

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: July 2020**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month July 2020, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in July 2020 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,116. This figure corresponds to 479.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,248.0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 12.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 3.8% increase in surface and a 7.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2019 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2020 amounted to 2,102. This figure corresponds to 475.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,226.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2019 there is an 11.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 9.7% increase in surface and a 17.3% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2020 amounted to 14. This figure corresponds to 4.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 21.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.0% of the total building volume in July 2020.
- In the last twelve months, from August 2019 until July 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 18,761. This figure corresponds to 4,107.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 18,030.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from August 2018 until July 2019, there is an 18.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 17.0% increase in surface and a 17.8% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from August 2019 until July 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 19.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 19.5% increase in surface and a 21.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2018 to July 2019 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.0% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - July 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 15.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 17.4% increase in surface and an 18.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2019 (Table 5). During the same period, January - July 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 15.4% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 18.8% increase in surface and a 20.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - July 2019 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2019 and 2020\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	81	104	28.4	16.8	26.4	57.6	84.1	106.5	26.7
Kentriki Makedonia	261	312	19.5	65.3	67.2	2.9	402.3	380.8	-5.4
Dytiki Makedonia	26	26	0.0	17.6	5.4	-69.3	112.5	33.0	-70.7
Thessalia	109	122	11.9	24.6	51.0	106.9	94.4	308.2	226.4
Ipeiros	58	79	36.2	28.6	20.2	-29.3	145.5	105.0	-27.9
Ionia Nisia	139	141	1.4	18.8	29.2	55.4	63.4	110.8	74.8
Dytiki Ellada	113	166	46.9	38.5	26.7	-30.7	192.6	125.5	-34.9
Stereia Ellada	103	132	28.2	16.3	25.3	55.1	75.6	180.7	138.9
Peloponnisos	132	158	19.7	20.8	22.2	6.7	83.1	85.6	3.1
Attiki	473	506	7.0	128.7	136.6	6.1	531.2	567.7	6.9
Voreio Aigaio	46	32	-30.4	9.5	2.8	-70.3	39.8	9.7	-75.6
Notio Aigaio	178	167	-6.2	30.2	29.3	-3.0	100.6	102.6	2.0
Kriti	171	171	0.0	45.8	36.9	-19.5	166.8	131.9	-20.9
Greece, Total	1,890	2,116	12.0	461.5	479.2	3.8	2,092.0	2,248.0	7.5

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**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2019 and 2020\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	81	103	27.2	16.8	26.3	57.1	84.1	106.3	26.4
Kentriki Makedonia	258	311	20.5	51.9	66.2	27.5	267.2	373.1	39.6
Dytiki Makedonia	26	25	-3.8	17.6	5.4	-69.3	112.5	33.0	-70.7
Thessalia	109	122	11.9	24.6	51.0	106.9	94.4	308.2	226.4
Ipeiros	56	78	39.3	27.6	20.0	-27.6	141.3	103.8	-26.6
Ionia Nisia	139	141	1.4	18.8	29.2	55.4	63.4	110.8	74.8
Dytiki Ellada	112	160	42.9	24.9	24.6	-1.3	138.9	115.2	-17.0
Stereia Ellada	103	132	28.2	16.3	25.3	55.1	75.6	180.7	138.9
Peloponnisos	131	158	20.6	20.8	22.2	6.7	83.1	85.6	3.1
Attiki	472	504	6.8	128.7	136.6	6.1	531.2	567.7	6.9
Voreio Aigaio	46	32	-30.4	9.5	2.8	-70.3	39.8	9.7	-75.6
Notio Aigaio	178	166	-6.7	30.2	28.6	-5.4	100.6	100.6	0.0
Kriti	170	170	0.0	45.5	36.9	-18.8	165.6	131.9	-20.3
Greece, Total	1,881	2,102	11.7	433.2	475.1	9.7	1,897.6	2,226.5	17.3

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2018 – July 2019 and August 2019 – July 2020\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August – July		Change (%)	August – July		Change (%)	August – July		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	685	986	43.9	146.0	220.4	50.9	617.6	804.8	30.3
Kentriki Makedonia	2,346	2,798	19.3	580.0	614.2	5.9	3,042.7	3,207.8	5.4
Dytiki Makedonia	214	240	12.1	75.5	54.0	-28.4	473.5	293.4	-38.0
Thessalia	933	1,130	21.1	207.1	285.1	37.7	1,061.2	1,464.2	38.0
Ipeiros	538	653	21.4	172.6	150.1	-13.0	699.5	651.4	-6.9
Ionia Nisia	1,144	1,307	14.2	216.5	252.2	16.5	734.3	842.5	14.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,052	1,209	14.9	181.6	195.3	7.6	717.7	846.7	18.0
Stereia Ellada	915	989	8.1	163.6	189.2	15.7	873.2	1,084.5	24.2
Peloponnisos	1,241	1,428	15.1	203.2	209.5	3.1	760.9	840.7	10.5
Attiki	3,351	3,797	13.3	785.8	1,100.9	40.1	3,488.7	4,962.8	42.3
Voreio Aigaio	419	447	6.7	54.0	57.1	5.8	204.2	211.1	3.4
Notio Aigaio	1,645	1,955	18.8	378.0	374.7	-0.9	1,306.4	1,288.9	-1.3
Kriti	1,299	1,822	40.3	346.3	405.2	17.0	1,321.8	1,531.8	15.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>15,782</b>	<b>18,761</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>3,510.2</b>	<b>4,107.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>15,301.7</b>	<b>18,030.6</b>	<b>17.8</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2018 – July 2019 and August 2019 – July 2020\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August – July		Change (%)	August – July		Change (%)	August – July		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	684	975	42.5	146.0	218.4	49.6	617.5	793.8	28.5
Kentriki Makedonia	2,326	2,785	19.7	565.1	612.0	8.3	2,901.2	3,195.3	10.1
Dytiki Makedonia	210	237	12.9	61.1	49.1	-19.6	320.2	269.4	-15.9
Thessalia	921	1,113	20.8	200.3	279.0	39.3	1,032.0	1,441.6	39.7
Ipeiros	534	648	21.3	171.5	149.3	-12.9	695.1	648.4	-6.7
Ionia Nisia	1,143	1,307	14.3	216.4	252.2	16.6	732.9	842.5	15.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,043	1,194	14.5	159.4	192.3	20.6	617.5	833.2	34.9
Stereia Ellada	910	980	7.7	162.1	187.1	15.4	868.1	1,076.7	24.0
Peloponnisos	1,217	1,423	16.9	186.6	208.4	11.7	696.8	836.3	20.0
Attiki	3,333	3,771	13.1	776.5	1,088.9	40.2	3,446.6	4,904.0	42.3
Voreio Aigaio	411	444	8.0	52.8	56.8	7.5	197.9	209.7	6.0
Notio Aigaio	1,637	1,943	18.7	374.6	371.5	-0.8	1,292.8	1,277.1	-1.2
Kriti	1,285	1,810	40.9	331.5	404.4	22.0	1,267.6	1,528.2	20.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>15,654</b>	<b>18,630</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>3,403.9</b>	<b>4,069.3</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>14,686.4</b>	<b>17,856.3</b>	<b>21.6</b>

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – July 2019 and 2020\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January – July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	452	529	17.0	96.7	115.5	19.3	403.3	427.3	5.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,361	1,594	17.1	298.1	358.2	20.2	1,566.1	1,816.1	16.0
Dytiki Makedonia	116	133	14.7	36.8	27.2	-26.0	202.3	131.9	-34.8
Thessalia	549	641	16.8	117.1	159.8	36.4	651.7	838.2	28.6
Ipeiros	297	363	22.2	94.8	80.4	-15.2	411.2	377.6	-8.2
Ionia Nisia	679	744	9.6	97.0	128.7	32.7	318.3	441.9	38.8
Dytiki Ellada	519	659	27.0	98.6	103.7	5.2	415.0	468.7	12.9
Stereia Ellada	480	551	14.8	70.2	112.5	60.2	377.3	688.6	82.5
Peloponnisos	704	805	14.3	98.4	115.7	17.6	378.3	446.0	17.9
Attiki	2,070	2,224	7.4	470.2	606.0	28.9	1,893.3	2,518.4	33.0
Voreio Aigaio	227	240	5.7	29.2	27.8	-4.6	111.3	104.5	-6.1
Notio Aigaio	899	1,067	18.7	187.8	177.1	-5.7	657.0	578.9	-11.9
Kriti	767	1,023	33.4	181.1	190.3	5.1	724.2	742.0	2.5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>9,120</b>	<b>10,573</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>1,876.0</b>	<b>2,202.9</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>8,109.5</b>	<b>9,580.2</b>	<b>18.1</b>

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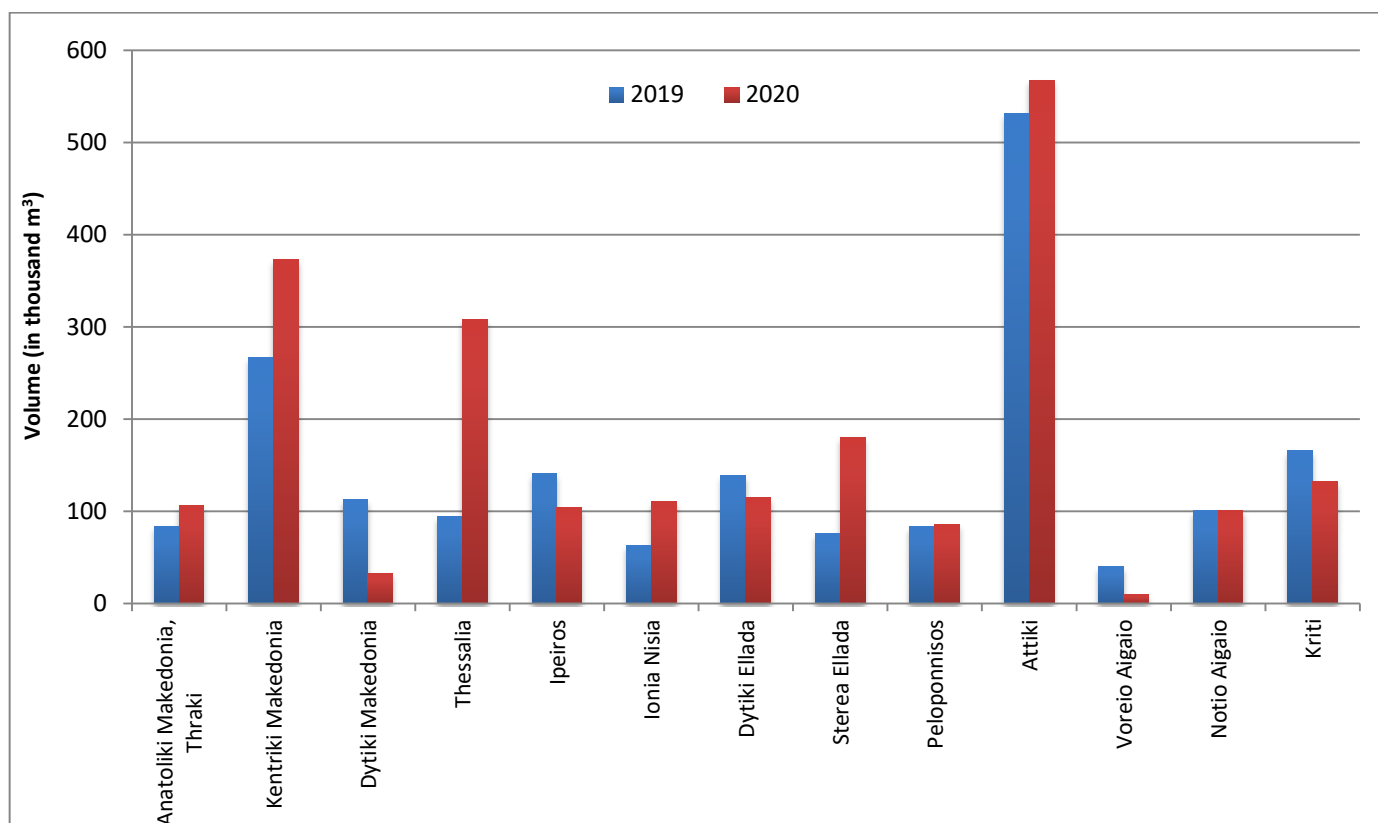
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – July 2019 and 2020\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	452	525	16.2	96.7	115.1	19.0	403.3	426.1	5.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,354	1,584	17.0	284.7	356.2	25.1	1,431.0	1,804.3	26.1
Dytiki Makedonia	115	131	13.9	36.8	26.5	-28.0	202.3	123.5	-39.0
Thessalia	547	629	15.0	116.6	157.0	34.7	649.8	829.7	27.7
Ipeiros	294	359	22.1	93.7	80.0	-14.7	407.0	375.9	-7.6
Ionia Nisia	679	744	9.6	97.0	128.7	32.7	318.3	441.9	38.8
Dytiki Ellada	516	644	24.8	84.9	100.7	18.5	360.7	455.1	26.2
Stereia Ellada	480	544	13.3	70.2	110.6	57.6	377.3	681.6	80.7
Peloponnisos	694	801	15.4	95.0	114.6	20.7	361.6	441.7	22.2
Attiki	2,061	2,207	7.1	465.4	598.6	28.6	1,872.8	2,483.9	32.6
Voreio Aigaio	226	237	4.9	29.2	27.5	-5.7	111.3	103.2	-7.3
Notio Aigaio	897	1,056	17.7	187.6	173.9	-7.3	656.1	567.1	-13.6
Kriti	760	1,015	33.6	176.2	189.6	7.6	705.7	738.8	4.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>10,476</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>1,834.0</b>	<b>2,179.1</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>7,857.2</b>	<b>9,472.9</b>	<b>20.6</b>

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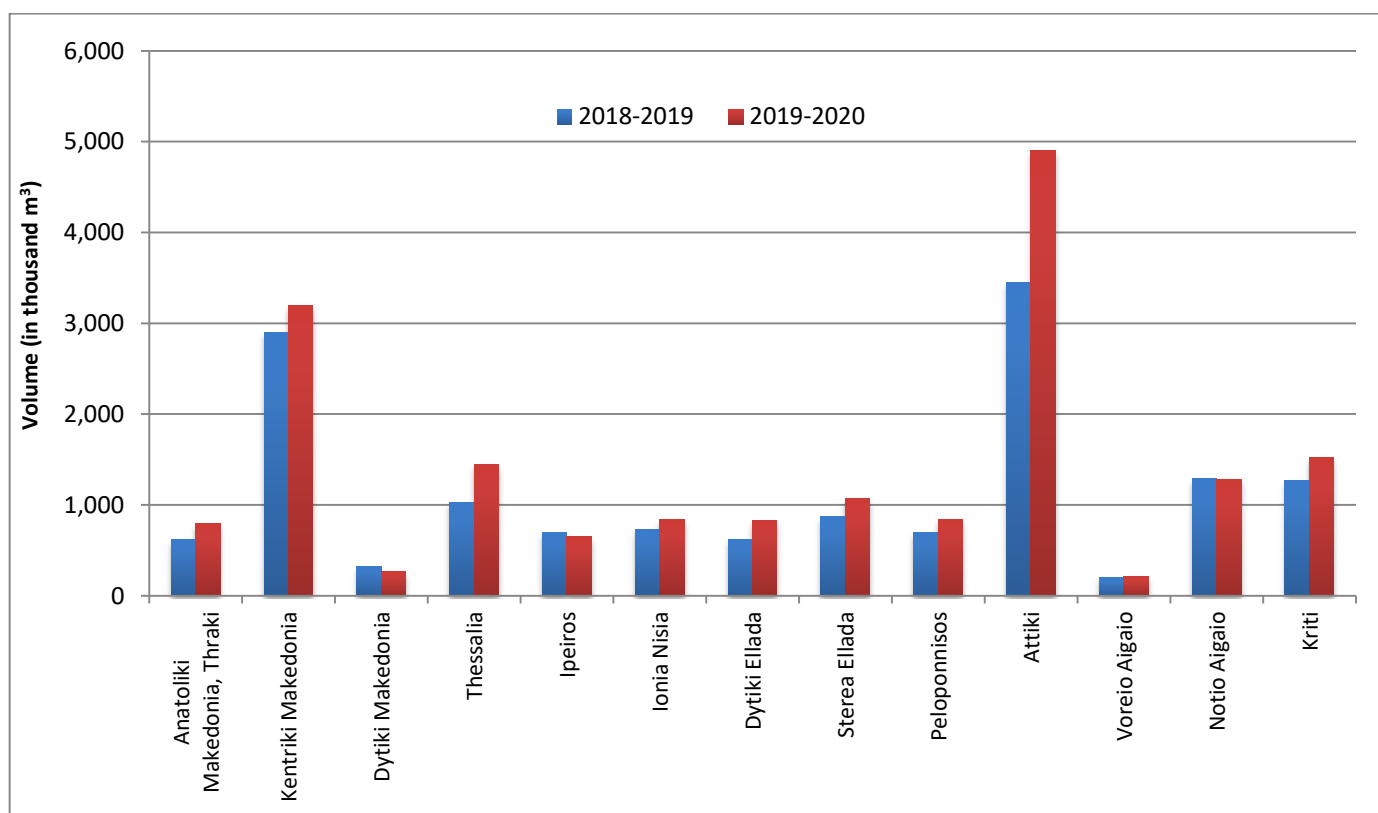
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), July 2019 and 2020\***



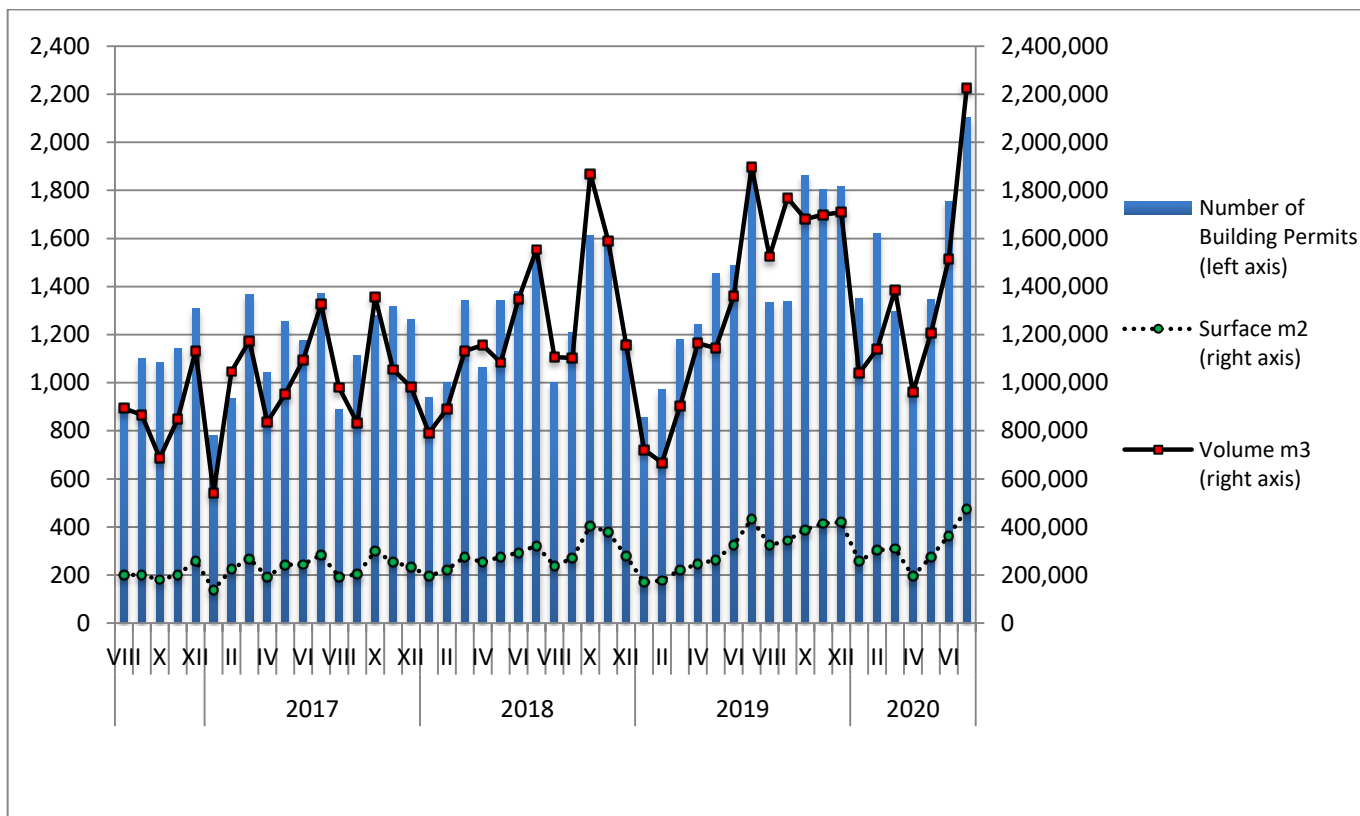
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), August 2018 – July 2019 and August 2019 – July 2020\***



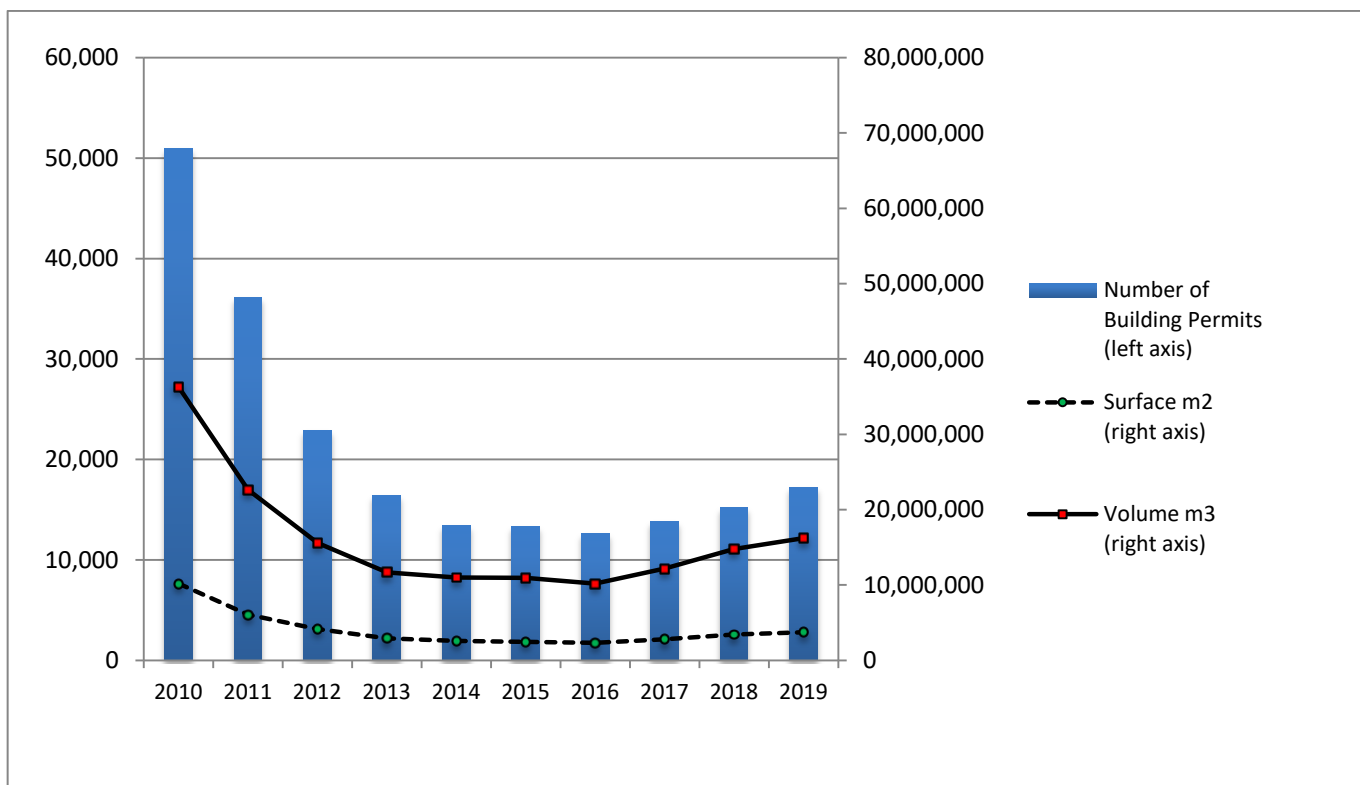
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (August 2016 – July 2020\*)**



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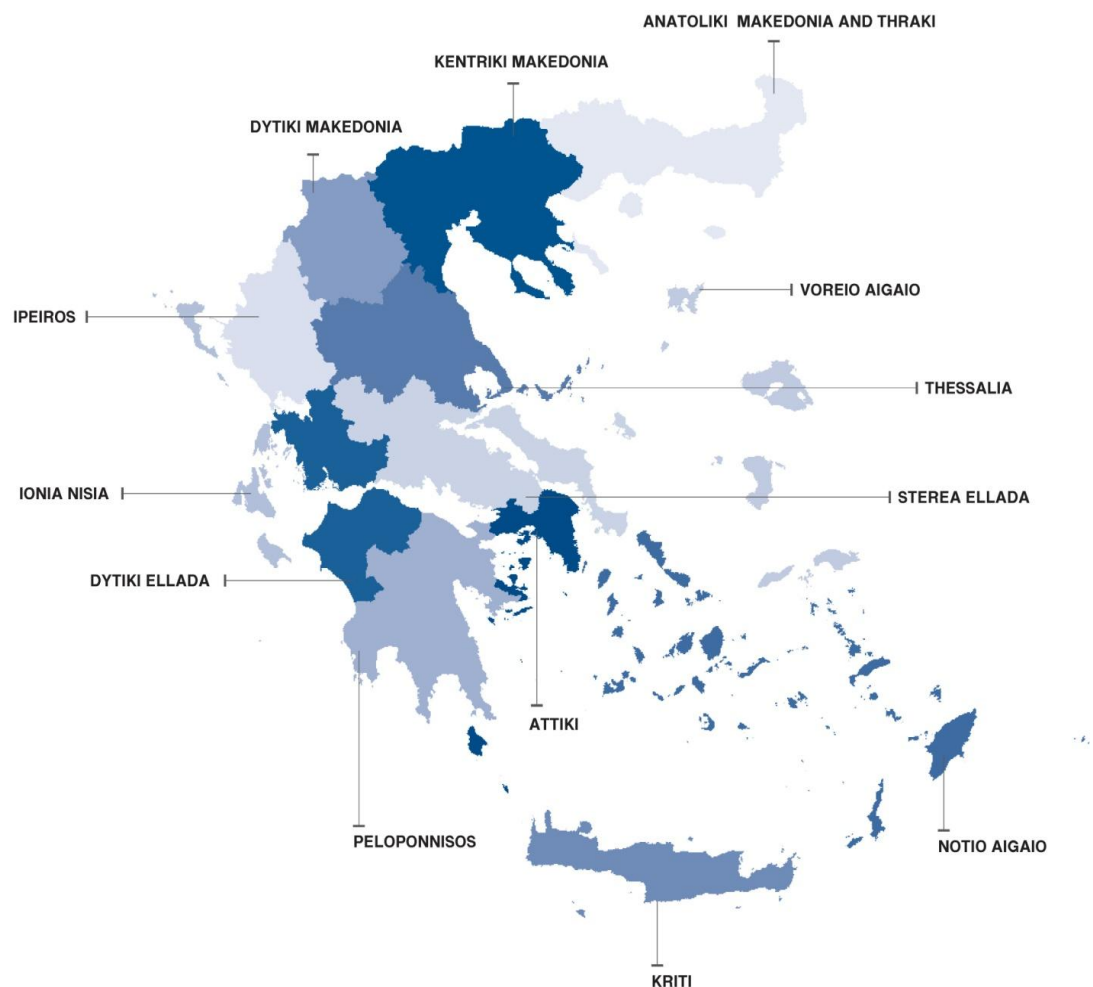
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2010 - 2019)**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	The Building Activity Survey has been providing exhaustive 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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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.
<b>Reference Period</b>	July 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the Country.
<b>Geographical classification</b>	The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS).

Map of the 13 Regions (NUTS 2) of Greece



**Definitions** **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.

**The denotation of "built-property"** is equal to "building".

**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.

**New building** is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.

**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.

**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.

**Surface of new-built property** is considered to be the sum of each floor area along with the outer side of the outer walls, as well as other auxiliary spaces.

**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 either between the sum of sub totals and the totals or in the change rates, is due to rounding.

**References** More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regard to the Building Activity Survey is available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT): [www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr) under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/->