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Building Activity Survey: May 2024

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

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in May 2024 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,065. This figure corresponds to 461,144 m² of surface and 2,246,001 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 19.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 6.7% decrease in surface and a 3.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2023 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2024 amounted to 2,055. This figure corresponds to 457,423 m² of surface and 2,225,886 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2023 there is a 19.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 6.8% decrease in surface and a 3.8% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2024 amounted to 10. This figure corresponds to 3,721 m² of surface and 20,115 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 0.9% of the total building volume in May 2024.

In the last twelve months, from June 2023 until May 2024, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 29,815. This figure corresponds to 6,920,543 m² of surface and 31,450,808 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from June 2022 until May 2023, there is a 13.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 17.6% increase in surface and a 19.2% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from June 2023 until May 2024, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 13.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 17.7% increase in surface and a 19.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2022 to May 2023 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.3% of the total building volume.

During the period January - May 2024, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 26.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 28.9% increase in surface and a 21.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2023 (Table 5). During the same period, January - May 2024, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 26.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 30.2% increase in surface and a 22.0% increase in volume, in comparison with the period January - May 2023 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	138	107	-22.5	26,162	35,793	36.8	102,692	195,750	90.6
Kentriki Makedonia	357	297	-16.8	92,957	72,838	-21.6	504,681	356,894	-29.3
Dytiki Makedonia	35	37	5.7	4,649	4,618	-0.7	20,984	17,907	-14.7
Thessalia	171	143	-16.4	34,456	34,701	0.7	154,126	174,251	13.1
Ipeiros	86	56	-34.9	13,067	16,274	24.5	52,887	56,304	6.5
Ionia Nisia	189	146	-22.8	34,437	23,293	-32.4	112,402	90,595	-19.4
Dytiki Ellada	145	114	-21.4	16,642	32,160	93.2	66,987	212,897	217.8
Stereia Ellada	150	95	-36.7	19,440	35,846	84.4	92,068	305,614	231.9
Peloponnisos	195	172	-11.8	39,021	28,333	-27.4	179,009	124,468	-30.5
Attiki	548	480	-12.4	133,316	114,204	-14.3	592,401	475,806	-19.7
Voreio Aigaio	75	53	-29.3	4,959	4,436	-10.5	16,813	14,987	-10.9
Notio Aigaio	226	186	-17.7	28,647	28,611	-0.1	102,944	104,269	1.3
Kriti	255	179	-29.8	46,729	30,037	-35.7	173,571	116,259	-33.0
Greece, Total	2,570	2,065	-19.6	494,482	461,144	-6.7	2,171,565	2,246,001	3.4

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 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), May 2023 and 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	136	107	-21.3	26,162	35,793	36.8	102,692	195,750	90.6
Kentriki Makedonia	356	296	-16.9	92,957	72,838	-21.6	504,681	356,894	-29.3
Dytiki Makedonia	34	36	5.9	4,649	4,570	-1.7	20,984	17,763	-15.3
Thessalia	170	142	-16.5	34,456	33,283	-3.4	154,126	165,792	7.6
Ipeiros	86	56	-34.9	13,067	16,274	24.5	52,887	56,304	6.5
Ionia Nisia	189	145	-23.3	34,437	23,293	-32.4	112,402	90,595	-19.4
Dytiki Ellada	144	113	-21.5	15,998	32,160	101.0	64,576	212,897	229.7
Stereia Ellada	149	92	-38.3	19,364	35,635	84.0	91,777	304,761	232.1
Peloponnisos	193	172	-10.9	36,198	28,333	-21.7	156,117	124,468	-20.3
Attiki	545	479	-12.1	133,316	112,160	-15.9	592,401	465,147	-21.5
Voreio Aigaio	74	53	-28.4	4,959	4,436	-10.5	16,813	14,987	-10.9
Notio Aigaio	224	185	-17.4	28,402	28,611	0.7	101,964	104,269	2.3
Kriti	254	179	-29.5	46,729	30,037	-35.7	173,571	116,259	-33.0
Greece, Total	2,554	2,055	-19.5	490,694	457,423	-6.8	2,144,991	2,225,886	3.8

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,271	1,483	16.7	341,588	379,916	11.2	1,682,806	1,774,964	5.5
Kentriki Makedonia	3,649	4,007	9.8	936,571	1,055,792	12.7	4,781,788	5,260,599	10.0
Dytiki Makedonia	337	330	-2.1	55,692	71,919	29.1	273,671	410,224	49.9
Thessalia	1,583	1,701	7.5	338,520	403,455	19.2	1,569,634	2,072,075	32.0
Ipeiros	892	1,173	31.5	256,397	292,235	14.0	1,106,469	1,239,780	12.0
Ionia Nisia	1,715	2,412	40.6	308,616	450,546	46.0	1,048,746	1,625,609	55.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,575	1,640	4.1	226,115	301,087	33.2	996,467	1,413,687	41.9
Stereia Ellada	1,528	1,593	4.3	251,310	344,614	37.1	1,367,469	2,166,438	58.4
Peloponnisos	2,071	2,247	8.5	317,325	392,728	23.8	1,357,156	1,707,463	25.8
Attiki	6,007	6,476	7.8	1,747,649	1,948,547	11.5	8,067,533	8,911,880	10.5
Voreio Aigaio	727	778	7.0	87,694	81,362	-7.2	312,750	317,092	1.4
Notio Aigaio	2,692	3,056	13.5	546,286	548,338	0.4	1,923,763	1,988,704	3.4
Kriti	2,213	2,919	31.9	472,639	650,004	37.5	1,895,723	2,562,293	35.2
Greece, Total	26,260	29,815	13.5	5,886,402	6,920,543	17.6	26,383,975	31,450,808	19.2

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,256	1,469	17.0	332,838	376,716	13.2	1,634,909	1,759,240	7.6
Kentriki Makedonia	3,607	3,970	10.1	913,823	1,037,617	13.5	4,675,737	5,173,283	10.6
Dytiki Makedonia	331	318	-3.9	44,962	71,476	59.0	214,655	408,374	90.2
Thessalia	1,569	1,687	7.5	332,215	388,695	17.0	1,522,608	1,947,802	27.9
Ipeiros	886	1,156	30.5	240,456	286,534	19.2	1,045,677	1,217,436	16.4
Ionia Nisia	1,707	2,399	40.5	308,616	447,825	45.1	1,048,746	1,605,229	53.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,559	1,616	3.7	223,480	292,195	30.7	984,050	1,382,175	40.5
Stereia Ellada	1,510	1,570	4.0	246,607	333,262	35.1	1,349,671	2,115,347	56.7
Peloponnisos	2,053	2,230	8.6	309,024	367,813	19.0	1,306,956	1,573,640	20.4
Attiki	5,941	6,428	8.2	1,708,481	1,922,819	12.5	7,904,245	8,789,212	11.2
Voreio Aigaio	715	765	7.0	86,831	75,646	-12.9	308,496	290,712	-5.8
Notio Aigaio	2,684	3,039	13.2	544,804	545,205	0.1	1,913,325	1,971,850	3.1
Kriti	2,187	2,898	32.5	469,456	635,694	35.4	1,876,611	2,490,278	32.7
Greece, Total	26,005	29,545	13.6	5,761,593	6,781,497	17.7	25,785,686	30,724,578	19.2

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	516	668	29.5	139,445	189,840	36.1	719,935	939,414	30.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,468	1,737	18.3	406,582	470,648	15.8	2,208,048	2,094,007	-5.2
Dytiki Makedonia	116	145	25.0	17,160	17,807	3.8	73,706	81,597	10.7
Thessalia	638	772	21.0	134,809	192,681	42.9	639,520	1,001,373	56.6
Ipeiros	362	612	69.1	105,003	173,842	65.6	447,516	715,108	59.8
Ionia Nisia	733	1,214	65.6	132,960	238,577	79.4	448,166	857,882	91.4
Dytiki Ellada	594	709	19.4	98,789	134,470	36.1	457,363	654,235	43.0
Stereia Ellada	624	665	6.6	100,551	130,038	29.3	582,582	749,060	28.6
Peloponnisos	835	1,021	22.3	151,763	163,797	7.9	689,195	677,893	-1.6
Attiki	2,422	2,863	18.2	631,662	736,744	16.6	2,654,896	2,891,233	8.9
Voreio Aigaio	300	354	18.0	31,171	42,800	37.3	113,082	162,640	43.8
Notio Aigaio	1,133	1,363	20.3	216,664	250,388	15.6	792,042	878,409	10.9
Kriti	917	1,388	51.4	191,720	299,174	56.0	747,594	1,150,480	53.9
Greece, Total	10,658	13,511	26.8	2,358,279	3,040,806	28.9	10,573,645	12,853,331	21.6

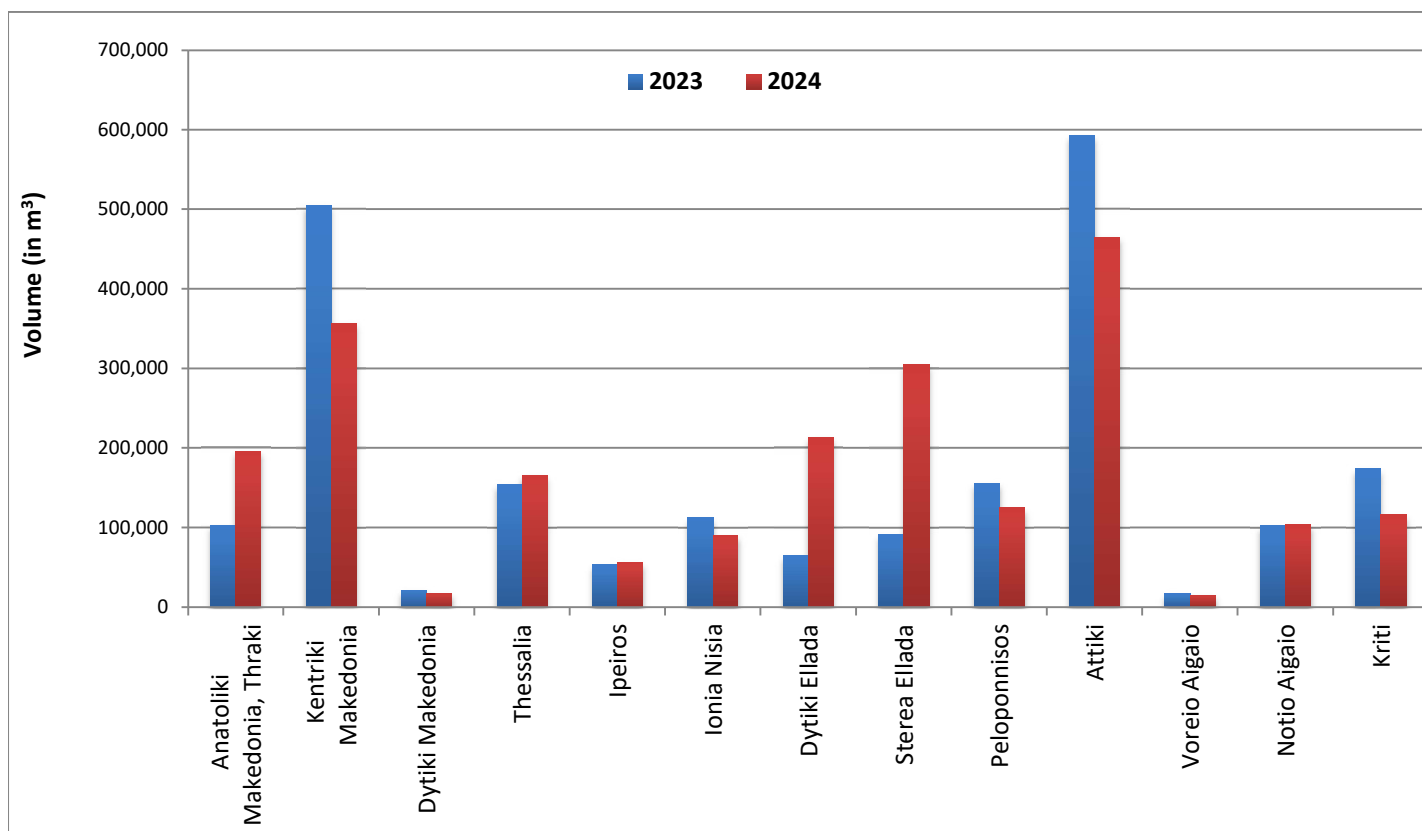
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - May 2023 and 2024

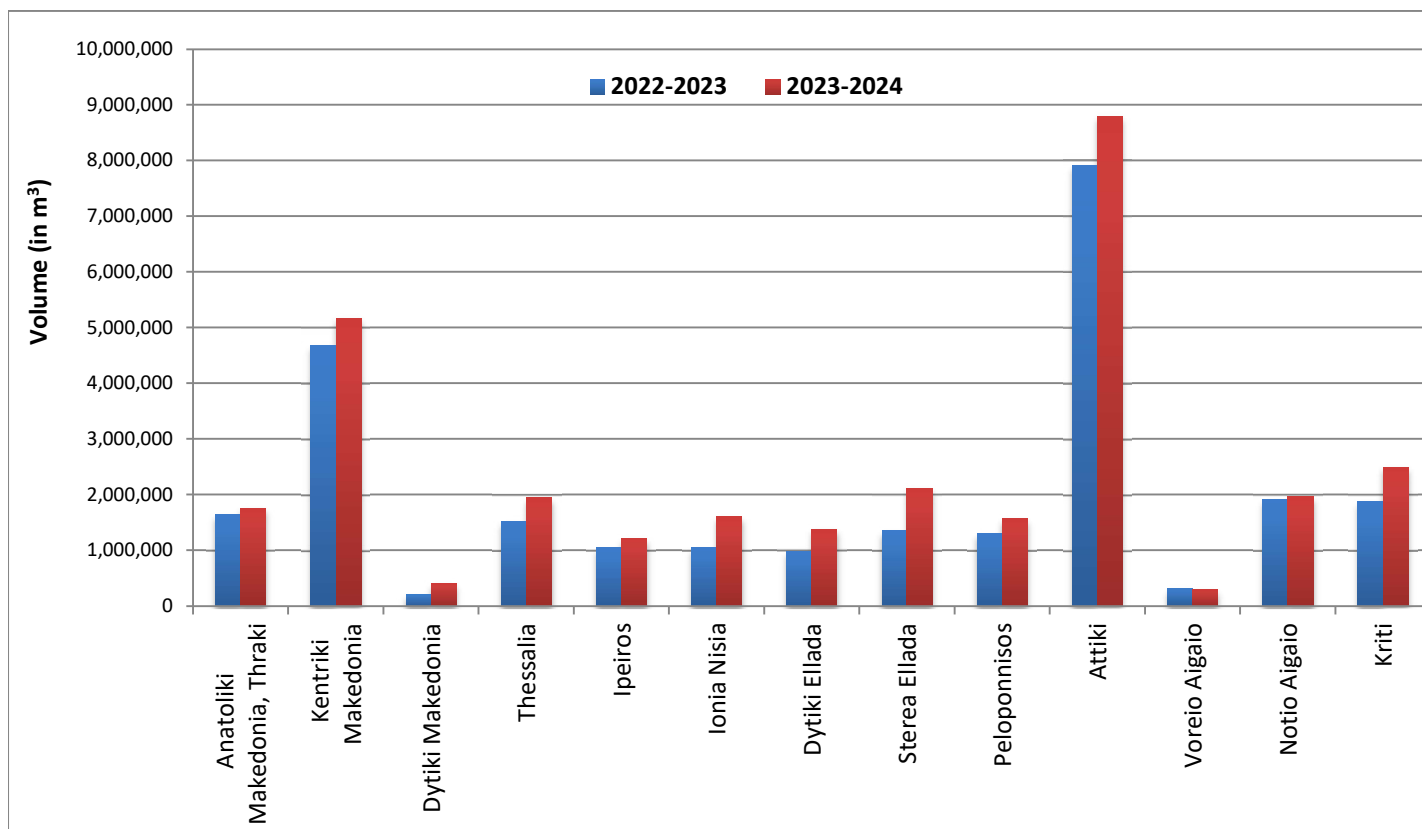
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	508	664	30.7	136,680	188,887	38.2	709,850	935,749	31.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,453	1,725	18.7	388,761	464,076	19.4	2,127,310	2,067,860	-2.8
Dytiki Makedonia	113	140	23.9	17,160	17,379	1.3	73,706	79,873	8.4
Thessalia	632	769	21.7	134,438	181,975	35.4	636,811	900,153	41.4
Ipeiros	360	608	68.9	89,513	170,838	90.9	388,207	703,797	81.3
Ionia Nisia	731	1,207	65.1	132,960	236,739	78.1	448,166	841,918	87.9
Dytiki Ellada	587	699	19.1	96,358	132,287	37.3	445,603	645,492	44.9
Stereia Ellada	619	656	6.0	97,977	119,581	22.1	573,995	701,677	22.2
Peloponnisos	829	1,016	22.6	144,290	163,748	13.5	643,154	677,735	5.4
Attiki	2,397	2,851	18.9	621,390	729,722	17.4	2,611,297	2,856,226	9.4
Voreio Aigaio	297	347	16.8	31,171	37,175	19.3	113,082	136,608	20.8
Notio Aigaio	1,131	1,354	19.7	216,419	248,756	14.9	791,062	868,709	9.8
Kriti	911	1,379	51.4	190,134	299,053	57.3	735,892	1,150,111	56.3
Greece, Total	10,568	13,415	26.9	2,297,251	2,990,216	30.2	10,298,135	12,565,908	22.0

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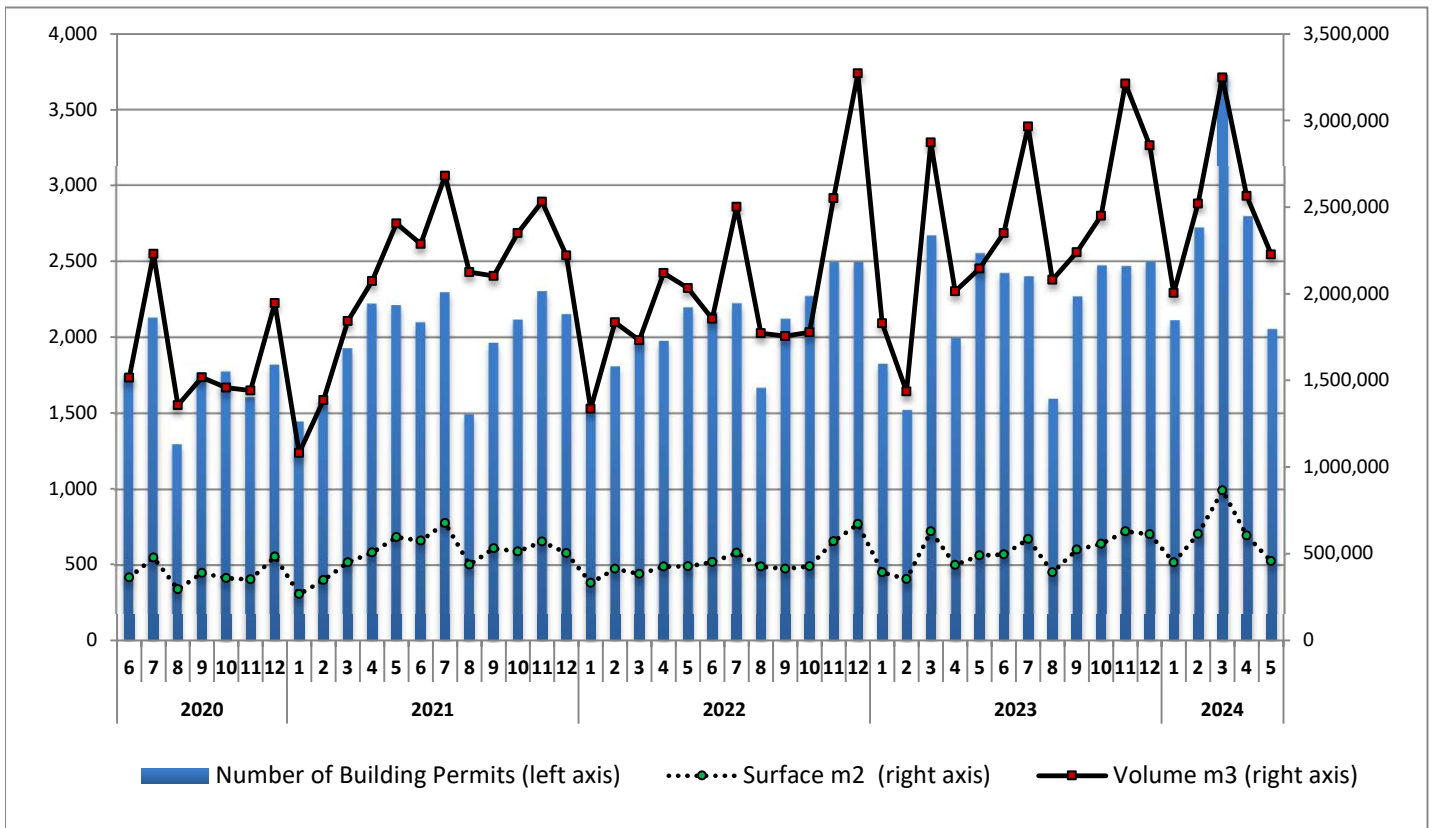
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2023 and 2024



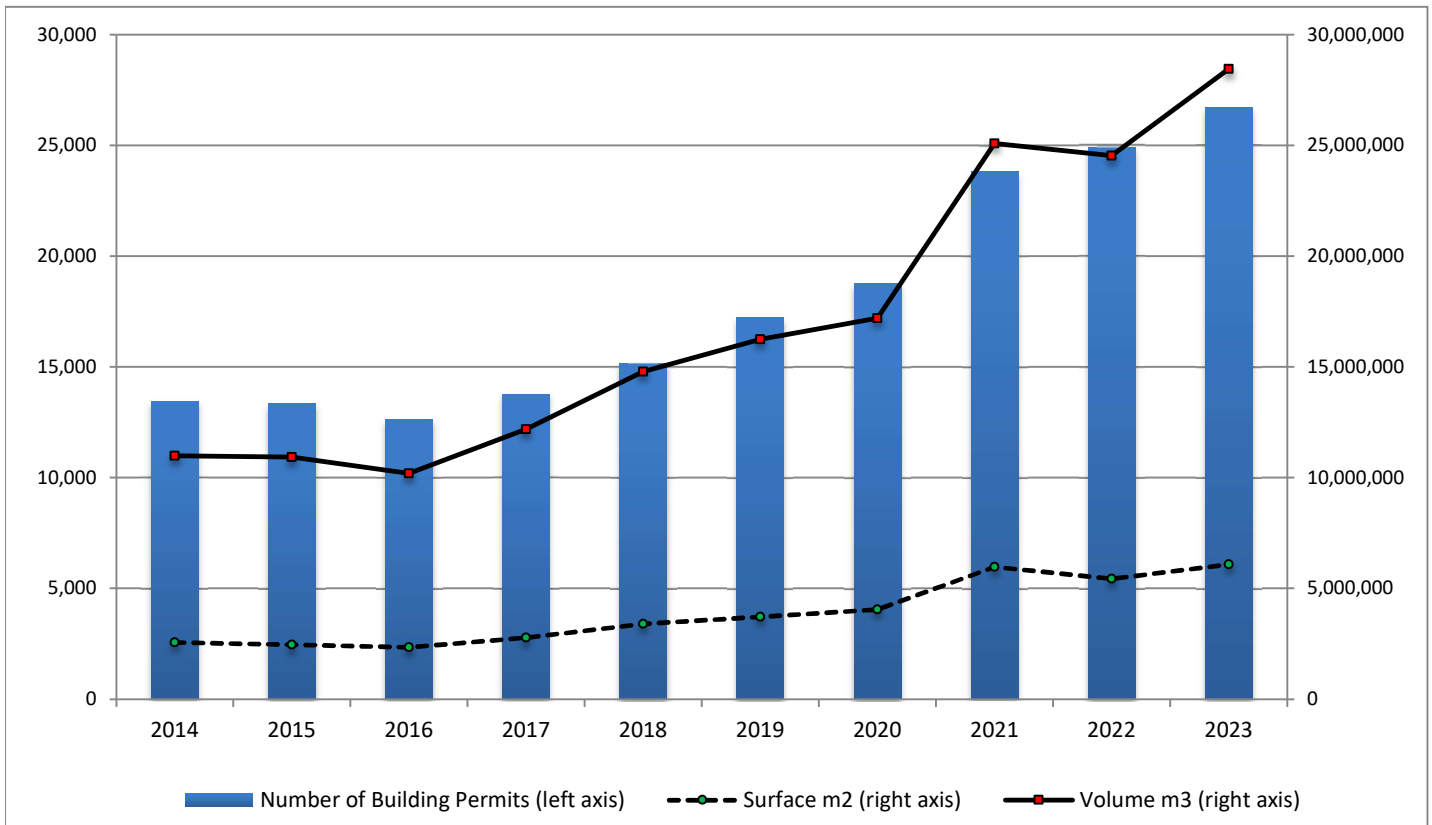
Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2022 - May 2023 and June 2023 - May 2024



Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (June 2020 – May 2024)



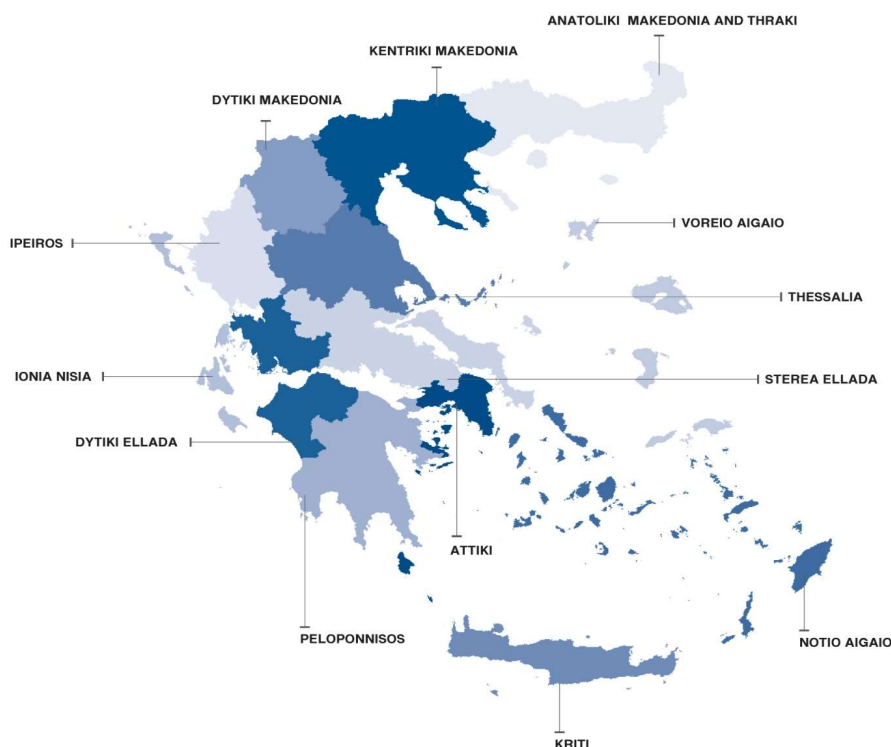
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2014 – 2023)



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	May 1, 2024 to May 31, 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/-