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Building Activity Survey: March 2024

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

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in March 2024 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 3,756. This figure corresponds to 873,036 m² of surface and 3,285,556 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 39.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 34.8% increase in surface and an 11.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2023 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2024 amounted to 3,728. This figure corresponds to 864,988 m² of surface and 3,248,483 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2023 there is a 39.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 37.7% increase in surface and a 13.1% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2024 amounted to 28. This figure corresponds to 8,048 m² of surface and 37,073 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 1.1% of the total building volume in March 2024.

In the last twelve months, from April 2023 until March 2024, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 29,512. This figure corresponds to 6,780,660 m² of surface and 30,754,562 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from April 2022 until March 2023, there is a 14.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 16.3% increase in surface and a 16.2% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from April 2023 until March 2024, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 14.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.8% increase in surface and a 16.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2022 to March 2023 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.2% of the total building volume.

During the period January - March 2024, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 42.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 38.3% increase in surface and a 25.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2023 (Table 5). During the same period, January - March 2024, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 42.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 40.4% increase in surface and a 26.7% increase in volume, in comparison with the period January - March 2023 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	121	189	56.2	44,022	46,722	6.1	276,214	184,752	-33.1
Kentriki Makedonia	363	388	6.9	113,446	101,320	-10.7	596,098	392,117	-34.2
Dytiki Makedonia	29	31	6.9	3,448	2,944	-14.6	15,725	13,811	-12.2
Thessalia	158	198	25.3	29,548	34,161	15.6	129,095	139,200	7.8
Ipeiros	87	278	219.5	38,646	82,881	114.5	162,773	315,238	93.7
Ionia Nisia	178	434	143.8	33,469	91,233	172.6	109,102	306,687	181.1
Dytiki Ellada	136	191	40.4	30,357	33,788	11.3	144,893	149,933	3.5
Stereia Ellada	162	198	22.2	22,706	36,055	58.8	129,285	148,697	15.0
Peloponnisos	204	259	27.0	41,356	44,901	8.6	216,866	159,438	-26.5
Attiki	617	624	1.1	136,761	187,392	37.0	576,066	706,032	22.6
Voreio Aigaio	77	106	37.7	8,608	15,377	78.6	30,117	57,280	90.2
Notio Aigaio	340	389	14.4	97,499	100,406	3.0	372,430	344,992	-7.4
Kriti	214	471	120.1	47,689	95,856	101.0	196,382	367,379	87.1
Greece, Total	2,686	3,756	39.8	647,555	873,036	34.8	2,955,046	3,285,556	11.2

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), March 2023 and 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	120	187	55.8	43,133	46,722	8.3	271,573	184,752	-32.0
Kentriki Makedonia	362	388	7.2	112,438	101,320	-9.9	591,884	392,117	-33.8
Dytiki Makedonia	28	30	7.1	3,448	2,944	-14.6	15,725	13,811	-12.2
Thessalia	158	198	25.3	29,548	34,161	15.6	129,095	139,200	7.8
Ipeiros	86	277	222.1	23,191	82,881	257.4	103,604	315,238	204.3
Ionia Nisia	178	434	143.8	33,469	91,233	172.6	109,102	306,687	181.1
Dytiki Ellada	134	188	40.3	29,799	33,748	13.3	142,815	149,782	4.9
Stereia Ellada	161	196	21.7	22,706	28,690	26.4	129,285	114,536	-11.4
Peloponnisos	204	255	25.0	41,356	44,852	8.5	216,866	159,280	-26.6
Attiki	611	620	1.5	136,761	187,392	37.0	576,066	706,032	22.6
Voreio Aigaio	77	103	33.8	8,608	14,961	73.8	30,117	55,396	83.9
Notio Aigaio	340	386	13.5	97,499	100,228	2.8	372,430	344,273	-7.6
Kriti	212	466	119.8	46,103	95,856	107.9	184,680	367,379	98.9
Greece, Total	2,671	3,728	39.6	628,059	864,988	37.7	2,873,242	3,248,483	13.1

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2022 - March 2023 and April 2023 - March 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,296	1,475	13.8	404,428	361,119	-10.7	2,155,810	1,651,801	-23.4
Kentriki Makedonia	3,573	3,939	10.2	889,587	1,049,677	18.0	4,397,959	5,388,749	22.5
Dytiki Makedonia	348	316	-9.2	55,335	72,859	31.7	275,620	416,239	51.0
Thessalia	1,566	1,687	7.7	341,230	385,854	13.1	1,599,000	1,961,606	22.7
Ipeiros	870	1,210	39.1	244,876	302,990	23.7	1,034,858	1,319,153	27.5
Ionia Nisia	1,648	2,370	43.8	281,587	460,260	63.5	953,854	1,633,402	71.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,569	1,643	4.7	218,147	280,788	28.7	951,149	1,253,810	31.8
Stereia Ellada	1,500	1,620	8.0	280,277	317,717	13.4	1,664,408	1,872,535	12.5
Peloponnisos	2,057	2,224	8.1	306,802	400,036	30.4	1,330,014	1,752,439	31.8
Attiki	5,962	6,311	5.9	1,709,863	1,898,203	11.0	8,026,266	8,764,204	9.2
Voreio Aigaio	699	790	13.0	90,628	81,682	-9.9	320,473	318,271	-0.7
Notio Aigaio	2,699	3,006	11.4	563,637	531,091	-5.8	1,984,048	1,919,512	-3.3
Kriti	2,105	2,921	38.8	444,970	638,384	43.5	1,781,420	2,502,841	40.5
Greece, Total	25,892	29,512	14.0	5,831,367	6,780,660	16.3	26,474,879	30,754,562	16.2

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2022 - March 2023 and April 2023 - March 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024		2022-2023	2023-2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,282	1,457	13.7	370,143	357,919	-3.3	1,978,882	1,636,077	-17.3
Kentriki Makedonia	3,529	3,902	10.6	871,923	1,025,583	17.6	4,312,545	5,272,729	22.3
Dytiki Makedonia	342	305	-10.8	43,987	72,464	64.7	214,153	414,533	93.6
Thessalia	1,554	1,672	7.6	334,368	381,782	14.2	1,549,236	1,938,485	25.1
Ipeiros	861	1,193	38.6	228,385	297,682	30.3	971,238	1,298,381	33.7
Ionia Nisia	1,638	2,360	44.1	281,587	459,300	63.1	953,854	1,628,663	70.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,552	1,619	4.3	216,156	271,252	25.5	941,143	1,219,887	29.6
Stereia Ellada	1,482	1,601	8.0	277,975	304,291	9.5	1,654,169	1,814,753	9.7
Peloponnisos	2,042	2,204	7.9	301,419	372,203	23.5	1,303,038	1,595,392	22.4
Attiki	5,892	6,257	6.2	1,671,292	1,871,949	12.0	7,866,323	8,640,425	9.8
Voreio Aigaio	688	776	12.8	89,765	75,966	-15.4	316,219	291,891	-7.7
Notio Aigaio	2,692	2,993	11.2	562,400	529,167	-5.9	1,974,590	1,910,659	-3.2
Kriti	2,076	2,902	39.8	439,157	624,195	42.1	1,743,625	2,431,195	39.4
Greece, Total	25,630	29,241	14.1	5,688,557	6,643,753	16.8	25,779,015	30,093,070	16.7

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - March 2023 and 2024

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	279	423	51.6	90,129	121,727	35.1	501,931	598,247	19.2
Kentriki Makedonia	840	1,041	23.9	223,693	281,644	25.9	1,144,316	1,158,425	1.2
Dytiki Makedonia	57	72	26.3	6,331	7,918	25.1	27,089	40,995	51.3
Thessalia	341	461	35.2	69,658	109,929	57.8	316,857	568,241	79.3
Ipeiros	185	472	155.1	64,530	144,124	123.3	264,657	611,622	131.1
Ionia Nisia	427	866	102.8	74,340	189,671	155.1	248,641	666,150	167.9
Dytiki Ellada	335	453	35.2	62,022	77,404	24.8	295,231	332,226	12.5
Stereia Ellada	357	425	19.0	66,793	69,383	3.9	425,012	297,587	-30.0
Peloponnisos	467	630	34.9	84,280	103,622	22.9	391,255	424,929	8.6
Attiki	1,382	1,658	20.0	382,497	437,235	14.3	1,603,709	1,692,370	5.5
Voreio Aigaio	169	235	39.1	19,874	31,823	60.1	72,789	123,526	69.7
Notio Aigaio	741	921	24.3	162,986	179,463	10.1	600,600	617,775	2.9
Kriti	493	966	95.9	107,873	203,707	88.8	430,183	773,617	79.8
Greece, Total	6,073	8,623	42.0	1,415,006	1,957,650	38.3	6,322,270	7,905,710	25.0

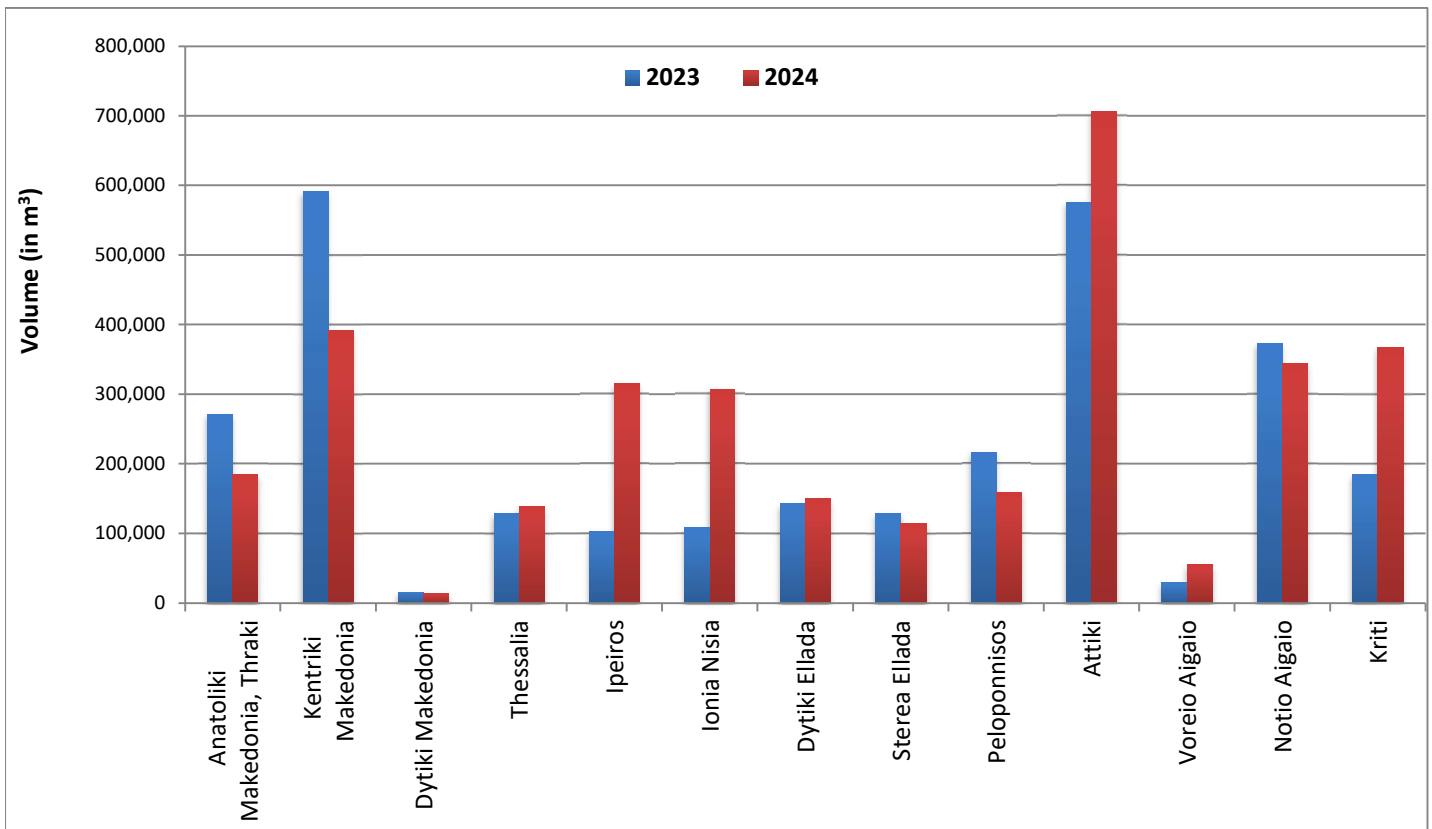
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - March 2023 and 2024

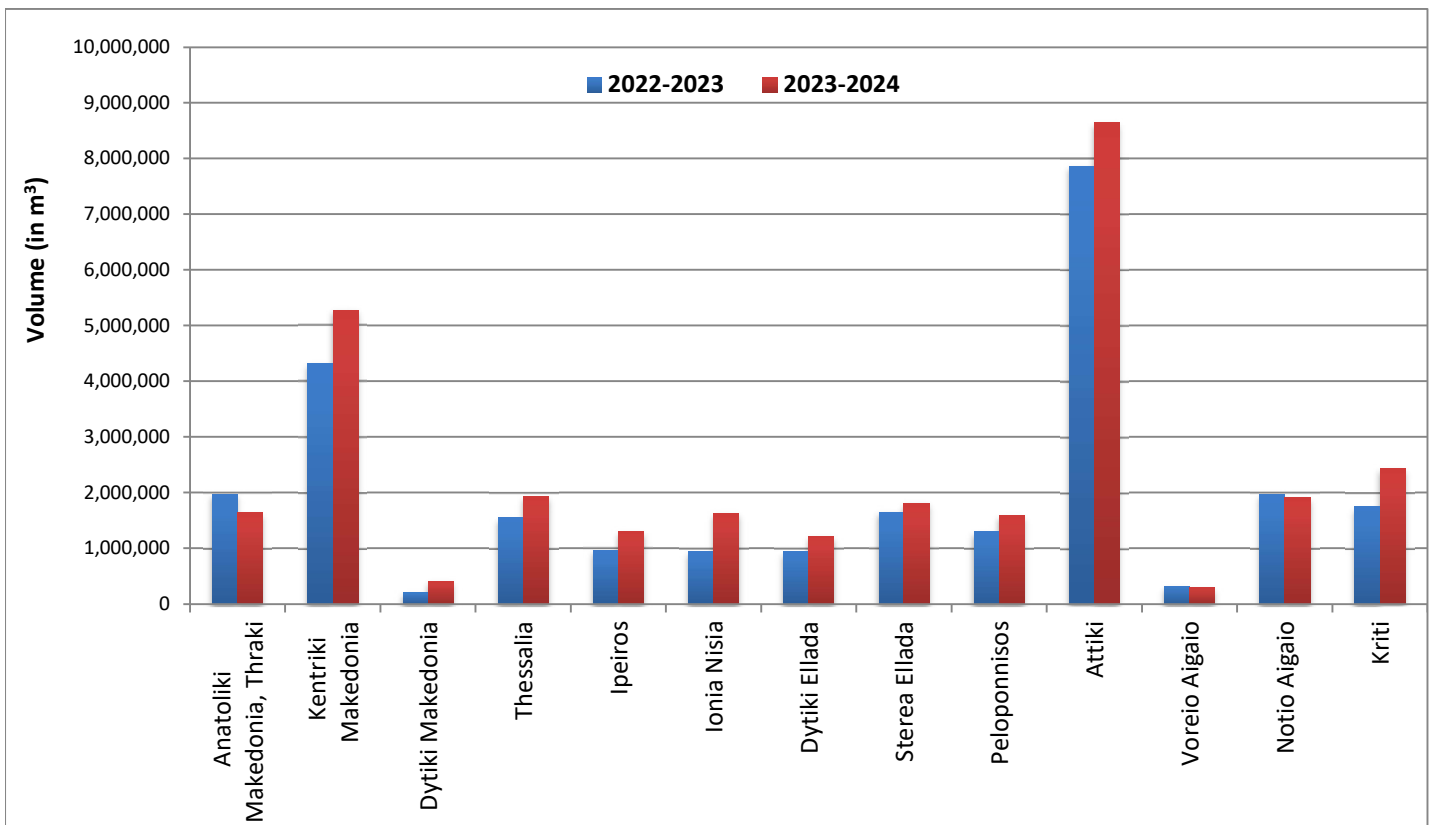
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	275	419	52.4	87,364	120,774	38.2	491,846	594,582	20.9
Kentriki Makedonia	831	1,035	24.5	215,748	279,029	29.3	1,107,988	1,147,984	3.6
Dytiki Makedonia	56	70	25.0	6,331	7,538	19.1	27,089	39,415	45.5
Thessalia	338	460	36.1	69,287	109,911	58.6	314,148	568,173	80.9
Ipeiros	184	469	154.9	49,075	141,548	188.4	205,488	602,023	193.0
Ionia Nisia	425	862	102.8	74,340	189,594	155.0	248,641	665,827	167.8
Dytiki Ellada	329	444	35.0	60,235	75,221	24.9	285,882	323,483	13.2
Stereia Ellada	354	422	19.2	66,793	59,426	-11.0	425,012	252,100	-40.7
Peloponnisos	465	626	34.6	79,725	103,573	29.9	368,438	424,771	15.3
Attiki	1,366	1,649	20.7	374,795	432,257	15.3	1,571,880	1,668,022	6.1
Voreio Aigaio	167	228	36.5	19,874	26,198	31.8	72,789	97,494	33.9
Notio Aigaio	741	918	23.9	162,986	179,285	10.0	600,600	617,056	2.7
Kriti	488	960	96.7	106,287	203,707	91.7	418,481	773,617	84.9
Greece, Total	6,019	8,562	42.2	1,372,840	1,928,061	40.4	6,138,282	7,774,547	26.7

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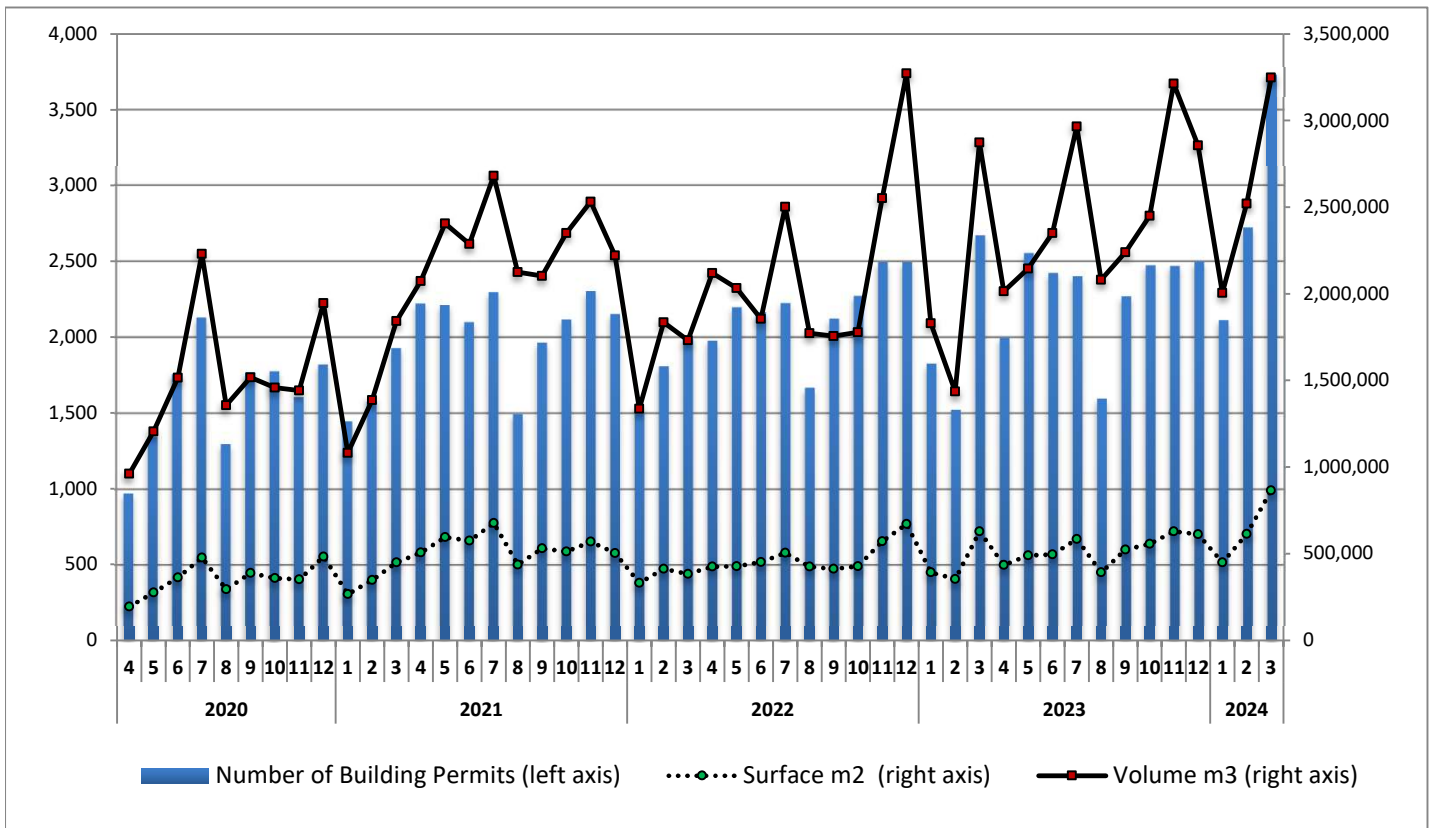
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2023 and 2024



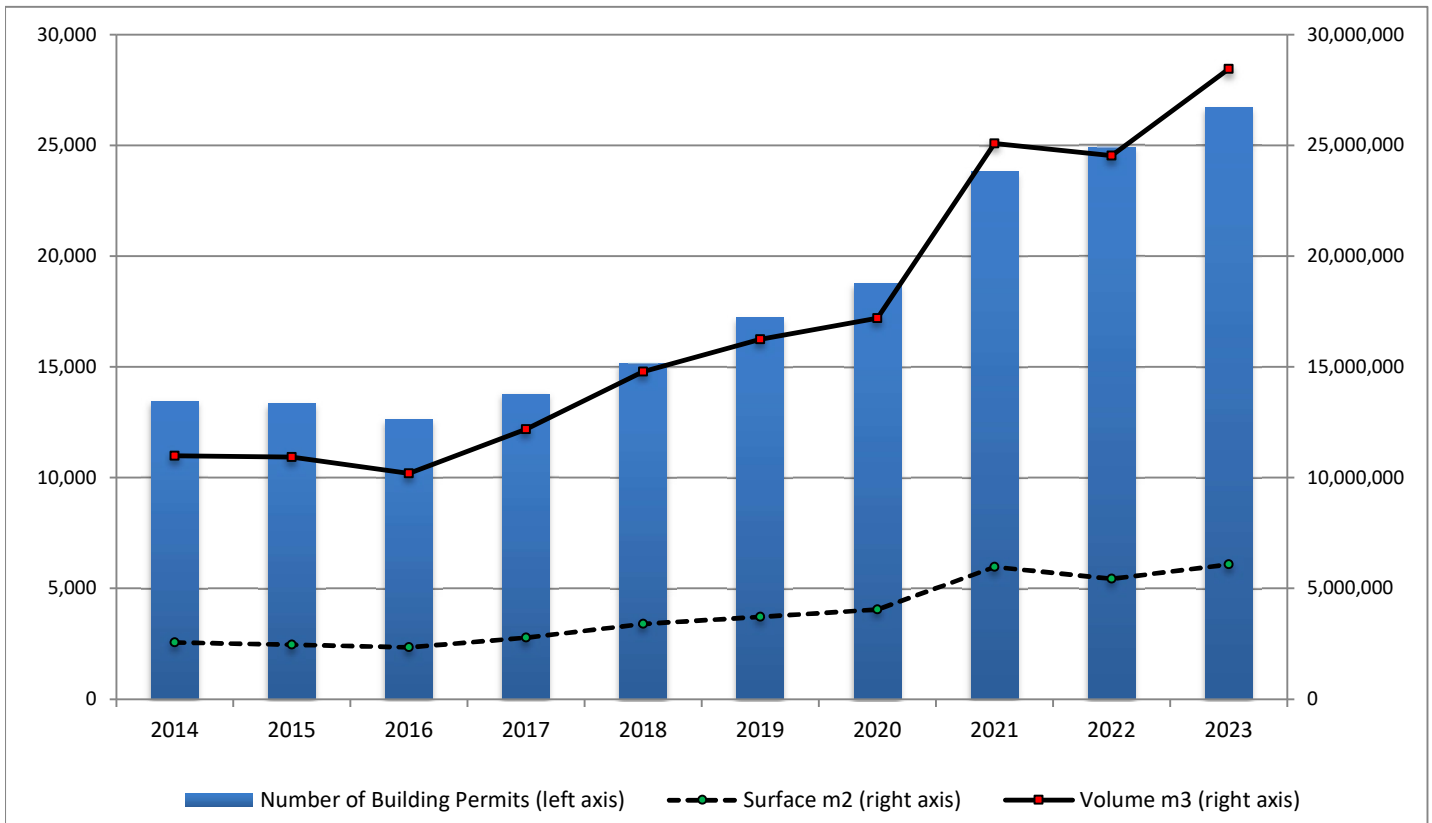
Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2022 - March 2023 and April 2023 - March 2024



Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (April 2020 – March 2024)



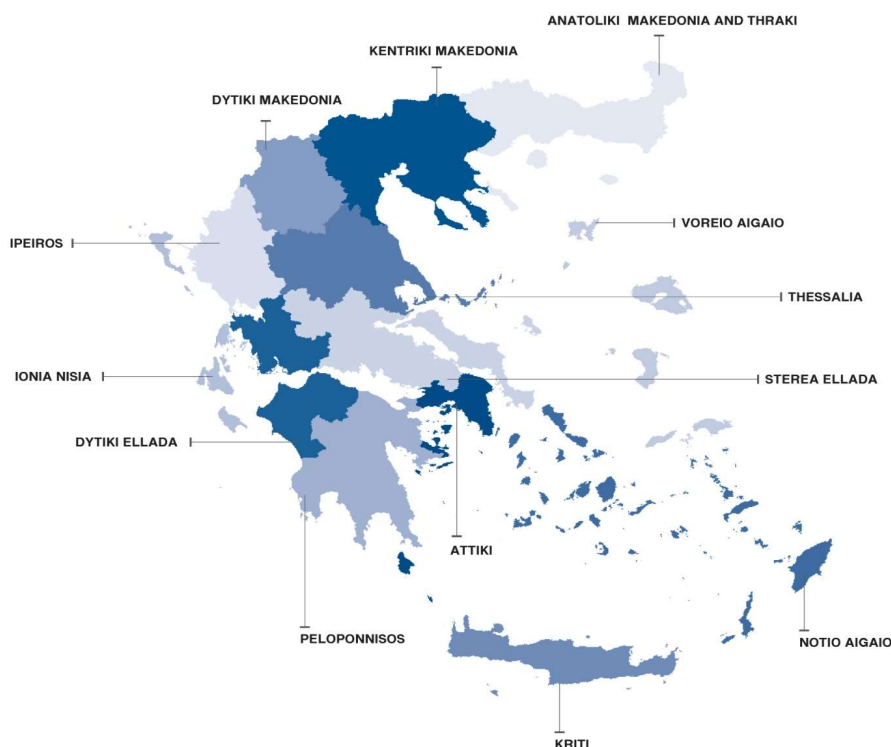
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2014 – 2023)



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 (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	March 1, 2024 to March 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>
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/-