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Building Activity Survey: June 2017

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month June 2017, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in June 2017 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,178. This figure corresponds to 250.6 thousand m² of surface and 1,131.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 9.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 12.4% increase in surface and a 20.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2016 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2017 amounted to 1,174. This figure corresponds to 247.8 thousand m² of surface and 1,115.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2016 there is a 9.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 16.1% increase in surface and a 25.1% increase in volume (Table 2). The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2017 amounted to 4. This figure corresponds to 2.8 thousand m² of surface and 16.4 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.4% of the total building volume in June 2017.
- In the last twelve months, from July 2016 until June 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,305. This figure corresponds to 2,671.2 thousand m² of surface and 11,578.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from July 2015 until June 2016, there is a 10.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 7.3% increase in surface and a 14.7% decrease in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from July 2016 until June 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 10.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 19.9% increase in surface and a 17.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from July 2015 to June 2016 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.3% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - June 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 13.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 23.7% increase in surface and a 21.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2016 (Table 5).
- During the same period, January - June 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 14.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 26.4% increase in surface and a 24.0% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - June 2016 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	58	46	-20.7	9.4	7.4	-20.6	36.1	25.3	-29.8
Kentriki Makedonia	175	143	-18.3	38.7	42.2	8.9	203.1	251.5	23.8
Dytiki Makedonia	22	28	27.3	3.9	10.0	156.6	16.0	62.8	292.5
Thessalia	78	70	-10.3	23.4	15.1	-35.7	108.7	73.1	-32.7
Ipeiros	26	38	46.2	3.9	16.7	323.0	12.3	83.9	581.0
Ionioi Nisoi	58	80	37.9	8.1	20.7	157.3	24.3	68.5	182.2
Dytiki Ellada	84	103	22.6	23.1	14.6	-37.0	97.3	56.5	-42.0
Stereia Ellada	104	92	-11.5	16.3	16.3	-0.3	72.4	77.3	6.9
Peloponnisos	131	108	-17.6	15.4	11.0	-28.9	51.0	37.1	-27.4
Attiki	209	257	23.0	55.4	63.1	14.0	230.3	283.6	23.2
Voreio Aigaio	25	35	40.0	5.5	3.9	-29.3	21.8	13.5	-38.4
Notio Aigaio	39	96	146.2	8.5	9.5	10.9	29.6	31.2	5.3
Kriti	72	82	13.9	11.1	20.2	81.0	37.2	67.6	81.8
Greece, Total	1,081	1,178	9.0	222.9	250.6	12.4	940.1	1,131.9	20.4

*Provisional Data

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.

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), June 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	58	46	-20.7	9.4	7.4	-20.6	36.1	25.3	-29.8
Kentriki Makedonia	172	143	-16.9	33.4	42.2	26.3	172.9	251.5	45.5
Dytiki Makedonia	22	28	27.3	3.9	10.0	156.6	16.0	62.8	292.5
Thessalia	78	69	-11.5	23.4	14.7	-37.2	108.7	71.6	-34.2
Ipeiros	25	37	48.0	3.9	14.6	270.3	12.3	70.8	476.8
Ionioi Nisoi	58	80	37.9	8.1	20.7	157.3	24.3	68.5	182.2
Dytiki Ellada	83	103	24.1	19.8	14.6	-26.5	81.9	56.5	-31.0
Stereia Ellada	104	92	-11.5	16.3	16.3	-0.3	72.4	77.3	6.9
Peloponnisos	130	108	-16.9	15.4	11.0	-28.9	51.0	37.1	-27.4
Attiki	208	256	23.1	54.8	63.1	15.3	228.4	283.6	24.2
Voreio Aigaio	24	34	41.7	5.5	3.6	-34.6	21.8	11.8	-45.9
Notio Aigaio	39	96	146.2	8.5	9.5	10.9	29.6	31.2	5.3
Kriti	71	82	15.5	11.0	20.2	83.8	36.5	67.6	85.3
Greece, Total	1,072	1,174	9.5	213.4	247.8	16.1	891.9	1,115.5	25.1

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2015 - June 2016* and July 2016 – June 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	520	486	-6.5	82.7	117.6	42.3	333.4	545.0	63.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,863	1,719	-7.7	384.8	388.6	1.0	2,068.6	2,078.5	0.5
Dytiki Makedonia	231	316	36.8	309.6	70.7	-77.2	3,922.6	358.8	-90.9
Thessalia	646	684	5.9	168.7	197.8	17.2	997.4	1,049.0	5.2
Ipeiros	431	457	6.0	83.9	108.0	28.7	334.0	460.3	37.8
Ionioi Nisoi	598	767	28.3	101.2	179.5	77.3	354.6	613.0	72.9
Dytiki Ellada	974	1,111	14.1	175.8	163.1	-7.3	727.7	624.5	-14.2
Stereia Ellada	964	1,100	14.1	169.7	170.6	0.5	820.5	816.1	-0.5
Peloponnisos	1,305	1,361	4.3	208.7	235.5	12.9	843.9	968.7	14.8
Attiki	2,154	2,664	23.7	372.2	512.4	37.6	1,628.3	2,241.5	37.7
Voreio Aigaio	398	391	-1.8	61.7	43.8	-29.1	237.4	143.5	-39.6
Notio Aigaio	1,067	1,227	15.0	166.2	188.8	13.6	621.5	635.6	2.3
Kriti	926	1,022	10.4	203.0	294.9	45.3	680.3	1,043.8	53.4
Greece, Total	12,077	13,305	10.2	2,488.3	2,671.2	7.3	13,570.4	11,578.1	-14.7

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2015 - June 2016* and July 2016 - June 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	512	477	-6.8	79.8	114.7	43.7	316.9	531.7	67.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,827	1,702	-6.8	368.7	384.1	4.2	1,999.3	2,060.3	3.1
Dytiki Makedonia	226	315	39.4	53.5	69.4	29.7	247.9	354.9	43.1
Thessalia	645	673	4.3	168.6	193.0	14.5	997.0	1,027.4	3.1
Ipeiros	422	455	7.8	80.3	105.3	31.2	318.3	444.5	39.6
Ionioi Nisoi	598	766	28.1	101.2	175.5	73.4	354.6	577.6	62.9
Dytiki Ellada	972	1,107	13.9	169.6	161.2	-4.9	700.1	617.2	-11.8
Stereia Ellada	961	1,093	13.7	169.4	169.2	-0.1	819.4	811.0	-1.0
Peloponnisos	1,303	1,349	3.5	208.4	232.7	11.6	843.0	955.4	13.3
Attiki	2,142	2,652	23.8	359.9	490.4	36.3	1,582.7	2,153.8	36.1
Voreio Aigaio	396	388	-2.0	57.4	43.3	-24.5	221.0	141.2	-36.1
Notio Aigaio	1,058	1,217	15.0	164.3	185.8	13.1	613.3	621.4	1.3
Kriti	917	1,015	10.7	196.1	286.2	46.0	653.8	1,013.7	55.0
Greece, Total	11,979	13,209	10.3	2,177.2	2,610.8	19.9	9,667.4	11,310.0	17.0

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - June 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	257	216	-16.0	34.1	47.2	38.6	132.0	217.7	65.0
Kentriki Makedonia	910	831	-8.7	219.3	207.8	-5.2	1,288.4	1,086.1	-15.7
Dytiki Makedonia	92	130	41.3	22.7	35.6	57.2	105.9	202.8	91.4
Thessalia	306	336	9.8	65.5	101.3	54.7	291.0	571.4	96.4
Ipeiros	183	230	25.7	38.1	58.8	54.5	135.5	257.3	89.9
Ionioi Nisoi	325	419	28.9	59.0	102.0	72.8	211.4	333.3	57.7
Dytiki Ellada	419	525	25.3	74.7	78.1	4.6	289.4	284.9	-1.5
Stereia Ellada	484	491	1.4	58.9	72.4	22.9	237.8	317.6	33.6
Peloponnisos	601	637	6.0	92.7	101.7	9.7	398.7	414.1	3.9
Attiki	1,110	1,374	23.8	213.2	291.5	36.7	913.0	1,275.5	39.7
Voreio Aigaio	136	203	49.3	19.7	23.4	18.6	75.4	79.0	4.8
Notio Aigaio	440	579	31.6	72.2	75.7	4.9	302.7	259.9	-14.2
Kriti	419	490	16.9	105.7	134.8	27.5	351.0	443.0	26.2
Greece, Total	5,682	6,461	13.7	1,075.8	1,330.4	23.7	4,732.3	5,742.8	21.4

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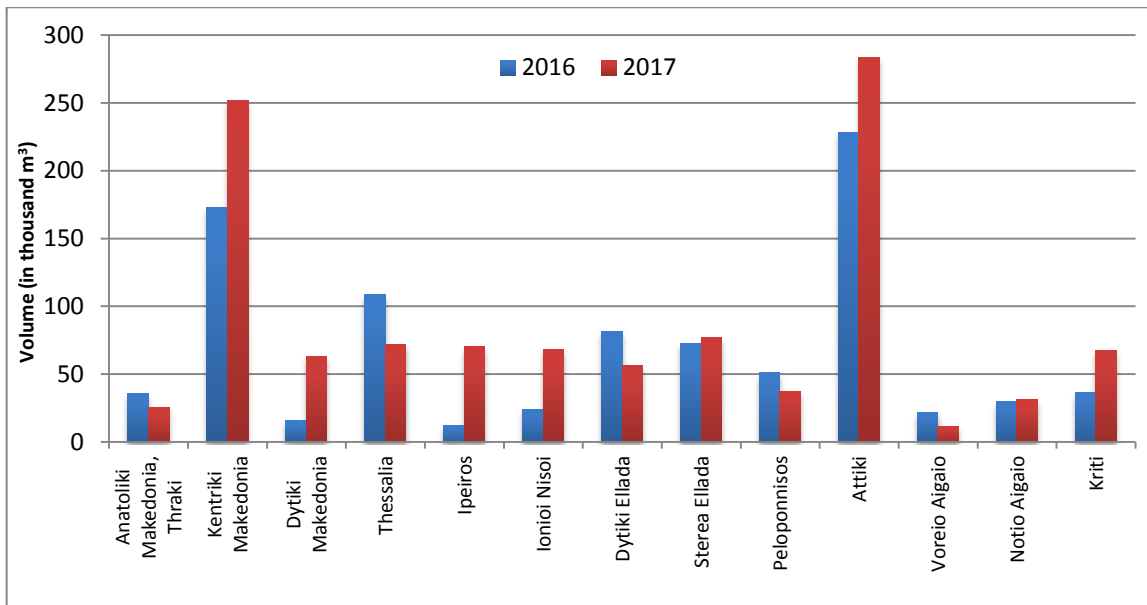
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - June 2016* and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	255	212	-16.9	34.1	46.3	35.8	131.9	214.1	62.3
Kentriki Makedonia	895	825	-7.8	205.1	206.8	0.8	1,225.0	1,081.5	-11.7
Dytiki Makedonia	91	129	41.8	20.0	34.3	71.0	90.4	198.8	120.0
Thessalia	306	332	8.5	65.5	98.4	50.2	291.0	558.0	91.8
Ipeiros	177	228	28.8	34.7	56.1	61.8	121.1	241.5	99.4
Ionioi Nisoi	325	419	28.9	59.0	102.0	72.8	211.4	333.3	57.7
Dytiki Ellada	418	524	25.4	71.4	76.3	6.9	273.9	277.6	1.4
Stereia Ellada	482	490	1.7	58.6	72.2	23.3	236.7	317.3	34.0
Peloponnisos	599	632	5.5	92.5	101.0	9.2	397.8	410.9	3.3
Attiki	1,105	1,369	23.9	210.5	291.0	38.2	901.6	1,273.4	41.2
Voreio Aigaio	135	200	48.1	19.7	23.0	16.4	75.4	76.8	1.8
Notio Aigaio	434	578	33.2	70.7	75.7	7.1	296.5	259.9	-12.4
Kriti	412	488	18.4	99.3	133.2	34.0	326	437	33.8
Greece, Total	5,634	6,426	14.1	1,041.2	1,316.2	26.4	4,579.1	5,679.7	24.0

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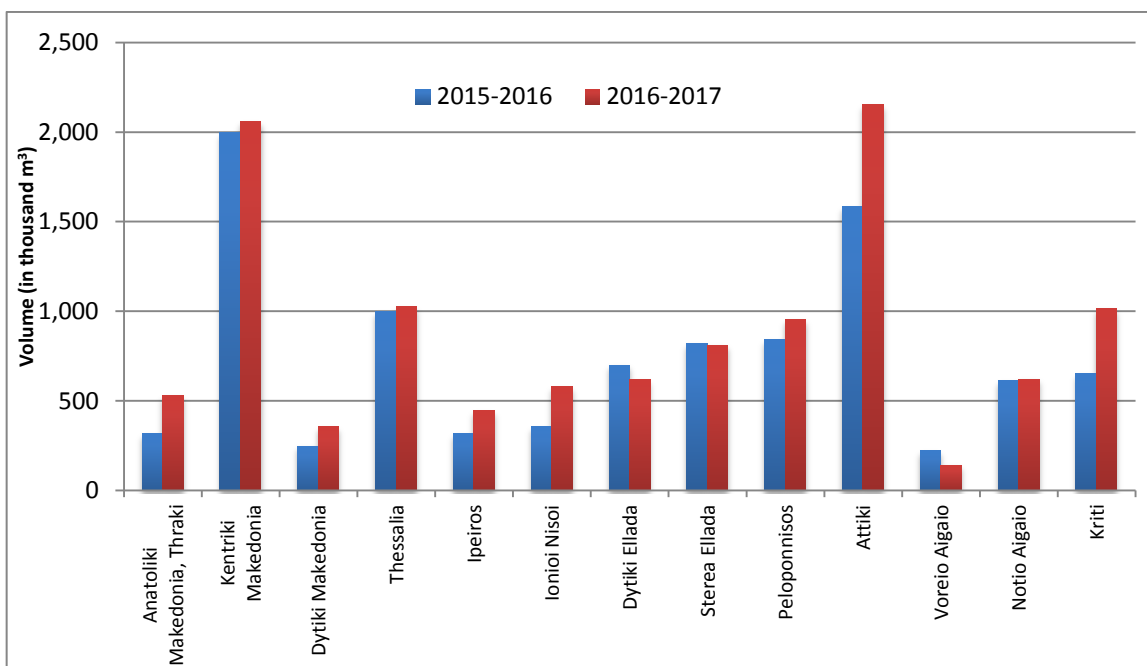
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), June 2016* and 2017 *



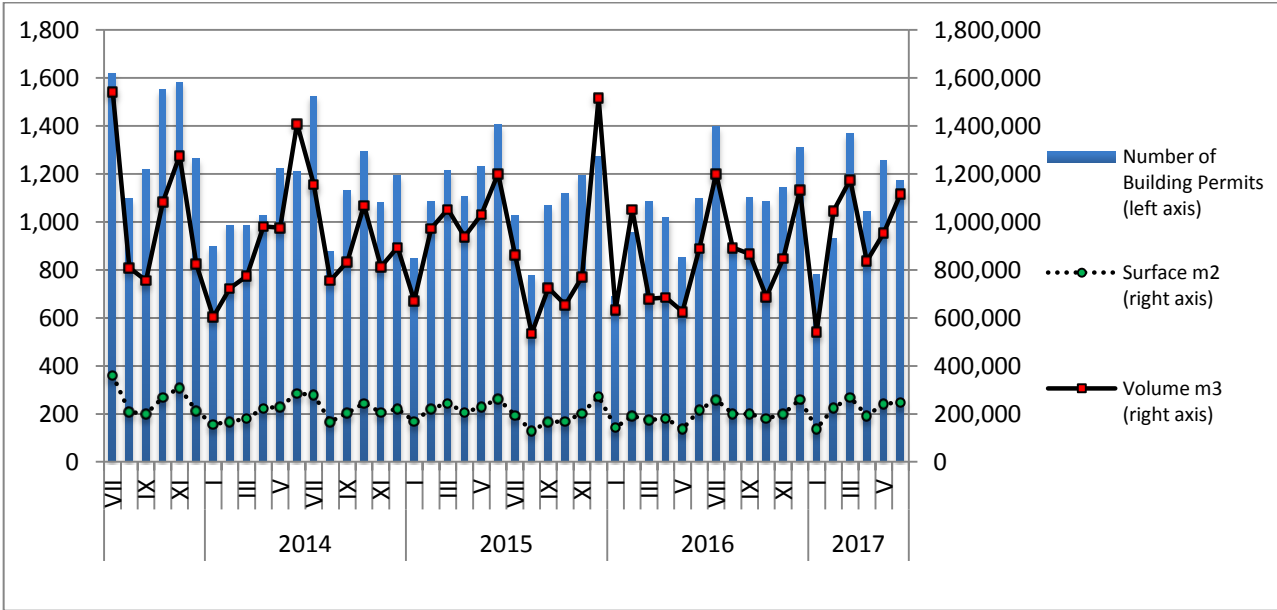
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), July 2015 - June 2016* and July 2016 - June 2017*



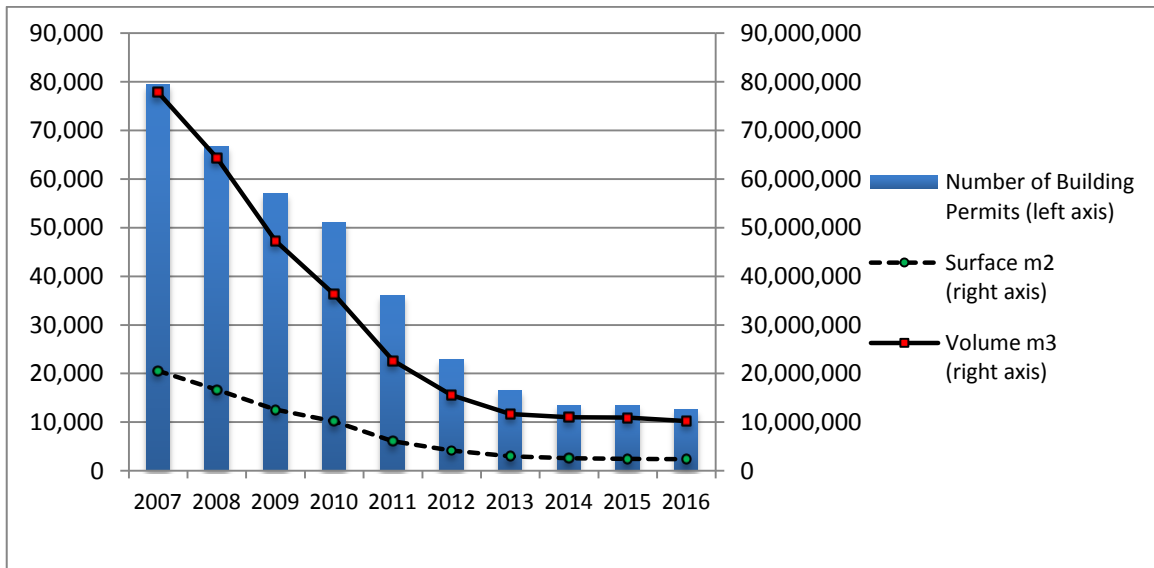
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (July 2013 – June 2017*)



*Provisional data for June 2017

Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2007 - 2016)



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 (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
- Reference Period** June 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017
- Coverage** The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
- 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 net 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.
- General Remark** Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
- References** More information (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/->