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Building Activity Survey: December 2023

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

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in December 2023 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,533. This figure corresponds to 633,510 m² of surface and 2,971,021 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 0.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 6.8% decrease in surface and a 10.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2022 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2023 amounted to 2,498. This figure corresponds to 611,618 m² of surface and 2,857,625 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2022 there is a 0.2% increase in the number of building permits, an 8.9% decrease in surface and a 12.7% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2023 amounted to 35. This figure corresponds to 21,892 m² of surface and 113,396 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 3.8% of the total building volume in December 2023.

In the last twelve months, from January until December 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 26,962. This figure corresponds to 6,238,016 m² of surface and 29,171,122 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from January until December 2022, there is a 7.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 12.2% increase in surface and a 16.0% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from January until December 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 11.9% increase in surface and a 15.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January to December 2022 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.4% of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	116	121	4.3	30,147	25,073	-16.8	149,517	119,029	-20.4
Kentriki Makedonia	343	331	-3.5	130,271	75,420	-42.1	718,463	420,268	-41.5
Dytiki Makedonia	38	20	-47.4	6,749	3,360	-50.2	42,542	15,399	-63.8
Thessalia	161	131	-18.6	36,077	26,989	-25.2	207,230	136,763	-34.0
Ipeiros	73	71	-2.7	17,034	8,999	-47.2	60,907	39,767	-34.7
Ionia Nisia	194	175	-9.8	41,039	41,579	1.3	145,670	156,855	7.7
Dytiki Ellada	174	146	-16.1	26,343	21,035	-20.1	140,643	79,434	-43.5
Stereia Ellada	133	151	13.5	23,244	61,326	163.8	156,991	476,125	203.3
Peloponnisos	189	177	-6.3	29,582	29,694	0.4	120,684	131,143	8.7
Attiki	557	576	3.4	207,635	175,146	-15.6	1,038,200	705,819	-32.0
Voreio Aigaio	74	71	-4.1	17,594	8,300	-52.8	67,415	30,998	-54.0
Notio Aigaio	254	306	20.5	57,923	59,383	2.5	207,406	231,195	11.5
Kriti	213	257	20.7	56,244	97,206	72.8	278,336	428,226	53.9
Greece, Total	2,519	2,533	0.6	679,882	633,510	-6.8	3,334,004	2,971,021	-10.9

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), December 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	115	119	3.5	30,147	22,826	-24.3	149,517	106,970	-28.5
Kentriki Makedonia	339	327	-3.5	129,631	69,091	-46.7	713,643	385,132	-46.0
Dytiki Makedonia	38	20	-47.4	6,749	3,360	-50.2	42,542	15,399	-63.8
Thessalia	159	129	-18.9	32,413	25,849	-20.3	171,739	130,068	-24.3
Ipeiros	72	69	-4.2	16,816	8,833	-47.5	60,190	39,035	-35.1
Ionia Nisia	194	175	-9.8	41,039	41,579	1.3	145,670	156,855	7.7
Dytiki Ellada	173	141	-18.5	26,343	21,035	-20.1	140,643	79,434	-43.5
Stereia Ellada	131	147	12.2	22,399	60,788	171.4	152,854	474,068	210.1
Peloponnisos	189	173	-8.5	29,582	29,179	-1.4	120,684	128,173	6.2
Attiki	551	570	3.4	205,601	168,498	-18.0	1,030,291	671,439	-34.8
Voreio Aigaio	73	70	-4.1	17,584	8,300	-52.8	67,339	30,998	-54.0
Notio Aigaio	251	306	21.9	56,876	59,383	4.4	198,659	231,195	16.4
Kriti	209	252	20.6	56,121	92,897	65.5	277,967	408,859	47.1
Greece, Total	2,494	2,498	0.2	671,301	611,618	-8.9	3,271,738	2,857,625	-12.7

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - December 2022 and January - December 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,294	1,331	2.9	366,610	329,521	-10.1	1,867,015	1,555,485	-16.7
Kentriki Makedonia	3,457	3,738	8.1	870,572	991,726	13.9	4,253,362	5,374,640	26.4
Dytiki Makedonia	359	301	-16.2	56,962	71,272	25.1	285,326	402,333	41.0
Thessalia	1,567	1,567	0.0	352,304	345,583	-1.9	1,633,043	1,710,222	4.7
Ipeiros	847	923	9.0	209,015	223,396	6.9	899,613	972,188	8.1
Ionia Nisia	1,576	1,931	22.5	259,779	344,929	32.8	885,623	1,215,893	37.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,541	1,525	-1.0	199,488	265,406	33.0	834,843	1,216,815	45.8
Stereia Ellada	1,418	1,552	9.4	252,094	315,127	25.0	1,461,070	1,999,960	36.9
Peloponnisos	2,007	2,061	2.7	299,816	380,694	27.0	1,263,122	1,718,765	36.1
Attiki	5,867	6,035	2.9	1,678,743	1,843,465	9.8	8,005,442	8,675,543	8.4
Voreio Aigaio	672	724	7.7	91,075	69,733	-23.4	320,872	267,534	-16.6
Notio Aigaio	2,534	2,826	11.5	494,771	514,614	4.0	1,700,130	1,902,337	11.9
Kriti	2,026	2,448	20.8	429,669	542,550	26.3	1,730,028	2,159,407	24.8
Greece, Total	25,165	26,962	7.1	5,560,898	6,238,016	12.2	25,139,489	29,171,122	16.0

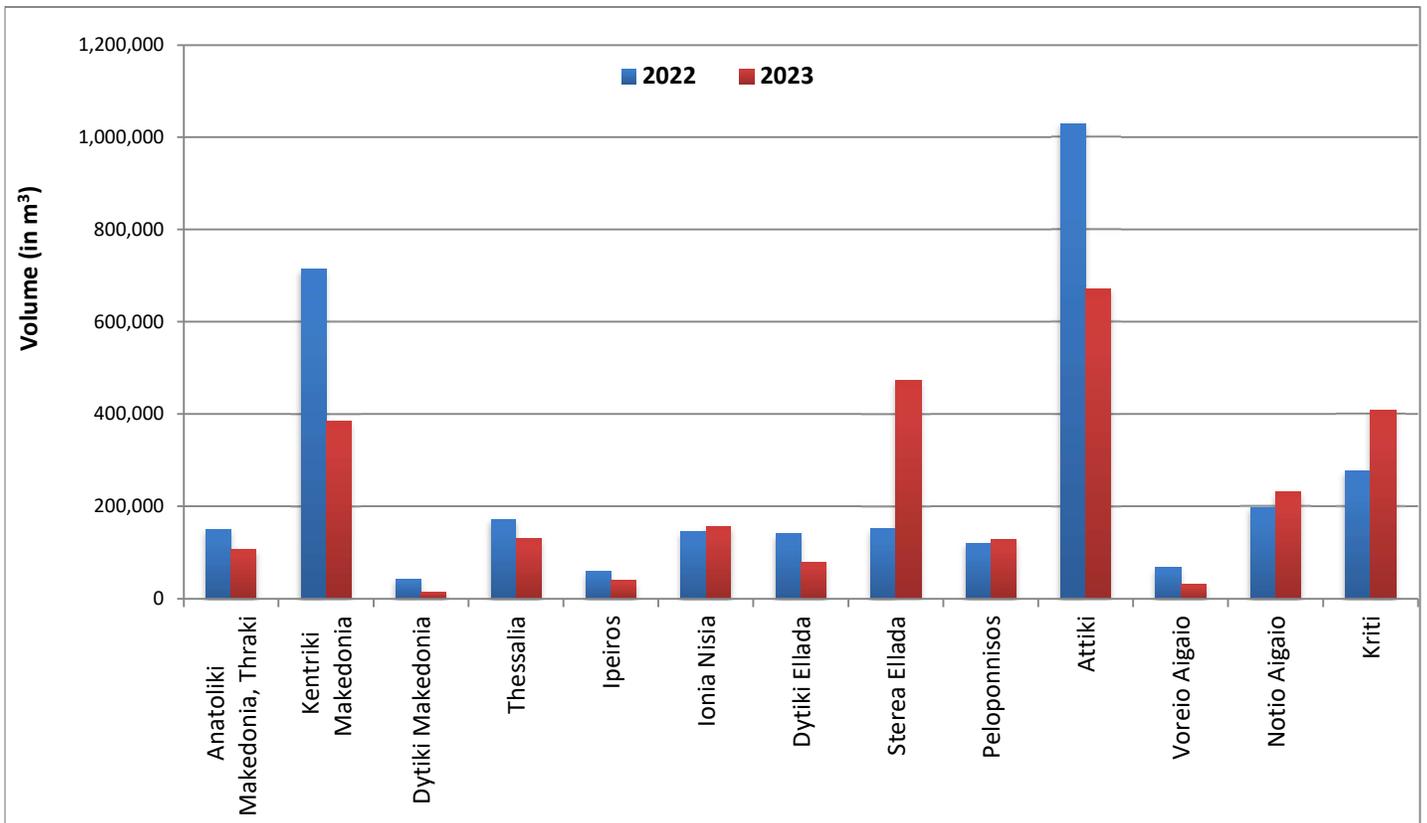
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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - December 2022 and January - December 2023

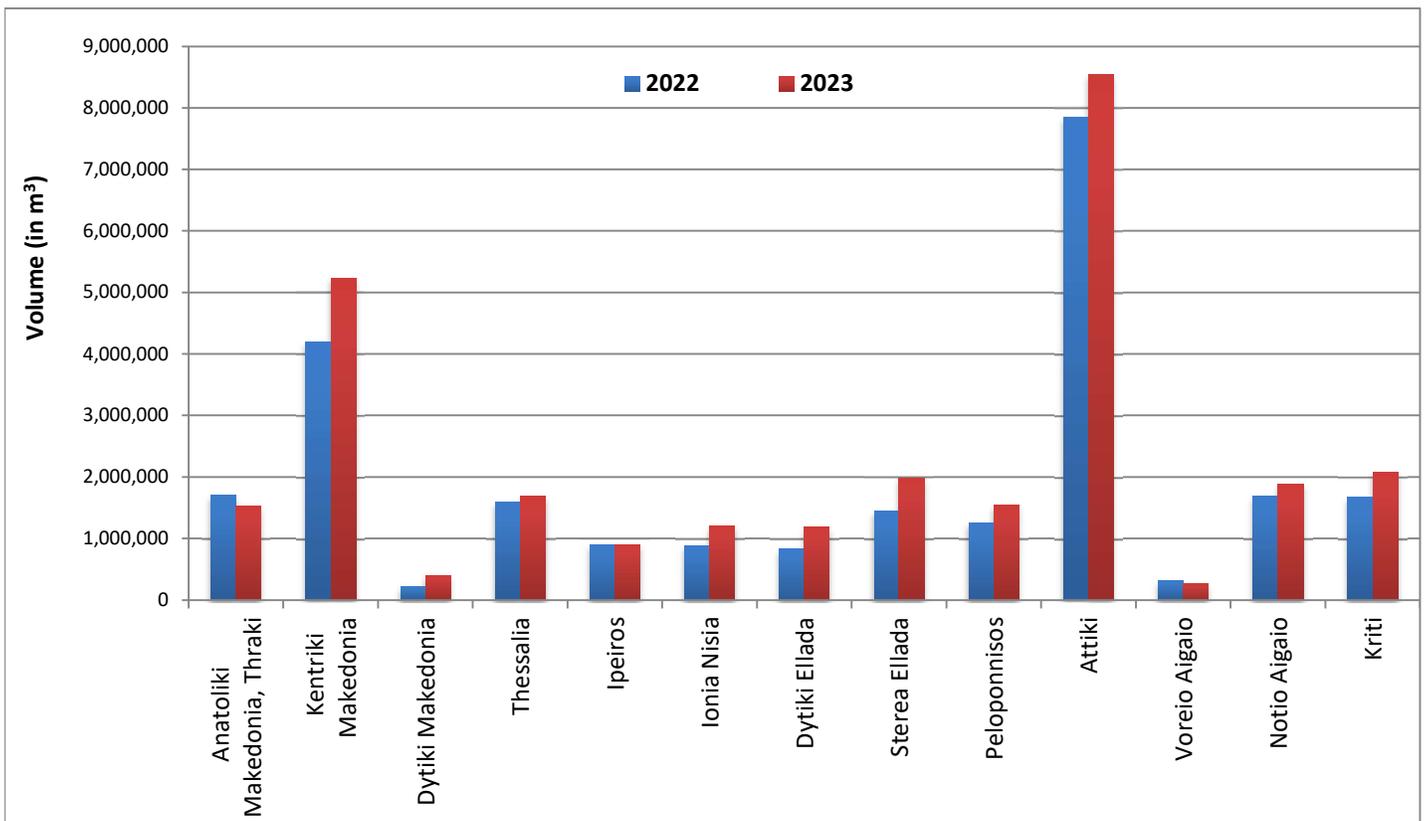
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Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,280	1,313	2.6	335,090	324,509	-3.2	1,700,172	1,533,341	-9.8
Kentriki Makedonia	3,412	3,698	8.4	857,956	962,302	12.2	4,189,363	5,232,733	24.9
Dytiki Makedonia	351	291	-17.1	45,182	71,257	57.7	222,494	402,207	80.8
Thessalia	1,558	1,550	-0.5	345,813	341,158	-1.3	1,585,988	1,684,460	6.2
Ipeiros	838	908	8.4	207,979	205,209	-1.3	895,162	901,846	0.7
Ionia Nisia	1,567	1,923	22.7	259,779	344,046	32.4	885,623	1,211,477	36.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,528	1,504	-1.6	199,284	256,266	28.6	834,186	1,182,286	41.7
Stereia Ellada	1,402	1,533	9.3	249,792	311,658	24.8	1,450,831	1,987,665	37.0
Peloponnisos	1,991	2,043	2.6	298,557	348,355	16.7	1,257,282	1,539,059	22.4
Attiki	5,801	5,974	3.0	1,640,186	1,814,487	10.6	7,842,891	8,544,283	8.9
Voreio Aigaio	663	715	7.8	90,212	69,642	-22.8	316,618	267,186	-15.6
Notio Aigaio	2,527	2,816	11.4	493,534	512,868	3.9	1,690,672	1,894,203	12.0
Kriti	1,995	2,430	21.8	416,652	526,775	26.4	1,671,563	2,076,059	24.2
Greece, Total	24,913	26,698	7.2	5,440,016	6,088,532	11.9	24,542,845	28,456,805	15.9

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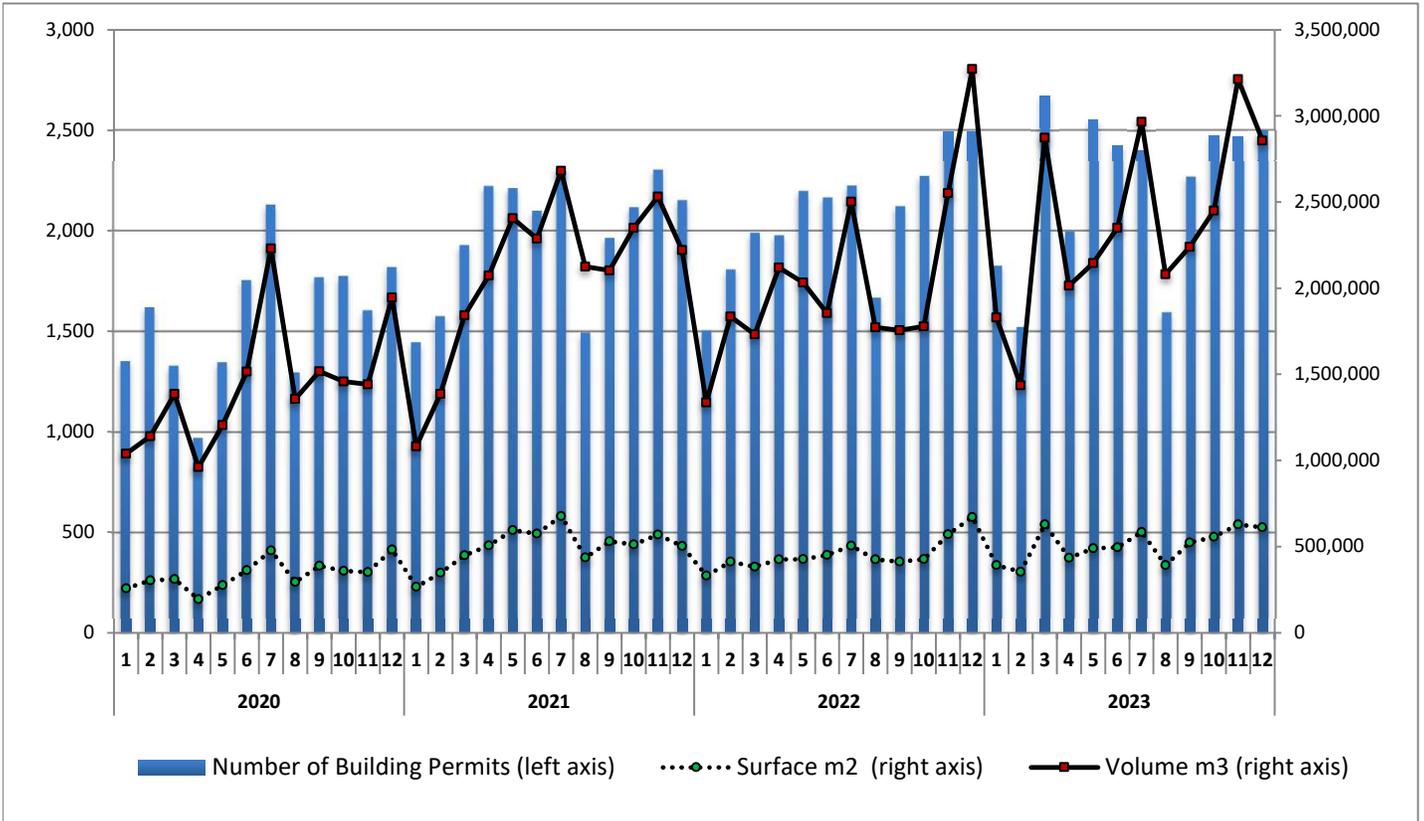
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2022 and 2023



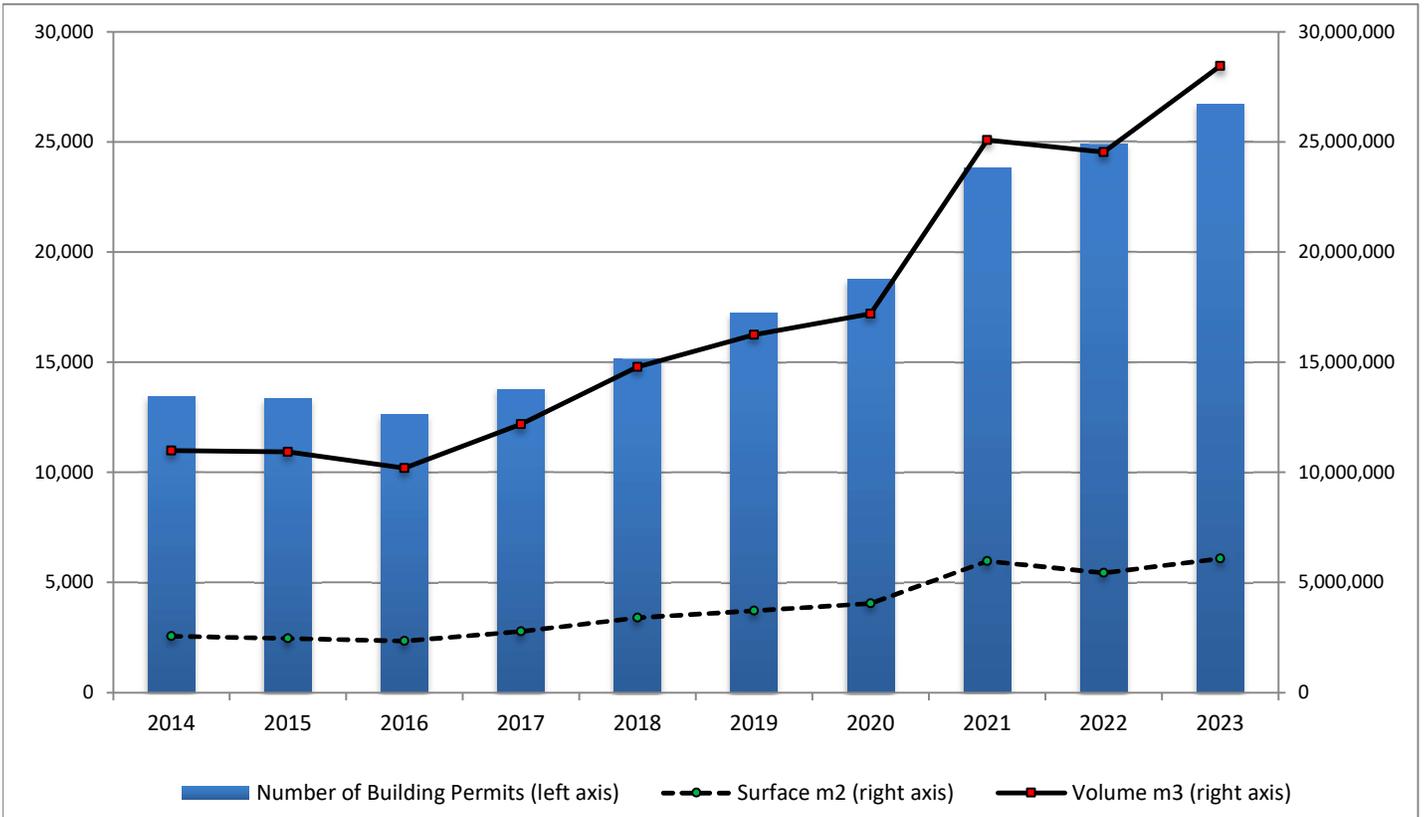
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (January 2020 – December 2023)



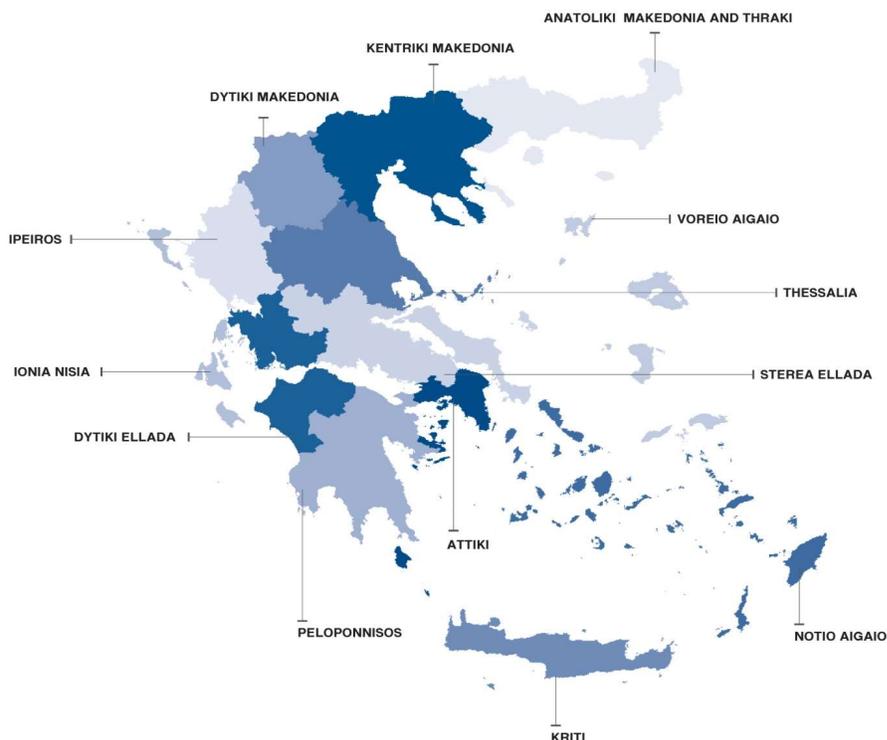
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2014 – 2023)



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 (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	December 1, 2023 to December 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/