

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: AUGUST 2021

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month August 2021, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in August 2021 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,468. This figure corresponds to 451.1 thousand m² of surface and 2,234.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 12.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 53.0% increase in surface and a 64.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2020 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2021 amounted to 1,466. This figure corresponds to 451.1 thousand m² of surface and 2,234.9 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2020 there is a 13.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 53.8% increase in surface and a 64.8% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2021 amounted to 2 with zero area and zero volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.0% of the total building volume in August 2021.
- In the last twelve months, from September 2020 until August 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 22,391. This figure corresponds to 5,562.5 thousand m² of surface and 23,069.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from September 2019 until August 2020, there is a 19.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 36.4% increase in surface and a 29.1% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from September 2020 until August 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 19.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 34.9% increase in surface and a 26.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2019 to August 2020 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.1% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - August 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 29.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 57.4% increase in surface and a 50.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2020 (Table 5). During the same period, January - August 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 29.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 56.4% increase in surface and a 47.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - August 2020 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2020 and 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	79	60	-24.1	12.1	20.6	69.5	40.4	118.5	193.5
Kentriki Makedonia	196	187	-4.6	41.8	54.9	31.4	194.5	337.8	73.7
Dytiki Makedonia	25	22	-12.0	7.5	3.3	-55.5	55.0	16.0	-70.8
Thessalia	96	113	17.7	12.9	32.4	151.7	54.3	198.8	265.8
Ipeiros	60	75	25.0	13.5	16.8	24.7	50.0	73.5	47.2
Ionia Nisia	82	108	31.7	12.8	21.1	64.5	39.7	63.1	58.8
Dytiki Ellada	91	112	23.1	9.2	21.9	138.9	30.1	131.6	337.4
Stereia Ellada	98	97	-1.0	20.9	46.7	123.6	129.5	374.0	188.8
Peloponnisos	120	131	9.2	19.5	34.3	75.7	88.5	153.1	72.9
Attiki	173	237	37.0	90.3	86.2	-4.6	499.1	391.6	-21.5
Voreio Aigaio	31	41	32.3	4.6	4.5	-2.1	14.8	15.7	6.4
Notio Aigaio	115	161	40.0	27.1	70.9	161.8	93.8	219.3	133.8
Kriti	137	124	-9.5	22.6	37.6	66.0	71.0	141.8	99.6
Greece, Total	1,303	1,468	12.7	294.7	451.1	53.0	1,360.7	2,234.9	64.2

*Provisional data for August 2021.

- 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), August 2020 and 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	79	60	-24.1	12.1	20.6	69.5	40.4	118.5	193.5
Kentriki Makedonia	193	187	-3.1	41.8	54.9	31.5	194.4	337.8	73.8
Dytiki Makedonia	25	22	-12.0	7.5	3.3	-55.5	55.0	16.0	-70.8
Thessalia	95	113	18.9	12.9	32.4	151.7	54.3	198.8	265.8
Ipeiros	60	75	25.0	13.5	16.8	24.7	50.0	73.5	47.2
Ionia Nisia	82	108	31.7	12.8	21.1	64.5	39.7	63.1	58.8
Dytiki Ellada	91	111	22.0	9.2	21.9	138.9	30.1	131.6	337.4
Stereia Ellada	98	97	-1.0	20.9	46.7	123.6	129.5	374.0	188.8
Peloponnisos	119	131	10.1	19.3	34.3	77.7	87.8	153.1	74.4
Attiki	173	237	37.0	90.3	86.2	-4.6	499.1	391.6	-21.5
Voreio Aigaio	31	41	32.3	4.6	4.5	-2.1	14.8	15.7	6.4
Notio Aigaio	115	160	39.1	27.1	70.9	161.8	93.8	219.3	133.8
Kriti	135	124	-8.1	21.5	37.6	74.5	67.7	141.8	109.4
Greece, Total	1,296	1,466	13.1	293.4	451.1	53.8	1,356.5	2,234.9	64.8

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2019 – August 2020 and September 2020 – August 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September – August		Change (%)	September – August		Change (%)	September – August		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,006	1,191	18.4	216.8	315.6	45.6	785.0	1,420.7	81.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,825	2,921	3.4	609.1	724.0	18.9	3,128.9	3,320.9	6.1
Dytiki Makedonia	238	279	17.2	54.7	74.5	36.2	298.4	322.7	8.1
Thessalia	1,145	1,419	23.9	265.7	353.8	33.2	1,357.9	1,795.9	32.3
Ipeiros	660	863	30.8	152.0	286.7	88.6	649.0	1,232.7	89.9
Ionia Nisia	1,305	1,460	11.9	241.0	354.9	47.3	806.8	1,197.9	48.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,197	1,607	34.3	194.0	278.3	43.5	839.5	1,129.4	34.5
Stereia Ellada	1,013	1,361	34.4	190.9	309.8	62.3	1,066.4	1,843.0	72.8
Peloponnisos	1,443	1,812	25.6	212.2	378.8	78.5	850.1	1,710.1	101.1
Attiki	3,759	4,937	31.3	1,122.3	1,517.8	35.2	5,135.3	5,658.8	10.2
Voreio Aigaio	429	546	27.3	55.2	82.5	49.4	195.9	306.0	56.2
Notio Aigaio	1,912	2,071	8.3	371.5	417.2	12.3	1,263.2	1,382.4	9.4
Kriti	1,821	1,924	5.7	394.0	468.6	18.9	1,489.8	1,749.1	17.4
Greece, Total	18,753	22,391	19.4	4,079.2	5,562.5	36.4	17,866.2	23,069.5	29.1

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), September 2019 – August 2020 and September 2020 – August 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September – August		Change (%)	September – August		Change (%)	September – August		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	997	1,178	18.2	215.4	293.9	36.4	777.4	1,236.2	59.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,810	2,902	3.3	607.1	720.5	18.7	3,117.0	3,308.3	6.1
Dytiki Makedonia	235	272	15.7	49.7	65.0	30.6	274.4	287.6	4.8
Thessalia	1,127	1,408	24.9	259.5	351.2	35.3	1,335.4	1,766.1	32.3
Ipeiros	655	853	30.2	151.2	278.9	84.5	646.1	1,190.9	84.3
Ionia Nisia	1,305	1,459	11.8	241.0	349.3	44.9	806.8	1,182.0	46.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,182	1,595	34.9	190.9	274.7	43.9	825.9	1,111.6	34.6
Stereia Ellada	1,004	1,351	34.6	188.8	309.1	63.7	1,058.6	1,839.7	73.8
Peloponnisos	1,437	1,795	24.9	210.9	350.4	66.1	845.0	1,461.2	72.9
Attiki	3,733	4,897	31.2	1,110.3	1,510.6	36.1	5,076.5	5,626.2	10.8
Voreio Aigaio	426	543	27.5	54.9	82.2	49.6	194.6	301.6	55.0
Notio Aigaio	1,901	2,063	8.5	368.3	416.8	13.1	1,251.5	1,380.8	10.3
Kriti	1,808	1,898	5.0	392.0	447.4	14.1	1,482.8	1,664.2	12.2
Greece, Total	18,620	22,214	19.3	4,040.1	5,449.9	34.9	17,691.9	22,356.3	26.4

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January – August 2020 and 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – August		Change (%)	January – August		Change (%)	January – August		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	612	847	38.4	127.1	236.3	85.9	466.5	1,058.9	127.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,793	2,037	13.6	399.1	529.2	32.6	2,011.1	2,455.9	22.1
Dytiki Makedonia	158	184	16.5	34.7	51.8	49.4	186.9	232.1	24.2
Thessalia	741	959	29.4	173.0	228.0	31.8	893.7	1,146.9	28.3
Ipeiros	423	611	44.4	94.1	200.1	112.7	427.9	855.7	100.0
Ionia Nisia	826	1,009	22.2	141.4	218.8	54.7	482.0	730.2	51.5
Dytiki Ellada	753	1,111	47.5	113.3	192.5	70.0	499.2	788.8	58.0
Stereia Ellada	650	944	45.2	133.5	225.5	69.0	817.6	1,372.3	67.9
Peloponnisos	929	1,248	34.3	139.4	285.7	104.9	534.7	1,379.4	158.0
Attiki	2,400	3,368	40.3	692.1	1,087.5	57.1	3,019.4	3,963.1	31.3
Voreio Aigaio	270	398	47.4	32.3	56.9	76.2	118.9	220.5	85.4
Notio Aigaio	1,183	1,353	14.4	206.3	300.8	45.9	674.2	991.7	47.1
Kriti	1,165	1,297	11.3	212.9	319.0	49.8	813.0	1,233.1	51.7
Greece, Total	11,903	15,366	29.1	2,499.0	3,932.2	57.4	10,944.9	16,428.6	50.1

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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January – August 2020 and 2021*

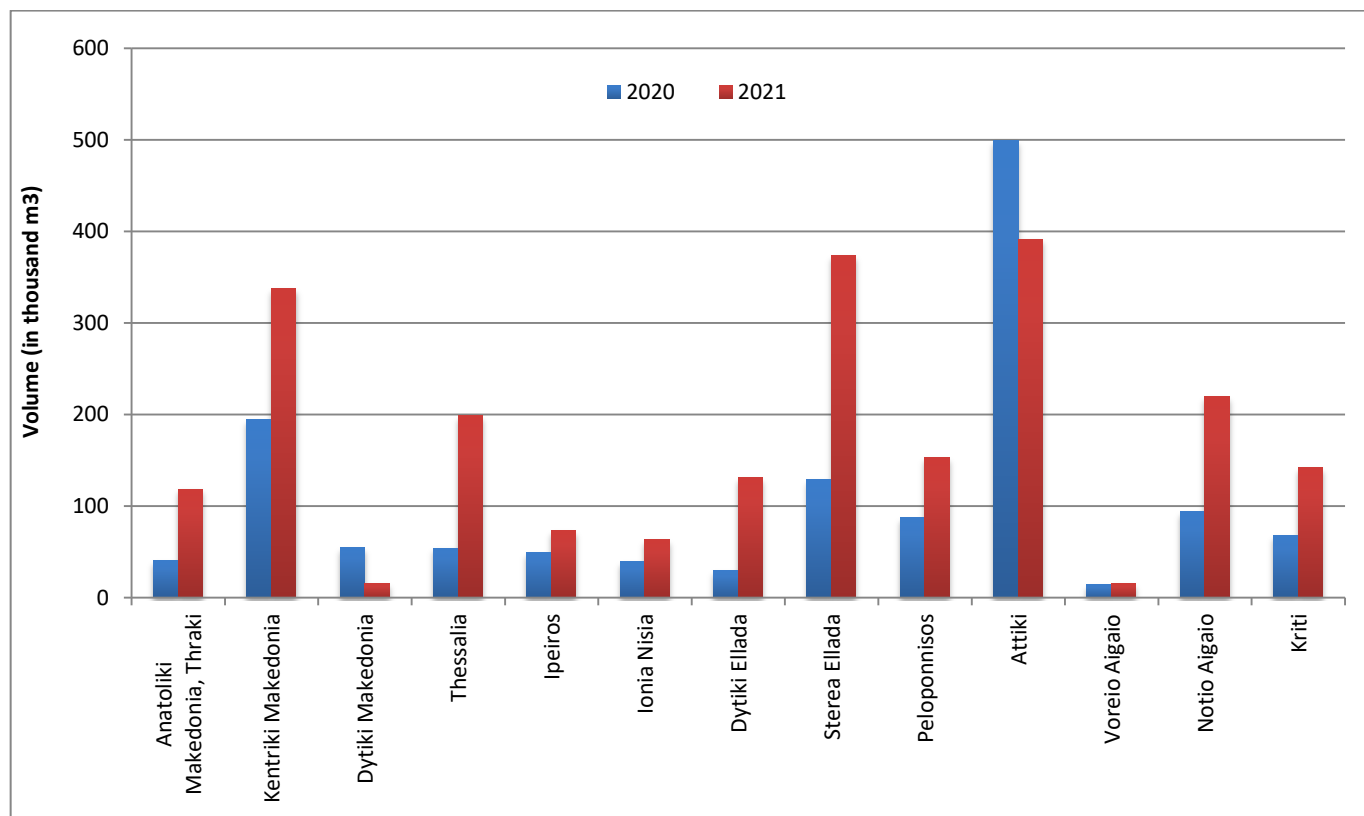
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – August		Change (%)	January – August		Change (%)	January – August		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	608	839	38.0	126.8	230.0	81.4	465.3	1,017.0	118.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,780	2,025	13.8	397.1	527.2	32.8	1,999.2	2,450.0	22.5
Dytiki Makedonia	156	179	14.7	34.0	51.1	50.4	178.4	228.7	28.2
Thessalia	728	949	30.4	170.2	225.4	32.4	885.2	1,117.1	26.2
Ipeiros	419	603	43.9	93.7	192.9	105.9	426.1	815.6	91.4
Ionia Nisia	826	1,008	22.0	141.4	213.1	50.8	482.0	714.3	48.2
Dytiki Ellada	738	1,102	49.3	110.2	192.3	74.5	485.6	788.1	62.3
Stereia Ellada	643	936	45.6	131.7	224.9	70.8	810.6	1,369.2	68.9
Peloponnisos	924	1,235	33.7	138.1	257.5	86.4	529.6	1,131.6	113.7
Attiki	2,383	3,343	40.3	684.6	1,083.6	58.3	2,984.9	3,946.3	32.2
Voreio Aigaio	267	396	48.3	32.0	56.8	77.8	117.6	220.1	87.2
Notio Aigaio	1,172	1,348	15.0	203.1	300.5	48.0	662.4	990.3	49.5
Kriti	1,155	1,282	11.0	211.1	313.1	48.3	806.5	1,205.2	49.4
Greece, Total	11,799	15,245	29.2	2,473.9	3,868.5	56.4	10,833.5	15,993.6	47.6

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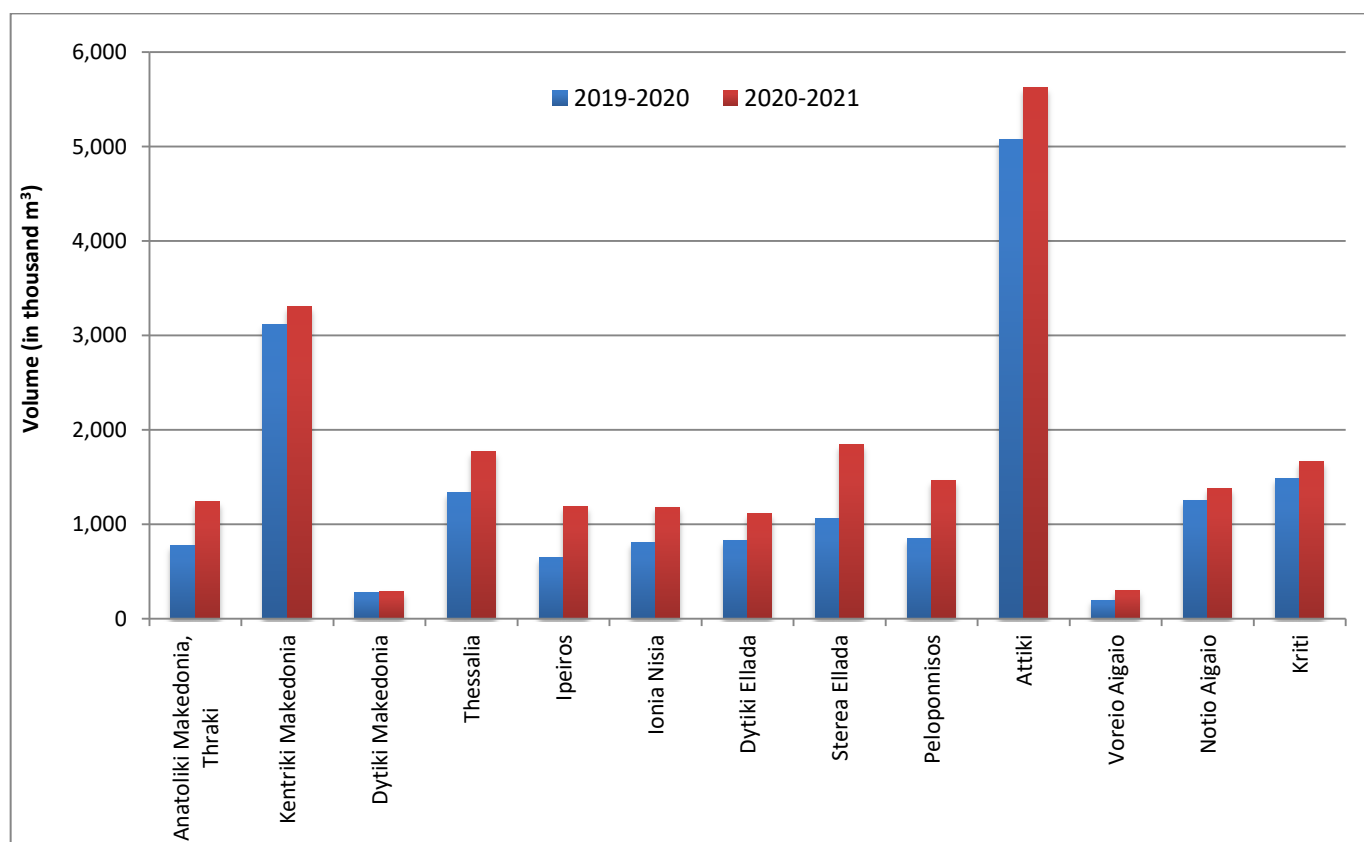
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), August 2020 and 2021*



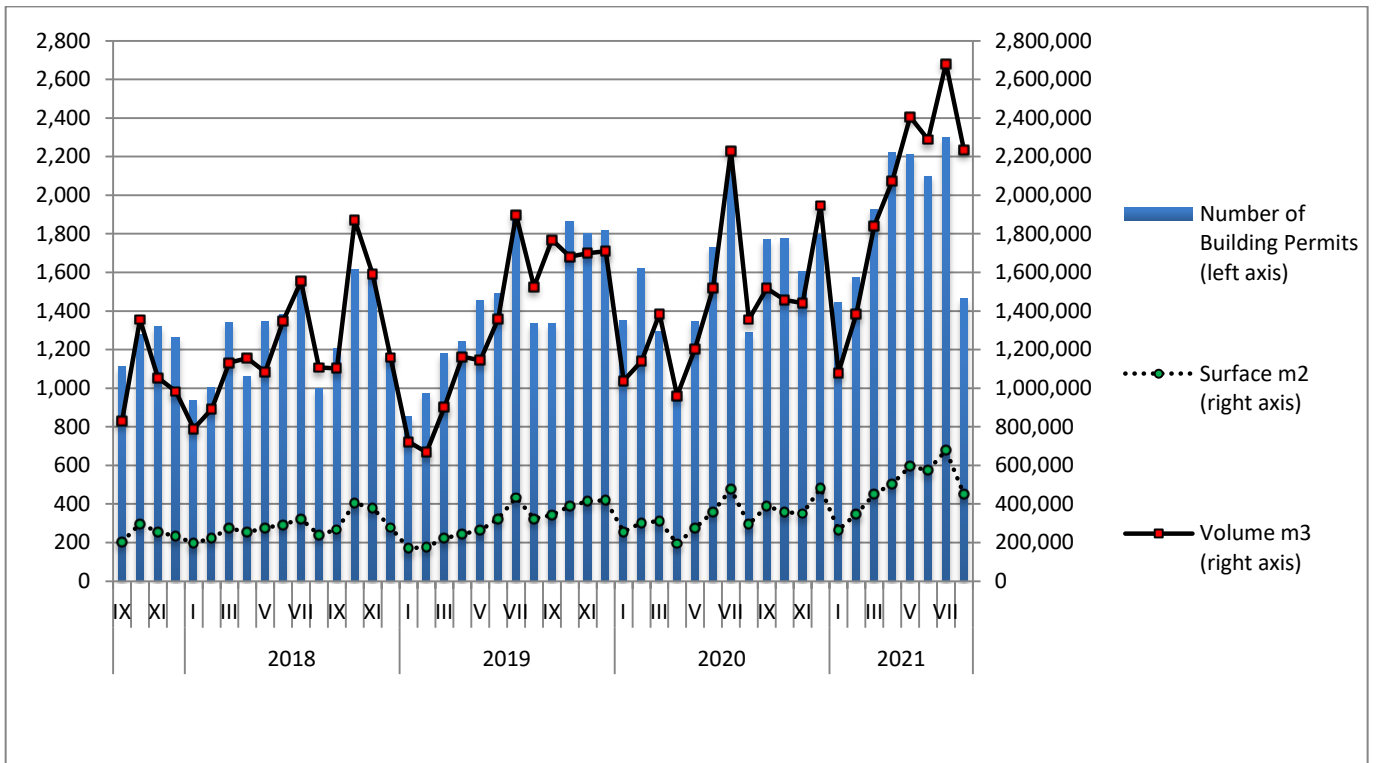
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), September 2019 – August 2020 and September 2020 – August 2021*



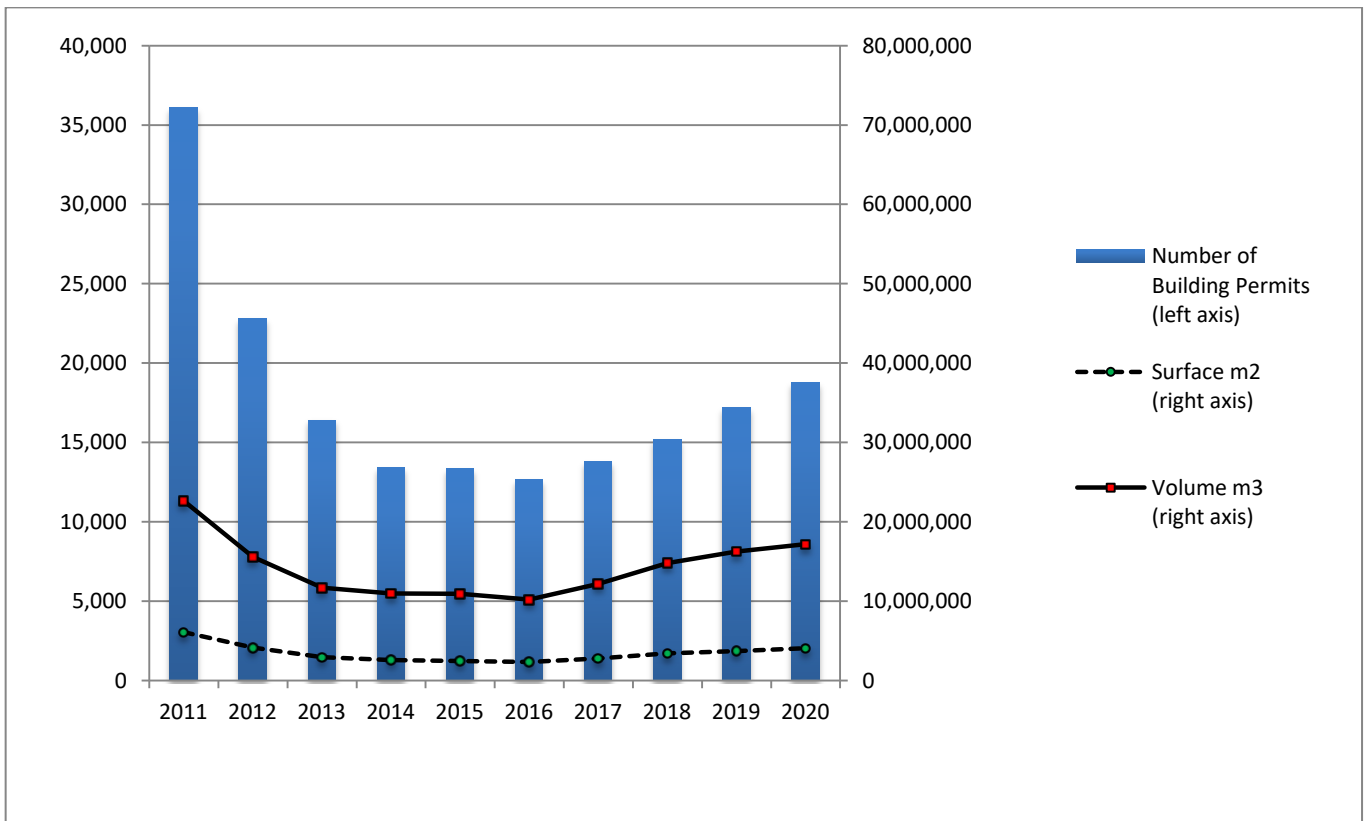
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (September 2017 – August 2021*)



*Provisional data for August 2021.

Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2011 - 2020)



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.

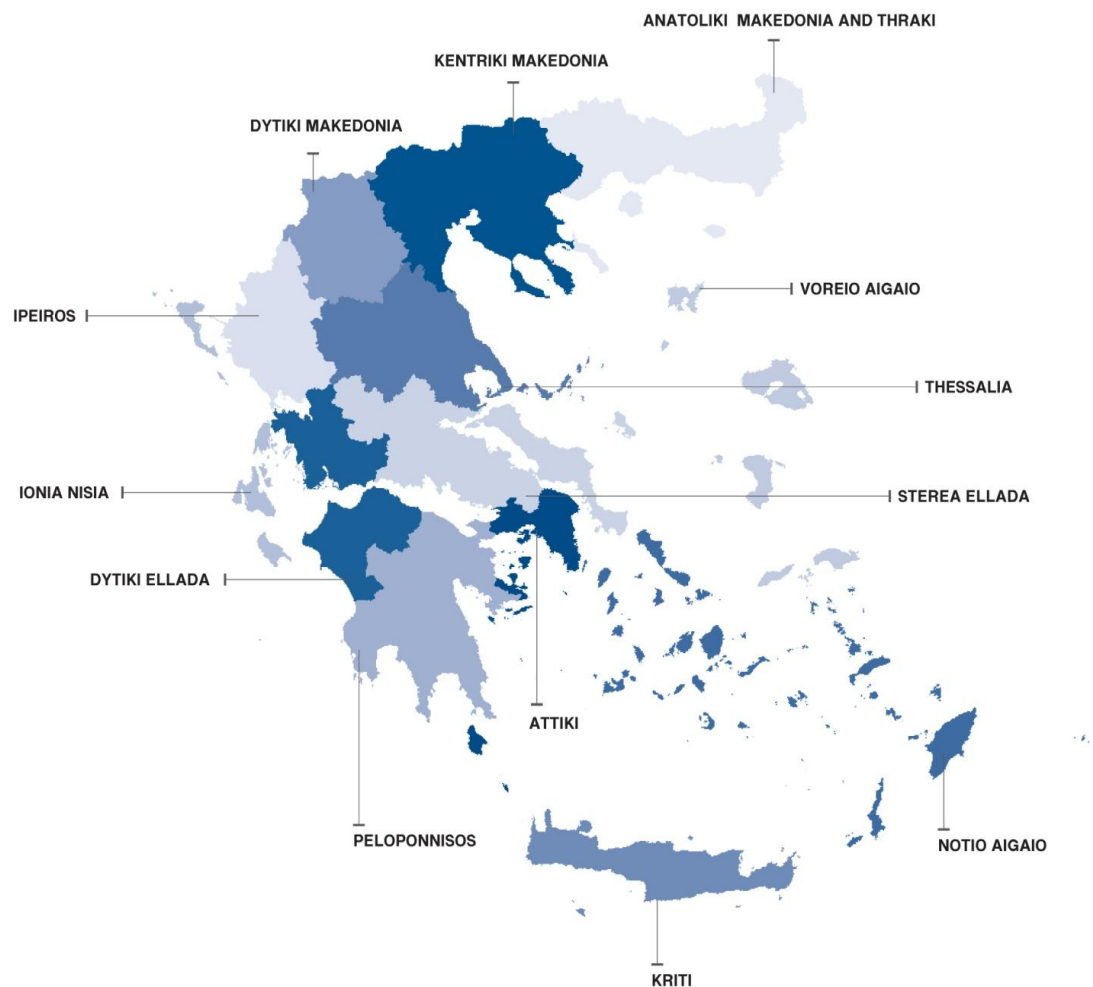
Legal Framework The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EC) No 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) No 1158/2005 and Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics, as well as Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2020/1197 laying down technical specifications and arrangements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152.

Reference Period August 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

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 area along with the outer side of the outer walls, as well as other auxiliary spaces.</p>
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.
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	<p>More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regard to the Building Activity Survey is available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT):</p> <p>http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/.</p>