

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: May 2020

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in May 2020 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,339. This figure corresponds to 279.5 thousand m² of surface and 1,219.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, an 8.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 4.5% increase in surface and a 5.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2019 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2020 amounted to 1,322. This figure corresponds to 275.2 thousand m² of surface and 1,204.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2019 there is a 9.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 4.4% increase in surface and a 5.3% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2020 amounted to 17. This figure corresponds to 4.3 thousand m² of surface and 14.7 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.2% of the total building volume in May 2020.
- In the last twelve months, from June 2019 until May 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 18,232. This figure corresponds to 4,052.2 thousand m² of surface and 17,718.8 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from June 2018 until May 2019, there is an 18.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 20.5% increase in surface and a 19.0% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from June 2019 until May 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 19.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 22.3% increase in surface and a 21.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2018 to May 2019 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.0% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - May 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 16.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 25.0% increase in surface and a 25.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2019 (Table 5). During the same period, January - May 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 15.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 24.6% increase in surface and a 24.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - May 2019 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	67	76	13.4	21.1	13.9	-34.4	83.7	62.5	-25.3
Kentriki Makedonia	241	213	-11.6	49.3	56.8	15.1	271.1	338.7	24.9
Dytiki Makedonia	19	19	0.0	0.8	5.3	528.5	3.2	22.0	593.7
Thessalia	99	87	-12.1	26.8	19.0	-29.3	169.0	91.2	-46.0
Ipeiros	64	45	-29.7	13.3	8.3	-37.3	46.0	28.6	-37.8
Ionia Nisia	102	89	-12.7	14.6	11.9	-18.5	51.1	40.5	-20.6
Dytiki Ellada	78	81	3.8	10.0	10.0	-0.5	39.7	37.7	-5.2
Stereia Ellada	75	71	-5.3	7.2	11.4	57.8	32.6	98.3	201.5
Peloponnisos	111	126	13.5	18.6	17.5	-6.2	78.2	66.7	-14.7
Attiki	307	283	-7.8	48.9	82.2	68.2	166.9	291.6	74.8
Voreio Aigaio	31	32	3.2	2.4	3.5	42.5	8.5	10.6	25.5
Notio Aigaio	143	97	-32.2	28.5	20.2	-29.2	106.2	65.0	-38.8
Kriti	129	120	-7.0	25.8	19.7	-23.6	100.9	65.7	-34.9
Greece, Total	1,466	1,339	-8.7	267.4	279.5	4.5	1,157.0	1,219.2	5.4

*Provisional data for May 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), May 2019 and 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	67	75	11.9	21.1	13.7	-35.1	83.7	61.9	-26.0
Kentriki Makedonia	239	210	-12.1	49.3	56.8	15.1	271.1	338.7	24.9
Dytiki Makedonia	19	19	0.0	0.8	5.3	528.5	3.2	22.0	593.7
Thessalia	99	82	-17.2	26.8	17.2	-35.8	169.0	87.3	-48.4
Ipeiros	64	45	-29.7	13.3	8.3	-37.3	46.0	28.6	-37.8
Ionia Nisia	102	89	-12.7	14.6	11.9	-18.5	51.1	40.5	-20.6
Dytiki Ellada	77	80	3.9	9.8	10.0	1.1	39.1	37.7	-3.7
Stereia Ellada	75	70	-6.7	7.2	11.4	57.8	32.6	98.3	201.5
Peloponnisos	108	126	16.7	17.6	17.5	-0.9	74.6	66.7	-10.6
Attiki	305	279	-8.5	48.9	80.0	63.6	166.9	282.1	69.1
Voreio Aigaio	30	32	6.7	2.4	3.5	42.5	8.5	10.6	25.5
Notio Aigaio	142	96	-32.4	28.3	20.0	-29.1	105.4	64.4	-38.9
Kriti	128	119	-7.0	23.4	19.7	-15.9	93.3	65.7	-29.5
Greece, Total	1,455	1,322	-9.1	263.6	275.2	4.4	1,144.4	1,204.6	5.3

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	598	940	57.2	132.8	201.4	51.6	536.7	757.2	41.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,284	2,690	17.8	548.2	602.6	9.9	2,783.6	3,260.1	17.1
Dytiki Makedonia	230	238	3.5	65.0	70.7	8.7	389.3	403.7	3.7
Thessalia	905	1,085	19.9	213.3	251.6	18.0	1,169.3	1,214.4	3.9
Ipeiros	538	617	14.7	147.4	164.5	11.6	596.9	714.0	19.6
Ionia Nisia	1,072	1,291	20.4	210.7	244.5	16.0	711.0	803.0	12.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,096	1,125	2.6	167.7	196.4	17.1	632.0	829.2	31.2
Stereia Ellada	936	957	2.2	205.0	178.1	-13.1	1,064.9	975.9	-8.4
Peloponnisos	1,279	1,383	8.1	212.6	202.9	-4.6	812.9	819.8	0.9
Attiki	3,223	3,740	16.0	739.4	1,087.4	47.1	3,577.4	4,876.2	36.3
Voreio Aigaio	405	452	11.6	47.6	61.5	29.0	174.3	222.9	27.9
Notio Aigaio	1,601	1,943	21.4	355.9	385.0	8.2	1,221.3	1,323.2	8.3
Kriti	1,180	1,771	50.1	317.9	405.6	27.6	1,217.6	1,519.2	24.8
Greece, Total	15,347	18,232	18.8	3,363.7	4,052.2	20.5	14,887.3	17,718.8	19.0

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	597	932	56.1	132.8	199.5	50.2	536.7	746.7	39.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,258	2,676	18.5	544.0	588.1	8.1	2,758.9	3,120.2	13.1
Dytiki Makedonia	226	237	4.9	50.6	66.5	31.4	236.1	388.1	64.4
Thessalia	892	1,072	20.2	206.4	246.1	19.2	1,139.3	1,195.0	4.9
Ipeiros	537	611	13.8	147.3	162.9	10.6	596.8	708.0	18.6
Ionia Nisia	1,070	1,291	20.7	209.9	244.5	16.5	707.8	803.0	13.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,085	1,116	2.9	157.4	181.9	15.6	577.5	772.1	33.7
Stereia Ellada	929	950	2.3	189.1	176.3	-6.7	985.1	969.6	-1.6
Peloponnisos	1,256	1,378	9.7	196.0	201.8	2.9	748.7	815.5	8.9
Attiki	3,197	3,714	16.2	723.7	1,074.4	48.5	3,496.8	4,812.1	37.6
Voreio Aigaio	397	449	13.1	46.5	61.1	31.5	168.1	221.6	31.9
Notio Aigaio	1,591	1,932	21.4	352.6	382.6	8.5	1,207.6	1,313.5	8.8
Kriti	1,163	1,760	51.3	305.0	403.0	32.1	1,171.9	1,506.7	28.6
Greece, Total	15,198	18,118	19.2	3,261.4	3,988.6	22.3	14,331.2	17,372.2	21.2

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	288	319	10.8	66.2	65.9	-0.5	260.8	237.1	-9.1
Kentriki Makedonia	862	987	14.5	179.8	228.3	27.0	867.2	1,169.4	34.8
Dytiki Makedonia	74	89	20.3	10.9	17.9	65.1	45.3	85.2	88.0
Thessalia	339	386	13.9	74.8	83.9	12.3	478.2	414.9	-13.2
Ipeiros	191	221	15.7	48.6	48.6	0.0	201.7	230.7	14.4
Ionia Nisia	441	490	11.1	62.1	86.1	38.6	204.5	288.5	41.1
Dytiki Ellada	308	364	18.2	44.3	50.5	14.1	169.0	205.1	21.4
Stereia Ellada	291	330	13.4	43.1	74.2	72.4	237.3	440.0	85.4
Peloponnisos	467	523	12.0	68.4	79.1	15.6	264.4	311.1	17.7
Attiki	1,264	1,361	7.7	240.9	363.3	50.8	959.1	1,497.7	56.2
Voreio Aigaio	140	158	12.9	14.7	17.8	20.5	53.6	58.7	9.5
Notio Aigaio	594	750	26.3	119.5	119.2	-0.3	421.8	378.1	-10.4
Kriti	478	683	42.9	113.6	123.3	8.5	480.7	485.9	1.1
Greece, Total	5,737	6,661	16.1	1,087.0	1,358.2	25.0	4,643.5	5,802.4	25.0

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

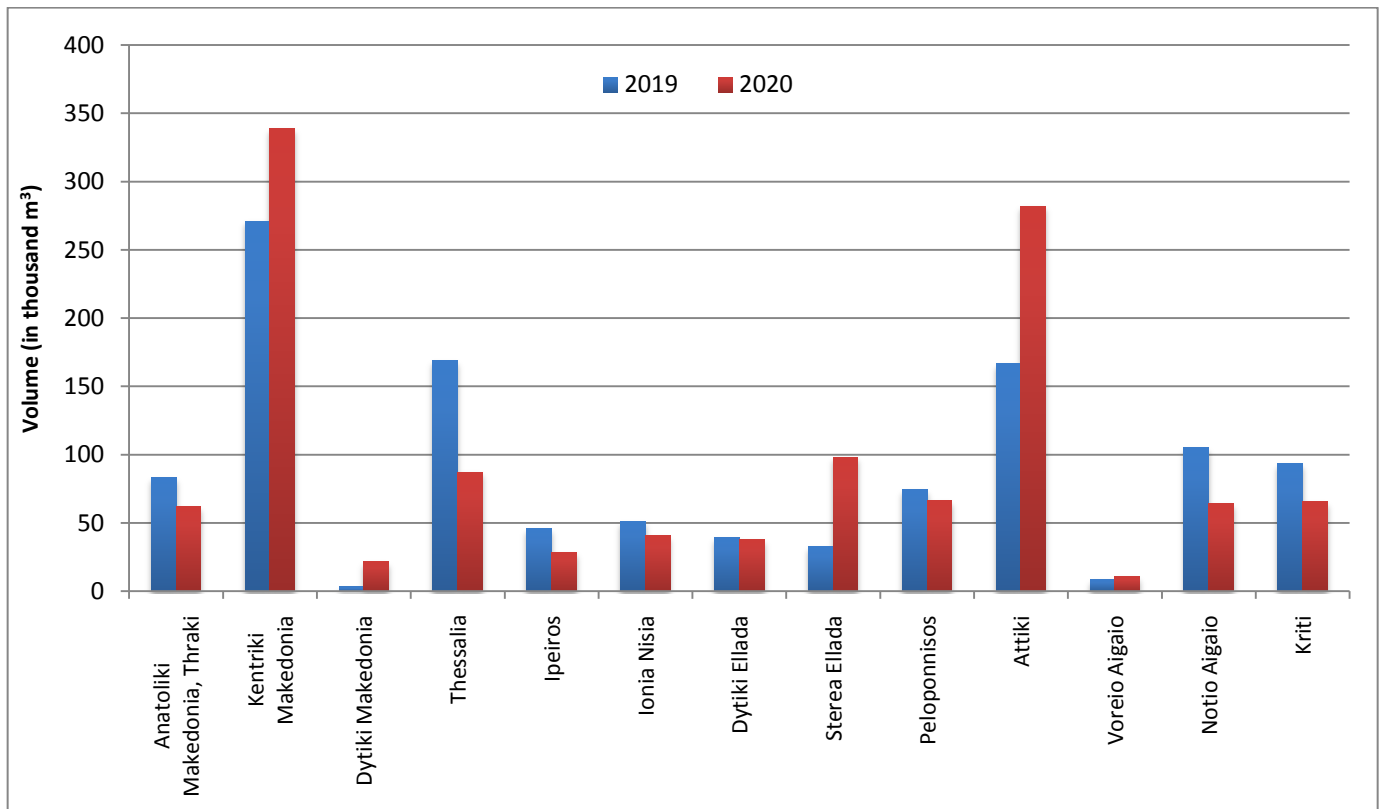
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	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	288	318	10.4	66.2	65.7	-0.7	260.8	236.5	-9.3
Kentriki Makedonia	859	980	14.1	179.8	227.4	26.5	867.2	1,165.3	34.4
Dytiki Makedonia	73	89	21.9	10.9	17.9	65.1	45.3	85.2	88.0
Thessalia	337	378	12.2	74.2	81.8	10.2	476.3	409.6	-14.0
Ipeiros	191	219	14.7	48.6	48.4	-0.3	201.7	230.2	14.1
Ionia Nisia	441	490	11.1	62.1	86.1	38.6	204.5	288.5	41.1
Dytiki Ellada	306	356	16.3	44.1	49.5	12.2	168.4	201.8	19.9
Stereia Ellada	291	325	11.7	43.1	72.7	68.9	237.3	434.5	83.2
Peloponnisos	458	520	13.5	65.0	78.0	20.0	247.6	306.8	23.9
Attiki	1,257	1,346	7.1	237.2	355.9	50.0	943.9	1,463.1	55.0
Voreio Aigaio	139	155	11.5	14.7	17.4	18.4	53.6	57.4	7.0
Notio Aigaio	592	740	25.0	119.2	116.7	-2.1	421.0	368.4	-12.5
Kriti	473	678	43.3	111.0	123.0	10.8	472.0	483.7	2.5
Greece, Total	5,705	6,594	15.6	1,076.2	1,340.7	24.6	4,599.5	5,731.1	24.6

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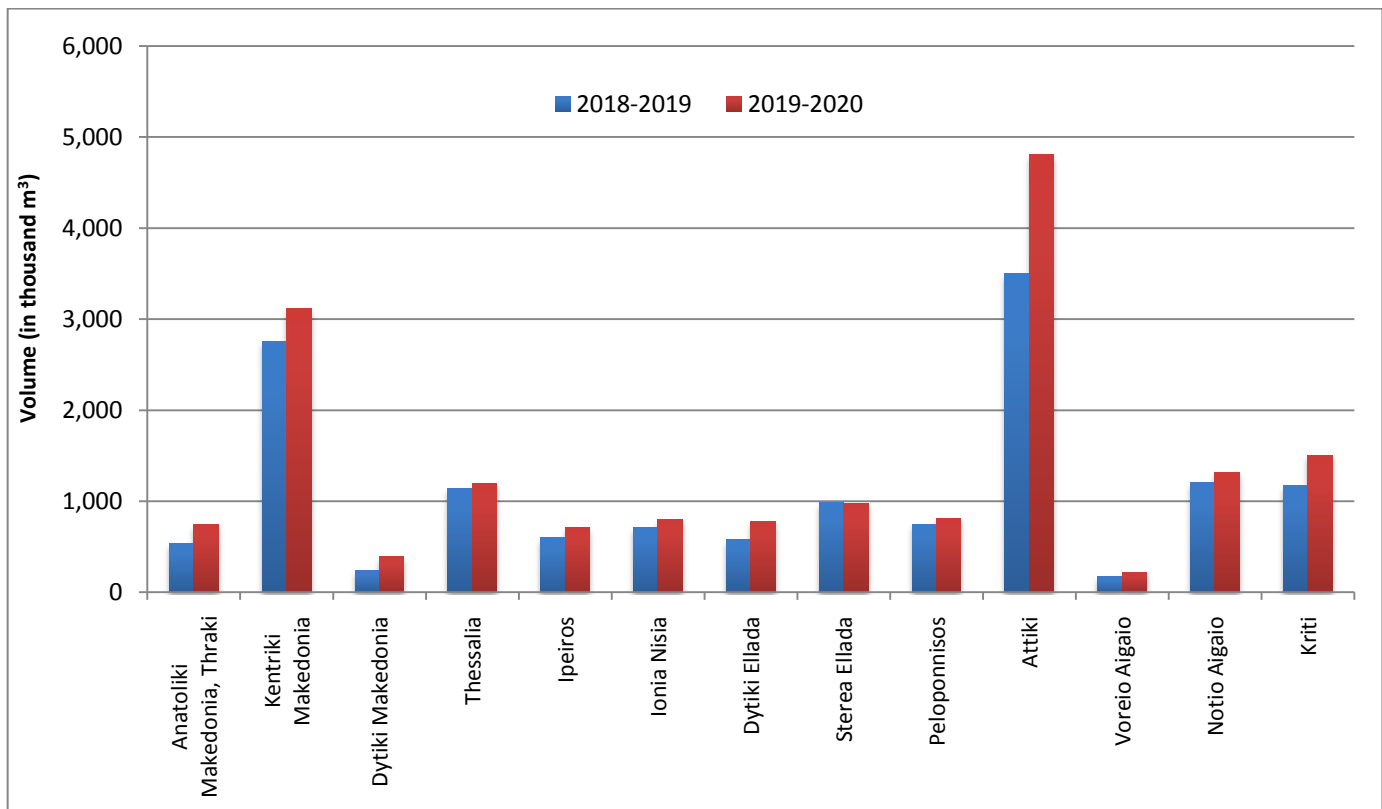
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2019 and 2020*



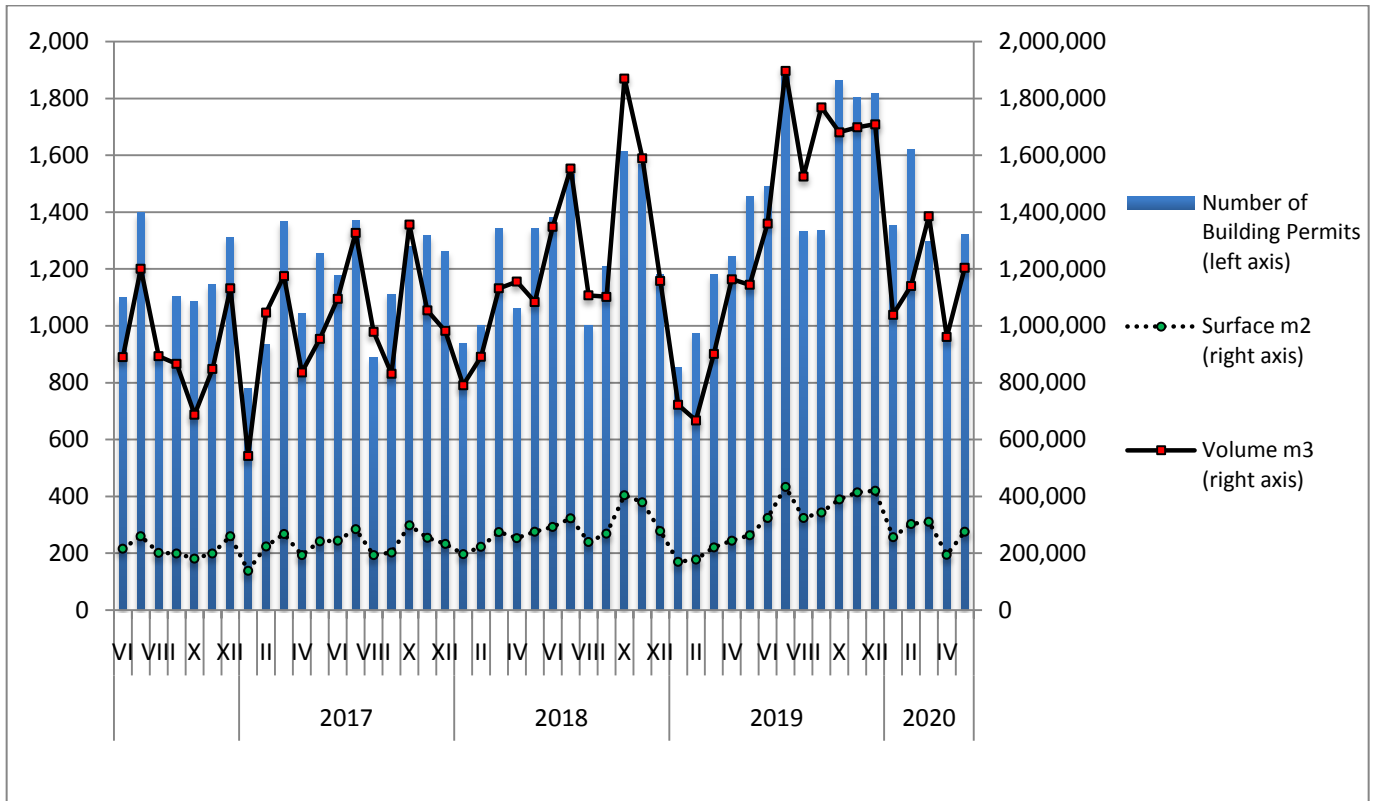
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2018 – May 2019 and June 2019 – May 2020*



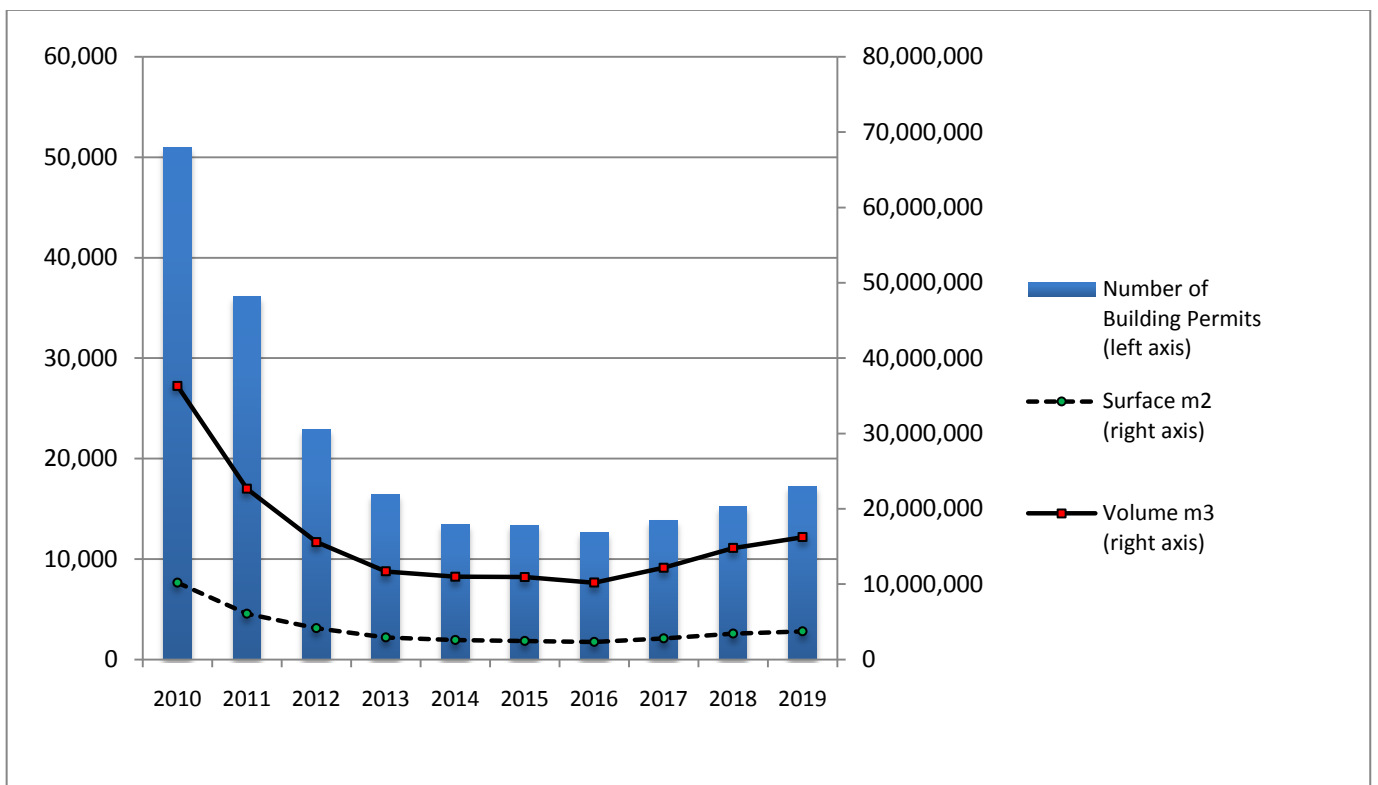
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (June 2016 – May 2020*)



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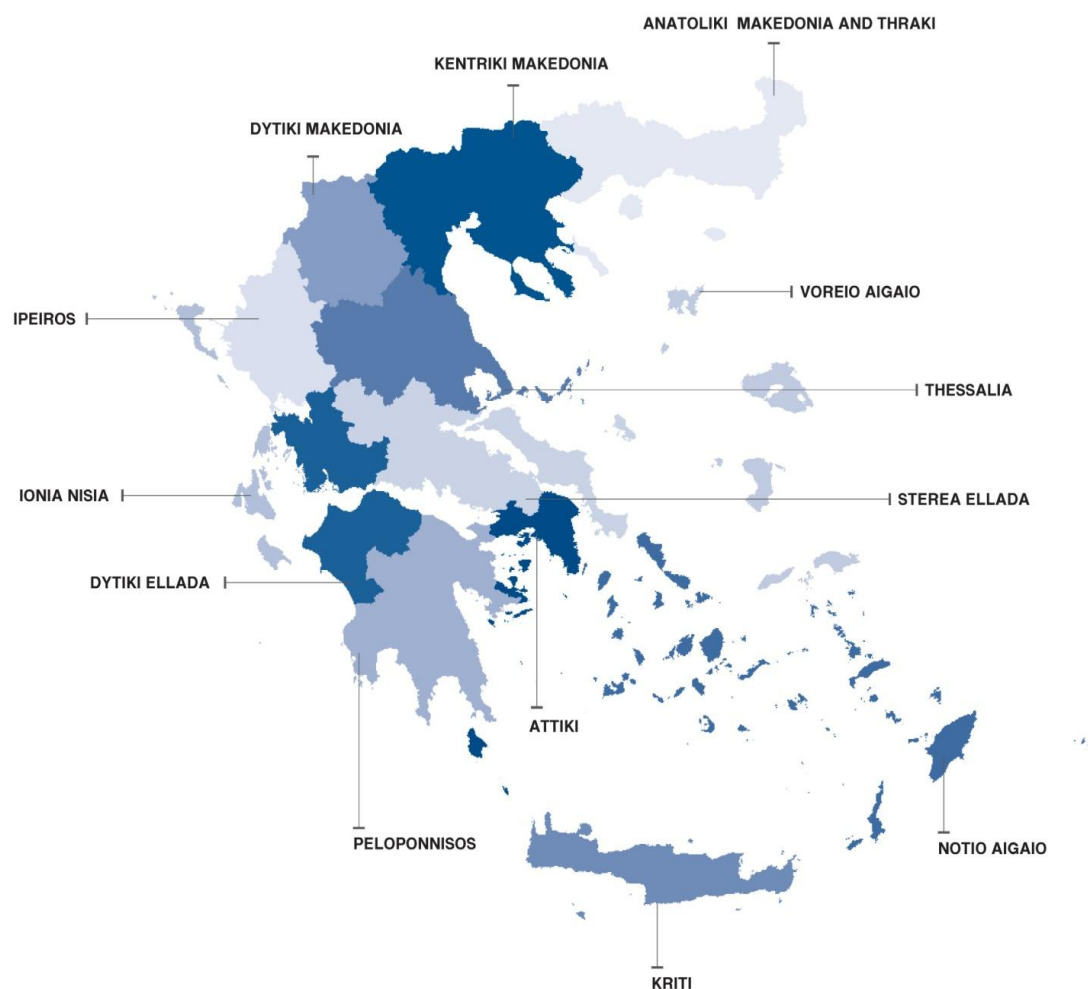
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2010 - 2019)



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) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) 1158/2005.
Reference Period	May 1, 2020 to May 31, 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.

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 ELSTAT's web-site: www.statistics.gr under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/>