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## **Building Activity Survey: May 2023**

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

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in May 2023 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,570. This figure corresponds to 494,482 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,171,565 m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 15.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 7.5% increase in surface and a 1.6% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2022 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2023 amounted to 2,554. This figure corresponds to 490,694 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,144,991 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2022 there is a 16.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 15.0% increase in surface and a 5.5% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2023 amounted to 16. This figure corresponds to 3,788 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 26,574 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 1.2% of the total building volume in May 2023.

In the last twelve months, from June 2022 until May 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 26,260. This figure corresponds to 5,886,402 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 26,383,975 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from June 2021 until May 2022, there is a 9.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 0.4% increase in surface and a 2.4% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from June 2022 until May 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 0.3% decrease in surface and a 1.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2021 to May 2022 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.3% of the total building volume.

During the period January - May 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded an 11.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.0% increase in surface and a 13.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2022 (Table 5). During the same period, January - May 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 11.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.3% increase in surface and a 13.7% increase in volume, in comparison with the period from January - May 2022 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	141	138	-2.1	80,298	26,162	-67.4	506,079	102,692	-79.7
Kentriki Makedonia	288	357	24.0	76,721	92,957	21.2	383,294	504,681	31.7
Dytiki Makedonia	41	35	-14.6	6,196	4,649	-25.0	29,418	20,984	-28.7
Thessalia	145	171	17.9	35,285	34,456	-2.3	191,467	154,126	-19.5
Ipeiros	83	86	3.6	14,367	13,067	-9.0	47,634	52,887	11.0
Ionia Nisia	124	189	52.4	15,194	34,437	126.6	49,818	112,402	125.6
Dytiki Ellada	124	145	16.9	11,802	16,642	41.0	43,573	66,987	53.7
Stereia Ellada	137	150	9.5	32,928	19,440	-41.0	244,462	92,068	-62.3
Peloponnisos	184	195	6.0	26,119	39,021	49.4	102,555	179,009	74.5
Attiki	533	548	2.8	91,779	133,316	45.3	356,167	592,401	66.3
Voreio Aigaio	45	75	66.7	4,894	4,959	1.3	16,501	16,813	1.9
Notio Aigaio	209	226	8.1	32,983	28,647	-13.1	113,971	102,944	-9.7
Kriti	166	255	53.6	31,300	46,729	49.3	121,929	173,571	42.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2,220</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>459,866</b>	<b>494,482</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>2,206,868</b>	<b>2,171,565</b>	<b>-1.6</b>

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**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2022 and 2023**

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	139	136	-2.2	54,813	26,162	-52.3	377,248	102,692	-72.8
Kentriki Makedonia	282	356	26.2	72,377	92,957	28.4	361,326	504,681	39.7
Dytiki Makedonia	40	34	-15.0	6,196	4,649	-25.0	29,418	20,984	-28.7
Thessalia	144	170	18.1	34,728	34,456	-0.8	188,729	154,126	-18.3
Ipeiros	81	86	6.2	14,111	13,067	-7.4	46,029	52,887	14.9
Ionia Nisia	124	189	52.4	15,194	34,437	126.6	49,818	112,402	125.6
Dytiki Ellada	122	144	18.0	11,802	15,998	35.6	43,573	64,576	48.2
Stereia Ellada	136	149	9.6	32,928	19,364	-41.2	244,462	91,777	-62.5
Peloponnisos	184	193	4.9	26,119	36,198	38.6	102,555	156,117	52.2
Attiki	529	545	3.0	91,779	133,316	45.3	356,167	592,401	66.3
Voreio Aigaio	45	74	64.4	4,894	4,959	1.3	16,501	16,813	1.9
Notio Aigaio	208	224	7.7	32,983	28,402	-13.9	113,971	101,964	-10.5
Kriti	163	254	55.8	28,808	46,729	62.2	103,683	173,571	67.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2,197</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>426,732</b>	<b>490,694</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>2,033,480</b>	<b>2,144,991</b>	<b>5.5</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2021 - May 2022 and June 2022 - May 2023**

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,321	1,271	-3.8	363,605	341,588	-6.1	1,841,800	1,682,806	-8.6
Kentriki Makedonia	3,280	3,649	11.3	888,643	936,571	5.4	4,413,220	4,781,788	8.4
Dytiki Makedonia	326	337	3.4	74,726	55,692	-25.5	360,473	273,671	-24.1
Thessalia	1,604	1,583	-1.3	412,947	338,520	-18.0	2,027,988	1,569,634	-22.6
Ipeiros	854	892	4.4	205,890	256,397	24.5	883,524	1,106,469	25.2
Ionia Nisia	1,498	1,715	14.5	269,180	308,616	14.7	934,195	1,048,746	12.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,537	1,575	2.5	242,814	226,115	-6.9	984,162	996,467	1.3
Stereia Ellada	1,391	1,528	9.8	317,066	251,310	-20.7	1,958,615	1,367,469	-30.2
Peloponnisos	1,909	2,071	8.5	340,909	317,325	-6.9	1,518,616	1,357,156	-10.6
Attiki	5,501	6,007	9.2	1,678,969	1,747,649	4.1	6,790,523	8,067,533	18.8
Voreio Aigaio	600	727	21.2	87,230	87,694	0.5	316,622	312,750	-1.2
Notio Aigaio	2,320	2,692	16.0	496,918	546,286	9.9	1,672,627	1,923,763	15.0
Kriti	1,914	2,213	15.6	485,409	472,639	-2.6	2,073,542	1,895,723	-8.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>24,055</b>	<b>26,260</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>5,864,306</b>	<b>5,886,402</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>25,775,907</b>	<b>26,383,975</b>	<b>2.4</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2021 - May 2022 and June 2022 - May 2023**

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,312	1,256	-4.3	338,060	332,838	-1.5	1,712,741	1,634,909	-4.5
Kentriki Makedonia	3,253	3,607	10.9	879,970	913,823	3.8	4,370,978	4,675,737	7.0
Dytiki Makedonia	316	331	4.7	73,255	44,962	-38.6	354,664	214,655	-39.5
Thessalia	1,600	1,569	-1.9	409,843	332,215	-18.9	1,995,935	1,522,608	-23.7
Ipeiros	847	886	4.6	204,017	240,456	17.9	872,052	1,045,677	19.9
Ionia Nisia	1,495	1,707	14.2	269,180	308,616	14.7	934,195	1,048,746	12.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,529	1,559	2.0	242,778	223,480	-7.9	983,802	984,050	0.0
Stereia Ellada	1,382	1,510	9.3	314,945	246,607	-21.7	1,942,536	1,349,671	-30.5
Peloponnisos	1,894	2,053	8.4	334,182	309,024	-7.5	1,486,741	1,306,956	-12.1
Attiki	5,464	5,941	8.7	1,658,331	1,708,481	3.0	6,706,236	7,904,245	17.9
Voreio Aigaio	598	715	19.6	86,286	86,831	0.6	312,294	308,496	-1.2
Notio Aigaio	2,318	2,684	15.8	496,918	544,804	9.6	1,672,627	1,913,325	14.4
Kriti	1,892	2,187	15.6	471,928	469,456	-0.5	2,010,572	1,876,611	-6.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>23,900</b>	<b>26,005</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>5,779,693</b>	<b>5,761,593</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>25,355,373</b>	<b>25,785,686</b>	<b>1.7</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	539	516	-4.3	164,467	139,445	-15.2	904,144	719,935	-20.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,276	1,468	15.0	340,583	406,582	19.4	1,679,622	2,208,048	31.5
Dytiki Makedonia	138	116	-15.9	18,430	17,160	-6.9	85,361	73,706	-13.7
Thessalia	622	638	2.6	148,593	134,809	-9.3	702,929	639,520	-9.0
Ipeiros	317	362	14.2	57,621	105,003	82.2	240,660	447,516	86.0
Ionia Nisia	594	733	23.4	84,123	132,960	58.1	285,043	448,166	57.2
Dytiki Ellada	560	594	6.1	72,162	98,789	36.9	295,739	457,363	54.7
Stereia Ellada	514	624	21.4	101,335	100,551	-0.8	676,183	582,582	-13.8
Peloponnisos	771	835	8.3	134,254	151,763	13.0	595,161	689,195	15.8
Attiki	2,282	2,422	6.1	562,756	631,662	12.2	2,592,805	2,654,896	2.4
Voreio Aigaio	245	300	22.4	34,552	31,171	-9.8	121,204	113,082	-6.7
Notio Aigaio	975	1,133	16.2	165,149	216,664	31.2	568,409	792,042	39.3
Kriti	730	917	25.6	148,750	191,720	28.9	581,899	747,594	28.5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>9,563</b>	<b>10,658</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>2,032,775</b>	<b>2,358,279</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>9,329,159</b>	<b>10,573,645</b>	<b>13.3</b>

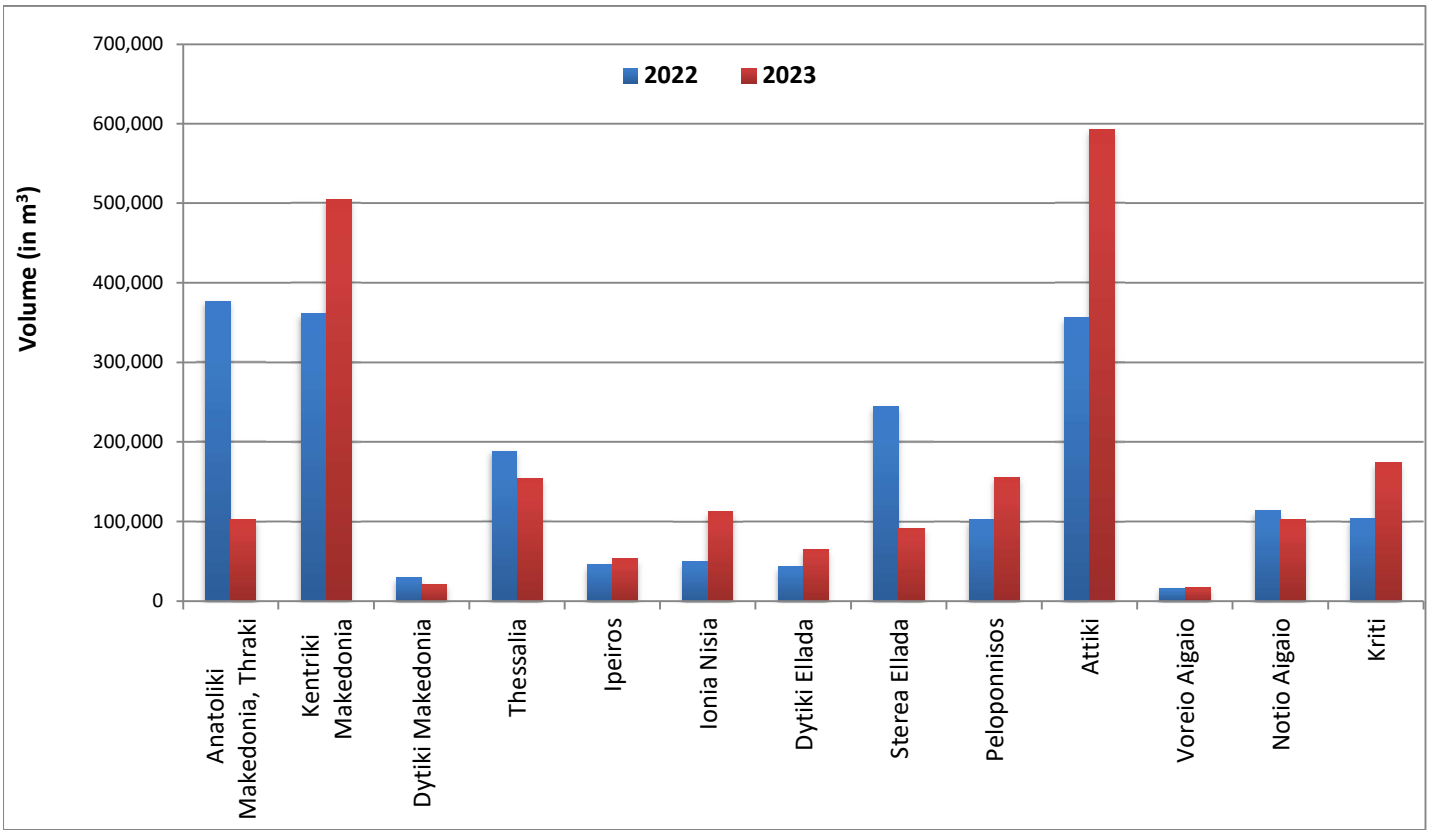
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**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - May 2022 and 2023**

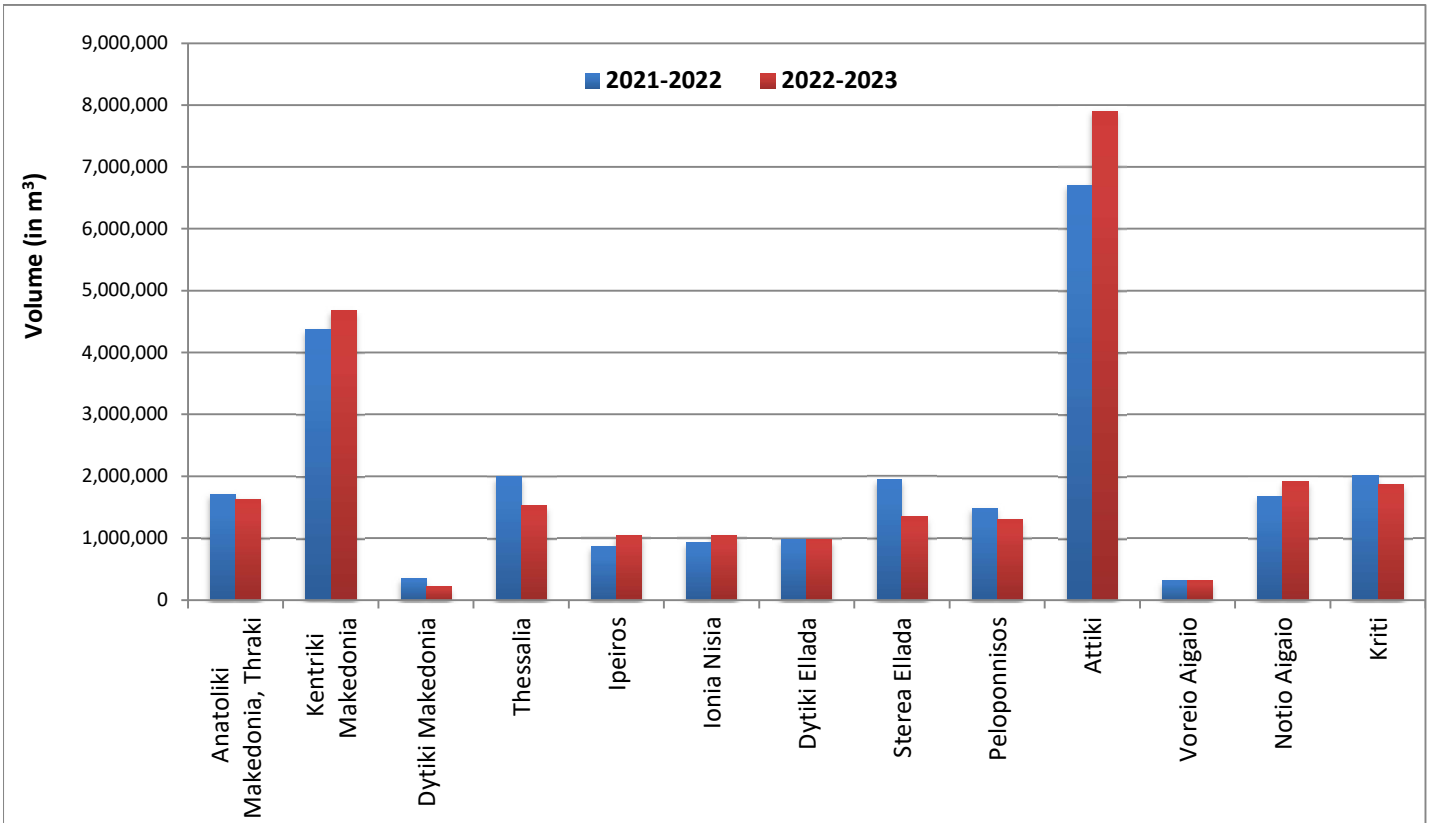
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	532	508	-4.5	138,932	136,680	-1.6	775,113	709,850	-8.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,258	1,453	15.5	332,894	388,761	16.8	1,640,936	2,127,310	29.6
Dytiki Makedonia	133	113	-15.0	17,380	17,160	-1.3	81,545	73,706	-9.6
Thessalia	621	632	1.8	148,036	134,438	-9.2	700,191	636,811	-9.1
Ipeiros	312	360	15.4	57,036	89,513	56.9	237,692	388,207	63.3
Ionia Nisia	591	731	23.7	84,123	132,960	58.1	285,043	448,166	57.2
Dytiki Ellada	556	587	5.6	72,162	96,358	33.5	295,739	445,603	50.7
Stereia Ellada	511	619	21.1	101,162	97,977	-3.1	675,155	573,995	-15.0
Peloponnisos	767	829	8.1	133,823	144,290	7.8	593,480	643,154	8.4
Attiki	2,257	2,397	6.2	553,095	621,390	12.3	2,549,943	2,611,297	2.4
Voreio Aigaio	245	297	21.2	34,552	31,171	-9.8	121,204	113,082	-6.7
Notio Aigaio	974	1,131	16.1	165,149	216,419	31.0	568,409	791,062	39.2
Kriti	719	911	26.7	137,330	190,134	38.5	530,844	735,892	38.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>9,476</b>	<b>10,568</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>1,975,674</b>	<b>2,297,251</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>9,055,294</b>	<b>10,298,135</b>	<b>13.7</b>

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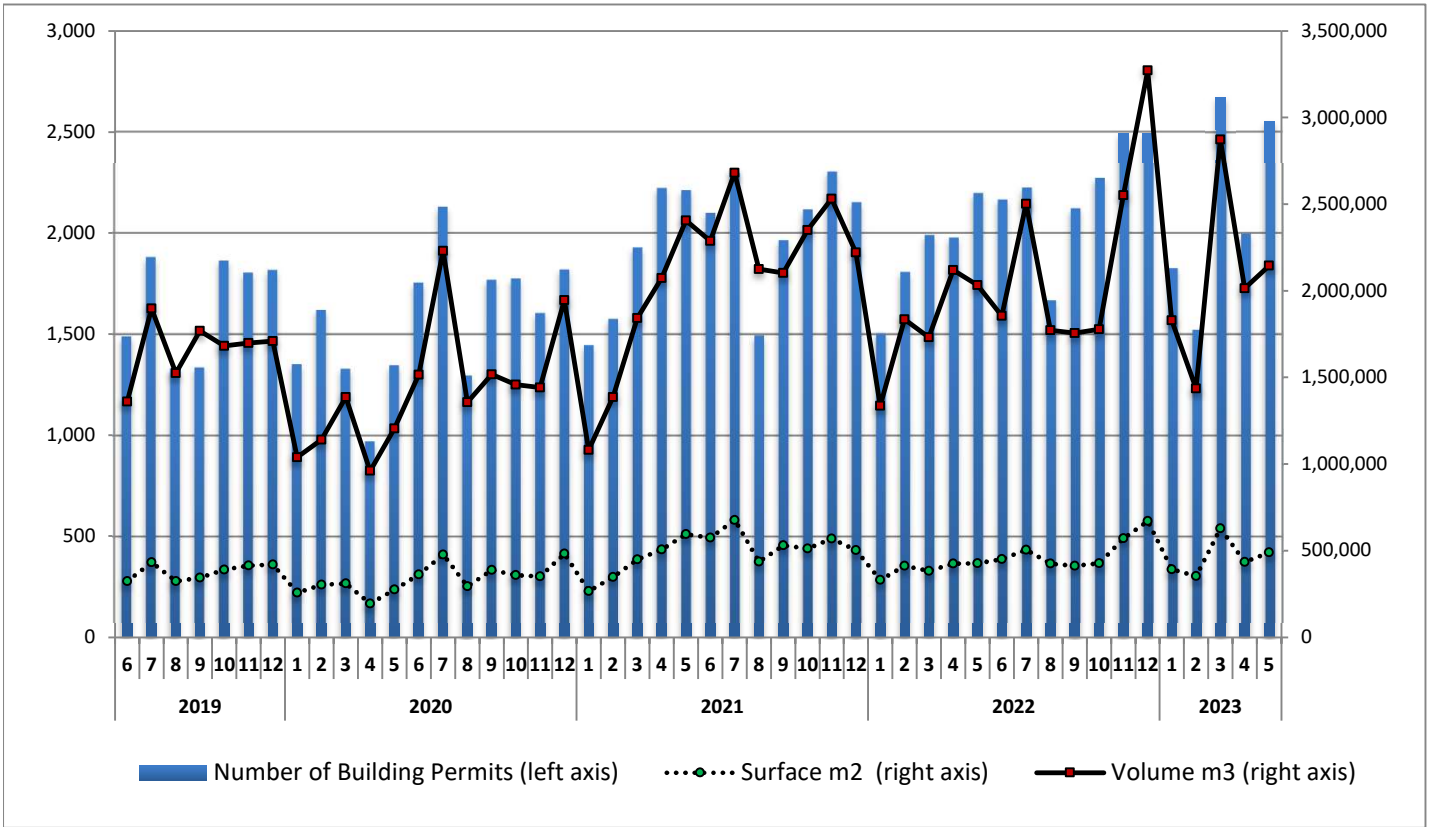
**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2022 and 2023**



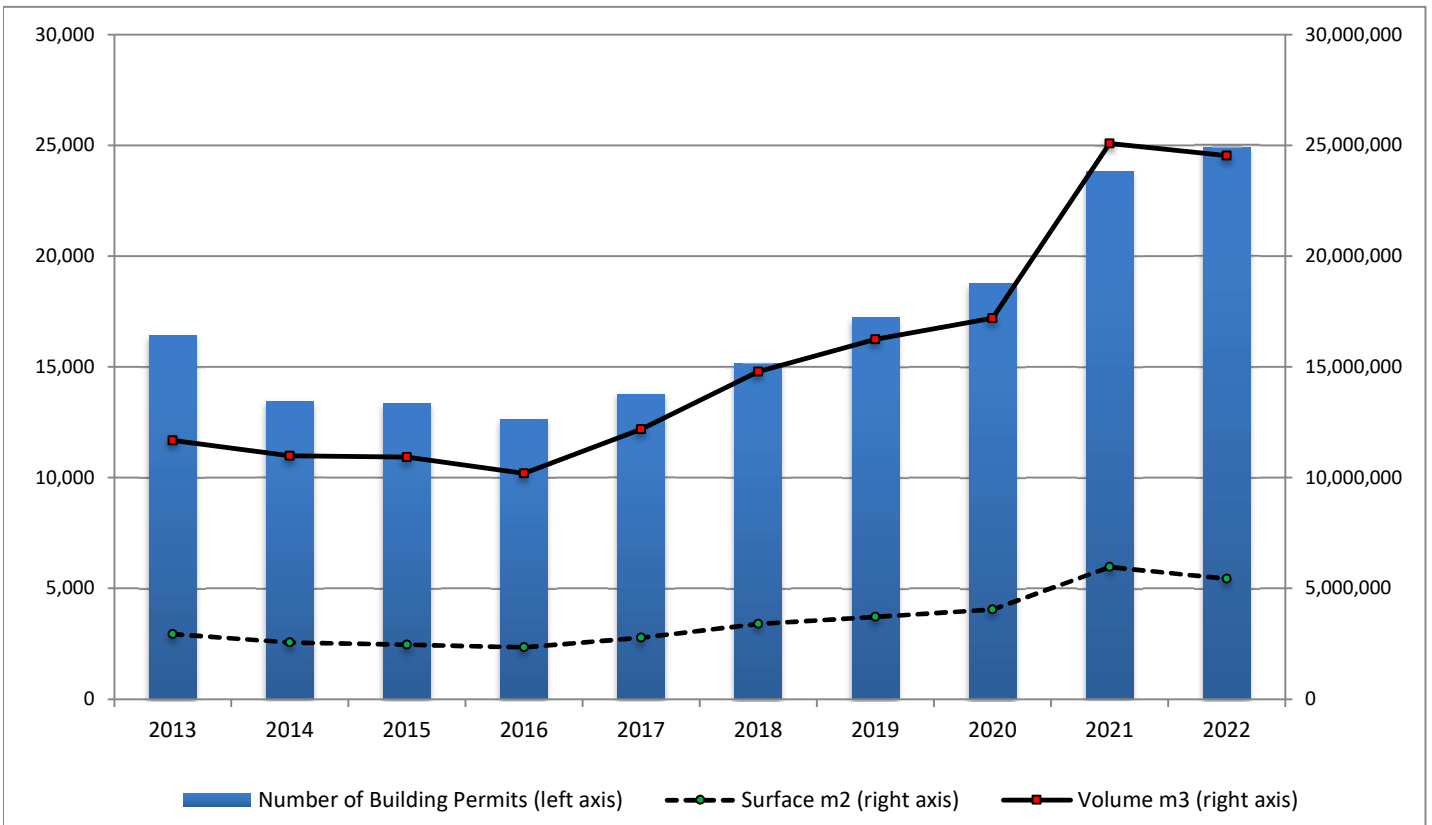
**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2021 - May 2022 and June 2022 - May 2023**



**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (June 2019 – May 2023)**



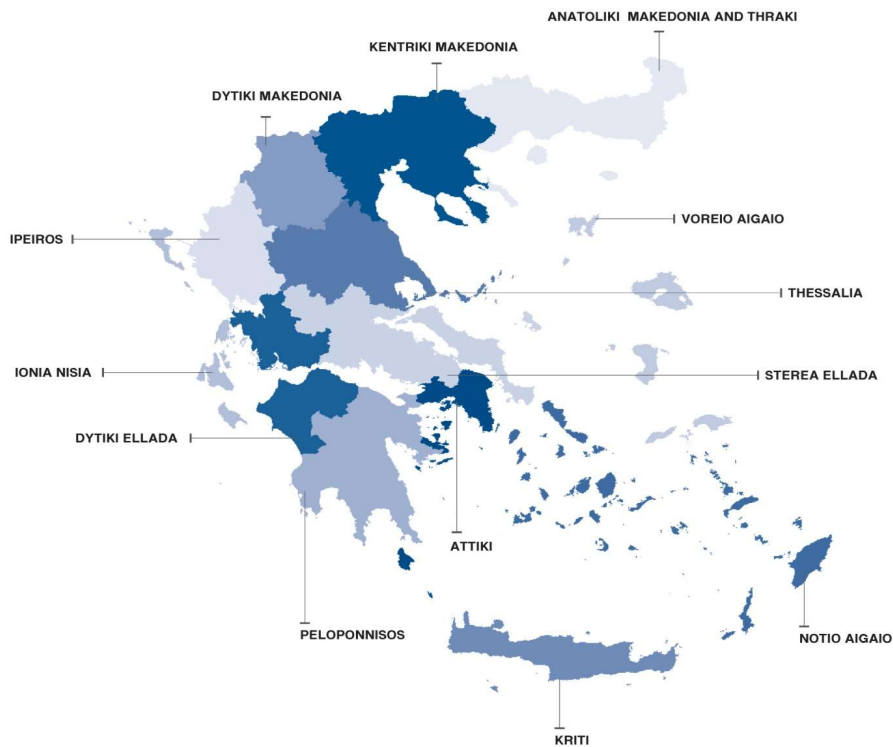
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2013 – 2022)**



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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.
<b>Reference Period</b>	May 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023.
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the Country.
<b>Geographical classification</b>	The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS).

Map of the 13 Regions (NUTS 2) of Greece



<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Building Permit</b> 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><b>The denotation of "built-property"</b> is equal to "building".</p> <p><b>Building</b> 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><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> 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><b>Building volume</b> (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><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
<b>General Remark</b>	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site ( <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> ), under the link: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/</a>