9

*Provisional data for August 2019

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.

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	36	60	66.7	11.6	14.6	25.9	63.7	55.5	-12.8
Kentriki Makedonia	156	167	7.1	61.9	45.8	-26.1	332.2	273.2	-17.8
Dytiki Makedonia	10	27	170.0	1.6	6.8	340.3	5.6	50.1	800.8
Thessalia	74	79	6.8	15.2	32.9	116.3	78.0	161.8	107.3
Ipeiros	36	53	47.2	5.6	11.7	111.1	19.0	52.6	176.6
Ionioi Nisoi	81	80	-1.2	16.0	23.9	49.8	57.0	75.7	32.8
Dytiki Ellada	97	105	8.2	13.2	11.1	-16.3	45.9	37.4	-18.5
Stereia Ellada	89	77	-13.5	22.1	19.5	-11.7	130.2	148.8	14.3
Peloponnisos	88	109	23.9	13.0	21.1	62.9	44.0	79.3	80.2
Attiki	120	215	79.2	27.7	64.6	132.7	121.8	328.9	169.9
Voreio Aigaio	32	46	43.8	3.1	6.3	100.3	12.5	29.5	136.0
Notio Aigaio	87	148	70.1	21.4	32.1	50.2	76.2	120.9	58.6
Kriti	103	129	25.2	27.2	33.8	24.2	121.8	113.0	-7.2
Greece, Total	1,009	1,295	28.3	239.6	324.3	35.3	1,108.0	1,526.7	37.8

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2017 – August 2018 and September 2018 – August 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	458	710	55.0	110.2	149.7	35.9	444.7	612.8	37.8
Kentriki Makedonia	2,098	2,358	12.4	508.9	564.1	10.9	2,770.8	2,984.4	7.7
Dytiki Makedonia	258	230	-10.9	56.9	80.5	41.6	244.4	516.9	111.6
Thessalia	844	937	11.0	211.7	224.1	5.9	1,080.6	1,143.8	5.9
Ipeiros	510	555	8.8	137.9	178.8	29.7	672.0	733.1	9.1
Ionioi Nisoi	914	1,143	25.1	238.6	224.5	-5.9	792.1	753.0	-4.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,252	1,060	-15.3	203.3	179.4	-11.8	784.0	709.2	-9.5
Stereia Ellada	1,110	902	-18.7	221.0	160.9	-27.2	1,049.4	891.6	-15.0
Peloponnisos	1,323	1,257	-5.0	268.1	204.2	-23.8	1,132.7	776.7	-31.4
Attiki	2,827	3,444	21.8	551.5	822.5	49.1	2,559.8	3,694.9	44.3
Voreio Aigaio	459	433	-5.7	52.6	57.1	8.6	193.5	221.2	14.3
Notio Aigaio	1,565	1,704	8.9	347.1	386.1	11.2	1,212.0	1,339.7	10.5
Kriti	1,103	1,325	20.1	286.0	352.5	23.3	1,061.3	1,312.0	23.6
Greece, Total	14,721	16,058	9.1	3,193.6	3,584.4	12.2	13,997.4	15,689.4	12.1

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2017 – August 2018 and September 2018 – August 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	454	708	55.9	103.9	149.0	43.4	406.4	609.4	49.9
Kentriki Makedonia	2,064	2,337	13.2	484.1	549.0	13.4	2,651.4	2,842.2	7.2
Dytiki Makedonia	253	227	-10.3	54.7	66.4	21.5	235.7	364.7	54.7
Thessalia	833	926	11.2	207.1	218.0	5.3	1,061.2	1,115.7	5.1
Ipeiros	504	551	9.3	120.1	177.6	47.9	489.5	728.7	48.8
Ionioi Nisoi	913	1,142	25.1	237.9	224.3	-5.7	790.4	751.6	-4.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,247	1,051	-15.7	196.1	157.2	-19.8	753.9	609.0	-19.2
Stereia Ellada	1,098	898	-18.2	194.9	159.5	-18.2	914.8	886.7	-3.1
Peloponnisos	1,309	1,238	-5.4	255.6	194.8	-23.8	1,090.8	732.1	-32.9
Attiki	2,810	3,428	22.0	541.1	813.3	50.3	2,501.7	3,653.7	46.0
Voreio Aigaio	451	425	-5.8	50.8	56.0	10.1	186.7	214.9	15.1
Notio Aigaio	1,553	1,698	9.3	339.6	385.4	13.5	1,167.0	1,337.4	14.6
Kriti	1,091	1,311	20.2	280.5	338.1	20.5	1,040.3	1,258.9	21.0
Greece, Total	14,580	15,940	9.3	3,066.5	3,488.6	13.8	13,289.9	15,105.1	13.7

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – August 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	287	514	79.1	66.6	112.1	68.2	263.5	462.3	75.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,390	1,529	10.0	352.5	344.1	-2.4	1,826.0	1,840.0	0.8
Dytiki Makedonia	159	143	-10.1	35.9	43.6	21.6	155.5	252.4	62.3
Thessalia	568	628	10.6	152.0	150.0	-1.3	833.3	813.5	-2.4
Ipeiros	343	350	2.0	86.2	106.5	23.5	354.0	463.8	31.0
Ionioi Nisoi	629	759	20.7	169.3	120.9	-28.6	567.3	394.0	-30.5
Dytiki Ellada	797	624	-21.7	123.3	109.7	-11.0	468.4	452.5	-3.4
Stereia Ellada	709	557	-21.4	161.8	89.8	-44.5	794.0	526.1	-33.7
Peloponnisos	905	813	-10.2	162.2	119.5	-26.3	655.8	457.7	-30.2
Attiki	1,932	2,285	18.3	408.6	534.7	30.9	1,967.4	2,222.2	12.9
Voreio Aigaio	286	273	-4.5	31.1	35.5	14.1	114.5	140.8	23.0
Notio Aigaio	957	1,048	9.5	210.6	219.9	4.5	700.0	777.8	11.1
Kriti	742	897	20.9	189.3	214.9	13.5	699.1	837.2	19.8
Greece, Total	9,704	10,420	7.4	2,149.4	2,201.2	2.4	9,398.8	9,640.3	2.6

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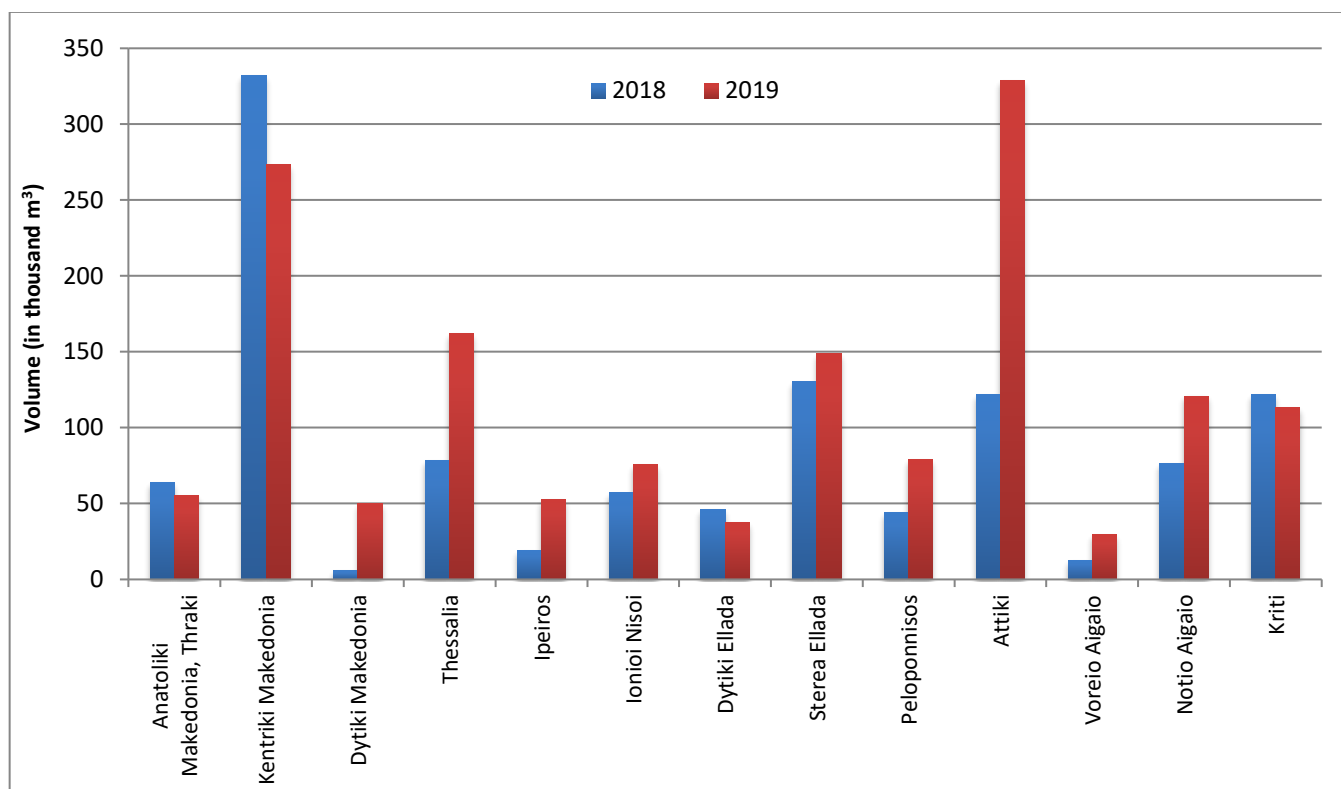
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – August 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	286	512	79.0	66.6	111.4	67.2	263.4	458.9	74.2
Kentriki Makedonia	1,369	1,521	11.1	340.0	330.5	-2.8	1,758.4	1,704.2	-3.1
Dytiki Makedonia	157	142	-9.6	35.0	43.6	24.6	151.5	252.4	66.6
Thessalia	560	626	11.8	150.0	149.5	-0.4	826.4	811.6	-1.8
Ipeiros	340	347	2.1	85.8	105.4	22.8	352.7	459.5	30.3
Ionioi Nisoi	628	759	20.9	168.6	120.9	-28.3	565.6	394.0	-30.3
Dytiki Ellada	793	621	-21.7	116.2	96.0	-17.4	438.3	398.1	-9.2
Stereia Ellada	699	557	-20.3	140.1	89.8	-35.9	682.0	526.1	-22.9
Peloponnisos	897	803	-10.5	154.1	116.1	-24.7	630.5	440.9	-30.1
Attiki	1,917	2,276	18.7	400.8	530.0	32.2	1,922.3	2,201.7	14.5
Voreio Aigaio	281	272	-3.2	29.5	35.5	20.2	108.4	140.8	30.0
Notio Aigaio	948	1,045	10.2	204.8	219.7	7.3	675.3	777.0	15.1
Kriti	735	889	21.0	186.6	210.0	12.5	690.7	818.7	18.5
Greece, Total	9,610	10,370	7.9	2,078.3	2,158.3	3.9	9,065.5	9,383.9	3.5

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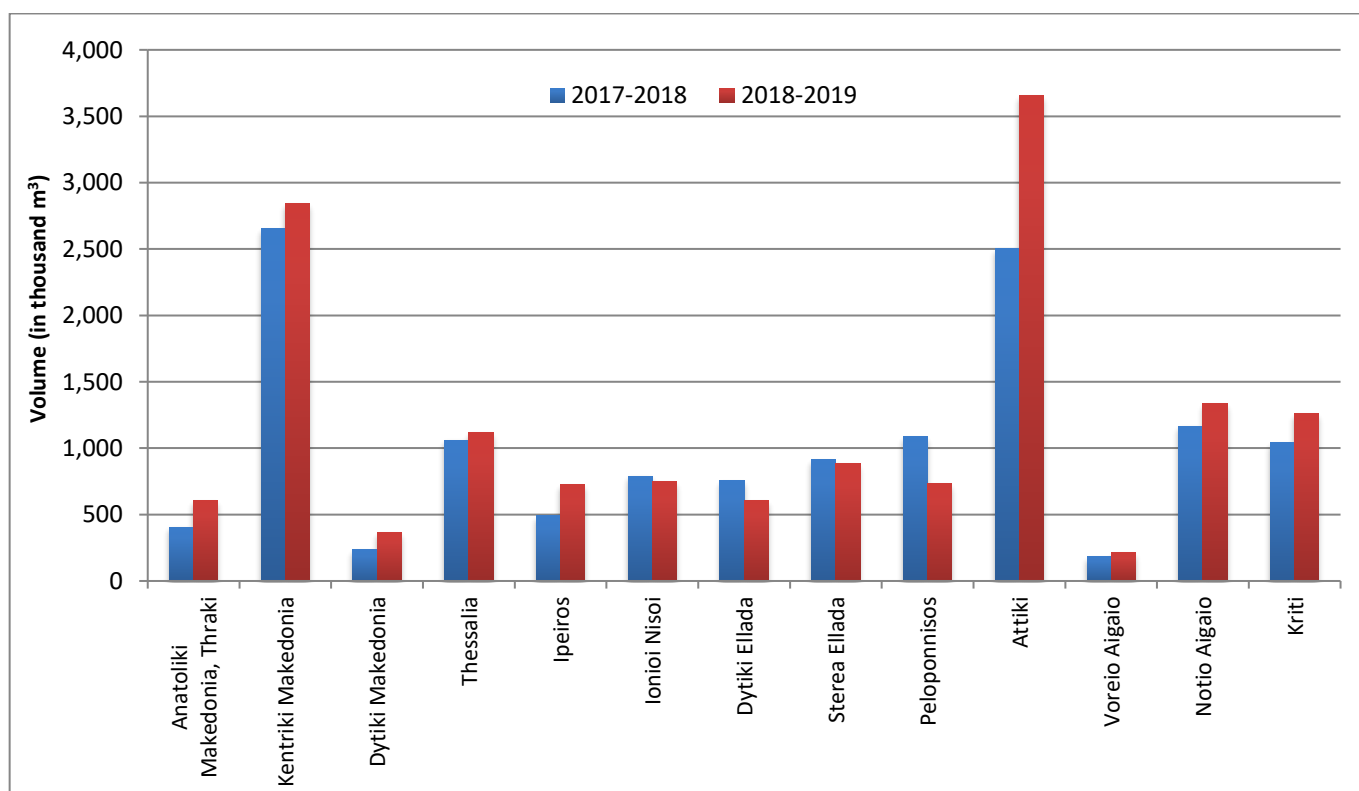
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), August 2018 and 2019*



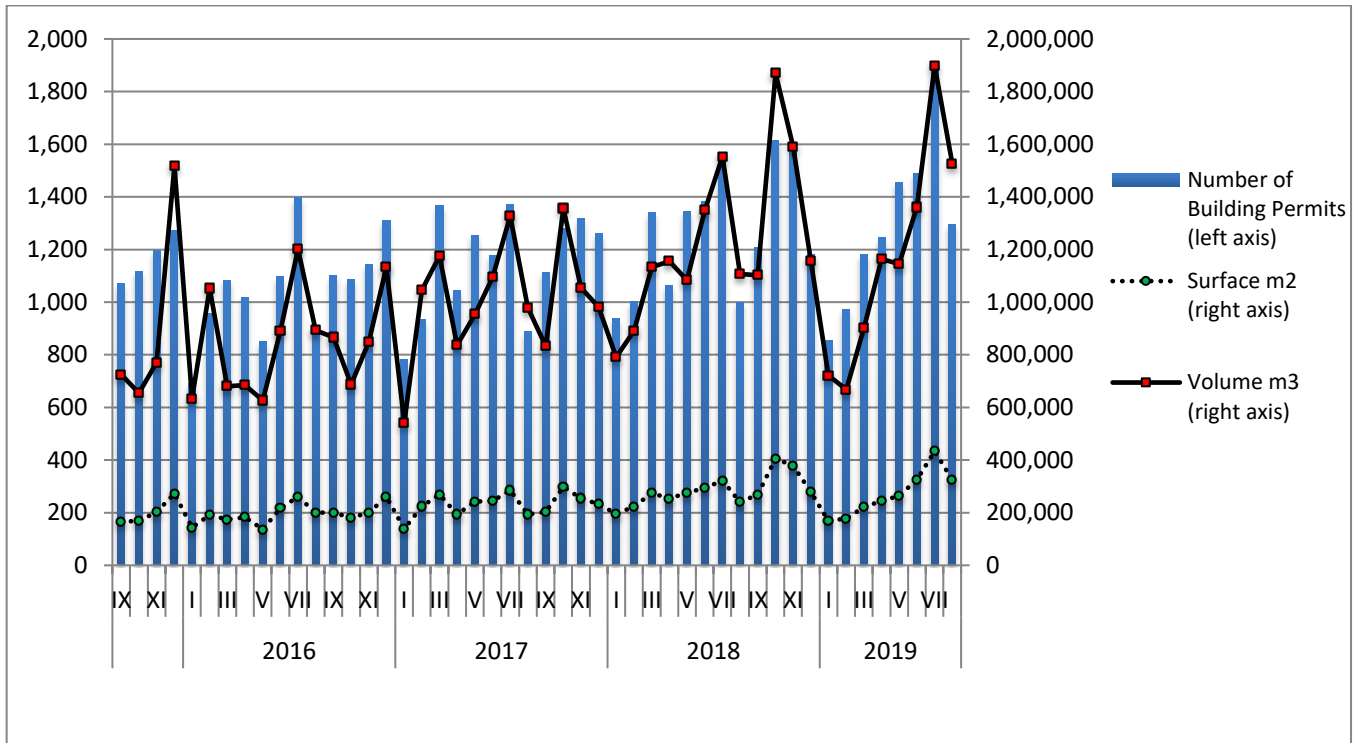
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), September 2017 – August 2018 and September 2018 – August 2019*



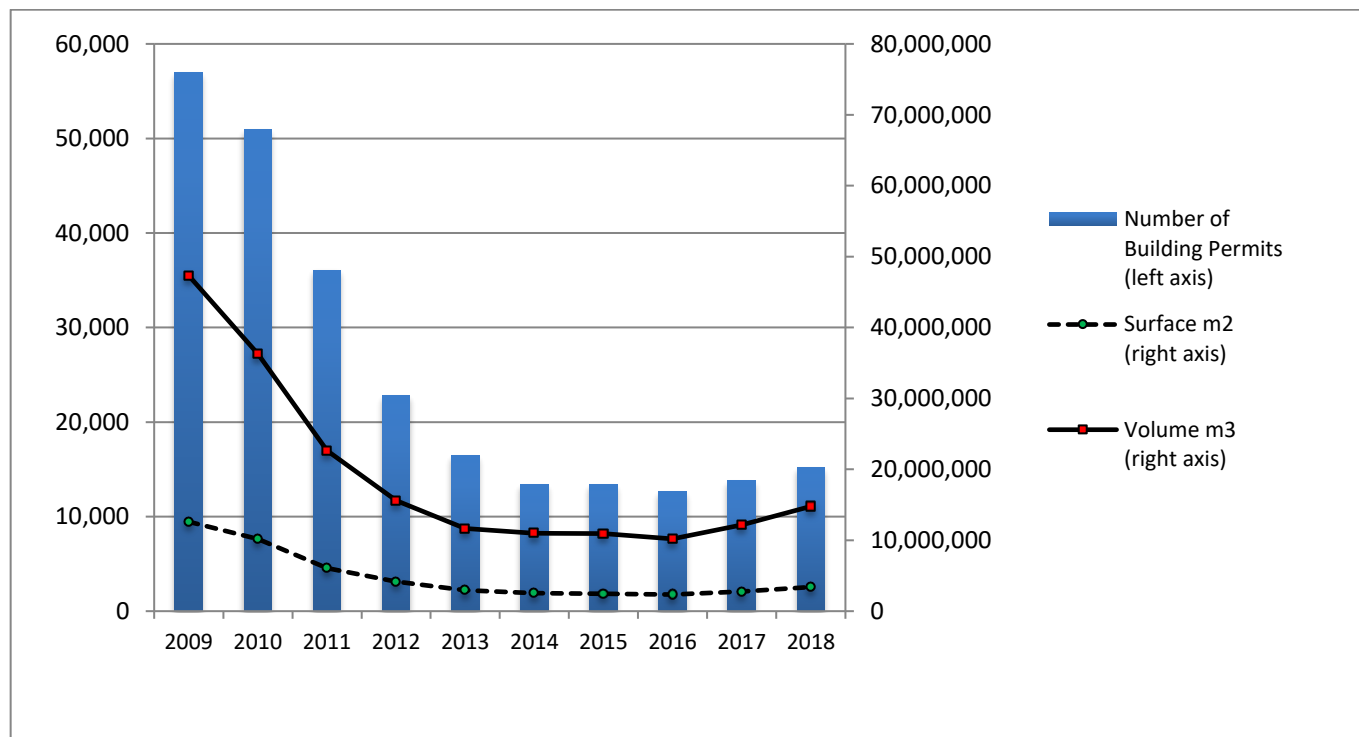
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (September 2015 – August 2019*)



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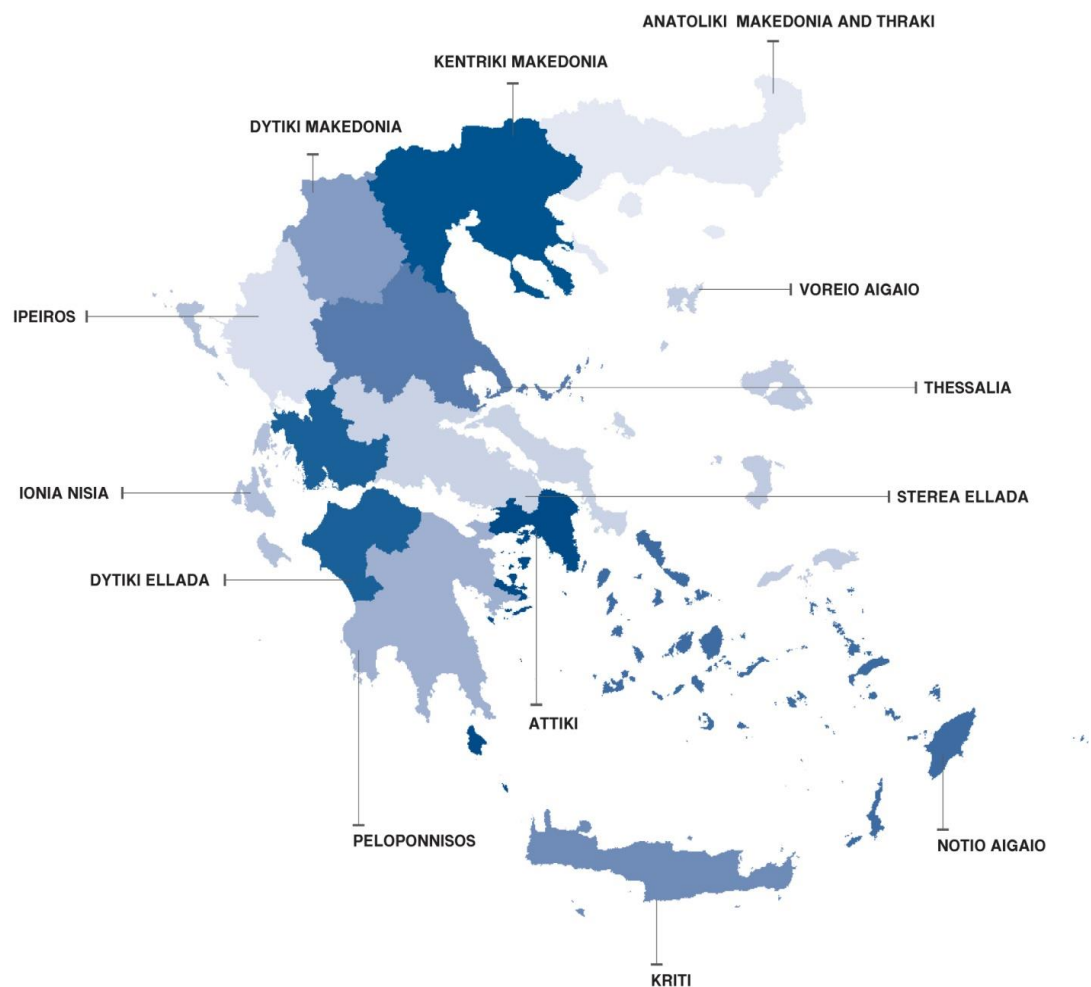
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2009 - 2018)



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) 1158/2005.
Reference Period	August 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019
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 **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.

The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".

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.

New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.

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.

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.

Surface of new-built property is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.

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/->