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Building Activity Survey: March 2026

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Building Activity Survey for the month March 2026. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in March 2026 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,697. This figure corresponds to 568,908 m² of surface and 2,569,307 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 22.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 40.7% increase in surface and a 38.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2025 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2026 amounted to 2,662. This figure corresponds to 557,463 m² of surface and 2,473,520 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2025 there is a 21.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 40.3% increase in surface and a 35.5% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2026 amounted to 35. This figure corresponds to 11,445 m² of surface and 95,787 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 3.7% of the total building volume in March 2026.

In the last twelve months, from April 2025 until March 2026, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 31,078. This figure corresponds to 7,112,414 m² of surface and 34,225,118 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from April 2024 until March 2025, there is a 9.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 10.5% increase in surface and a 16.4% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from April 2025 until March 2026, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 11.3% increase in surface and a 17.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2024 to March 2025 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.7% of the total building volume.

During the period January - March 2026, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 14.4% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 48.3% increase in surface and a 60.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2025 (Table 5). During the same period, January - March 2026, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 14.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 49.5% increase in surface and a 60.4% increase in volume, in comparison with the period January - March 2025 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2025 and 2026

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2025	2026		2025	2026		2025	2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	112	132	17.9	20,538	38,953	89.7	85,067	180,451	112.1
Kentriki Makedonia	251	359	43.0	61,915	106,803	72.5	342,055	569,725	66.6
Dytiki Makedonia	23	26	13.0	3,773	5,127	35.9	18,617	36,669	97.0
Thessalia	117	141	20.5	20,560	20,254	-1.5	86,722	90,247	4.1
Ipeiros	81	101	24.7	11,713	21,100	80.1	41,296	84,896	105.6
Ionia Nisia	193	235	21.8	29,046	30,132	3.7	96,145	107,934	12.3
Dytiki Ellada	125	142	13.6	16,102	33,385	107.3	60,776	200,634	230.1
Stereia Ellada	111	135	21.6	31,795	19,403	-39.0	228,110	80,117	-64.9
Peloponnisos	197	206	4.6	41,980	28,803	-31.4	275,886	106,741	-61.3
Attiki	455	633	39.1	85,447	152,951	79.0	330,654	658,665	99.2
Voreio Aigaio	61	75	23.0	4,165	9,877	137.1	13,933	34,564	148.1
Notio Aigaio	248	230	-7.3	41,706	39,593	-5.1	150,294	140,223	-6.7
Kriti	232	282	21.6	35,496	62,527	76.2	132,248	278,441	110.5
Greece, Total	2,206	2,697	22.3	404,236	568,908	40.7	1,861,803	2,569,307	38.0

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), March 2025 and 2026

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2025	2026		2025	2026		2025	2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	112	132	17.9	20,538	38,953	89.7	85,067	180,451	112.1
Kentriki Makedonia	248	349	40.7	56,035	106,140	89.4	312,029	566,883	81.7
Dytiki Makedonia	23	26	13.0	3,773	5,127	35.9	18,617	36,669	97.0
Thessalia	116	140	20.7	19,552	20,251	3.6	80,940	90,236	11.5
Ipeiros	81	98	21.0	11,713	20,939	78.8	41,296	83,986	103.4
Ionia Nisia	193	233	20.7	29,046	30,132	3.7	96,145	107,934	12.3
Dytiki Ellada	123	139	13.0	16,102	33,385	107.3	60,776	200,634	230.1
Stereia Ellada	110	133	20.9	31,795	19,301	-39.3	228,110	79,810	-65.0
Peloponnisos	195	205	5.1	41,980	28,623	-31.8	275,886	106,201	-61.5
Attiki	454	629	38.5	85,447	152,138	78.0	330,654	650,837	96.8
Voreio Aigaio	60	71	18.3	4,165	8,847	112.4	13,933	30,028	115.5
Notio Aigaio	247	229	-7.3	41,706	39,593	-5.1	150,294	140,223	-6.7
Kriti	232	278	19.8	35,496	54,034	52.2	132,248	199,628	50.9
Greece, Total	2,194	2,662	21.3	397,348	557,463	40.3	1,825,995	2,473,520	35.5

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2024 - March 2025 and April 2025 - March 2026

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,524	1,583	3.9	370,604	406,172	9.6	1,607,739	1,858,023	15.6
Kentriki Makedonia	3,945	3,940	-0.1	1,099,586	1,162,506	5.7	5,388,287	6,962,524	29.2
Dytiki Makedonia	345	339	-1.7	72,734	92,756	27.5	407,248	581,418	42.8
Thessalia	1,693	1,877	10.9	367,647	447,927	21.8	1,847,860	2,439,130	32.0
Ipeiros	922	1,132	22.8	234,749	231,419	-1.4	1,194,217	918,086	-23.1
Ionia Nisia	2,225	2,480	11.5	371,681	369,681	-0.5	1,336,535	1,292,726	-3.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,596	1,790	12.2	270,989	317,063	17.0	1,269,523	1,477,870	16.4
Stereia Ellada	1,346	1,666	23.8	288,521	338,508	17.3	1,822,650	2,116,149	16.1
Peloponnisos	2,199	2,328	5.9	392,392	392,338	0.0	1,792,664	1,876,522	4.7
Attiki	6,452	6,966	8.0	1,891,876	2,135,404	12.9	8,650,429	9,999,745	15.6
Voreio Aigaio	697	841	20.7	69,280	98,083	41.6	266,063	362,474	36.2
Notio Aigaio	2,845	3,027	6.4	468,415	482,593	3.0	1,658,886	1,801,494	8.6
Kriti	2,690	3,109	15.6	539,430	637,964	18.3	2,148,631	2,538,957	18.2
Greece, Total	28,479	31,078	9.1	6,437,904	7,112,414	10.5	29,390,732	34,225,118	16.4

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2024 - March 2025 and April 2025 - March 2026

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026		2024-2025	2025-2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,502	1,571	4.6	355,672	398,055	11.9	1,517,367	1,775,048	17.0
Kentriki Makedonia	3,871	3,881	0.3	1,042,940	1,142,221	9.5	5,114,189	6,842,122	33.8
Dytiki Makedonia	341	333	-2.3	72,531	90,904	25.3	406,485	572,577	40.9
Thessalia	1,682	1,863	10.8	350,932	429,958	22.5	1,713,935	2,286,383	33.4
Ipeiros	915	1,115	21.9	234,241	228,290	-2.5	1,192,200	904,333	-24.1
Ionia Nisia	2,211	2,470	11.7	362,246	369,585	2.0	1,255,706	1,292,332	2.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,566	1,765	12.7	264,877	310,138	17.1	1,239,638	1,442,906	16.4
Stereia Ellada	1,331	1,651	24.0	281,489	332,328	18.1	1,785,745	2,093,755	17.2
Peloponnisos	2,177	2,313	6.2	382,262	388,246	1.6	1,732,341	1,856,366	7.2
Attiki	6,422	6,919	7.7	1,857,934	2,093,901	12.7	8,413,027	9,760,350	16.0
Voreio Aigaio	678	828	22.1	60,361	97,053	60.8	226,516	357,938	58.0
Notio Aigaio	2,817	3,009	6.8	460,676	468,079	1.6	1,620,156	1,724,993	6.5
Kriti	2,663	3,077	15.5	530,881	617,035	16.2	2,120,079	2,402,952	13.3
Greece, Total	28,176	30,795	9.3	6,257,042	6,965,793	11.3	28,337,384	33,312,055	17.6

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - March 2025 and 2026

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)
	2025	2026		2025	2026		2025	2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	309	318	2.9	58,805	86,818	47.6	249,021	421,956	69.4
Kentriki Makedonia	733	907	23.7	163,679	304,621	86.1	887,876	2,048,065	130.7
Dytiki Makedonia	64	68	6.3	10,219	19,693	92.7	43,861	148,578	238.7
Thessalia	309	376	21.7	57,036	61,041	7.0	278,401	245,249	-11.9
Ipeiros	224	241	7.6	85,806	47,527	-44.6	580,373	199,533	-65.6
Ionia Nisia	542	638	17.7	75,153	88,222	17.4	254,640	313,164	23.0
Dytiki Ellada	357	374	4.8	58,167	71,361	22.7	259,078	342,262	32.1
Stereia Ellada	336	353	5.1	70,293	45,189	-35.7	423,614	200,186	-52.7
Peloponnisos	513	540	5.3	93,485	90,790	-2.9	503,294	371,917	-26.1
Attiki	1,262	1,615	28.0	229,433	513,620	123.9	1,067,783	2,943,320	175.6
Voreio Aigaio	165	181	9.7	13,021	25,282	94.2	47,827	92,298	93.0
Notio Aigaio	683	653	-4.4	106,195	120,294	13.3	372,870	437,498	17.3
Kriti	613	725	18.3	90,759	175,124	93.0	330,032	715,805	116.9
Greece, Total	6,110	6,989	14.4	1,112,051	1,649,582	48.3	5,298,670	8,479,831	60.0

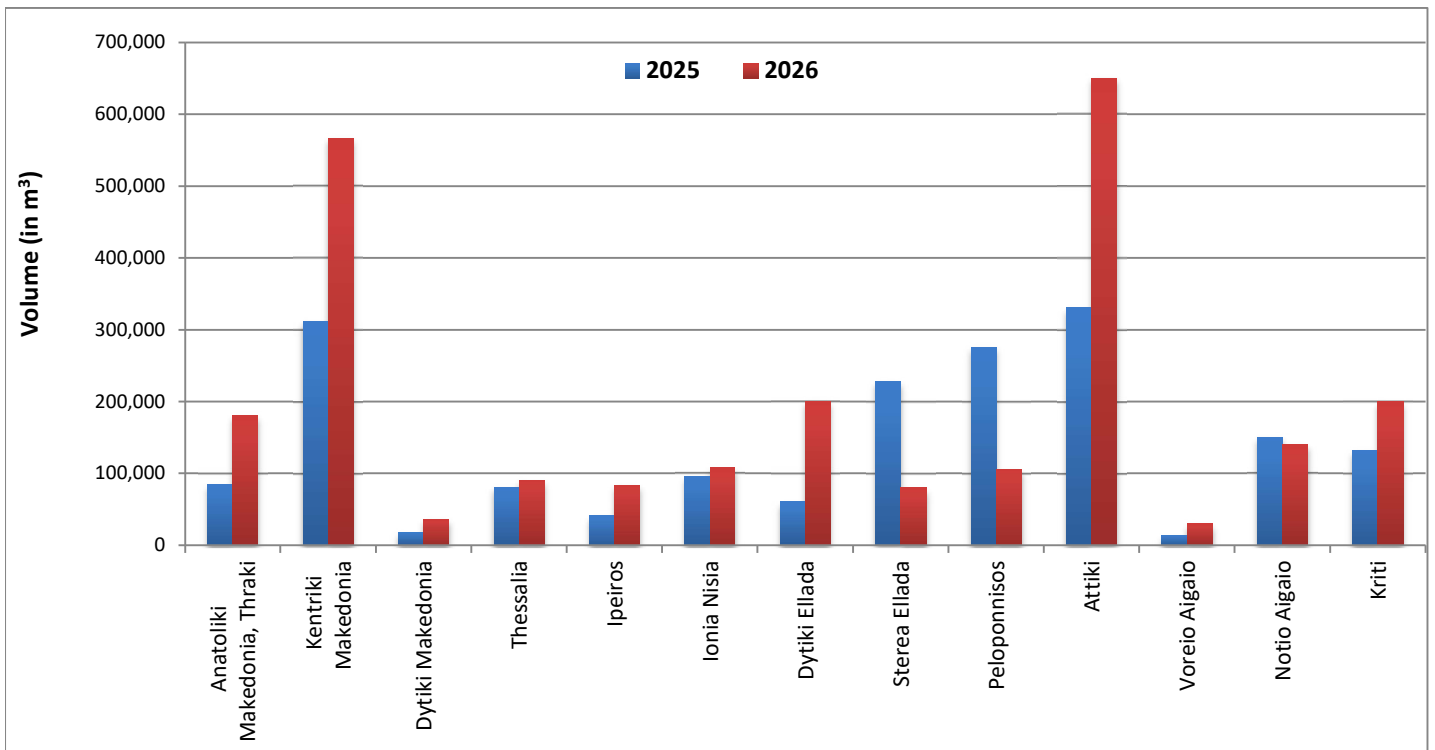
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - March 2025 and 2026

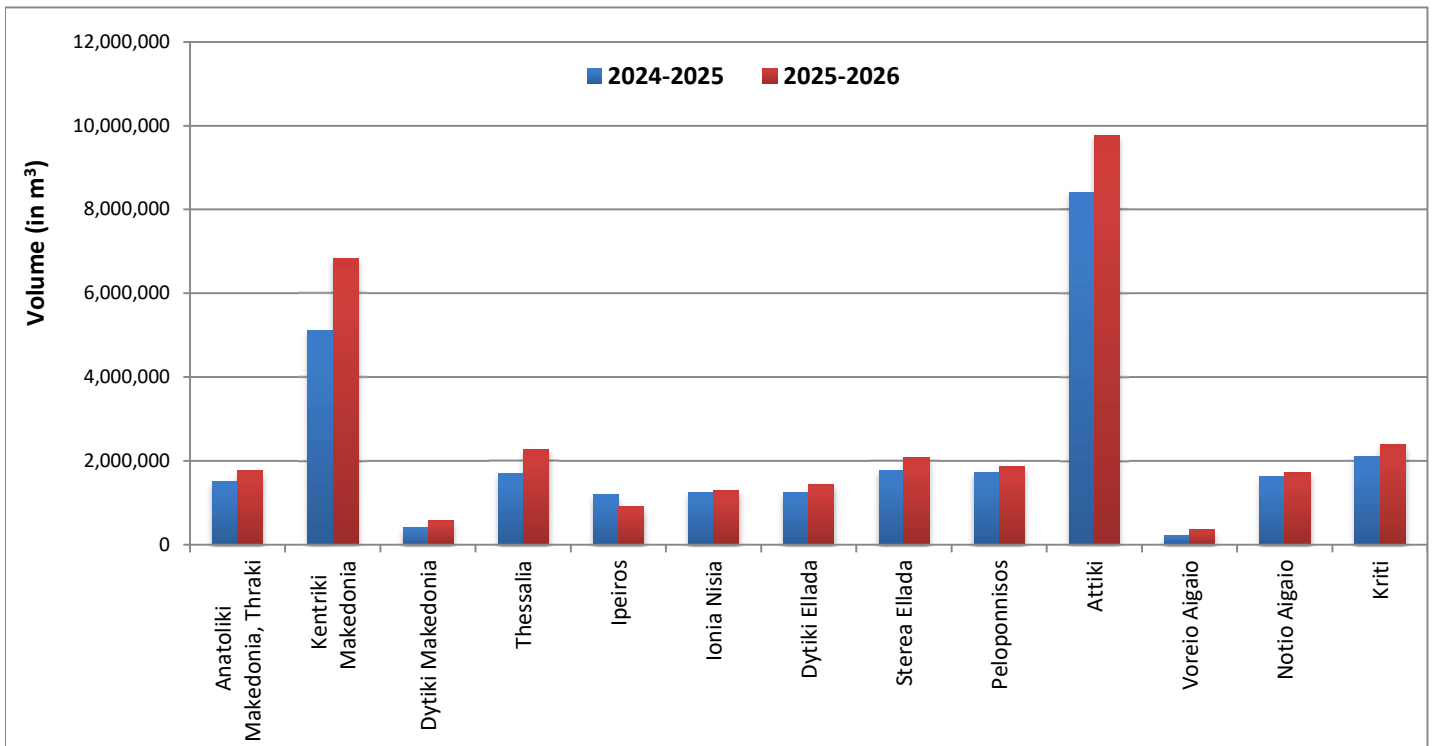
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)
	2025	2026		2025	2026		2025	2026	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	307	318	3.6	58,500	86,818	48.4	247,751	421,956	70.3
Kentriki Makedonia	719	887	23.4	146,536	303,958	107.4	807,238	2,045,223	153.4
Dytiki Makedonia	64	67	4.7	10,219	19,567	91.5	43,861	148,206	237.9
Thessalia	305	372	22.0	54,267	60,641	11.7	262,529	242,821	-7.5
Ipeiros	224	236	5.4	85,806	47,102	-45.1	580,373	197,665	-65.9
Ionia Nisia	538	635	18.0	75,016	88,222	17.6	253,876	313,164	23.4
Dytiki Ellada	353	370	4.8	58,135	71,361	22.8	258,765	342,262	32.3
Stereia Ellada	335	347	3.6	70,293	44,372	-36.9	423,614	196,934	-53.5
Peloponnisos	508	537	5.7	93,485	90,610	-3.1	503,294	371,377	-26.2
Attiki	1,258	1,604	27.5	229,433	507,440	121.2	1,067,783	2,896,546	171.3
Voreio Aigaio	160	175	9.4	11,256	24,252	115.5	40,760	87,762	115.3
Notio Aigaio	681	649	-4.7	106,195	119,110	12.2	372,870	430,969	15.6
Kriti	608	718	18.1	89,782	164,373	83.1	326,790	627,577	92.0
Greece, Total	6,060	6,915	14.1	1,088,923	1,627,826	49.5	5,189,504	8,322,462	60.4

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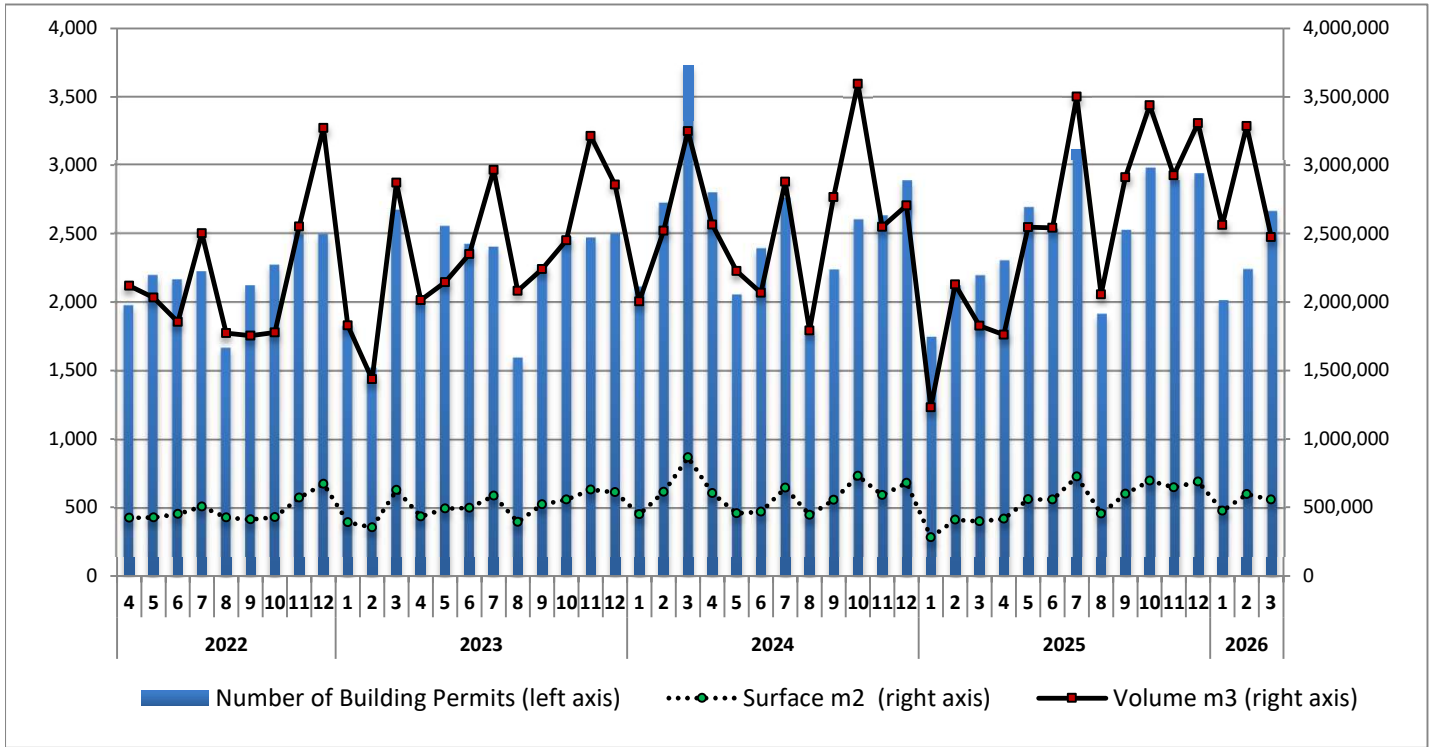
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2025 and 2026



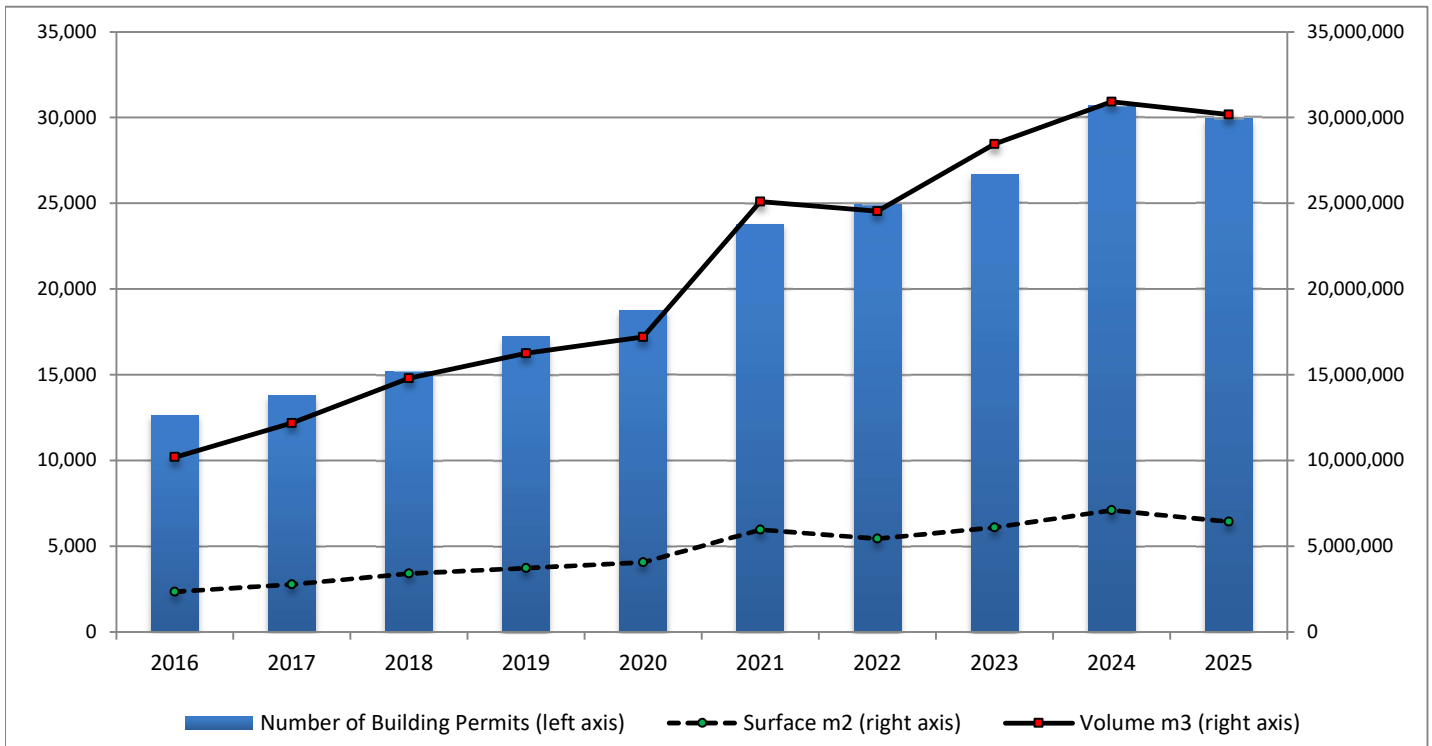
Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2024 - March 2025 and April 2025 - March 2026



Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (April 2022 – March 2026)



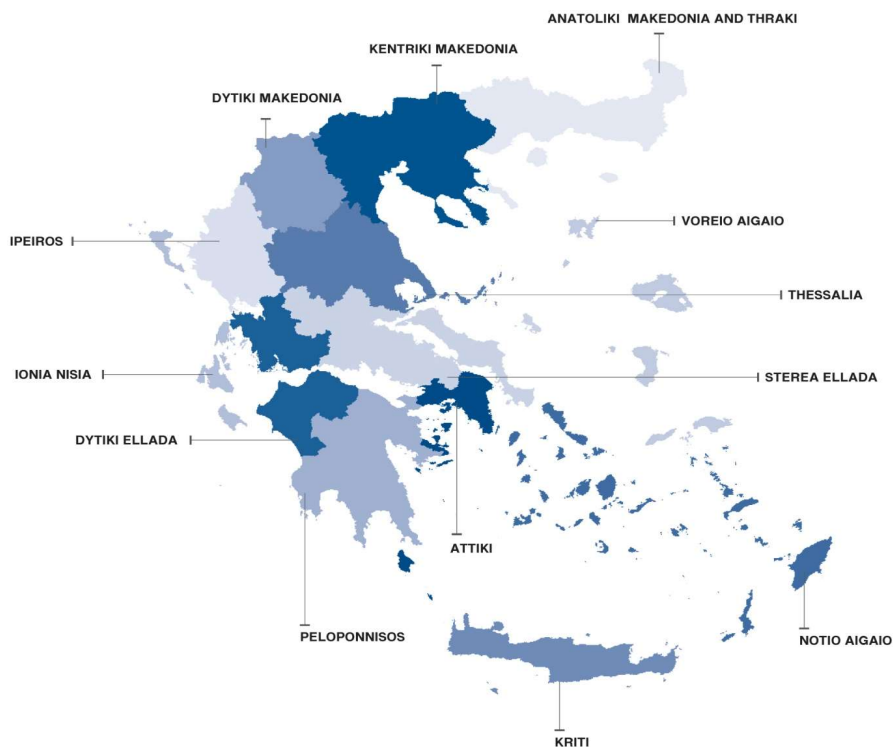
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2016 – 2025)



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	March 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026.
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/-