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Building Activity Survey: July 2019

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month July 2019, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in July 2019 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,841. This figure corresponds to 459.6 thousand m² of surface and 2,084.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 18.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 34.7% increase in surface and a 26.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2018 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2019 amounted to 1,832. This figure corresponds to 431.3 thousand m² of surface and 1,890.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2018 there is a 19.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 33.7% increase in surface and a 21.7% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2019 amounted to 9. This figure corresponds to 28.3 thousand m² of surface and 194.3 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 9.3% of the total building volume in July 2019.
- In the last twelve months, from August 2018 until July 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 15,733. This figure corresponds to 3,508.3 thousand m² of surface and 15,294.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from August 2017 until July 2018, there is a 7.8% increase in the number of building permits, an 11.7% increase in surface and a 10.3% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from August 2018 until July 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 12.6% increase in surface and an 11.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2017 to July 2018 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.0% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - July 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 4.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 1.3% decrease in surface and a 1.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 5). During the same period, January - July 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 4.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 0.4% decrease in surface and a 1.4% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - July 2018 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	40	76	90.0	11.2	16.8	49.3	40.6	84.0	107.2
Kentriki Makedonia	242	262	8.3	53.0	65.3	23.2	287.6	401.6	39.6
Dytiki Makedonia	26	25	-3.8	5.0	17.6	255.1	13.7	112.5	721.8
Thessalia	85	105	23.5	21.3	24.6	15.8	152.2	93.8	-38.4
Ipeiros	63	55	-12.7	13.3	28.9	116.8	65.7	145.5	121.6
Ionioi Nisoi	89	136	52.8	16.2	18.8	15.8	51.7	63.4	22.6
Dytiki Ellada	131	111	-15.3	20.6	38.4	86.6	75.4	192.3	154.9
Stereia Ellada	119	105	-11.8	34.4	15.2	-55.9	190.3	74.1	-61.1
Peloponnisos	141	120	-14.9	22.7	21.0	-7.6	90.2	85.5	-5.2
Attiki	373	471	26.3	99.7	127.7	28.2	538.9	526.5	-2.3
Voreio Aigaio	30	46	53.3	2.0	9.3	365.3	6.5	39.8	514.3
Notio Aigaio	128	157	22.7	18.8	30.2	60.7	59.8	100.4	67.7
Kriti	86	172	100.0	23.2	45.9	97.9	77.7	165.4	113.0
Greece, Total	1,553	1,841	18.5	341.3	459.6	34.7	1,650.2	2,084.7	26.3

*Provisional data for July 2019

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), July 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	40	76	90.0	11.2	16.8	49.3	40.6	84.0	107.2
Kentriki Makedonia	235	259	10.2	51.7	51.9	0.5	279.2	266.4	-4.6
Dytiki Makedonia	26	25	-3.8	5.0	17.6	255.1	13.7	112.5	721.8
Thessalia	85	105	23.5	21.3	24.6	15.8	152.2	93.8	-38.4
Ipeiros	63	53	-15.9	13.3	27.8	109.0	65.7	141.3	115.2
Ionioi Nisoi	88	136	54.5	15.5	18.8	20.7	49.9	63.4	27.0
Dytiki Ellada	128	110	-14.1	18.9	24.8	31.3	67.4	138.5	105.6
Stereia Ellada	117	105	-10.3	20.0	15.2	-24.2	115.5	74.1	-35.8
Peloponnisos	141	119	-15.6	22.7	21.0	-7.6	90.2	85.5	-5.2
Attiki	370	470	27.0	99.2	127.7	28.8	537.0	526.5	-2.0
Voreio Aigaio	30	46	53.3	2.0	9.3	365.3	6.5	39.8	514.3
Notio Aigaio	127	157	23.6	18.8	30.2	60.7	59.8	100.4	67.7
Kriti	82	171	108.5	22.9	45.5	98.8	76.4	164.2	115.0
Greece, Total	1,532	1,832	19.6	322.5	431.3	33.7	1,554.0	1,890.4	21.7

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2017 – July 2018 and August 2018 – July 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	462	680	47.2	108.6	146.0	34.4	426.7	617.5	44.7
Kentriki Makedonia	2,071	2,347	13.3	482.3	580.0	20.3	2,624.8	3,042.0	15.9
Dytiki Makedonia	277	213	-23.1	62.4	75.5	21.0	267.3	473.5	77.1
Thessalia	814	929	14.1	211.0	207.1	-1.8	1,070.3	1,060.5	-0.9
Ipeiros	503	535	6.4	135.9	172.9	27.2	668.4	699.5	4.7
Ionioi Nisoi	873	1,141	30.7	236.1	216.5	-8.3	776.9	734.3	-5.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,253	1,050	-16.2	214.0	181.5	-15.2	876.6	717.4	-18.2
Stereia Ellada	1,125	917	-18.5	216.9	162.4	-25.1	1,080.3	871.7	-19.3
Peloponnisos	1,323	1,229	-7.1	269.3	203.4	-24.5	1,158.9	763.3	-34.1
Attiki	2,806	3,349	19.4	548.2	784.9	43.2	2,572.7	3,484.0	35.4
Voreio Aigaio	450	419	-6.9	53.1	53.8	1.4	194.3	204.2	5.1
Notio Aigaio	1,563	1,624	3.9	334.8	377.9	12.9	1,164.1	1,306.2	12.2
Kriti	1,073	1,300	21.2	269.5	346.3	28.5	979.1	1,320.4	34.9
Greece, Total	14,593	15,733	7.8	3,141.8	3,508.3	11.7	13,860.4	15,294.5	10.3

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2017 – July 2018 and August 2018 – July 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	458	679	48.3	102.4	146.0	42.6	388.4	617.5	59.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,035	2,327	14.3	456.2	565.1	23.9	2,500.1	2,900.5	16.0
Dytiki Makedonia	273	209	-23.4	60.4	61.1	1.1	259.8	320.2	23.3
Thessalia	804	917	14.1	207.0	200.3	-3.2	1,052.0	1,031.4	-2.0
Ipeiros	497	531	6.8	118.1	171.7	45.4	486.0	695.1	43.0
Ionioi Nisoi	872	1,140	30.7	235.4	216.3	-8.1	775.2	732.9	-5.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,248	1,041	-16.6	206.8	159.3	-23.0	846.5	617.1	-27.1
Stereia Ellada	1,113	912	-18.1	190.8	160.9	-15.6	945.7	866.6	-8.4
Peloponnisos	1,311	1,205	-8.1	259.6	186.8	-28.1	1,115.4	699.2	-37.3
Attiki	2,791	3,331	19.3	538.0	775.6	44.1	2,515.5	3,441.9	36.8
Voreio Aigaio	442	411	-7.0	51.3	52.7	2.7	187.4	197.9	5.6
Notio Aigaio	1,554	1,616	4.0	330.0	374.6	13.5	1,130.5	1,292.6	14.3
Kriti	1,061	1,286	21.2	264.2	331.6	25.5	959.1	1,266.3	32.0
Greece, Total	14,459	15,605	7.9	3,020.3	3,402.0	12.6	13,161.5	14,679.2	11.5

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – July 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	250	447	78.8	55.0	96.7	75.9	199.7	403.3	101.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,234	1,362	10.4	290.6	298.1	2.6	1,493.8	1,565.4	4.8
Dytiki Makedonia	148	115	-22.3	34.1	36.8	7.9	148.8	202.3	35.9
Thessalia	493	545	10.5	136.1	117.1	-13.9	754.2	651.1	-13.7
Ipeiros	307	294	-4.2	80.7	95.0	17.8	335.0	411.2	22.7
Ionioi Nisoi	548	676	23.4	153.3	96.9	-36.8	510.3	318.3	-37.6
Dytiki Ellada	700	517	-26.1	110.1	98.5	-10.5	422.4	414.7	-1.8
Stereia Ellada	619	482	-22.1	139.7	69.1	-50.5	663.6	375.7	-43.4
Peloponnisos	812	692	-14.8	142.1	98.5	-30.7	592.3	380.7	-35.7
Attiki	1,810	2,068	14.3	380.7	469.2	23.3	1,844.7	1,888.6	2.4
Voreio Aigaio	254	227	-10.6	28.0	29.1	4.0	102.0	111.3	9.1
Notio Aigaio	867	878	1.3	186.5	187.8	0.7	612.3	656.7	7.3
Kriti	638	768	20.4	161.7	181.1	12.0	576.4	722.9	25.4
Greece, Total	8,680	9,071	4.5	1,898.5	1,874.1	-1.3	8,255.6	8,102.2	-1.9

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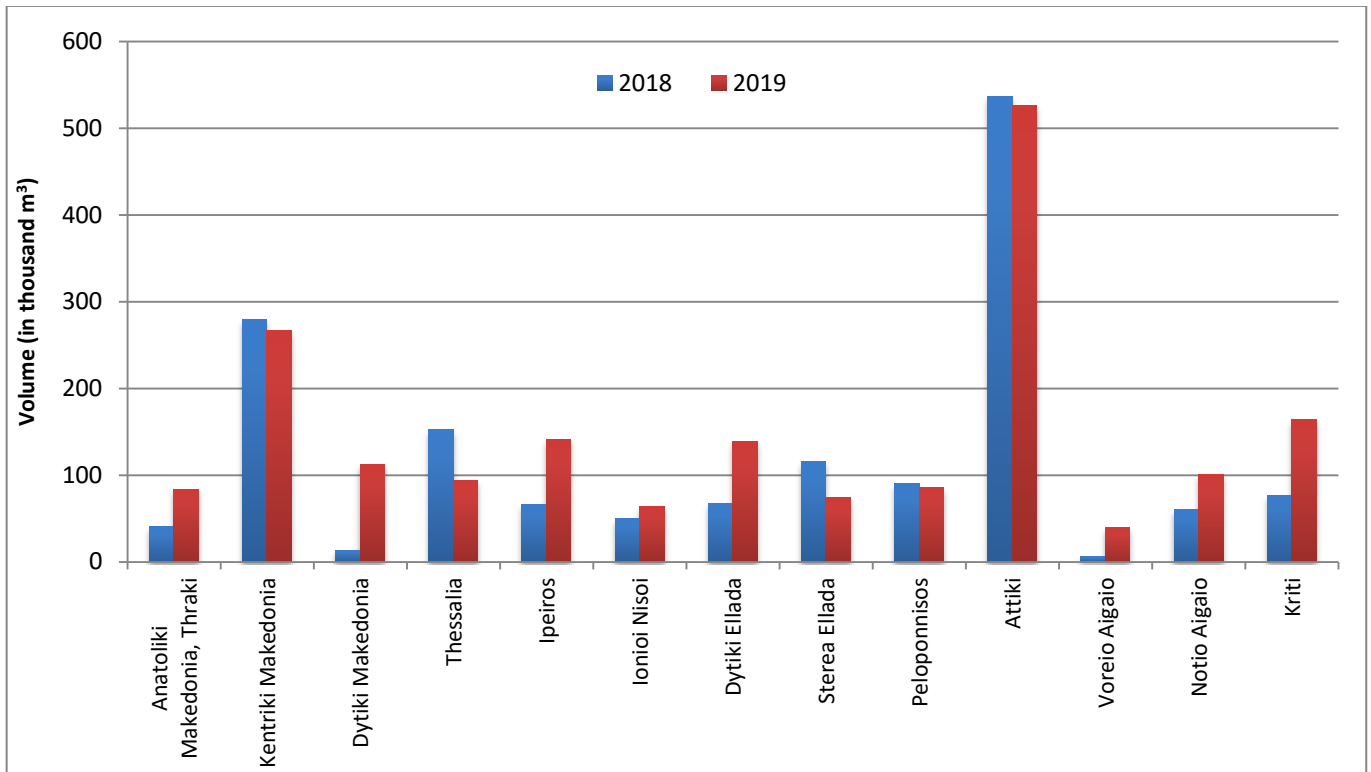
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – July 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	250	447	78.8	55.0	96.7	75.9	199.7	403.3	101.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,213	1,355	11.7	278.1	284.7	2.4	1,426.2	1,430.2	0.3
Dytiki Makedonia	147	114	-22.4	33.5	36.8	10.0	146.0	202.3	38.6
Thessalia	486	543	11.7	134.8	116.6	-13.5	748.3	649.2	-13.2
Ipeiros	304	291	-4.3	80.3	94.0	17.0	333.7	406.9	22.0
Ionioi Nisoi	547	676	23.6	152.6	96.9	-36.5	508.6	318.3	-37.4
Dytiki Ellada	696	514	-26.1	102.9	84.8	-17.6	392.4	360.4	-8.2
Stereia Ellada	610	482	-21.0	118.0	69.1	-41.4	551.7	375.7	-31.9
Peloponnisos	809	682	-15.7	141.1	95.1	-32.6	586.5	364.0	-37.9
Attiki	1,797	2,059	14.6	373.1	464.5	24.5	1,800.5	1,868.1	3.8
Voreio Aigaio	249	226	-9.2	26.4	29.1	10.2	95.9	111.3	16.1
Notio Aigaio	861	876	1.7	183.4	187.5	2.2	599.1	655.9	9.5
Kriti	632	761	20.4	159.4	176.3	10.6	568.9	704.3	23.8
Greece, Total	8,601	9,026	4.9	1,838.6	1,832.1	-0.4	7,957.5	7,850.0	-1.4

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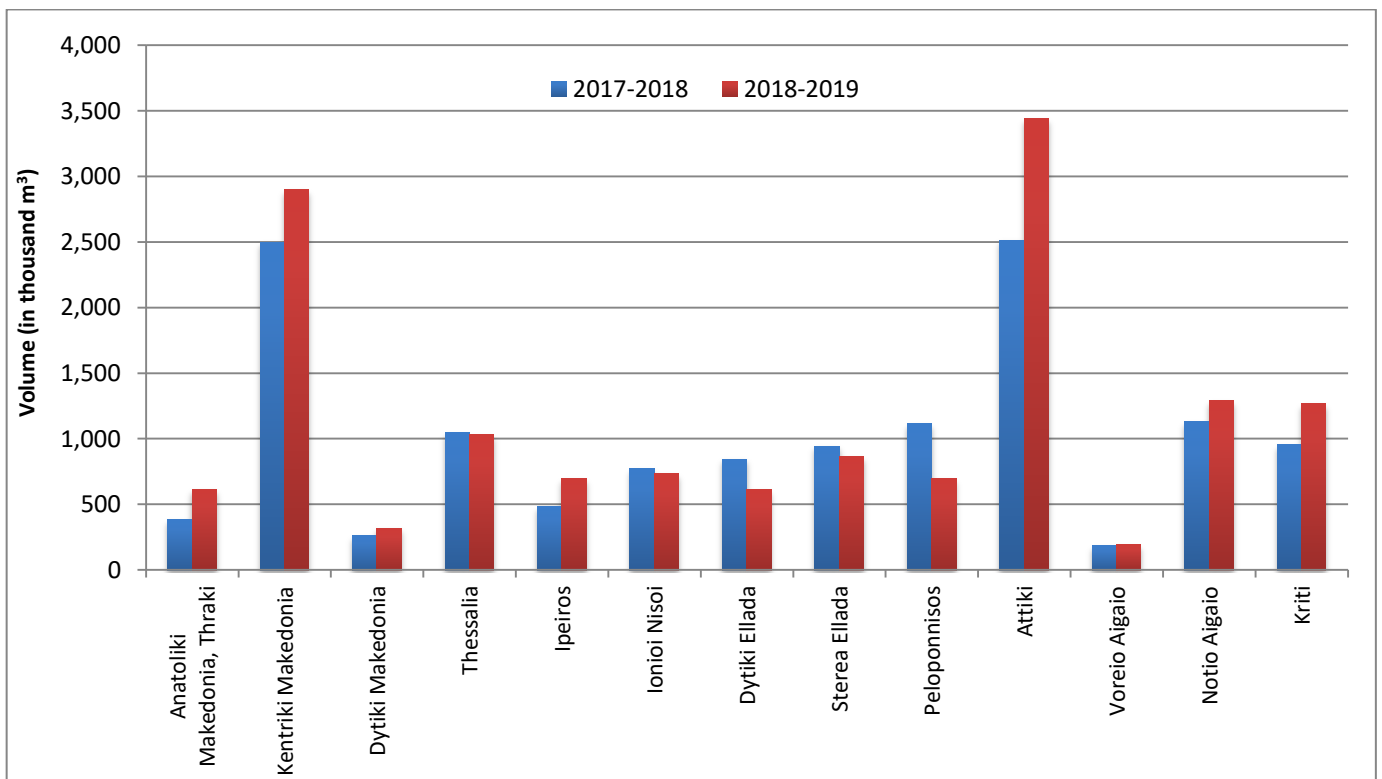
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), July 2018 and 2019*



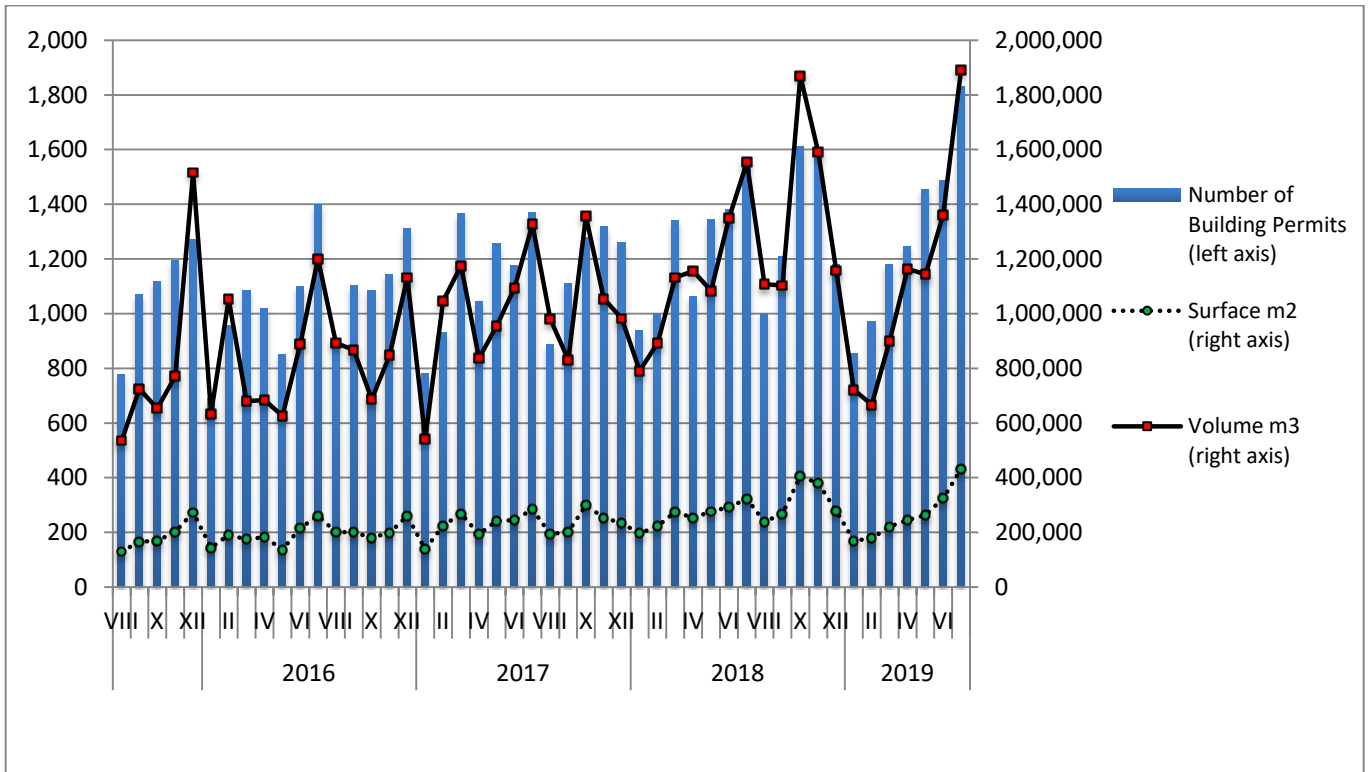
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), August 2017 – July 2018 and August 2018 – July 2019*



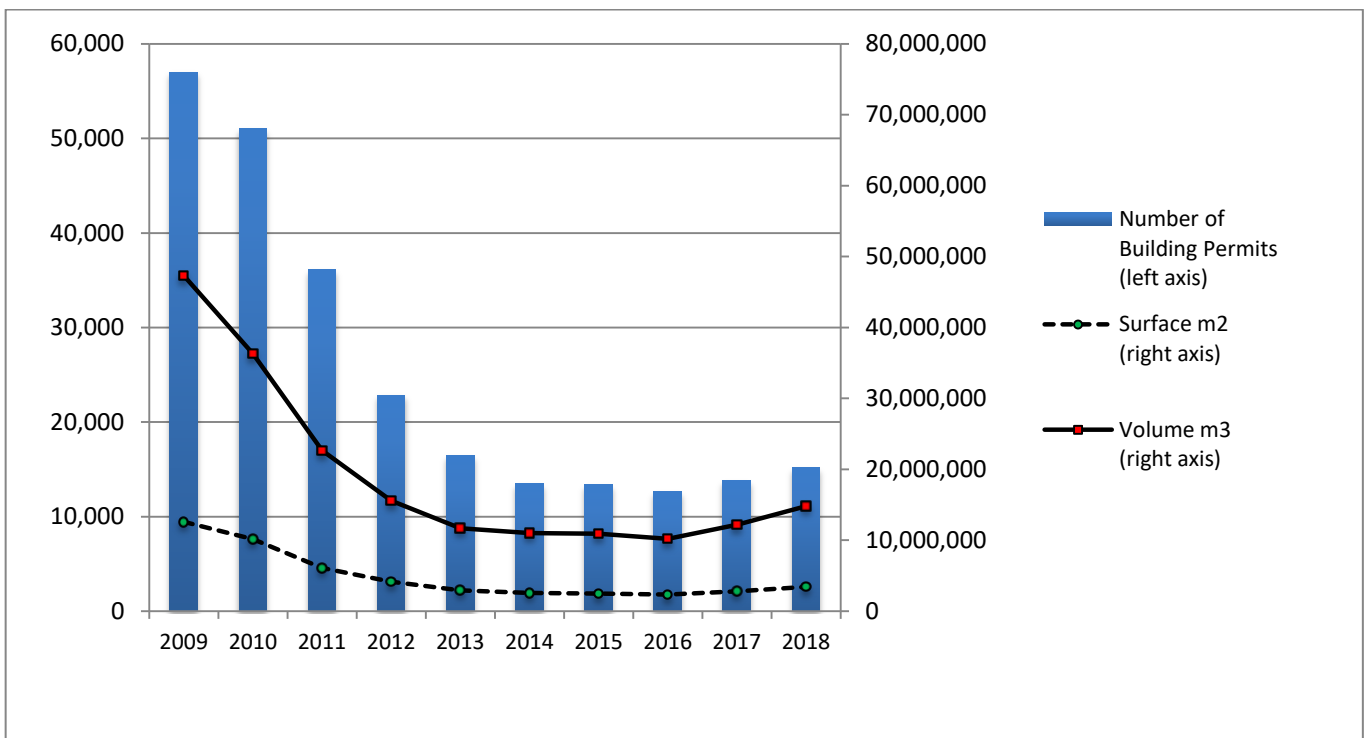
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (August 2015 – July 2019*)



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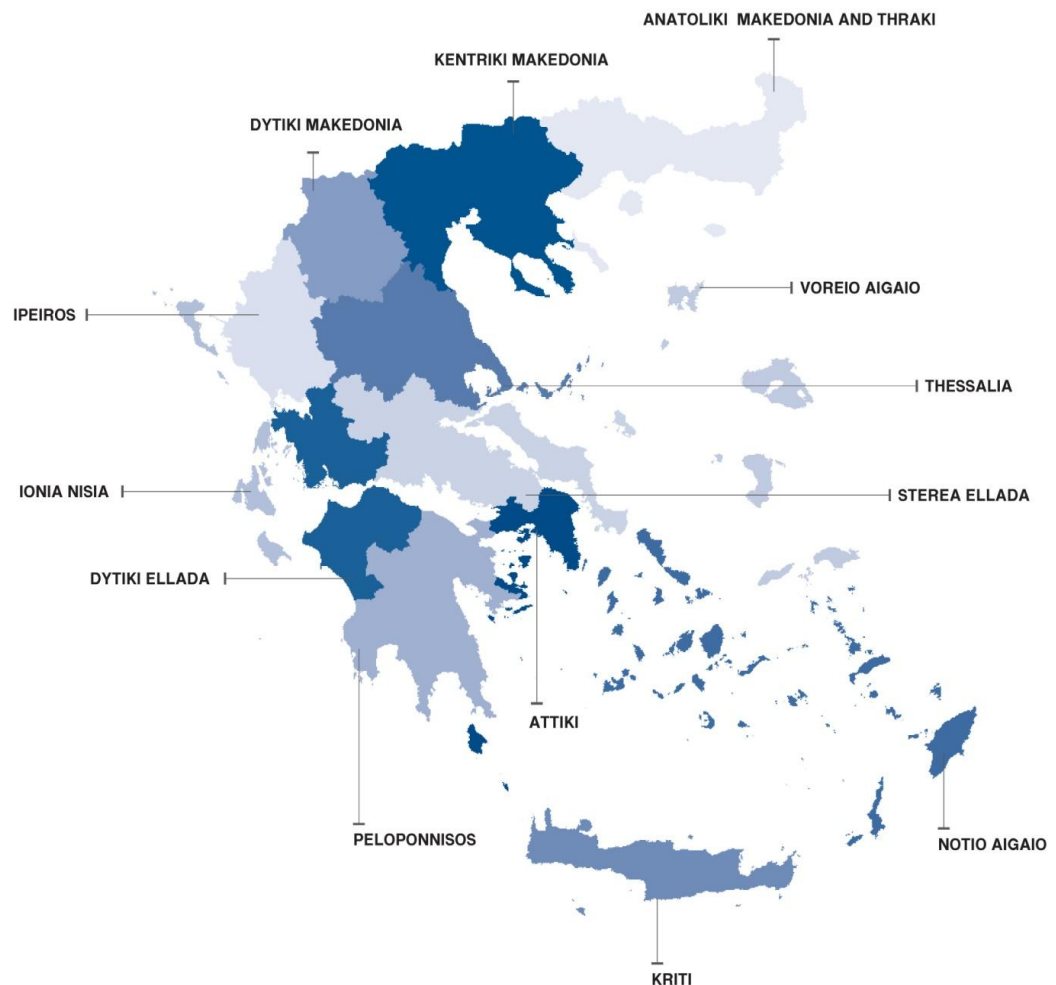
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2009 - 2018)



EXPLANATORY NOTE

- 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** July 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019
- 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.

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, under the link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/->