

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: June 2020

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in June 2020 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,747. This figure corresponds to 361.0 thousand m² of surface and 1,531.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 17.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 10.2% increase in surface and an 11.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2019 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2020 amounted to 1,731. This figure corresponds to 358.9 thousand m² of surface and 1,516.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2019 there is a 16.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 10.6% increase in surface and an 11.5% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2020 amounted to 16. This figure corresponds to 2.2 thousand m² of surface and 14.5 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.9% of the total building volume in June 2020.
- In the last twelve months, from July 2019 until June 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 18,511. This figure corresponds to 4,086.0 thousand m² of surface and 17,876.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from July 2018 until June 2019, there is a 19.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 20.5% increase in surface and a 20.3% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from July 2019 until June 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 20.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 22.2% increase in surface and a 22.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from July 2018 to June 2019 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.9% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - June 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 16.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 21.6% increase in surface and a 21.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2019 (Table 5). During the same period, January - June 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 16.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 21.3% increase in surface and a 21.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - June 2019 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	83	98	18.1	13.7	23.2	68.8	58.5	84.0	43.5
Kentriki Makedonia	238	288	21.0	53.0	62.0	17.0	296.6	266.4	-10.2
Dytiki Makedonia	16	18	12.5	8.3	2.3	-71.9	44.4	13.7	-69.2
Thessalia	101	123	21.8	17.7	24.6	38.9	79.1	115.5	46.0
Ipeiros	48	63	31.3	17.5	11.3	-35.5	64.1	41.5	-35.3
Ionia Nisia	99	111	12.1	16.0	13.5	-16.1	50.5	42.7	-15.4
Dytiki Ellada	98	127	29.6	15.8	26.6	67.9	53.5	137.7	157.6
Stereia Ellada	86	87	1.2	10.9	12.9	19.1	64.4	68.0	5.6
Peloponnisos	105	120	14.3	9.1	14.3	56.9	30.9	50.4	62.8
Attiki	333	358	7.5	100.6	104.2	3.6	402.9	454.3	12.7
Voreio Aigaio	41	48	17.1	5.0	7.2	43.7	17.9	35.7	99.5
Notio Aigaio	127	146	15.0	38.1	28.5	-25.1	134.5	98.1	-27.1
Kriti	118	160	35.6	21.7	30.4	40.2	76.7	123.1	60.6
Greece, Total	1,493	1,747	17.0	327.5	361.0	10.2	1,374.0	1,531.0	11.4

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	83	96	15.7	13.7	23.1	68.1	58.5	83.7	43.0
Kentriki Makedonia	237	286	20.7	53.0	62.0	17.0	296.6	266.4	-10.2
Dytiki Makedonia	16	17	6.3	8.3	1.6	-80.9	44.4	5.2	-88.2
Thessalia	101	119	17.8	17.7	24.0	35.4	79.1	112.3	42.0
Ipeiros	47	62	31.9	17.5	11.3	-35.4	64.0	41.5	-35.2
Ionia Nisia	99	111	12.1	16.0	13.5	-16.1	50.5	42.7	-15.4
Dytiki Ellada	98	126	28.6	15.8	26.6	67.9	53.5	137.7	157.6
Stereia Ellada	86	85	-1.2	10.9	12.6	16.2	64.4	66.5	3.3
Peloponnisos	105	119	13.3	9.1	14.3	56.9	30.9	50.4	62.8
Attiki	332	358	7.8	99.6	104.2	4.7	397.7	454.3	14.2
Voreio Aigaio	41	48	17.1	5.0	7.2	43.7	17.9	35.7	99.5
Notio Aigaio	127	146	15.0	38.1	28.5	-25.1	134.5	98.1	-27.1
Kriti	117	158	35.0	19.8	30.0	51.4	68.1	122.1	79.2
Greece, Total	1,489	1,731	16.3	324.6	358.9	10.6	1,360.1	1,516.5	11.5

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July – June		Change (%)	July – June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	644	957	48.6	140.5	210.8	50.1	574.1	782.7	36.3
Kentriki Makedonia	2,327	2,746	18.0	567.8	610.4	7.5	2,928.0	3,229.8	10.3
Dytiki Makedonia	214	240	12.1	62.8	64.7	2.9	374.7	372.9	-0.5
Thessalia	909	1,112	22.3	203.7	259.0	27.1	1,118.9	1,251.4	11.8
Ipeiros	543	632	16.4	157.3	158.5	0.8	619.7	691.4	11.6
Ionia Nisia	1,094	1,304	19.2	213.9	241.8	13.0	722.6	795.2	10.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,070	1,155	7.9	163.7	207.1	26.6	600.5	913.9	52.2
Sterea Ellada	931	959	3.0	181.7	180.2	-0.8	987.8	979.5	-0.8
Peloponnisos	1,250	1,400	12.0	205.1	208.1	1.5	768.0	838.2	9.1
Attiki	3,251	3,765	15.8	756.9	1,092.0	44.3	3,496.4	4,927.6	40.9
Voreio Aigaio	403	459	13.9	46.5	63.7	37.0	170.9	241.1	41.1
Notio Aigaio	1,595	1,968	23.4	366.5	375.6	2.5	1,265.7	1,286.7	1.7
Kriti	1,214	1,814	49.4	323.7	414.1	27.9	1,232.6	1,565.6	27.0
Greece, Total	15,445	18,511	19.9	3,390.0	4,086.0	20.5	14,859.9	17,876.0	20.3

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July – June		Change (%)	July – June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	643	947	47.3	140.5	208.9	48.7	574.0	771.9	34.5
Kentriki Makedonia	2,303	2,731	18.6	564.9	595.9	5.5	2,913.2	3,089.8	6.1
Dytiki Makedonia	210	238	13.3	48.5	59.8	23.3	221.4	348.9	57.6
Thessalia	897	1,095	22.1	197.0	252.8	28.3	1,089.8	1,228.8	12.8
Ipeiros	541	626	15.7	157.2	156.9	-0.2	619.4	685.5	10.7
Ionia Nisia	1,092	1,304	19.4	213.1	241.8	13.5	719.5	795.2	10.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,059	1,145	8.1	153.3	192.6	25.6	546.0	856.8	56.9
Sterea Ellada	924	950	2.8	165.8	178.1	7.4	908.0	971.7	7.0
Peloponnisos	1,227	1,394	13.6	188.5	207.0	9.8	703.9	833.8	18.5
Attiki	3,231	3,740	15.8	747.0	1,080.0	44.6	3,452.4	4,868.7	41.0
Voreio Aigaio	395	456	15.4	45.4	63.4	39.8	164.6	239.8	45.7
Notio Aigaio	1,586	1,957	23.4	363.2	373.1	2.7	1,252.0	1,277.1	2.0
Kriti	1,197	1,802	50.5	308.9	412.8	33.6	1,178.4	1,560.7	32.4
Greece, Total	15,305	18,385	20.1	3,293.2	4,023.2	22.2	14,342.7	17,528.8	22.2

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	371	419	12.9	80.0	89.1	11.4	319.3	321.1	0.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,100	1,281	16.5	232.8	289.1	24.2	1,163.8	1,435.7	23.4
Dytiki Makedonia	90	107	18.9	19.2	20.3	5.6	89.8	98.9	10.2
Thessalia	440	514	16.8	92.5	109.0	17.8	557.3	531.0	-4.7
Ipeiros	239	284	18.8	66.1	60.1	-9.1	265.7	272.2	2.4
Ionia Nisia	540	602	11.5	78.2	99.5	27.3	255.0	331.3	29.9
Dytiki Ellada	406	492	21.2	60.1	77.1	28.2	222.4	343.2	54.3
Stereia Ellada	377	418	10.9	53.9	87.2	61.7	301.6	508.0	68.4
Peloponnisos	572	645	12.8	77.5	93.4	20.5	295.3	360.4	22.1
Attiki	1,597	1,719	7.6	341.5	468.5	37.2	1,362.0	1,951.9	43.3
Voreio Aigaio	181	206	13.8	19.7	25.0	26.9	71.5	94.8	32.6
Notio Aigaio	721	902	25.1	157.6	147.8	-6.2	556.4	476.1	-14.4
Kriti	596	844	41.6	135.3	153.3	13.4	557.4	609.0	9.3
Greece, Total	7,230	8,433	16.6	1,414.5	1,719.5	21.6	6,017.5	7,333.6	21.9

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

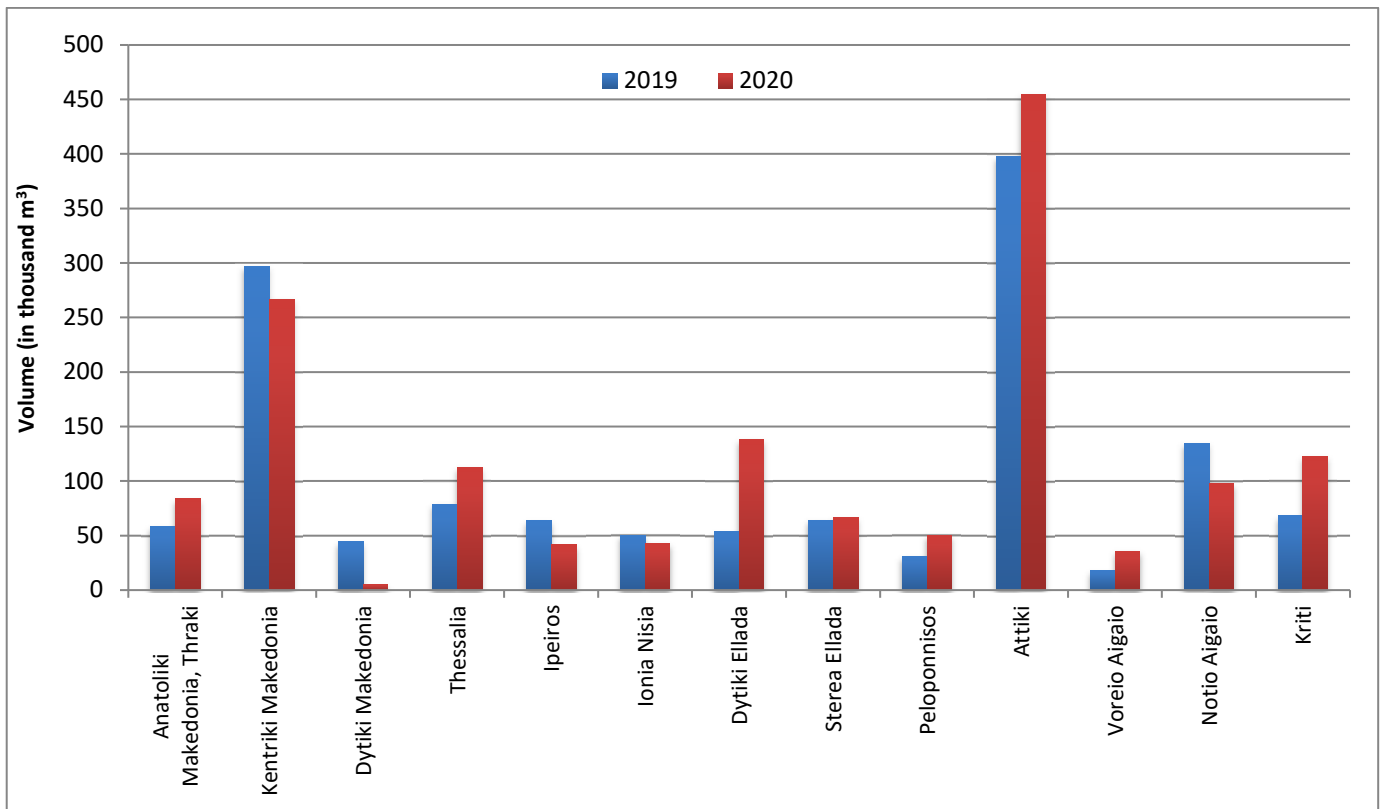
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	371	416	12.1	80.0	88.9	11.1	319.3	320.2	0.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,096	1,272	16.1	232.8	288.2	23.8	1,163.8	1,431.6	23.0
Dytiki Makedonia	89	106	19.1	19.2	19.5	1.7	89.8	90.4	0.8
Thessalia	438	502	14.6	91.9	106.2	15.6	555.4	522.5	-5.9
Ipeiros	238	281	18.1	66.1	60.0	-9.3	265.6	271.6	2.3
Ionia Nisia	540	602	11.5	78.2	99.5	27.3	255.0	331.3	29.9
Dytiki Ellada	404	483	19.6	60.0	76.1	26.8	221.8	339.9	53.2
Stereia Ellada	377	411	9.0	53.9	85.4	58.3	301.6	501.0	66.1
Peloponnisos	563	641	13.9	74.1	92.4	24.6	278.5	356.1	27.8
Attiki	1,589	1,704	7.2	336.8	461.1	36.9	1,341.5	1,917.4	42.9
Voreio Aigaio	180	203	12.8	19.7	24.7	25.3	71.5	93.5	30.7
Notio Aigaio	719	892	24.1	157.3	145.4	-7.6	555.5	466.5	-16.0
Kriti	590	837	41.9	130.8	152.6	16.7	540.1	605.8	12.2
Greece, Total	7,194	8,350	16.1	1,400.8	1,699.8	21.3	5,959.6	7,247.8	21.6

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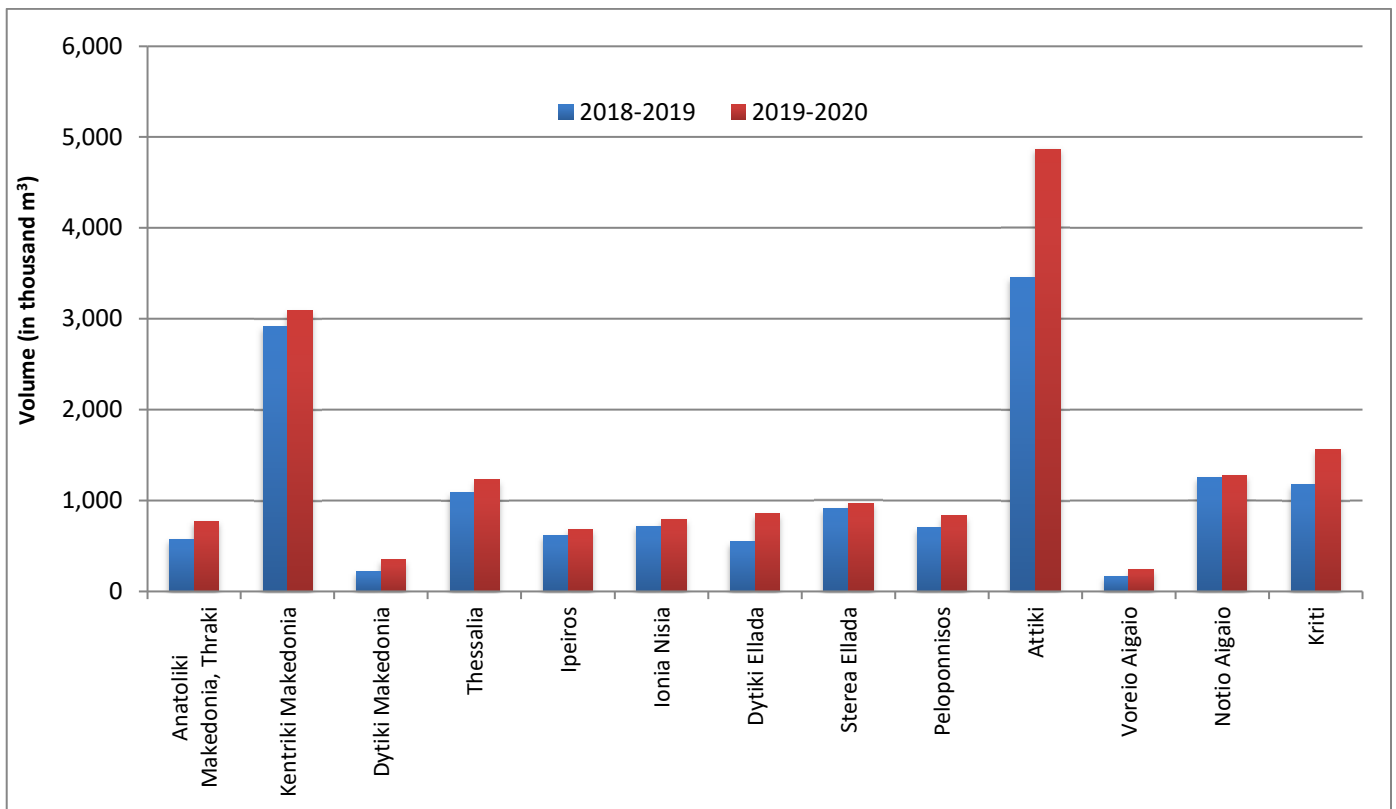
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2019 and 2020*



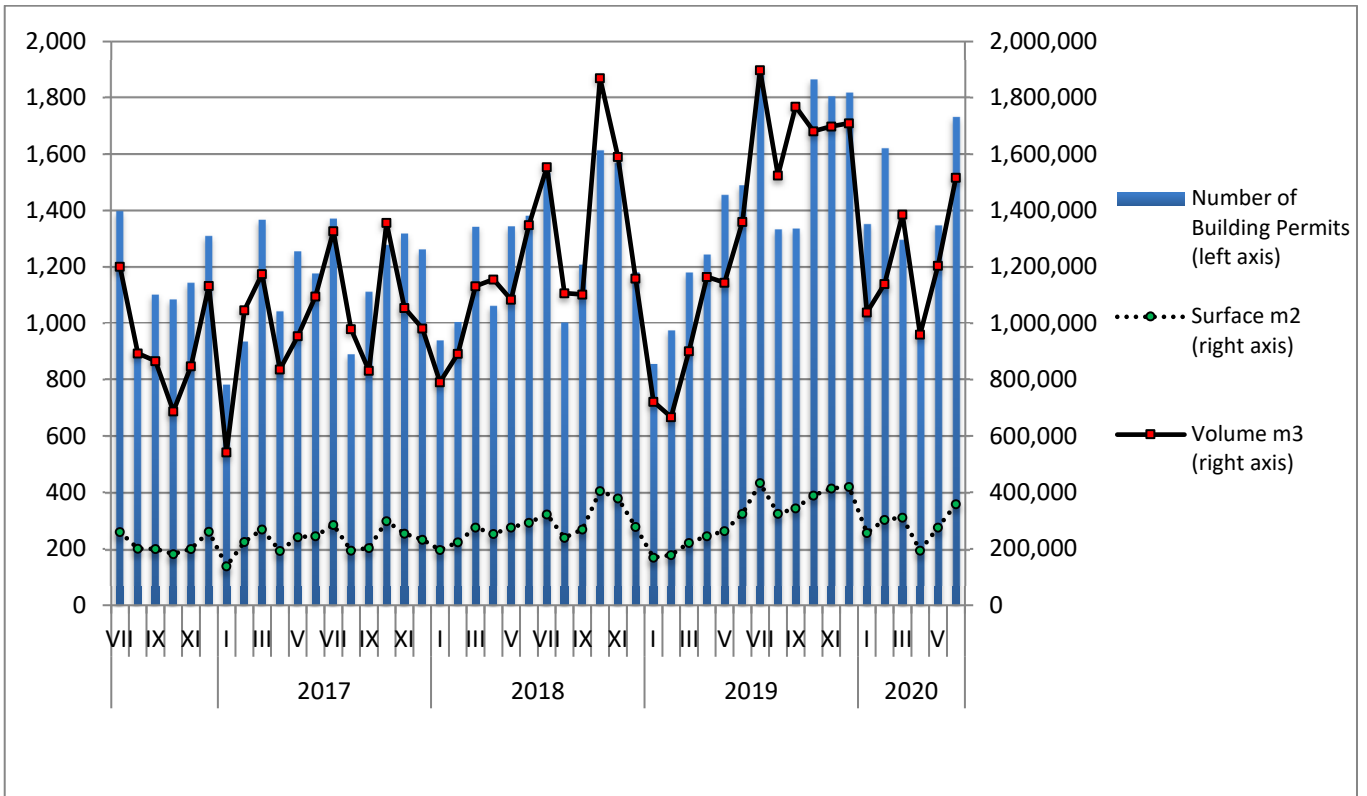
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), July 2018 – June 2019 and July 2019 – June 2020*



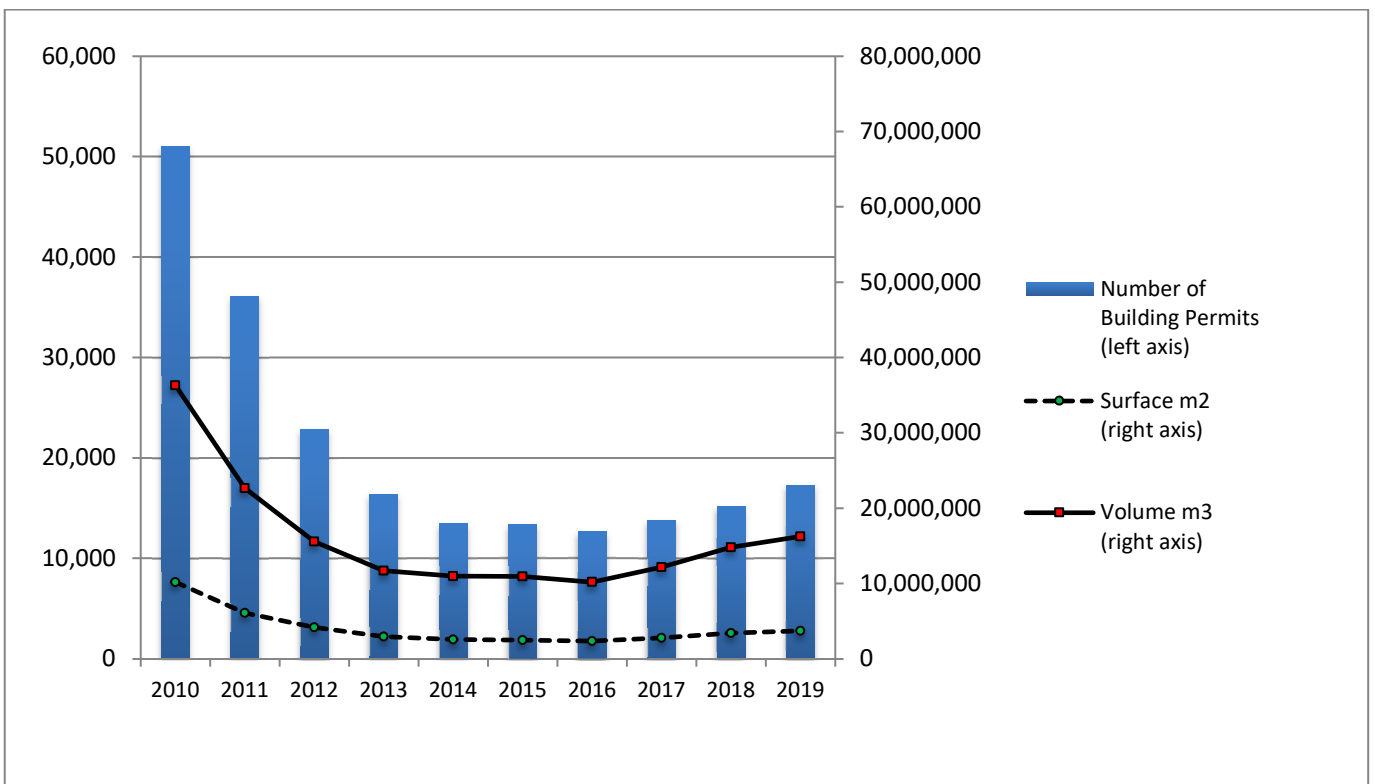
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (July 2016 – June 2020*)



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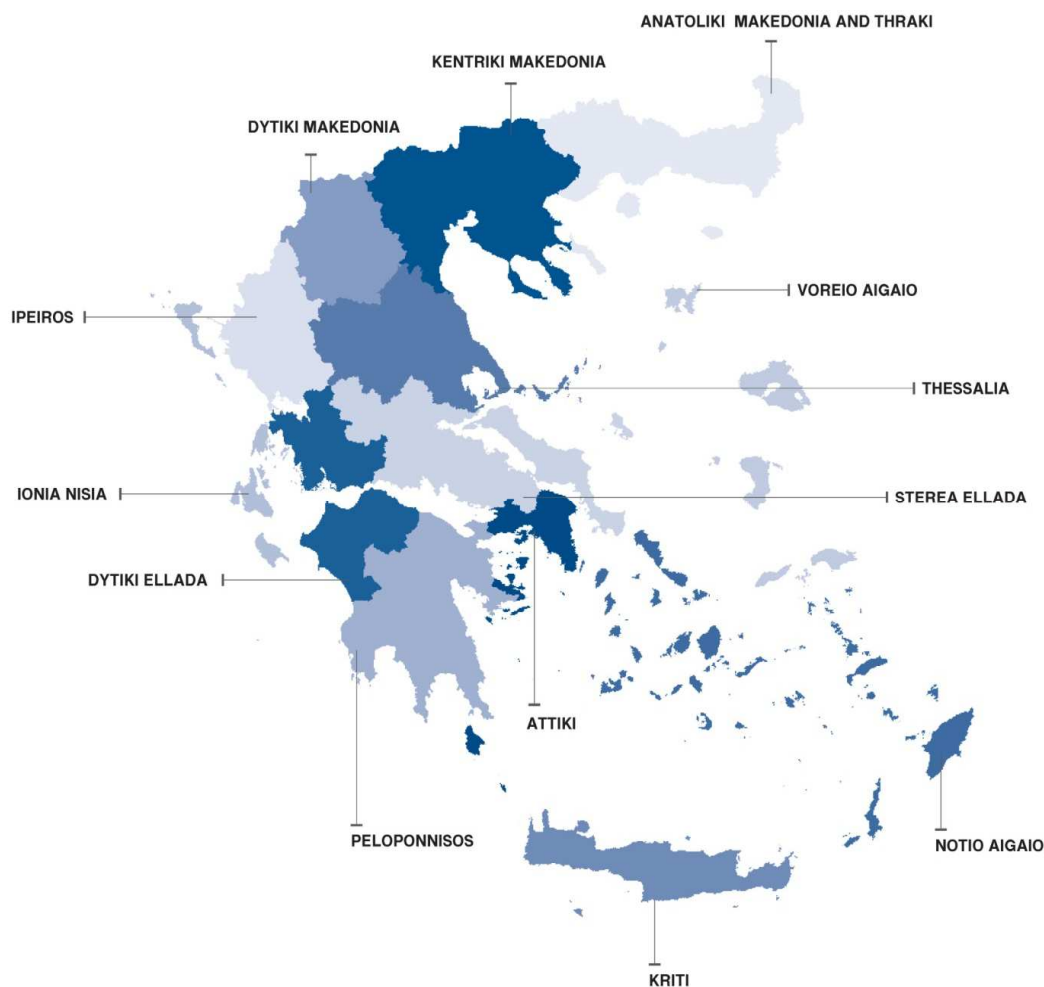
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2010 - 2019)



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** June 1, 2020 to June 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.

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/>