

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: December 2019**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month December 2019, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in December 2019 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,799. This figure corresponds to 419.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,715.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 50.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 39.8% increase in surface and a 26.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2018 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2019 amounted to 1,791. This figure corresponds to 417.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,700.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2018 there is a 51.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 49.9% increase in surface and a 46.8% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2019 amounted to 8. This figure corresponds to 2.6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 14.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.9% of the total building volume in December 2019.
- In the last twelve months, from January until December 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 17,282. This figure corresponds to 3,778.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 16,551.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from January until December 2018, there is a 12.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 7.0% increase in surface and a 7.1% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from January until December 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 13.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 9.2% increase in surface and a 9.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January to December 2018 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.9% of the total building volume.

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2018 and 2019\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	39	94	141.0	8.2	20.0	144.3	30.3	71.7	136.9
Kentriki Makedonia	193	273	41.5	41.5	64.7	56.0	204.0	407.9	99.9
Dytiki Makedonia	19	19	0.0	21.1	4.2	-80.3	200.6	26.0	-87.0
Thessalia	66	97	47.0	17.4	23.5	34.8	77.6	127.3	64.1
Ipeiros	44	69	56.8	20.3	19.0	-6.6	65.5	78.9	20.5
Ionioi Nisoi	88	134	52.3	16.5	22.9	38.4	56.3	76.1	35.1
Dytiki Ellada	96	105	9.4	17.2	20.4	18.4	70.2	87.8	25.2
Stereia Ellada	66	88	33.3	16.9	11.5	-32.1	90.4	43.4	-51.9
Peloponnisos	104	127	22.1	19.6	15.2	-22.5	71.7	61.8	-13.8
Attiki	229	365	59.4	52.2	104.1	99.2	239.9	355.0	48.0
Voreio Aigaio	16	46	187.5	1.9	9.9	428.2	7.8	31.1	301.2
Notio Aigaio	147	206	40.1	37.4	52.6	40.5	125.0	169.0	35.1
Kriti	90	176	95.6	30.1	51.9	72.7	115.2	179.3	55.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>300.4</b>	<b>419.9</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>1,354.5</b>	<b>1,715.4</b>	<b>26.6</b>

\*Provisional data for December 2019

- 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), December 2018 and 2019\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	39	93	138.5	8.2	19.2	134.3	30.3	65.9	117.7
Kentriki Makedonia	189	273	44.4	40.4	64.7	60.2	200.0	407.9	104.0
Dytiki Makedonia	18	19	5.6	7.9	4.2	-47.3	53.3	26.0	-51.2
Thessalia	65	95	46.2	16.9	22.7	33.8	76.0	123.6	62.6
Ipeiros	44	69	56.8	20.3	19.0	-6.6	65.5	78.9	20.5
Ionioi Nisoi	87	134	54.0	16.4	22.9	39.5	54.9	76.1	38.5
Dytiki Ellada	93	105	12.9	11.9	20.4	71.2	37.9	87.8	131.6
Stereia Ellada	66	88	33.3	16.9	11.5	-32.1	90.4	43.4	-51.9
Peloponnisos	102	127	24.5	18.5	15.2	-18.0	66.6	61.8	-7.2
Attiki	229	363	58.5	52.2	103.3	97.7	239.9	350.2	46.0
Voreio Aigaio	15	46	206.7	1.2	9.9	711.2	4.0	31.1	671.1
Notio Aigaio	146	206	41.1	37.4	52.6	40.5	125.0	169.0	35.1
Kriti	88	173	96.6	30.0	51.8	72.8	114.7	178.9	55.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>278.4</b>	<b>417.3</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>1,158.5</b>	<b>1,700.6</b>	<b>46.8</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January – December 2018 and 2019\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	483	907	87.8	104.3	201.9	93.6	414.0	781.4	88.8
Kentriki Makedonia	2,219	2,565	15.6	572.6	553.9	-3.3	2,970.4	2,957.5	-0.4
Dytiki Makedonia	246	223	-9.3	72.8	63.6	-12.6	420.0	363.8	-13.4
Thessalia	877	1,038	18.4	226.0	242.7	7.3	1,163.6	1,278.1	9.8
Ipeiros	548	586	6.9	158.5	164.5	3.8	623.3	685.0	9.9
Ionioi Nisoi	1,013	1,240	22.4	272.8	220.5	-19.2	926.3	719.1	-22.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,233	1,061	-13.9	193.0	190.0	-1.5	725.1	793.2	9.4
Stereia Ellada	1,054	922	-12.5	233.0	146.3	-37.2	1,159.5	773.1	-33.3
Peloponnisos	1,349	1,325	-1.8	247.0	191.6	-22.4	974.8	771.3	-20.9
Attiki	3,091	3,643	17.9	696.3	965.1	38.6	3,440.2	4,338.1	26.1
Voreio Aigaio	446	434	-2.7	52.7	58.5	11.0	194.9	218.1	11.9
Notio Aigaio	1,613	1,771	9.8	376.7	383.4	1.8	1,261.8	1,356.6	7.5
Kriti	1,170	1,567	33.9	326.9	396.6	21.3	1,173.9	1,516.1	29.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>15,342</b>	<b>17,282</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>3,532.7</b>	<b>3,778.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>15,447.9</b>	<b>16,551.4</b>	<b>7.1</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January – December 2018 and 2019\***

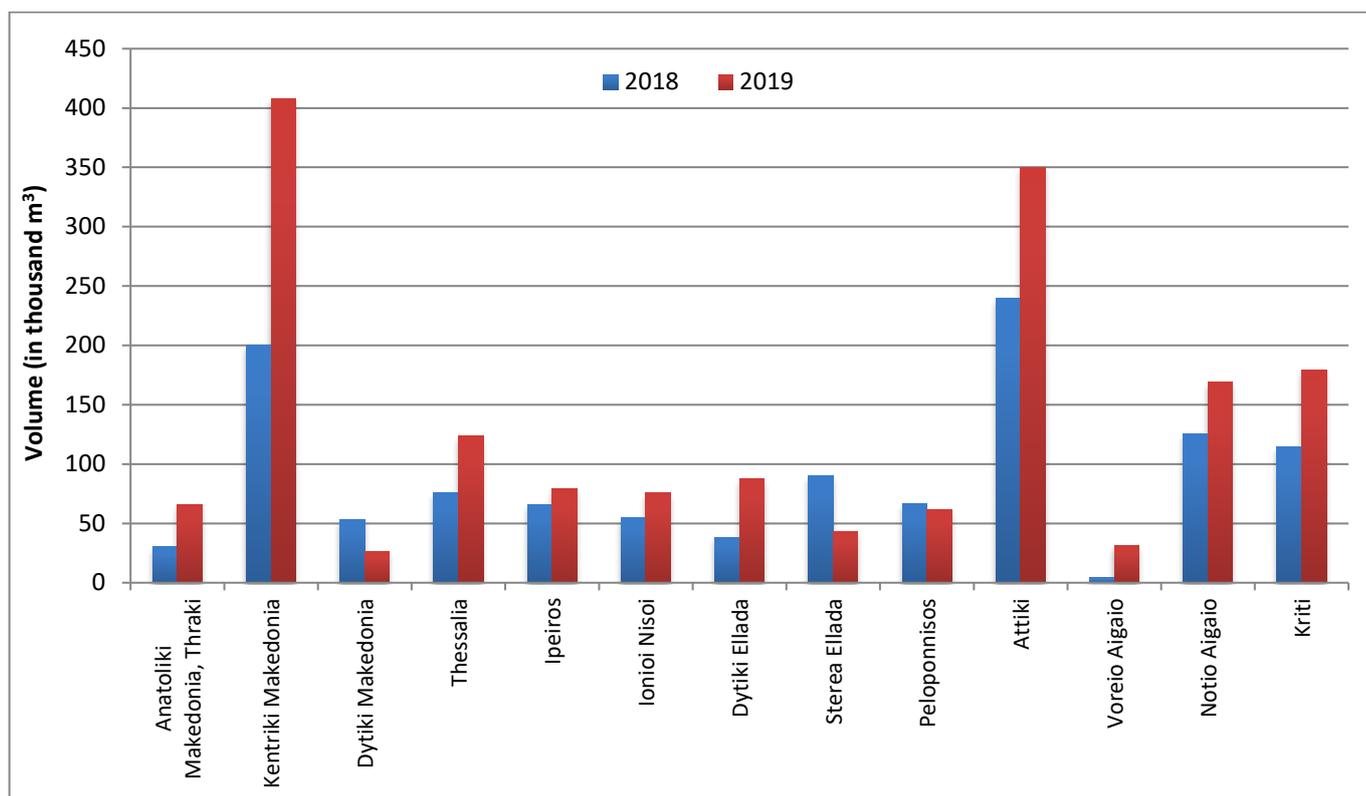
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	482	900	86.7	104.3	200.2	92.0	413.9	771.6	86.4
Kentriki Makedonia	2,185	2,555	16.9	558.5	540.3	-3.3	2,896.4	2,821.7	-2.6
Dytiki Makedonia	242	221	-8.7	57.8	59.4	2.8	263.9	348.2	32.0
Thessalia	860	1,031	19.9	218.6	238.7	9.2	1,130.5	1,262.2	11.6
Ipeiros	544	582	7.0	158.0	163.1	3.2	621.8	679.5	9.3
Ionioi Nisoi	1,011	1,240	22.7	272.0	220.5	-18.9	923.2	719.1	-22.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,223	1,058	-13.5	177.4	176.3	-0.6	649.2	738.8	13.8
Stereia Ellada	1,040	920	-11.5	209.8	146.0	-30.4	1,042.6	772.2	-25.9
Peloponnisos	1,332	1,314	-1.4	232.8	188.2	-19.1	921.7	754.6	-18.1
Attiki	3,069	3,625	18.1	684.1	955.8	39.7	3,374.3	4,293.3	27.2
Voreio Aigaio	434	433	-0.2	50.0	58.5	17.0	182.5	218.1	19.5
Notio Aigaio	1,601	1,768	10.4	370.5	383.2	3.4	1,235.8	1,355.8	9.7
Kriti	1,157	1,556	34.5	314.7	391.6	24.4	1,130.9	1,497.1	32.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>15,180</b>	<b>17,203</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>3,408.5</b>	<b>3,721.9</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>14,786.6</b>	<b>16,232.1</b>	<b>9.8</b>

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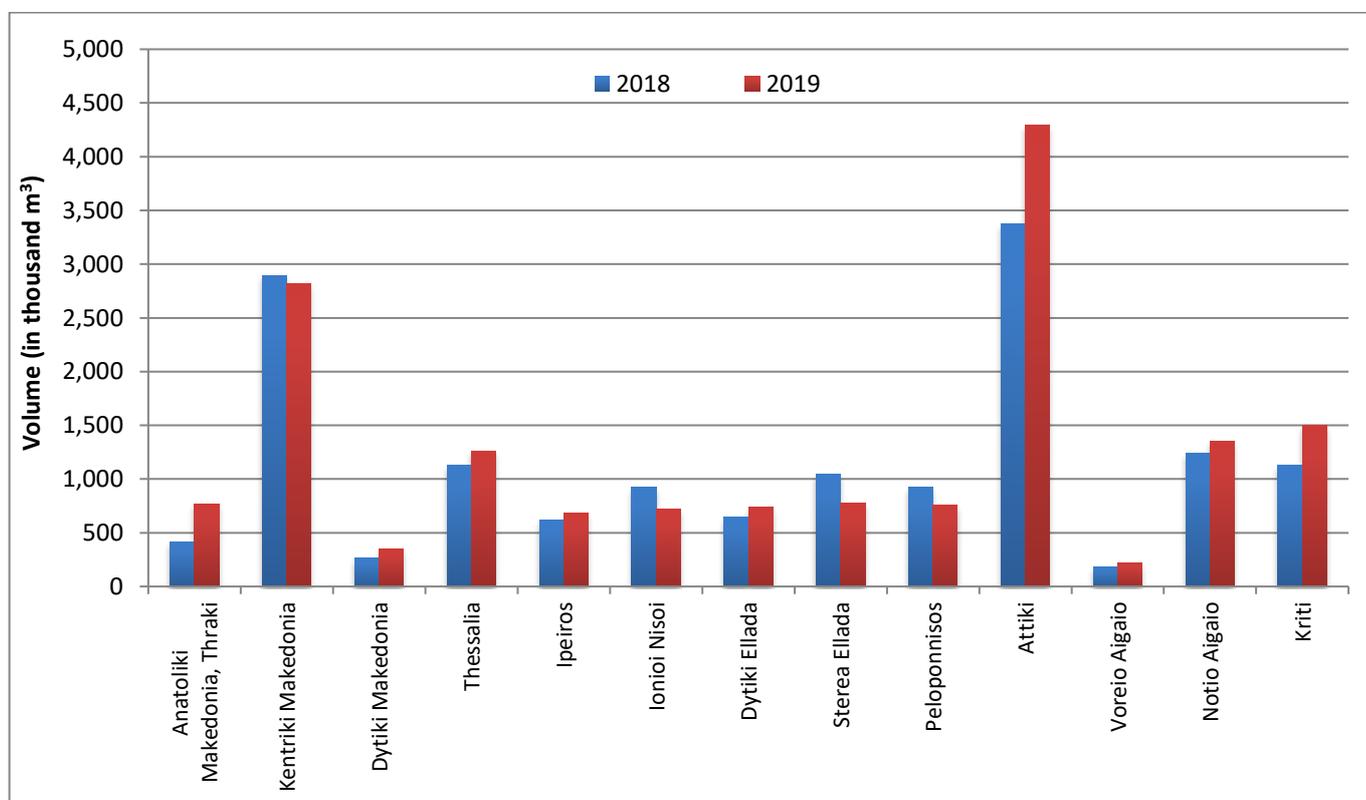
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2018 and 2019\***



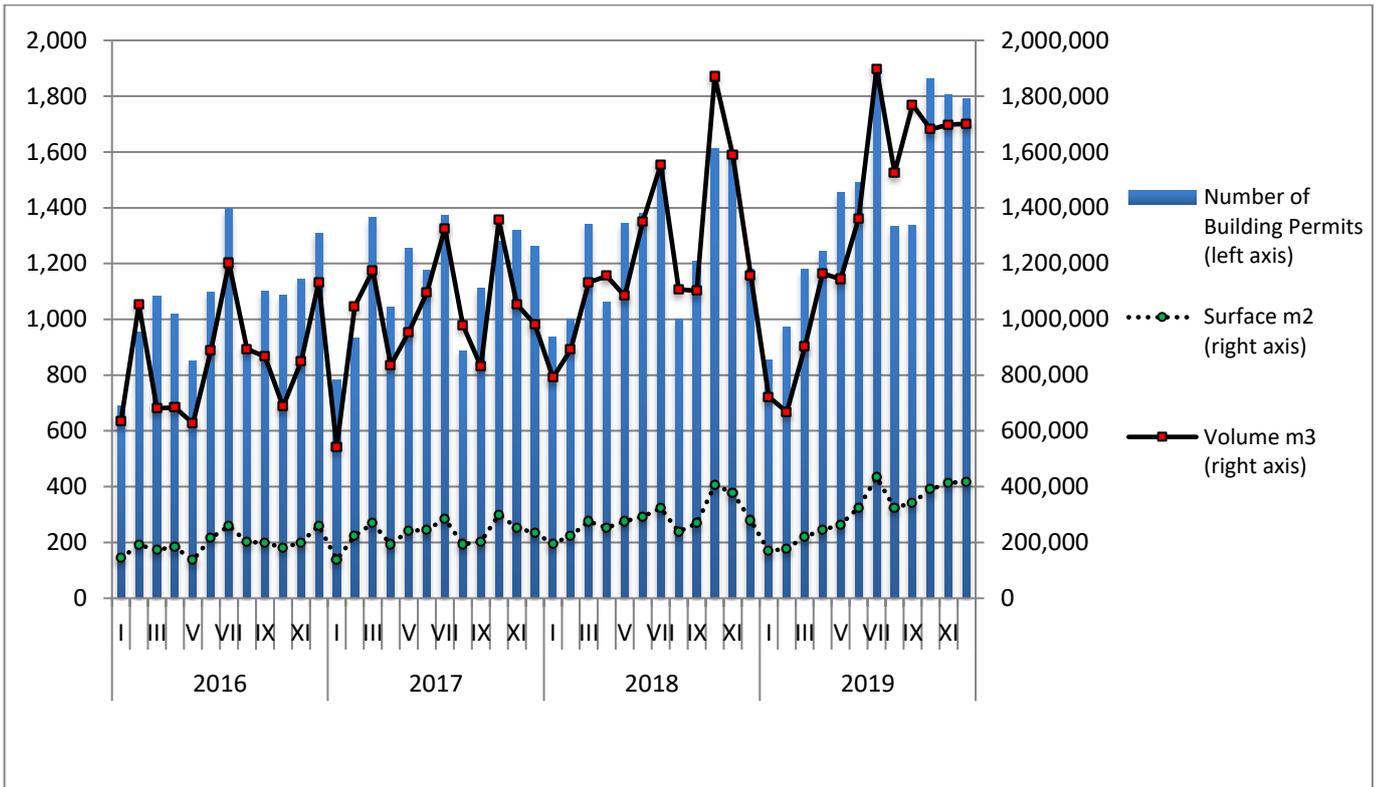
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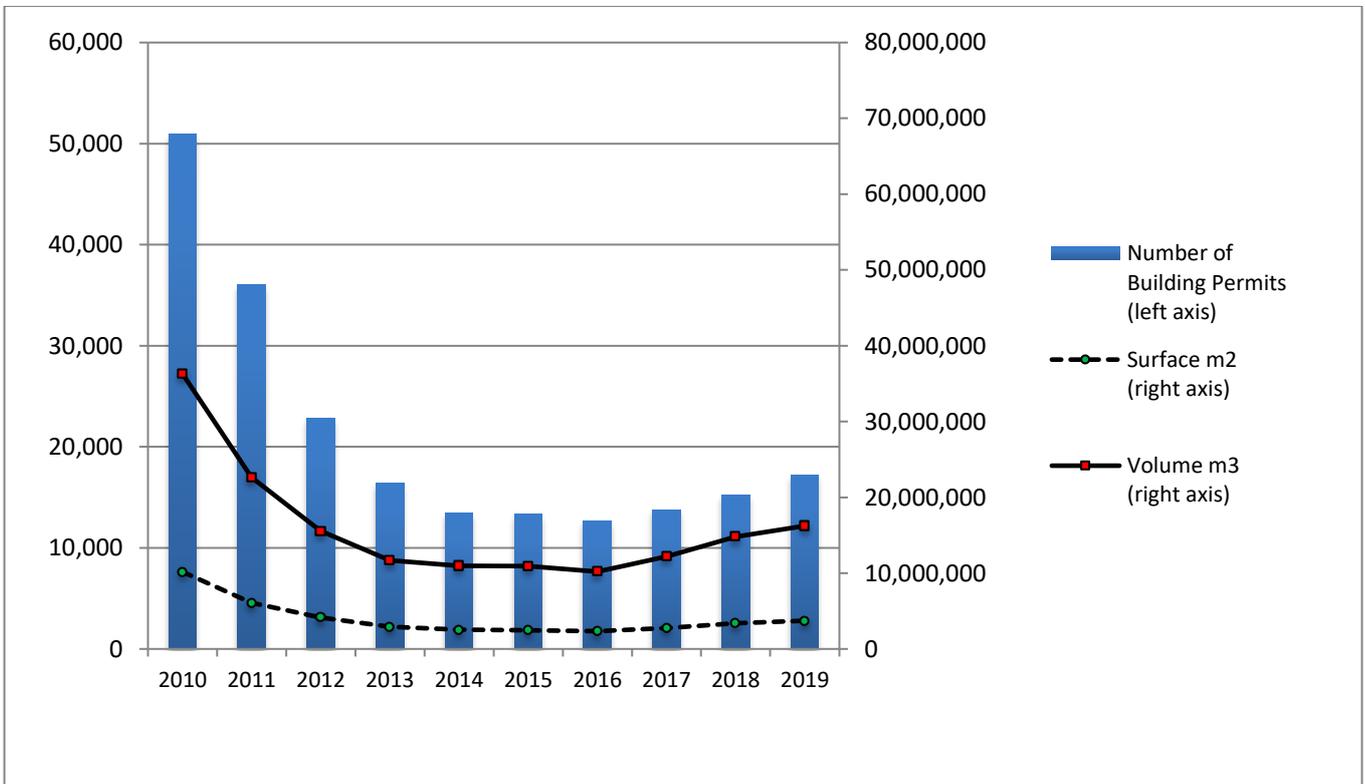
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (January 2016 – December 2019\*)**



\*Provisional data for December 2019

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



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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Building Activity Survey** 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.

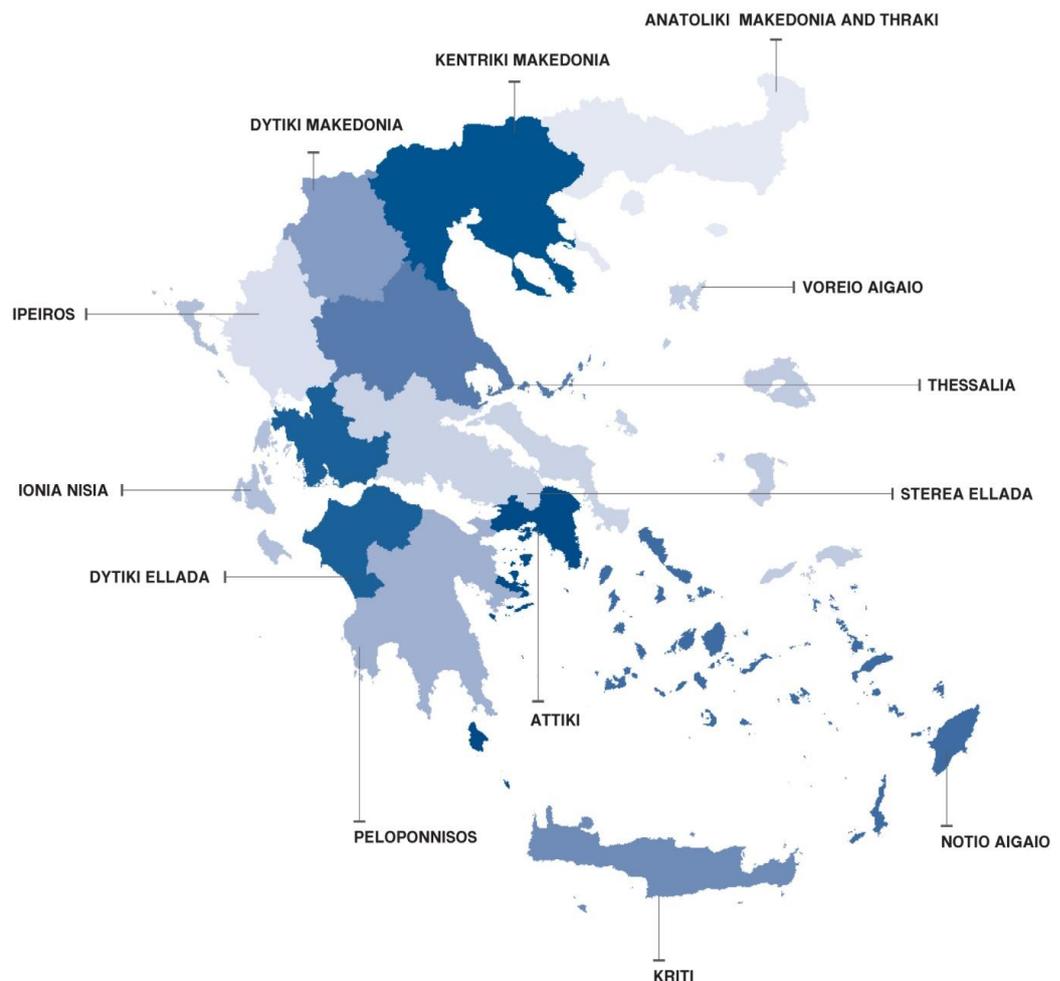
**Legal Framework** The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EC) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) 1158/2005.

**Reference Period** December 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

**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** **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.

**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/->