

Building Activity Survey: March 2023

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Building Activity Survey for the month March 2023. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in March 2023 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,686. This figure corresponds to 647,555 m² of surface and 2,955,046 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 34.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 68.9% increase in surface and a 70.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2022 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2023 amounted to 2,671. This figure corresponds to 628,059 m² of surface and 2,873,242 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2022 there is a 34.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 64.4% increase in surface and a 65.9% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2023 amounted to 15. This figure corresponds to 19,496 m² of surface and 81,804 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.8% of the total building volume in March 2023.

In the last twelve months, from April 2022 until March 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 25,892. This figure corresponds to 5,831,367 m² of surface and 26,474,879 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from April 2021 until March 2022, there is a 6.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 4.2% decrease in surface and a 2.0% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from April 2022 until March 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 5.7% decrease in surface and a 0.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2021 to March 2022 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.6% of the total building volume.

During the period January - March 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 13.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 23.6% increase in surface and a 26.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2022 (Table 5). During the same period, January - March 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 13.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 22.1% increase in surface and a 25.2% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - March 2022 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	105	121	15.2	25,320	44,022	73.9	109,233	276,214	152.9
Kentriki Makedonia	264	363	37.5	68,751	113,446	65.0	345,829	596,098	72.4
Dytiki Makedonia	28	29	3.6	4,209	3,448	-18.1	20,580	15,725	-23.6
Thessalia	127	158	24.4	15,483	29,548	90.8	56,193	129,095	129.7
Ipeiros	76	87	14.5	17,666	38,646	118.8	91,407	162,773	78.1
Ionia Nisia	143	178	24.5	18,145	33,469	84.5	59,906	109,102	82.1
Dytiki Ellada	127	136	7.1	16,804	30,357	80.7	80,224	144,893	80.6
Stereia Ellada	114	162	42.1	9,930	22,706	128.7	37,566	129,285	244.2
Peloponnisos	165	204	23.6	27,974	41,356	47.8	119,073	216,866	82.1
Attiki	447	617	38.0	117,303	136,761	16.6	595,821	576,066	-3.3
Voreio Aigaio	44	77	75.0	4,615	8,608	86.5	16,371	30,117	84.0
Notio Aigaio	227	340	49.8	37,487	97,499	160.1	127,282	372,430	192.6
Kriti	135	214	58.5	19,607	47,689	143.2	77,137	196,382	154.6
Greece, Total	2,002	2,686	34.2	383,294	647,555	68.9	1,736,622	2,955,046	70.2

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 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	104	120	15.4	25,320	43,133	70.4	109,233	271,573	148.6
Kentriki Makedonia	261	362	38.7	68,333	112,438	64.5	343,749	591,884	72.2
Dytiki Makedonia	27	28	3.7	3,777	3,448	-8.7	19,215	15,725	-18.2
Thessalia	127	158	24.4	15,483	29,548	90.8	56,193	129,095	129.7
Ipeiros	76	86	13.2	17,666	23,191	31.3	91,407	103,604	13.3
Ionia Nisia	142	178	25.4	18,145	33,469	84.5	59,906	109,102	82.1
Dytiki Ellada	127	134	5.5	16,804	29,799	77.3	80,224	142,815	78.0
Stereia Ellada	114	161	41.2	9,930	22,706	128.7	37,566	129,285	244.2
Peloponnisos	163	204	25.2	27,543	41,356	50.2	117,392	216,866	84.7
Attiki	444	611	37.6	117,303	136,761	16.6	595,821	576,066	-3.3
Voreio Aigaio	44	77	75.0	4,615	8,608	86.5	16,371	30,117	84.0
Notio Aigaio	227	340	49.8	37,487	97,499	160.1	127,282	372,430	192.6
Kriti	134	212	58.2	19,607	46,103	135.1	77,137	184,680	139.4
Greece, Total	1,990	2,671	34.2	382,013	628,059	64.4	1,731,496	2,873,242	65.9

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2021 - March 2022 and April 2022 - March 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,307	1,296	-0.8	333,418	404,428	21.3	1,527,576	2,155,810	41.1
Kentriki Makedonia	3,319	3,573	7.7	881,575	889,587	0.9	4,326,952	4,397,959	1.6
Dytiki Makedonia	315	348	10.5	85,125	55,335	-35.0	396,234	275,620	-30.4
Thessalia	1,601	1,566	-2.2	394,183	341,230	-13.4	1,884,824	1,599,000	-15.2
Ipeiros	874	870	-0.5	238,457	244,876	2.7	1,045,391	1,034,858	-1.0
Ionia Nisia	1,557	1,648	5.8	320,267	281,587	-12.1	1,115,578	953,854	-14.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,626	1,569	-3.5	272,846	218,147	-20.0	1,111,968	951,149	-14.5
Stereia Ellada	1,432	1,500	4.7	311,249	280,277	-10.0	1,793,318	1,664,408	-7.2
Peloponnisos	1,914	2,057	7.5	354,429	306,802	-13.4	1,510,374	1,330,014	-11.9
Attiki	5,500	5,962	8.4	1,804,578	1,709,863	-5.2	7,126,212	8,026,266	12.6
Voreio Aigaio	616	699	13.5	86,580	90,628	4.7	314,827	320,473	1.8
Notio Aigaio	2,288	2,699	18.0	498,630	563,637	13.0	1,664,962	1,984,048	19.2
Kriti	1,958	2,105	7.5	505,760	444,970	-12.0	2,137,420	1,781,420	-16.7
Greece, Total	24,307	25,892	6.5	6,087,097	5,831,367	-4.2	25,955,636	26,474,879	2.0

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2021 - March 2022 and April 2022 - March 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,301	1,282	-1.5	333,408	370,143	11.0	1,527,548	1,978,882	29.5
Kentriki Makedonia	3,296	3,529	7.1	877,588	871,923	-0.6	4,308,078	4,312,545	0.1
Dytiki Makedonia	305	342	12.1	83,900	43,987	-47.6	391,326	214,153	-45.3
Thessalia	1,592	1,554	-2.4	390,356	334,368	-14.3	1,850,434	1,549,236	-16.3
Ipeiros	870	861	-1.0	234,507	228,385	-2.6	1,020,793	971,238	-4.9
Ionia Nisia	1,556	1,638	5.3	320,267	281,587	-12.1	1,115,578	953,854	-14.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,618	1,552	-4.1	272,810	216,156	-20.8	1,111,608	941,143	-15.3
Stereia Ellada	1,423	1,482	4.1	309,301	277,975	-10.1	1,778,267	1,654,169	-7.0
Peloponnisos	1,896	2,042	7.7	345,274	301,419	-12.7	1,470,333	1,303,038	-11.4
Attiki	5,465	5,892	7.8	1,783,836	1,671,292	-6.3	7,043,035	7,866,323	11.7
Voreio Aigaio	613	688	12.2	85,636	89,765	4.8	310,499	316,219	1.8
Notio Aigaio	2,287	2,692	17.7	498,630	562,400	12.8	1,664,962	1,974,590	18.6
Kriti	1,937	2,076	7.2	494,147	439,157	-11.1	2,088,898	1,743,625	-16.5
Greece, Total	24,159	25,630	6.1	6,029,660	5,688,557	-5.7	25,681,359	25,779,015	0.4

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - March 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	277	279	0.7	52,311	90,129	72.3	213,136	501,931	135.5
Kentriki Makedonia	724	840	16.0	204,678	223,693	9.3	999,719	1,144,316	14.5
Dytiki Makedonia	68	57	-16.2	7,958	6,331	-20.4	36,795	27,089	-26.4
Thessalia	342	341	-0.3	80,732	69,658	-13.7	350,900	316,857	-9.7
Ipeiros	162	185	14.2	28,669	64,530	125.1	129,412	264,657	104.5
Ionia Nisia	355	427	20.3	52,532	74,340	41.5	180,410	248,641	37.8
Dytiki Ellada	307	335	9.1	43,363	62,022	43.0	178,925	295,231	65.0
Stereia Ellada	275	357	29.8	38,610	66,793	73.0	221,674	425,012	91.7
Peloponnisos	417	467	12.0	77,294	84,280	9.0	324,363	391,255	20.6
Attiki	1,287	1,382	7.4	351,377	382,497	8.9	1,582,885	1,603,709	1.3
Voreio Aigaio	142	169	19.0	20,321	19,874	-2.2	73,188	72,789	-0.5
Notio Aigaio	576	741	28.6	94,120	162,986	73.2	316,682	600,600	89.7
Kriti	414	493	19.1	92,572	107,873	16.5	378,791	430,183	13.6
Greece, Total	5,346	6,073	13.6	1,144,537	1,415,006	23.6	4,986,880	6,322,270	26.8

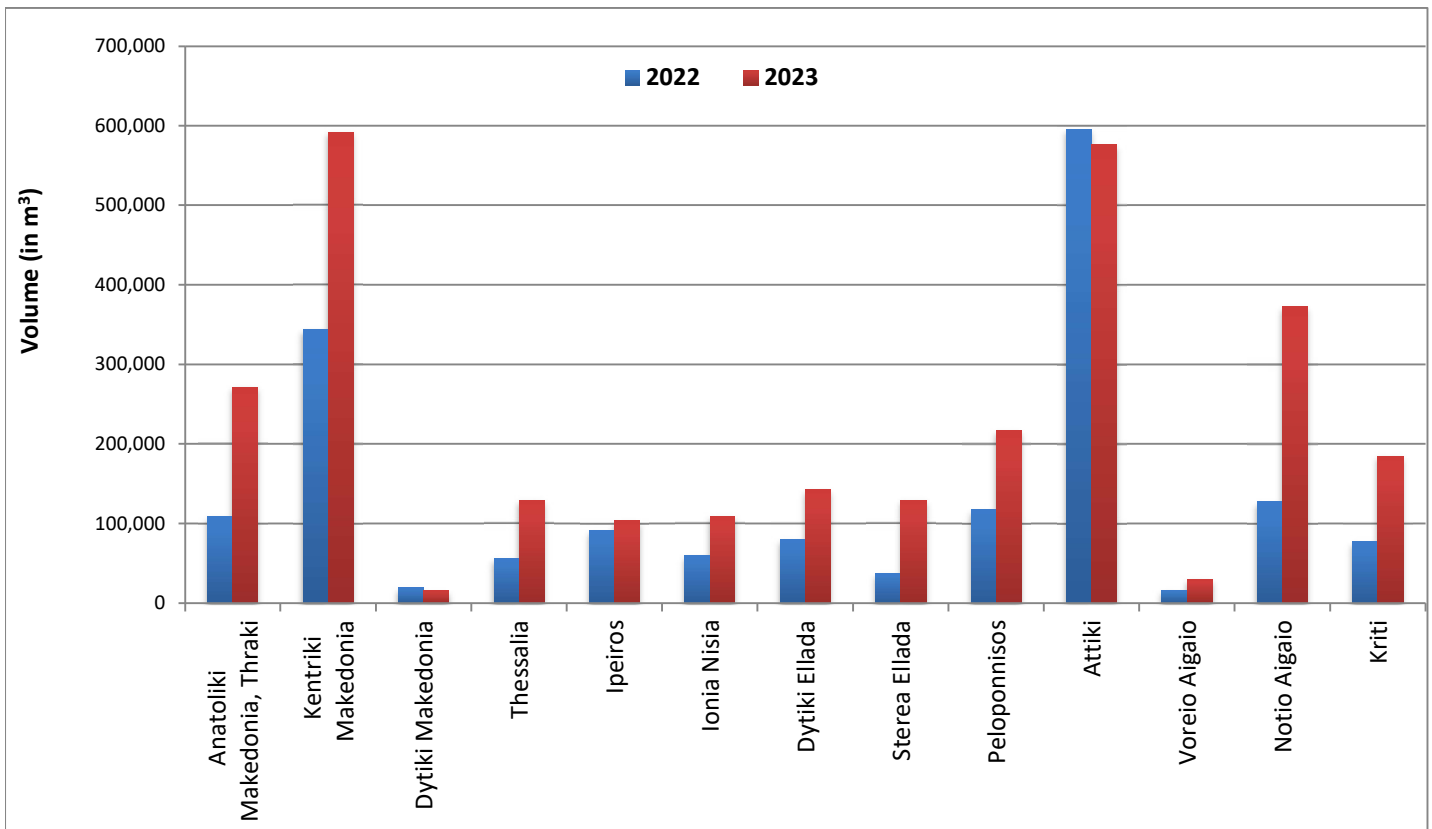
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - March 2022 and 2023

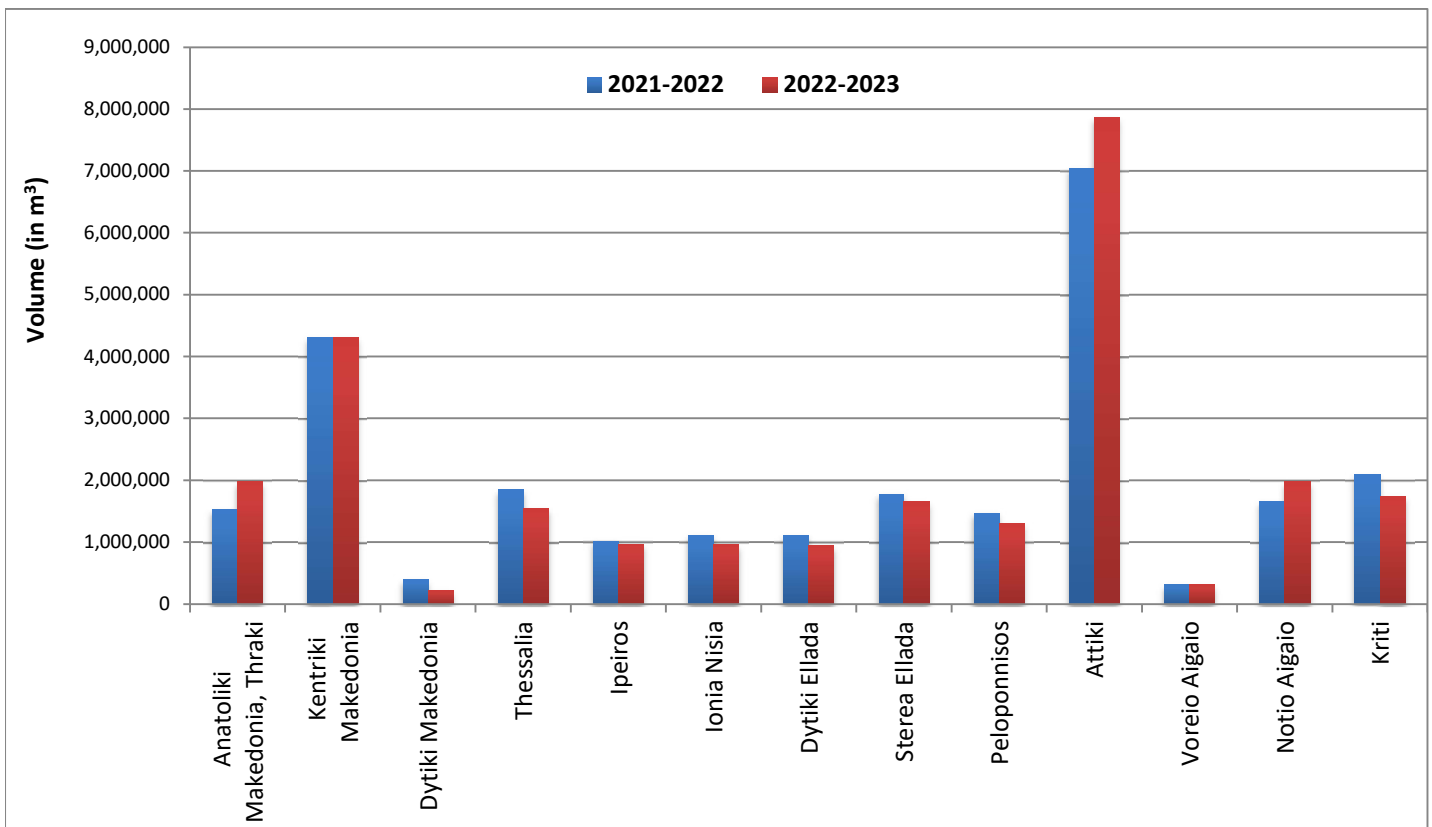
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	273	275	0.7	52,311	87,364	67.0	213,136	491,846	130.8
Kentriki Makedonia	714	831	16.4	201,781	215,748	6.9	984,806	1,107,988	12.5
Dytiki Makedonia	65	56	-13.8	7,526	6,331	-15.9	35,430	27,089	-23.5
Thessalia	342	338	-1.2	80,732	69,287	-14.2	350,900	314,148	-10.5
Ipeiros	161	184	14.3	28,669	49,075	71.2	129,412	205,488	58.8
Ionia Nisia	354	425	20.1	52,532	74,340	41.5	180,410	248,641	37.8
Dytiki Ellada	305	329	7.9	43,363	60,235	38.9	178,925	285,882	59.8
Stereia Ellada	274	354	29.2	38,610	66,793	73.0	221,674	425,012	91.7
Peloponnisos	414	465	12.3	76,863	79,725	3.7	322,682	368,438	14.2
Attiki	1,275	1,366	7.1	343,689	374,795	9.1	1,548,448	1,571,880	1.5
Voreio Aigaio	142	167	17.6	20,321	19,874	-2.2	73,188	72,789	-0.5
Notio Aigaio	576	741	28.6	94,120	162,986	73.2	316,682	600,600	89.7
Kriti	407	488	19.9	83,782	106,287	26.9	346,419	418,481	20.8
Greece, Total	5,302	6,019	13.5	1,124,299	1,372,840	22.1	4,902,112	6,138,282	25.2

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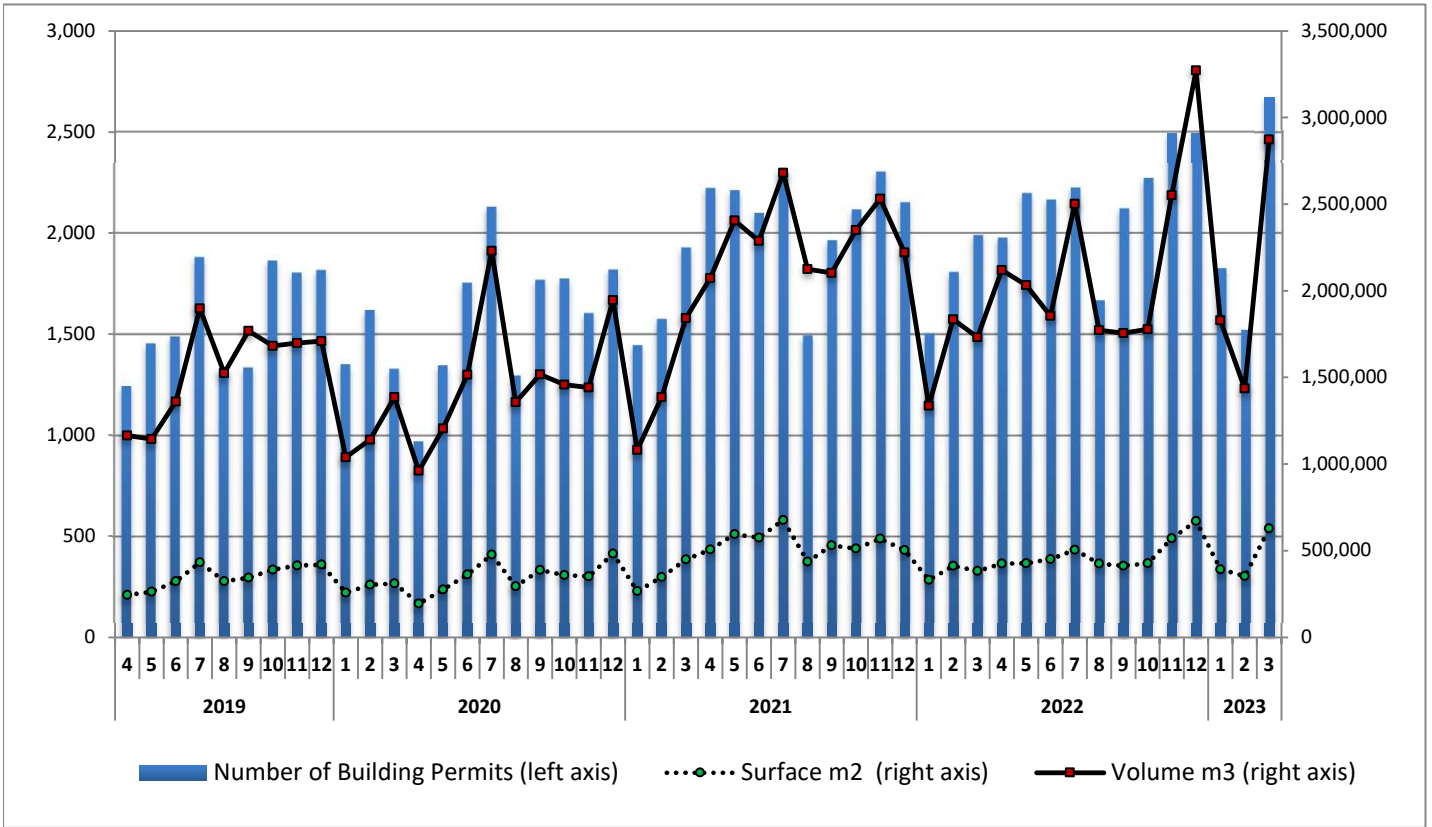
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2022 and 2023



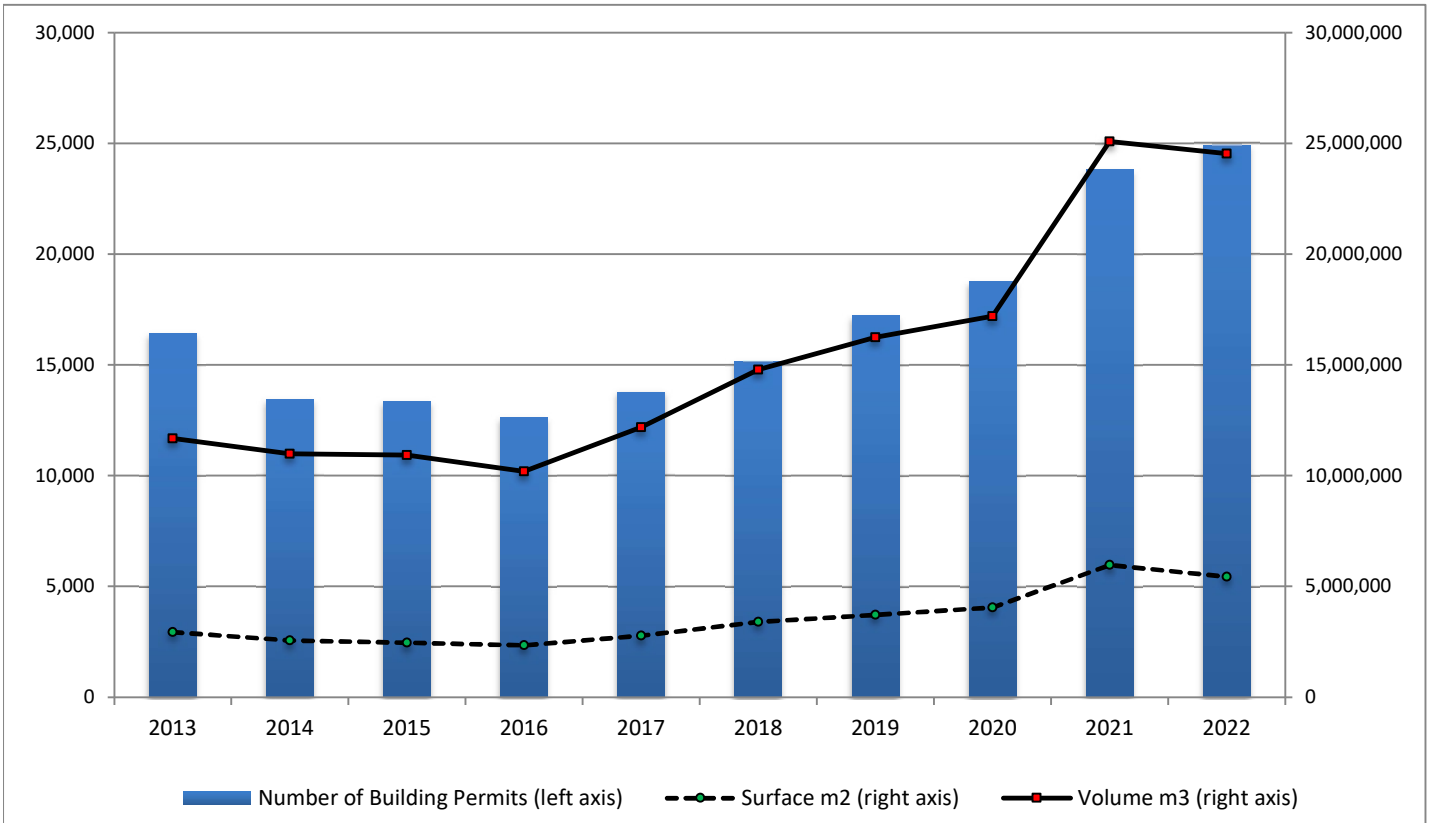
Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2021 - March 2022 and April 2022 - March 2023



Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (April 2019 – March 2023)



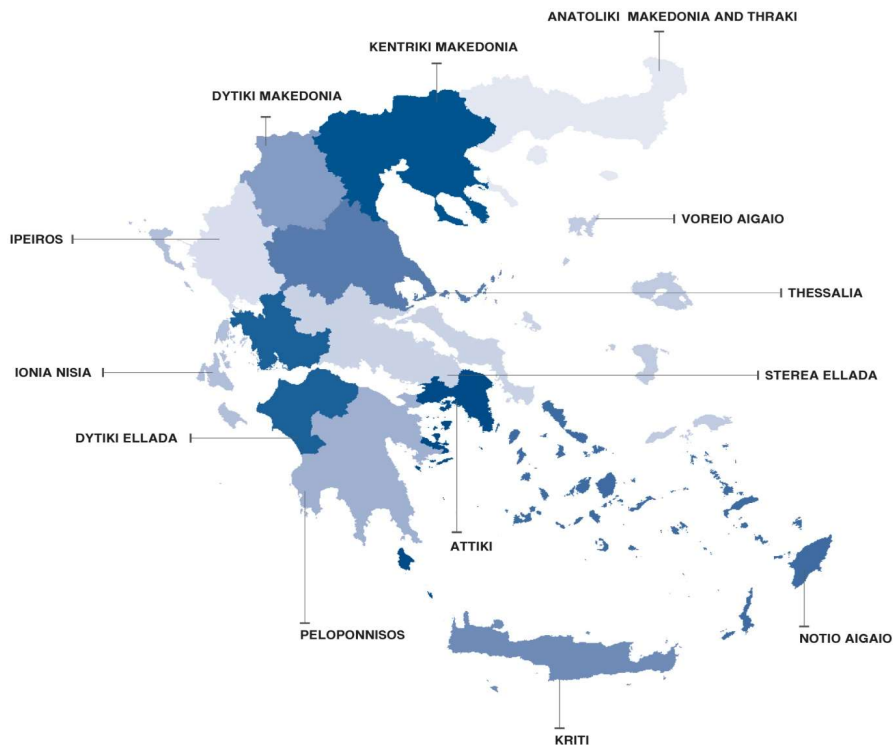
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2013 – 2022)



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	March 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023.
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/