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Building Activity Survey: September 2019

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in September 2019 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,323. This figure corresponds to 348.9 thousand m² of surface and 1,794.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, an 8.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 29.1% increase in surface and a 61.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2018 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2019 amounted to 1,316. This figure corresponds to 344.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,769.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2018 there is an 8.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 28.2% increase in surface and a 60.5% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2019 amounted to 7. This figure corresponds to 4.8 thousand m² of surface and 25.6 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.4% of the total building volume in September 2019.
- In the last twelve months, from October 2018 until September 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 16,200. This figure corresponds to 3,662.7 thousand m² of surface and 16,371.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from October 2017 until September 2018, there is a 9.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 12.7% increase in surface and a 15.1% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from October 2018 until September 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 13.8% increase in surface and a 16.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from October 2017 to September 2018 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.7% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - September 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 7.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 5.4% increase in surface and an 8.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 5). During the same period, January - September 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.4% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 6.6% increase in surface and a 9.7% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - September 2018 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	46	93	102.2	11.0	23.7	115.9	57.3	84.3	47.0
Kentriki Makedonia	190	197	3.7	42.1	46.3	9.9	203.3	284.6	40.0
Dytiki Makedonia	26	20	-23.1	7.4	1.1	-85.1	29.2	4.4	-85.0
Thessalia	67	84	25.4	13.7	13.0	-5.1	70.1	46.5	-33.7
Ipeiros	49	39	-20.4	16.9	7.2	-57.1	65.7	23.7	-64.0
Ionioi Nisoi	82	69	-15.9	20.8	12.0	-42.3	77.2	37.3	-51.7
Dytiki Ellada	103	103	0.0	17.6	18.7	6.2	65.2	64.9	-0.5
Stereia Ellada	89	70	-21.3	23.3	8.3	-64.3	131.2	29.1	-77.8
Peloponnisos	107	109	1.9	15.5	20.0	28.7	57.4	110.3	92.2
Attiki	212	249	17.5	40.8	124.2	204.6	154.0	833.9	441.4
Voreio Aigaio	42	27	-35.7	7.2	3.0	-58.2	20.1	10.7	-46.9
Notio Aigaio	121	141	16.5	24.1	33.1	37.4	84.7	120.0	41.7
Kriti	85	122	43.5	30.0	38.4	28.1	95.6	145.1	51.9
Greece, Total	1,219	1,323	8.5	270.2	348.9	29.1	1,111.0	1,794.7	61.5

*Provisional data for September 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), September 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	46	92	100.0	11.0	23.7	115.9	57.3	84.3	47.0
Kentriki Makedonia	189	196	3.7	42.1	46.3	9.9	203.3	284.6	40.0
Dytiki Makedonia	26	20	-23.1	7.4	1.1	-85.1	29.2	4.4	-85.0
Thessalia	66	82	24.2	13.7	11.4	-16.5	70.1	38.6	-45.0
Ipeiros	49	39	-20.4	16.9	7.2	-57.1	65.7	23.7	-64.0
Ionioi Nisoi	82	69	-15.9	20.8	12.0	-42.3	77.2	37.3	-51.7
Dytiki Ellada	103	103	0.0	17.6	18.7	6.2	65.2	64.9	-0.5
Stereia Ellada	89	70	-21.3	23.3	8.3	-64.3	131.2	29.1	-77.8
Peloponnisos	105	109	3.8	14.1	20.0	41.8	49.7	110.3	122.0
Attiki	210	246	17.1	40.5	121.0	199.0	153.2	816.2	432.8
Voreio Aigaio	40	27	-32.5	7.2	3.0	-58.2	20.1	10.7	-46.9
Notio Aigaio	120	141	17.5	24.1	33.1	37.4	84.7	120.0	41.7
Kriti	83	122	47.0	30.0	38.4	28.1	95.6	145.1	51.9
Greece, Total	1,208	1,316	8.9	268.5	344.1	28.2	1,102.4	1,769.1	60.5

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	453	758	67.3	105.6	162.4	53.7	433.6	639.8	47.6
Kentriki Makedonia	2,119	2,369	11.8	523.7	568.2	8.5	2,848.7	3,065.9	7.6
Dytiki Makedonia	253	224	-11.5	58.9	74.2	26.0	254.3	492.0	93.5
Thessalia	834	960	15.1	213.3	223.1	4.6	1,097.3	1,120.2	2.1
Ipeiros	516	545	5.6	144.9	169.2	16.8	701.0	691.1	-1.4
Ionioi Nisoi	926	1,134	22.5	243.0	215.7	-11.2	815.5	713.2	-12.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,268	1,061	-16.3	209.8	180.3	-14.0	813.2	709.1	-12.8
Stereia Ellada	1,125	881	-21.7	233.5	145.8	-37.6	1,131.9	787.8	-30.4
Peloponnisos	1,352	1,259	-6.9	261.7	208.6	-20.3	1,062.5	829.5	-21.9
Attiki	2,867	3,480	21.4	557.0	905.9	62.6	2,571.6	4,374.4	70.1
Voreio Aigaio	463	420	-9.3	54.1	52.9	-2.1	191.1	211.8	10.8
Notio Aigaio	1,535	1,734	13.0	343.5	395.3	15.1	1,198.0	1,375.1	14.8
Kriti	1,106	1,375	24.3	300.8	361.0	20.0	1,104.9	1,361.6	23.2
Greece, Total	14,817	16,200	9.3	3,249.8	3,662.7	12.7	14,223.5	16,371.5	15.1

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	451	755	67.4	104.9	161.8	54.2	430.8	636.3	47.7
Kentriki Makedonia	2,087	2,348	12.5	502.3	553.1	10.1	2,738.5	2,923.7	6.8
Dytiki Makedonia	250	221	-11.6	58.0	60.1	3.7	250.3	339.8	35.8
Thessalia	823	948	15.2	208.7	215.5	3.2	1,077.9	1,084.2	0.6
Ipeiros	510	541	6.1	127.2	168.1	32.2	518.6	686.7	32.4
Ionioi Nisoi	925	1,133	22.5	242.4	215.6	-11.1	813.7	711.9	-12.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,263	1,052	-16.7	202.6	158.1	-22.0	783.1	608.9	-22.2
Stereia Ellada	1,113	877	-21.2	207.4	144.3	-30.4	997.3	782.9	-21.5
Peloponnisos	1,337	1,242	-7.1	248.3	200.6	-19.2	1,014.4	792.6	-21.9
Attiki	2,848	3,463	21.6	546.4	893.8	63.6	2,512.7	4,316.3	71.8
Voreio Aigaio	453	414	-8.6	52.3	51.8	-1.0	184.2	205.5	11.6
Notio Aigaio	1,522	1,729	13.6	336.0	394.6	17.4	1,153.0	1,372.9	19.1
Kriti	1,094	1,363	24.6	295.7	346.5	17.2	1,086.0	1,308.5	20.5
Greece, Total	14,676	16,086	9.6	3,132.1	3,563.8	13.8	13,560.5	15,770.1	16.3

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	333	608	82.6	77.6	135.8	74.9	320.8	546.6	70.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,580	1,730	9.5	394.6	390.3	-1.1	2,029.2	2,124.8	4.7
Dytiki Makedonia	185	163	-11.9	43.3	44.8	3.3	184.7	256.6	39.0
Thessalia	635	718	13.1	165.6	162.7	-1.8	903.4	860.0	-4.8
Ipeiros	392	389	-0.8	103.1	113.8	10.4	419.7	487.5	16.2
Ionioi Nisoi	711	832	17.0	190.0	132.9	-30.1	644.5	431.5	-33.1
Dytiki Ellada	900	728	-19.1	140.9	128.2	-9.0	533.6	517.6	-3.0
Stereia Ellada	798	625	-21.7	185.1	97.9	-47.1	925.2	553.5	-40.2
Peloponnisos	1,012	922	-8.9	177.8	139.4	-21.6	713.2	567.9	-20.4
Attiki	2,144	2,533	18.1	449.4	658.9	46.6	2,121.4	3,055.6	44.0
Voreio Aigaio	328	302	-7.9	38.3	38.5	0.5	134.6	151.5	12.6
Notio Aigaio	1,078	1,199	11.2	234.6	253.2	7.9	784.6	897.9	14.4
Kriti	827	1,032	24.8	219.2	253.3	15.5	794.7	982.4	23.6
Greece, Total	10,923	11,781	7.9	2,419.7	2,549.7	5.4	10,509.8	11,433.3	8.8

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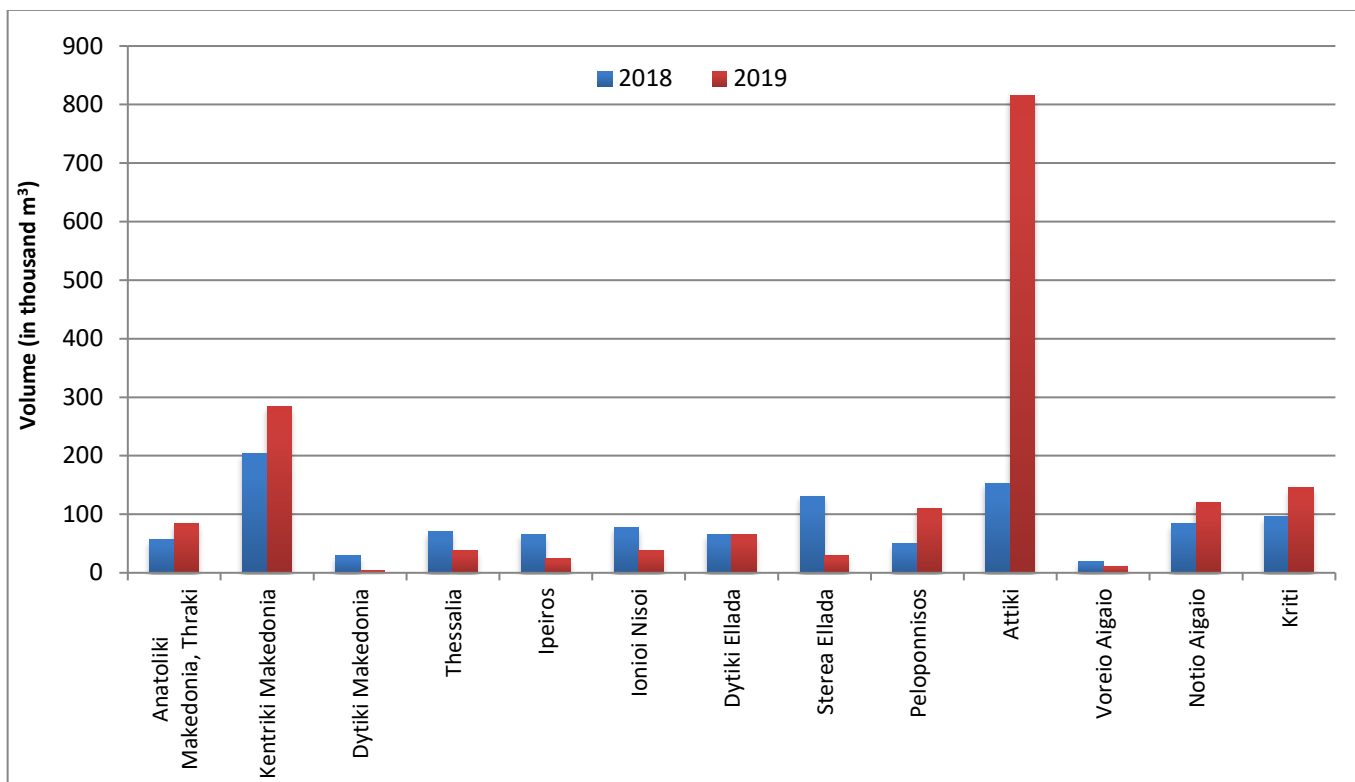
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – September 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	332	605	82.2	77.6	135.1	74.1	320.8	543.2	69.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,558	1,721	10.5	382.1	376.7	-1.4	1,961.7	1,988.9	1.4
Dytiki Makedonia	183	162	-11.5	42.5	44.8	5.4	180.7	256.6	42.0
Thessalia	626	714	14.1	163.7	160.6	-1.9	896.5	850.2	-5.2
Ipeiros	389	386	-0.8	102.7	112.8	9.8	418.3	483.2	15.5
Ionioi Nisoi	710	832	17.2	189.4	132.9	-29.8	642.8	431.5	-32.9
Dytiki Ellada	896	725	-19.1	133.7	114.5	-14.4	503.6	463.3	-8.0
Stereia Ellada	788	625	-20.7	163.4	97.9	-40.1	813.2	553.5	-31.9
Peloponnisos	1,002	912	-9.0	168.2	136.0	-19.1	680.2	551.1	-19.0
Attiki	2,127	2,521	18.5	441.3	651.0	47.5	2,075.5	3,017.5	45.4
Voreio Aigaio	321	301	-6.2	36.8	38.5	4.8	128.4	151.5	17.9
Notio Aigaio	1,068	1,196	12.0	228.9	252.9	10.5	760.0	897.1	18.0
Kriti	818	1,024	25.2	216.6	248.4	14.7	786.2	963.8	22.6
Greece, Total	10,818	11,724	8.4	2,346.8	2,502.1	6.6	10,167.9	11,151.4	9.7

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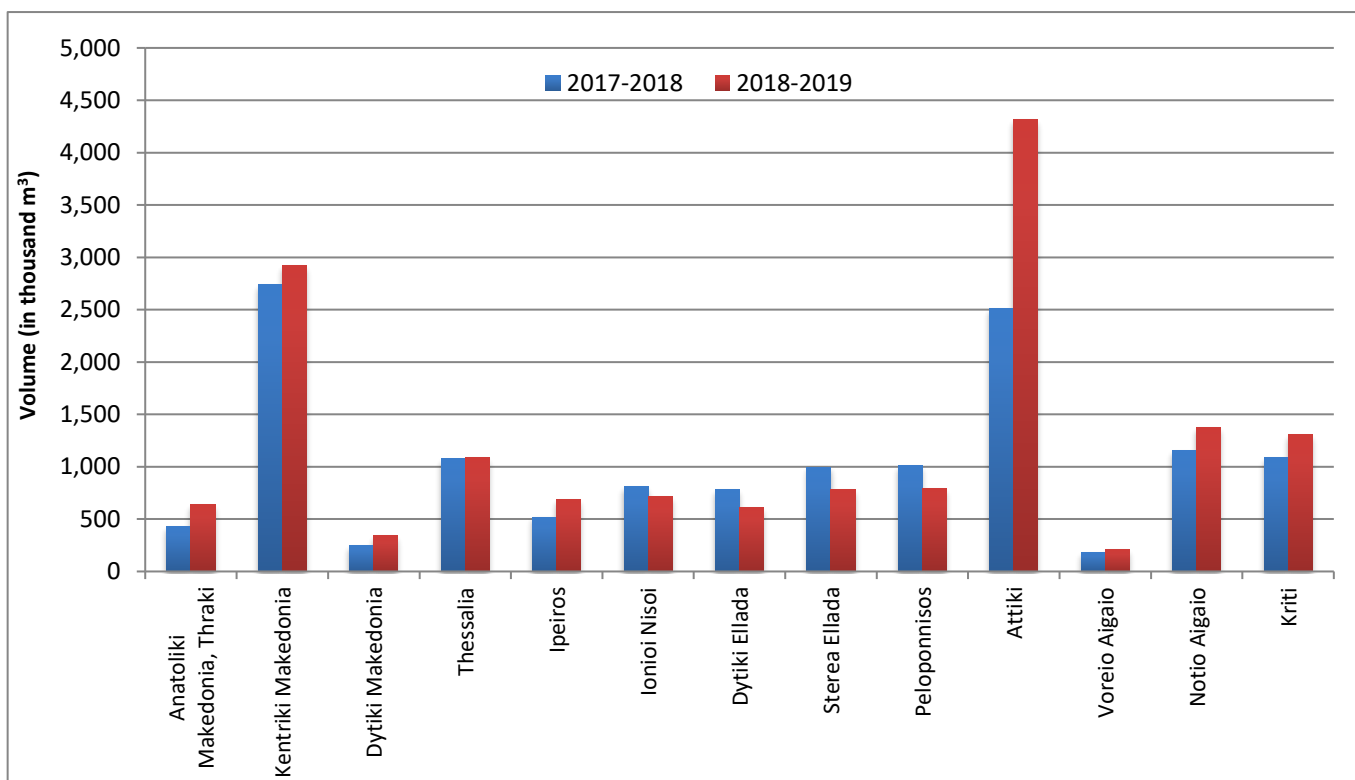
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), September 2018 and 2019*



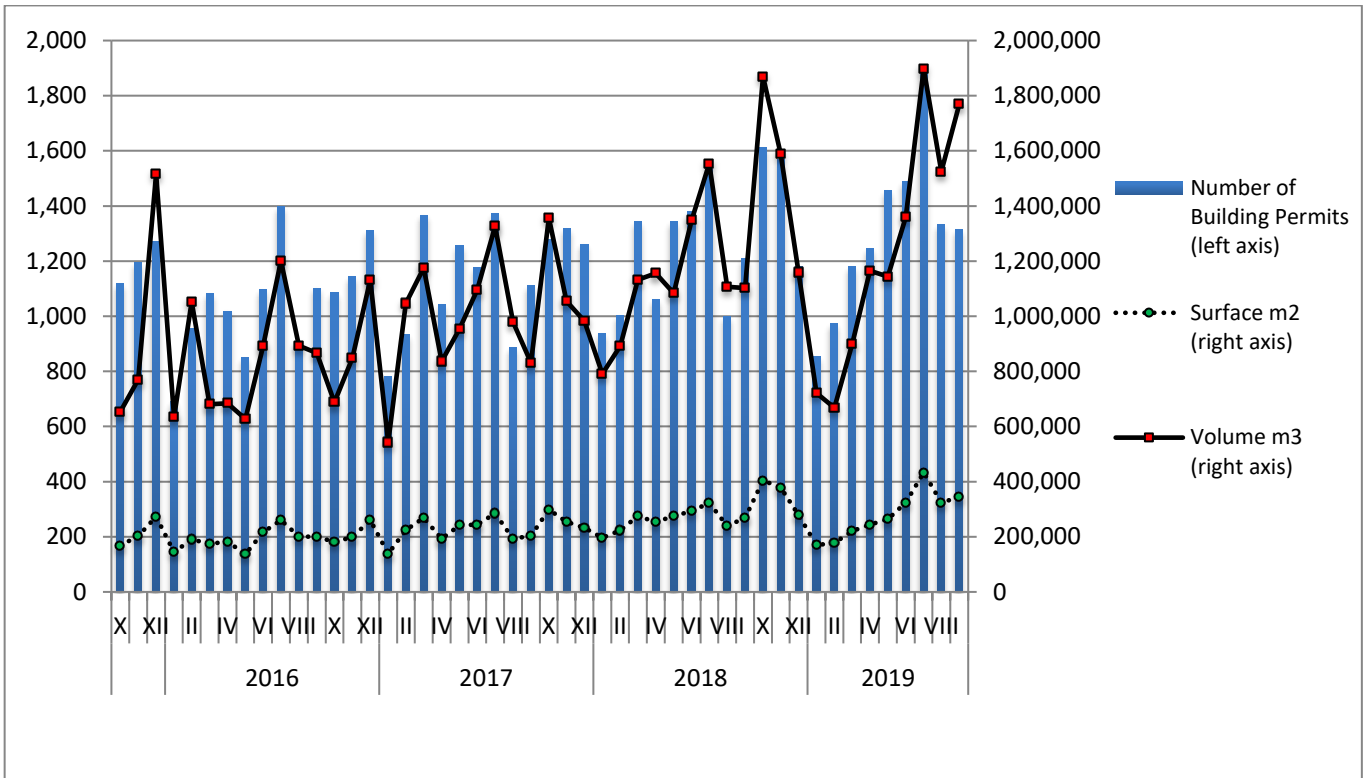
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), October 2017 – September 2018 and October 2018 – September 2019*



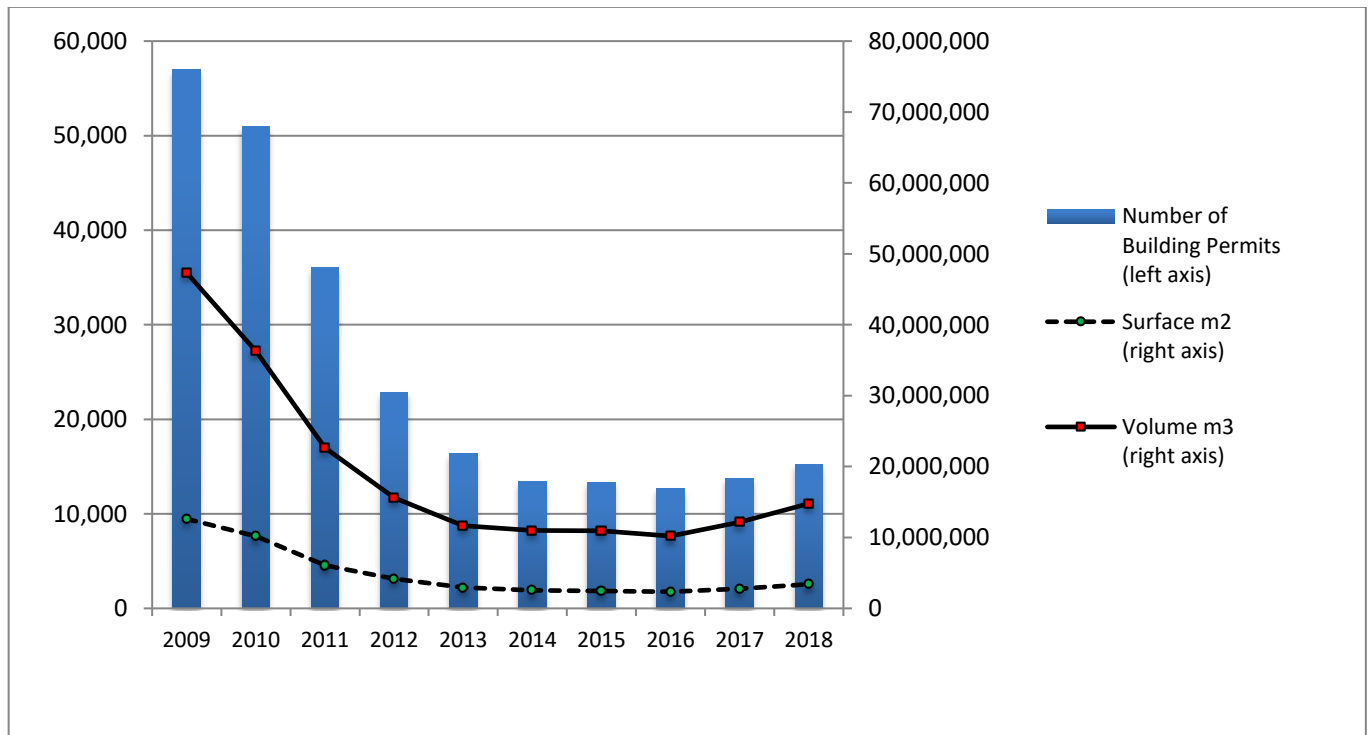
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (October 2015 – September 2019*)



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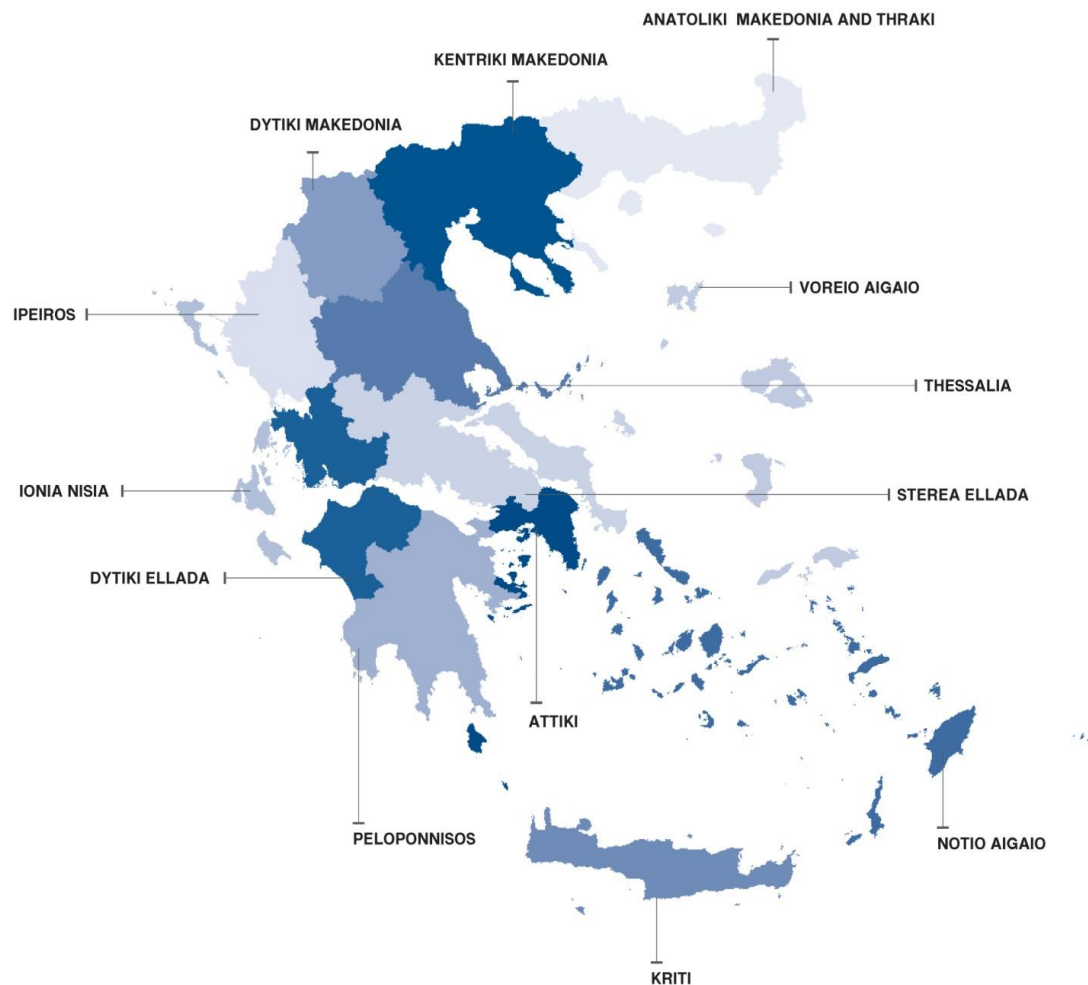
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2009 - 2018)



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** September 1, 2019 to September 30, 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/->