

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: December 2020**

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in December 2020 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,813. This figure corresponds to 497.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,995.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 0.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 17.9% increase in surface and a 15.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2019 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2020 amounted to 1,799. This figure corresponds to 482.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,947.0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2019 there is an 1.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 15.1% increase in surface and a 13.9% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2020 amounted to 14. This figure corresponds to 15.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 48.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.4% of the total building volume in December 2020.
- In the last twelve months, from January until December 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 18,907. This figure corresponds to 4,129.4 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 17,586.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from January until December 2019, there is a 9.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 9.2% increase in surface and a 6.2% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from January until December 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 8.9% increase in surface and a 5.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January 2019 to December 2019 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.2% of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	96	78	-18.8	19.9	13.7	-31.0	71.1	50.6	-28.8
Kentriki Makedonia	273	209	-23.4	64.9	40.8	-37.2	408.3	157.9	-61.3
Dytiki Makedonia	19	13	-31.6	4.1	0.5	-88.5	26.0	1.7	-93.6
Thessalia	97	128	32.0	23.3	51.9	122.5	126.9	319.5	151.8
Ipeiros	70	59	-15.7	19.0	15.8	-16.8	78.9	57.7	-26.8
Ionia Nisia	136	110	-19.1	22.9	71.7	213.6	75.9	267.3	252.0
Dytiki Ellada	113	124	9.7	20.6	20.8	1.1	87.7	89.3	1.8
Stereia Ellada	84	118	40.5	12.1	16.4	34.9	43.5	89.3	105.1
Peloponnisos	129	125	-3.1	15.7	17.1	8.8	63.5	62.6	-1.5
Attiki	365	432	18.4	104.0	135.0	29.8	354.6	527.3	48.7
Voreio Aigaio	46	46	0.0	9.8	9.9	1.1	30.9	29.5	-4.4
Notio Aigaio	222	198	-10.8	54.6	36.7	-32.8	179.3	119.9	-33.1
Kriti	175	173	-1.1	51.3	67.7	32.0	177.3	223.2	25.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>422.2</b>	<b>497.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>1,724.0</b>	<b>1,995.8</b>	<b>15.8</b>

\*Provisional data for December 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), December 2019 and 2020\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	95	78	-17.9	19.0	13.7	-28.0	65.3	50.6	-22.5
Kentriki Makedonia	273	207	-24.2	64.9	39.6	-38.9	408.3	152.6	-62.6
Dytiki Makedonia	19	13	-31.6	4.1	0.5	-88.5	26.0	1.7	-93.6
Thessalia	95	128	34.7	22.5	51.9	130.7	123.1	319.5	159.4
Ipeiros	70	58	-17.1	19.0	15.2	-19.8	78.9	56.0	-29.0
Ionia Nisia	136	110	-19.1	22.9	71.7	213.6	75.9	267.3	252.0
Dytiki Ellada	113	124	9.7	20.6	20.8	1.1	87.7	89.3	1.8
Stereia Ellada	84	117	39.3	12.1	16.3	34.6	43.5	89.1	104.8
Peloponnisos	129	125	-3.1	15.7	17.1	8.8	63.5	62.6	-1.5
Attiki	363	428	17.9	103.2	134.8	30.6	349.8	526.2	50.4
Voreio Aigaio	46	46	0.0	9.8	9.9	1.1	30.9	29.5	-4.4
Notio Aigaio	222	198	-10.8	54.6	36.7	-32.8	179.3	119.9	-33.1
Kriti	172	167	-2.9	51.2	54.6	6.7	176.8	182.8	3.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>419.6</b>	<b>482.8</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>1,709.1</b>	<b>1,947.0</b>	<b>13.9</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January – December 2019 and 2020\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January – December		Change (%)	January – December		Change (%)	January – December		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	909	956	5.2	201.7	206.5	2.4	780.8	828.3	6.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,565	2,676	4.3	554.1	593.6	7.1	2,957.9	2,875.6	-2.8
Dytiki Makedonia	223	253	13.5	63.6	57.3	-9.9	363.8	277.4	-23.8
Thessalia	1,038	1,198	15.4	242.5	299.3	23.4	1,277.7	1,543.5	20.8
Ipeiros	587	675	15.0	164.5	180.7	9.8	685.0	804.9	17.5
Ionia Nisia	1,242	1,276	2.7	220.5	278.4	26.3	718.9	952.7	32.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,069	1,248	16.7	190.2	199.0	4.6	793.1	839.9	5.9
Stereia Ellada	918	1,068	16.3	146.9	217.2	47.8	773.2	1,286.6	66.4
Peloponnisos	1,327	1,493	12.5	192.2	232.5	20.9	773.0	865.4	11.9
Attiki	3,643	3,965	8.8	965.0	1,122.1	16.3	4,337.7	4,714.7	8.7
Voreio Aigaio	434	416	-4.1	58.4	57.9	-0.9	217.9	204.4	-6.2
Notio Aigaio	1,787	1,891	5.8	385.4	323.1	-16.2	1,367.0	1,067.1	-21.9
Kriti	1,566	1,792	14.4	396.0	361.9	-8.6	1,514.0	1,325.8	-12.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>17,308</b>	<b>18,907</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>3,781.0</b>	<b>4,129.4</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>16,559.9</b>	<b>17,586.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January – December 2019 and 2020\***

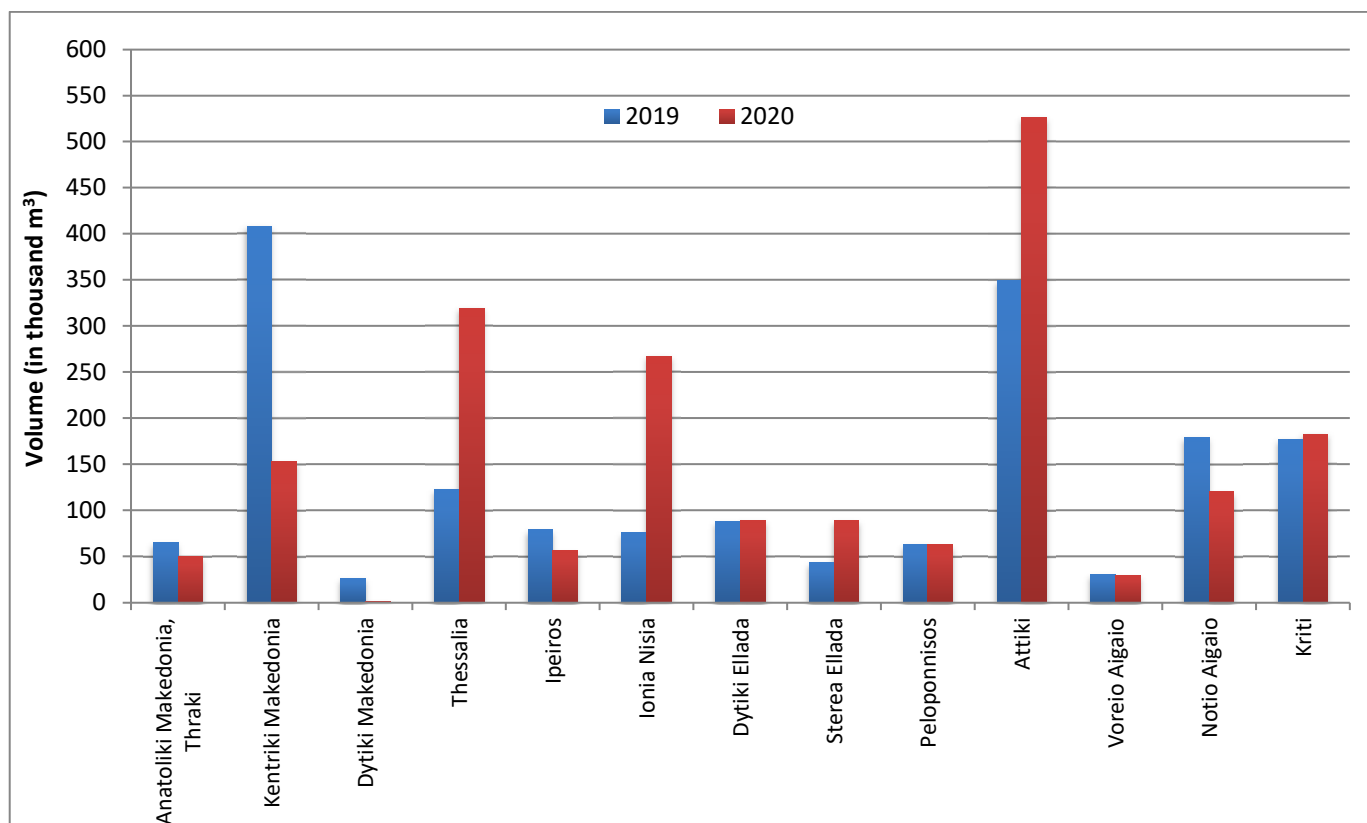
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January – December		Change (%)	January – December		Change (%)	January – December		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	902	947	5.0	200.0	190.7	-4.7	771.0	684.5	-11.2
Kentriki Makedonia	2,555	2,656	4.0	540.5	590.2	9.2	2,822.0	2,857.0	1.2
Dytiki Makedonia	221	249	12.7	59.4	47.9	-19.5	348.2	237.3	-31.8
Thessalia	1,031	1,184	14.8	238.5	296.5	24.3	1,261.7	1,535.0	21.7
Ipeiros	583	669	14.8	163.1	179.7	10.2	679.5	801.4	17.9
Ionia Nisia	1,242	1,276	2.7	220.5	278.4	26.3	718.9	952.7	32.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,066	1,230	15.4	176.5	192.5	9.0	738.7	809.1	9.5
Stereia Ellada	916	1,059	15.6	146.7	215.4	46.8	772.3	1,279.6	65.7
Peloponnisos	1,316	1,484	12.8	188.8	230.9	22.3	756.2	859.1	13.6
Attiki	3,625	3,933	8.5	955.7	1,111.4	16.3	4,292.9	4,664.3	8.7
Voreio Aigaio	433	412	-4.8	58.4	57.3	-1.9	217.9	199.1	-8.6
Notio Aigaio	1,784	1,877	5.2	385.1	319.9	-16.9	1,366.2	1,055.1	-22.8
Kriti	1,555	1,771	13.9	391.0	344.7	-11.8	1,495.0	1,262.3	-15.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>17,229</b>	<b>18,747</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>3,724.2</b>	<b>4,055.4</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>16,240.6</b>	<b>17,196.6</b>	<b>5.9</b>

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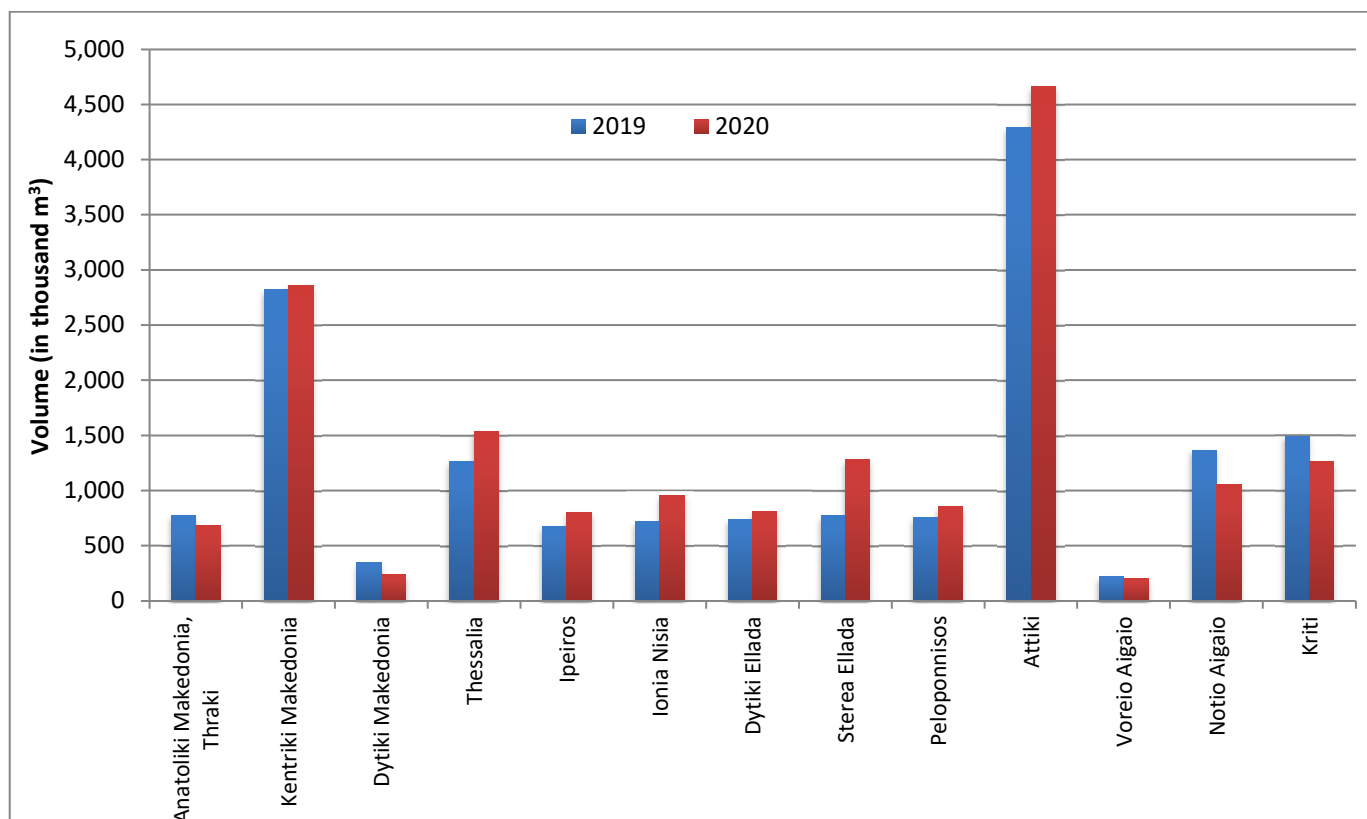
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2019 and 2020\***



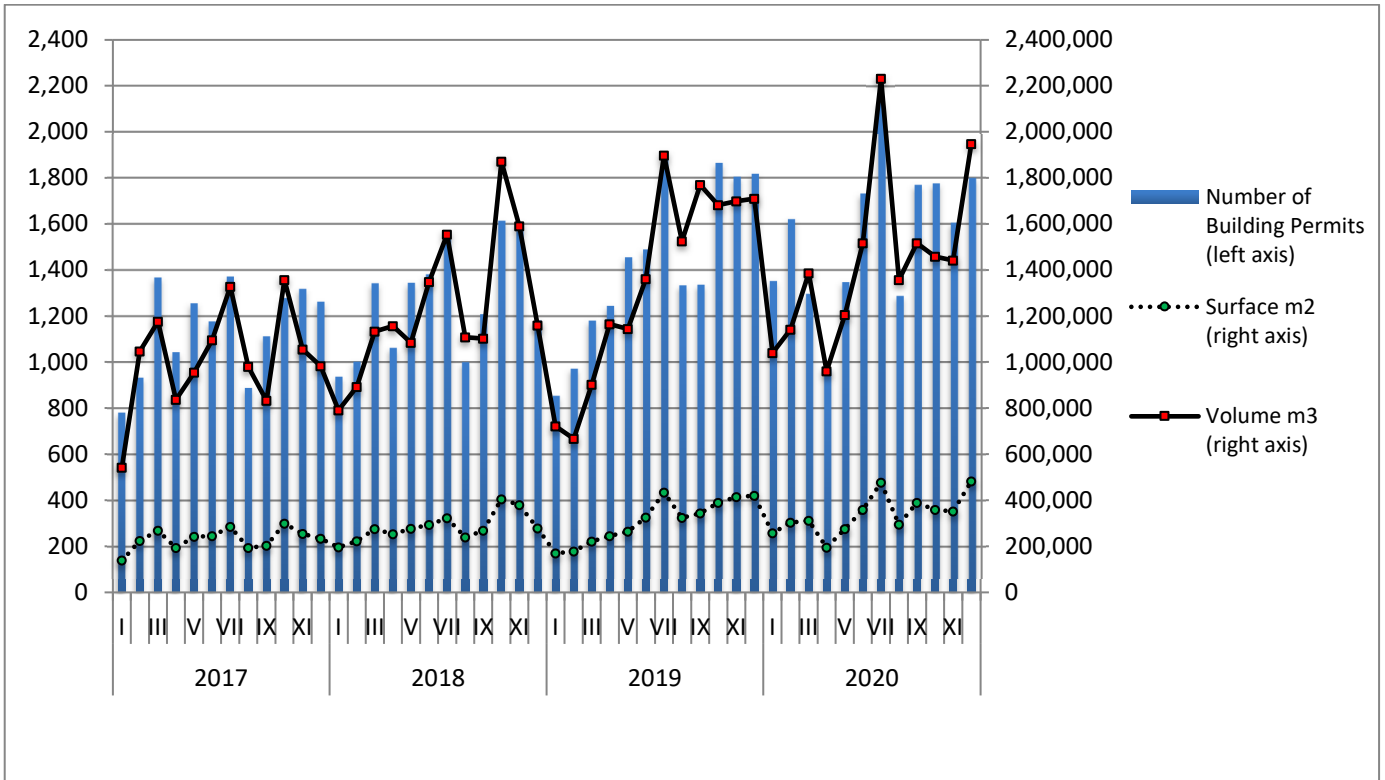
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January – December 2019 and 2020\***



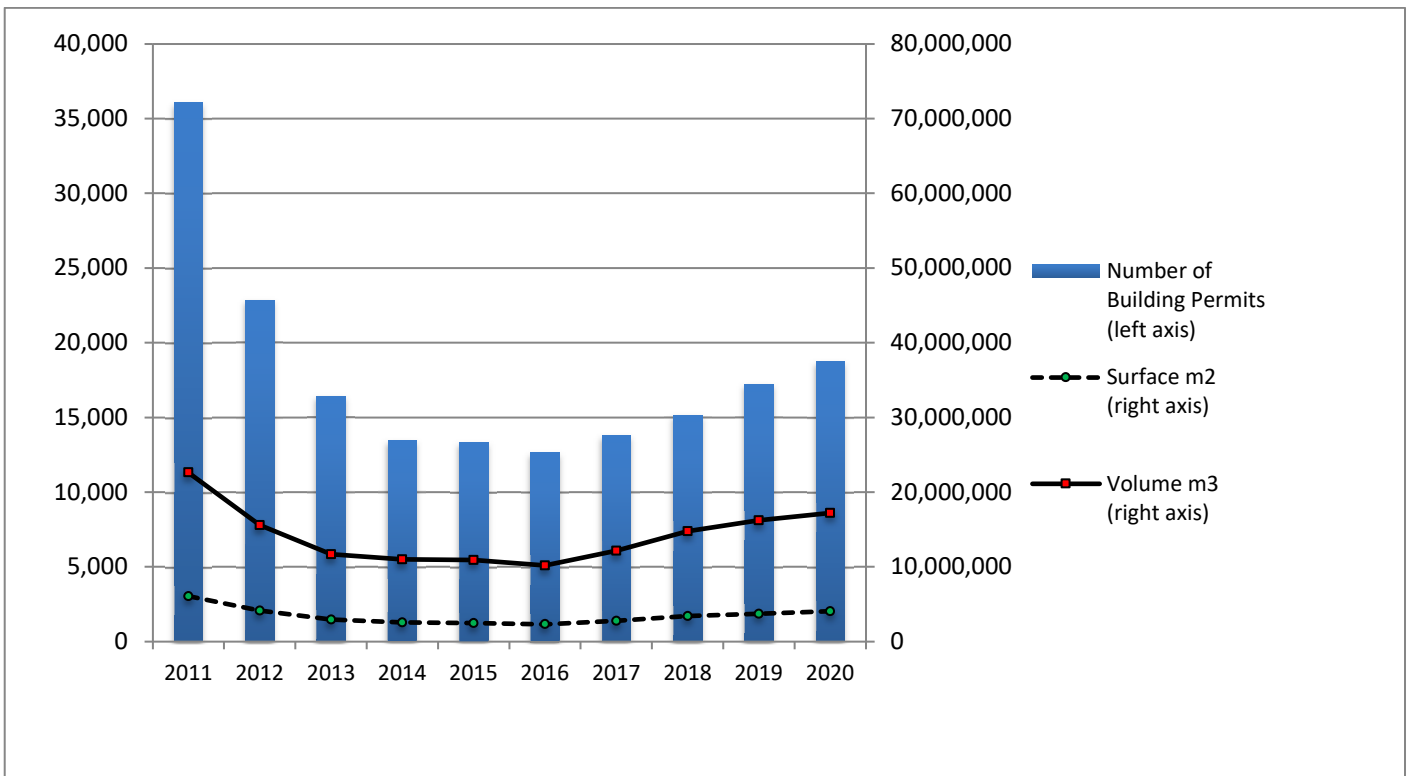
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (January 2017 – December 2020\*)**



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**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2011 – 2020\*)**

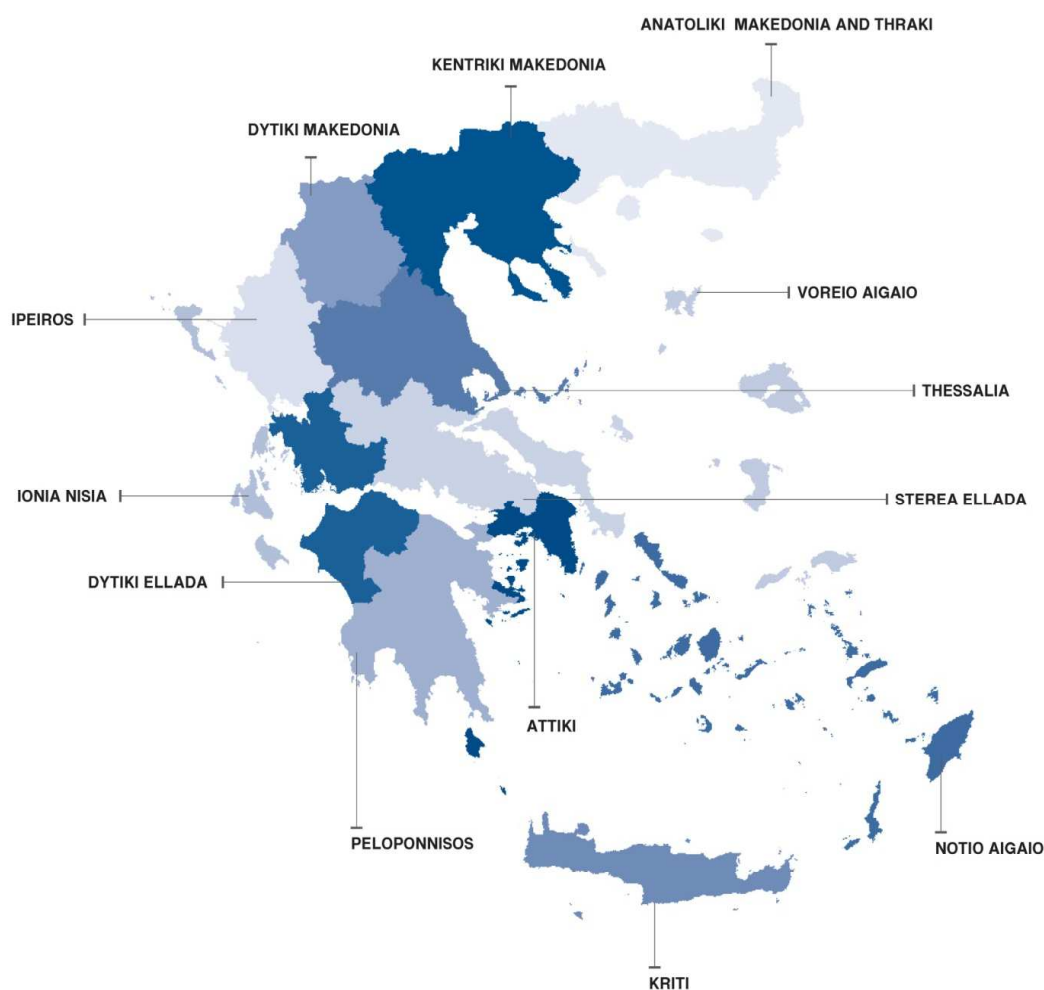


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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

- 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) No 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) No 1158/2005.
- Reference Period** December 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.
- Coverage** The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the Country.
- December** 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, as well as other auxiliary spaces.

**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 the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT): <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/>.