

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: September 2020

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month September 2020, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in September 2020 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,732. This figure corresponds to 394.3 thousand m² of surface and 1,544.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 29.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 13.3% increase in surface and a 13.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2019 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2020 amounted to 1,719. This figure corresponds to 390.0 thousand m² of surface and 1,519.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2019 there is a 28.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 13.6% increase in surface and a 14.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2020 amounted to 13. This figure corresponds to 4.3 thousand m² of surface and 24.9 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.6% of the total building volume in September 2020.
- In the last twelve months, from October 2019 until September 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 19,142. This figure corresponds to 4,125.5 thousand m² of surface and 17,616.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from October 2018 until September 2019, there is an 18.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 12.7% increase in surface and a 7.6% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from October 2019 until September 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 18.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.7% increase in surface and a 10.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from October 2018 to September 2019 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.0% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - September 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 15.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 13.5% increase in surface and a 9.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2019 (Table 5). During the same period, January - September 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 15.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.5% increase in surface and a 10.8% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - September 2019 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2019 and 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	94	97	3.2	23.8	17.9	-24.5	84.3	63.8	-24.4
Kentriki Makedonia	198	235	18.7	46.3	48.3	4.3	284.6	190.8	-32.9
Dytiki Makedonia	20	30	50.0	1.1	7.6	582.7	4.4	28.7	557.0
Thessalia	90	113	25.6	13.0	26.2	102.1	46.5	133.8	187.7
Ipeiros	39	75	92.3	7.4	23.4	218.5	23.7	104.4	341.3
Ionia Nisia	68	105	54.4	11.9	25.1	110.6	37.1	77.4	108.4
Dytiki Ellada	103	129	25.2	18.7	22.2	18.8	64.9	90.5	39.4
Stereia Ellada	70	91	30.0	8.3	22.8	174.5	29.1	123.3	323.1
Peloponnisos	114	161	41.2	19.8	32.6	64.4	110.3	113.4	2.8
Attiki	250	351	40.4	123.2	108.8	-11.7	834.0	407.7	-51.1
Voreio Aigaio	27	37	37.0	3.0	6.5	114.4	10.7	24.4	128.6
Notio Aigaio	141	160	13.5	33.1	27.7	-16.2	120.0	93.0	-22.5
Kriti	129	148	14.7	38.5	25.2	-34.4	145.2	93.6	-35.6
Greece, Total	1,343	1,732	29.0	347.9	394.3	13.3	1,794.8	1,544.7	-13.9

*Provisional data for September 2020.

- 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.

- Any delineation that may occur either between the sum of sub totals and the totals or in the change rates, is due to rounding.

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2019 and 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	93	97	4.3	23.8	17.9	-24.5	84.3	63.8	-24.4
Kentriki Makedonia	197	232	17.8	46.3	48.1	4.0	284.6	189.9	-33.3
Dytiki Makedonia	20	29	45.0	1.1	5.6	404.5	4.4	20.8	376.5
Thessalia	88	113	28.4	11.4	26.2	129.7	38.6	133.8	246.6
Ipeiros	39	75	92.3	7.4	23.4	218.5	23.7	104.4	341.3
Ionia Nisia	68	105	54.4	11.9	25.1	110.6	37.1	77.4	108.4
Dytiki Ellada	103	127	23.3	18.7	22.1	18.3	64.9	90.2	39.0
Stereia Ellada	70	91	30.0	8.3	22.8	174.5	29.1	123.3	323.1
Peloponnisos	114	159	39.5	19.8	32.4	63.3	110.3	112.5	2.0
Attiki	247	351	42.1	120.0	108.8	-9.3	816.3	407.7	-50.1
Voreio Aigaio	27	37	37.0	3.0	6.5	114.4	10.7	24.4	128.6
Notio Aigaio	141	158	12.1	33.1	27.6	-16.4	120.0	92.8	-22.7
Kriti	129	145	12.4	38.5	23.5	-39.0	145.2	78.8	-45.7
Greece, Total	1,336	1,719	28.7	343.2	390.0	13.6	1,769.2	1,519.7	-14.1

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), October 2018 – September 2019 and October 2019 – September 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October – September		Change (%)	October – September		Change (%)	October – September		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	759	1,009	32.9	162.5	210.9	29.8	639.8	764.4	19.5
Kentriki Makedonia	2,370	2,862	20.8	568.3	611.1	7.5	3,065.9	3,035.1	-1.0
Dytiki Makedonia	224	248	10.7	74.2	61.1	-17.7	492.0	322.7	-34.4
Thessalia	966	1,168	20.9	223.1	278.9	25.0	1,120.2	1,445.2	29.0
Ipeiros	545	696	27.7	169.4	168.1	-0.8	691.1	729.7	5.6
Ionia Nisia	1,133	1,342	18.4	215.6	254.1	17.9	713.0	847.0	18.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,061	1,223	15.3	180.3	197.5	9.5	709.1	865.1	22.0
Stereia Ellada	881	1,034	17.4	145.8	205.4	40.9	787.8	1,160.6	47.3
Peloponnisos	1,264	1,490	17.9	208.5	225.0	7.9	829.5	853.2	2.9
Attiki	3,481	3,860	10.9	904.9	1,107.9	22.4	4,374.5	4,709.0	7.6
Voreio Aigaio	420	439	4.5	52.9	58.7	10.9	211.8	209.7	-1.0
Notio Aigaio	1,734	1,931	11.4	395.3	366.1	-7.4	1,375.2	1,236.2	-10.1
Kriti	1,382	1,840	33.1	361.0	380.8	5.5	1,361.7	1,438.2	5.6
Greece, Total	16,220	19,142	18.0	3,661.7	4,125.5	12.7	16,371.5	17,616.1	7.6

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), October 2018 – September 2019 and October 2019 – September 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October – September		Change (%)	October – September		Change (%)	October – September		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	756	1,001	32.4	161.8	209.6	29.5	636.3	756.9	18.9
Kentriki Makedonia	2,349	2,845	21.1	553.2	608.9	10.1	2,923.7	3,022.2	3.4
Dytiki Makedonia	221	244	10.4	60.1	54.2	-9.8	339.8	290.8	-14.4
Thessalia	954	1,152	20.8	215.5	274.3	27.3	1,084.2	1,430.6	31.9
Ipeiros	541	691	27.7	168.2	167.3	-0.6	686.7	726.8	5.8
Ionia Nisia	1,132	1,342	18.6	215.5	254.1	17.9	711.7	847.0	19.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,052	1,206	14.6	158.1	194.3	22.9	608.9	851.2	39.8
Stereia Ellada	877	1,025	16.9	144.3	203.3	40.9	782.9	1,152.8	47.2
Peloponnisos	1,247	1,482	18.8	200.5	223.4	11.5	792.6	847.2	6.9
Attiki	3,464	3,837	10.8	892.9	1,099.1	23.1	4,316.4	4,667.8	8.1
Voreio Aigaio	414	436	5.3	51.8	58.4	12.7	205.5	208.3	1.4
Notio Aigaio	1,729	1,918	10.9	394.6	362.9	-8.0	1,372.9	1,224.3	-10.8
Kriti	1,370	1,824	33.1	346.6	377.0	8.8	1,308.5	1,416.4	8.2
Greece, Total	16,106	19,003	18.0	3,562.9	4,086.9	14.7	15,770.2	17,442.3	10.6

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – September 2019 and 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	609	709	16.4	135.8	145.0	6.8	546.6	530.2	-3.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,731	2,028	17.2	390.4	447.3	14.6	2,124.8	2,202.0	3.6
Dytiki Makedonia	163	188	15.3	44.8	42.3	-5.6	256.6	215.6	-16.0
Thessalia	724	854	18.0	162.7	199.1	22.4	860.0	1,027.5	19.5
Ipeiros	389	498	28.0	114.0	117.5	3.1	487.5	532.3	9.2
Ionia Nisia	831	931	12.0	132.8	166.5	25.3	431.3	559.3	29.7
Dytiki Ellada	728	882	21.2	128.2	135.4	5.7	517.6	589.6	13.9
Stereia Ellada	625	741	18.6	97.9	156.3	59.7	553.5	940.9	70.0
Peloponnisos	927	1,090	17.6	139.3	172.0	23.5	567.9	648.0	14.1
Attiki	2,534	2,751	8.6	658.0	800.8	21.7	3,055.8	3,427.1	12.2
Voreio Aigaio	302	307	1.7	38.5	38.8	0.7	151.5	143.3	-5.4
Notio Aigaio	1,199	1,343	12.0	253.2	234.0	-7.6	898.0	767.2	-14.6
Kriti	1,039	1,313	26.4	253.3	238.2	-6.0	982.4	906.6	-7.7
Greece, Total	11,801	13,635	15.5	2,548.7	2,893.3	13.5	11,433.4	12,489.6	9.2

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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – September 2019 and 2020*

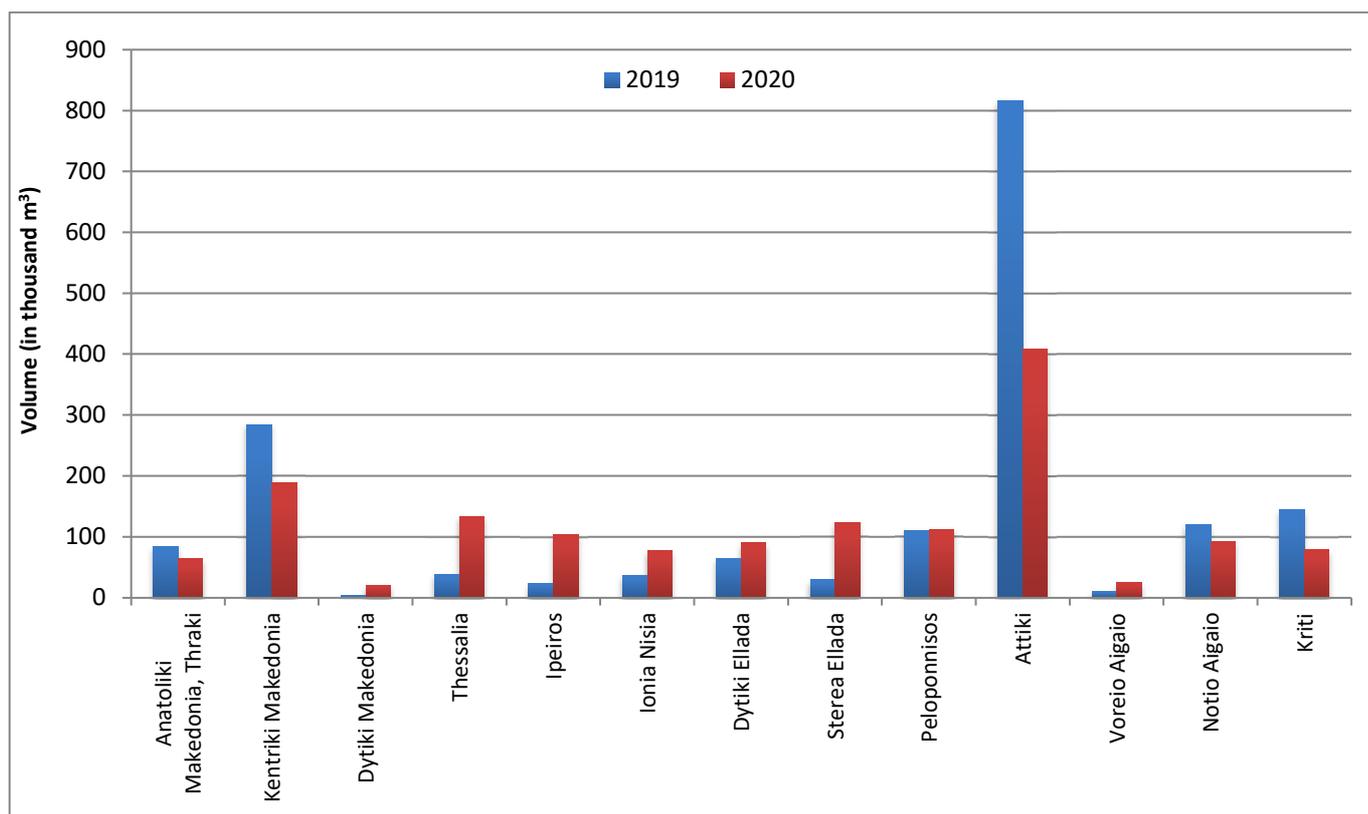
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	606	705	16.3	135.1	144.7	7.1	543.2	529.0	-2.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,722	2,012	16.8	376.8	445.2	18.2	1,988.9	2,189.1	10.1
Dytiki Makedonia	162	185	14.2	44.8	39.5	-11.6	256.6	199.2	-22.4
Thessalia	720	841	16.8	160.6	196.4	22.3	850.2	1,019.0	19.9
Ipeiros	386	494	28.0	112.9	117.1	3.7	483.2	530.5	9.8
Ionia Nisia	831	931	12.0	132.8	166.5	25.3	431.3	559.3	29.7
Dytiki Ellada	725	865	19.3	114.5	132.3	15.6	463.3	575.8	24.3
Stereia Ellada	625	734	17.4	97.9	154.5	57.8	553.5	934.0	68.7
Peloponnisos	917	1,083	18.1	135.9	170.5	25.5	551.1	642.1	16.5
Attiki	2,522	2,734	8.4	650.0	793.4	22.1	3,017.6	3,392.5	12.4
Voreio Aigaio	301	304	1.0	38.5	38.5	-0.2	151.5	142.0	-6.3
Notio Aigaio	1,196	1,330	11.2	252.9	230.7	-8.8	897.2	755.3	-15.8
Kriti	1,031	1,300	26.1	248.5	234.6	-5.6	963.9	885.3	-8.2
Greece, Total	11,744	13,518	15.1	2,501.1	2,863.8	14.5	11,151.5	12,353.2	10.8

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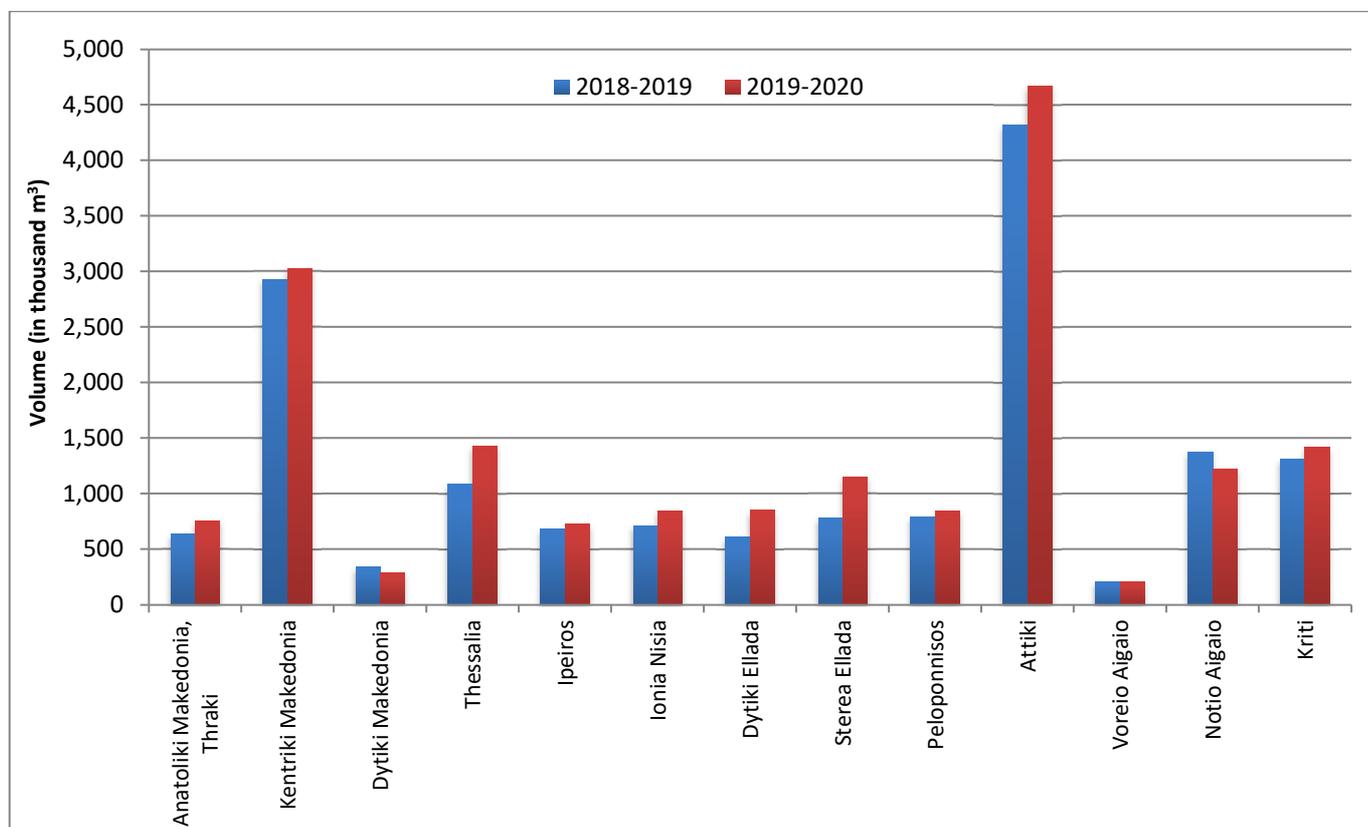
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), September 2019 and 2020*



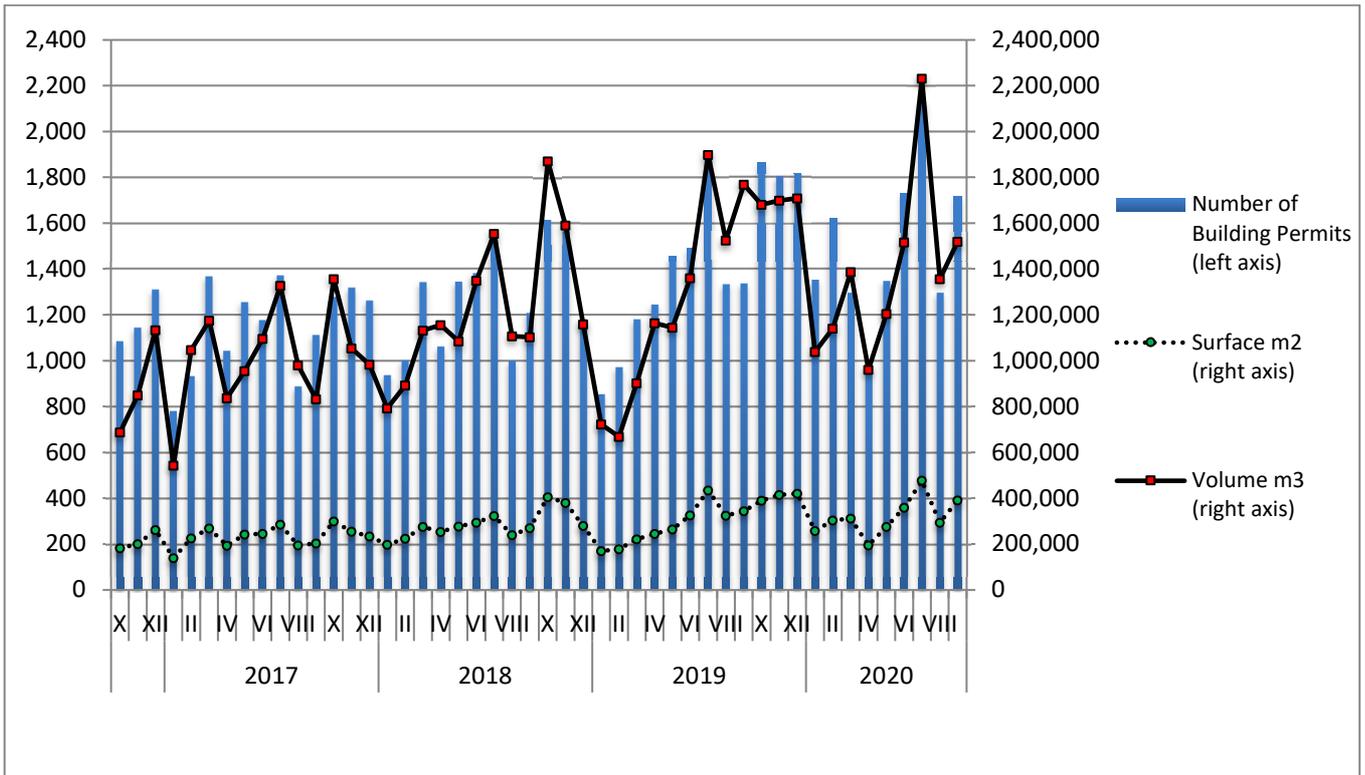
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), October 2018 – September 2019 and October 2019 – September 2020*



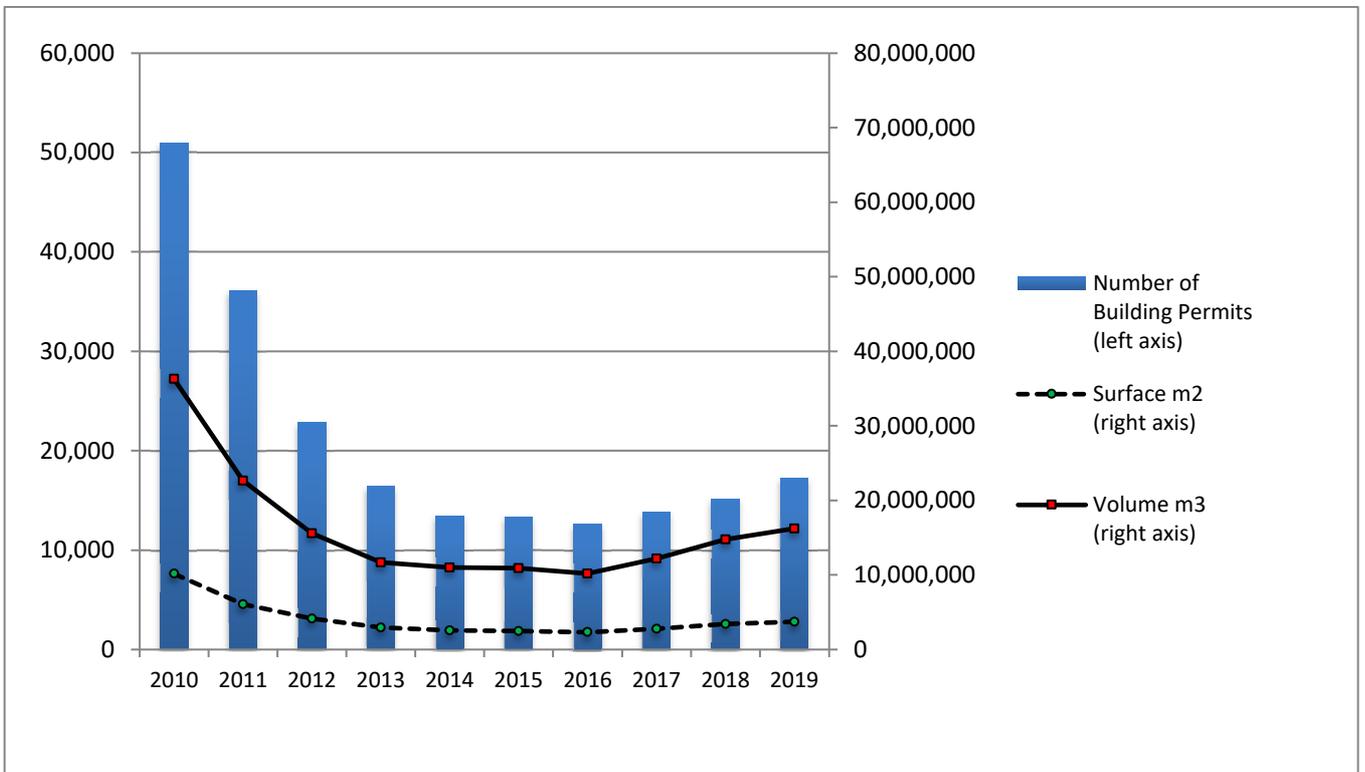
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (October 2016 – September 2020*)



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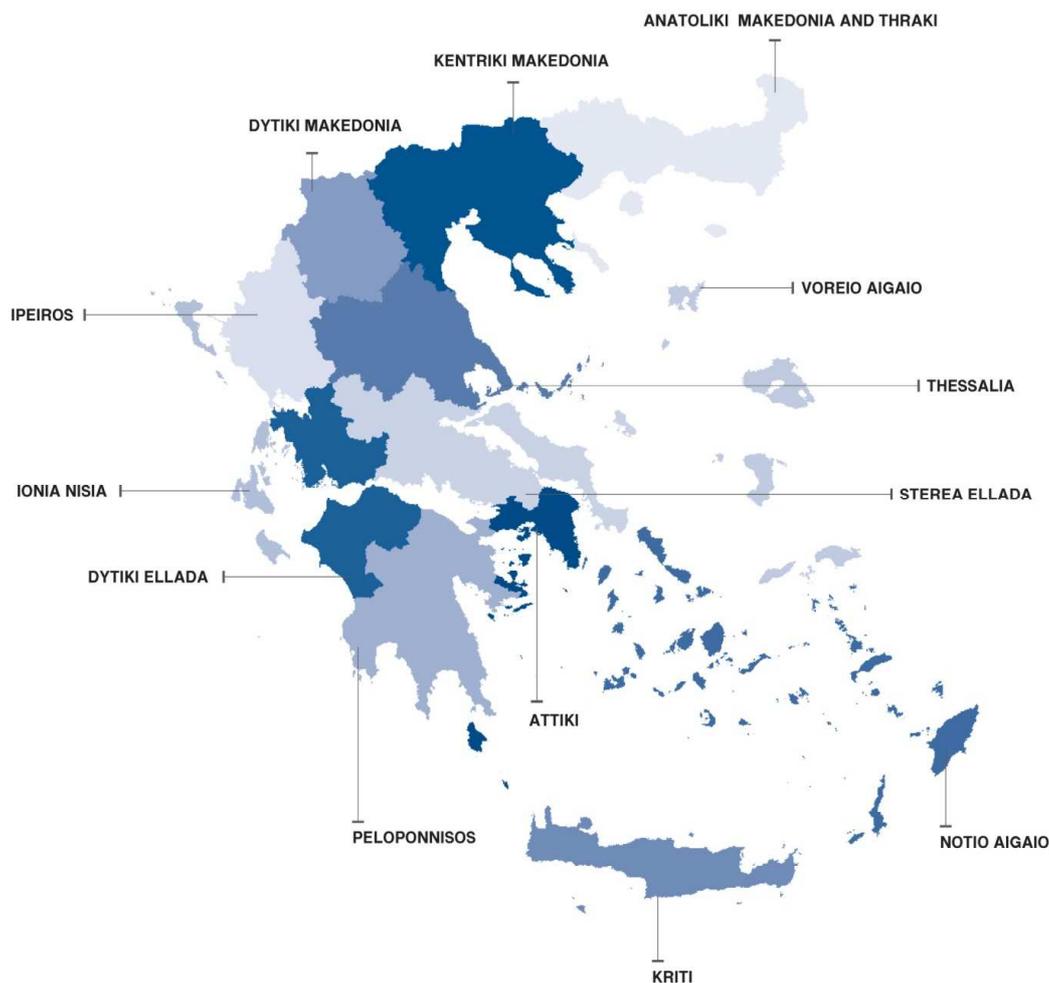
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2010 - 2019)



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.
- Reference Period** September 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.
- 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 area along with the outer side of the outer walls, as well as other auxiliary spaces.

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 More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regard to the Building Activity Survey is available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT): <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/>.