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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: March 2022**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the final data, for the month March 2022, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in March 2022 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,002. This figure corresponds to 383,294 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,736,622 m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 2.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 19.6% decrease in surface and a 16.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2021 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2022 amounted to 1,990. This figure corresponds to 382,013 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,731,496 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2021 there is a 3.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 15.1% decrease in surface and a 6.0% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2022 amounted to 12. This figure corresponds to 1,281 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 5,126 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.3% of the total building volume in March 2022.

In the last twelve months, from April 2021 until March 2022, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 24,307. This figure corresponds to 6,087,097 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 25,955,636 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from April 2020 until March 2021, there is a 24.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 39.7% increase in surface and a 39.4% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from April 2021 until March 2022, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 24.4% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 42.0% increase in surface and a 43.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2020 to March 2021 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.1% of the total building volume.

During the period January - March 2022, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 6.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 2.9% increase in surface and a 7.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2021 (Table 5). During the same period, January - March 2022, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 5.7% increase in surface and a 13.8% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - March 2021 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2021 and 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	124	105	-15.3	27,469	25,320	-7.8	101,701	109,233	7.4
Kentriki Makedonia	253	264	4.3	57,453	68,751	19.7	279,497	345,829	23.7
Dytiki Makedonia	19	28	47.4	4,872	4,209	-13.6	19,805	20,580	3.9
Thessalia	127	127	0.0	30,010	15,483	-48.4	131,373	56,193	-57.2
Ipeiros	80	76	-5.0	35,008	17,666	-49.5	149,172	91,407	-38.7
Ionia Nisia	118	143	21.2	21,087	18,145	-14.0	81,610	59,906	-26.6
Dytiki Ellada	141	127	-9.9	27,906	16,804	-39.8	99,593	80,224	-19.4
Stereia Ellada	106	114	7.5	15,577	9,930	-36.3	74,247	37,566	-49.4
Peloponnisos	162	165	1.9	79,067	27,974	-64.6	519,229	119,073	-77.1
Attiki	415	447	7.7	95,896	117,303	22.3	340,124	595,821	75.2
Voreio Aigaio	50	44	-12.0	14,729	4,615	-68.7	73,125	16,371	-77.6
Notio Aigaio	172	227	32.0	28,373	37,487	32.1	94,415	127,282	34.8
Kriti	181	135	-25.4	39,285	19,607	-50.1	122,497	77,137	-37.0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>476,732</b>	<b>383,294</b>	<b>-19.6</b>	<b>2,086,388</b>	<b>1,736,622</b>	<b>-16.8</b>

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**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2021 and 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	124	104	-16.1	27,469	25,320	-7.8	101,701	109,233	7.4
Kentriki Makedonia	253	261	3.2	57,453	68,333	18.9	279,497	343,749	23.0
Dytiki Makedonia	19	27	42.1	4,872	3,777	-22.5	19,805	19,215	-3.0
Thessalia	127	127	0.0	30,010	15,483	-48.4	131,373	56,193	-57.2
Ipeiros	78	76	-2.6	35,008	17,666	-49.5	149,172	91,407	-38.7
Ionia Nisia	118	142	20.3	21,087	18,145	-14.0	81,610	59,906	-26.6
Dytiki Ellada	138	127	-8.0	27,906	16,804	-39.8	99,593	80,224	-19.4
Stereia Ellada	104	114	9.6	15,225	9,930	-34.8	72,530	37,566	-48.2
Peloponnisos	159	163	2.5	54,696	27,543	-49.6	286,498	117,392	-59.0
Attiki	410	444	8.3	94,096	117,303	24.7	330,694	595,821	80.2
Voreio Aigaio	50	44	-12.0	14,729	4,615	-68.7	73,125	16,371	-77.6
Notio Aigaio	169	227	34.3	28,160	37,487	33.1	93,635	127,282	35.9
Kriti	179	134	-25.1	39,252	19,607	-50.0	122,398	77,137	-37.0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,928</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>449,963</b>	<b>382,013</b>	<b>-15.1</b>	<b>1,841,631</b>	<b>1,731,496</b>	<b>-6.0</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2020 - March 2021 and April 2021 - March 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,053	1,307	24.1	234,283	333,418	42.3	986,495	1,527,576	54.8
Kentriki Makedonia	2,717	3,319	22.2	627,640	881,575	40.5	3,025,809	4,326,952	43.0
Dytiki Makedonia	244	315	29.1	65,136	85,125	30.7	317,163	396,234	24.9
Thessalia	1,241	1,601	29.0	320,798	394,183	22.9	1,625,758	1,884,824	15.9
Ipeiros	738	874	18.4	227,575	238,457	4.8	969,507	1,045,391	7.8
Ionia Nisia	1,285	1,557	21.2	284,192	320,267	12.7	975,493	1,115,578	14.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,366	1,626	19.0	229,669	272,846	18.8	936,590	1,111,968	18.7
Stereia Ellada	1,138	1,432	25.8	199,733	311,249	55.8	1,164,268	1,793,318	54.0
Peloponnisos	1,593	1,914	20.2	293,982	354,429	20.6	1,303,134	1,510,374	15.9
Attiki	4,192	5,500	31.2	1,117,848	1,804,578	61.4	4,673,935	7,126,212	52.5
Voreio Aigaio	428	616	43.9	68,995	86,580	25.5	270,577	314,827	16.4
Notio Aigaio	1,807	2,288	26.6	316,275	498,630	57.7	1,068,264	1,664,962	55.9
Kriti	1,797	1,958	9.0	371,964	505,760	36.0	1,306,067	2,137,420	63.7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>19,599</b>	<b>24,307</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>4,358,090</b>	<b>6,087,097</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>18,623,060</b>	<b>25,955,636</b>	<b>39.4</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2020 - March 2021 and April 2021 - March 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,038	1,301	25.3	212,278	333,408	57.1	800,900	1,527,548	90.7
Kentriki Makedonia	2,693	3,296	22.4	623,253	877,588	40.8	3,005,588	4,308,078	43.3
Dytiki Makedonia	240	305	27.1	55,683	83,900	50.7	277,094	391,326	41.2
Thessalia	1,227	1,592	29.7	318,441	390,356	22.6	1,618,578	1,850,434	14.3
Ipeiros	728	870	19.5	223,311	234,507	5.0	950,524	1,020,793	7.4
Ionia Nisia	1,284	1,556	21.2	278,545	320,267	15.0	959,614	1,115,578	16.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,348	1,618	20.0	223,959	272,810	21.8	908,484	1,111,608	22.4
Stereia Ellada	1,130	1,423	25.9	199,024	309,301	55.4	1,160,889	1,778,267	53.2
Peloponnisos	1,580	1,896	20.0	268,752	345,274	28.5	1,067,254	1,470,333	37.8
Attiki	4,158	5,465	31.4	1,110,484	1,783,836	60.6	4,639,147	7,043,035	51.8
Voreio Aigaio	426	613	43.9	68,716	85,636	24.6	266,577	310,499	16.5
Notio Aigaio	1,793	2,287	27.6	314,562	498,630	58.5	1,062,762	1,664,962	56.7
Kriti	1,772	1,937	9.3	350,302	494,147	41.1	1,222,341	2,088,898	70.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>19,417</b>	<b>24,159</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>4,247,310</b>	<b>6,029,660</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>17,939,752</b>	<b>25,681,359</b>	<b>43.2</b>

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - March 2021 and 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	288	277	-3.8	66,492	52,311	-21.3	287,056	213,136	-25.8
Kentriki Makedonia	672	724	7.7	172,641	204,678	18.6	784,988	999,719	27.4
Dytiki Makedonia	48	68	41.7	14,925	7,958	-46.7	70,283	36,795	-47.6
Thessalia	286	342	19.6	74,744	80,732	8.0	349,158	350,900	0.5
Ipeiros	204	162	-20.6	81,133	28,669	-64.7	347,550	129,412	-62.8
Ionia Nisia	338	355	5.0	69,494	52,532	-24.4	235,527	180,410	-23.4
Dytiki Ellada	348	307	-11.8	61,546	43,363	-29.5	228,201	178,925	-21.6
Stereia Ellada	274	275	0.4	33,658	38,610	14.7	160,360	221,674	38.2
Peloponnisos	420	417	-0.7	111,711	77,294	-30.8	641,417	324,363	-49.4
Attiki	1,114	1,287	15.5	230,238	351,377	52.6	846,861	1,582,885	86.9
Voreio Aigaio	120	142	18.3	23,383	20,321	-13.1	106,950	73,188	-31.6
Notio Aigaio	458	576	25.8	76,654	94,120	22.8	263,031	316,682	20.4
Kriti	439	414	-5.7	96,126	92,572	-3.7	336,914	378,791	12.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>5,009</b>	<b>5,346</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>1,112,745</b>	<b>1,144,537</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4,658,296</b>	<b>4,986,880</b>	<b>7.1</b>

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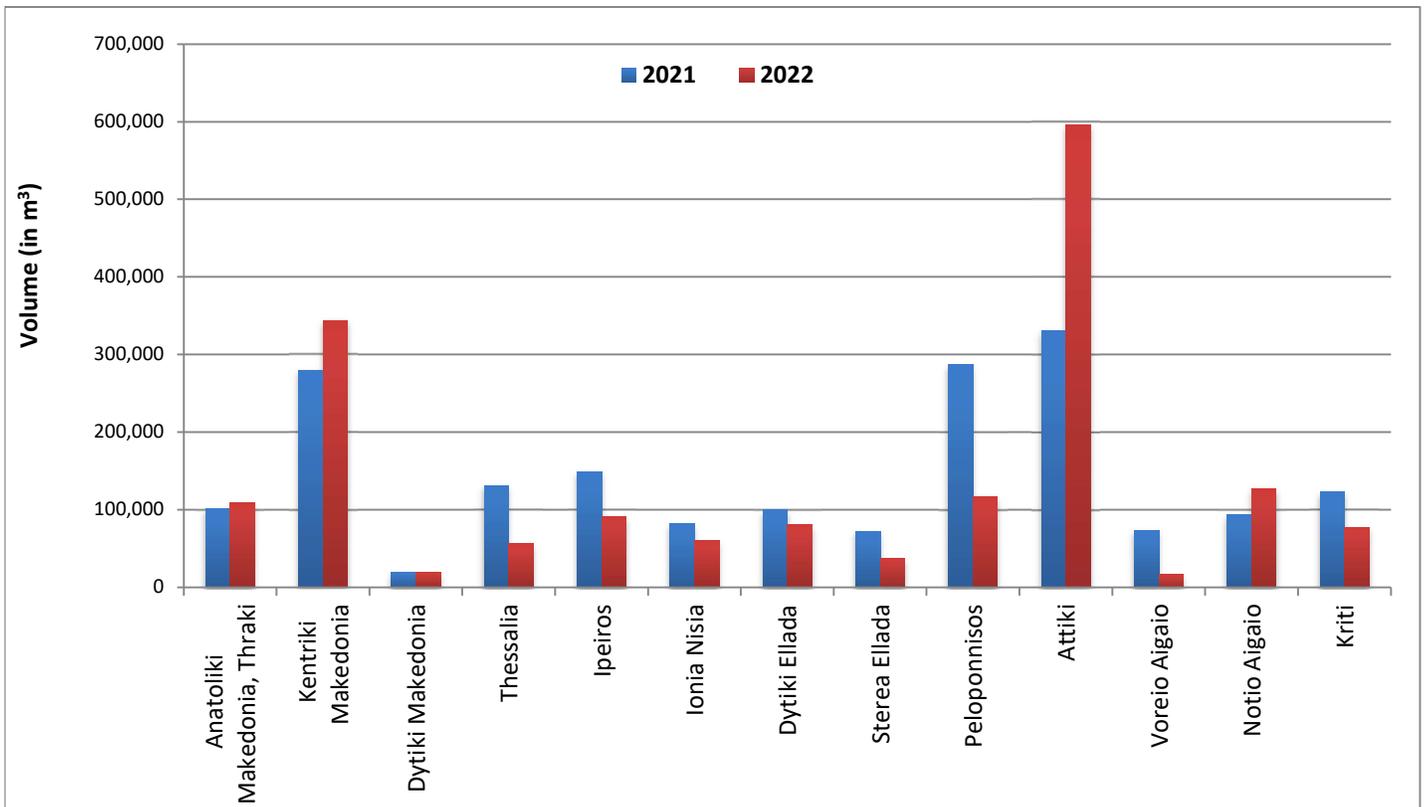
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - March 2021 and 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	282	273	-3.2	60,270	52,311	-13.2	245,220	213,136	-13.1
Kentriki Makedonia	666	714	7.2	170,732	201,781	18.2	779,424	984,806	26.4
Dytiki Makedonia	48	65	35.4	14,925	7,526	-49.6	70,283	35,430	-49.6
Thessalia	283	342	20.8	74,744	80,732	8.0	349,158	350,900	0.5
Ipeiros	198	161	-18.7	77,688	28,669	-63.1	331,516	129,412	-61.0
Ionia Nisia	337	354	5.0	63,847	52,532	-17.7	219,648	180,410	-17.9
Dytiki Ellada	343	305	-11.1	61,344	43,363	-29.3	227,555	178,925	-21.4
Stereia Ellada	271	274	1.1	33,306	38,610	15.9	158,643	221,674	39.7
Peloponnisos	414	414	0.0	86,998	76,863	-11.6	407,522	322,682	-20.8
Attiki	1,101	1,275	15.8	228,438	343,689	50.5	837,431	1,548,448	84.9
Voreio Aigaio	120	142	18.3	23,383	20,321	-13.1	106,950	73,188	-31.6
Notio Aigaio	454	576	26.9	76,303	94,120	23.4	261,631	316,682	21.0
Kriti	433	407	-6.0	91,349	83,782	-8.3	314,519	346,419	10.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>5,302</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>1,063,327</b>	<b>1,124,299</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>4,309,500</b>	<b>4,902,112</b>	<b>13.8</b>

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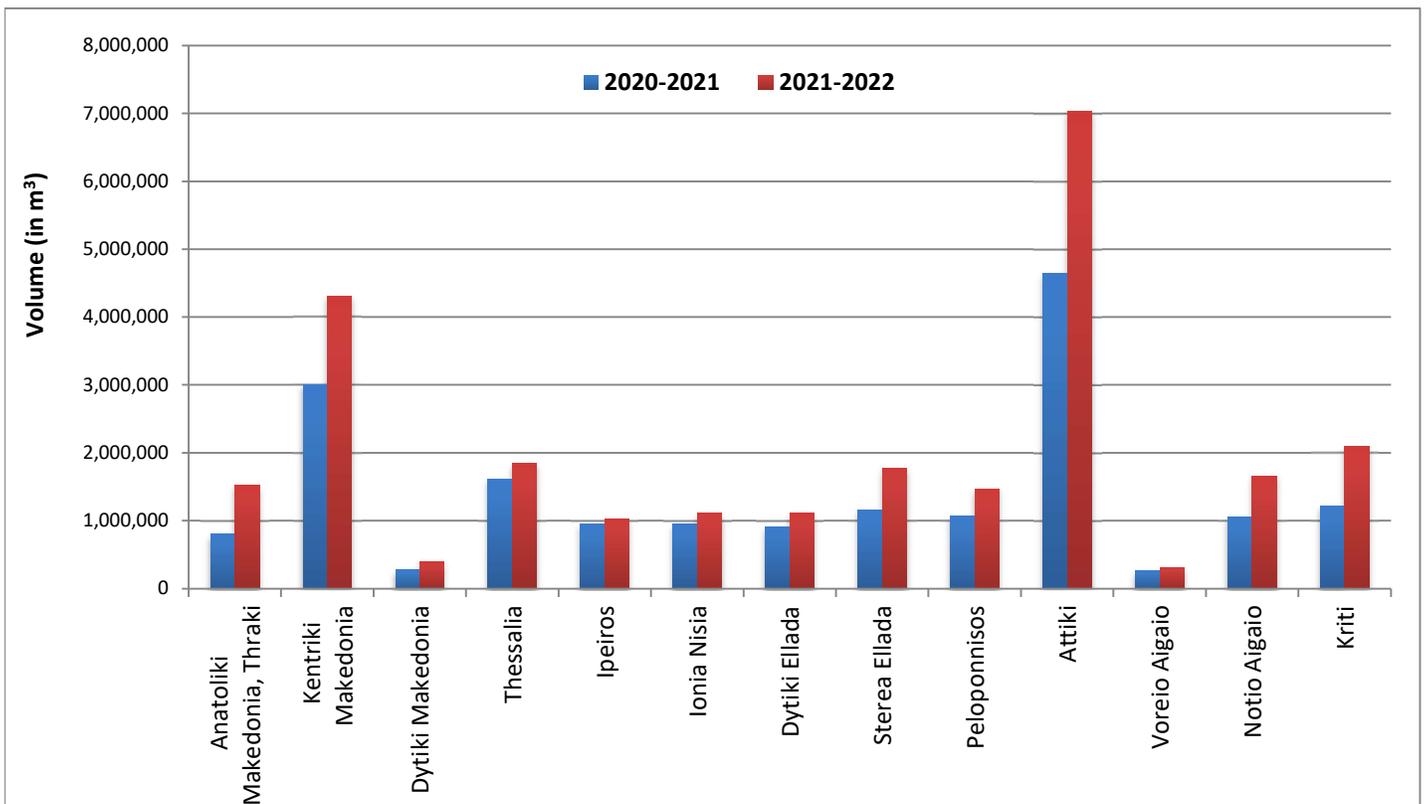
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2021 and 2022\***



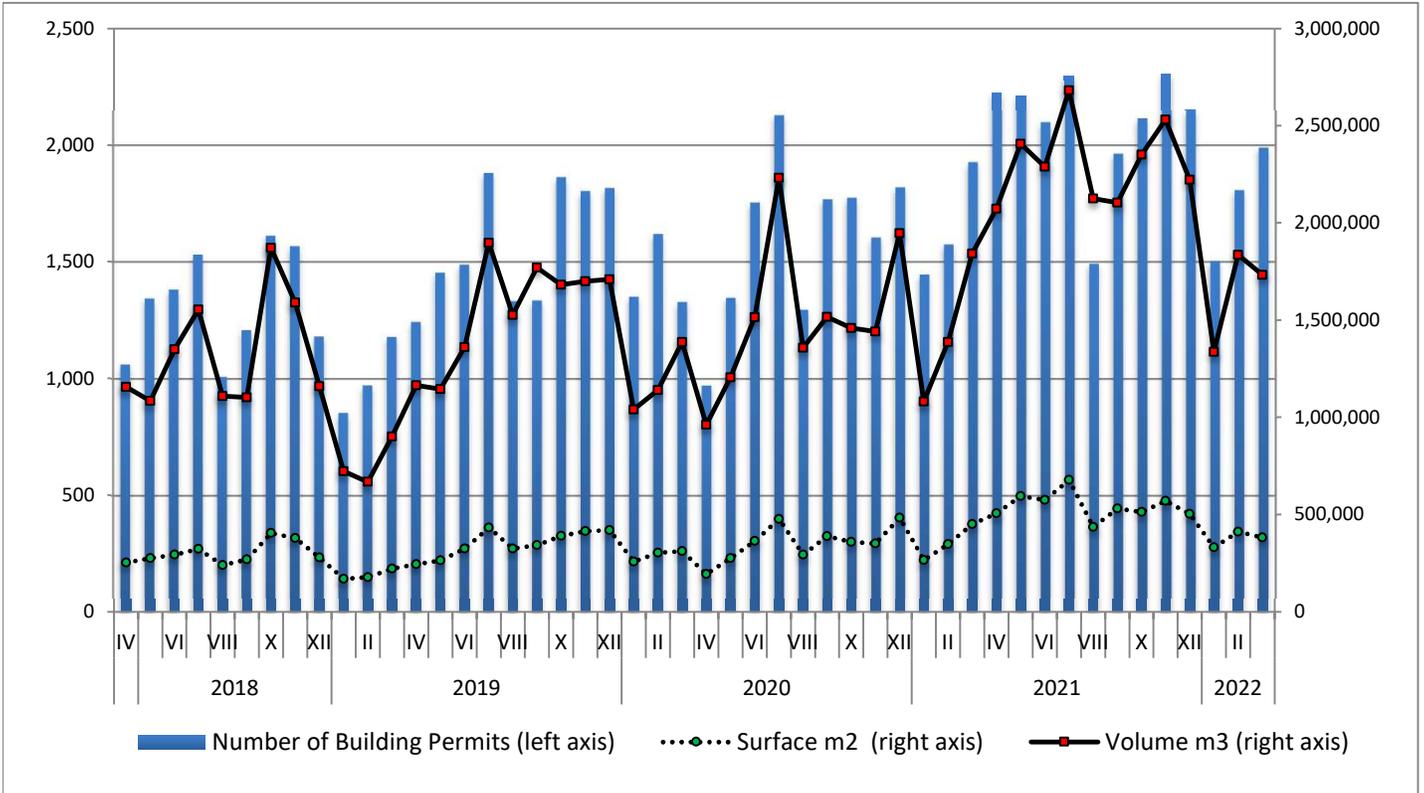
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2020 - March 2021 and April 2021 - March 2022\***



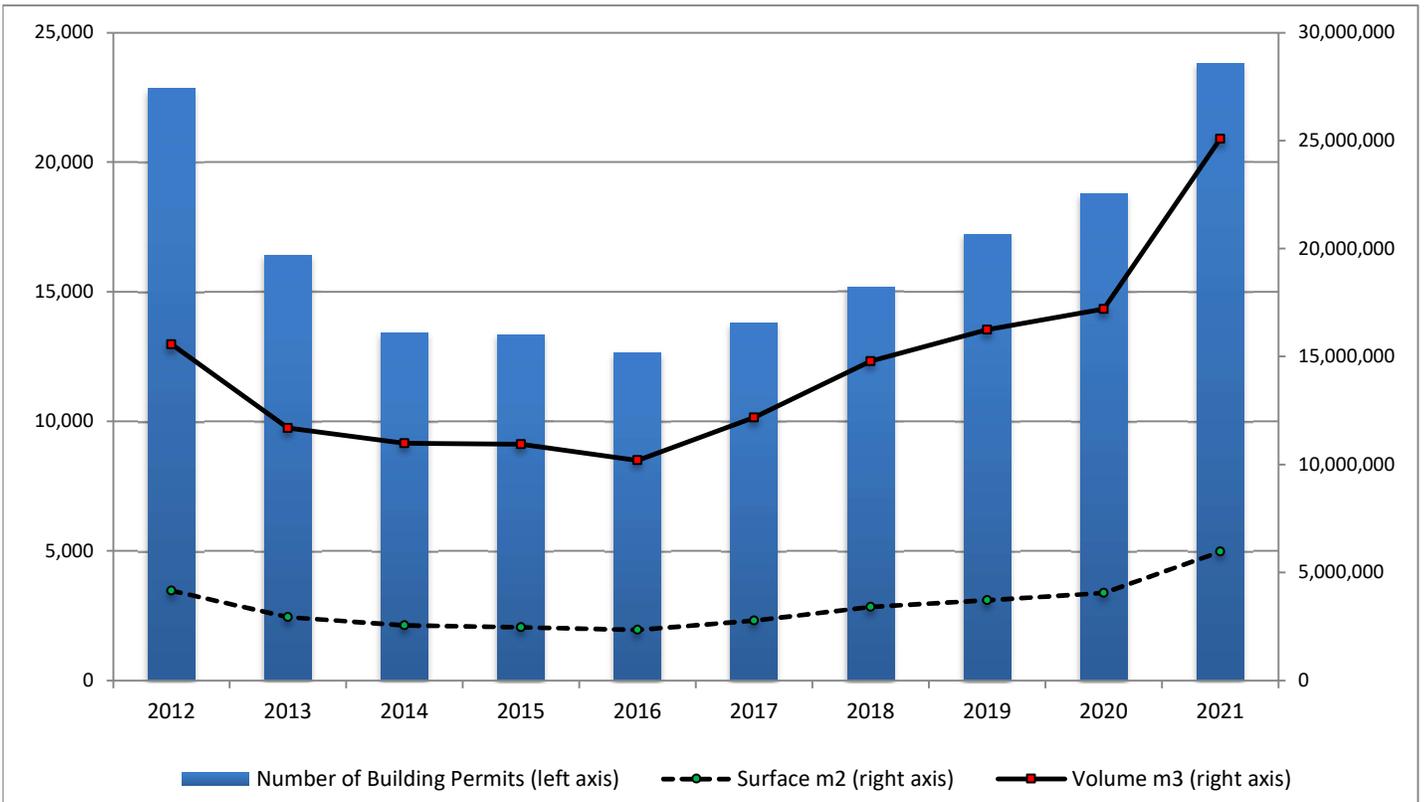
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (April 2018 – March 2022\*)**



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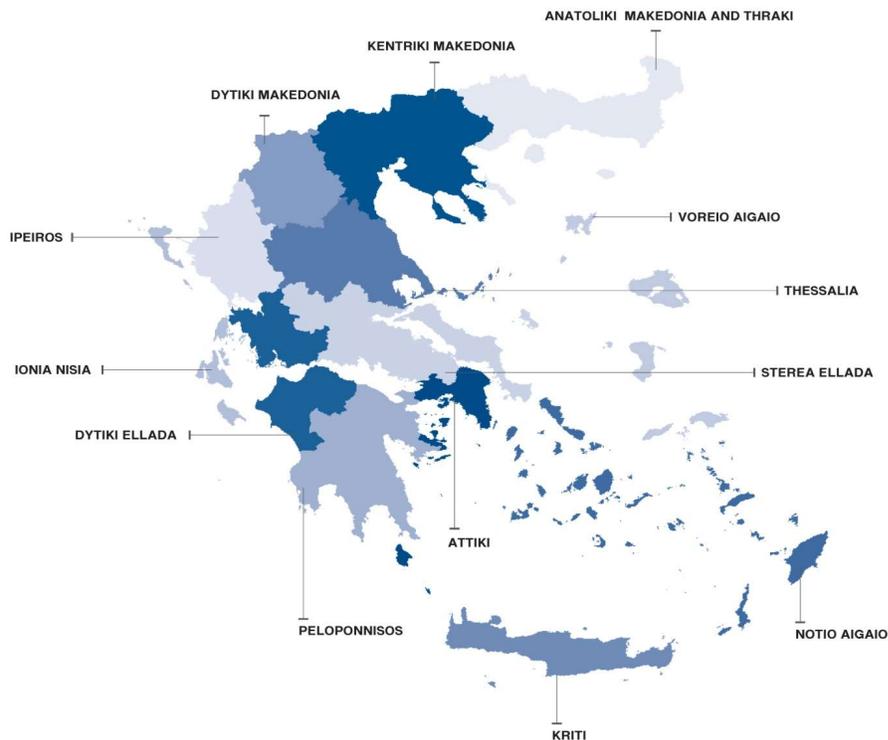
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2012 – 2021)**



## 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>	March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022.
<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>
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**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](http://www.statistics.gr), under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/>