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Building Activity Survey: December 2024

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Building Activity Survey for the month December 2024. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in December 2024 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,929. This figure corresponds to 709,273 m² of surface and 2,881,141 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 15.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 12.0% increase in surface and a 3.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2023 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2024 amounted to 2,885. This figure corresponds to 678,051 m² of surface and 2,707,265 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2023 there is a 15.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 10.9% increase in surface and a 5.3% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2024 amounted to 44. This figure corresponds to 31,222 m² of surface and 173,876 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 6.0% of the total building volume in December 2024.

In the last twelve months, from January until December 2024, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 30,992. This figure corresponds to 7,283,503 m² of surface and 31,997,772 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from January until December 2023, there is a 14.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 16.8% increase in surface and a 9.7% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from January until December 2024, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 14.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.5% increase in surface and an 8.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January to December 2023 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 3.4% of the total building volume.

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2023 and 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	121	154	27.3	25,073	47,275	88.5	119,029	195,848	64.5
Kentriki Makedonia	331	400	20.8	75,420	121,275	60.8	420,268	530,728	26.3
Dytiki Makedonia	20	32	60.0	3,360	4,393	30.7	15,399	15,949	3.6
Thessalia	131	150	14.5	26,989	38,035	40.9	136,763	191,577	40.1
Ipeiros	71	74	4.2	8,999	23,695	163.3	39,767	112,720	183.5
Ionia Nisia	175	247	41.1	41,579	48,036	15.5	156,855	162,871	3.8
Dytiki Ellada	146	140	-4.1	21,035	19,241	-8.5	79,434	75,810	-4.6
Stereia Ellada	151	122	-19.2	61,326	23,618	-61.5	476,125	93,302	-80.4
Peloponnisos	177	211	19.2	29,694	30,739	3.5	131,143	109,383	-16.6
Attiki	576	691	20.0	175,146	205,886	17.6	705,819	827,138	17.2
Voreio Aigaio	71	64	-9.9	8,300	9,910	19.4	30,998	43,786	41.3
Notio Aigaio	306	306	0.0	59,383	58,242	-1.9	231,195	204,669	-11.5
Kriti	257	338	31.5	97,206	78,928	-18.8	428,226	317,360	-25.9
Greece, Total	2,533	2,929	15.6	633,510	709,273	12.0	2,971,021	2,881,141	-3.0

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), December 2023 and 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	119	140	17.6	22,826	36,145	58.4	106,970	120,989	13.1
Kentriki Makedonia	327	387	18.3	69,091	106,493	54.1	385,132	456,199	18.5
Dytiki Makedonia	20	32	60.0	3,360	4,393	30.7	15,399	15,949	3.6
Thessalia	129	150	16.3	25,849	38,035	47.1	130,068	191,577	47.3
Ipeiros	69	73	5.8	8,833	23,695	168.3	39,035	112,720	188.8
Ionia Nisia	175	247	41.1	41,579	48,036	15.5	156,855	162,871	3.8
Dytiki Ellada	141	138	-2.1	21,035	19,241	-8.5	79,434	75,810	-4.6
Stereia Ellada	147	120	-18.4	60,788	21,704	-64.3	474,068	84,173	-82.2
Peloponnisos	173	208	20.2	29,179	30,464	4.4	128,173	108,863	-15.1
Attiki	570	688	20.7	168,498	204,591	21.4	671,439	821,701	22.4
Voreio Aigaio	70	64	-8.6	8,300	9,910	19.4	30,998	43,786	41.3
Notio Aigaio	306	302	-1.3	59,383	56,467	-4.9	231,195	195,420	-15.5
Kriti	252	336	33.3	92,897	78,877	-15.1	408,859	317,207	-22.4
Greece, Total	2,498	2,885	15.5	611,618	678,051	10.9	2,857,625	2,707,265	-5.3

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - December 2023 and January - December 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,331	1,638	23.1	329,521	433,526	31.6	1,555,485	1,956,965	25.8
Kentriki Makedonia	3,738	4,253	13.8	991,726	1,217,551	22.8	5,374,640	5,658,836	5.3
Dytiki Makedonia	301	353	17.3	71,272	70,433	-1.2	402,333	404,382	0.5
Thessalia	1,567	1,845	17.7	345,583	420,540	21.7	1,710,222	2,137,700	25.0
Ipeiros	923	1,170	26.8	223,396	293,067	31.2	972,188	1,225,466	26.1
Ionia Nisia	1,931	2,549	32.0	344,929	486,199	41.0	1,215,893	1,748,045	43.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,525	1,692	11.0	265,406	290,226	9.4	1,216,815	1,342,671	10.3
Stereia Ellada	1,552	1,435	-7.5	315,127	287,611	-8.7	1,999,960	1,696,623	-15.2
Peloponnisos	2,061	2,316	12.4	380,694	402,529	5.7	1,718,765	1,714,299	-0.3
Attiki	6,035	6,848	13.5	1,843,465	2,099,678	13.9	8,675,543	9,275,016	6.9
Voreio Aigaio	724	767	5.9	69,733	88,082	26.3	267,534	341,762	27.7
Notio Aigaio	2,826	3,083	9.1	514,614	541,683	5.3	1,902,337	1,903,791	0.1
Kriti	2,448	3,043	24.3	542,550	652,378	20.2	2,159,407	2,592,216	20.0
Greece, Total	26,962	30,992	14.9	6,238,016	7,283,503	16.8	29,171,122	31,997,772	9.7

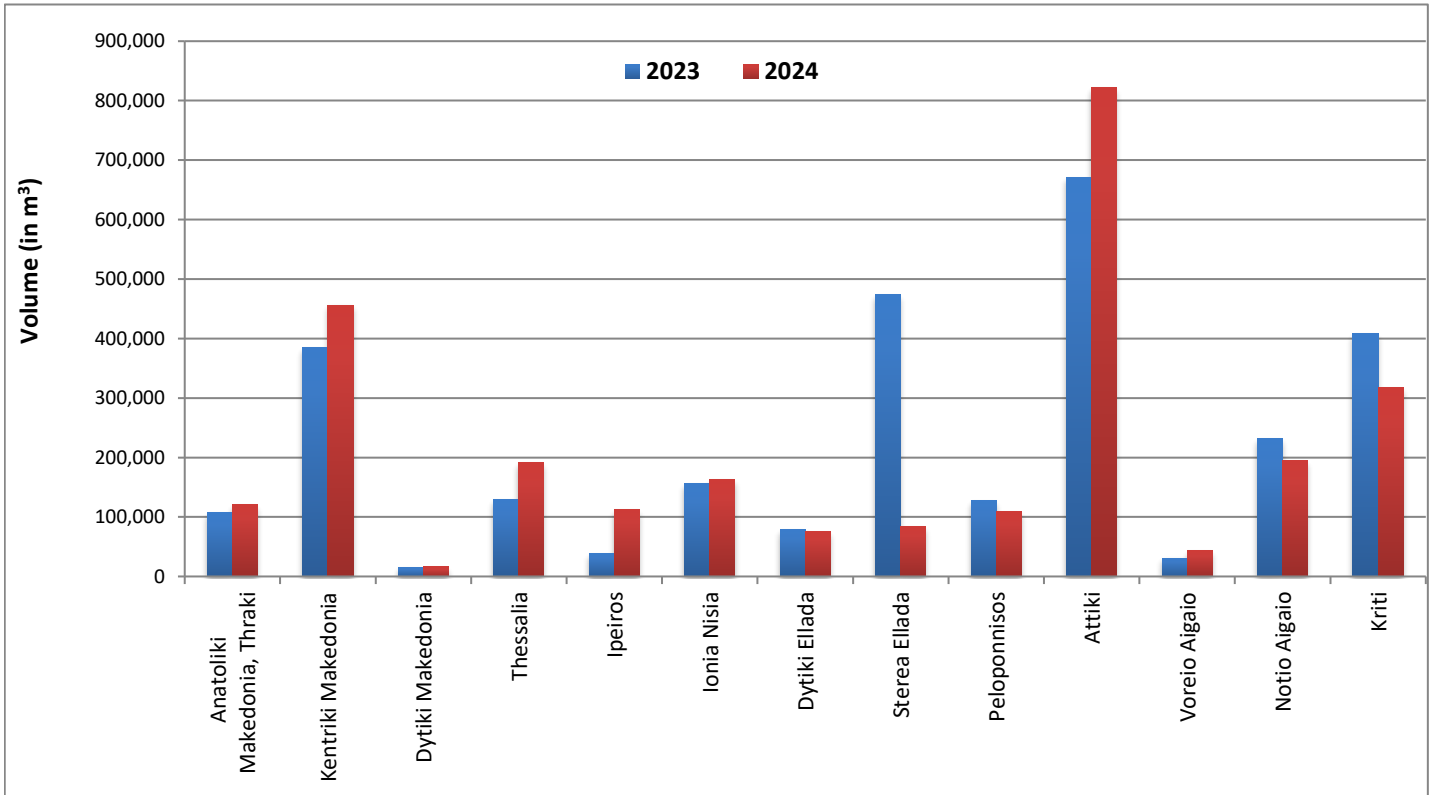
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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - December 2023 and January - December 2024

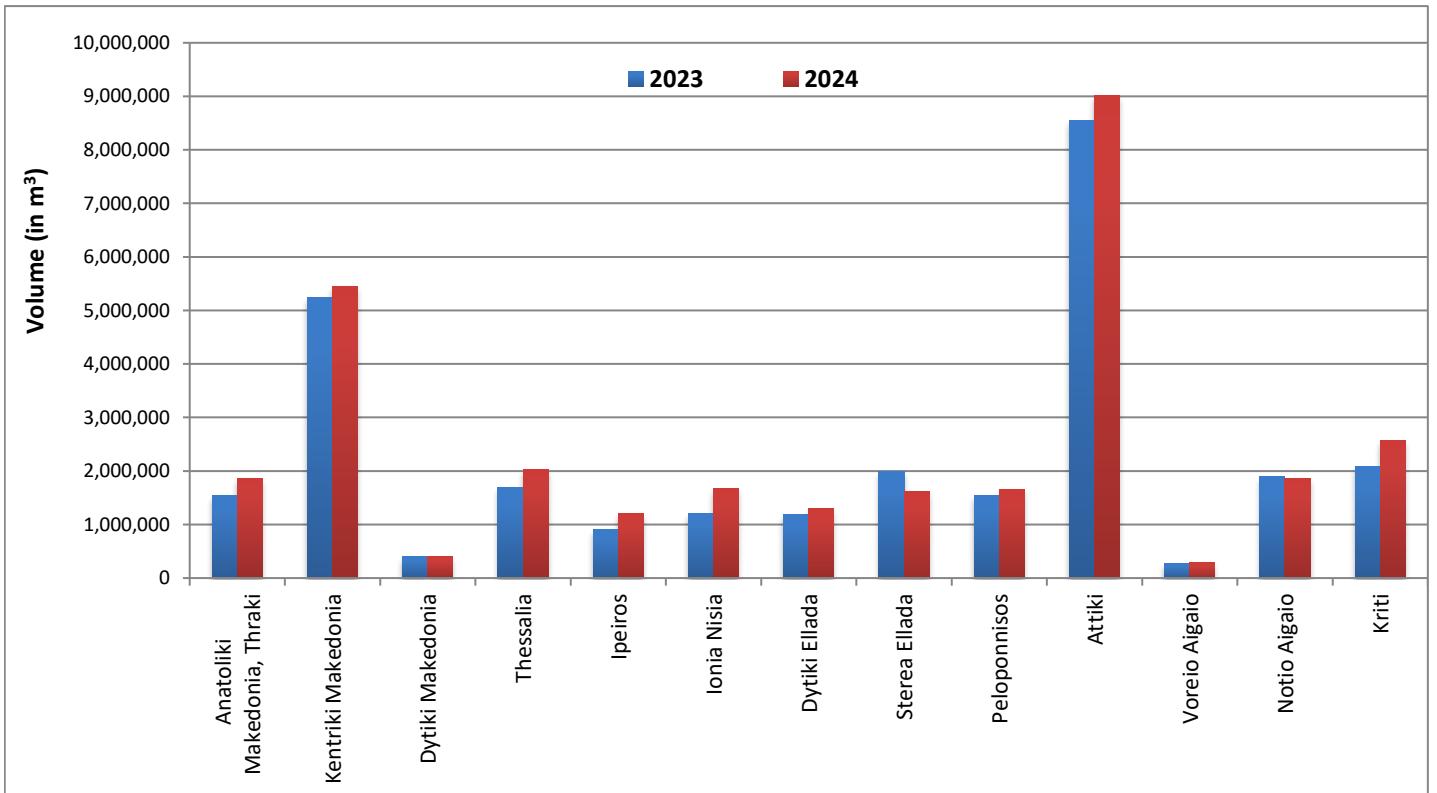
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	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,313	1,614	22.9	324,509	417,946	28.8	1,533,341	1,864,198	21.6
Kentriki Makedonia	3,698	4,187	13.2	962,302	1,175,433	22.1	5,232,733	5,454,935	4.2
Dytiki Makedonia	291	347	19.2	71,257	69,850	-2.0	402,207	402,039	0.0
Thessalia	1,550	1,837	18.5	341,158	406,576	19.2	1,684,460	2,019,579	19.9
Ipeiros	908	1,160	27.8	205,209	289,983	41.3	901,846	1,213,850	34.6
Ionia Nisia	1,923	2,535	31.8	344,046	476,824	38.6	1,211,477	1,667,657	37.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,504	1,657	10.2	256,266	281,963	10.0	1,182,286	1,304,356	10.3
Stereia Ellada	1,533	1,418	-7.5	311,658	270,622	-13.2	1,987,665	1,614,231	-18.8
Peloponnisos	2,043	2,295	12.3	348,355	392,350	12.6	1,539,059	1,653,818	7.5
Attiki	5,974	6,813	14.0	1,814,487	2,060,758	13.6	8,544,283	9,013,266	5.5
Voreio Aigaio	715	746	4.3	69,642	75,303	8.1	267,186	283,250	6.0
Notio Aigaio	2,816	3,054	8.5	512,868	533,766	4.1	1,894,203	1,864,342	-1.6
Kriti	2,430	3,015	24.1	526,775	644,806	22.4	2,076,059	2,566,906	23.6
Greece, Total	26,698	30,678	14.9	6,088,532	7,096,180	16.5	28,456,805	30,922,427	8.7

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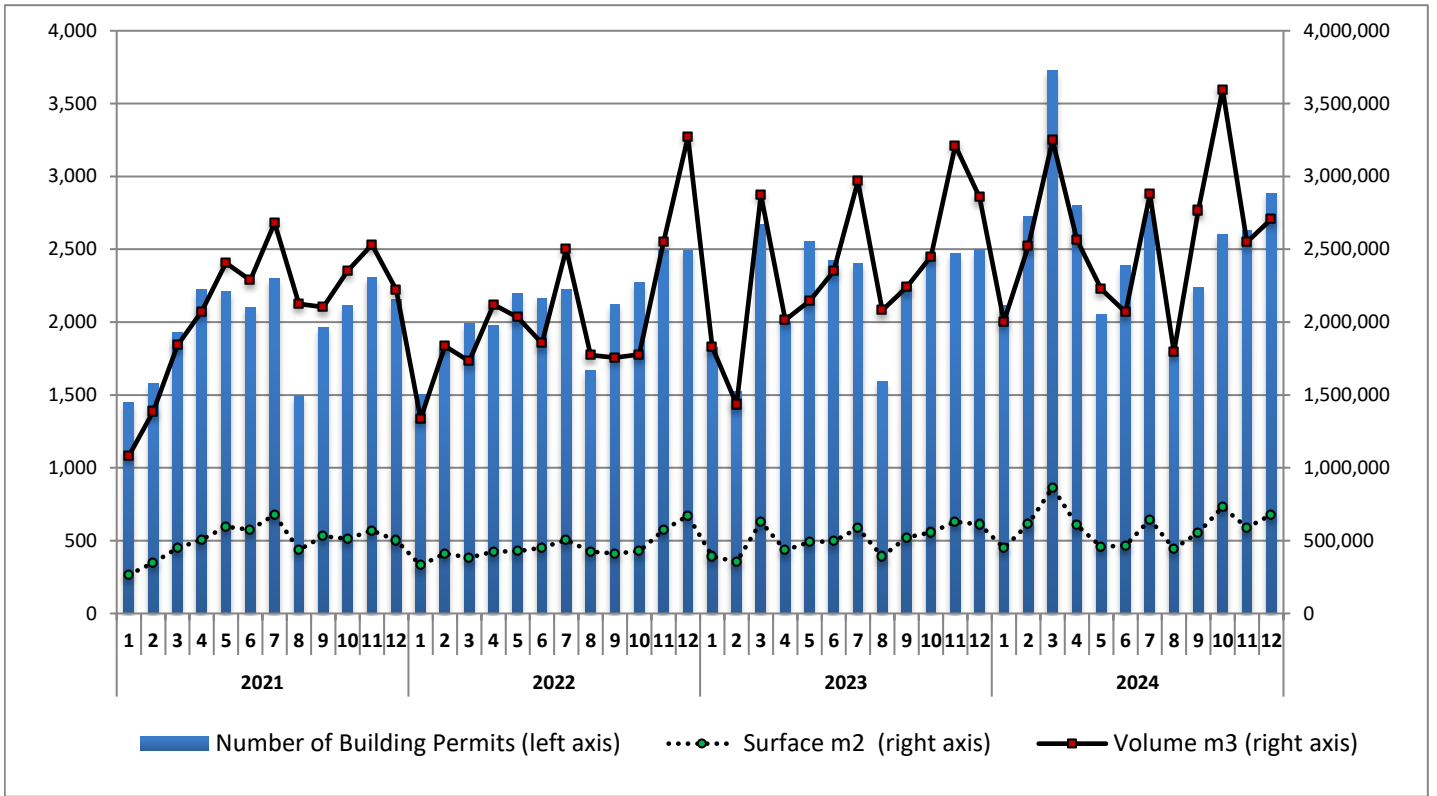
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2023 and 2024



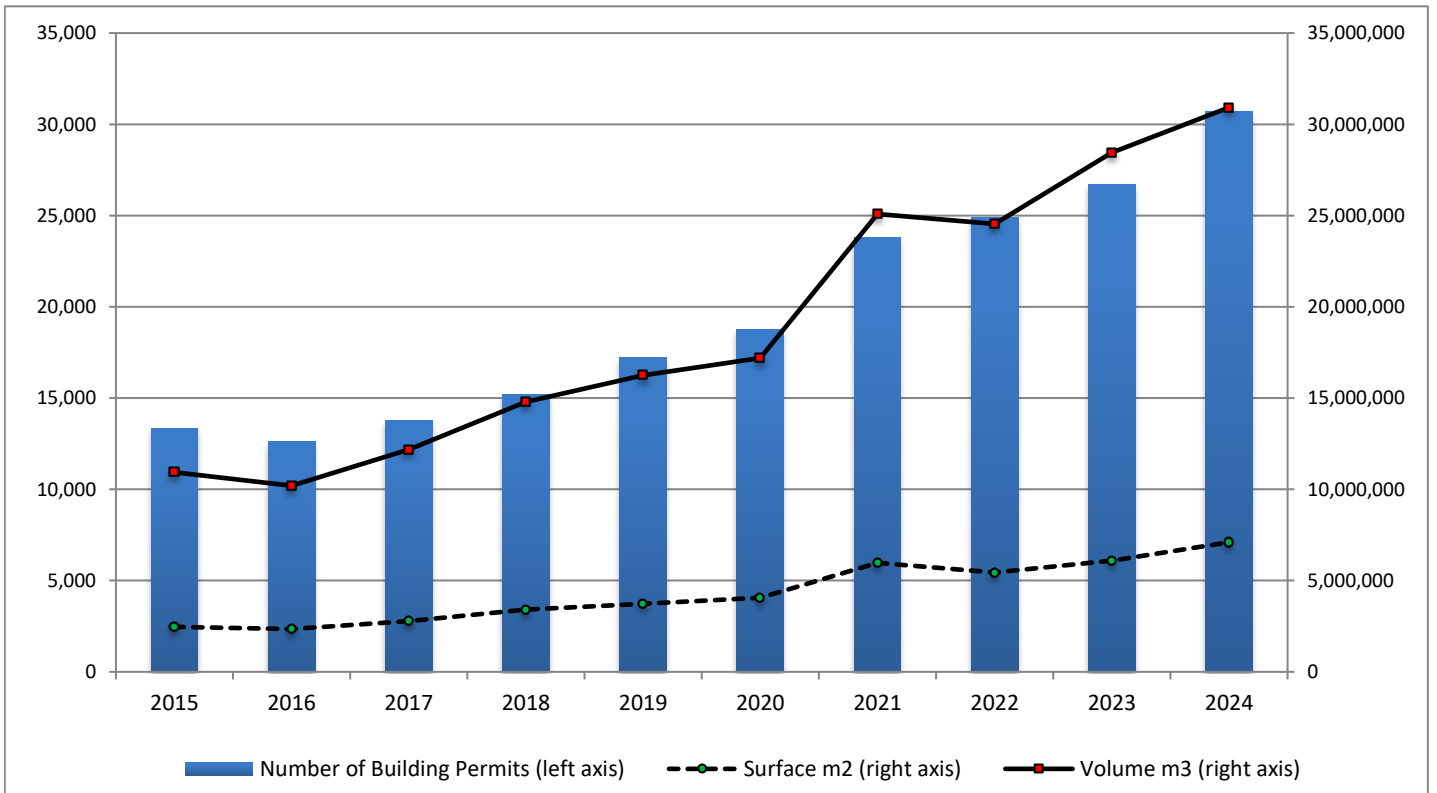
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (January 2021 – December 2024)



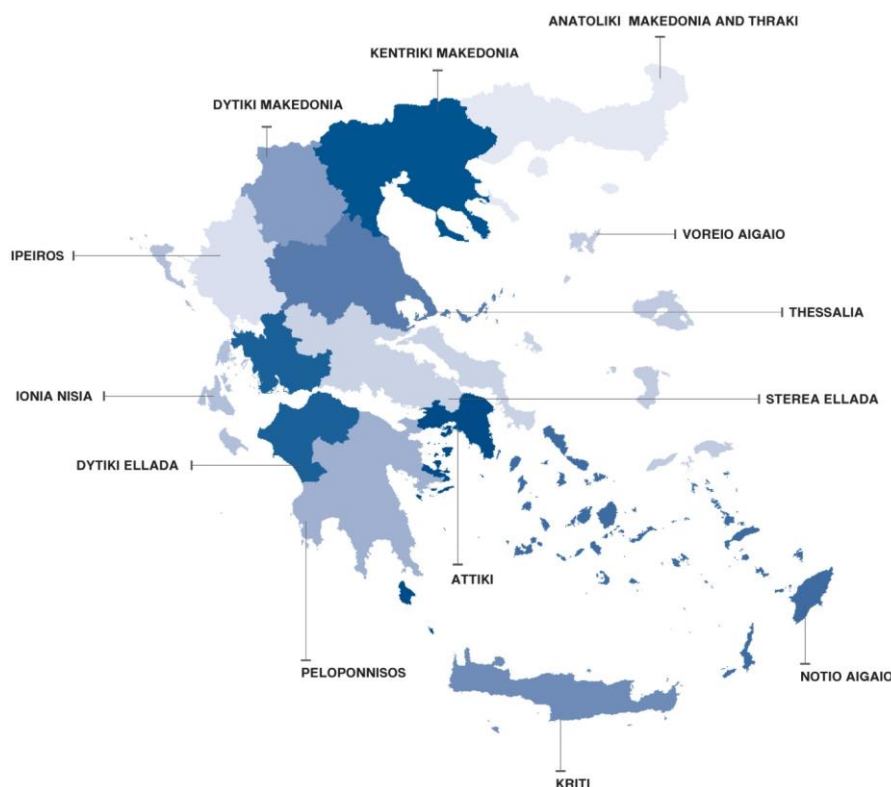
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2015 – 2024)



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	December 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
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>
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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/->