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Building Activity Survey: May 2018

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month May 2018, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in May 2018 calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,318. This figure corresponds to 282.2 thousand m² of surface and 1,127.1 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 4.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 16.3% increase in surface and a 17.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2017 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2018 amounted to 1,310. This figure corresponds to 275.3 thousand m² of surface and 1,085.9 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2017 there is a 4.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 13.8% increase in surface and a 13.8% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2018 amounted to 8. This figure corresponds to 7.0 thousand m² of surface and 41.2 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 3.7% of the total building volume in May 2018.
- In the last twelve months, from June 2017 until May 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 14,177. This figure corresponds to 3,035.6 thousand m² of surface and 13,271.3 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from June 2016 until May 2017, there is a 4.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 14.5% increase in surface and a 16.7% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from June 2017 until May 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 4.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 13.5% increase in surface and a 14.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2016 to May 2017 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.4% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - May 2018, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 5.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.3% increase in surface and a 12.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2017 (Table 5). During the same period, January - May 2018, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 5.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.7% increase in surface and an 11.0% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - May 2017 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2017 and 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	35	35	0.0	5.2	13.0	147.1	17.3	43.7	152.6
Kentriki Makedonia	167	204	22.2	45.3	33.5	-26.1	208.4	136.7	-34.4
Dytiki Makedonia	29	22	-24.1	3.4	7.7	124.8	10.3	34.8	238.6
Thessalia	68	66	-2.9	17.9	18.6	4.0	77.6	63.6	-18.0
Ipeiros	61	44	-27.9	13.4	13.7	2.1	54.2	54.1	-0.1
Ionioi Nisoi	74	74	0.0	14.8	31.7	114.2	53.3	109.8	106.2
Dytiki Ellada	89	101	13.5	12.4	18.0	44.6	43.4	77.5	78.4
Stereia Ellada	90	101	12.2	17.5	17.5	0.0	71.7	75.0	4.7
Peloponnisos	130	112	-13.8	20.2	20.7	2.7	83.9	130.1	55.1
Attiki	273	279	2.2	51.5	44.3	-14.0	197.7	187.8	-5.0
Voreio Aigaio	44	39	-11.4	4.6	4.1	-11.7	15.2	15.4	1.4
Notio Aigaio	104	122	17.3	11.3	29.4	159.9	36.7	103.6	182.7
Kriti	99	119	20.2	25.1	30.1	20.3	88.7	95.0	7.0
Greece, Total	1,263	1,318	4.4	242.7	282.2	16.3	958.2	1,127.1	17.6

*Provisional data for May 2018

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 2017 and 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	35	35	0.0	5.2	13.0	147.1	17.3	43.7	152.6
Kentriki Makedonia	166	202	21.7	45.3	31.1	-31.3	208.4	122.3	-41.3
Dytiki Makedonia	29	22	-24.1	3.4	7.7	124.8	10.3	34.8	238.6
Thessalia	68	66	-2.9	17.9	18.6	4.0	77.6	63.6	-18.0
Ipeiros	60	42	-30.0	12.8	13.3	3.8	51.5	52.7	2.5
Ionioi Nisoi	74	74	0.0	14.8	31.7	114.2	53.3	109.8	106.2
Dytiki Ellada	89	101	13.5	12.4	18.0	44.6	43.4	77.5	78.4
Stereia Ellada	90	99	10.0	17.5	13.4	-23.7	71.7	50.0	-30.3
Peloponnisos	128	111	-13.3	20.2	20.7	2.7	83.9	130.1	55.1
Attiki	271	278	2.6	51.4	44.2	-14.0	197.0	187.5	-4.8
Voreio Aigaio	42	39	-7.1	4.5	4.1	-9.1	14.6	15.4	5.4
Notio Aigaio	104	122	17.3	11.3	29.4	159.9	36.7	103.6	182.7
Kriti	99	119	20.2	25.1	30.1	20.3	88.7	95.0	7.0
Greece, Total	1,255	1,310	4.4	241.9	275.3	13.8	954.3	1,085.9	13.8

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2016 – May 2017 and June 2017 – May 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	526	480	-8.7	117.3	110.7	-5.6	557.5	434.4	-22.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,780	1,948	9.4	388.6	488.1	25.6	2,040.5	2,736.1	34.1
Dytiki Makedonia	312	272	-12.8	62.8	68.1	8.5	309.0	321.8	4.1
Thessalia	744	773	3.9	207.8	190.4	-8.4	1,086.5	910.8	-16.2
Ipeiros	450	480	6.7	95.5	143.3	50.1	383.8	700.9	82.6
Ionioi Nisoi	748	853	14.0	167.3	239.3	43.0	566.3	792.1	39.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,105	1,211	9.6	175.3	205.0	16.9	663.0	835.8	26.1
Stereia Ellada	1,116	1,111	-0.4	171.7	192.2	11.9	808.7	989.6	22.4
Peloponnisos	1,488	1,299	-12.7	233.8	267.2	14.3	974.5	1,164.1	19.5
Attiki	2,632	2,739	4.1	513.7	498.5	-3.0	2,202.1	2,140.9	-2.8
Voreio Aigaio	393	447	13.7	44.9	52.9	18.0	151.7	194.5	28.2
Notio Aigaio	1,196	1,483	24.0	186.4	304.3	63.3	625.2	1,068.6	70.9
Kriti	1,034	1,081	4.5	285.4	275.5	-3.5	1,005.3	981.7	-2.3
Greece, Total	13,524	14,177	4.8	2,650.4	3,035.6	14.5	11,374.2	13,271.3	16.7

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2016 – May 2017 and June 2017 – May 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018		2016-2017	2017-2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	517	473	-8.5	114.4	101.3	-11.4	544.1	383.2	-29.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,760	1,919	9.0	378.8	464.7	22.7	1,992.2	2,629.6	32.0
Dytiki Makedonia	311	268	-13.8	61.5	66.2	7.7	305.1	314.2	3.0
Thessalia	734	763	4.0	203.4	186.2	-8.4	1,066.4	891.9	-16.4
Ipeiros	448	473	5.6	94.9	123.4	30.1	381.1	505.3	32.6
Ionioi Nisoi	747	853	14.2	163.3	239.3	46.5	530.9	792.1	49.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,100	1,208	9.8	170.2	198.9	16.8	640.3	811.3	26.7
Stereia Ellada	1,109	1,099	-0.9	170.4	180.3	5.8	803.6	928.8	15.6
Peloponnisos	1,474	1,286	-12.8	230.9	257.5	11.5	961.0	1,120.6	16.6
Attiki	2,620	2,730	4.2	491.2	493.6	0.5	2,112.6	2,116.7	0.2
Voreio Aigaio	390	438	12.3	44.7	50.9	13.8	151.1	186.0	23.1
Notio Aigaio	1,184	1,476	24.7	183.5	301.8	64.4	612.4	1,045.3	70.7
Kriti	1,025	1,073	4.7	276.1	269.0	-2.6	973.2	957.5	-1.6
Greece, Total	13,419	14,059	4.8	2,583.2	2,933.1	13.5	11,074.2	12,682.5	14.5

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - May 2017 and 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	178	173	-2.8	40.0	37.8	-5.5	192.5	138.0	-28.3
Kentriki Makedonia	697	794	13.9	167.5	203.5	21.5	838.4	1,052.7	25.6
Dytiki Makedonia	103	90	-12.6	22.7	18.7	-17.8	139.9	76.0	-45.6
Thessalia	289	308	6.6	87.0	87.5	0.6	498.5	472.3	-5.3
Ipeiros	196	202	3.1	42.1	59.6	41.7	173.8	228.5	31.5
Ionioi Nisoi	341	382	12.0	81.0	123.8	52.8	262.4	419.9	60.0
Dytiki Ellada	426	444	4.2	64.1	69.6	8.7	228.3	262.0	14.8
Stereia Ellada	400	406	1.5	55.6	71.9	29.4	241.7	334.9	38.5
Peloponnisos	564	533	-5.5	86.3	102.7	19.0	372.5	426.3	14.5
Attiki	1,125	1,127	0.2	231.8	197.7	-14.7	992.0	820.4	-17.3
Voreio Aigaio	172	181	5.2	19.5	19.7	0.8	63.7	74.0	16.2
Notio Aigaio	490	594	21.2	66.4	137.4	106.9	228.5	456.8	99.9
Kriti	430	463	7.7	113.9	123.2	8.2	370.9	434.0	17.0
Greece, Total	5,411	5,697	5.3	1,077.8	1,253.1	16.3	4,603.1	5,195.7	12.9

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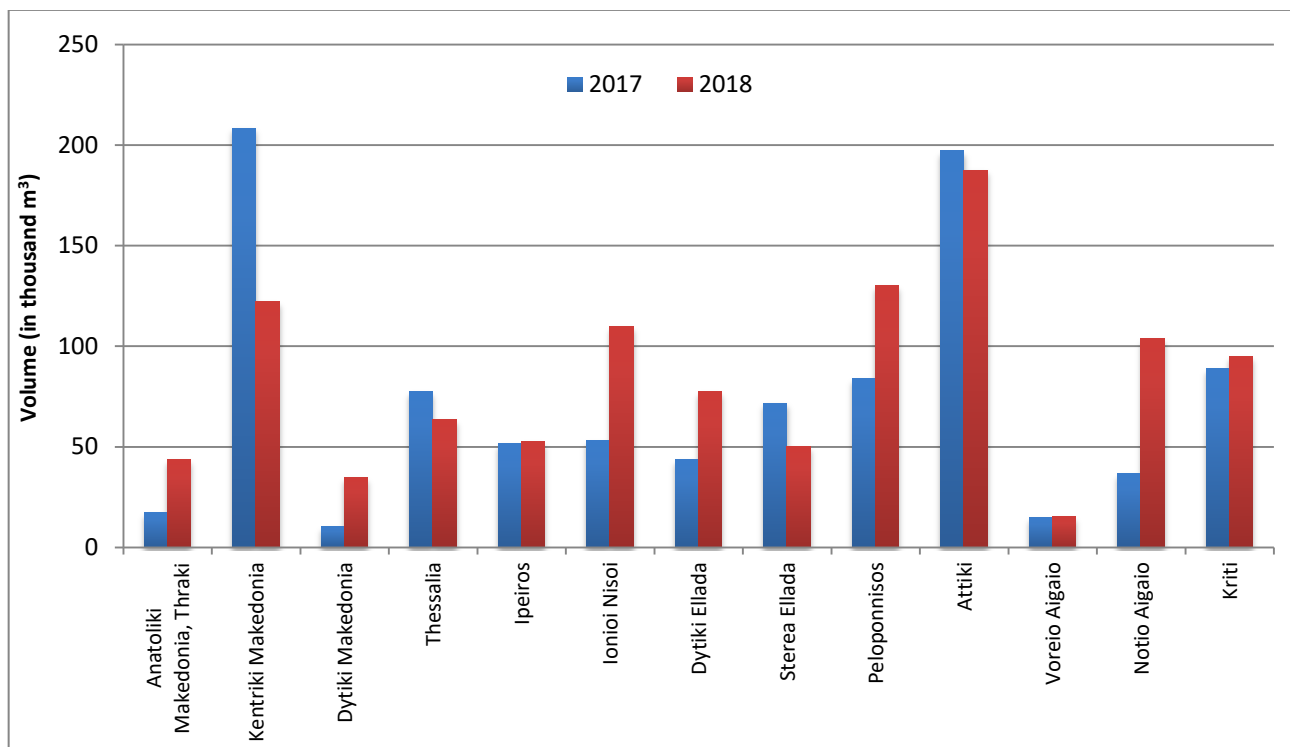
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - May 2017 and 2018*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	174	173	-0.6	39.1	37.8	-3.1	188.9	138.0	-26.9
Kentriki Makedonia	691	783	13.3	166.5	193.7	16.3	833.8	1,003.4	20.3
Dytiki Makedonia	102	89	-12.7	21.3	18.0	-15.5	136.0	73.2	-46.2
Thessalia	286	302	5.6	84.4	86.4	2.3	486.6	467.3	-4.0
Ipeiros	195	199	2.1	41.5	59.2	42.7	171.1	227.1	32.8
Ionioi Nisoi	341	382	12.0	81.0	123.8	52.8	262.4	419.9	60.0
Dytiki Ellada	425	443	4.2	62.2	64.1	3.0	221.0	240.1	8.6
Stereia Ellada	399	399	0.0	55.4	64.6	16.4	241.3	297.7	23.4
Peloponnisos	559	530	-5.2	85.6	101.8	18.9	369.1	420.6	14.0
Attiki	1,121	1,124	0.3	231.3	197.6	-14.6	989.8	820.0	-17.2
Voreio Aigaio	170	176	3.5	19.4	18.1	-6.6	63.1	67.8	7.5
Notio Aigaio	489	591	20.9	66.4	136.6	105.8	228.5	453.8	98.5
Kriti	427	462	8.2	111.8	121.2	8.4	363.3	427.9	17.8
Greece, Total	5,379	5,653	5.1	1,065.9	1,222.8	14.7	4,555.0	5,056.7	11.0

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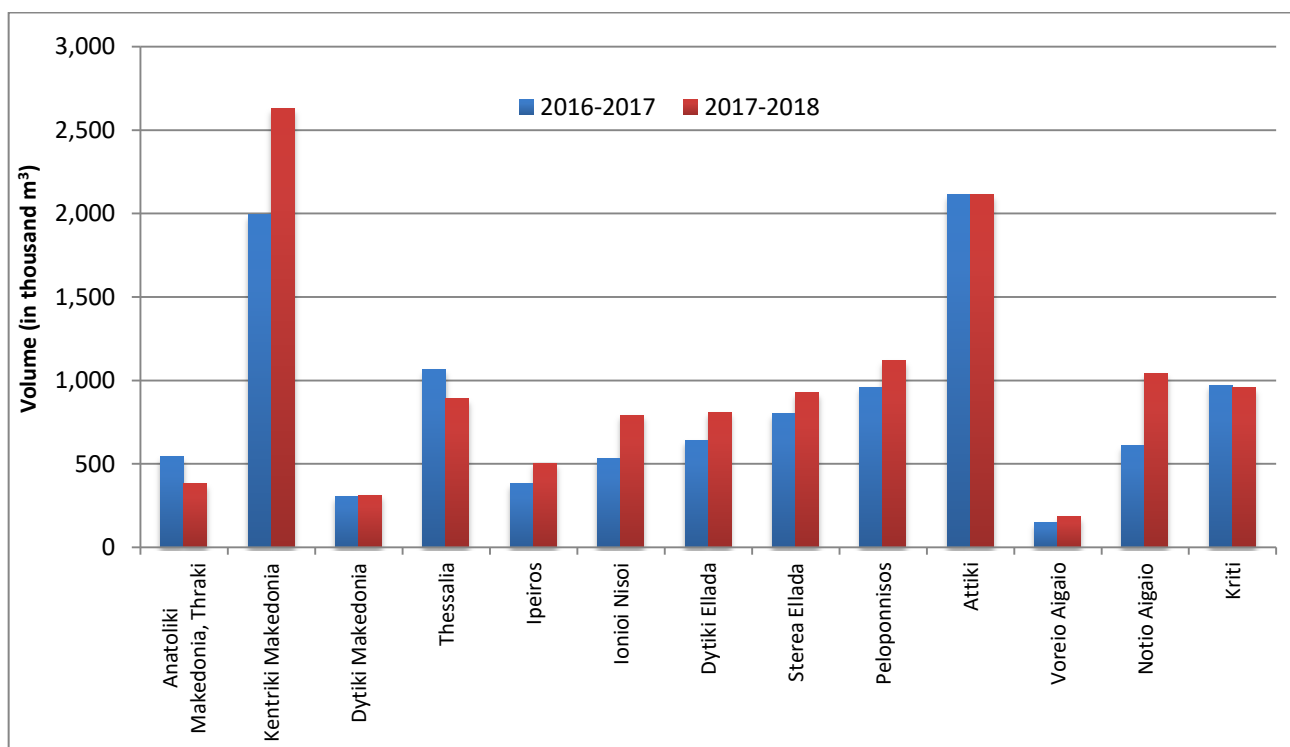
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2017 and 2018 *



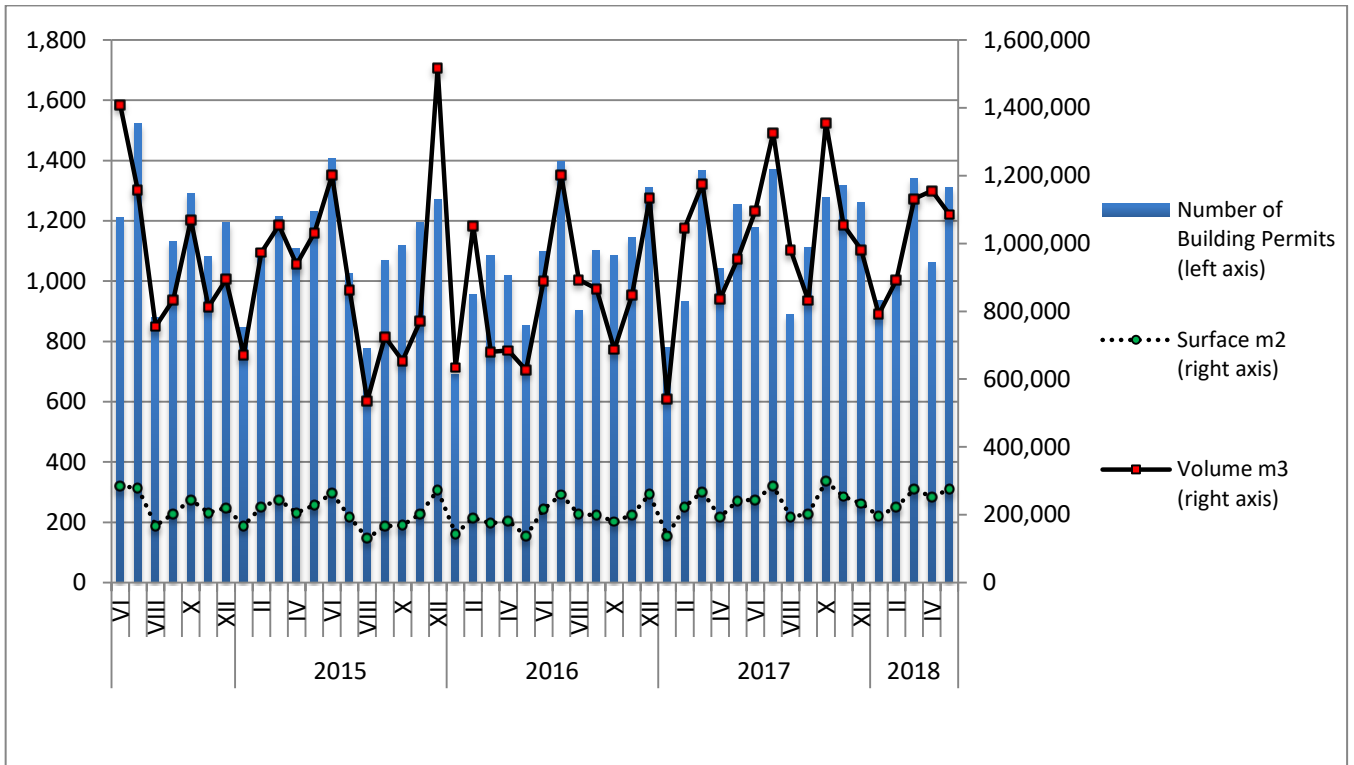
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2016 – May 2017 and June 2017 - May 2018*



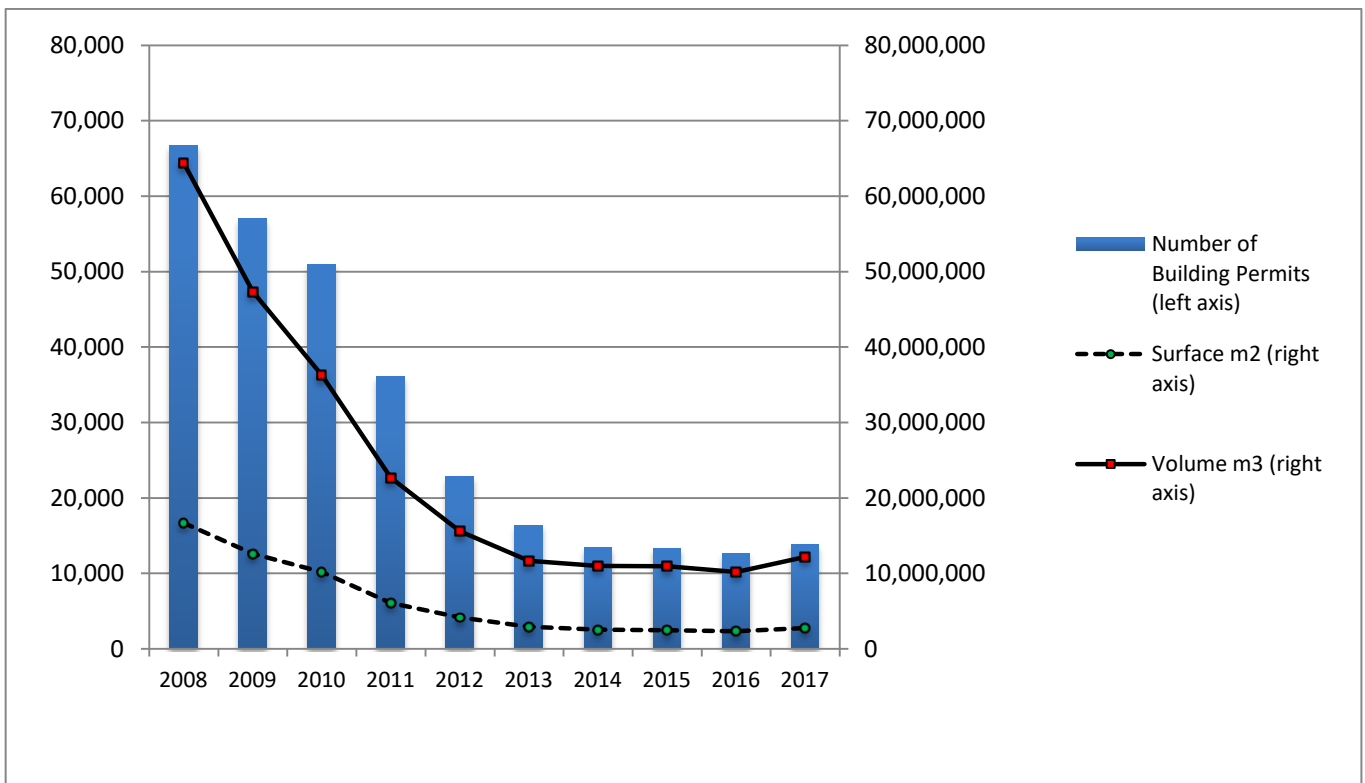
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (June 2014 – May 2018*)



*Provisional data for May 2018

Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2008 - 2017)



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.

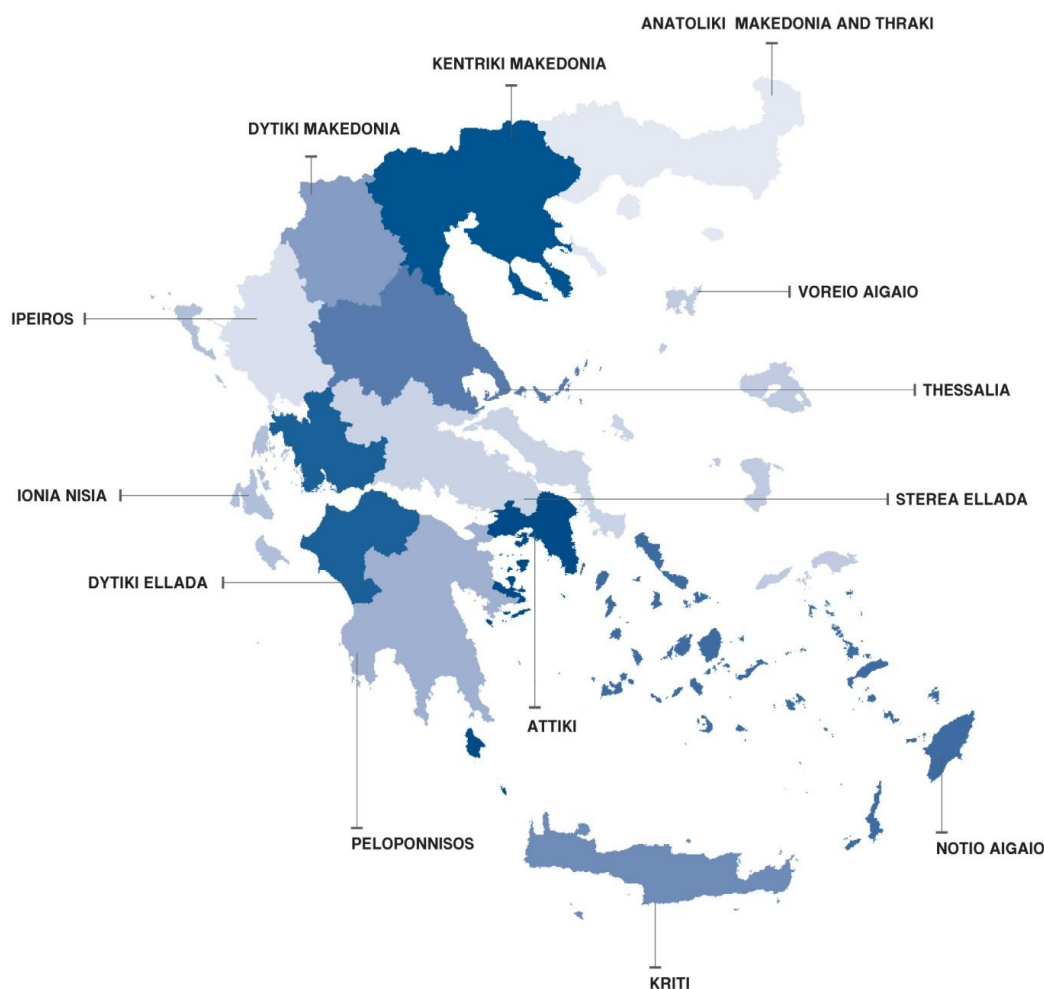
Legal Framework The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.

Reference Period May 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018

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/>