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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: April 2022**

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

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in April 2022 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,997. This figure corresponds to 428,372 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,135,411 m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 10.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 16.3% decrease in surface and an 1.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2021 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2022 amounted to 1,977. This figure corresponds to 424,643 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,119,702 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2021 there is an 11.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 16.1% decrease in surface and a 2.3% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2022 amounted to 20. This figure corresponds to 3,729 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 15,709 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.7% of the total building volume in April 2022.

In the last twelve months, from May 2021 until April 2022, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 24,064. This figure corresponds to 6,003,458 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 25,990,098 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from May 2020 until April 2021, there is a 15.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 28.4% increase in surface and a 31.5% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from May 2021 until April 2022, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 15.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 30.5% increase in surface and a 35.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from May 2020 to April 2021 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.0% of the total building volume.

During the period January - April 2022, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded an 1.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 3.2% decrease in surface and a 5.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2021 (Table 5). During the same period, January - April 2022, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 1.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 1.3% decrease in surface and a 10.0% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - April 2021 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	123	121	-1.6	36,554	31,858	-12.8	155,238	184,929	19.1
Kentriki Makedonia	294	264	-10.2	58,976	59,184	0.4	278,210	296,609	6.6
Dytiki Makedonia	26	29	11.5	3,829	4,276	11.7	12,860	19,148	48.9
Thessalia	143	135	-5.6	23,536	32,576	38.4	98,836	160,562	62.5
Ipeiros	83	72	-13.3	22,864	14,585	-36.2	106,076	63,614	-40.0
Ionia Nisia	182	115	-36.8	48,319	16,397	-66.1	173,248	54,815	-68.4
Dytiki Ellada	160	129	-19.4	26,325	16,997	-35.4	106,049	73,241	-30.9
Stereia Ellada	131	102	-22.1	22,662	29,797	31.5	98,779	210,047	112.6
Peloponnisos	176	170	-3.4	34,819	30,841	-11.4	131,482	168,243	28.0
Attiki	504	462	-8.3	158,059	119,600	-24.3	677,548	653,753	-3.5
Voreio Aigaio	45	58	28.9	4,048	9,337	130.7	12,836	31,515	145.5
Notio Aigaio	192	190	-1.0	36,859	38,046	3.2	116,586	137,756	18.2
Kriti	181	150	-17.1	35,161	24,878	-29.2	133,201	81,179	-39.1
Greece, Total	2,240	1,997	-10.8	512,011	428,372	-16.3	2,100,949	2,135,411	1.6

\*Final data for April 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), April 2021 and 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	123	120	-2.4	36,554	31,808	-13.0	155,238	184,729	19.0
Kentriki Makedonia	292	262	-10.3	58,976	58,736	-0.4	278,210	294,804	6.0
Dytiki Makedonia	25	28	12.0	3,829	3,658	-4.5	12,860	16,697	29.8
Thessalia	141	135	-4.3	23,536	32,576	38.4	98,836	160,562	62.5
Ipeiros	82	70	-14.6	20,202	14,256	-29.4	89,982	62,251	-30.8
Ionia Nisia	182	113	-37.9	48,319	16,397	-66.1	173,248	54,815	-68.4
Dytiki Ellada	160	129	-19.4	26,325	16,997	-35.4	106,049	73,241	-30.9
Stereia Ellada	130	101	-22.3	22,662	29,624	30.7	98,779	209,019	111.6
Peloponnisos	174	169	-2.9	33,405	30,841	-7.7	126,781	168,243	32.7
Attiki	497	453	-8.9	156,619	117,627	-24.9	673,673	645,328	-4.2
Voreio Aigaio	45	58	28.9	4,048	9,337	130.7	12,836	31,515	145.5
Notio Aigaio	192	190	-1.0	36,859	38,046	3.2	116,586	137,756	18.2
Kriti	179	149	-16.8	34,646	24,740	-28.6	129,707	80,742	-37.8
Greece, Total	2,222	1,977	-11.0	505,980	424,643	-16.1	2,072,785	2,119,702	2.3

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2020 - April 2021 and May 2021 - April 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,124	1,305	16.1	257,465	328,722	27.7	1,095,961	1,557,267	42.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,869	3,289	14.6	653,856	881,783	34.9	3,108,649	4,345,351	39.8
Dytiki Makedonia	257	318	23.7	63,483	85,572	34.8	297,279	402,522	35.4
Thessalia	1,331	1,593	19.7	332,151	403,223	21.4	1,667,049	1,946,550	16.8
Ipeiros	786	863	9.8	244,375	230,178	-5.8	1,056,401	1,002,929	-5.1
Ionia Nisia	1,396	1,490	6.7	321,043	288,345	-10.2	1,110,476	997,145	-10.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,474	1,595	8.2	246,402	263,518	6.9	1,006,643	1,079,160	7.2
Stereia Ellada	1,213	1,403	15.7	211,174	318,384	50.8	1,205,679	1,904,586	58.0
Peloponnisos	1,692	1,908	12.8	317,435	350,451	10.4	1,393,869	1,547,135	11.0
Attiki	4,509	5,458	21.0	1,229,543	1,766,119	43.6	5,033,434	7,102,417	41.1
Voreio Aigaio	457	629	37.6	71,025	91,869	29.3	276,078	333,506	20.8
Notio Aigaio	1,898	2,286	20.4	337,141	499,817	48.3	1,131,436	1,686,132	49.0
Kriti	1,849	1,927	4.2	390,216	495,477	27.0	1,378,966	2,085,398	51.2
Greece, Total	20,855	24,064	15.4	4,675,309	6,003,458	28.4	19,761,920	25,990,098	31.5

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2020 - April 2021 and May 2021 - April 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,109	1,298	17.0	235,460	328,662	39.6	910,366	1,557,039	71.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,845	3,266	14.8	649,526	877,348	35.1	3,088,643	4,324,672	40.0
Dytiki Makedonia	252	308	22.2	54,030	83,729	55.0	257,210	395,163	53.6
Thessalia	1,315	1,586	20.6	329,794	399,396	21.1	1,659,869	1,912,160	15.2
Ipeiros	775	858	10.7	237,449	228,561	-3.7	1,021,324	993,062	-2.8
Ionia Nisia	1,395	1,487	6.6	315,396	288,345	-8.6	1,094,597	997,145	-8.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,458	1,587	8.8	240,692	263,482	9.5	978,537	1,078,800	10.2
Stereia Ellada	1,204	1,394	15.8	210,465	316,263	50.3	1,202,300	1,888,507	57.1
Peloponnisos	1,678	1,891	12.7	290,803	342,710	17.8	1,153,324	1,511,795	31.1
Attiki	4,468	5,421	21.3	1,220,739	1,744,844	42.9	4,994,771	7,014,690	40.4
Voreio Aigaio	456	626	37.3	70,746	90,925	28.5	272,078	329,178	21.0
Notio Aigaio	1,889	2,285	21.0	335,838	499,817	48.8	1,127,203	1,686,132	49.6
Kriti	1,824	1,907	4.6	368,039	484,241	31.6	1,291,746	2,039,933	57.9
Greece, Total	20,668	23,914	15.7	4,558,977	5,948,323	30.5	19,051,968	25,728,276	35.0

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	411	398	-3.2	103,046	84,169	-18.3	442,294	398,065	-10.0
Kentriki Makedonia	966	988	2.3	231,617	263,862	13.9	1,063,198	1,296,328	21.9
Dytiki Makedonia	74	97	31.1	18,754	12,234	-34.8	83,143	55,943	-32.7
Thessalia	429	477	11.2	98,280	113,308	15.3	447,994	511,462	14.2
Ipeiros	287	234	-18.5	103,997	43,254	-58.4	453,626	193,026	-57.4
Ionia Nisia	520	470	-9.6	117,813	68,929	-41.5	408,775	235,225	-42.5
Dytiki Ellada	508	436	-14.2	87,871	60,360	-31.3	334,250	252,166	-24.6
Stereia Ellada	405	377	-6.9	56,320	68,407	21.5	259,139	431,721	66.6
Peloponnisos	596	587	-1.5	146,530	108,135	-26.2	772,899	492,606	-36.3
Attiki	1,618	1,749	8.1	388,297	470,977	21.3	1,524,409	2,236,638	46.7
Voreio Aigaio	165	200	21.2	27,431	29,658	8.1	119,786	104,703	-12.6
Notio Aigaio	650	766	17.8	113,513	132,166	16.4	379,617	454,438	19.7
Kriti	620	564	-9.0	131,287	117,450	-10.5	470,115	459,970	-2.2
Greece, Total	<b>7,249</b>	<b>7,343</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1,624,756</b>	<b>1,572,909</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>6,759,245</b>	<b>7,122,291</b>	<b>5.4</b>

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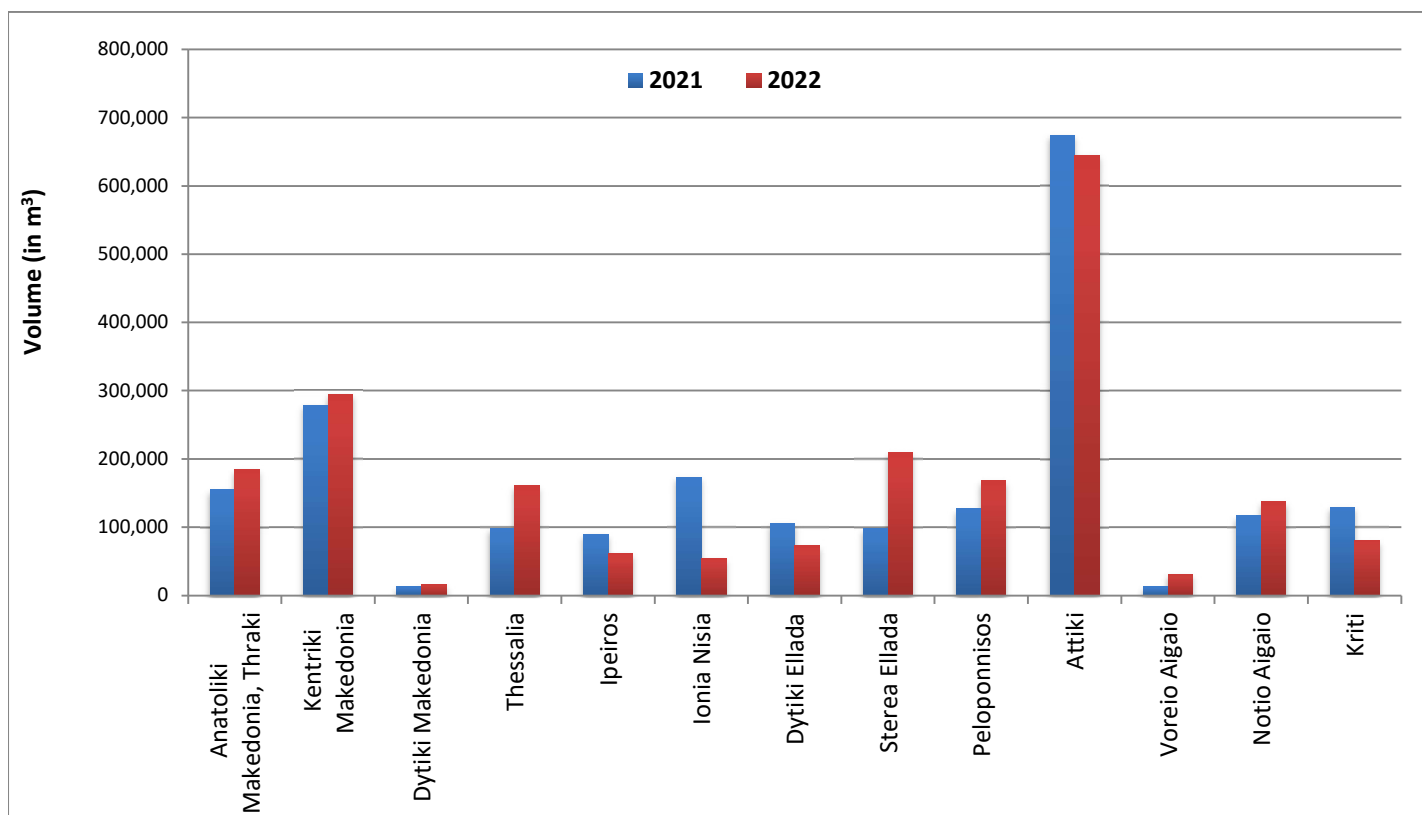
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - April 2021 and 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	405	393	-3.0	96,824	84,119	-13.1	400,458	397,865	-0.6
Kentriki Makedonia	958	976	1.9	229,708	260,517	13.4	1,057,634	1,279,610	21.0
Dytiki Makedonia	73	93	27.4	18,754	11,184	-40.4	83,143	52,127	-37.3
Thessalia	424	477	12.5	98,280	113,308	15.3	447,994	511,462	14.2
Ipeiros	280	231	-17.5	97,890	42,925	-56.1	421,498	191,663	-54.5
Ionia Nisia	519	467	-10.0	112,166	68,929	-38.5	392,896	235,225	-40.1
Dytiki Ellada	503	434	-13.7	87,669	60,360	-31.2	333,604	252,166	-24.4
Stereia Ellada	401	375	-6.5	55,968	68,234	21.9	257,422	430,693	67.3
Peloponnisos	588	583	-0.9	120,403	107,704	-10.5	534,303	490,925	-8.1
Attiki	1,598	1,728	8.1	385,057	461,316	19.8	1,511,104	2,193,776	45.2
Voreio Aigaio	165	200	21.2	27,431	29,658	8.1	119,786	104,703	-12.6
Notio Aigaio	646	766	18.6	113,162	132,166	16.8	378,217	454,438	20.2
Kriti	612	556	-9.2	125,995	108,522	-13.9	444,226	427,161	-3.8
Greece, Total	<b>7,172</b>	<b>7,279</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1,569,307</b>	<b>1,548,942</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>6,382,285</b>	<b>7,021,814</b>	<b>10.0</b>

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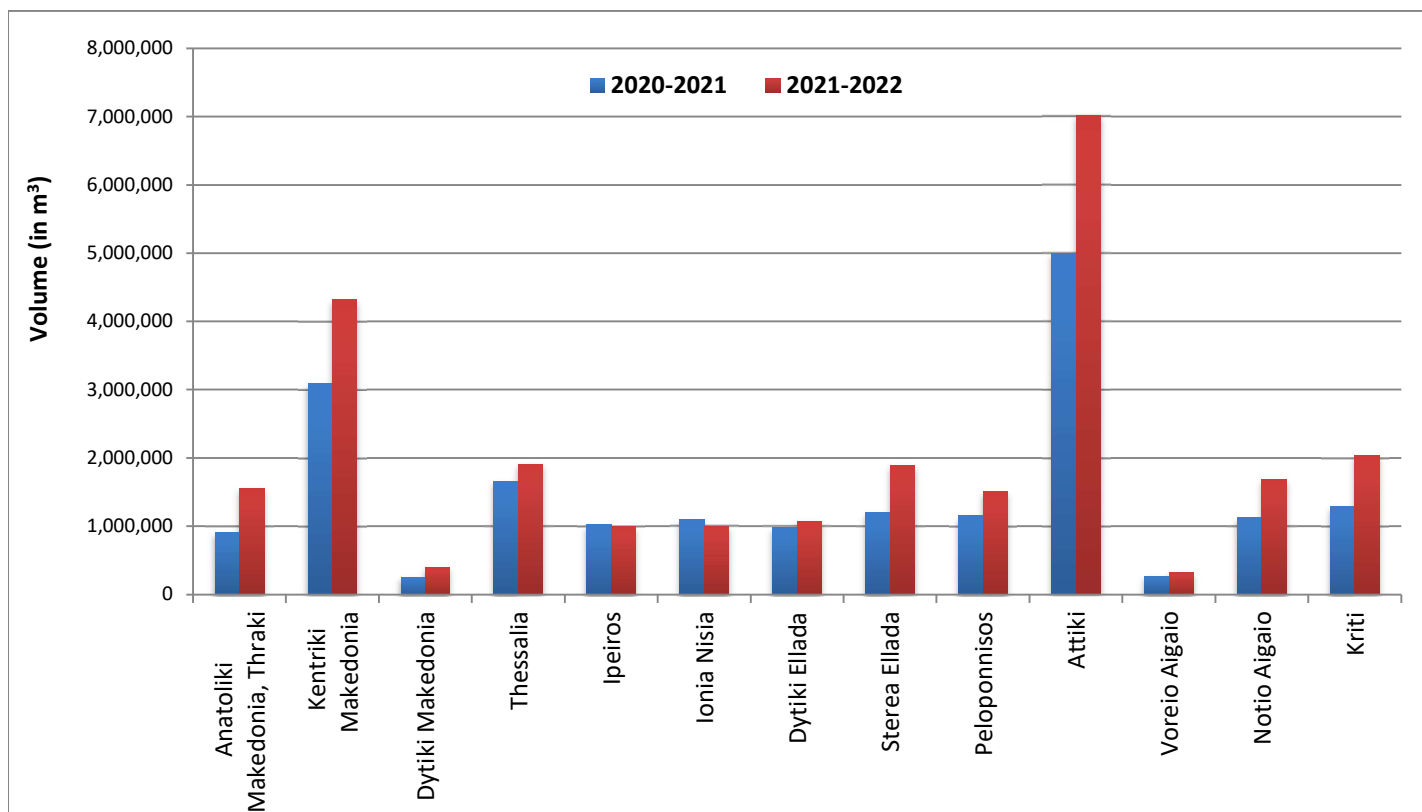
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2021 and 2022\***



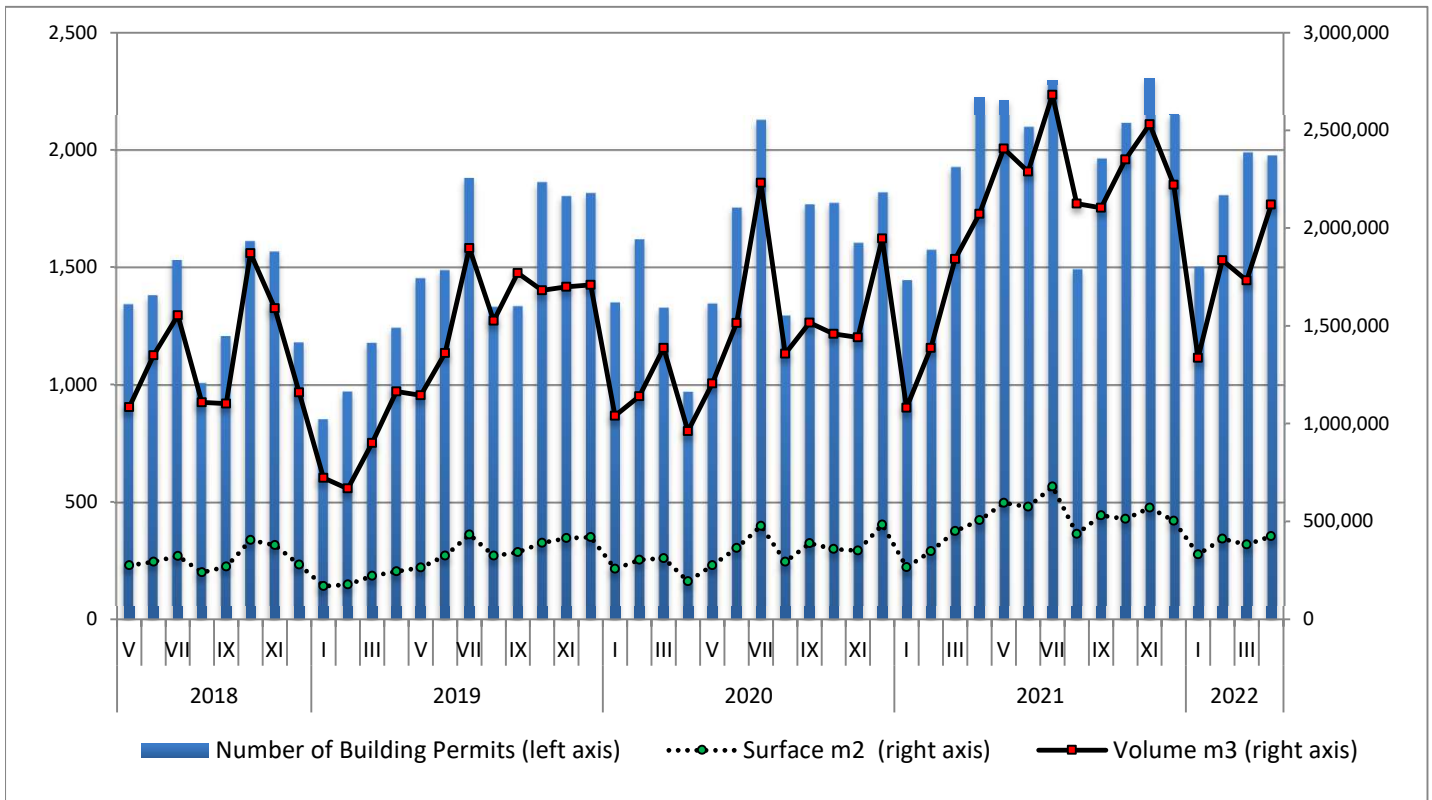
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2020 - April 2021 and May 2021 - April 2022\***



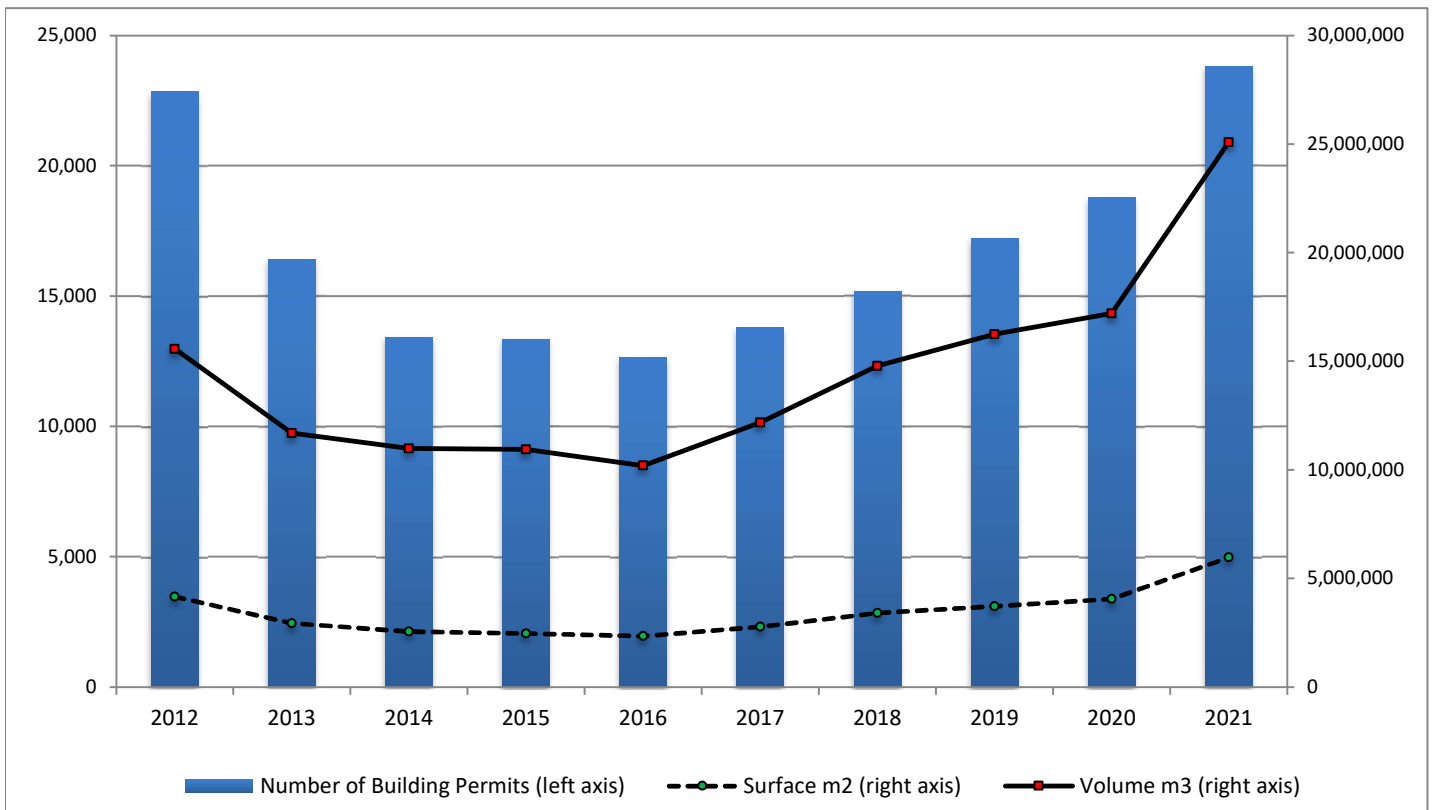
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (May 2018 – April 2022\*)**



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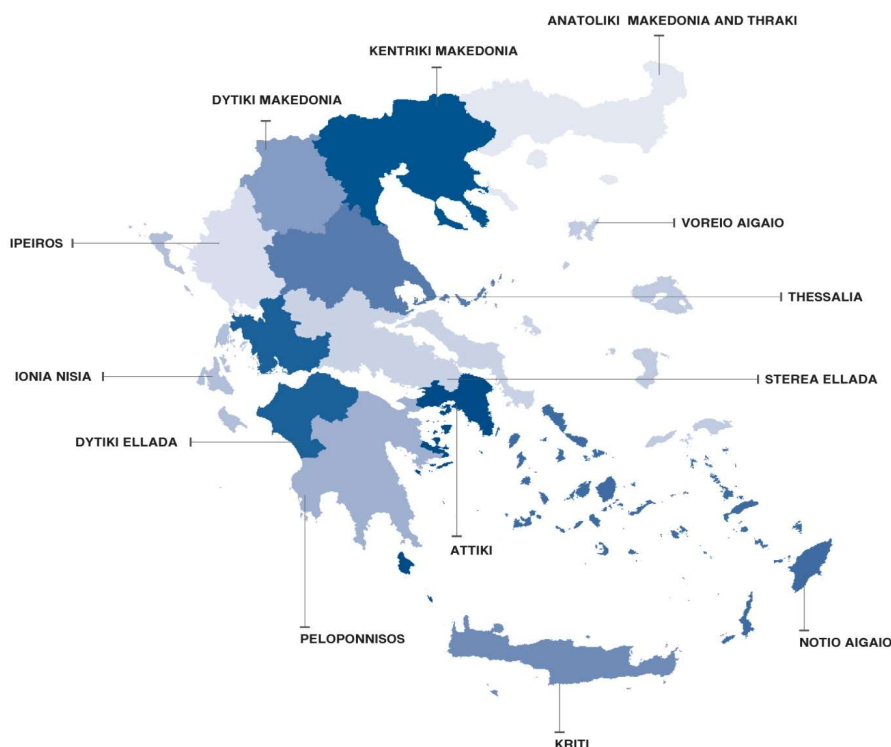
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2012 – 2021)**



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	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.
<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 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.
<b>Reference Period</b>	April 1, 2022 to April 30, 2022.
<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



<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Building Permit</b> 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><b>The denotation of "built-property"</b> is equal to "building".</p> <p><b>Building</b> 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><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> 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><b>Building volume</b> (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><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
<b>General Remark</b>	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site ( <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> ), under the link: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/-">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/-</a>