

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: January 2020

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month January 2020, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in January 2020 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,339. This figure corresponds to 260.0 thousand m² of surface and 1,051.6 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 55.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 51.7% increase in surface and a 43.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2019 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2020 amounted to 1,328. This figure corresponds to 256.5 thousand m² of surface and 1,038.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2019 there is a 55.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 51.4% increase in surface and a 43.9% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2020 amounted to 11. This figure corresponds to 3.6 thousand m² of surface and 12.9 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.2% of the total building volume in January 2020.
- In the last twelve months, from February 2019 until January 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 17,787. This figure corresponds to 3,869.6 thousand m² of surface and 16,878.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from February 2018 until January 2019, there is a 16.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 10.7% increase in surface and a 10.0% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from February 2019 until January 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 17.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 12.7% increase in surface and a 12.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2018 to January 2019 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.9% of the total building volume.

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January 2019 and 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	34	64	88.2	4.4	11.8	169.5	17.1	38.7	127.1
Kentriki Makedonia	105	175	66.7	26.2	40.0	52.7	161.3	193.1	19.7
Dytiki Makedonia	13	11	-15.4	2.8	0.7	-75.8	9.2	2.2	-75.9
Thessalia	44	73	65.9	6.6	16.2	144.4	22.6	99.5	339.5
Ipeiros	18	41	127.8	5.0	4.1	-17.0	21.3	14.6	-31.7
Ionioi Nisoi	59	118	100.0	8.6	21.8	153.0	28.6	76.0	165.5
Dytiki Ellada	56	81	44.6	8.0	9.3	15.5	28.6	36.4	27.4
Stereia Ellada	52	62	19.2	7.9	16.6	110.7	34.5	102.1	195.9
Peloponnisos	95	105	10.5	13.7	15.8	15.3	56.4	59.8	6.0
Attiki	175	273	56.0	24.3	67.6	178.5	84.4	227.8	169.7
Voreio Aigaio	17	39	129.4	1.6	3.7	135.9	8.5	12.7	49.7
Notio Aigaio	115	169	47.0	32.4	26.7	-17.8	112.4	86.3	-23.2
Kriti	77	128	66.2	29.9	25.8	-13.7	148.6	102.5	-31.0
Greece, Total	860	1,339	55.7	171.4	260.0	51.7	733.5	1,051.6	43.4

*Provisional data for January 2020

- 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), January 2019 and 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	34	64	88.2	4.4	11.8	169.5	17.1	38.7	127.1
Kentriki Makedonia	104	175	68.3	26.2	40.0	52.8	161.3	193.1	19.7
Dytiki Makedonia	13	11	-15.4	2.8	0.7	-75.8	9.2	2.2	-75.9
Thessalia	43	71	65.1	6.6	15.8	138.0	22.6	98.2	333.7
Ipeiros	18	41	127.8	5.0	4.1	-17.0	21.3	14.6	-31.7
Ionioi Nisoi	59	118	100.0	8.6	21.8	153.0	28.6	76.0	165.5
Dytiki Ellada	56	78	39.3	8.0	8.5	5.8	28.6	34.1	19.2
Stereia Ellada	52	61	17.3	7.9	15.1	92.1	34.5	96.8	180.6
Peloponnisos	91	105	15.4	11.7	15.8	35.0	44.7	59.8	33.6
Attiki	175	270	54.3	24.3	67.0	176.1	84.4	226.0	167.6
Voreio Aigaio	17	39	129.4	1.6	3.7	135.9	8.5	12.7	49.7
Notio Aigaio	115	169	47.0	32.4	26.7	-17.8	112.4	86.3	-23.2
Kriti	77	126	63.6	29.9	25.5	-14.8	148.6	100.3	-32.5
Greece, Total	854	1,328	55.5	169.4	256.5	51.4	721.8	1,038.7	43.9

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2018 – January 2019 and February 2019 – January 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	482	939	94.8	102.0	209.1	105.1	405.1	802.5	98.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,190	2,635	20.3	567.2	567.9	0.1	2,980.8	2,989.7	0.3
Dytiki Makedonia	245	221	-9.8	73.8	61.5	-16.8	421.9	356.8	-15.4
Thessalia	874	1,067	22.1	222.2	252.1	13.4	1,139.9	1,354.5	18.8
Ipeiros	534	610	14.2	156.6	163.7	4.5	619.3	678.2	9.5
Ionioi Nisoi	1,018	1,301	27.8	270.7	233.6	-13.7	918.9	766.3	-16.6
Dytiki Ellada	1,221	1,094	-10.4	183.9	191.4	4.1	687.9	800.9	16.4
Stereia Ellada	1,032	928	-10.1	227.5	155.6	-31.6	1,146.1	840.8	-26.6
Peloponnisos	1,344	1,337	-0.5	245.3	194.3	-20.8	973.3	776.4	-20.2
Attiki	3,084	3,741	21.3	681.4	1,008.3	48.0	3,349.6	4,481.0	33.8
Voreio Aigaio	428	456	6.5	49.8	60.6	21.6	184.7	222.1	20.2
Notio Aigaio	1,645	1,841	11.9	388.6	379.6	-2.3	1,311.4	1,340.9	2.3
Kriti	1,155	1,617	40.0	326.9	391.8	19.9	1,207.0	1,467.9	21.6
Greece, Total	15,252	17,787	16.6	3,495.9	3,869.6	10.7	15,345.9	16,878.0	10.0

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2018 – January 2019 and February 2019 – January 2020*

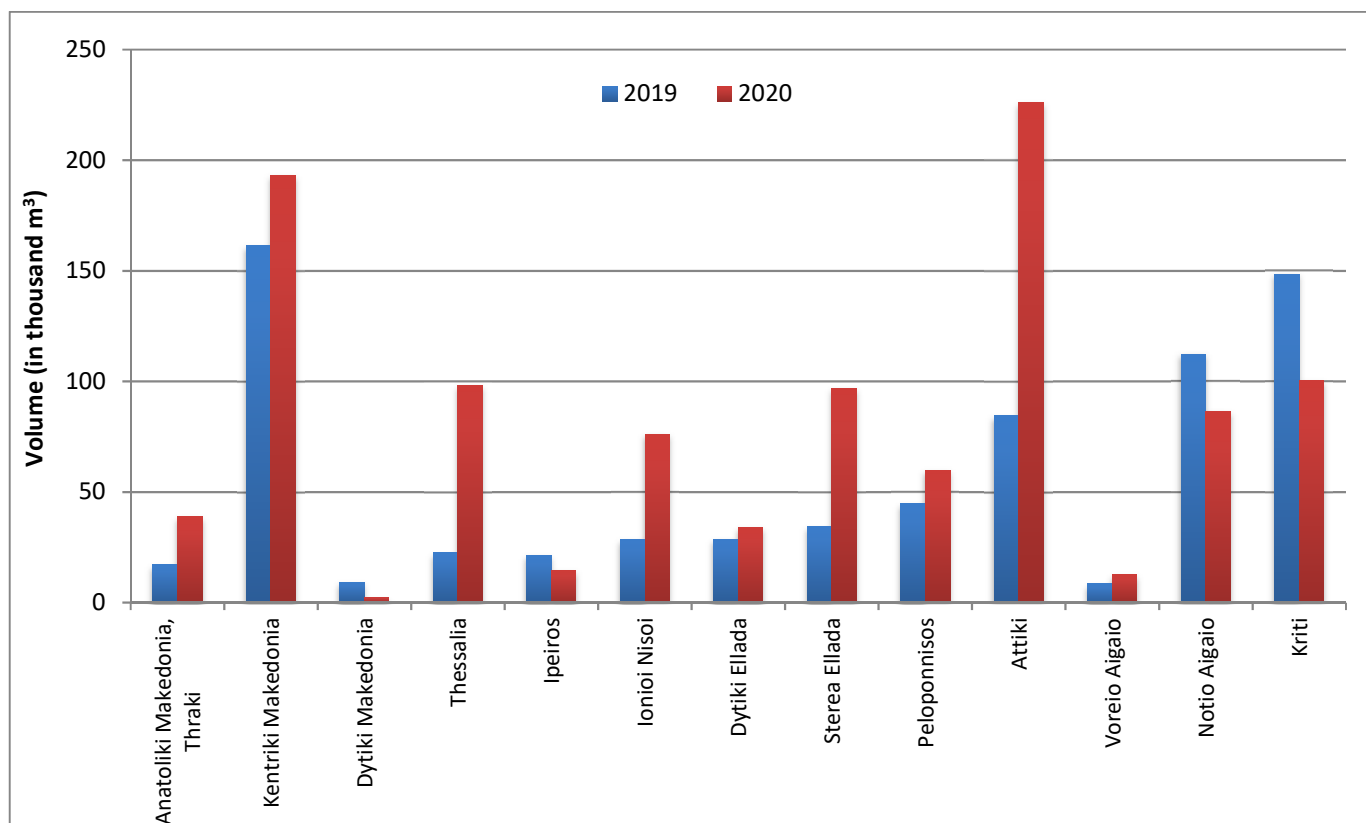
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	481	932	93.8	102.0	207.5	103.4	405.1	792.7	95.7
Kentriki Makedonia	2,155	2,626	21.9	553.2	554.3	0.2	2,906.8	2,853.8	-1.8
Dytiki Makedonia	242	219	-9.5	59.5	57.3	-3.7	268.6	341.3	27.0
Thessalia	858	1,059	23.4	214.8	247.7	15.3	1,107.0	1,337.3	20.8
Ipeiros	531	606	14.1	156.2	162.2	3.9	617.8	672.7	8.9
Ionioi Nisoi	1,016	1,301	28.1	269.9	233.6	-13.4	915.8	766.3	-16.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,212	1,088	-10.2	173.7	177.0	1.9	633.9	744.2	17.4
Stereia Ellada	1,022	925	-9.5	207.4	153.9	-25.8	1,041.3	834.6	-19.8
Peloponnisos	1,323	1,330	0.5	229.1	192.9	-15.8	908.5	771.3	-15.1
Attiki	3,063	3,720	21.4	669.2	998.5	49.2	3,283.7	4,434.4	35.0
Voreio Aigaio	417	455	9.1	47.4	60.6	27.9	173.4	222.1	28.1
Notio Aigaio	1,634	1,838	12.5	382.4	379.4	-0.8	1,285.3	1,340.1	4.3
Kriti	1,143	1,604	40.3	316.6	386.5	22.1	1,170.0	1,446.7	23.6
Greece, Total	15,097	17,703	17.3	3,381.4	3,811.2	12.7	14,717.3	16,557.5	12.5

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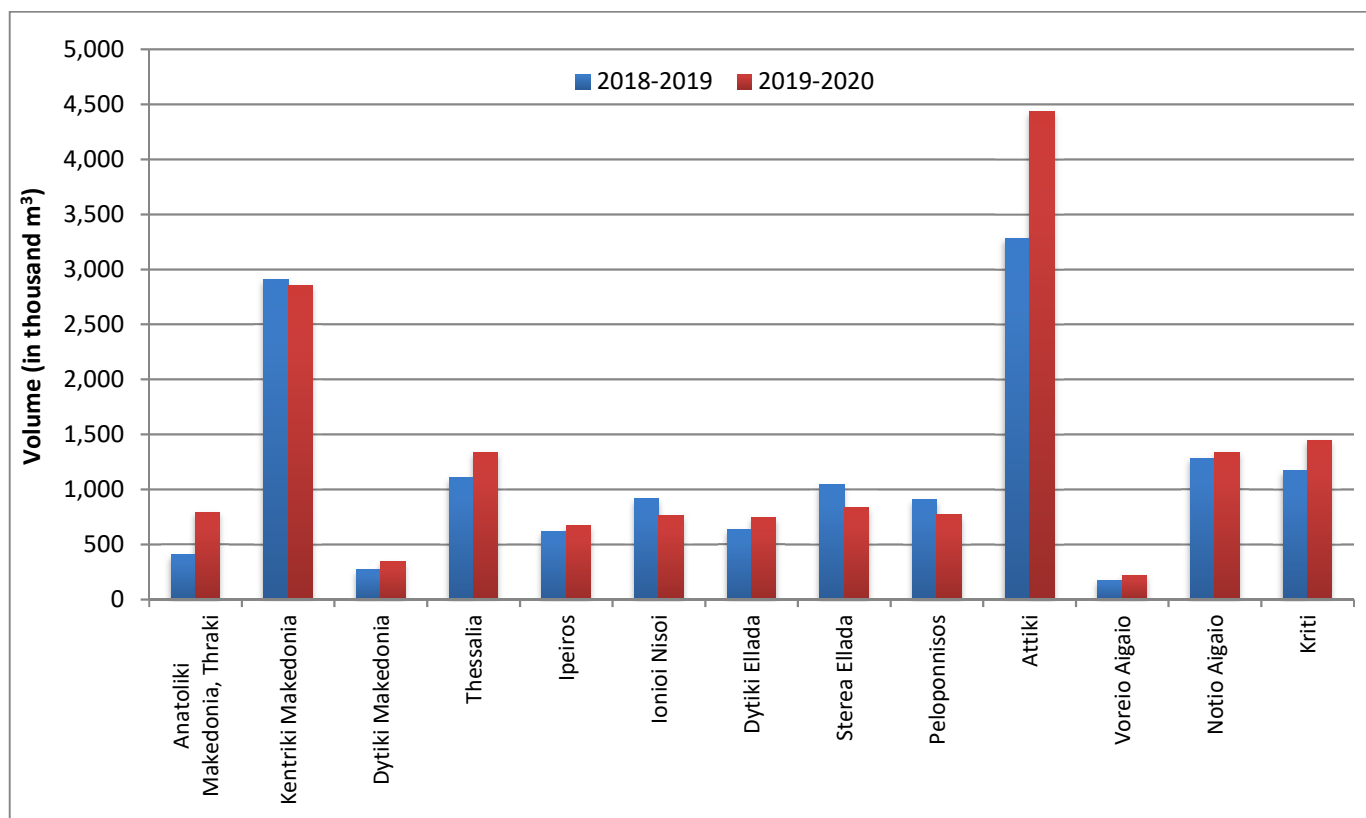
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January 2019 and 2020*



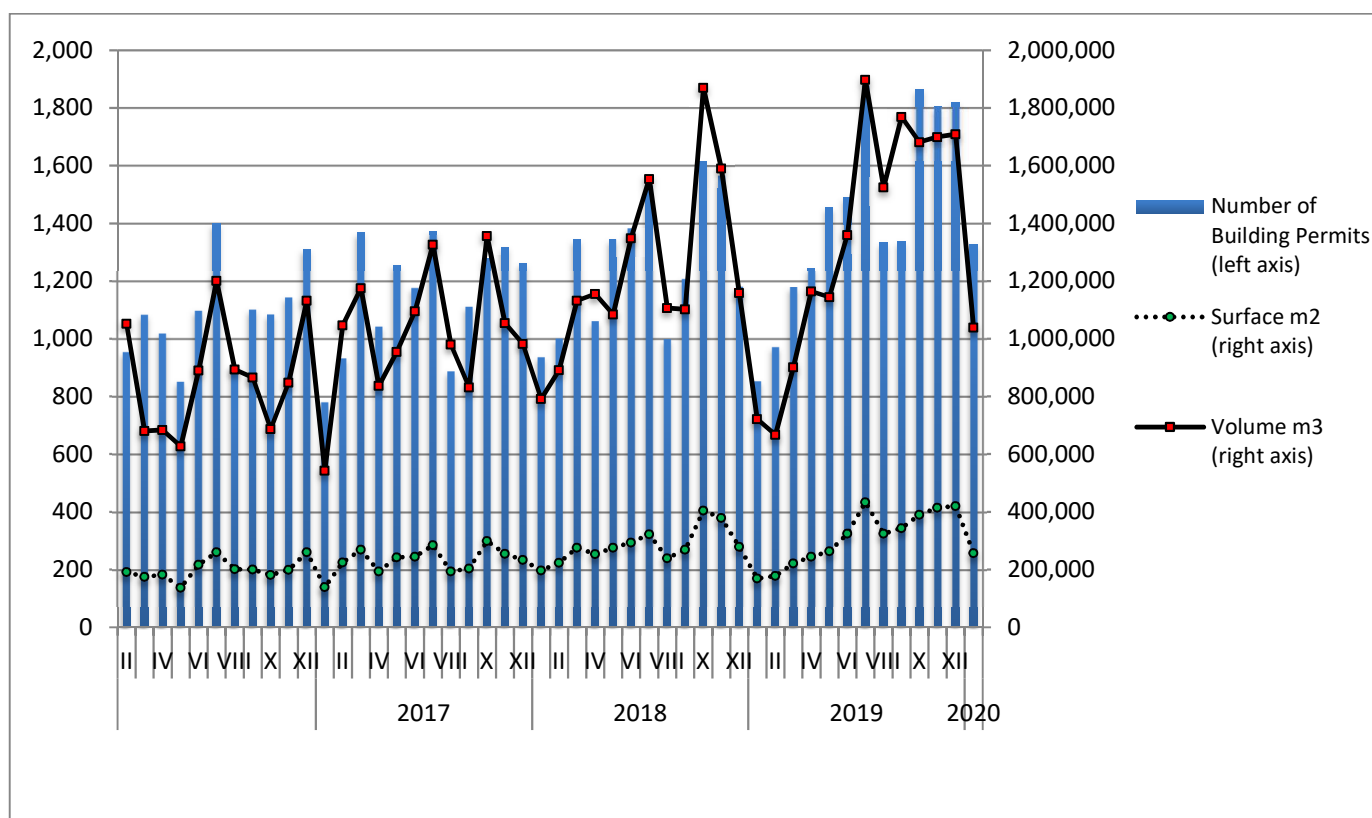
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), February 2018 – January 2019 and February 2019 – January 2020*



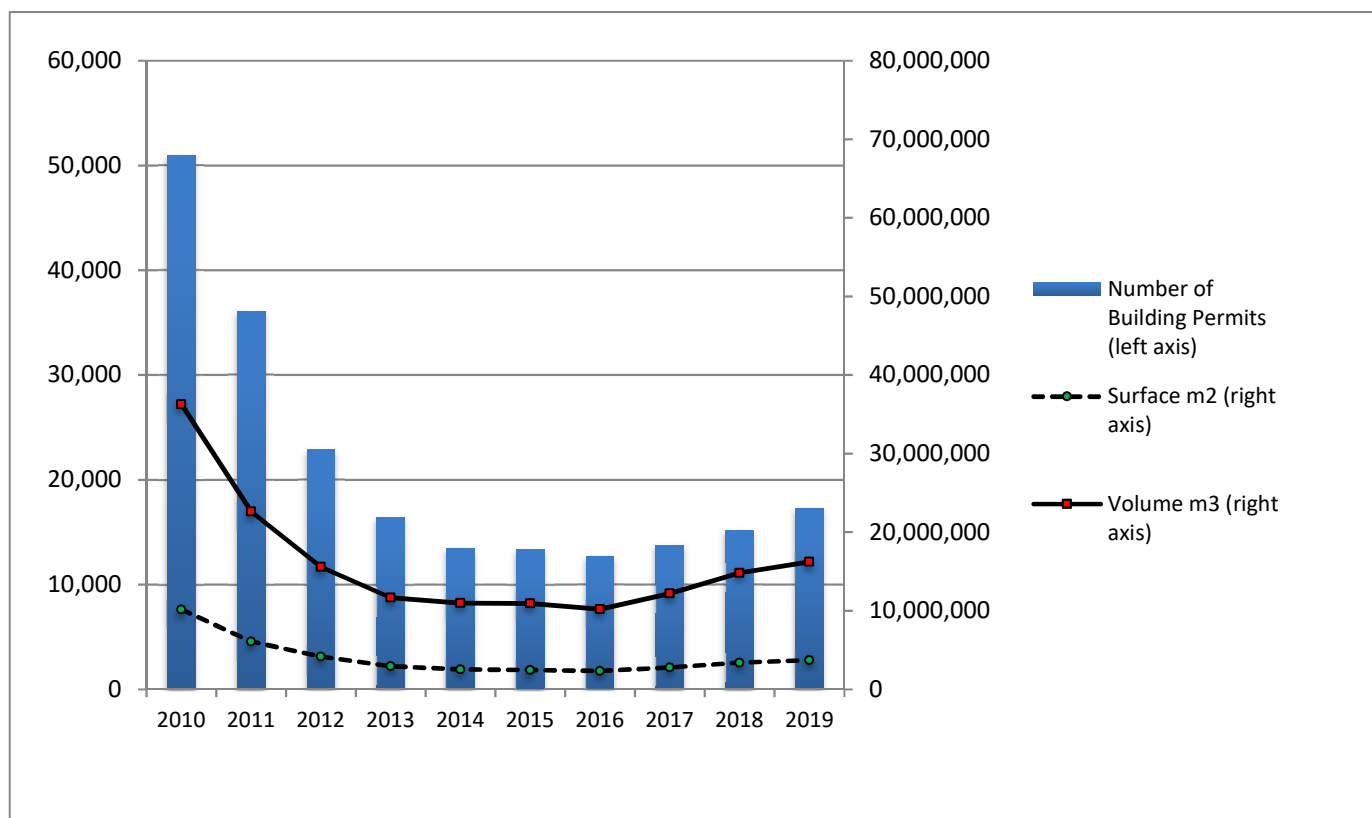
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (February 2016 – January 2020*)



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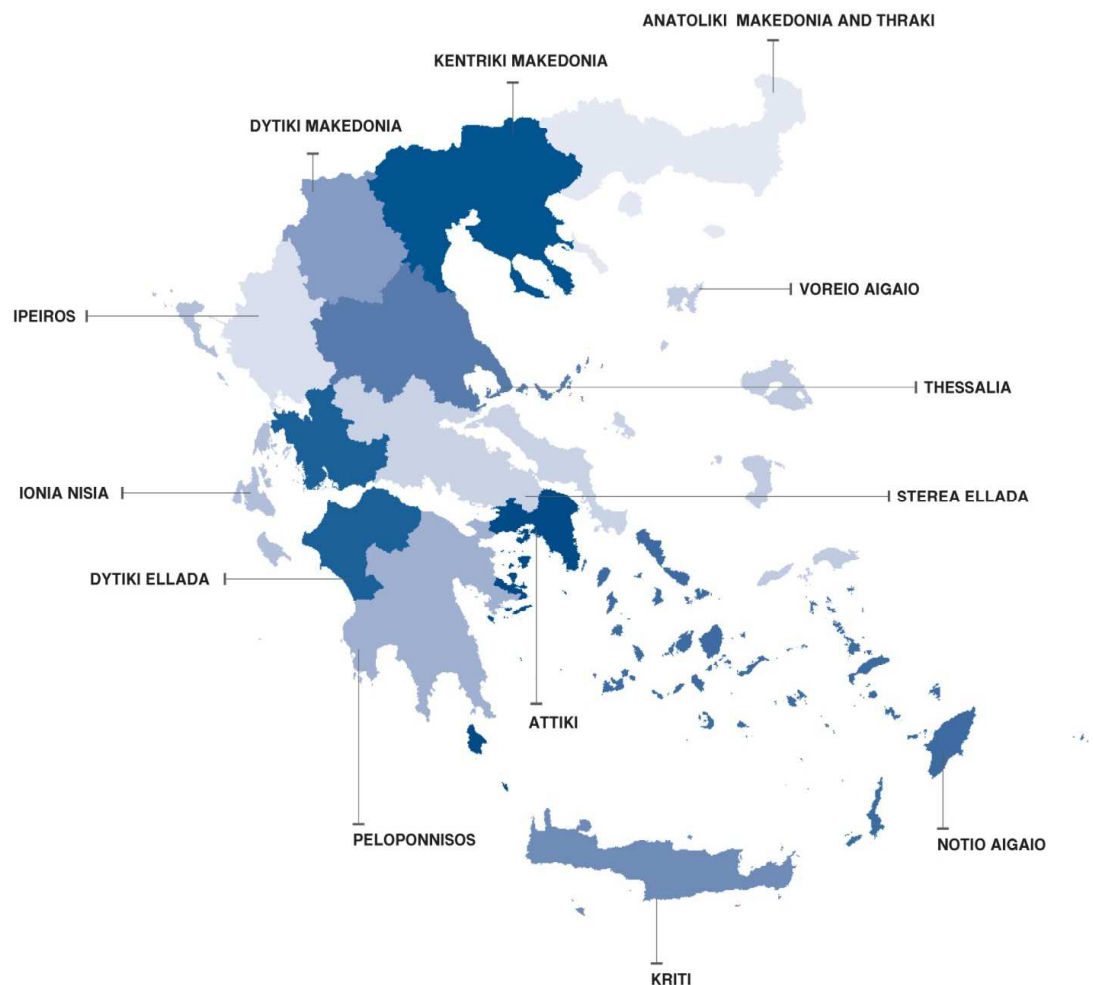
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2010 – 2019)



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) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) 1158/2005.
Reference Period	January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020
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 **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.

References More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regard 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/->