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Building Activity Survey: May 2022

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the final data, for the month May 2022, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in May 2022 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,220. This figure corresponds to 459,866 m² of surface and 2,206,868 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 0.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 23.2% decrease in surface and an 8.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2021 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2022 amounted to 2,197. This figure corresponds to 426,732 m² of surface and 2,033,480 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2021 there is a 0.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 28.3% decrease in surface and a 15.5% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2022 amounted to 23. This figure corresponds to 33,134 m² of surface and 173,388 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 7.9% of the total building volume in May 2022.

In the last twelve months, from June 2021 until May 2022, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 24,055. This figure corresponds to 5,864,306 m² of surface and 25,775,907 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from June 2020 until May 2021, there is a 10.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 17.4% increase in surface and a 23.0% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from June 2021 until May 2022, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 11.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 18.5% increase in surface and a 25.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2020 to May 2021 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for an 1.6% of the total building volume.

During the period January - May 2022, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 0.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 8.6% decrease in surface and an 1.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2021 (Table 5). During the same period, January - May 2022, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 1.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 8.7% decrease in surface and a 3.0% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - May 2021 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2021 and 2022*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	125	141	12.8	45,415	80,298	76.8	221,546	506,079	128.4
Kentriki Makedonia	297	288	-3.0	69,861	76,721	9.8	315,425	383,294	21.5
Dytiki Makedonia	33	41	24.2	17,042	6,196	-63.6	71,467	29,418	-58.8
Thessalia	134	145	8.2	25,561	35,285	38.0	110,029	191,467	74.0
Ipeiros	92	83	-9.8	38,655	14,367	-62.8	167,039	47,634	-71.5
Ionia Nisia	116	124	6.9	34,359	15,194	-55.8	112,768	49,818	-55.8
Dytiki Ellada	182	124	-31.9	32,506	11,802	-63.7	138,571	43,573	-68.6
Stereia Ellada	149	137	-8.1	34,246	32,928	-3.8	190,433	244,462	28.4
Peloponnisos	183	184	0.5	35,661	26,119	-26.8	131,074	102,555	-21.8
Attiki	490	533	8.8	178,929	91,779	-48.7	668,061	356,167	-46.7
Voreio Aigaio	74	45	-39.2	9,533	4,894	-48.7	33,385	16,501	-50.6
Notio Aigaio	175	209	19.4	35,882	32,983	-8.1	127,476	113,971	-10.6
Kriti	179	166	-7.3	41,368	31,300	-24.3	133,785	121,929	-8.9
Greece, Total	2,229	2,220	-0.4	599,018	459,866	-23.2	2,421,059	2,206,868	-8.8

*Final data for May 2022.

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), May 2021 and 2022*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	125	139	11.2	45,415	54,813	20.7	221,546	377,248	70.3
Kentriki Makedonia	295	282	-4.4	69,755	72,377	3.8	315,020	361,326	14.7
Dytiki Makedonia	32	40	25.0	16,670	6,196	-62.8	69,917	29,418	-57.9
Thessalia	130	144	10.8	24,281	34,728	43.0	104,954	188,729	79.8
Ipeiros	92	81	-12.0	38,655	14,111	-63.5	167,039	46,029	-72.4
Ionia Nisia	116	124	6.9	34,359	15,194	-55.8	112,768	49,818	-55.8
Dytiki Ellada	180	122	-32.2	32,506	11,802	-63.7	138,571	43,573	-68.6
Stereia Ellada	148	136	-8.1	34,246	32,928	-3.8	190,433	244,462	28.4
Peloponnisos	181	184	1.7	34,647	26,119	-24.6	127,609	102,555	-19.6
Attiki	486	529	8.8	178,292	91,779	-48.5	664,621	356,167	-46.4
Voreio Aigaio	73	45	-38.4	9,533	4,894	-48.7	33,385	16,501	-50.6
Notio Aigaio	175	208	18.9	35,882	32,983	-8.1	127,476	113,971	-10.6
Kriti	178	163	-8.4	41,121	28,808	-29.9	133,044	103,683	-22.1
Greece, Total	2,211	2,197	-0.6	595,362	426,732	-28.3	2,406,383	2,033,480	-15.5

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2020 - May 2021 and June 2021 - May 2022*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,171	1,321	12.8	289,007	363,605	25.8	1,254,980	1,841,800	46.8
Kentriki Makedonia	2,947	3,280	11.3	668,122	888,643	33.0	3,085,407	4,413,220	43.0
Dytiki Makedonia	271	326	20.3	75,206	74,726	-0.6	346,785	360,473	3.9
Thessalia	1,373	1,604	16.8	338,307	412,947	22.1	1,685,234	2,027,988	20.3
Ipeiros	833	854	2.5	274,511	205,890	-25.0	1,194,812	883,524	-26.1
Ionia Nisia	1,422	1,498	5.3	343,641	269,180	-21.7	1,182,688	934,195	-21.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,574	1,537	-2.4	269,004	242,814	-9.7	1,107,162	984,162	-11.1
Stereia Ellada	1,290	1,391	7.8	234,021	317,066	35.5	1,297,860	1,958,615	50.9
Peloponnisos	1,747	1,909	9.3	335,568	340,909	1.6	1,459,298	1,518,616	4.1
Attiki	4,716	5,501	16.6	1,325,279	1,678,969	26.7	5,409,884	6,790,523	25.5
Voreio Aigaio	499	600	20.2	77,012	87,230	13.3	298,433	316,622	6.1
Notio Aigaio	1,970	2,320	17.8	352,725	496,918	40.9	1,193,981	1,672,627	40.1
Kriti	1,907	1,914	0.4	412,178	485,409	17.8	1,447,059	2,073,542	43.3
Greece, Total	21,720	24,055	10.8	4,994,581	5,864,306	17.4	20,963,583	25,775,907	23.0

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2020 - May 2021 and June 2021 - May 2022*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,157	1,312	13.4	267,160	338,060	26.5	1,070,015	1,712,741	60.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,924	3,253	11.3	663,686	879,970	32.6	3,064,996	4,370,978	42.6
Dytiki Makedonia	265	316	19.2	65,381	73,255	12.0	305,166	354,664	16.2
Thessalia	1,358	1,600	17.8	336,404	409,843	21.8	1,676,963	1,995,935	19.0
Ipeiros	822	847	3.0	267,585	204,017	-23.8	1,159,735	872,052	-24.8
Ionia Nisia	1,421	1,495	5.2	337,994	269,180	-20.4	1,166,809	934,195	-19.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,557	1,529	-1.8	263,294	242,778	-7.8	1,079,056	983,802	-8.8
Stereia Ellada	1,281	1,382	7.9	233,312	314,945	35.0	1,294,481	1,942,536	50.1
Peloponnisos	1,731	1,894	9.4	307,922	334,182	8.5	1,215,288	1,486,741	22.3
Attiki	4,675	5,464	16.9	1,318,112	1,658,331	25.8	5,377,286	6,706,236	24.7
Voreio Aigaio	497	598	20.3	76,733	86,286	12.4	294,433	312,294	6.1
Notio Aigaio	1,962	2,318	18.1	351,582	496,918	41.3	1,190,316	1,672,627	40.5
Kriti	1,882	1,892	0.5	389,754	471,928	21.1	1,359,098	2,010,572	47.9
Greece, Total	21,532	23,900	11.0	4,878,919	5,779,693	18.5	20,253,642	25,355,373	25.2

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - May 2021 and 2022*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	536	539	0.6	148,461	164,467	10.8	663,840	904,144	36.2
Kentriki Makedonia	1,263	1,276	1.0	301,478	340,583	13.0	1,378,623	1,679,622	21.8
Dytiki Makedonia	107	138	29.0	35,796	18,430	-48.5	154,610	85,361	-44.8
Thessalia	563	622	10.5	123,841	148,593	20.0	558,023	702,929	26.0
Ipeiros	379	317	-16.4	142,652	57,621	-59.6	620,665	240,660	-61.2
Ionia Nisia	636	594	-6.6	152,172	84,123	-44.7	521,543	285,043	-45.3
Dytiki Ellada	690	560	-18.8	120,377	72,162	-40.1	472,821	295,739	-37.5
Stereia Ellada	554	514	-7.2	90,566	101,335	11.9	449,572	676,183	50.4
Peloponnisos	779	771	-1.0	182,191	134,254	-26.3	903,973	595,161	-34.2
Attiki	2,108	2,282	8.3	567,226	562,756	-0.8	2,192,470	2,592,805	18.3
Voreio Aigaio	239	245	2.5	36,964	34,552	-6.5	153,171	121,204	-20.9
Notio Aigaio	825	975	18.2	149,395	165,149	10.5	507,093	568,409	12.1
Kriti	799	730	-8.6	172,655	148,750	-13.8	603,900	581,899	-3.6
Greece, Total	9,478	9,563	0.9	2,223,774	2,032,775	-8.6	9,180,304	9,329,159	1.6

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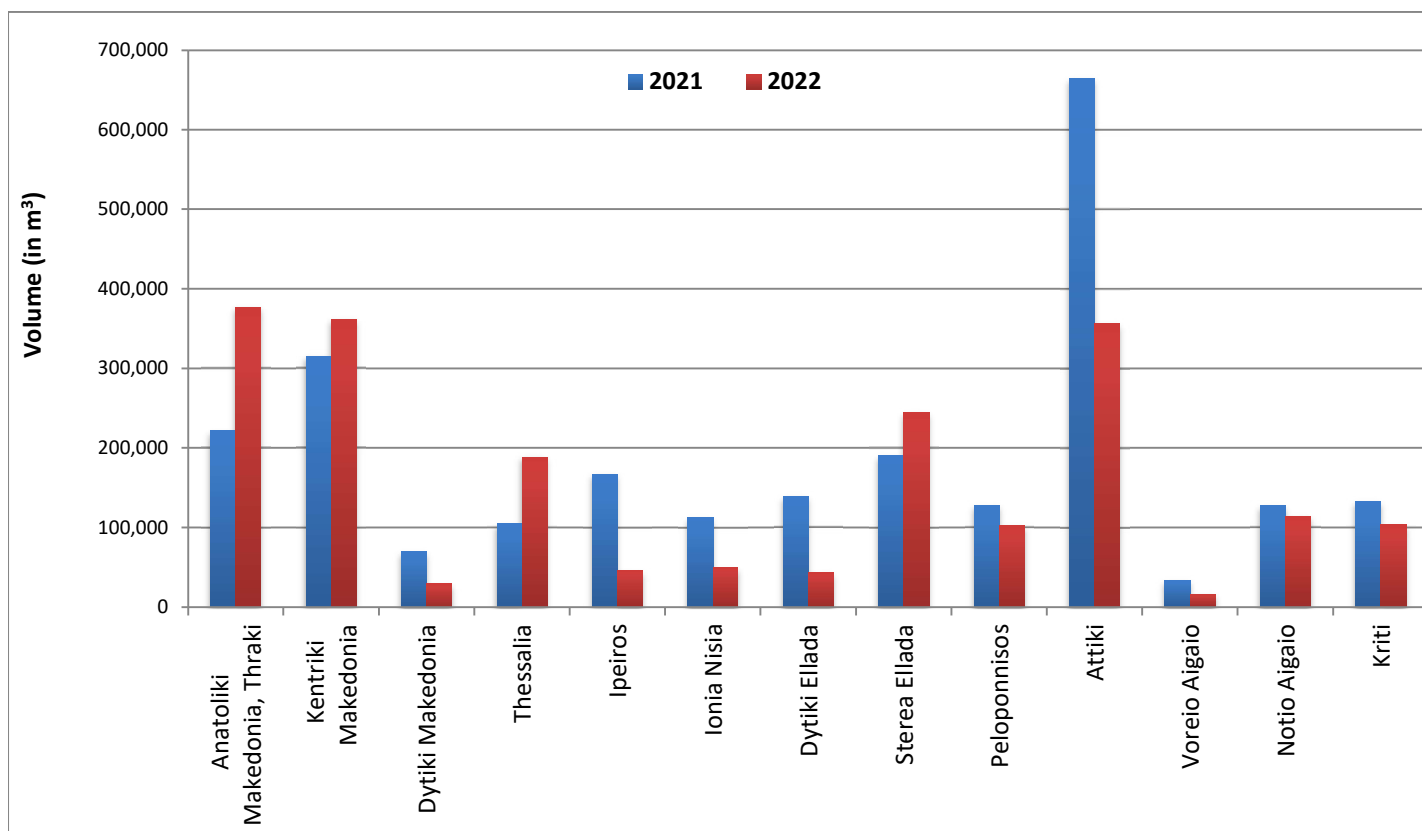
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - May 2021 and 2022*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	530	532	0.4	142,239	138,932	-2.3	622,004	775,113	24.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,253	1,258	0.4	299,463	332,894	11.2	1,372,654	1,640,936	19.5
Dytiki Makedonia	105	133	26.7	35,424	17,380	-50.9	153,060	81,545	-46.7
Thessalia	554	621	12.1	122,561	148,036	20.8	552,948	700,191	26.6
Ipeiros	372	312	-16.1	136,545	57,036	-58.2	588,537	237,692	-59.6
Ionia Nisia	635	591	-6.9	146,525	84,123	-42.6	505,664	285,043	-43.6
Dytiki Ellada	683	556	-18.6	120,175	72,162	-40.0	472,175	295,739	-37.4
Stereia Ellada	549	511	-6.9	90,214	101,162	12.1	447,855	675,155	50.8
Peloponnisos	769	767	-0.3	155,050	133,823	-13.7	661,912	593,480	-10.3
Attiki	2,084	2,257	8.3	563,349	553,095	-1.8	2,175,725	2,549,943	17.2
Voreio Aigaio	238	245	2.9	36,964	34,552	-6.5	153,171	121,204	-20.9
Notio Aigaio	821	974	18.6	149,044	165,149	10.8	505,693	568,409	12.4
Kriti	790	719	-9.0	167,116	137,330	-17.8	577,270	530,844	-8.0
Greece, Total	9,383	9,476	1.0	2,164,669	1,975,674	-8.7	8,788,668	9,055,294	3.0

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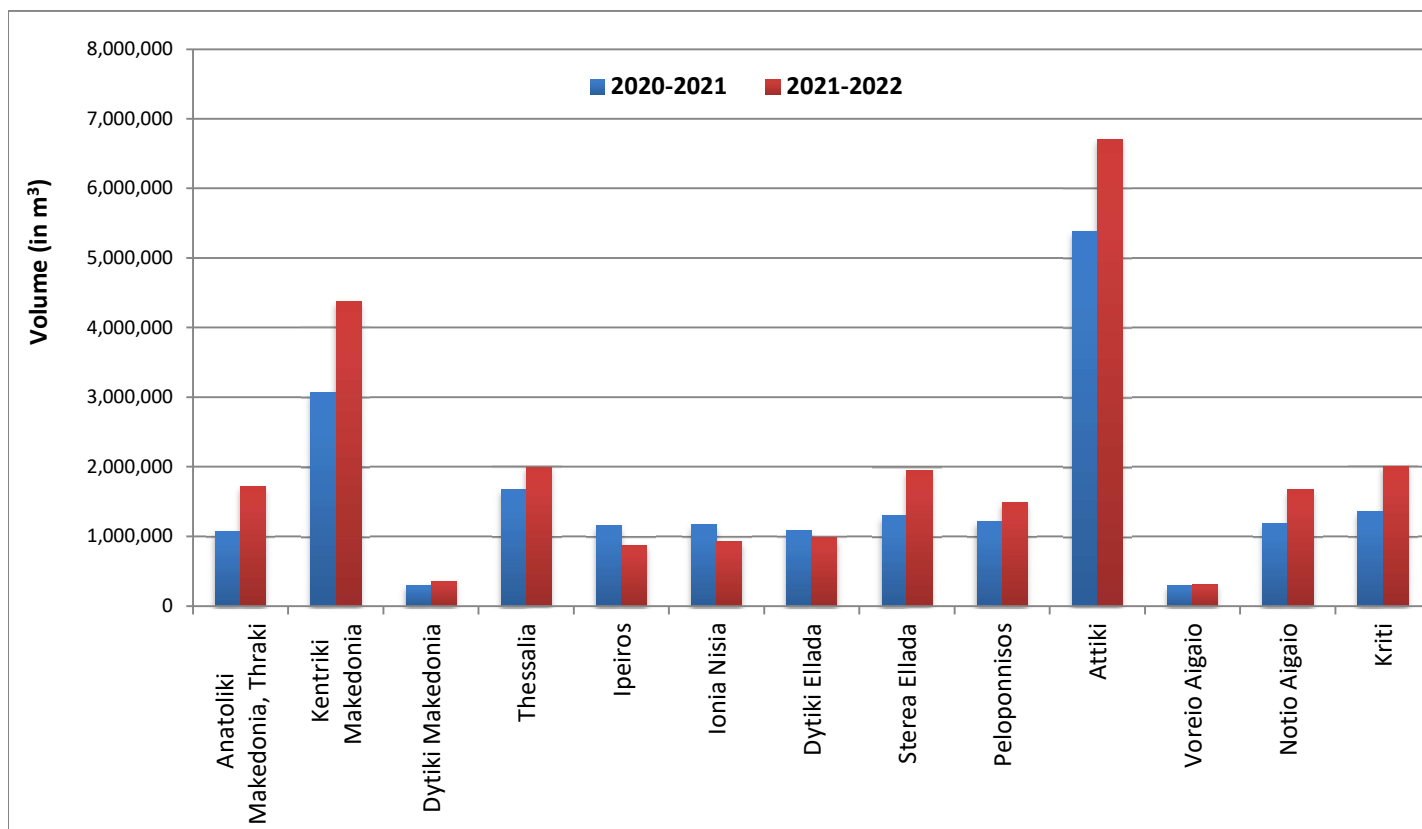
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2021 and 2022*



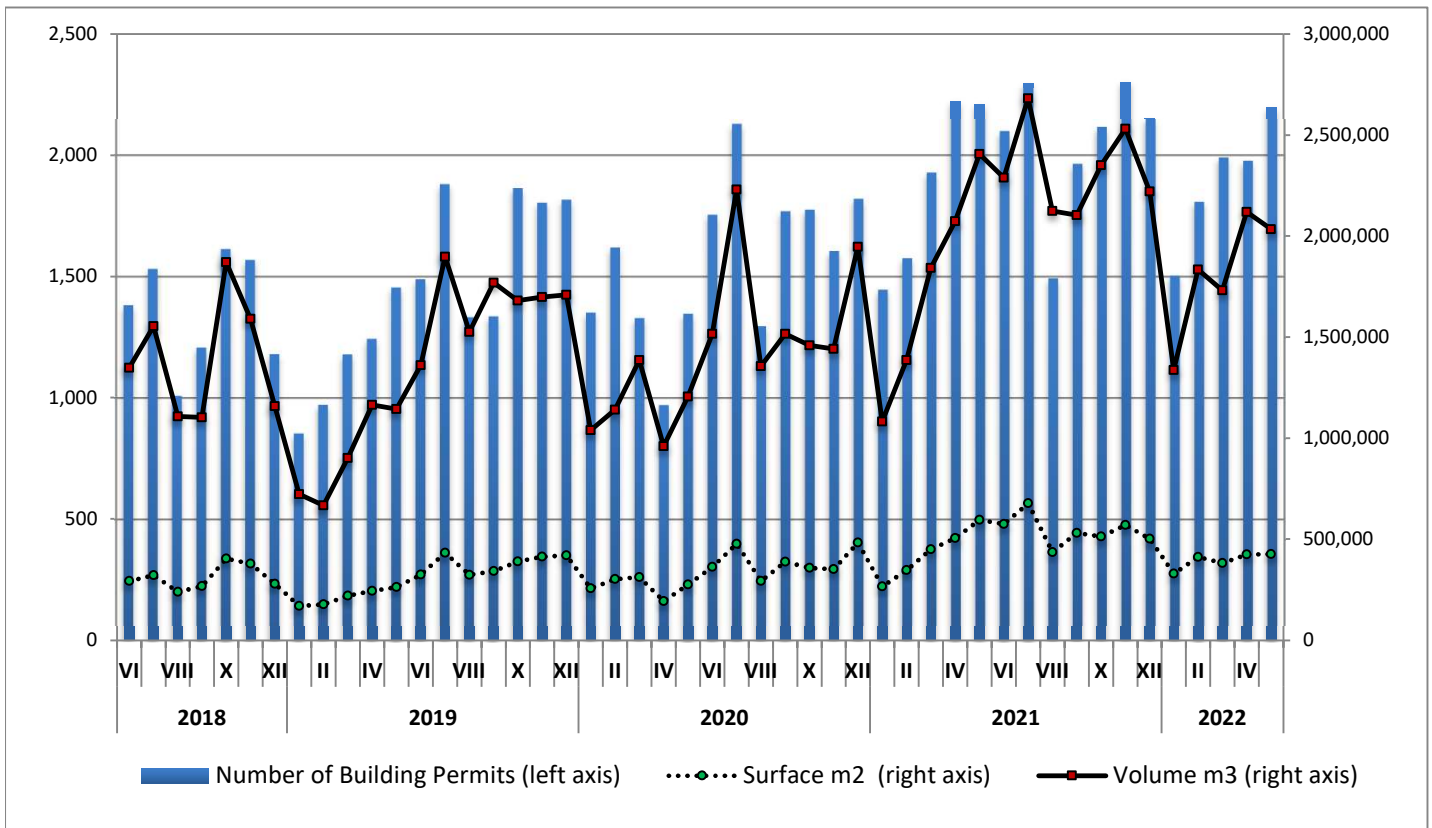
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2020 - May 2021 and June 2021 - May 2022*



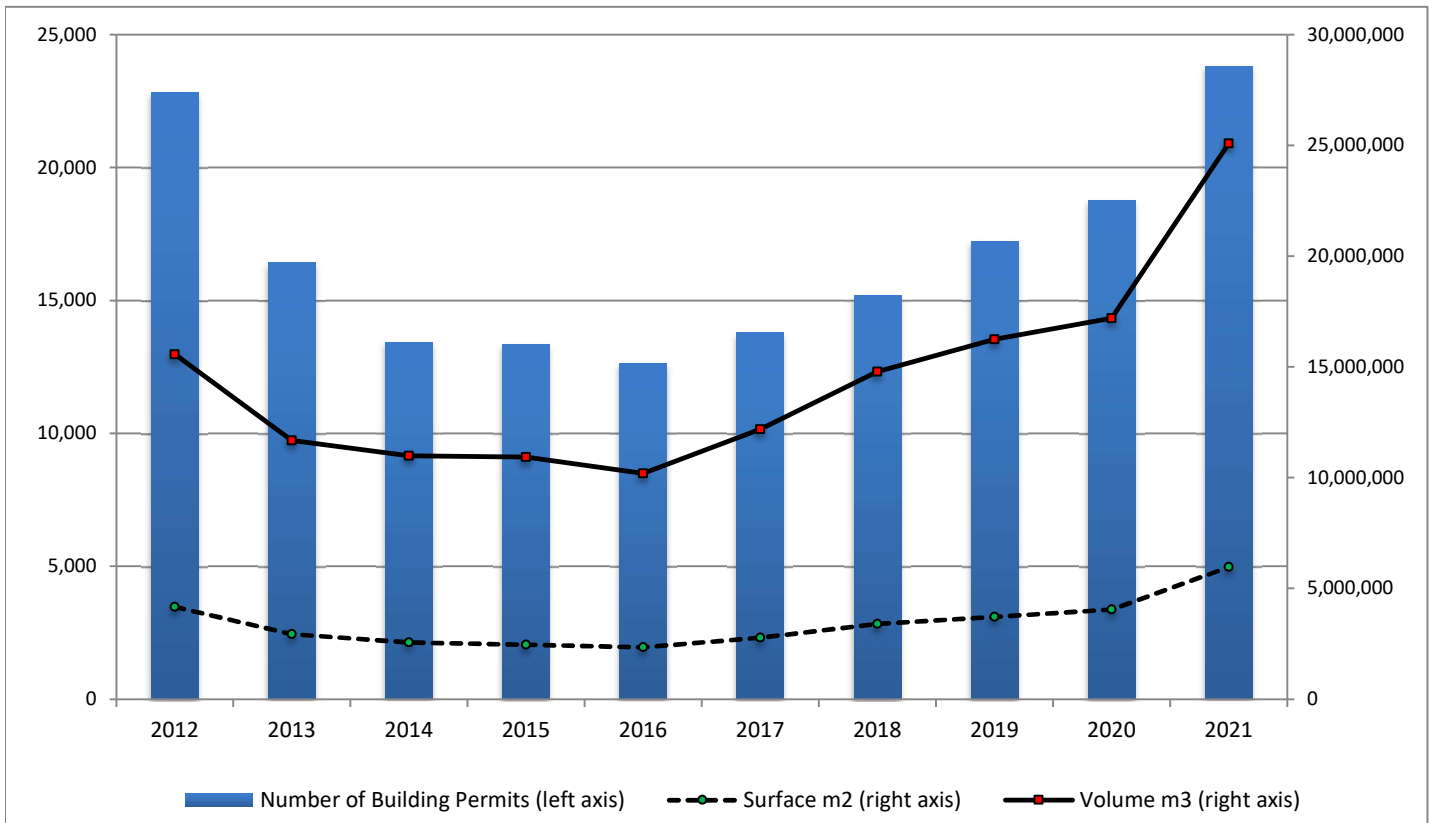
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (June 2018 – May 2022*)



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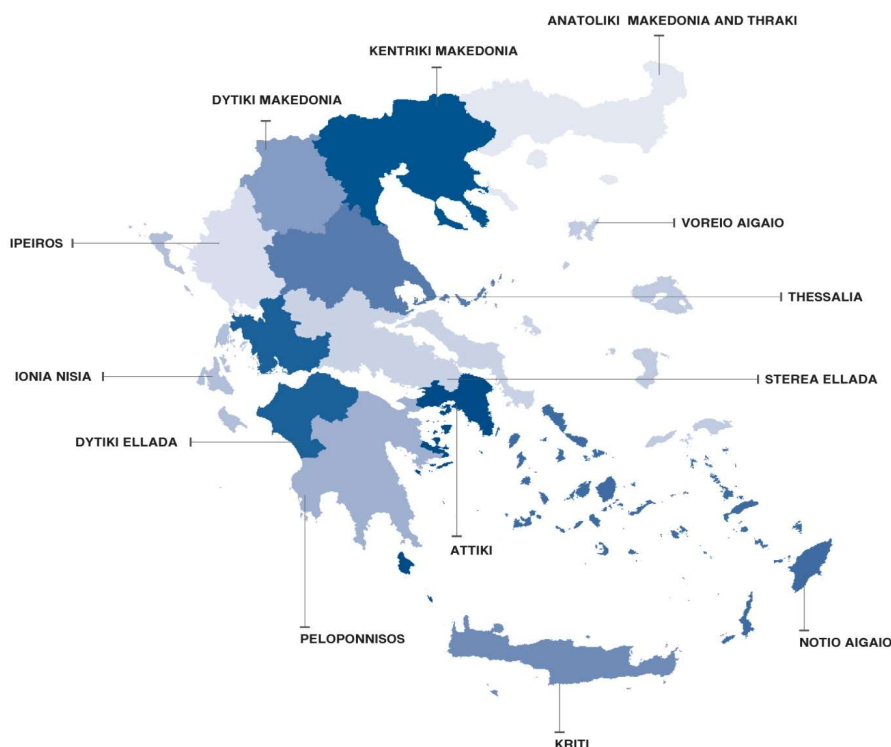
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2012 – 2021)



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	May 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022.
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/-