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Building Activity Survey: October 2023

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

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in October 2023 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,494. This figure corresponds to 572,762 m² of surface and 2,527,567 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, an 8.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 32.7% increase in surface and a 40.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2022 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2023 amounted to 2,474. This figure corresponds to 555,820 m² of surface and 2,450,345 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2022 there is an 8.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 30.0% increase in surface and a 37.8% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2023 amounted to 20. This figure corresponds to 16,942 m² of surface and 77,222 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 3.1% of the total building volume in October 2023.

In the last twelve months, from November 2022 until October 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 26,977. This figure corresponds to 6,232,878 m² of surface and 28,905,945 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from November 2021 until October 2022, there is a 9.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 15.7% increase in surface and a 20.4% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from November 2022 until October 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.6% increase in surface and a 20.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from November 2021 to October 2022 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.4% of the total building volume.

During the period January - October 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 9.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.6% increase in surface and a 19.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2022 (Table 5). During the same period, January - October 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 15.5% increase in surface and a 19,6% increase in volume, in comparison with the period January - October 2022 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	97	121	24.7	23,143	26,909	16.3	120,170	90,178	-25.0
Kentriki Makedonia	361	368	1.9	66,592	94,618	42.1	298,429	488,097	63.6
Dytiki Makedonia	27	28	3.7	4,105	13,579	230.8	24,957	75,252	201.5
Thessalia	111	151	36.0	22,892	38,419	67.8	92,921	189,292	103.7
Ipeiros	70	75	7.1	24,597	10,155	-58.7	111,410	40,117	-64.0
Ionia Nisia	147	180	22.4	31,579	35,280	11.7	112,693	121,666	8.0
Dytiki Ellada	115	133	15.7	16,784	29,983	78.6	72,788	141,870	94.9
Stereia Ellada	123	129	4.9	28,472	24,254	-14.8	145,264	114,164	-21.4
Peloponnisos	170	177	4.1	27,602	29,017	5.1	125,112	116,806	-6.6
Attiki	556	586	5.4	103,579	166,457	60.7	396,982	747,185	88.2
Voreio Aigaio	76	64	-15.8	7,211	5,659	-21.5	25,304	20,127	-20.5
Notio Aigaio	223	272	22.0	36,044	44,211	22.7	121,294	160,176	32.1
Kriti	219	210	-4.1	39,137	54,221	38.5	150,064	222,637	48.4
Greece, Total	2,295	2,494	8.7	431,737	572,762	32.7	1,797,388	2,527,567	40.6

It should be noted that the increase or decrease in the number of the issued building permits does not imply, necessity, 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), October 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	96	119	24.0	22,941	26,909	17.3	119,361	90,178	-24.4
Kentriki Makedonia	355	363	2.3	65,239	90,972	39.4	291,581	472,645	62.1
Dytiki Makedonia	27	27	0.0	4,105	13,579	230.8	24,957	75,252	201.5
Thessalia	110	151	37.3	21,781	38,419	76.4	88,538	189,292	113.8
Ipeiros	70	74	5.7	24,597	9,968	-59.5	111,410	39,170	-64.8
Ionia Nisia	147	179	21.8	31,579	35,280	11.7	112,693	121,666	8.0
Dytiki Ellada	114	131	14.9	16,784	23,630	40.8	72,788	120,554	65.6
Stereia Ellada	122	129	5.7	28,472	24,254	-14.8	145,264	114,164	-21.4
Peloponnisos	169	174	3.0	27,153	28,656	5.5	122,712	114,849	-6.4
Attiki	548	585	6.8	102,726	166,457	62.0	393,663	747,185	89.8
Voreio Aigaio	72	64	-11.1	6,878	5,659	-17.7	24,289	20,127	-17.1
Notio Aigaio	223	270	21.1	36,044	43,928	21.9	121,294	158,282	30.5
Kriti	219	208	-5.0	39,137	48,109	22.9	150,064	186,981	24.6
Greece, Total	2,272	2,474	8.9	427,436	555,820	30.0	1,778,614	2,450,345	37.8

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,276	1,346	5.5	368,028	319,265	-13.2	1,893,014	1,511,474	-20.2
Kentriki Makedonia	3,407	3,704	8.7	820,245	1,013,738	23.6	3,948,887	5,377,927	36.2
Dytiki Makedonia	342	334	-2.3	59,510	76,193	28.0	293,632	435,445	48.3
Thessalia	1,529	1,616	5.7	354,517	356,864	0.7	1,611,725	1,794,858	11.4
Ipeiros	840	910	8.3	205,606	236,122	14.8	881,741	1,014,561	15.1
Ionia Nisia	1,492	1,920	28.7	240,913	347,836	44.4	813,194	1,211,445	49.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,486	1,595	7.3	195,797	261,083	33.3	800,350	1,227,552	53.4
Stereia Ellada	1,354	1,579	16.6	243,903	254,513	4.4	1,367,065	1,406,767	2.9
Peloponnisos	1,979	2,062	4.2	292,981	375,950	28.3	1,230,489	1,697,042	37.9
Attiki	5,808	6,066	4.4	1,608,599	1,886,862	17.3	7,412,718	8,997,596	21.4
Voreio Aigaio	647	720	11.3	85,450	79,812	-6.6	297,832	304,037	2.1
Notio Aigaio	2,460	2,760	12.2	456,428	522,809	14.5	1,555,853	1,907,930	22.6
Kriti	1,988	2,365	19.0	453,828	501,831	10.6	1,902,117	2,019,311	6.2
Greece, Total	24,608	26,977	9.6	5,385,805	6,232,878	15.7	24,008,617	28,905,945	20.4

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,263	1,331	5.4	336,508	316,500	-5.9	1,726,171	1,501,389	-13.0
Kentriki Makedonia	3,367	3,663	8.8	807,645	990,199	22.6	3,887,318	5,267,054	35.5
Dytiki Makedonia	333	323	-3.0	52,714	71,176	35.0	262,086	403,952	54.1
Thessalia	1,523	1,598	4.9	352,505	349,100	-1.0	1,602,980	1,737,481	8.4
Ipeiros	831	898	8.1	204,584	218,929	7.0	877,477	949,149	8.2
Ionia Nisia	1,483	1,914	29.1	240,913	347,156	44.1	813,194	1,208,117	48.6
Dytiki Ellada	1,473	1,577	7.1	195,557	251,943	28.8	799,333	1,193,023	49.3
Stereia Ellada	1,344	1,558	15.9	243,256	249,927	2.7	1,363,868	1,389,487	1.9
Peloponnisos	1,960	2,048	4.5	290,109	344,126	18.6	1,219,712	1,520,306	24.6
Attiki	5,747	6,002	4.4	1,565,260	1,862,619	19.0	7,234,718	8,893,516	22.9
Voreio Aigaio	639	711	11.3	84,229	79,191	-6.0	292,870	300,450	2.6
Notio Aigaio	2,457	2,750	11.9	456,428	520,474	14.0	1,555,853	1,892,768	21.7
Kriti	1,961	2,345	19.6	439,693	489,870	11.4	1,835,881	1,952,684	6.4
Greece, Total	24,381	26,718	9.6	5,269,401	6,091,210	15.6	23,471,461	28,209,376	20.2

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-October		Change (%)	January-October		Change (%)	January-October		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,039	1,091	5.0	307,878	260,533	-15.4	1,584,071	1,228,530	-22.4
Kentriki Makedonia	2,779	3,026	8.9	648,483	791,649	22.1	3,050,373	4,174,938	36.9
Dytiki Makedonia	288	263	-8.7	42,057	61,288	45.7	197,689	347,808	75.9
Thessalia	1,246	1,295	3.9	278,017	282,577	1.6	1,241,703	1,403,518	13.0
Ipeiros	698	761	9.0	167,776	194,883	16.2	728,949	843,897	15.8
Ionia Nisia	1,216	1,560	28.3	185,934	273,991	47.4	628,599	954,421	51.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,199	1,253	4.5	149,300	210,895	41.3	595,319	988,028	66.0
Stereia Ellada	1,116	1,277	14.4	203,463	205,882	1.2	1,195,212	1,140,909	-4.5
Peloponnisos	1,642	1,697	3.3	245,757	321,891	31.0	1,041,971	1,475,891	41.6
Attiki	4,730	4,929	4.2	1,299,759	1,507,878	16.0	6,154,923	7,147,077	16.1
Voreio Aigaio	543	591	8.8	66,340	55,077	-17.0	227,623	210,788	-7.4
Notio Aigaio	2,011	2,237	11.2	378,038	406,076	7.4	1,289,493	1,497,293	16.1
Kriti	1,621	1,960	20.9	327,844	400,006	22.0	1,271,256	1,560,539	22.8
Greece, Total	20,128	21,940	9.0	4,300,646	4,972,626	15.6	19,207,181	22,973,637	19.6

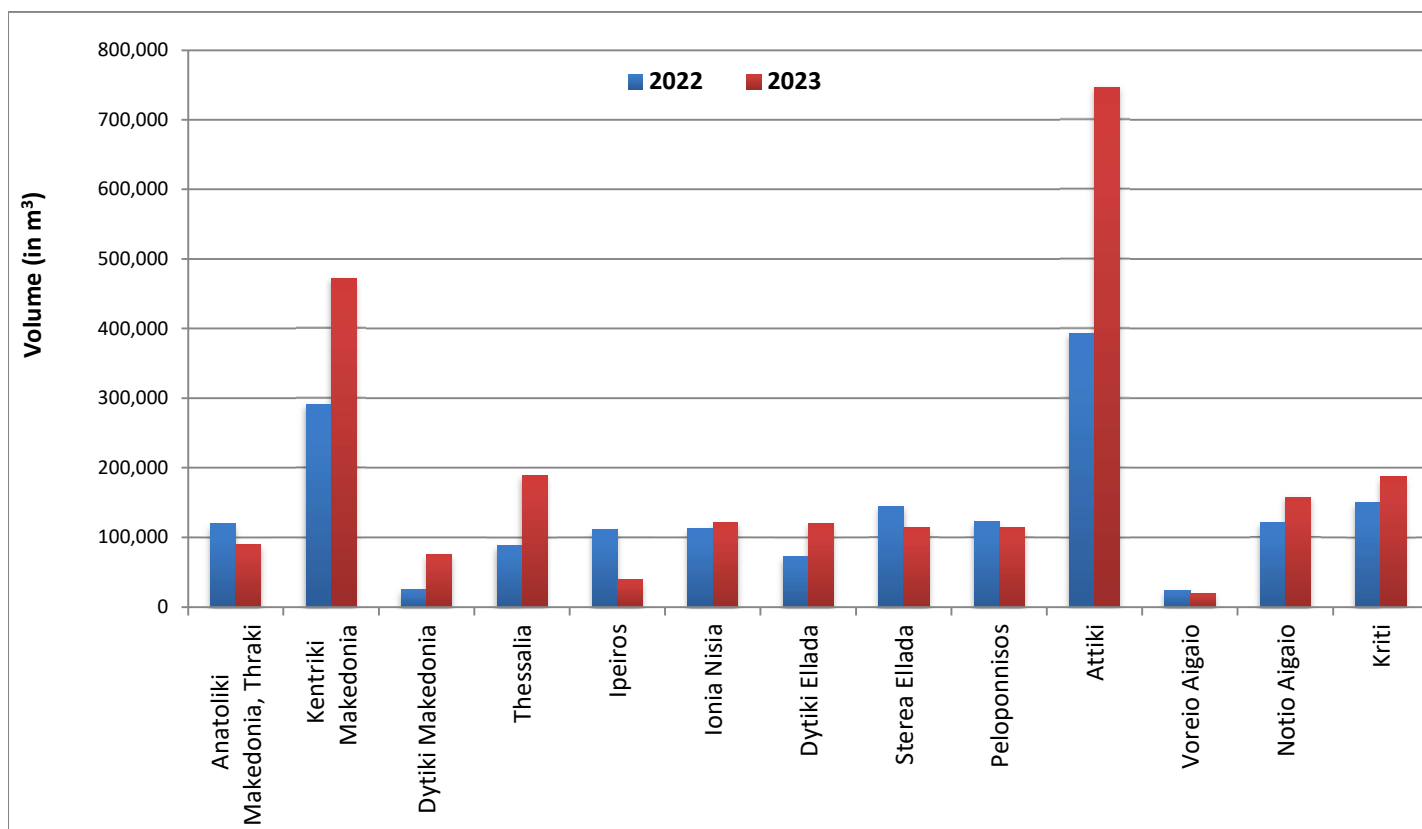
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - October 2022 and 2023

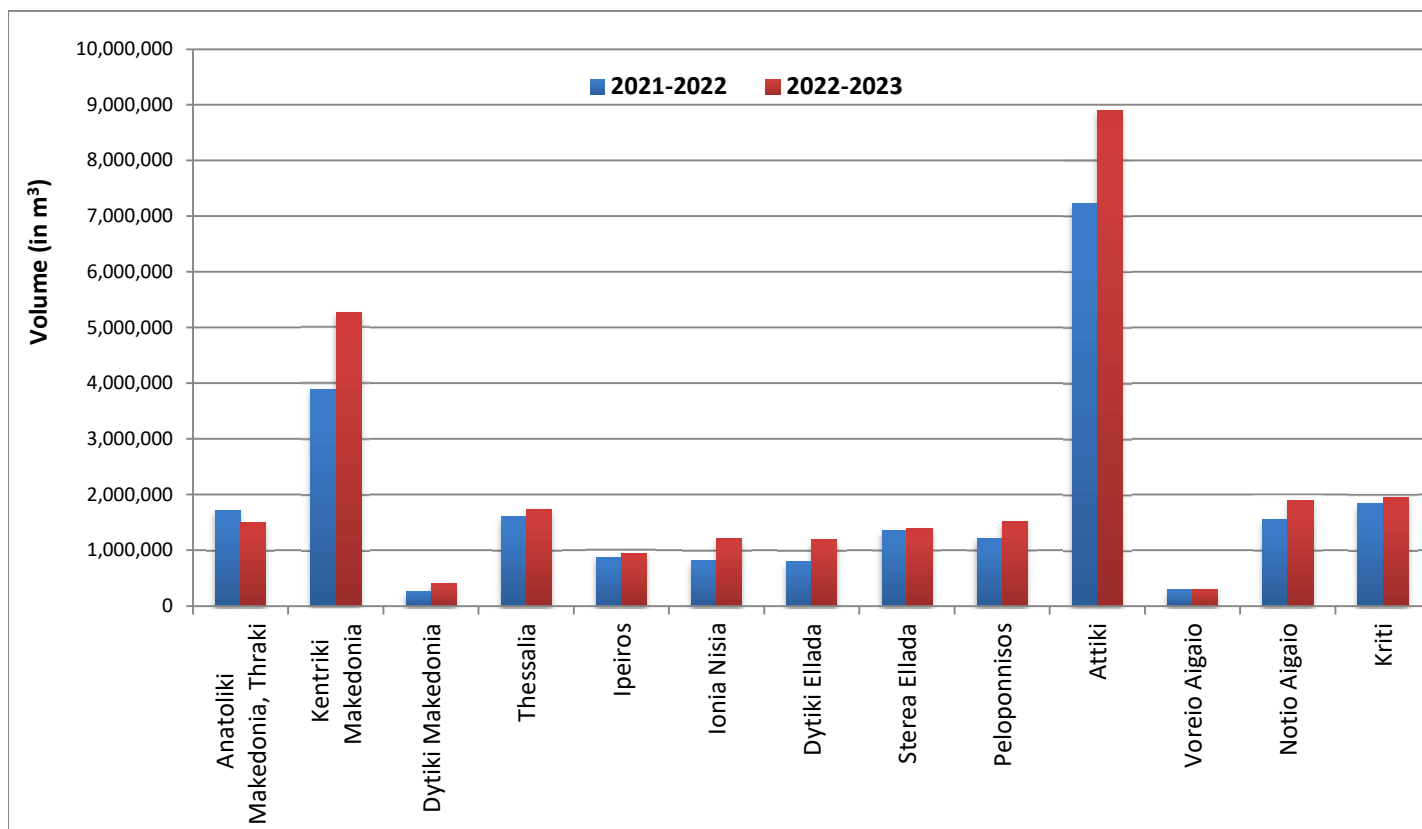
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-October		Change (%)	January-October		Change (%)	January-October		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,026	1,077	5.0	276,358	257,768	-6.7	1,417,228	1,218,445	-14.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,742	2,993	9.2	636,507	768,750	20.8	2,991,194	4,068,885	36.0
Dytiki Makedonia	281	253	-10.0	35,279	61,273	73.7	166,224	347,682	109.2
Thessalia	1,240	1,280	3.2	276,005	279,292	1.2	1,232,958	1,384,451	12.3
Ipeiros	690	750	8.7	166,958	177,908	6.6	725,215	779,202	7.4
Ionia Nisia	1,207	1,554	28.7	185,934	273,311	47.0	628,599	951,093	51.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,188	1,237	4.1	149,096	201,755	35.3	594,662	953,499	60.3
Stereia Ellada	1,107	1,263	14.1	202,816	202,951	0.1	1,192,015	1,130,671	-5.1
Peloponnisos	1,626	1,683	3.5	244,498	290,067	18.6	1,036,131	1,299,155	25.4
Attiki	4,677	4,878	4.3	1,263,924	1,486,357	17.6	6,003,179	7,053,804	17.5
Voreio Aigaio	536	584	9.0	66,007	54,986	-16.7	226,608	210,440	-7.1
Notio Aigaio	2,008	2,231	11.1	378,038	404,978	7.1	1,289,493	1,491,589	15.7
Kriti	1,598	1,948	21.9	315,334	388,552	23.2	1,215,473	1,496,594	23.1
Greece, Total	19,926	21,731	9.1	4,196,754	4,847,948	15.5	18,718,979	22,385,510	19.6

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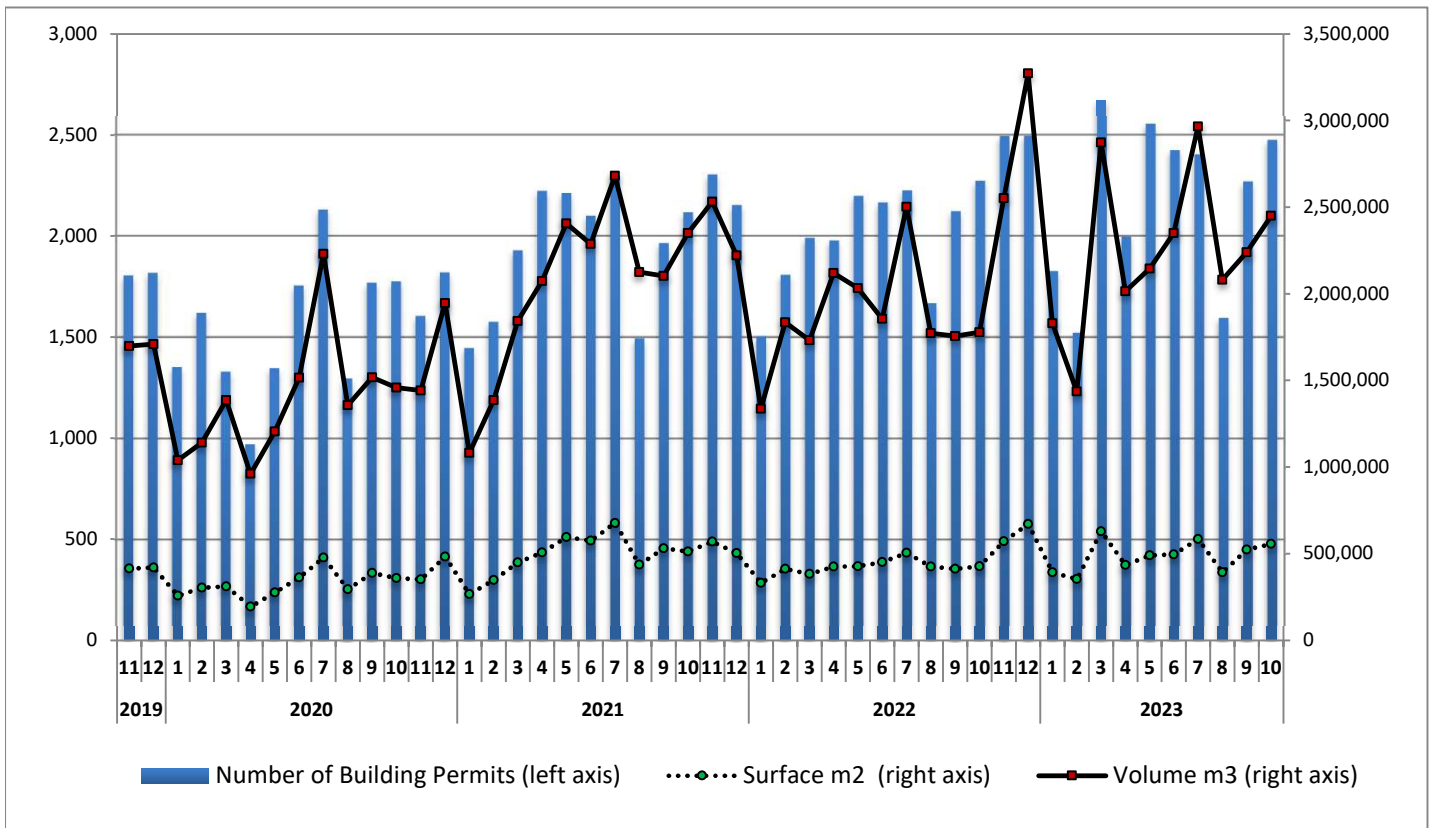
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), October 2022 and 2023



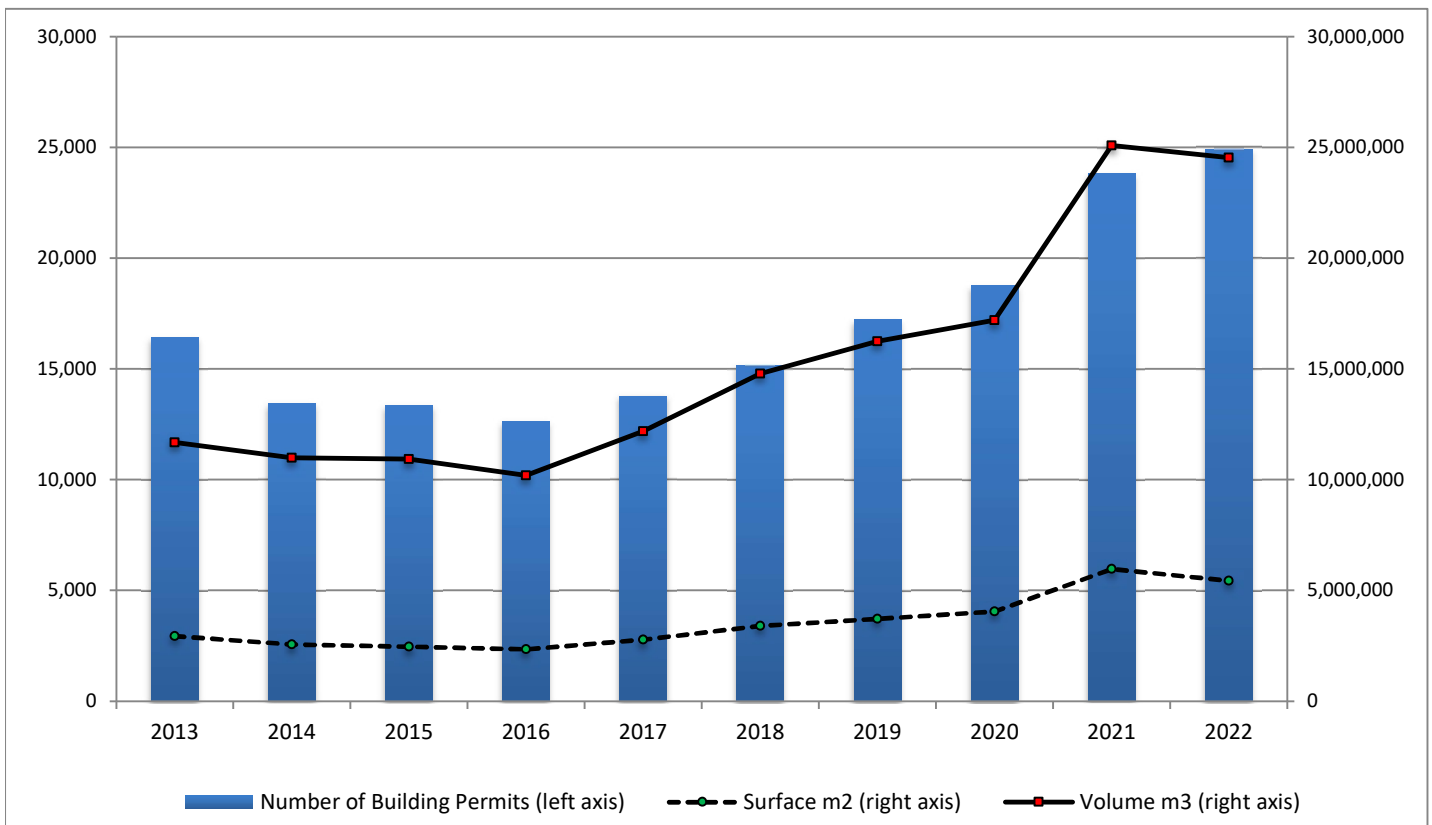
Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), November 2021 - October 2022 and November 2022 - October 2023



Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (November 2019 – October 2023)



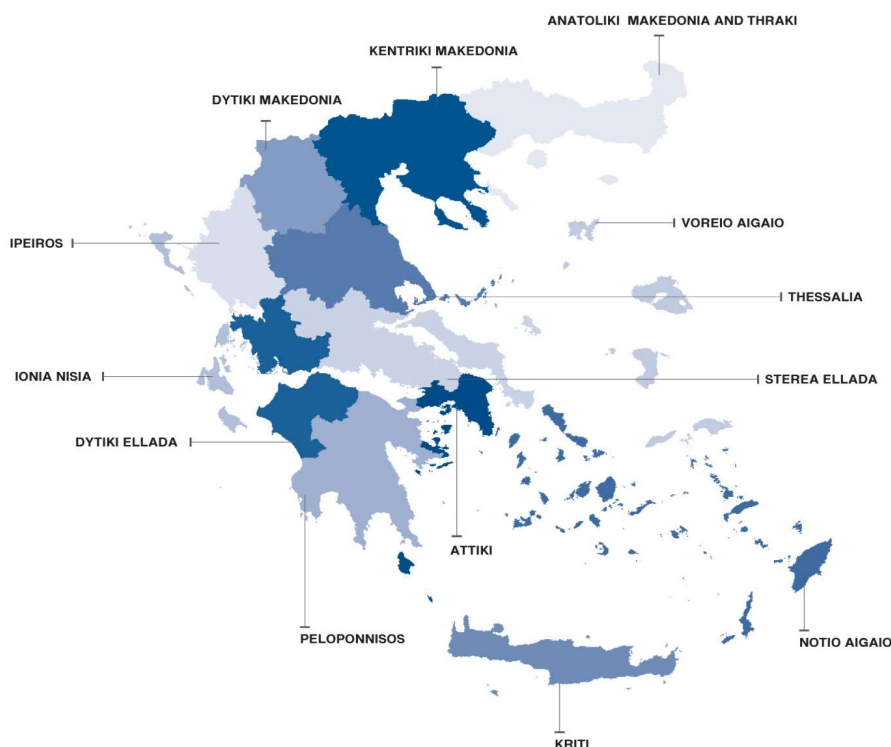
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2013 – 2022)



EXPLANATORY NOTES

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	October 1, 2023 to October 31, 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/-