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Building Activity Survey: February 2024

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Building Activity Survey for the month February 2024. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in February 2024 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,744. This figure corresponds to 627,270 m² of surface and 2,581,030 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 77.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 70.2% increase in surface and a 72.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2023 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2024 amounted to 2,722. This figure corresponds to 613,059 m² of surface and 2,521,191 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2023 there is a 78.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 73.5% increase in surface and a 75.6% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2024 amounted to 22. This figure corresponds to 14,211 m² of surface and 59,839 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.3% of the total building volume in February 2024.

In the last twelve months, from March 2023 until February 2024, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 28,442. This figure corresponds to 6,555,179 m² of surface and 30,424,052 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from March 2022 until February 2023, there is a 12.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 17.7% increase in surface and a 20.5% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from March 2023 until February 2024, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 13.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 17.7% increase in surface and a 20.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from March 2022 to February 2023 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.3% of the total building volume.

During the period January - February 2024, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 43.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 41.3% increase in surface and a 37.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2023 (Table 5). During the same period, January - February 2024, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 44.4% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 42.7% increase in surface and a 38.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the period January - February 2023 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2023 and 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	79	134	69.6	26,763	52,311	95.5	113,587	323,998	185.2
Kentriki Makedonia	246	344	39.8	60,634	103,903	71.4	310,540	389,867	25.5
Dytiki Makedonia	17	19	11.8	2,028	4,003	97.4	7,283	23,424	221.6
Thessalia	67	145	116.4	11,198	32,074	186.4	57,446	148,222	158.0
Ipeiros	38	119	213.2	14,138	33,102	134.1	61,588	117,892	91.4
Ionia Nisia	102	260	154.9	20,827	70,778	239.8	70,136	264,939	277.8
Dytiki Ellada	99	131	32.3	13,161	25,708	95.3	53,690	108,295	101.7
Stereia Ellada	86	126	46.5	13,787	24,908	80.7	66,453	113,367	70.6
Peloponnisos	118	196	66.1	19,472	31,878	63.7	79,592	129,670	62.9
Attiki	344	583	69.5	127,142	134,854	6.1	469,460	549,973	17.2
Voreio Aigaio	32	82	156.3	4,315	7,239	67.8	17,293	26,120	51.0
Notio Aigaio	188	311	65.4	27,240	44,218	62.3	89,114	152,844	71.5
Kriti	127	294	131.5	27,906	62,294	123.2	104,376	232,419	122.7
Greece, Total	1,543	2,744	77.8	368,611	627,270	70.2	1,500,558	2,581,030	72.0

It should be noted that the increase or decrease in the number of the issued building permits does not imply, necessity, an increase or decrease in 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), February 2023 and 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	76	132	73.7	24,887	51,358	106.4	108,143	320,333	196.2
Kentriki Makedonia	243	340	39.9	59,394	101,558	71.0	306,405	380,371	24.1
Dytiki Makedonia	17	18	5.9	2,028	3,623	78.6	7,283	21,844	199.9
Thessalia	65	144	121.5	10,827	32,056	196.1	54,737	148,154	170.7
Ipeiros	38	118	210.5	14,138	30,526	115.9	61,588	108,293	75.8
Ionia Nisia	100	257	157.0	20,827	70,778	239.8	70,136	264,939	277.8
Dytiki Ellada	98	128	30.6	13,161	23,565	79.1	53,690	99,703	85.7
Stereia Ellada	84	125	48.8	13,787	22,316	61.9	66,453	102,041	53.6
Peloponnisos	117	196	67.5	14,917	31,878	113.7	56,775	129,670	128.4
Attiki	338	579	71.3	119,994	132,010	10.0	440,022	535,890	21.8
Voreio Aigaio	32	80	150.0	4,315	6,879	59.4	17,293	24,690	42.8
Notio Aigaio	188	311	65.4	27,240	44,218	62.3	89,114	152,844	71.5
Kriti	126	294	133.3	27,906	62,294	123.2	104,376	232,419	122.7
Greece, Total	1,522	2,722	78.8	353,421	613,059	73.5	1,436,015	2,521,191	75.6

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2022 - February 2023 and March 2023 - February 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,280	1,407	9.9	385,726	358,419	-7.1	1,988,829	1,743,263	-12.3
Kentriki Makedonia	3,474	3,914	12.7	844,892	1,061,803	25.7	4,147,690	5,592,730	34.8
Dytiki Makedonia	347	314	-9.5	56,096	73,363	30.8	280,475	418,153	49.1
Thessalia	1,535	1,647	7.3	327,165	381,241	16.5	1,526,098	1,951,501	27.9
Ipeiros	859	1,019	18.6	223,896	258,755	15.6	963,492	1,166,688	21.1
Ionia Nisia	1,613	2,114	31.1	266,263	402,496	51.2	904,658	1,435,817	58.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,560	1,588	1.8	204,594	277,357	35.6	886,480	1,248,770	40.9
Stereia Ellada	1,452	1,584	9.1	267,501	304,368	13.8	1,572,689	1,853,123	17.8
Peloponnisos	2,018	2,169	7.5	293,420	396,491	35.1	1,232,221	1,809,867	46.9
Attiki	5,792	6,304	8.8	1,690,405	1,847,572	9.3	8,046,021	8,634,238	7.3
Voreio Aigaio	666	761	14.3	86,635	74,913	-13.5	306,727	291,108	-5.1
Notio Aigaio	2,586	2,957	14.3	503,625	528,184	4.9	1,738,900	1,946,950	12.0
Kriti	2,026	2,664	31.5	416,888	590,217	41.6	1,662,175	2,331,844	40.3
Greece, Total	25,208	28,442	12.8	5,567,106	6,555,179	17.7	25,256,455	30,424,052	20.5

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2022 - February 2023 and March 2023 - February 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,266	1,390	9.8	352,330	354,330	0.6	1,816,542	1,722,898	-5.2
Kentriki Makedonia	3,428	3,876	13.1	827,818	1,036,701	25.2	4,064,410	5,472,496	34.6
Dytiki Makedonia	341	303	-11.1	44,316	72,968	64.7	217,643	416,447	91.3
Thessalia	1,523	1,632	7.2	320,303	377,169	17.8	1,476,334	1,928,380	30.6
Ipeiros	851	1,002	17.7	222,860	237,992	6.8	959,041	1,086,747	13.3
Ionia Nisia	1,602	2,104	31.3	266,263	401,536	50.8	904,658	1,431,078	58.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,545	1,565	1.3	203,161	267,303	31.6	878,552	1,212,920	38.1
Stereia Ellada	1,435	1,566	9.1	265,199	298,307	12.5	1,562,450	1,829,502	17.1
Peloponnisos	2,001	2,153	7.6	287,606	368,707	28.2	1,203,564	1,652,978	37.3
Attiki	5,725	6,248	9.1	1,651,834	1,821,318	10.3	7,886,078	8,510,459	7.9
Voreio Aigaio	655	750	14.5	85,772	69,613	-18.8	302,473	266,612	-11.9
Notio Aigaio	2,579	2,947	14.3	502,388	526,438	4.8	1,729,442	1,938,816	12.1
Kriti	1,998	2,648	32.5	412,661	574,442	39.2	1,636,082	2,248,496	37.4
Greece, Total	24,949	28,184	13.0	5,442,511	6,406,824	17.7	24,637,269	29,717,829	20.6

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - February 2023 and 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	158	234	48.1	46,107	75,005	62.7	225,717	413,495	83.2
Kentriki Makedonia	477	653	36.9	110,247	180,324	63.6	548,218	766,308	39.8
Dytiki Makedonia	28	41	46.4	2,883	4,974	72.5	11,364	27,184	139.2
Thessalia	183	263	43.7	40,110	75,768	88.9	187,762	429,041	128.5
Ipeiros	98	194	98.0	25,884	61,243	136.6	101,884	296,384	190.9
Ionia Nisia	249	432	73.5	40,871	98,438	140.9	139,539	359,463	157.6
Dytiki Ellada	199	262	31.7	31,665	43,616	37.7	150,338	182,293	21.3
Stereia Ellada	195	227	16.4	44,087	33,328	-24.4	295,727	148,890	-49.7
Peloponnisos	263	371	41.1	42,924	58,721	36.8	174,389	265,491	52.2
Attiki	765	1,034	35.2	245,736	249,843	1.7	1,027,643	986,338	-4.0
Voreio Aigaio	92	129	40.2	11,266	16,446	46.0	42,672	66,246	55.2
Notio Aigaio	401	532	32.7	65,487	79,057	20.7	228,170	272,783	19.6
Kriti	279	495	77.4	60,184	107,851	79.2	233,801	406,238	73.8
Greece, Total	3,387	4,867	43.7	767,451	1,084,614	41.3	3,367,224	4,620,154	37.2

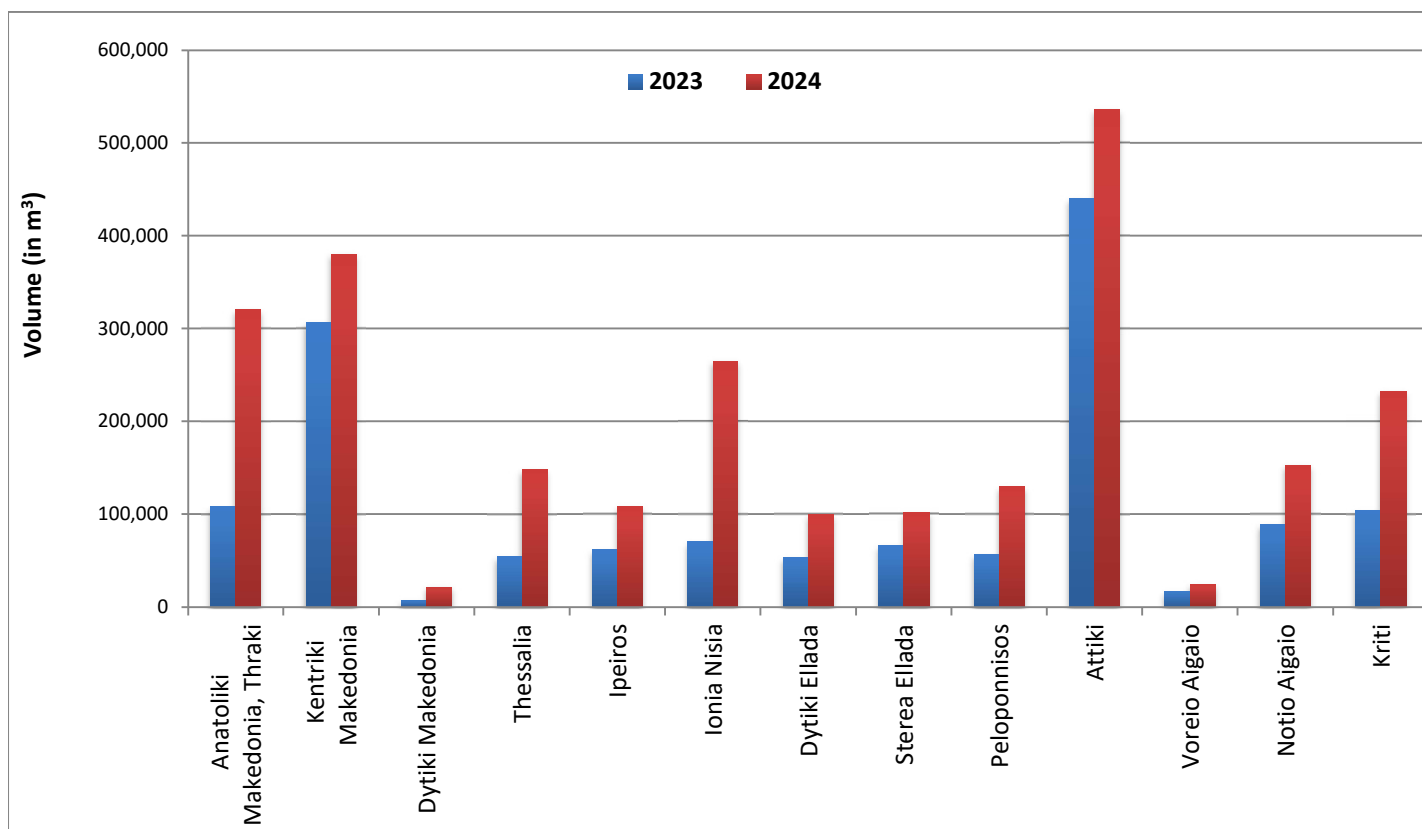
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - February 2023 and 2024

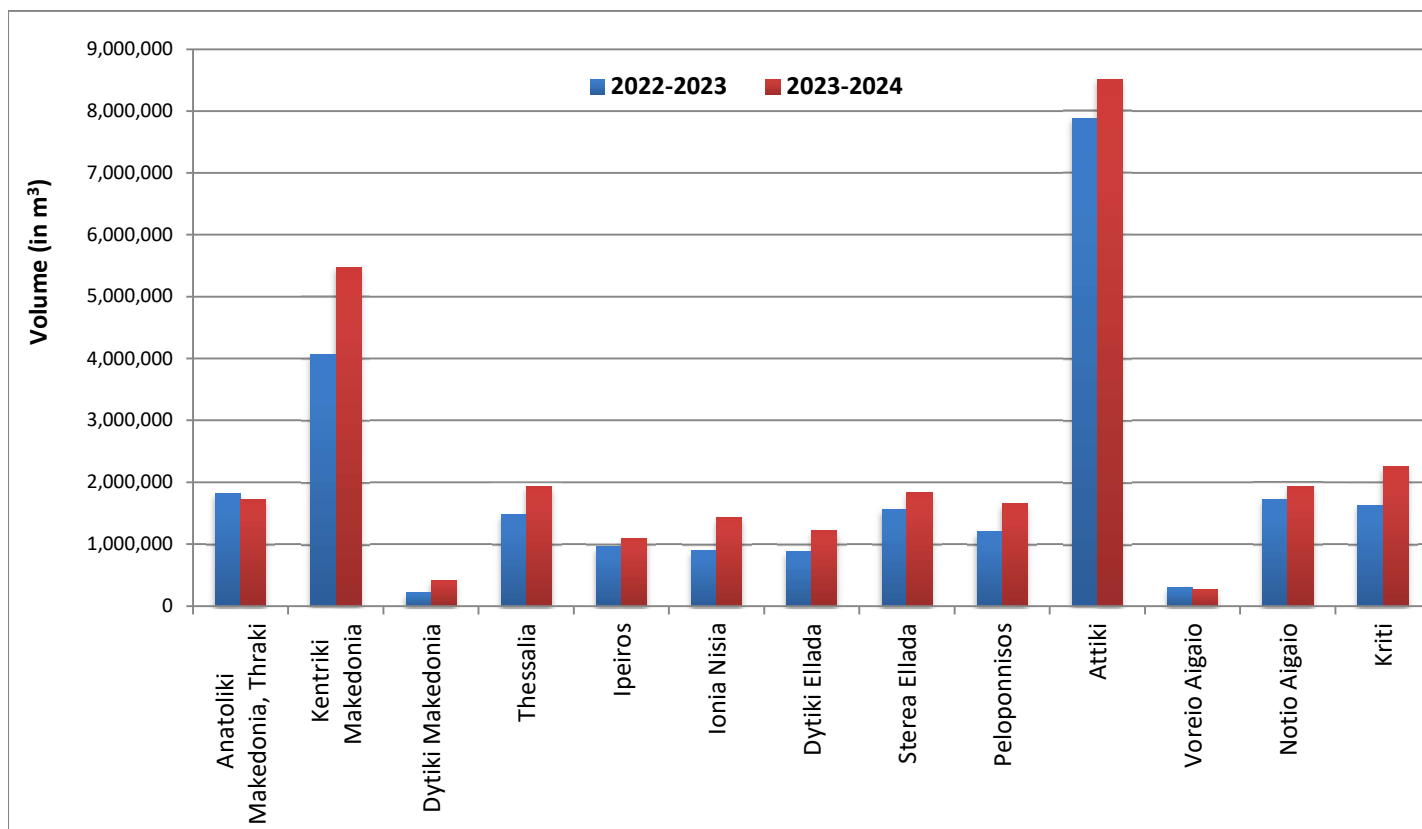
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	155	232	49.7	44,231	74,052	67.4	220,273	409,830	86.1
Kentriki Makedonia	469	647	38.0	103,310	177,709	72.0	516,104	755,867	46.5
Dytiki Makedonia	28	40	42.9	2,883	4,594	59.3	11,364	25,604	125.3
Thessalia	180	262	45.6	39,739	75,750	90.6	185,053	428,973	131.8
Ipeiros	98	192	95.9	25,884	58,667	126.7	101,884	286,785	181.5
Ionia Nisia	247	428	73.3	40,871	98,361	140.7	139,539	359,140	157.4
Dytiki Ellada	195	256	31.3	30,436	41,473	36.3	143,067	173,701	21.4
Stereia Ellada	193	226	17.1	44,087	30,736	-30.3	295,727	137,564	-53.5
Peloponnisos	261	371	42.1	38,369	58,721	53.0	151,572	265,491	75.2
Attiki	755	1,029	36.3	238,034	244,865	2.9	995,814	961,990	-3.4
Voreio Aigaio	90	125	38.9	11,266	11,237	-0.3	42,672	42,098	-1.3
Notio Aigaio	401	532	32.7	65,487	79,057	20.7	228,170	272,783	19.6
Kriti	276	494	79.0	60,184	107,851	79.2	233,801	406,238	73.8
Greece, Total	3,348	4,834	44.4	744,781	1,063,073	42.7	3,265,040	4,526,064	38.6

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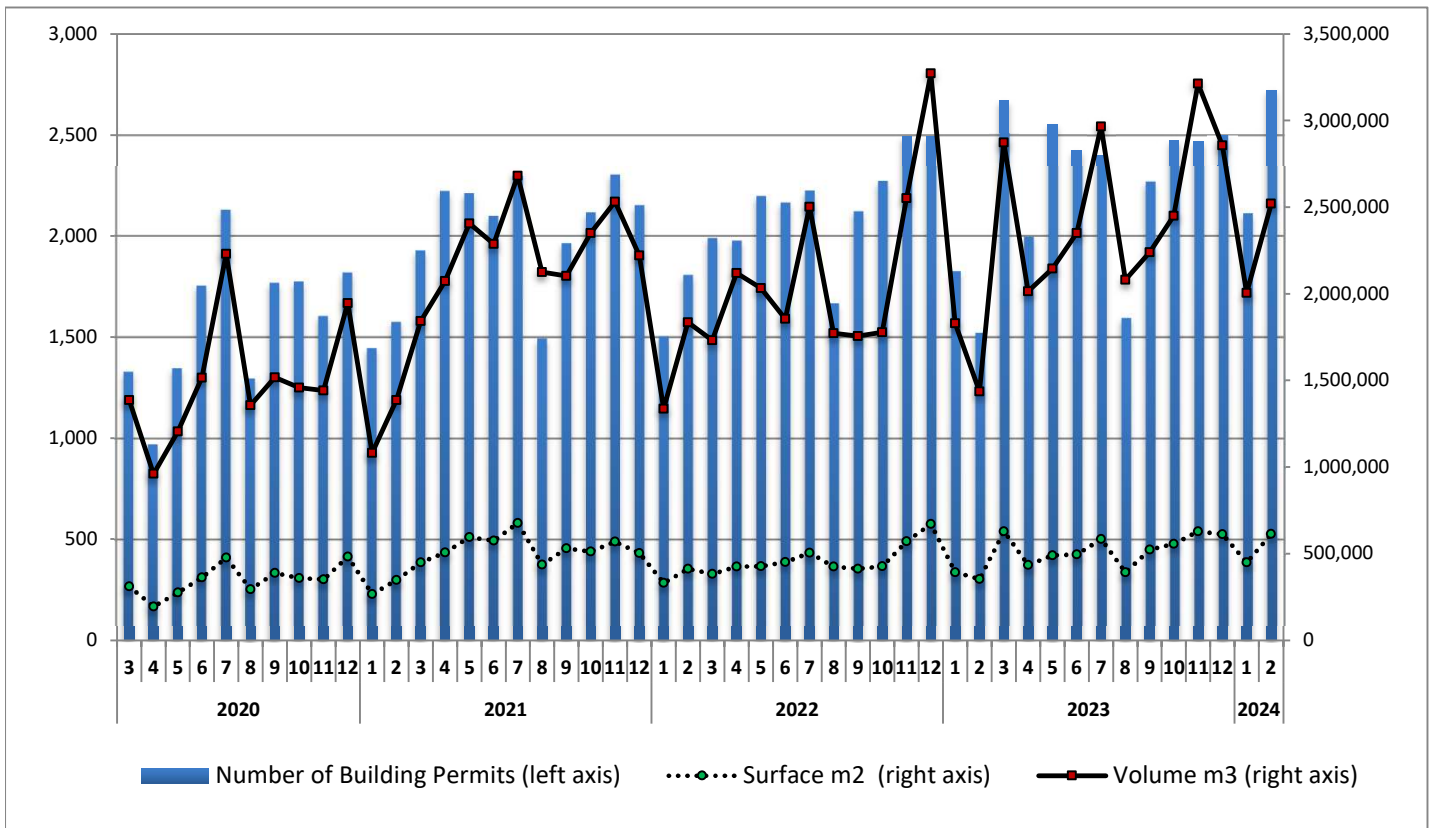
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), February 2023 and 2024



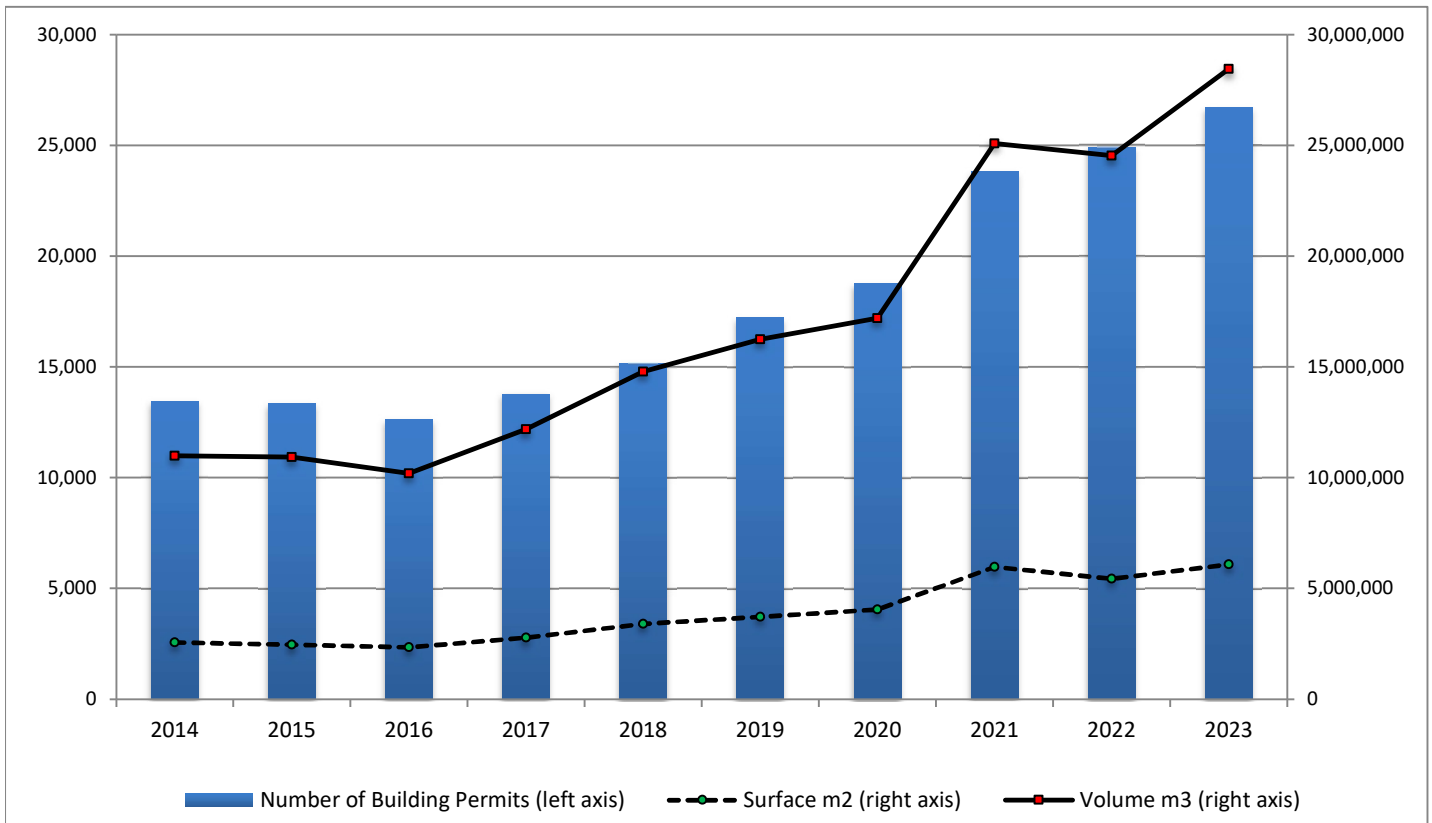
Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2022 - February 2023 and March 2023 - February 2024



Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (March 2020 – February 2024)



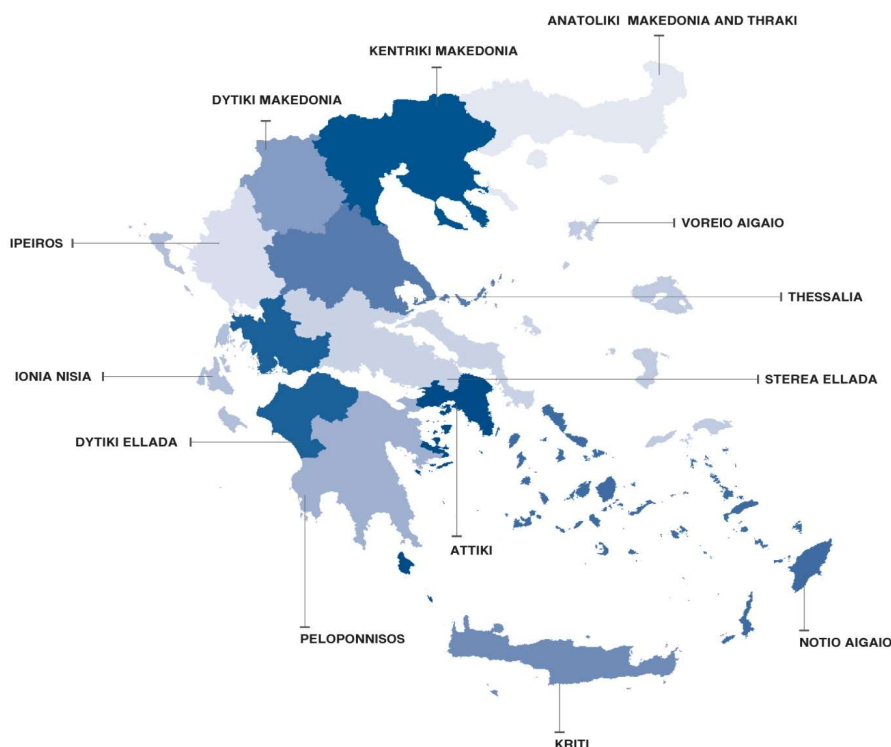
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2014 – 2023)



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Building Activity Survey	The Building Activity Survey has been providing 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 (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 specifications and arrangements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152.
Reference Period	February 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024.
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 space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
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/-