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Building Activity Survey: July 2023

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Building Activity Survey for the month July 2023. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in July 2023 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,423. This figure corresponds to 612,421 m² of surface and 3,112,259 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 7.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 17.5% increase in surface and a 20.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2022 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2023 amounted to 2,402. This figure corresponds to 584,886 m² of surface and 2,965,898 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2022 there is an 8.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 16.0% increase in surface and an 18.5% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2023 amounted to 21. This figure corresponds to 27,535 m² of surface and 146,361 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 4.7% of the total building volume in July 2023.

In the last twelve months, from August 2022 until July 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 26,712. This figure corresponds to 6,031,589 m² of surface and 27,457,268 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from August 2021 until July 2022, there is an 11.0% increase in the number of building permits, an 8.0% increase in surface and an 8.9% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from August 2022 until July 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 10.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 7.3% increase in surface and an 8.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2021 to July 2022 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.6% of the total building volume.

During the period January - July 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded an 11.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.6% increase in surface and a 16.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2022 (Table 5). During the same period, January - July 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 11.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.2% increase in surface and a 16.4% increase in volume, in comparison with the period from January - July 2022 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	94	119	26.6	25,919	26,423	1.9	128,448	148,552	15.7
Kentriki Makedonia	297	330	11.1	66,705	70,724	6.0	319,126	315,450	-1.2
Dytiki Makedonia	32	32	0.0	4,347	11,894	173.6	21,300	104,323	389.8
Thessalia	160	151	-5.6	38,723	36,495	-5.8	183,951	186,005	1.1
Ipeiros	88	95	8.0	20,205	25,140	24.4	79,622	104,443	31.2
Ionia Nisia	139	149	7.2	20,585	25,204	22.4	69,722	92,122	32.1
Dytiki Ellada	125	160	28.0	17,786	21,800	22.6	62,823	88,990	41.7
Stereia Ellada	131	156	19.1	18,193	27,800	52.8	75,547	164,249	117.4
Peloponnisos	193	166	-14.0	26,774	50,998	90.5	118,300	235,086	98.7
Attiki	569	596	4.7	202,379	228,243	12.8	1,254,823	1,327,862	5.8
Voreio Aigaio	44	54	22.7	5,256	5,232	-0.5	15,185	20,415	34.4
Notio Aigaio	217	212	-2.3	43,823	46,921	7.1	140,322	189,981	35.4
Kriti	165	203	23.0	30,505	35,547	16.5	111,436	134,781	20.9
Greece, Total	2,254	2,423	7.5	521,200	612,421	17.5	2,580,605	3,112,259	20.6

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), July 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	91	118	29.7	23,167	26,423	14.1	106,703	148,552	39.2
Kentriki Makedonia	294	325	10.5	65,448	70,630	7.9	313,199	315,065	0.6
Dytiki Makedonia	32	32	0.0	4,347	11,894	173.6	21,300	104,323	389.8
Thessalia	160	148	-7.5	38,723	36,116	-6.7	183,951	183,335	-0.3
Ipeiros	87	94	8.0	20,087	25,140	25.2	79,201	104,443	31.9
Ionia Nisia	136	148	8.8	20,585	24,986	21.4	69,722	91,403	31.1
Dytiki Ellada	122	159	30.3	17,623	21,800	23.7	62,317	88,990	42.8
Stereia Ellada	130	156	20.0	18,193	27,800	52.8	75,547	164,249	117.4
Peloponnisos	192	163	-15.1	26,709	27,008	1.1	118,075	106,348	-9.9
Attiki	561	591	5.3	190,793	225,389	18.1	1,208,415	1,314,013	8.7
Voreio Aigaio	43	53	23.3	5,256	5,232	-0.5	15,185	20,415	34.4
Notio Aigaio	216	212	-1.9	43,823	46,921	7.1	140,322	189,981	35.4
Kriti	160	203	26.9	29,653	35,547	19.9	107,880	134,781	24.9
Greece, Total	2,224	2,402	8.0	504,407	584,886	16.0	2,501,817	2,965,898	18.5

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2021 - July 2022 and August 2022 - July 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,259	1,333	5.9	338,535	353,820	4.5	1,748,951	1,755,139	0.4
Kentriki Makedonia	3,317	3,682	11.0	856,481	935,545	9.2	4,325,538	4,824,051	11.5
Dytiki Makedonia	335	336	0.3	70,324	65,594	-6.7	335,995	372,032	10.7
Thessalia	1,612	1,605	-0.4	406,679	346,946	-14.7	1,915,159	1,687,132	-11.9
Ipeiros	866	909	5.0	215,972	250,850	16.1	943,405	1,086,980	15.2
Ionia Nisia	1,486	1,758	18.3	257,916	316,599	22.8	904,750	1,084,472	19.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,504	1,591	5.8	227,900	231,950	1.8	924,505	1,051,325	13.7
Stereia Ellada	1,339	1,587	18.5	274,317	243,638	-11.2	1,657,152	1,324,548	-20.1
Peloponnisos	1,965	2,051	4.4	316,978	350,675	10.6	1,377,334	1,539,858	11.8
Attiki	5,524	6,121	10.8	1,575,428	1,843,153	17.0	7,177,616	8,608,130	19.9
Voreio Aigaio	584	749	28.3	83,021	84,939	2.3	302,549	306,797	1.4
Notio Aigaio	2,381	2,694	13.1	509,734	530,355	4.0	1,717,712	1,918,782	11.7
Kriti	1,895	2,296	21.2	450,311	477,525	6.0	1,884,152	1,898,022	0.7
Greece, Total	24,067	26,712	11.0	5,583,596	6,031,589	8.0	25,214,818	27,457,268	8.9

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2021 - July 2022 and August 2022 - July 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,249	1,319	5.6	310,248	347,822	12.1	1,598,175	1,728,987	8.2
Kentriki Makedonia	3,287	3,635	10.6	846,551	913,924	8.0	4,277,369	4,723,431	10.4
Dytiki Makedonia	328	329	0.3	69,256	54,849	-20.8	332,098	312,890	-5.8
Thessalia	1,609	1,584	-1.6	404,910	338,488	-16.4	1,907,792	1,626,817	-14.7
Ipeiros	859	899	4.7	215,065	233,779	8.7	939,486	1,022,370	8.8
Ionia Nisia	1,480	1,751	18.3	257,916	316,381	22.7	904,750	1,083,753	19.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,493	1,577	5.6	227,701	229,334	0.7	923,639	1,038,629	12.4
Stereia Ellada	1,332	1,567	17.6	272,504	238,935	-12.3	1,642,524	1,306,750	-20.4
Peloponnisos	1,950	2,032	4.2	311,222	318,449	2.3	1,350,891	1,361,145	0.8
Attiki	5,475	6,050	10.5	1,539,809	1,808,862	17.5	7,031,949	8,460,899	20.3
Voreio Aigaio	582	735	26.3	82,133	84,076	2.4	298,602	302,543	1.3
Notio Aigaio	2,377	2,688	13.1	509,734	528,873	3.8	1,717,712	1,908,344	11.1
Kriti	1,872	2,275	21.5	436,113	471,794	8.2	1,817,722	1,868,068	2.8
Greece, Total	23,893	26,441	10.7	5,483,162	5,885,566	7.3	24,742,709	26,744,626	8.1

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - July 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	728	767	5.4	206,648	193,858	-6.2	1,087,814	975,938	-10.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,900	2,125	11.8	481,286	546,259	13.5	2,331,411	2,902,100	24.5
Dytiki Makedonia	202	179	-11.4	26,750	35,382	32.3	122,384	209,090	70.8
Thessalia	913	951	4.2	214,097	208,739	-2.5	980,204	1,034,293	5.5
Ipeiros	486	548	12.8	108,303	150,138	38.6	462,077	649,444	40.5
Ionia Nisia	847	1,029	21.5	118,412	175,232	48.0	401,112	599,961	49.6
Dytiki Ellada	836	886	6.0	107,414	139,876	30.2	420,451	636,933	51.5
Stereia Ellada	755	924	22.4	146,882	138,426	-5.8	923,501	786,979	-14.8
Peloponnisos	1,165	1,209	3.8	179,561	230,420	28.3	776,169	1,052,905	35.7
Attiki	3,328	3,582	7.6	893,310	1,057,720	18.4	4,358,851	4,961,539	13.8
Voreio Aigaio	347	424	22.2	45,782	39,646	-13.4	158,749	144,674	-8.9
Notio Aigaio	1,403	1,563	11.4	258,536	294,120	13.8	878,774	1,097,426	24.9
Kriti	1,085	1,355	24.9	222,467	270,323	21.5	879,922	1,047,916	19.1
Greece, Total	13,995	15,542	11.1	3,009,448	3,480,139	15.6	13,781,419	16,099,198	16.8

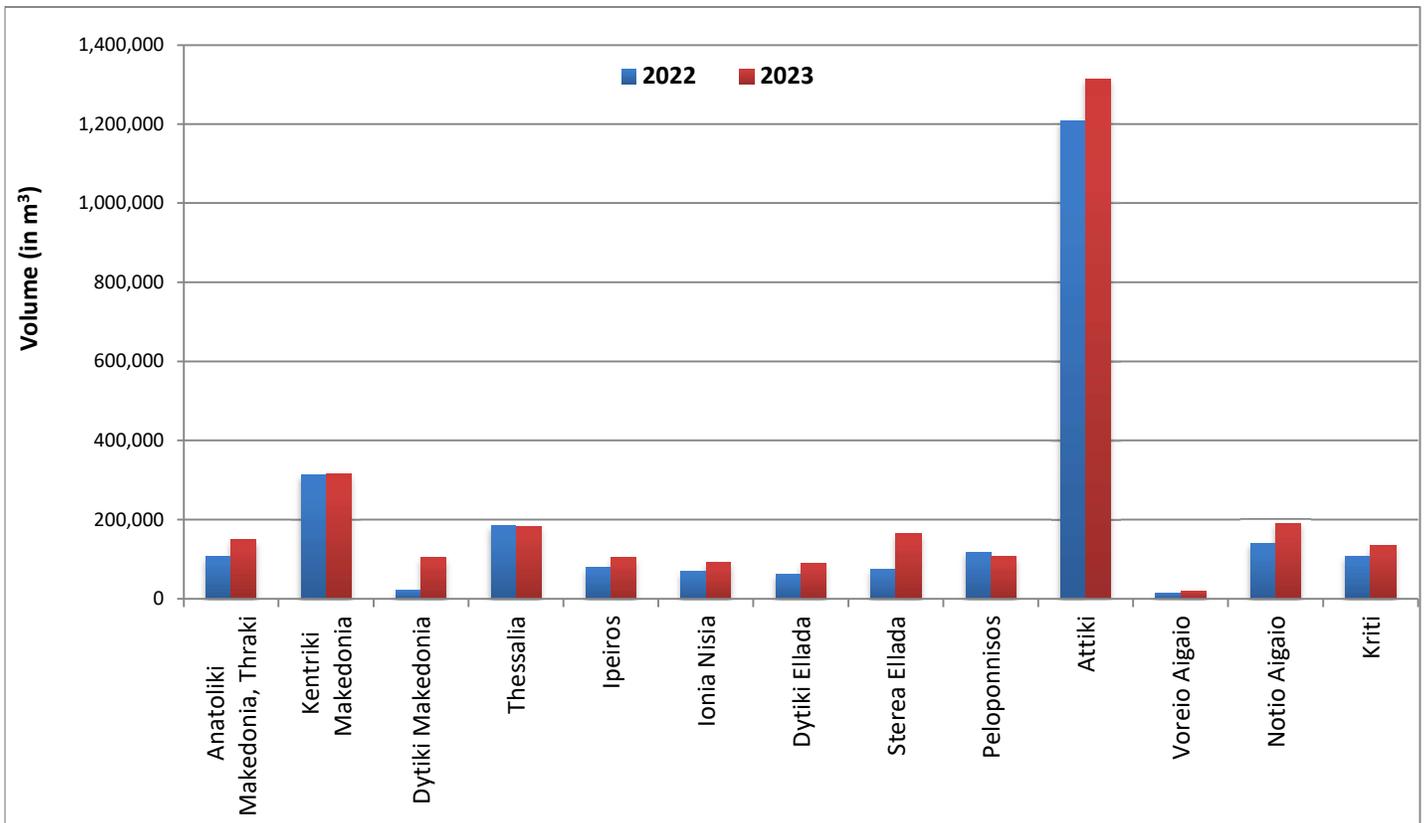
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - July 2022 and 2023

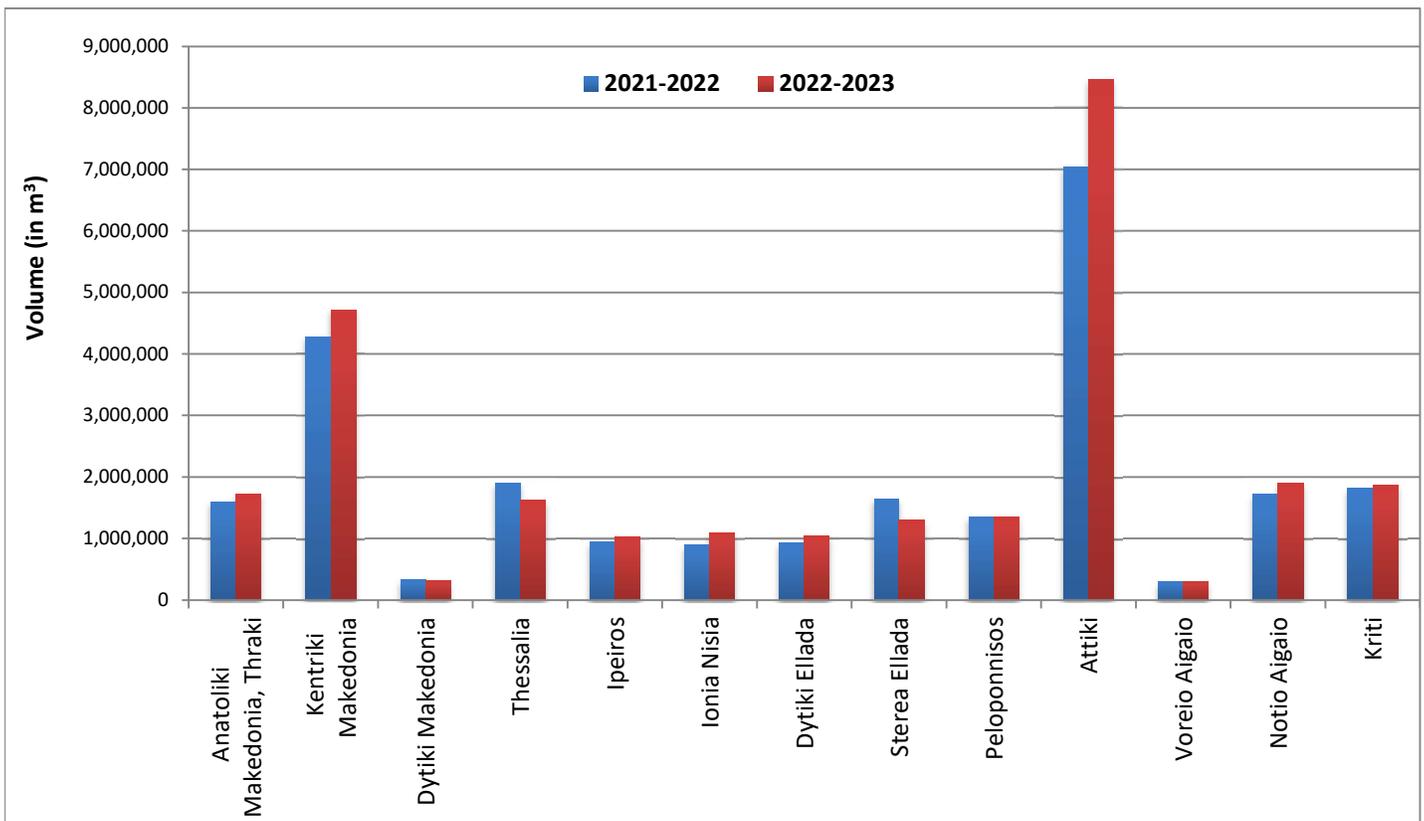
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	718	757	5.4	178,361	191,093	7.1	937,038	965,853	3.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,877	2,100	11.9	472,340	528,308	11.8	2,286,798	2,820,866	23.4
Dytiki Makedonia	197	175	-11.2	25,700	35,367	37.6	118,568	208,964	76.2
Thessalia	912	938	2.9	213,540	206,215	-3.4	977,466	1,018,295	4.2
Ipeiros	480	541	12.7	107,600	133,400	24.0	458,688	585,896	27.7
Ionia Nisia	841	1,025	21.9	118,412	175,014	47.8	401,112	599,242	49.4
Dytiki Ellada	828	877	5.9	107,251	137,301	28.0	419,945	624,388	48.7
Stereia Ellada	751	916	22.0	146,709	135,852	-7.4	922,473	778,392	-15.6
Peloponnisos	1,158	1,199	3.5	179,065	198,957	11.1	774,263	878,126	13.4
Attiki	3,290	3,539	7.6	868,668	1,037,344	19.4	4,254,609	4,872,617	14.5
Voreio Aigaio	346	418	20.8	45,782	39,646	-13.4	158,749	144,674	-8.9
Notio Aigaio	1,400	1,561	11.5	258,536	293,875	13.7	878,774	1,096,446	24.8
Kriti	1,067	1,347	26.2	209,957	265,099	26.3	824,139	1,020,644	23.8
Greece, Total	13,865	15,393	11.0	2,931,921	3,377,471	15.2	13,412,622	15,614,403	16.4

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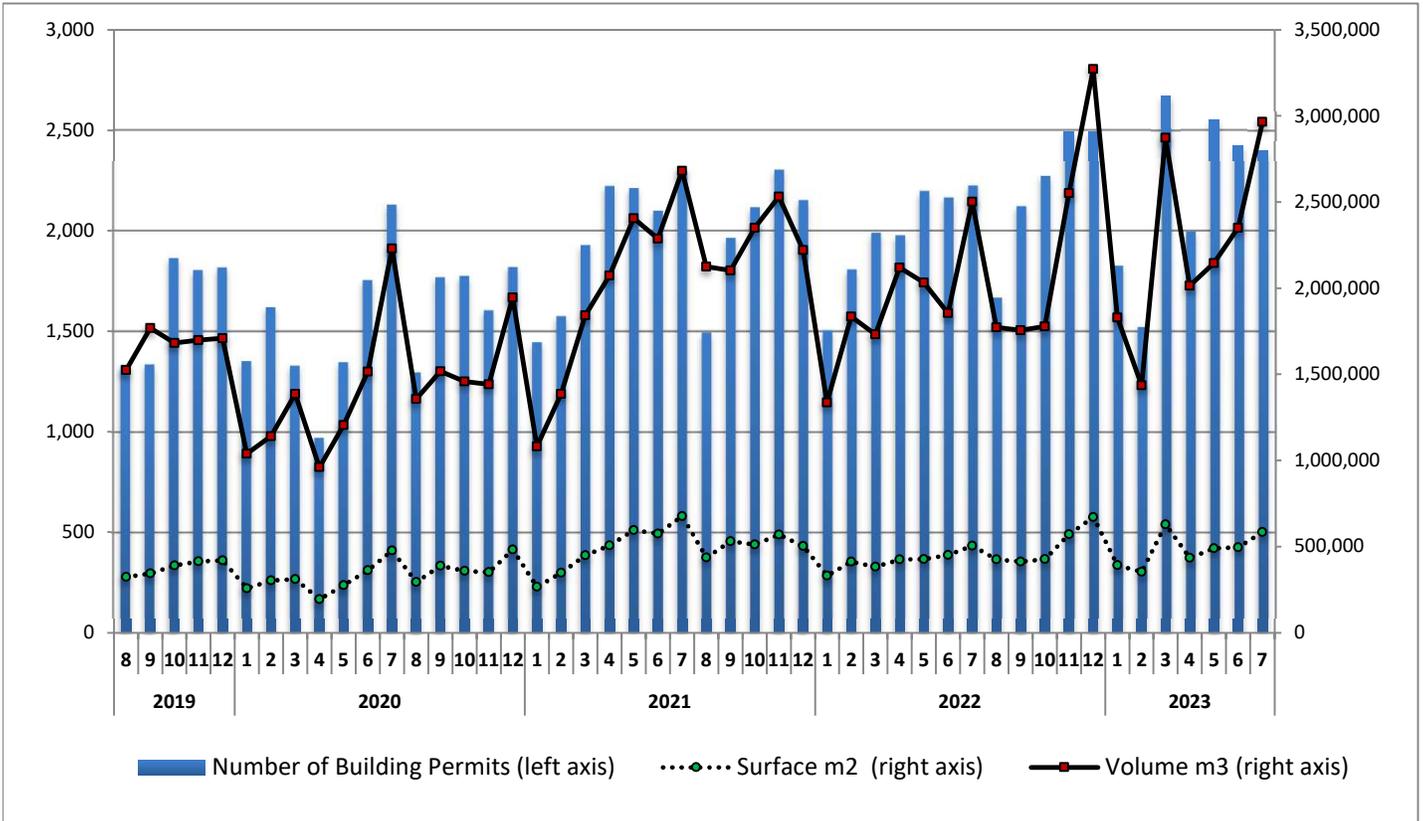
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), July 2022 and 2023



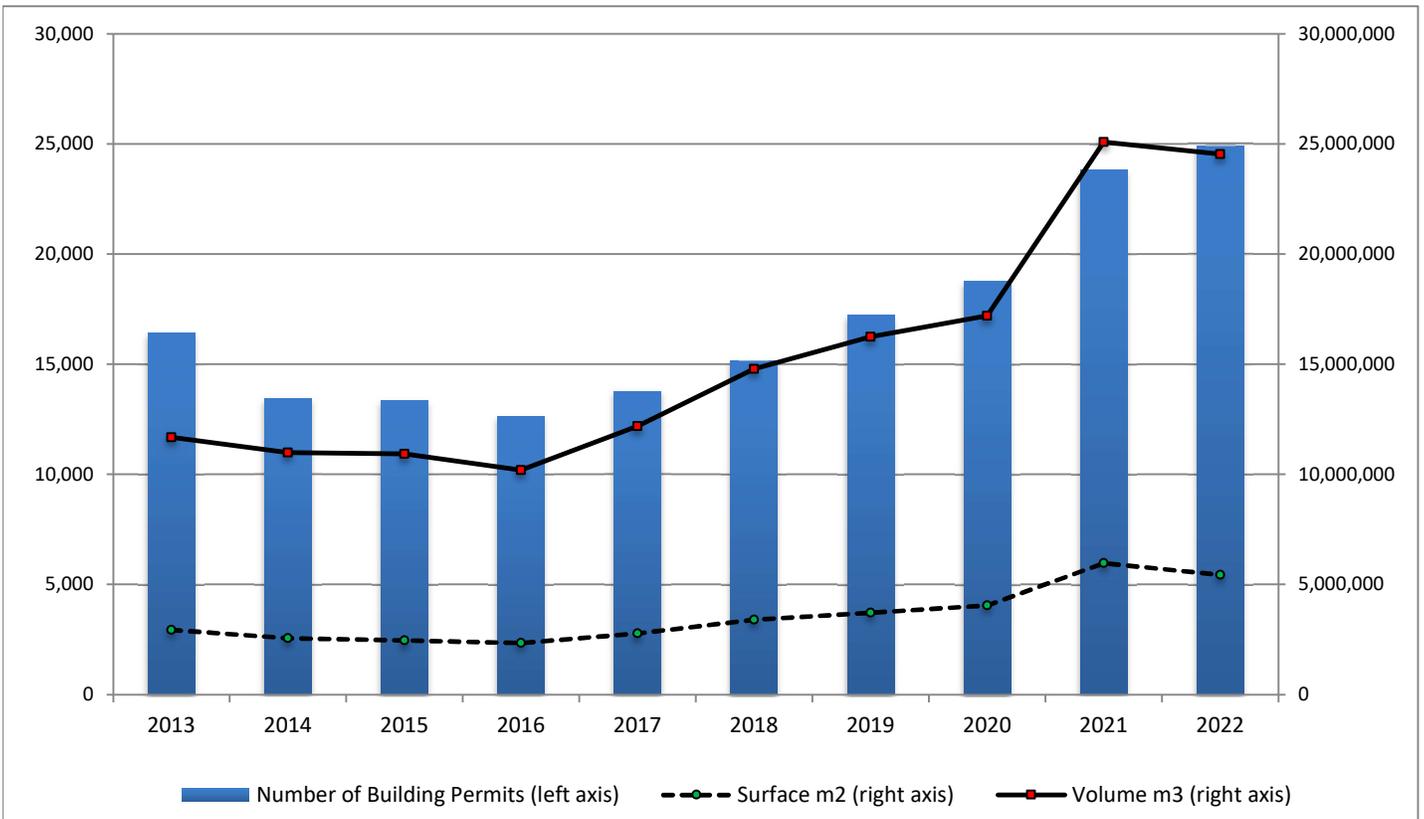
Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), August 2021 - July 2022 and August 2022 - July 2023



Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (August 2019 – July 2023)



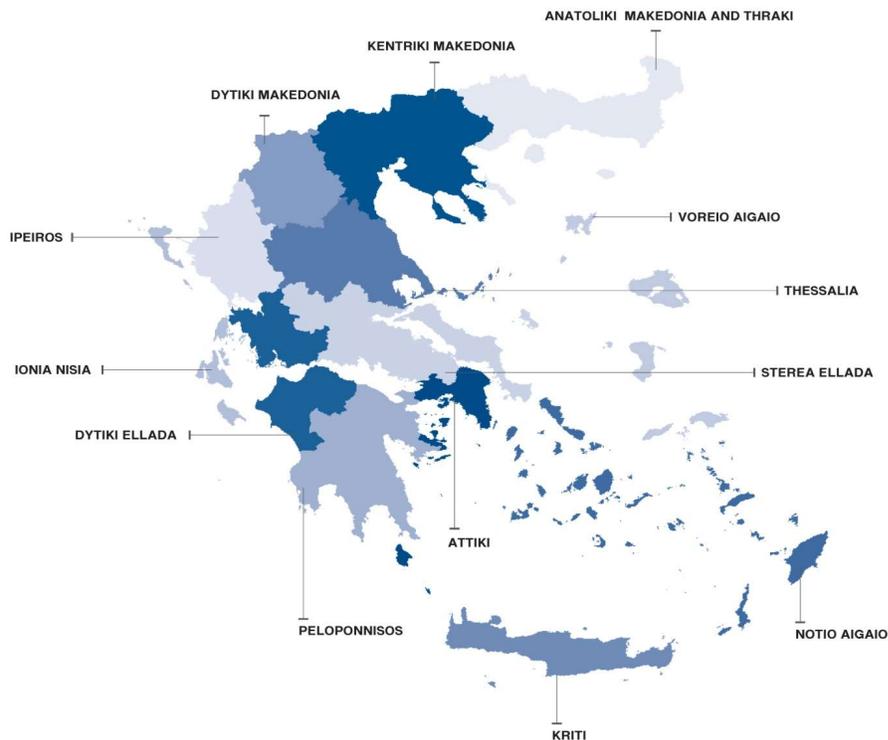
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2013 – 2022)



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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 (EC) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) 1158/2005 and 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	July 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023.
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/