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Building Activity Survey: May 2019

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in May 2019 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,453. This figure corresponds to 268.9 thousand m² of surface and 1,159.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 7.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 5.7% decrease in surface and a 2.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2018 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2019 amounted to 1,442. This figure corresponds to 265.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,147.3 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2018 there is a 7.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 3.9% decrease in surface and a 5.8% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2019 amounted to 11. This figure corresponds to 3.8 thousand m² of surface and 12.6 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.1% of the total building volume in May 2019.
- In the last twelve months, from June 2018 until May 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 15,334. This figure corresponds to 3,365.1 thousand m² of surface and 14,890.2 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from June 2017 until May 2018, there is a 7.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 10.7% increase in surface and a 12.1% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from June 2018 until May 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 11.2% increase in surface and a 13.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2017 to May 2018 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.7% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - May 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 0.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 13.3% decrease in surface and a 10.7% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 5). During the same period, January - May 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 0.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 11.9% decrease in surface and a 9.0% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - May 2018 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	35	67	91.4	12.8	21.9	71.9	43.7	83.7	91.6
Kentriki Makedonia	207	238	15.0	34.1	49.0	44.0	138.0	271.3	96.6
Dytiki Makedonia	22	19	-13.6	7.7	0.8	-89.0	34.8	3.5	-89.9
Thessalia	69	99	43.5	18.6	26.8	44.2	63.9	169.0	164.5
Ipeiros	43	64	48.8	13.8	13.0	-5.7	53.7	46.0	-14.3
Ionioi Nisoi	74	97	31.1	32.1	14.6	-54.4	109.8	51.1	-53.5
Dytiki Ellada	102	78	-23.5	18.0	10.0	-44.3	77.4	40.2	-48.1
Stereia Ellada	104	74	-28.8	16.8	7.1	-57.4	72.0	32.4	-55.0
Peloponnisos	116	108	-6.9	20.8	19.1	-8.1	130.1	80.3	-38.3
Attiki	284	306	7.7	44.5	49.5	11.2	189.2	167.1	-11.7
Voreio Aigaio	39	31	-20.5	4.2	2.4	-42.5	15.6	8.5	-45.7
Notio Aigaio	134	143	6.7	32.3	28.5	-11.6	109.2	106.1	-2.9
Kriti	124	129	4.0	29.6	25.9	-12.3	98.1	100.8	2.8
Greece, Total	1,353	1,453	7.4	285.1	268.9	-5.7	1,135.5	1,159.9	2.1

*Provisional data for May 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.

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	35	67	91.4	12.8	21.9	71.9	43.7	83.7	91.6
Kentriki Makedonia	205	236	15.1	31.7	49.0	54.6	123.6	271.3	119.5
Dytiki Makedonia	22	19	-13.6	7.7	0.8	-89.0	34.8	3.5	-89.9
Thessalia	69	99	43.5	18.6	26.8	44.2	63.9	169.0	164.5
Ipeiros	41	64	56.1	13.4	13.0	-2.9	52.3	46.0	-12.1
Ionioi Nisoi	74	97	31.1	32.1	14.6	-54.4	109.8	51.1	-53.5
Dytiki Ellada	102	77	-24.5	18.0	9.8	-45.2	77.4	39.6	-48.8
Stereia Ellada	102	74	-27.5	12.6	7.1	-43.4	47.0	32.4	-31.0
Peloponnisos	115	105	-8.7	20.8	18.1	-12.8	130.1	76.7	-41.0
Attiki	283	304	7.4	44.4	49.5	11.5	188.9	167.1	-11.5
Voreio Aigaio	39	30	-23.1	4.2	2.4	-42.5	15.6	8.5	-45.7
Notio Aigaio	133	142	6.8	29.9	28.2	-5.7	99.1	105.2	6.2
Kriti	124	128	3.2	29.6	23.6	-20.4	98.1	93.2	-5.0
Greece, Total	1,344	1,442	7.3	275.8	265.1	-3.9	1,084.2	1,147.3	5.8

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2017 – May 2018 and June 2018 – May 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	480	598	24.6	110.5	133.6	20.9	434.4	536.7	23.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,951	2,281	16.9	488.7	547.9	12.1	2,737.4	2,783.7	1.7
Dytiki Makedonia	272	230	-15.4	68.2	65.0	-4.7	321.8	389.7	21.1
Thessalia	776	905	16.6	190.4	213.3	12.0	911.1	1,169.3	28.3
Ipeiros	479	538	12.3	143.4	147.2	2.6	700.5	596.9	-14.8
Ionioi Nisoi	853	1,067	25.1	239.7	210.8	-12.1	792.1	711.0	-10.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,212	1,096	-9.6	205.0	167.7	-18.2	835.8	632.5	-24.3
Stereia Ellada	1,114	935	-16.1	191.5	204.9	7.0	986.6	1,064.8	7.9
Peloponnisos	1,303	1,276	-2.1	267.2	213.1	-20.2	1,164.0	815.0	-30.0
Attiki	2,744	3,222	17.4	498.7	740.0	48.4	2,142.2	3,577.7	67.0
Voreio Aigaio	447	405	-9.4	53.1	47.6	-10.3	194.7	174.3	-10.5
Notio Aigaio	1,495	1,601	7.1	307.2	355.9	15.9	1,074.2	1,221.1	13.7
Kriti	1,086	1,180	8.7	274.9	318.0	15.7	984.8	1,217.5	23.6
Greece, Total	14,212	15,334	7.9	3,038.5	3,365.1	10.7	13,279.7	14,890.2	12.1

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2017 – May 2018 and June 2018 – May 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	473	597	26.2	101.2	133.6	32.1	383.2	536.7	40.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,922	2,255	17.3	465.3	543.7	16.9	2,630.9	2,759.0	4.9
Dytiki Makedonia	268	226	-15.7	66.2	50.6	-23.5	314.2	236.4	-24.8
Thessalia	766	892	16.4	186.3	206.4	10.8	892.1	1,139.3	27.7
Ipeiros	472	537	13.8	123.5	147.1	19.1	504.9	596.8	18.2
Ionioi Nisoi	853	1,065	24.9	239.7	210.0	-12.4	792.1	707.8	-10.6
Dytiki Ellada	1,209	1,085	-10.3	198.8	157.4	-20.8	811.3	578.0	-28.8
Stereia Ellada	1,102	928	-15.8	179.6	189.0	5.3	925.8	985.0	6.4
Peloponnisos	1,290	1,253	-2.9	257.6	196.5	-23.7	1,120.6	750.9	-33.0
Attiki	2,735	3,196	16.9	493.8	724.2	46.7	2,118.1	3,497.0	65.1
Voreio Aigaio	438	397	-9.4	51.0	46.5	-8.9	186.2	168.1	-9.8
Notio Aigaio	1,487	1,591	7.0	302.4	352.6	16.6	1,040.7	1,207.4	16.0
Kriti	1,078	1,163	7.9	268.4	305.2	13.7	960.6	1,171.8	22.0
Greece, Total	14,093	15,185	7.7	2,933.7	3,262.8	11.2	12,680.7	14,334.1	13.0

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – May 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	173	288	66.5	37.7	67.0	78.0	138.0	260.8	89.0
Kentriki Makedonia	797	859	7.8	204.1	179.5	-12.1	1,054.0	867.3	-17.7
Dytiki Makedonia	90	74	-17.8	18.7	10.9	-41.9	76.0	45.7	-40.0
Thessalia	311	339	9.0	87.5	74.8	-14.6	472.6	478.2	1.2
Ipeiros	201	191	-5.0	59.7	48.4	-19.0	228.1	201.7	-11.6
Ionioi Nisoi	382	436	14.1	124.3	62.2	-49.9	419.9	204.5	-51.3
Dytiki Ellada	445	308	-30.8	69.6	44.3	-36.3	262.0	169.5	-35.3
Stereia Ellada	409	290	-29.1	71.1	43.0	-39.5	331.9	237.1	-28.6
Peloponnisos	537	464	-13.6	102.8	68.9	-32.9	426.3	266.5	-37.5
Attiki	1,132	1,263	11.6	197.8	241.5	22.1	821.8	959.3	16.7
Voreio Aigaio	181	140	-22.7	19.8	14.7	-25.7	74.2	53.6	-27.7
Notio Aigaio	606	594	-2.0	140.3	119.5	-14.8	462.4	421.7	-8.8
Kriti	468	478	2.1	122.7	113.8	-7.3	437.1	480.6	10.0
Greece, Total	5,732	5,724	-0.1	1,256.0	1,088.4	-13.3	5,204.1	4,646.4	-10.7

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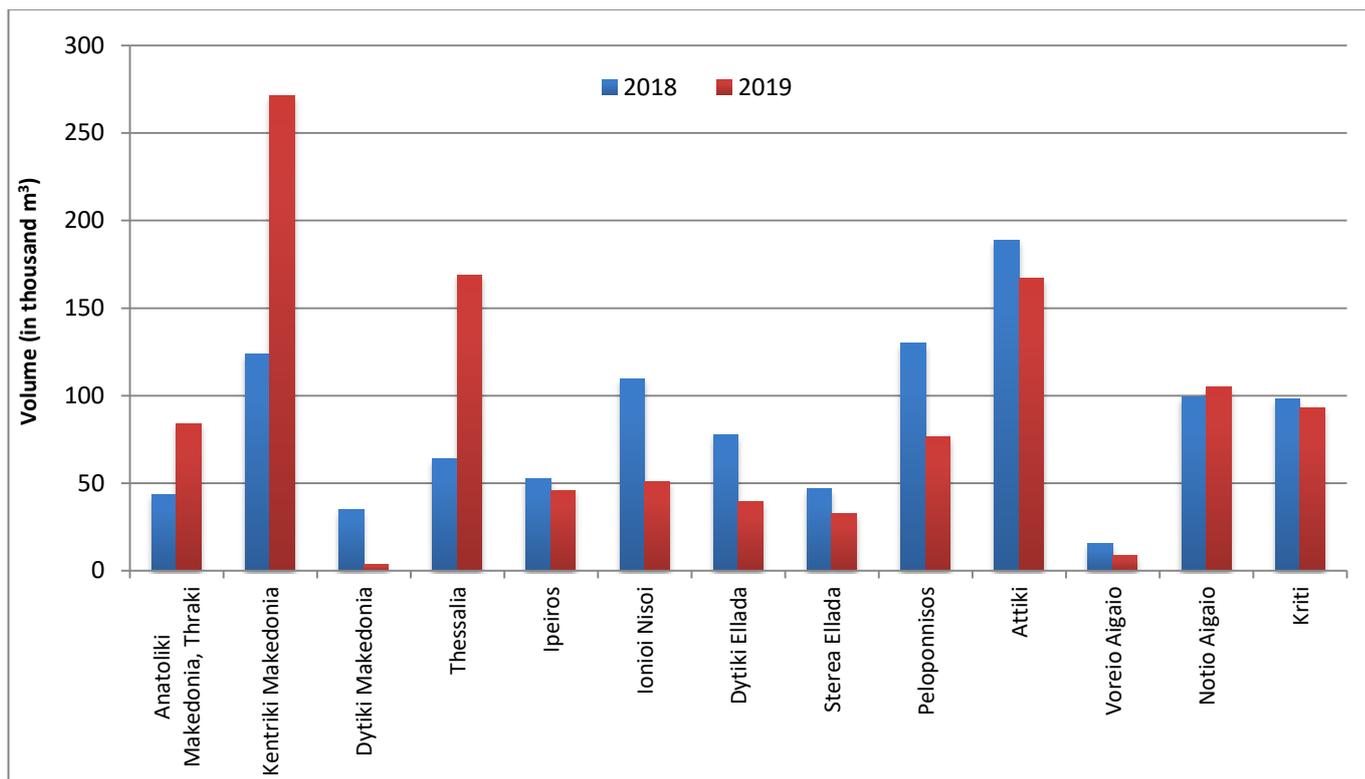
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – May 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	173	288	66.5	37.7	67.0	78.0	138.0	260.8	89.0
Kentriki Makedonia	786	856	8.9	194.3	179.5	-7.6	1,004.7	867.3	-13.7
Dytiki Makedonia	89	73	-18.0	18.0	10.9	-39.8	73.2	45.7	-37.6
Thessalia	305	337	10.5	86.4	74.2	-14.1	467.6	476.3	1.9
Ipeiros	198	191	-3.5	59.3	48.4	-18.4	226.7	201.7	-11.0
Ionioi Nisoi	382	436	14.1	124.3	62.2	-49.9	419.9	204.5	-51.3
Dytiki Ellada	444	306	-31.1	64.1	44.1	-31.1	240.1	168.9	-29.7
Stereia Ellada	402	290	-27.9	63.8	43.0	-32.6	294.7	237.1	-19.6
Peloponnisos	534	455	-14.8	101.8	65.5	-35.6	420.6	249.7	-40.6
Attiki	1,129	1,256	11.2	197.7	237.8	20.3	821.4	944.1	14.9
Voreio Aigaio	176	139	-21.0	18.2	14.7	-19.3	68.0	53.6	-21.2
Notio Aigaio	602	592	-1.7	137.2	119.2	-13.1	449.2	420.8	-6.3
Kriti	467	473	1.3	120.6	111.1	-7.9	431.0	471.9	9.5
Greece, Total	5,687	5,692	0.1	1,223.4	1,077.7	-11.9	5,054.9	4,602.4	-9.0

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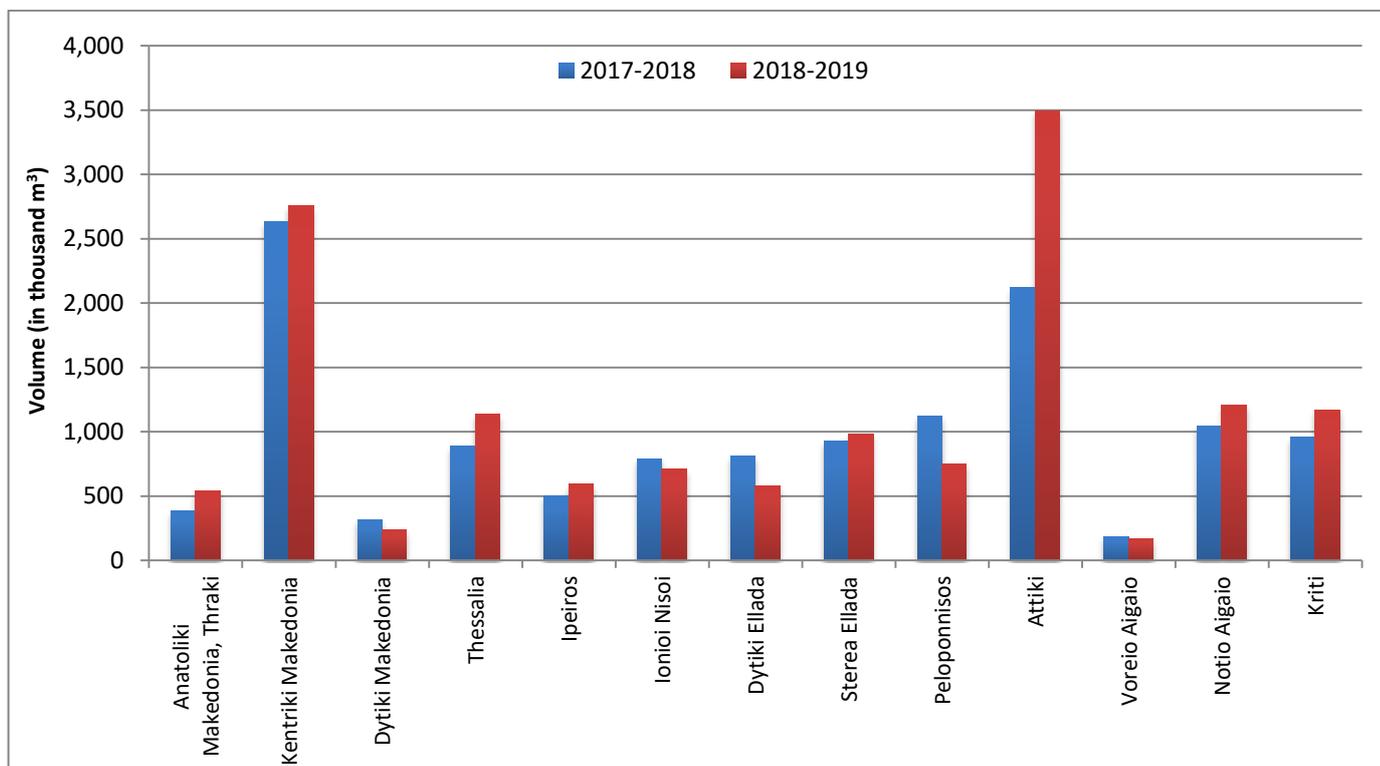
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2018 and 2019*



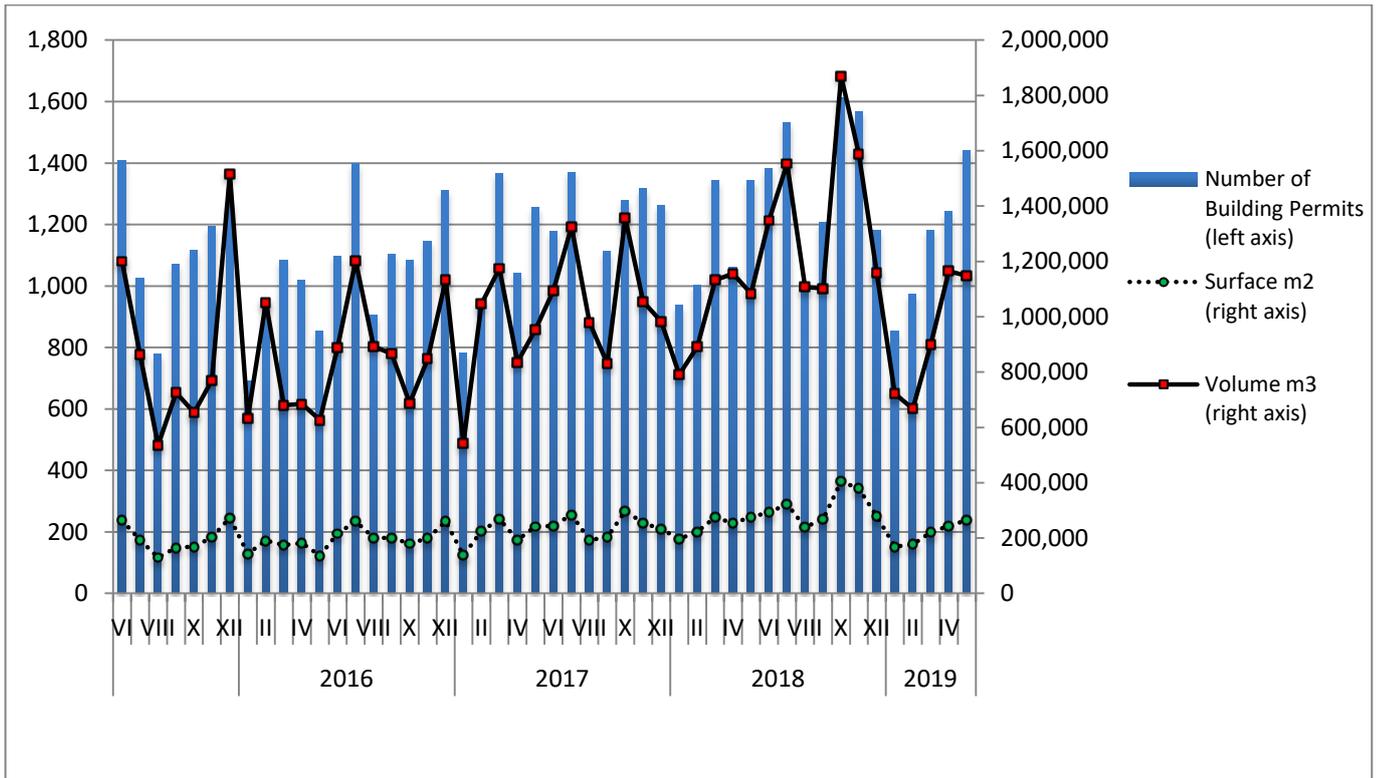
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2017 – May 2018 and June 2018 – May 2019*



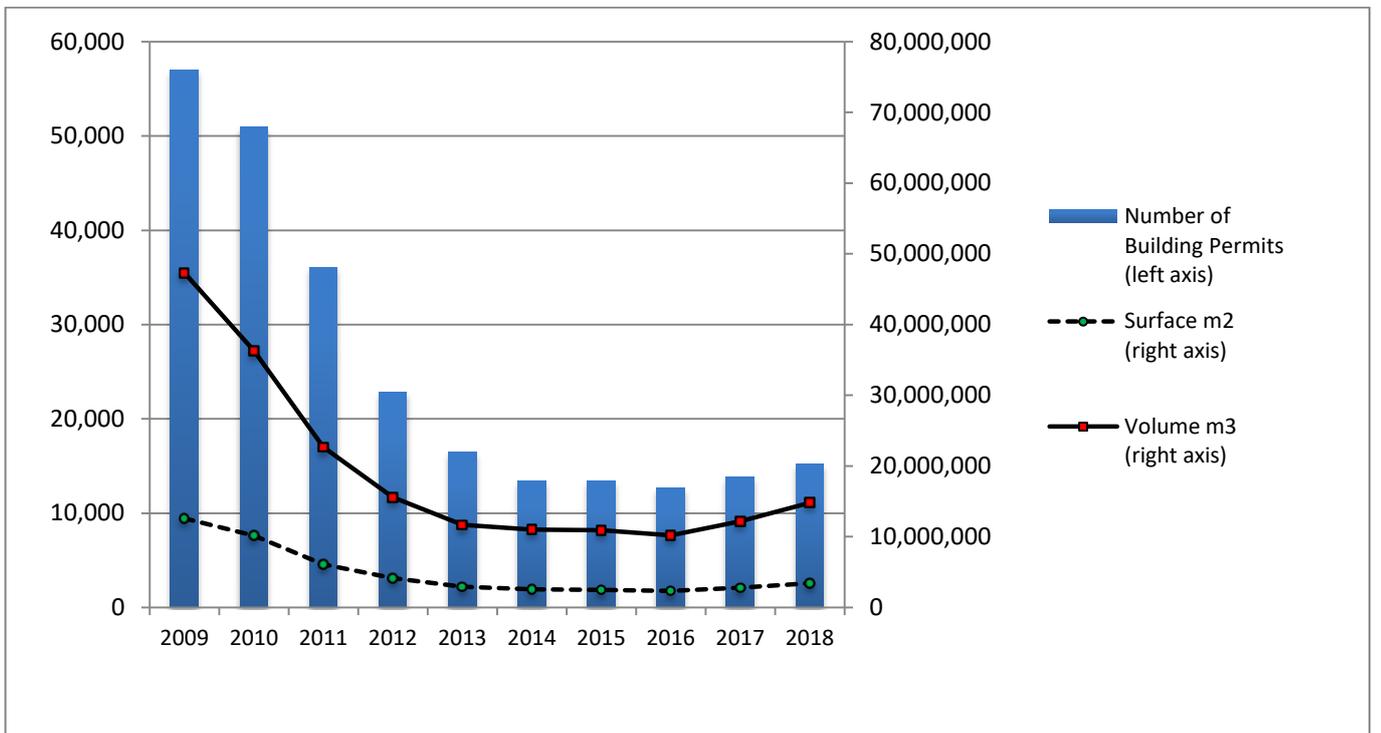
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (June 2015 – May 2019*)



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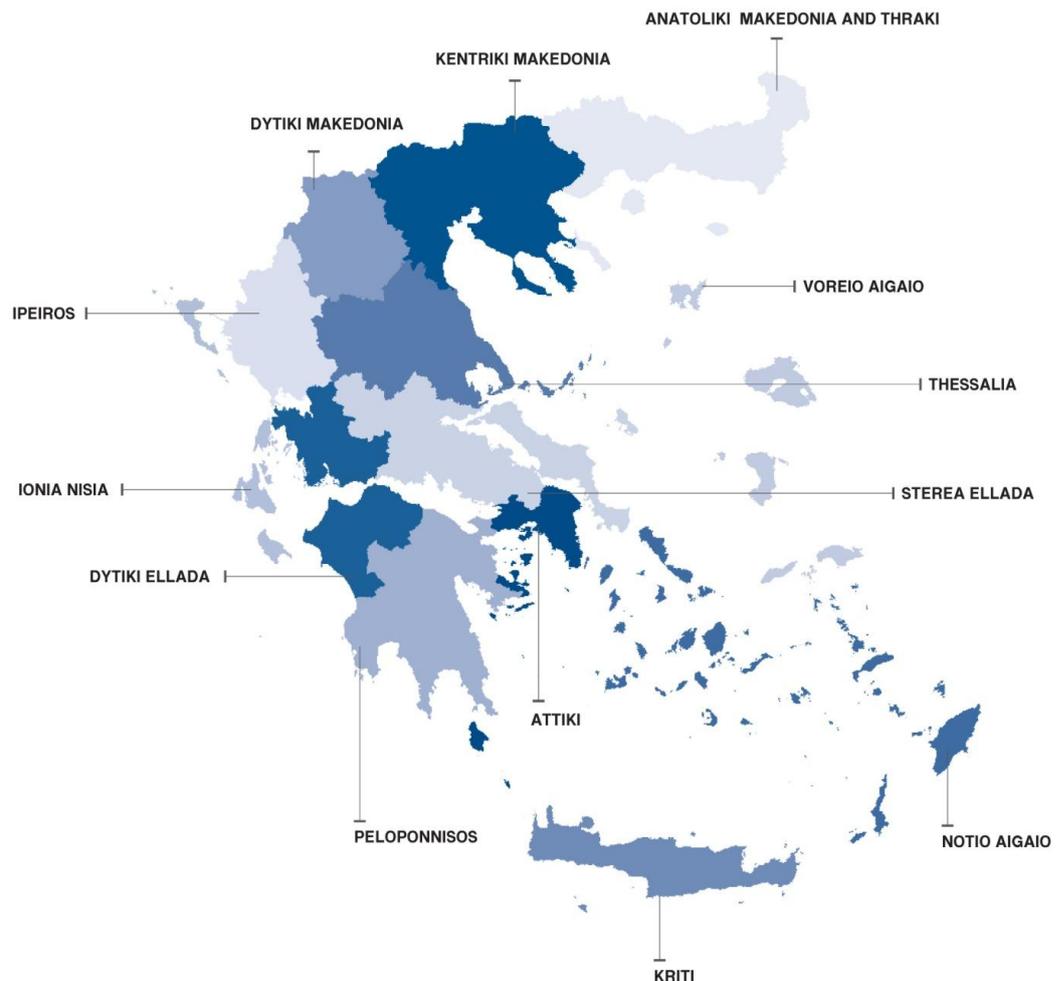
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2009 - 2018)



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 (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
- Reference Period** May 1, 2019 to May 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*.

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.

General Remark Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.

References More information (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/>