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Building Activity Survey: October 2017

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in October 2017 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,275. This figure corresponds to 323.3 thousand m² of surface and 1,570.8 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 16.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 67.2% increase in surface and a 109.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2016 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2017 amounted to 1,261. This figure corresponds to 297.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,352.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2016 there is a 16.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 64.4% increase in surface and a 96.7% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2017 amounted to 14. This figure corresponds to 25.9 thousand m² of surface and 218.7 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 13.9% of the total building volume in October 2017.
- In the last twelve months, from November 2016 until October 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,750. This figure corresponds to 2,820.0 thousand m² of surface and 12,545.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from November 2015 until October 2016, there is a 7.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 15.0% increase in surface and a 14.0% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from November 2016 until October 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.4% increase in surface and a 15.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from November 2015 to October 2016 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.4% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - October 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 9.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 20.1% increase in surface and a 23.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2016 (Table 5). During the same period, January - October 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 21.3% increase in surface and a 23.4% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - October 2016 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	52	40	-23.1	9.0	15.3	70.5	32.1	61.3	90.7
Kentriki Makedonia	123	176	43.1	21.2	55.5	161.4	91.1	398.1	336.8
Dytiki Makedonia	17	29	70.6	2.1	5.6	161.8	8.9	19.6	120.3
Thessalia	63	66	4.8	9.8	19.4	99.1	44.9	76.4	70.2
Ipeiros	35	49	40.0	6.3	25.3	301.7	28.7	211.3	635.1
Ionioi Nisoi	60	80	33.3	14.1	22.1	56.9	44.3	76.3	72.2
Dytiki Ellada	97	102	5.2	11.4	20.5	80.0	37.0	91.7	148.1
Stereia Ellada	99	127	28.3	10.3	22.0	113.4	39.2	110.2	181.1
Peloponnisos	112	114	1.8	19.5	50.0	155.7	78.3	213.8	173.2
Attiki	204	232	13.7	37.0	28.3	-23.5	152.3	104.3	-31.5
Voreio Aigaio	32	32	0.0	3.2	3.5	11.6	12.0	11.4	-5.0
Notio Aigaio	108	127	17.6	16.8	32.7	94.4	57.3	110.4	92.7
Kriti	93	101	8.6	32.6	23.1	-29.3	124.9	86.0	-31.2
Greece, Total	1,095	1,275	16.4	193.3	323.3	67.2	751.0	1,570.8	109.2

*Provisional data for October 2017

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), October 2016 and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	52	39	-25.0	9.0	14.5	61.9	32.1	58.6	82.2
Kentriki Makedonia	119	171	43.7	19.0	55.4	191.6	83.1	397.8	378.5
Dytiki Makedonia	17	29	70.6	2.1	5.6	161.8	8.9	19.6	120.3
Thessalia	63	66	4.8	9.8	19.4	99.1	44.9	76.4	70.2
Ipeiros	35	48	37.1	6.3	8.1	28.3	28.7	30.9	7.3
Ionioi Nisoi	60	80	33.3	14.1	22.1	56.9	44.3	76.3	72.2
Dytiki Ellada	97	102	5.2	11.4	20.5	80.0	37.0	91.7	148.1
Stereia Ellada	99	126	27.3	10.3	19.8	92.2	39.2	98.1	150.3
Peloponnisos	112	112	0.0	19.5	46.4	137.3	78.3	200.0	155.5
Attiki	203	232	14.3	28.4	28.3	-0.6	104.9	104.3	-0.6
Voreio Aigaio	32	31	-3.1	3.2	3.4	7.2	12.0	10.8	-9.7
Notio Aigaio	103	125	21.4	15.1	32.7	116.3	49.2	110.3	124.4
Kriti	93	100	7.5	32.6	21.2	-35.0	124.9	77.3	-38.1
Greece, Total	1,085	1,261	16.2	180.9	297.4	64.4	687.5	1,352.1	96.7

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	560	506	-9.6	89.0	132.1	48.3	357.2	619.1	73.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,893	1,800	-4.9	413.2	433.0	4.8	2,309.2	2,399.3	3.9
Dytiki Makedonia	269	310	15.2	71.6	74.7	4.4	402.5	386.0	-4.1
Thessalia	724	742	2.5	193.7	193.0	-0.4	1,094.8	1,002.3	-8.4
Ipeiros	423	476	12.5	95.5	121.2	26.8	384.9	620.7	61.3
Ionioi Nisoi	675	796	17.9	139.0	186.6	34.3	498.1	609.8	22.4
Dytiki Ellada	982	1,160	18.1	173.9	184.7	6.2	716.9	741.9	3.5
Stereia Ellada	1,078	1,104	2.4	166.5	178.8	7.4	776.3	949.1	22.3
Peloponnisos	1,397	1,361	-2.6	213.1	266.4	25.0	858.7	1,201.5	39.9
Attiki	2,374	2,710	14.2	419.1	531.7	26.8	1,888.0	2,258.0	19.6
Voreio Aigaio	340	412	21.2	50.3	48.9	-2.8	191.9	166.0	-13.5
Notio Aigaio	1,119	1,307	16.8	177.3	209.5	18.2	646.4	708.8	9.6
Kriti	929	1,066	14.7	250.8	259.5	3.5	882.4	882.4	0.0
Greece, Total	12,763	13,750	7.7	2,453.1	2,820.0	15.0	11,007.3	12,545.0	14.0

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17		2015-16	2016-17	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	551	494	-10.3	84.5	121.6	43.9	331.8	563.9	69.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,859	1,778	-4.4	395.1	426.6	8.0	2,231.9	2,376.8	6.5
Dytiki Makedonia	265	307	15.8	54.7	72.0	31.8	231.4	377.5	63.2
Thessalia	720	732	1.7	193.6	188.3	-2.7	1,094.2	980.9	-10.4
Ipeiros	416	473	13.7	92.1	101.2	9.9	370.5	424.4	14.6
Ionioi Nisoi	674	796	18.1	135.0	186.6	38.2	462.6	609.8	31.8
Dytiki Ellada	979	1,157	18.2	170.6	182.2	6.8	701.4	732.2	4.4
Stereia Ellada	1,071	1,098	2.5	165.0	176.2	6.8	770.6	935.4	21.4
Peloponnisos	1,391	1,343	-3.5	212.6	255.3	20.1	856.6	1,152.5	34.5
Attiki	2,364	2,700	14.2	395.1	529.0	33.9	1,791.1	2,245.1	25.3
Voreio Aigaio	339	408	20.4	50.3	48.3	-3.9	191.9	163.2	-15.0
Notio Aigaio	1,104	1,300	17.8	173.9	208.6	20.0	631.1	705.0	11.7
Kriti	919	1,056	14.9	238.8	252.1	5.6	838.2	854.5	1.9
Greece, Total	12,652	13,642	7.8	2,361.0	2,748.0	16.4	10,503.4	12,121.0	15.4

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	452	405	-10.4	70.1	100.2	42.9	278.5	437.5	57.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,516	1,488	-1.8	346.8	378.5	9.1	1,989.9	2,100.5	5.6
Dytiki Makedonia	216	246	13.9	46.9	62.2	32.8	209.3	335.6	60.3
Thessalia	566	621	9.7	132.3	161.6	22.1	580.1	819.6	41.3
Ipeiros	334	399	19.5	75.8	109.3	44.2	288.6	576.2	99.6
Ionioi Nisoi	557	677	21.5	116.3	165.6	42.3	420.4	540.0	28.4
Dytiki Ellada	780	927	18.8	129.6	151.0	16.5	498.5	614.2	23.2
Stereia Ellada	897	905	0.9	129.2	149.6	15.7	580.5	800.0	37.8
Peloponnisos	1,153	1,104	-4.2	174.0	216.8	24.6	721.5	974.7	35.1
Attiki	1,946	2,246	15.4	361.5	453.3	25.4	1,603.6	1,966.5	22.6
Voreio Aigaio	256	335	30.9	31.6	40.6	28.7	114.4	139.1	21.6
Notio Aigaio	838	1,049	25.2	132.2	157.2	18.9	497.9	537.5	8.0
Kriti	762	870	14.2	213.5	207.7	-2.7	760.8	694.4	-8.7
Greece, Total	10,273	11,272	9.7	1,959.8	2,353.5	20.1	8,544.2	10,535.7	23.3

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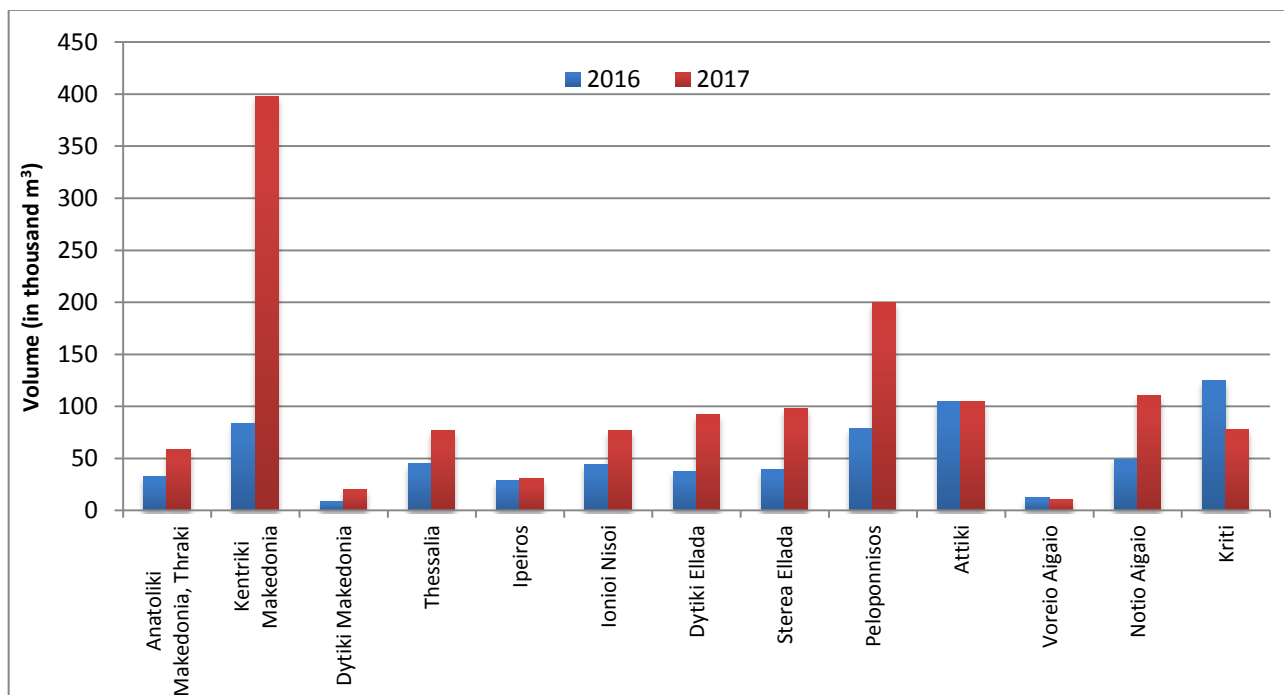
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - October 2016 and 2017*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	447	394	-11.9	68.3	89.8	31.5	269.3	382.7	42.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,493	1,469	-1.6	329.7	372.7	13.0	1,915.8	2,080.9	8.6
Dytiki Makedonia	215	243	13.0	44.2	59.5	34.6	193.8	327.1	68.8
Thessalia	564	616	9.2	132.3	158.7	19.9	580.0	806.2	39.0
Ipeiros	328	396	20.7	72.4	89.3	23.5	274.2	379.8	38.5
Ionioi Nisoi	556	677	21.8	112.3	165.6	47.4	385.0	540.0	40.3
Dytiki Ellada	777	925	19.0	126.3	148.6	17.6	483.1	604.5	25.1
Stereia Ellada	890	900	1.1	127.7	147.0	15.1	574.8	786.5	36.8
Peloponnisos	1,149	1,092	-5.0	173.6	207.6	19.6	719.8	934.9	29.9
Attiki	1,936	2,238	15.6	337.4	450.6	33.6	1,506.7	1,953.6	29.7
Voreio Aigaio	255	331	29.8	31.6	40.0	26.9	114.4	136.3	19.2
Notio Aigaio	824	1,045	26.8	128.8	157.2	22.0	482.6	537.4	11.4
Kriti	752	862	14.6	201.5	201.7	0.1	716.6	670.6	-6.4
Greece, Total	10,186	11,188	9.8	1,886.0	2,288.3	21.3	8,216.0	10,140.4	23.4

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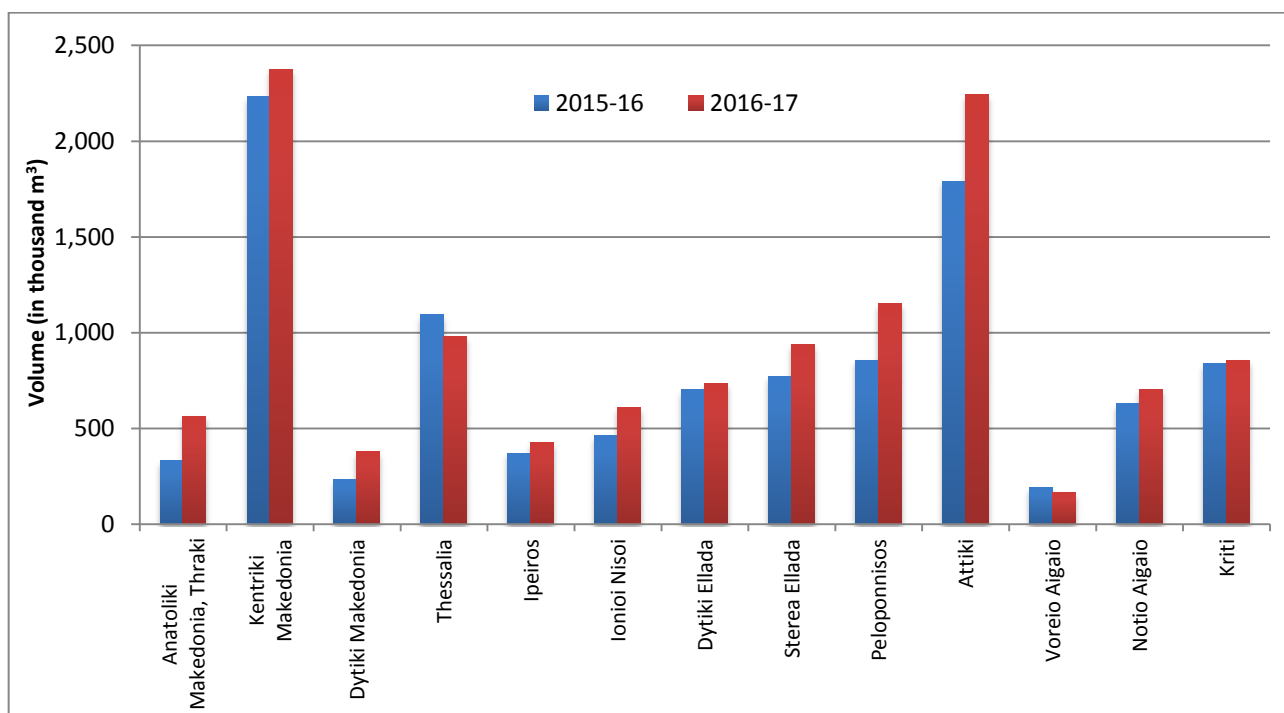
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), October 2016 and 2017 *



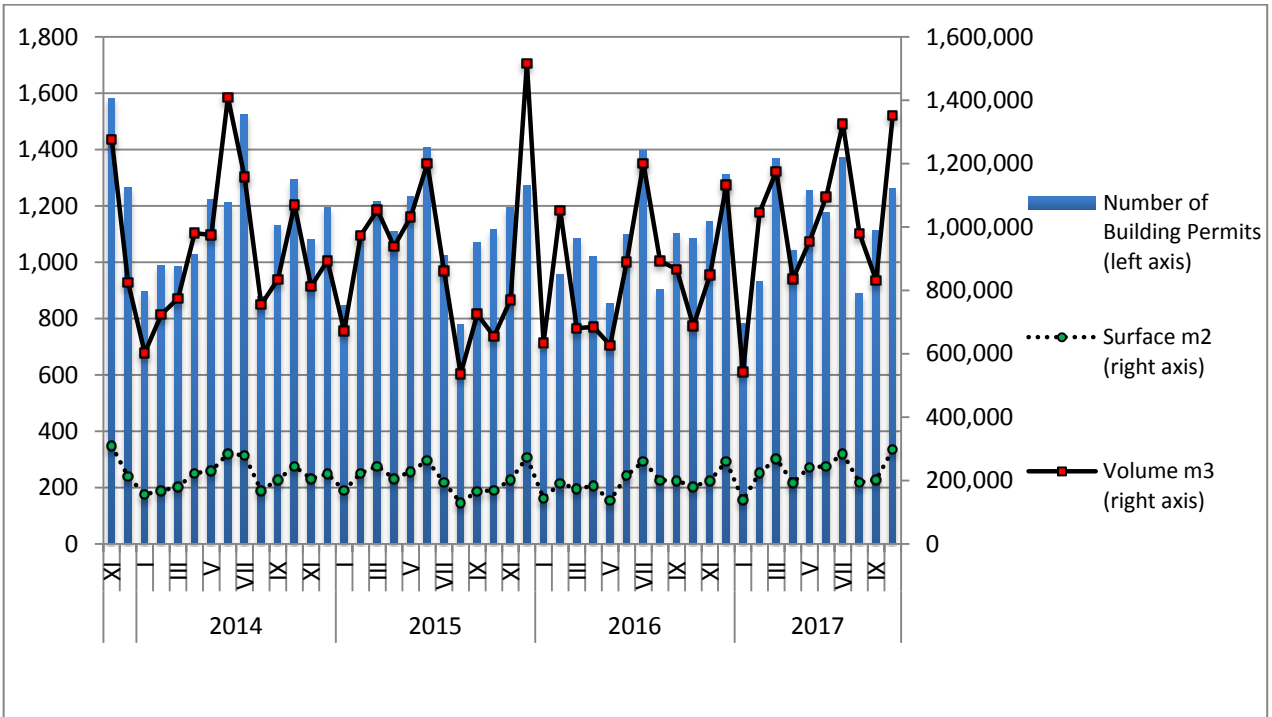
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), November 2015 - October 2016 and November 2016 - October 2017*



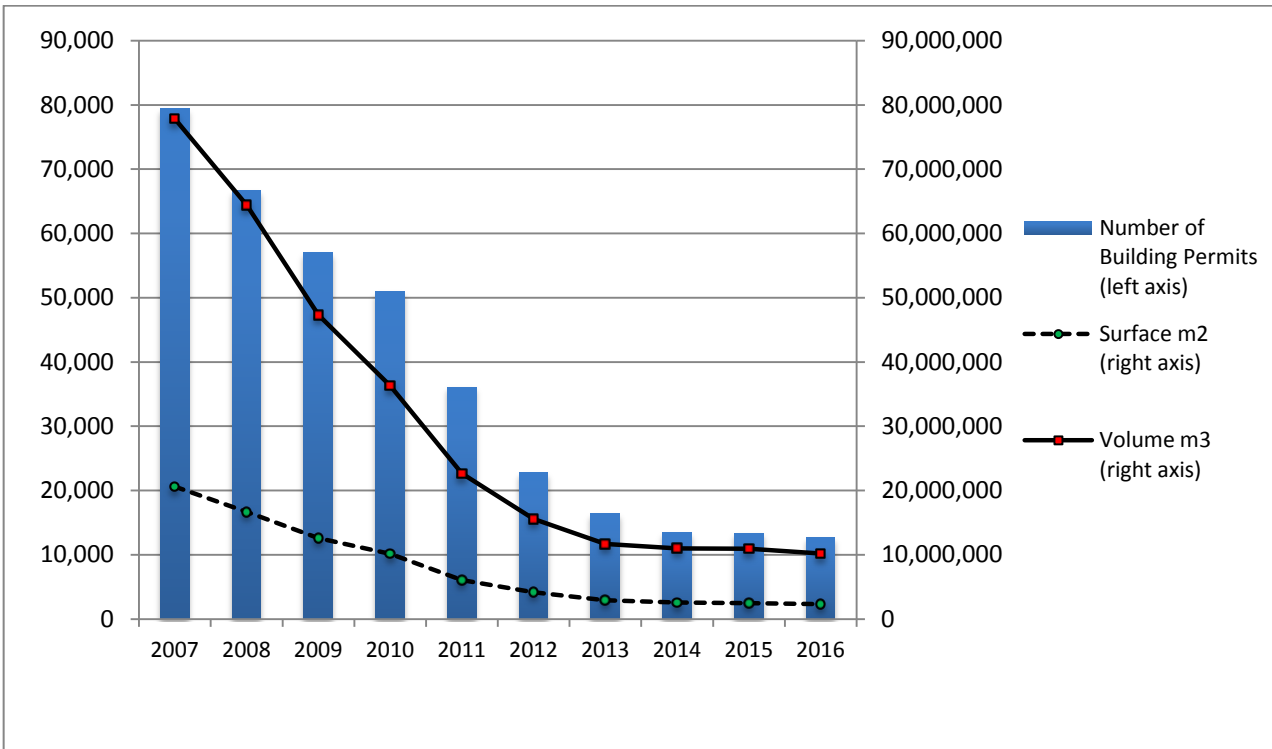
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (November 2013 – October 2017*)



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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** October 1, 2017 to October 31, 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/->