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PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: February 2022

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

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in February 2022 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,822. This figure corresponds to 425,089 m² of surface and 1,886,560 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 13.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 16.8% increase in surface and a 29.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2021 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2022 amounted to 1,808. This figure corresponds to 411,779 m² of surface and 1,834,348 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2021 there is a 14.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 18.4% increase in surface and a 32.3% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2022 amounted to 14. This figure corresponds to 13,310 m² of surface and 52,212 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.8% of the total building volume in February 2022.

In the last twelve months, from March 2021 until February 2022, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 24,253. This figure corresponds to 6,180,535 m² of surface and 26,305,402 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from March 2020 until February 2021, there is a 27.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 47.3% increase in surface and a 46.6% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from March 2021 until February 2022, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 28.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 48.4% increase in surface and a 47.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from March 2020 to February 2021 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.0% of the total building volume.

During the period January - February 2022, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 9.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 19.7% increase in surface and a 26.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2021 (Table 5). During the same period, January - February 2022, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 21.0% increase in surface and a 28.5% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - February 2021 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	76	92	21.1	17,522	15,039	-14.2	93,884	64,192	-31.6
Kentriki Makedonia	235	245	4.3	72,616	67,041	-7.7	338,881	336,217	-0.8
Dytiki Makedonia	15	23	53.3	5,404	2,427	-55.1	23,659	10,618	-55.1
Thessalia	90	117	30.0	34,407	43,461	26.3	144,693	212,415	46.8
Ipeiros	69	45	-34.8	28,393	6,199	-78.2	119,396	21,408	-82.1
Ionia Nisia	117	110	-6.0	36,870	16,639	-54.9	116,943	56,619	-51.6
Dytiki Ellada	115	96	-16.5	17,336	11,434	-34.0	63,729	41,753	-34.5
Stereia Ellada	79	88	11.4	8,714	21,398	145.6	40,810	153,370	275.8
Peloponnisos	144	124	-13.9	22,055	26,693	21.0	85,241	101,528	19.1
Attiki	344	472	37.2	62,350	136,067	118.2	219,726	584,100	165.8
Voreio Aigaio	28	56	100.0	4,710	7,686	63.2	20,242	27,402	35.4
Notio Aigaio	139	190	36.7	23,315	26,786	14.9	77,912	87,151	11.9
Kriti	151	164	8.6	30,287	44,219	46.0	115,032	189,787	65.0
Greece, Total	1,602	1,822	13.7	363,979	425,089	16.8	1,460,148	1,886,560	29.2

*Final data for February 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), February 2021 and 2022*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	71	90	26.8	12,378	15,039	21.5	56,787	64,192	13.0
Kentriki Makedonia	231	244	5.6	71,390	67,041	-6.1	335,366	336,217	0.3
Dytiki Makedonia	15	21	40.0	5,404	2,427	-55.1	23,659	10,618	-55.1
Thessalia	89	117	31.5	34,407	43,461	26.3	144,693	212,415	46.8
Ipeiros	66	44	-33.3	27,438	6,199	-77.4	115,813	21,408	-81.5
Ionia Nisia	116	110	-5.2	31,223	16,639	-46.7	101,064	56,619	-44.0
Dytiki Ellada	113	96	-15.0	17,134	11,434	-33.3	63,083	41,753	-33.8
Stereia Ellada	79	88	11.4	8,714	21,398	145.6	40,810	153,370	275.8
Peloponnisos	141	124	-12.1	21,713	26,693	22.9	84,077	101,528	20.8
Attiki	339	466	37.5	62,350	131,267	110.5	219,726	563,375	156.4
Voreio Aigaio	28	56	100.0	4,710	7,686	63.2	20,242	27,402	35.4
Notio Aigaio	139	190	36.7	23,315	26,786	14.9	77,912	87,151	11.9
Kriti	149	162	8.7	27,540	35,709	29.7	103,242	158,300	53.3
Greece, Total	1,576	1,808	14.7	347,716	411,779	18.4	1,386,474	1,834,348	32.3

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	989	1,326	34.1	221,873	335,567	51.2	938,068	1,520,044	62.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,671	3,308	23.8	627,316	870,277	38.7	2,992,508	4,260,620	42.4
Dytiki Makedonia	245	306	24.9	63,119	85,788	35.9	311,536	395,459	26.9
Thessalia	1,199	1,601	33.5	310,502	408,710	31.6	1,592,328	1,960,004	23.1
Ipeiros	703	878	24.9	208,823	255,799	22.5	922,639	1,103,156	19.6
Ionia Nisia	1,267	1,532	20.9	282,870	323,209	14.3	960,872	1,137,282	18.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,288	1,640	27.3	212,859	283,948	33.4	898,085	1,131,337	26.0
Stereia Ellada	1,101	1,424	29.3	203,916	316,896	55.4	1,196,016	1,829,999	53.0
Peloponnisos	1,523	1,911	25.5	232,794	405,522	74.2	865,327	1,910,530	120.8
Attiki	4,059	5,468	34.7	1,107,612	1,783,171	61.0	4,695,667	6,870,515	46.3
Voreio Aigaio	411	622	51.3	58,803	96,694	64.4	212,071	371,581	75.2
Notio Aigaio	1,778	2,233	25.6	306,272	489,516	59.8	1,032,019	1,632,095	58.1
Kriti	1,756	2,004	14.1	359,793	525,438	46.0	1,325,398	2,182,780	64.7
Greece, Total	18,990	24,253	27.7	4,196,552	6,180,535	47.3	17,942,534	26,305,402	46.6

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	974	1,321	35.6	199,868	335,557	67.9	752,473	1,520,016	102.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,646	3,288	24.3	622,039	866,708	39.3	2,968,417	4,243,826	43.0
Dytiki Makedonia	241	297	23.2	53,666	84,995	58.4	271,467	391,916	44.4
Thessalia	1,185	1,592	34.3	308,145	404,883	31.4	1,585,148	1,925,614	21.5
Ipeiros	695	872	25.5	204,559	251,849	23.1	903,656	1,078,558	19.4
Ionia Nisia	1,266	1,532	21.0	277,223	323,209	16.6	944,993	1,137,282	20.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,273	1,629	28.0	207,149	283,912	37.1	869,979	1,130,977	30.0
Stereia Ellada	1,095	1,413	29.0	203,559	314,596	54.5	1,194,354	1,813,231	51.8
Peloponnisos	1,512	1,892	25.1	231,397	372,427	60.9	860,371	1,639,439	90.6
Attiki	4,026	5,431	34.9	1,100,931	1,760,629	59.9	4,660,319	6,777,908	45.4
Voreio Aigaio	408	619	51.7	58,367	95,750	64.0	207,412	367,253	77.1
Notio Aigaio	1,764	2,229	26.4	303,870	489,303	61.0	1,024,462	1,631,315	59.2
Kriti	1,733	1,982	14.4	338,164	513,792	51.9	1,241,771	2,134,159	71.9
Greece, Total	18,818	24,097	28.1	4,108,937	6,097,610	48.4	17,484,822	25,791,494	47.5

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	164	172	4.9	39,023	26,991	-30.8	185,355	103,903	-43.9
Kentriki Makedonia	419	460	9.8	115,188	135,927	18.0	505,491	653,890	29.4
Dytiki Makedonia	29	40	37.9	10,053	3,749	-62.7	50,478	16,215	-67.9
Thessalia	159	215	35.2	44,734	65,249	45.9	217,785	294,707	35.3
Ipeiros	124	86	-30.6	46,125	11,003	-76.1	198,378	38,005	-80.8
Ionia Nisia	220	212	-3.6	48,407	34,387	-29.0	153,917	120,504	-21.7
Dytiki Ellada	207	180	-13.0	33,640	26,559	-21.0	128,608	98,701	-23.3
Stereia Ellada	168	161	-4.2	18,081	28,680	58.6	86,113	184,108	113.8
Peloponnisos	258	252	-2.3	32,644	49,320	51.1	122,188	205,290	68.0
Attiki	699	840	20.2	134,342	234,074	74.2	506,737	987,064	94.8
Voreio Aigaio	70	98	40.0	8,654	15,706	81.5	33,825	56,817	68.0
Notio Aigaio	286	349	22.0	48,281	56,633	17.3	168,616	189,400	12.3
Kriti	258	279	8.1	56,841	72,965	28.4	214,417	301,654	40.7
Greece, Total	3,061	3,344	9.2	636,013	761,243	19.7	2,571,908	3,250,258	26.4

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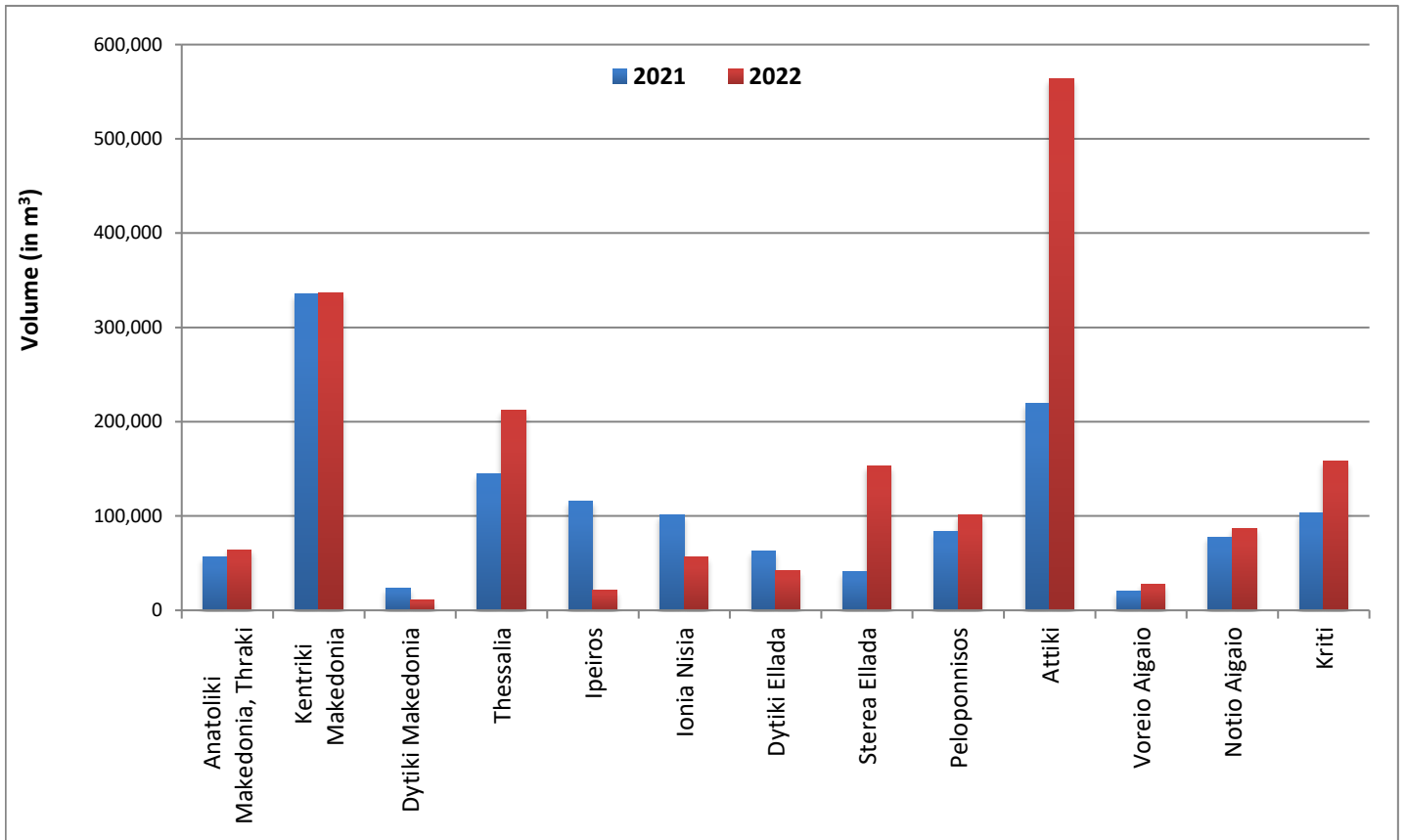
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - February 2021 and 2022*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	158	169	7.0	32,801	26,991	-17.7	143,519	103,903	-27.6
Kentriki Makedonia	413	453	9.7	113,279	133,448	17.8	499,927	641,057	28.2
Dytiki Makedonia	29	38	31.0	10,053	3,749	-62.7	50,478	16,215	-67.9
Thessalia	156	215	37.8	44,734	65,249	45.9	217,785	294,707	35.3
Ipeiros	120	85	-29.2	42,680	11,003	-74.2	182,344	38,005	-79.2
Ionia Nisia	219	212	-3.2	42,760	34,387	-19.6	138,038	120,504	-12.7
Dytiki Ellada	205	178	-13.2	33,438	26,559	-20.6	127,962	98,701	-22.9
Stereia Ellada	167	160	-4.2	18,081	28,680	58.6	86,113	184,108	113.8
Peloponnisos	255	251	-1.6	32,302	49,320	52.7	121,024	205,290	69.6
Attiki	691	831	20.3	134,342	226,386	68.5	506,737	952,627	88.0
Voreio Aigaio	70	98	40.0	8,654	15,706	81.5	33,825	56,817	68.0
Notio Aigaio	285	349	22.5	48,143	56,633	17.6	167,996	189,400	12.7
Kriti	254	273	7.5	52,097	64,175	23.2	192,121	269,282	40.2
Greece, Total	3,022	3,312	9.6	613,364	742,286	21.0	2,467,869	3,170,616	28.5

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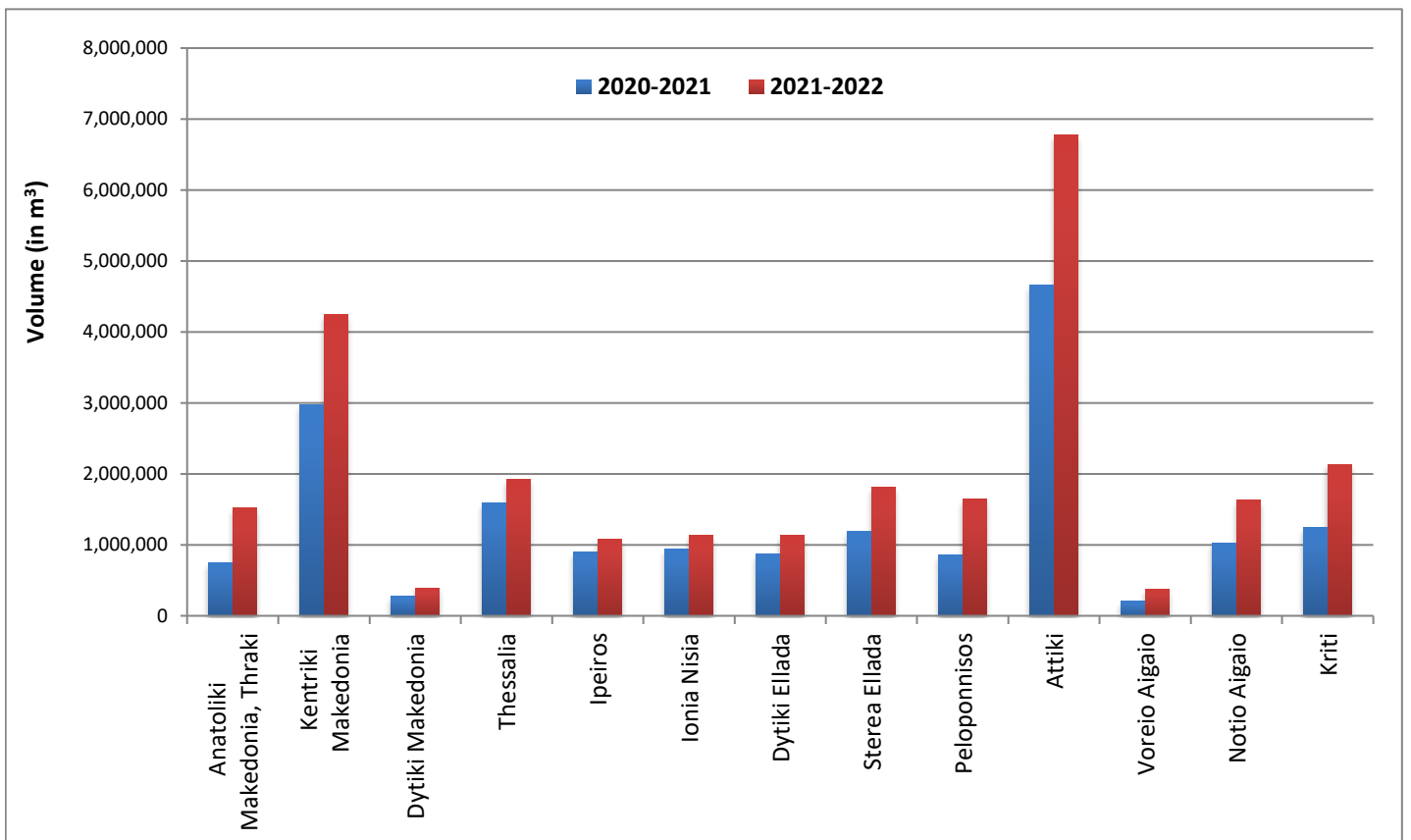
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), February 2021 and 2022*



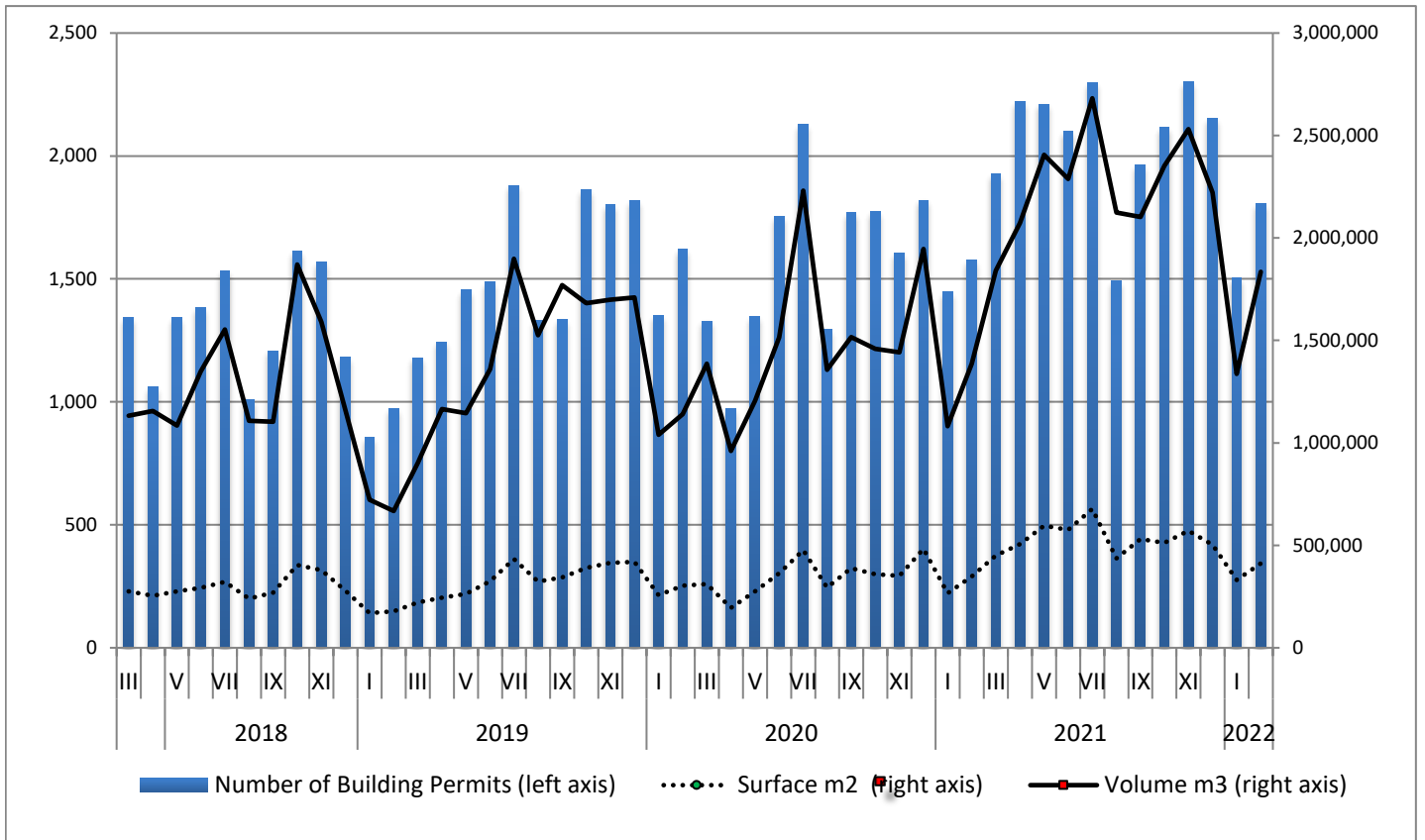
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2020 - February 2021 and March 2021 - February 2022*



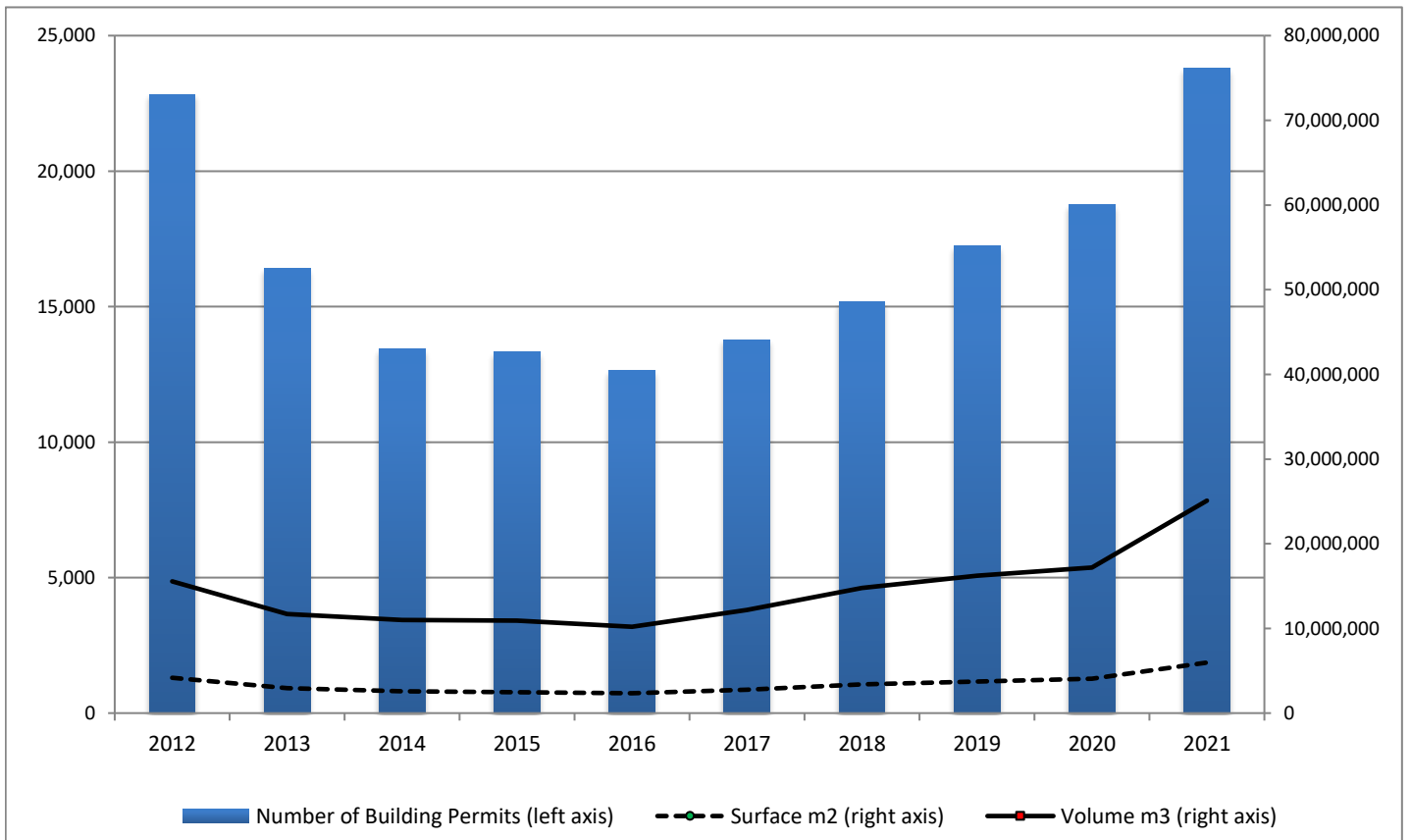
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (March 2018 – February 2022*)



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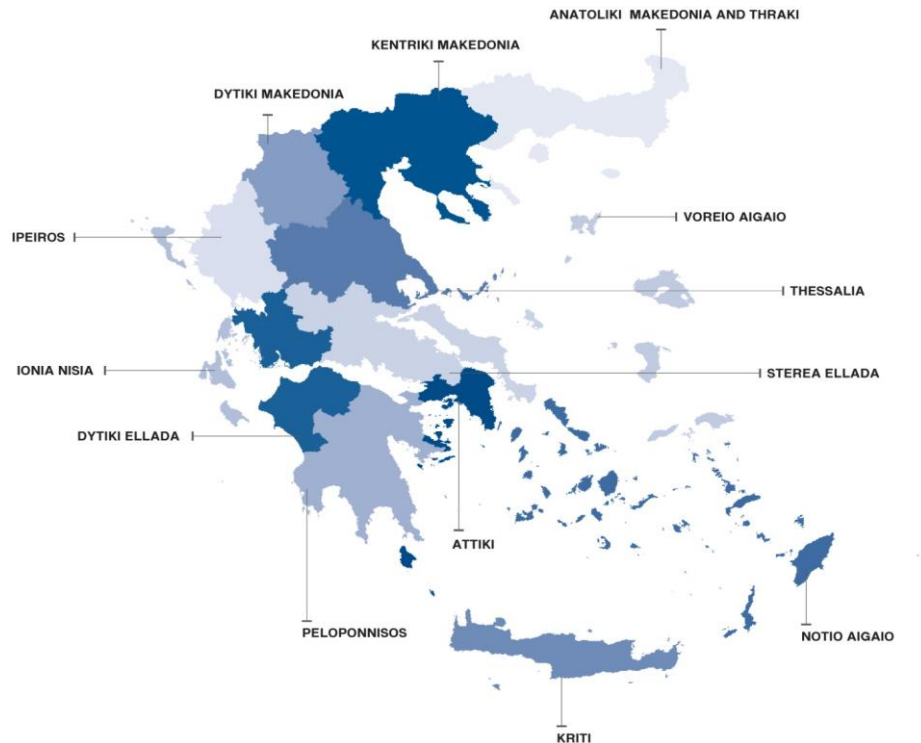
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2012 – 2021)



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	February 1, 2022 to February 28, 2022
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, 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>
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 between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
References	More information (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/-