

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: February 2020**

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in February 2020 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,599. This figure corresponds to 303.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,159.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 64.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 70.8% increase in surface and a 73.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2019 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2020 amounted to 1,586. This figure corresponds to 297.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,136.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2019 there is a 63.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 67.8% increase in surface and a 70.3% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2020 amounted to 13. This figure corresponds to 5.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 23.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.0% of the total building volume in February 2020.
- In the last twelve months, from March 2019 until February 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 18,440. This figure corresponds to 3,995.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 17,370.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from March 2018 until February 2019, there is a 21.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 15.9% increase in surface and a 14.9% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from March 2019 until February 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 21.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 17.9% increase in surface and a 17.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from March 2018 to February 2019 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.0% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - February 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 61.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 61.5% increase in surface and a 57.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2019 (Table 5). During the same period, January - February 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 60.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 59.9% increase in surface and a 56.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - February 2019 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	44	65	47.7	9.0	11.8	31.2	38.2	36.3	-5.0
Kentriki Makedonia	144	250	73.6	28.3	43.4	53.3	103.6	194.4	87.8
Dytiki Makedonia	7	26	271.4	0.3	3.5	986.7	1.5	13.8	845.8
Thessalia	42	85	102.4	4.4	16.4	273.2	16.4	68.3	316.0
Ipeiros	21	52	147.6	5.8	13.4	130.1	18.2	64.1	253.3
Ionioi Nisoi	88	117	33.0	13.2	20.4	54.0	41.3	65.9	59.8
Dytiki Ellada	57	84	47.4	8.8	10.6	20.4	28.4	34.9	22.7
Stereia Ellada	51	68	33.3	8.9	14.8	66.2	59.2	75.2	27.0
Peloponnisos	81	121	49.4	9.6	16.3	69.0	32.8	62.5	90.8
Attiki	227	335	47.6	45.1	80.7	78.7	166.1	298.6	79.8
Voreio Aigaio	27	39	44.4	2.9	4.1	40.6	11.1	13.5	21.7
Notio Aigaio	114	190	66.7	23.5	35.3	50.4	90.0	117.9	31.0
Kriti	70	167	138.6	17.7	32.7	85.3	61.2	114.2	86.5
Greece, Total	973	1,599	64.3	177.6	303.5	70.8	667.9	1,159.8	73.6

\*Provisional data for February 2020

- 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 the 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.
- Any delineation that may occur either between the sum of sub totals and the totals or in the change rates, is due to rounding.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	44	65	47.7	9.0	11.8	31.2	38.2	36.3	-5.0
Kentriki Makedonia	144	249	72.9	28.3	43.4	53.3	103.6	194.4	87.8
Dytiki Makedonia	7	26	271.4	0.3	3.5	986.7	1.5	13.8	845.8
Thessalia	42	84	100.0	4.4	16.4	273.2	16.4	68.3	316.0
Ipeiros	21	51	142.9	5.8	13.3	127.5	18.2	63.6	250.3
Ionioi Nisoi	88	117	33.0	13.2	20.4	54.0	41.3	65.9	59.8
Dytiki Ellada	57	82	43.9	8.8	10.3	17.7	28.4	33.9	19.3
Stereia Ellada	51	66	29.4	8.9	14.8	65.7	59.2	75.0	26.8
Peloponnisos	81	120	48.1	9.6	15.8	63.7	32.8	60.0	83.3
Attiki	227	332	46.3	45.1	77.2	71.1	166.1	285.3	71.8
Voreio Aigaio	27	38	40.7	2.9	4.0	35.0	11.1	12.8	15.7
Notio Aigaio	114	189	65.8	23.5	34.4	46.3	90.0	112.9	25.4
Kriti	69	167	142.0	17.6	32.7	86.0	61.0	114.2	87.3
Greece, Total	972	1,586	63.2	177.6	297.9	67.8	667.6	1,136.7	70.3

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	499	957	91.8	107.4	211.4	96.9	431.4	798.5	85.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,200	2,750	25.0	556.2	580.8	4.4	2,850.1	3,083.4	8.2
Dytiki Makedonia	241	240	-0.4	71.6	64.6	-9.8	413.7	369.2	-10.8
Thessalia	860	1,106	28.6	216.4	264.5	22.2	1,106.4	1,407.1	27.2
Ipeiros	516	640	24.0	142.6	171.2	20.1	560.2	724.2	29.3
Ionioi Nisoi	1,036	1,332	28.6	260.4	241.6	-7.2	883.5	792.2	-10.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,184	1,122	-5.2	180.3	192.9	7.0	670.4	805.9	20.2
Stereia Ellada	1,011	950	-6.0	228.5	161.9	-29.1	1,173.0	857.9	-26.9
Peloponnisos	1,336	1,377	3.1	241.0	200.9	-16.6	966.4	805.8	-16.6
Attiki	3,124	3,850	23.2	689.3	1,042.8	51.3	3,374.0	4,613.1	36.7
Voreio Aigaio	414	467	12.8	48.0	61.7	28.3	177.4	224.4	26.5
Notio Aigaio	1,651	1,932	17.0	382.7	394.2	3.0	1,306.9	1,366.6	4.6
Kriti	1,147	1,717	49.7	323.7	407.2	25.8	1,199.1	1,521.9	26.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>15,219</b>	<b>18,440</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>3,448.2</b>	<b>3,995.7</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>15,112.5</b>	<b>17,370.2</b>	<b>14.9</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	498	950	90.8	107.3	209.7	95.3	431.4	788.7	82.8
Kentriki Makedonia	2,167	2,740	26.4	543.4	567.2	4.4	2,780.8	2,947.5	6.0
Dytiki Makedonia	238	238	0.0	57.3	60.5	5.6	260.4	353.6	35.8
Thessalia	844	1,097	30.0	209.0	260.1	24.5	1,073.4	1,389.8	29.5
Ipeiros	513	634	23.6	142.1	169.6	19.4	558.6	718.2	28.6
Ionioi Nisoi	1,034	1,332	28.8	259.6	241.6	-6.9	880.3	792.2	-10.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,175	1,114	-5.2	170.2	178.2	4.7	616.5	748.2	21.4
Stereia Ellada	1,001	944	-5.7	208.5	160.1	-23.2	1,068.2	851.6	-20.3
Peloponnisos	1,315	1,369	4.1	224.8	199.0	-11.5	901.6	798.1	-11.5
Attiki	3,103	3,825	23.3	677.1	1,029.5	52.0	3,308.2	4,553.3	37.6
Voreio Aigaio	405	465	14.8	46.9	61.5	31.1	171.2	223.7	30.7
Notio Aigaio	1,640	1,928	17.6	376.6	393.0	4.4	1,280.8	1,360.8	6.2
Kriti	1,134	1,705	50.4	313.4	401.9	28.2	1,161.9	1,501.0	29.2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>15,067</b>	<b>18,341</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>3,336.1</b>	<b>3,931.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>14,493.3</b>	<b>17,026.9</b>	<b>17.5</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	78	126	61.5	13.4	23.1	72.2	55.3	72.9	32.0
Kentriki Makedonia	249	434	74.3	54.5	81.3	49.0	264.9	390.3	47.4
Dytiki Makedonia	20	37	85.0	3.2	4.2	32.2	10.6	16.0	50.7
Thessalia	86	154	79.1	11.0	33.1	199.7	39.1	168.4	331.2
Ipeiros	39	92	135.9	10.8	17.5	61.9	39.5	78.7	99.4
Ionioi Nisoi	147	237	61.2	21.8	42.9	96.7	69.9	143.1	104.8
Dytiki Ellada	113	166	-79.2	16.8	19.5	16.3	57.0	69.8	22.5
Stereia Ellada	103	135	31.1	16.8	31.7	89.3	93.7	178.4	90.4
Peloponnisos	176	226	28.4	23.3	32.0	37.3	89.1	121.9	36.7
Attiki	402	609	51.5	69.4	147.2	112.1	250.5	526.0	109.9
Voreio Aigaio	44	77	75.0	4.5	7.7	71.7	19.6	26.1	33.4
Notio Aigaio	229	374	63.3	55.9	64.7	15.8	202.4	202.1	-0.2
Kriti	147	298	102.7	47.6	58.8	23.6	209.8	217.7	3.8
Greece, Total	1,833	2,965	61.8	349.0	563.8	61.5	1,401.4	2,211.6	57.8

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

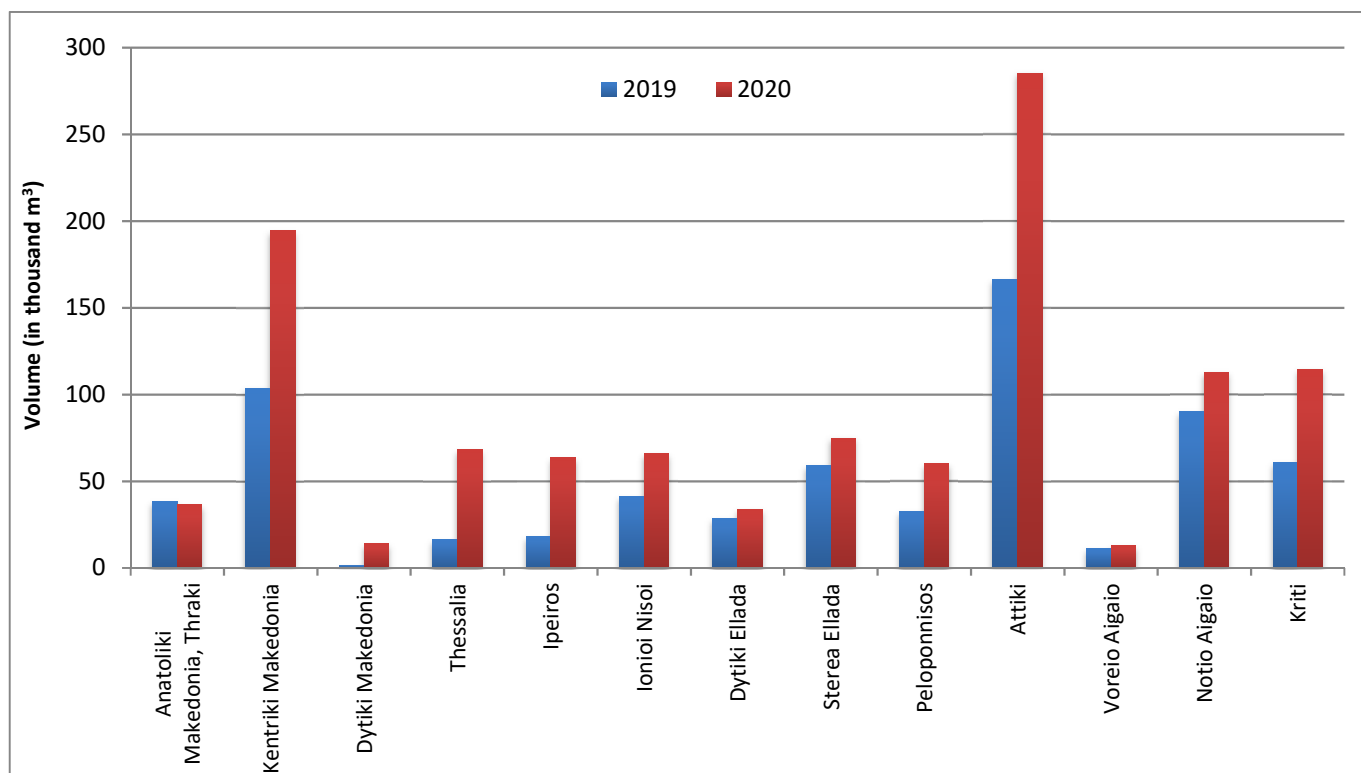
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	78	126	61.5	13.4	23.1	72.2	55.3	72.9	32.0
Kentriki Makedonia	248	433	74.6	54.5	81.3	49.1	264.8	390.3	47.4
Dytiki Makedonia	20	37	85.0	3.2	4.2	32.2	10.6	16.0	50.7
Thessalia	85	151	77.6	11.0	32.7	195.9	39.1	167.1	327.9
Ipeiros	39	90	130.8	10.8	17.3	60.4	39.5	78.2	98.0
Ionioi Nisoi	147	237	61.2	21.8	42.9	96.7	69.9	143.1	104.8
Dytiki Ellada	113	161	42.5	16.8	18.5	10.3	57.0	66.5	16.7
Stereia Ellada	103	131	27.2	16.8	30.2	80.3	93.7	173.0	84.7
Peloponnisos	172	225	30.8	21.3	31.5	47.7	77.5	119.4	54.1
Attiki	402	602	49.8	69.4	143.1	106.2	250.5	511.0	103.9
Voreio Aigaio	44	76	72.7	4.5	7.6	68.1	19.6	25.5	30.1
Notio Aigaio	229	373	62.9	55.9	63.8	14.1	202.4	197.1	-2.6
Kriti	146	296	102.7	47.5	58.5	23.1	209.6	215.6	2.9
Greece, Total	1,826	2,938	60.9	347.0	554.7	59.9	1,389.4	2,175.7	56.6

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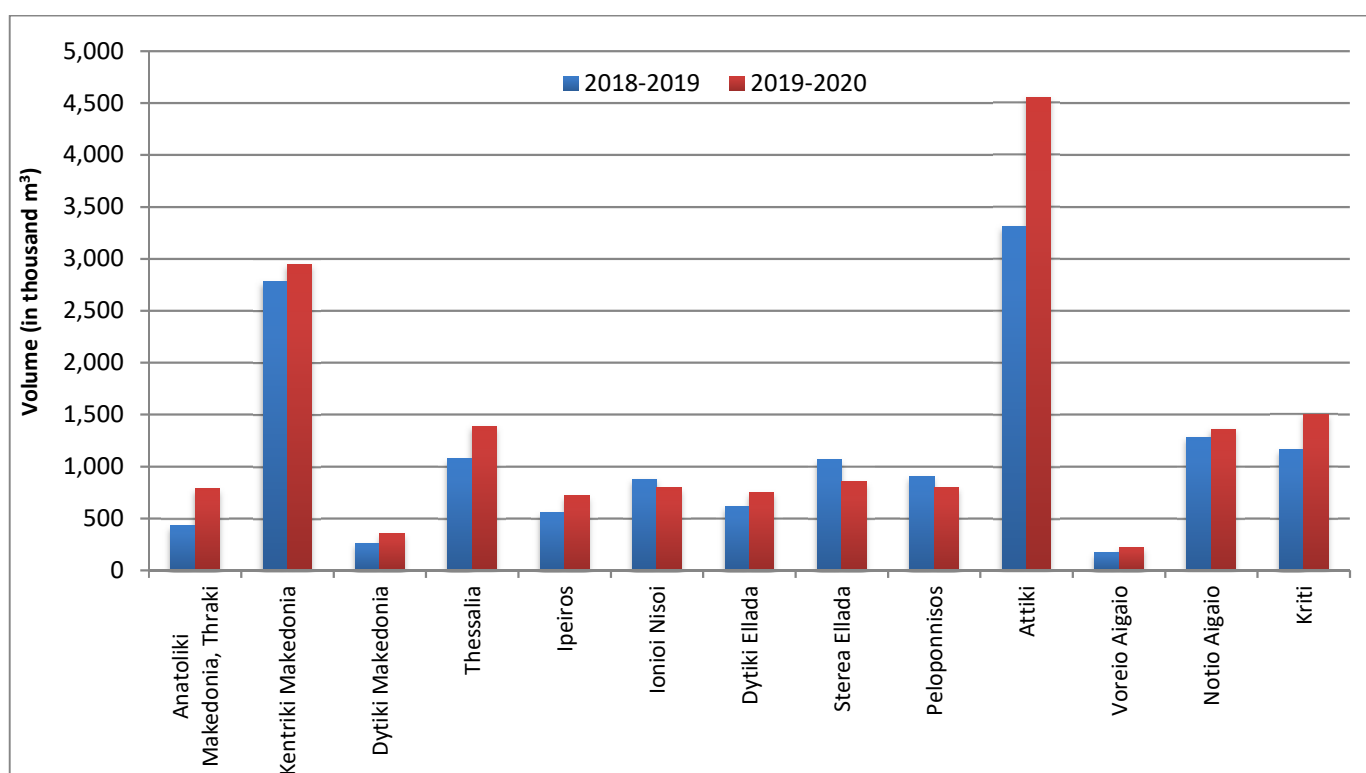
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), February 2019 and 2020\***



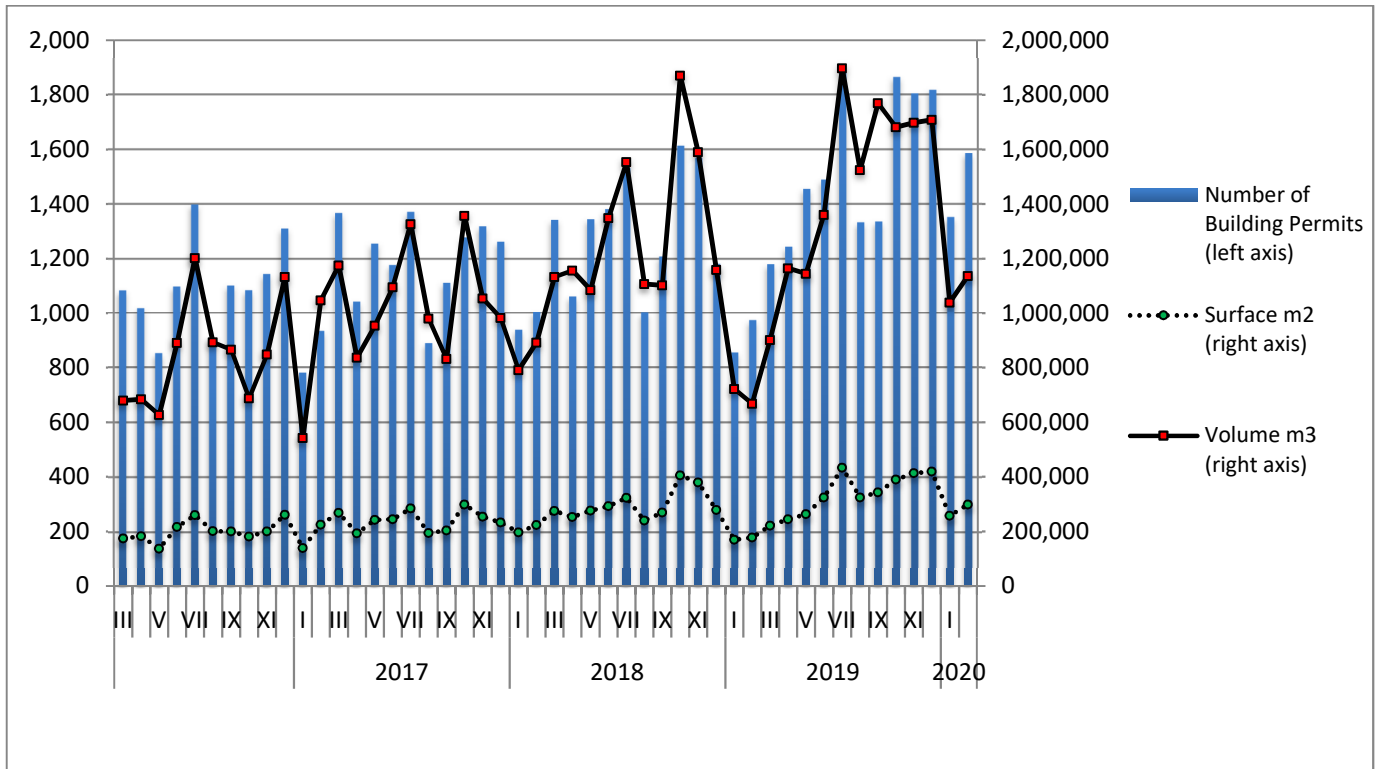
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2018 – February 2019 and March 2019 – February 2020\***



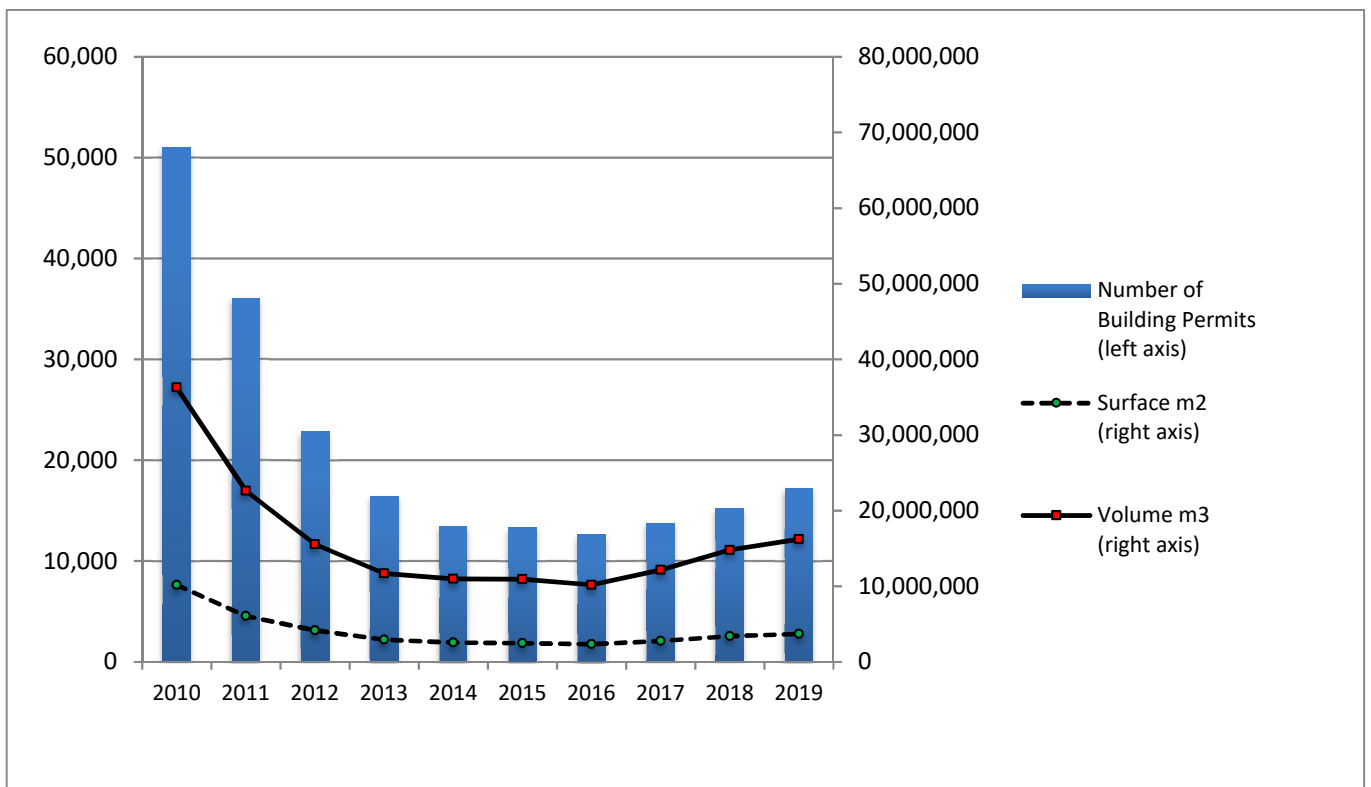
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (March 2016 –February 2020\*)**



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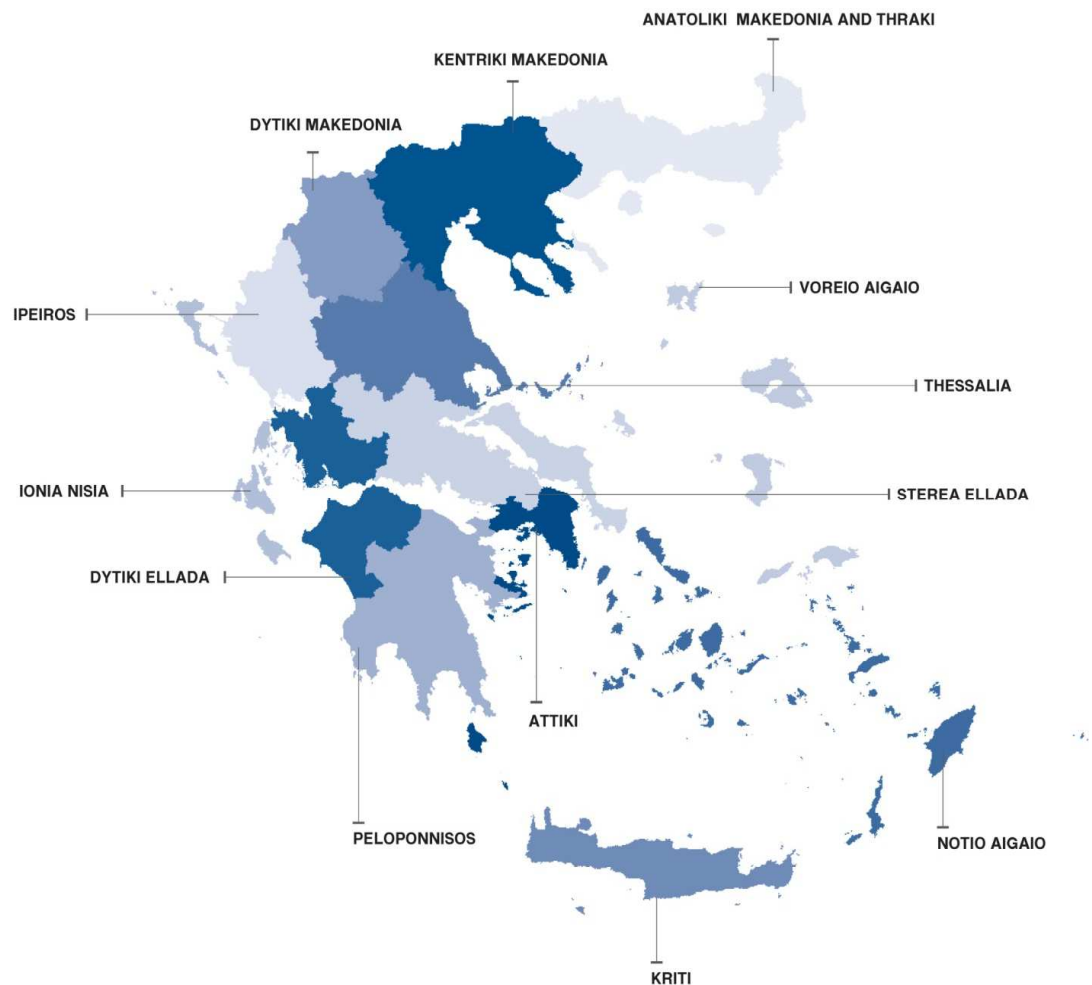
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2010 - 2019)**



## 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>	February 1, 2020 to February 29, 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 space along with the outer space of the outer walls.

#### **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.

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**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 ELSTAT's web-site: [www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr) under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/->