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Building Activity Survey: February 2023

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data, for the month February 2023, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in February 2023 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,543. This figure corresponds to 368,611 m² of surface and 1,500,558 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 15.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 13.3% decrease in surface and a 20.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2022 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2023 amounted to 1,522. This figure corresponds to 353,421 m² of surface and 1,436,015 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2022 there is a 15.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 14.2% decrease in surface and a 21.7% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2023 amounted to 21. This figure corresponds to 15,190 m² of surface and 64,543 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 4.3% of the total building volume in February 2023.

In the last twelve months, from March 2022 until February 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 25,208. This figure corresponds to 5,567,106 m² of surface and 25,256,455 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from March 2021 until February 2022, there is a 3.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 9.9% decrease in surface and a 4.0% decrease in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from March 2022 until February 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 3.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 10.7% decrease in surface and a 4.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from March 2021 to February 2022 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.5% of the total building volume.

During the period January - February 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 1.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 0.8% increase in surface and a 3.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2022 (Table 5). During the same period, January - February 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 1.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 0.3% increase in surface and a 3.0% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - February 2022 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	92	79	-14.1	15,039	26,763	78.0	64,192	113,587	76.9
Kentriki Makedonia	245	246	0.4	67,041	60,634	-9.6	336,217	310,540	-7.6
Dytiki Makedonia	23	17	-26.1	2,427	2,028	-16.4	10,618	7,283	-31.4
Thessalia	117	67	-42.7	43,461	11,198	-74.2	212,415	57,446	-73.0
Ipeiros	45	38	-15.6	6,199	14,138	128.1	21,408	61,588	187.7
Ionia Nisia	110	102	-7.3	16,639	20,827	25.2	56,619	70,136	23.9
Dytiki Ellada	96	99	3.1	11,434	13,161	15.1	41,753	53,690	28.6
Stereia Ellada	88	86	-2.3	21,398	13,787	-35.6	153,370	66,453	-56.7
Peloponnisos	124	118	-4.8	26,693	19,472	-27.1	101,528	79,592	-21.6
Attiki	472	344	-27.1	136,067	127,142	-6.6	584,100	469,460	-19.6
Voreio Aigaio	56	32	-42.9	7,686	4,315	-43.9	27,402	17,293	-36.9
Notio Aigaio	190	188	-1.1	26,786	27,240	1.7	87,151	89,114	2.3
Kriti	164	127	-22.6	44,219	27,906	-36.9	189,787	104,376	-45.0
Greece, Total	1,822	1,543	-15.3	425,089	368,611	-13.3	1,886,560	1,500,558	-20.5

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 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), February 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	90	76	-15.6	15,039	24,887	65.5	64,192	108,143	68.5
Kentriki Makedonia	244	243	-0.4	67,041	59,394	-11.4	336,217	306,405	-8.9
Dytiki Makedonia	21	17	-19.0	2,427	2,028	-16.4	10,618	7,283	-31.4
Thessalia	117	65	-44.4	43,461	10,827	-75.1	212,415	54,737	-74.2
Ipeiros	44	38	-13.6	6,199	14,138	128.1	21,408	61,588	187.7
Ionia Nisia	110	100	-9.1	16,639	20,827	25.2	56,619	70,136	23.9
Dytiki Ellada	96	98	2.1	11,434	13,161	15.1	41,753	53,690	28.6
Stereia Ellada	88	84	-4.5	21,398	13,787	-35.6	153,370	66,453	-56.7
Peloponnisos	124	117	-5.6	26,693	14,917	-44.1	101,528	56,775	-44.1
Attiki	466	338	-27.5	131,267	119,994	-8.6	563,375	440,022	-21.9
Voreio Aigaio	56	32	-42.9	7,686	4,315	-43.9	27,402	17,293	-36.9
Notio Aigaio	190	188	-1.1	26,786	27,240	1.7	87,151	89,114	2.3
Kriti	162	126	-22.2	35,709	27,906	-21.9	158,300	104,376	-34.1
Greece, Total	1,808	1,522	-15.8	411,779	353,421	-14.2	1,834,348	1,436,015	-21.7

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2021 - February 2022 and March 2022 - February 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,326	1,280	-3.5	335,567	385,726	14.9	1,520,044	1,988,829	30.8
Kentriki Makedonia	3,308	3,474	5.0	870,277	844,892	-2.9	4,260,620	4,147,690	-2.7
Dytiki Makedonia	306	347	13.4	85,788	56,096	-34.6	395,459	280,475	-29.1
Thessalia	1,601	1,535	-4.1	408,710	327,165	-20.0	1,960,004	1,526,098	-22.1
Ipeiros	878	859	-2.2	255,799	223,896	-12.5	1,103,156	963,492	-12.7
Ionia Nisia	1,532	1,613	5.3	323,209	266,263	-17.6	1,137,282	904,658	-20.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,640	1,560	-4.9	283,948	204,594	-27.9	1,131,337	886,480	-21.6
Stereia Ellada	1,424	1,452	2.0	316,896	267,501	-15.6	1,829,999	1,572,689	-14.1
Peloponnisos	1,911	2,018	5.6	405,522	293,420	-27.6	1,910,530	1,232,221	-35.5
Attiki	5,468	5,792	5.9	1,783,171	1,690,405	-5.2	6,870,515	8,046,021	17.1
Voreio Aigaio	622	666	7.1	96,694	86,635	-10.4	371,581	306,727	-17.5
Notio Aigaio	2,233	2,586	15.8	489,516	503,625	2.9	1,632,095	1,738,900	6.5
Kriti	2,004	2,026	1.1	525,438	416,888	-20.7	2,182,780	1,662,175	-23.9
Greece, Total	24,253	25,208	3.9	6,180,535	5,567,106	-9.9	26,305,402	25,256,455	-4.0

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2021 - February 2022 and March 2022 - February 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,321	1,266	-4.2	335,557	352,330	5.0	1,520,016	1,816,542	19.5
Kentriki Makedonia	3,288	3,428	4.3	866,708	827,818	-4.5	4,243,826	4,064,410	-4.2
Dytiki Makedonia	297	341	14.8	84,995	44,316	-47.9	391,916	217,643	-44.5
Thessalia	1,592	1,523	-4.3	404,883	320,303	-20.9	1,925,614	1,476,334	-23.3
Ipeiros	872	851	-2.4	251,849	222,860	-11.5	1,078,558	959,041	-11.1
Ionia Nisia	1,532	1,602	4.6	323,209	266,263	-17.6	1,137,282	904,658	-20.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,629	1,545	-5.2	283,912	203,161	-28.4	1,130,977	878,552	-22.3
Stereia Ellada	1,413	1,435	1.6	314,596	265,199	-15.7	1,813,231	1,562,450	-13.8
Peloponnisos	1,892	2,001	5.8	372,427	287,606	-22.8	1,639,439	1,203,564	-26.6
Attiki	5,431	5,725	5.4	1,760,629	1,651,834	-6.2	6,777,908	7,886,078	16.3
Voreio Aigaio	619	655	5.8	95,750	85,772	-10.4	367,253	302,473	-17.6
Notio Aigaio	2,229	2,579	15.7	489,303	502,388	2.7	1,631,315	1,729,442	6.0
Kriti	1,982	1,998	0.8	513,792	412,661	-19.7	2,134,159	1,636,082	-23.3
Greece, Total	24,097	24,949	3.5	6,097,610	5,442,511	-10.7	25,791,494	24,637,269	-4.5

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - February 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	172	158	-8.1	26,991	46,107	70.8	103,903	225,717	117.2
Kentriki Makedonia	460	477	3.7	135,927	110,247	-18.9	653,890	548,218	-16.2
Dytiki Makedonia	40	28	-30.0	3,749	2,883	-23.1	16,215	11,364	-29.9
Thessalia	215	183	-14.9	65,249	40,110	-38.5	294,707	187,762	-36.3
Ipeiros	86	98	14.0	11,003	25,884	135.2	38,005	101,884	168.1
Ionia Nisia	212	249	17.5	34,387	40,871	18.9	120,504	139,539	15.8
Dytiki Ellada	180	199	10.6	26,559	31,665	19.2	98,701	150,338	52.3
Stereia Ellada	161	195	21.1	28,680	44,087	53.7	184,108	295,727	60.6
Peloponnisos	252	263	4.4	49,320	42,924	-13.0	205,290	174,389	-15.1
Attiki	840	765	-8.9	234,074	245,736	5.0	987,064	1,027,643	4.1
Voreio Aigaio	98	92	-6.1	15,706	11,266	-28.3	56,817	42,672	-24.9
Notio Aigaio	349	401	14.9	56,633	65,487	15.6	189,400	228,170	20.5
Kriti	279	279	0.0	72,965	60,184	-17.5	301,654	233,801	-22.5
Greece, Total	3,344	3,387	1.3	761,243	767,451	0.8	3,250,258	3,367,224	3.6

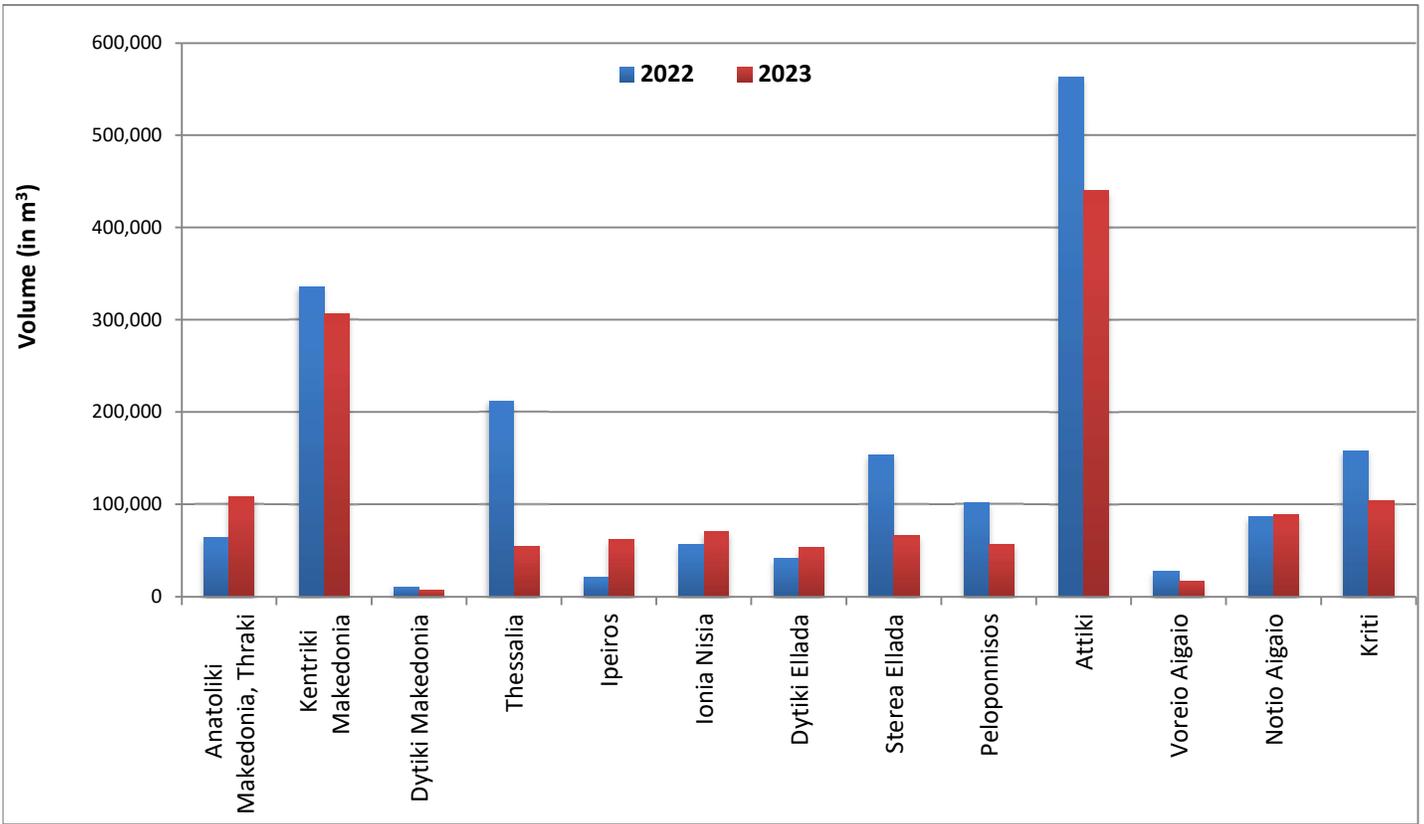
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - February 2022 and 2023

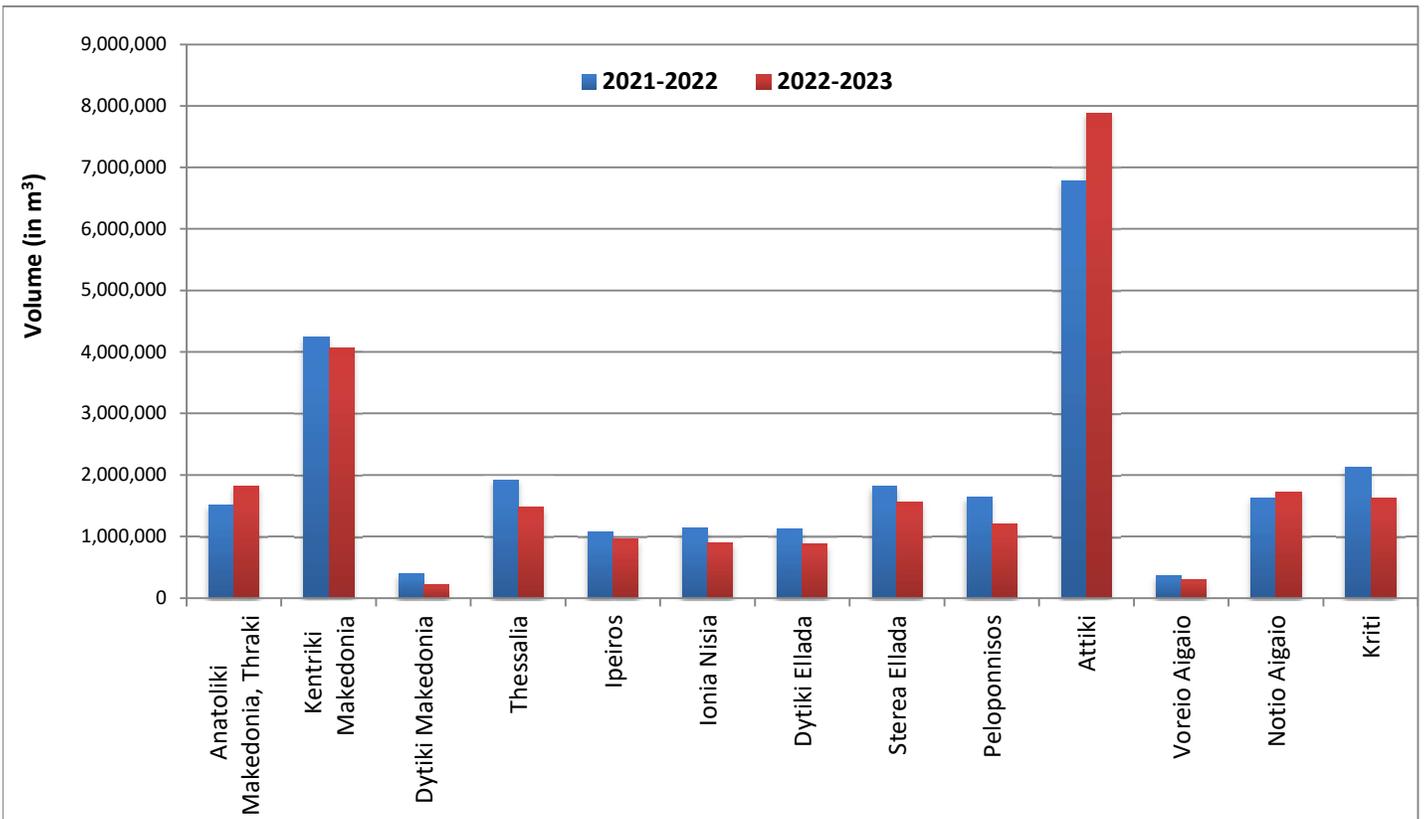
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	169	155	-8.3	26,991	44,231	63.9	103,903	220,273	112.0
Kentriki Makedonia	453	469	3.5	133,448	103,310	-22.6	641,057	516,104	-19.5
Dytiki Makedonia	38	28	-26.3	3,749	2,883	-23.1	16,215	11,364	-29.9
Thessalia	215	180	-16.3	65,249	39,739	-39.1	294,707	185,053	-37.2
Ipeiros	85	98	15.3	11,003	25,884	135.2	38,005	101,884	168.1
Ionia Nisia	212	247	16.5	34,387	40,871	18.9	120,504	139,539	15.8
Dytiki Ellada	178	195	9.6	26,559	30,436	14.6	98,701	143,067	44.9
Stereia Ellada	160	193	20.6	28,680	44,087	53.7	184,108	295,727	60.6
Peloponnisos	251	261	4.0	49,320	38,369	-22.2	205,290	151,572	-26.2
Attiki	831	755	-9.1	226,386	238,034	5.1	952,627	995,814	4.5
Voreio Aigaio	98	90	-8.2	15,706	11,266	-28.3	56,817	42,672	-24.9
Notio Aigaio	349	401	14.9	56,633	65,487	15.6	189,400	228,170	20.5
Kriti	273	276	1.1	64,175	60,184	-6.2	269,282	233,801	-13.2
Greece, Total	3,312	3,348	1.1	742,286	744,781	0.3	3,170,616	3,265,040	3.0

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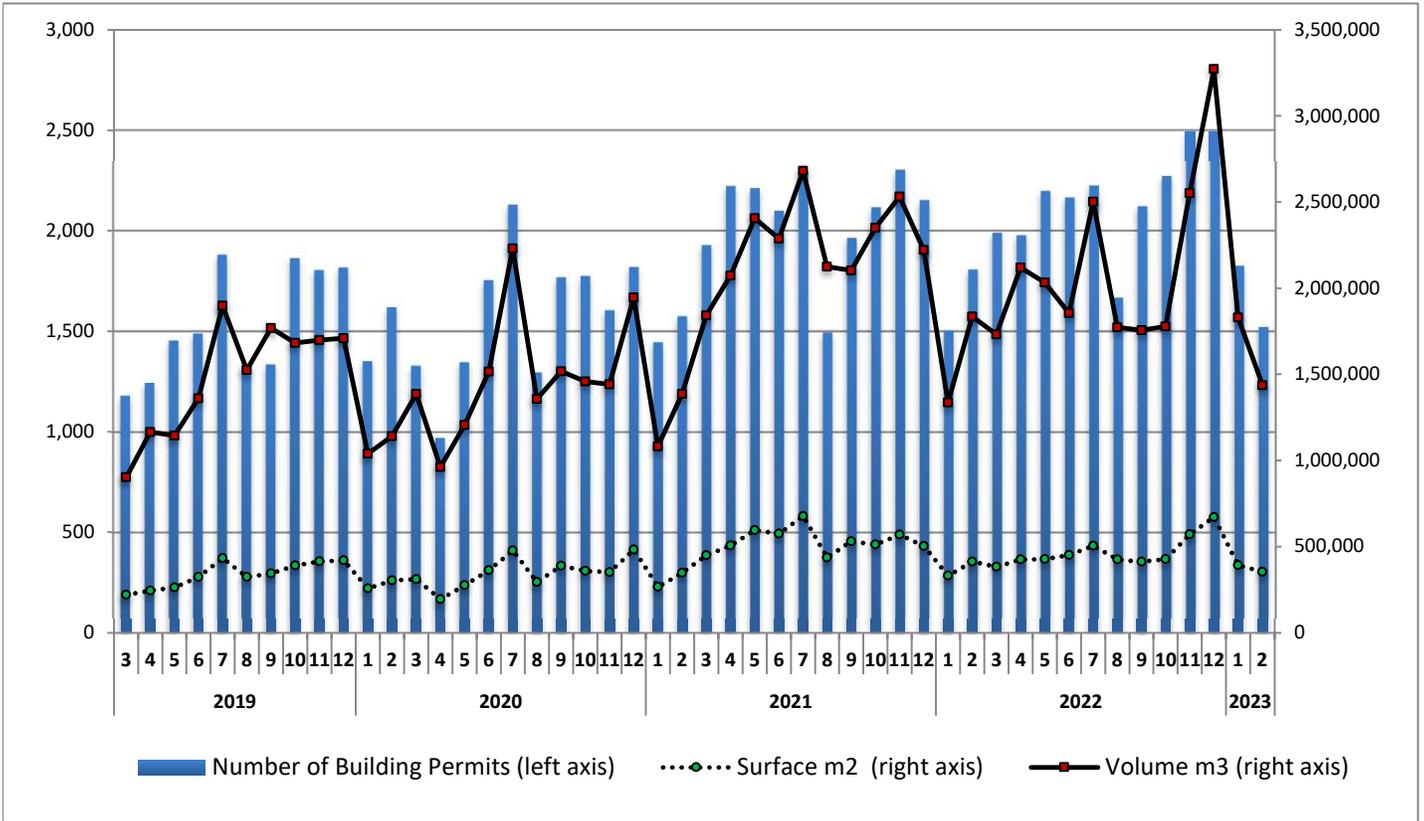
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), February 2022 and 2023



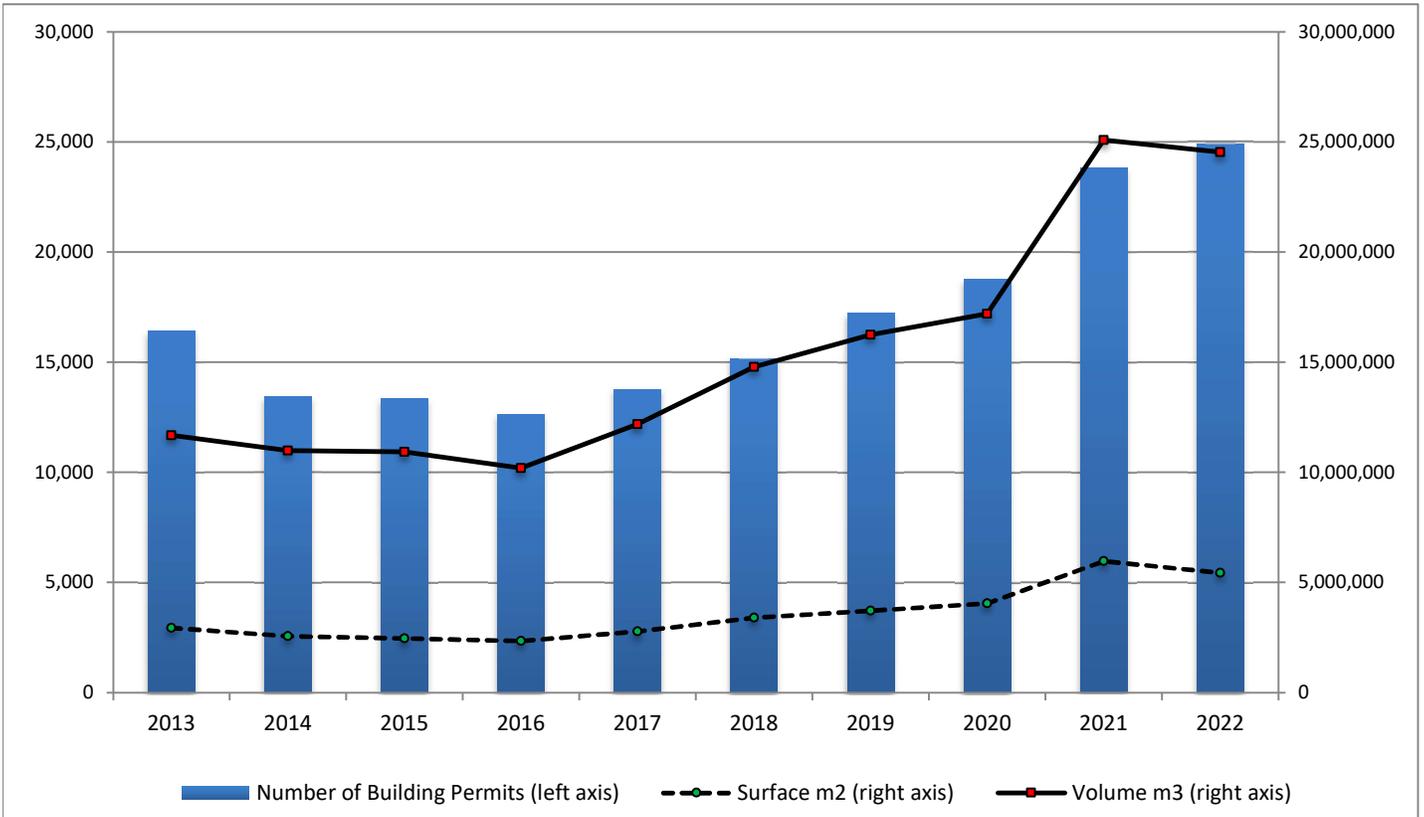
Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2021 - February 2022 and March 2022 - February 2023



Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (March 2019 – February 2023)



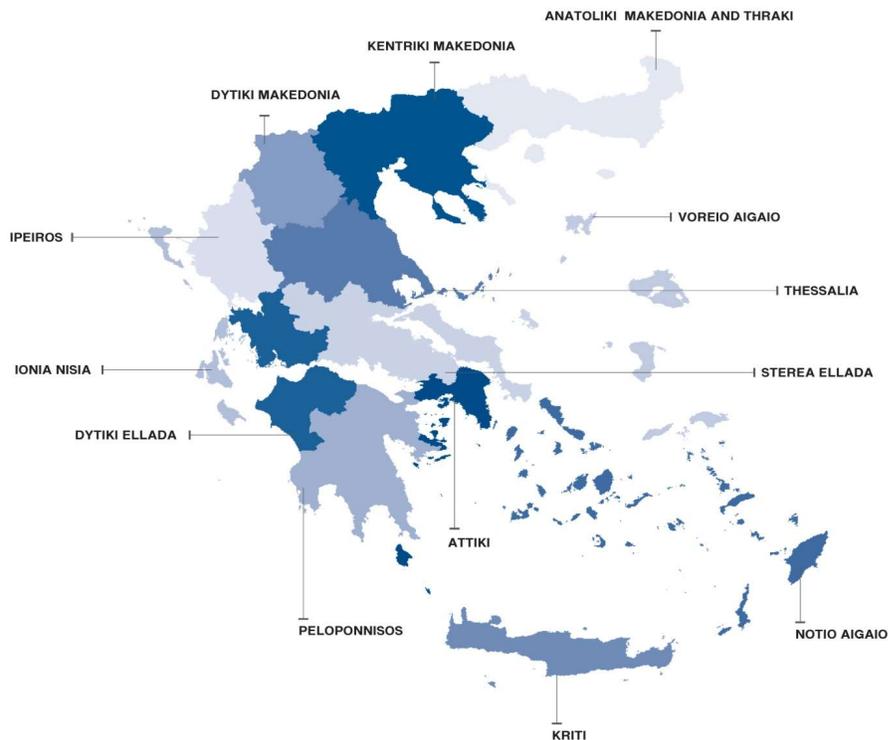
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2013 – 2022)



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 (EC) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) 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 specifications and arrangements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152.
Reference Period	February 1, 2023 to February 28, 2023.
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 space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
General Remark	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
References	More information (tables, 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/