

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: October 2019

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in October 2019 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,840. This figure corresponds to 391.7 thousand m² of surface and 1,690.3 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 12.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 6.0% decrease in surface and a 12.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2018 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2019 amounted to 1,832. This figure corresponds to 390.0 thousand m² of surface and 1,685.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2018 there is a 13.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 3.6% decrease in surface and a 9.9% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2019 amounted to 8. This figure corresponds to 1.7 thousand m² of surface and 4.9 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.3% of the total building volume in October 2019.
- In the last twelve months, from November 2018 until October 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 16,426. This figure corresponds to 3,636.8 thousand m² of surface and 16,141.2 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from November 2017 until October 2018, there is an 8.4% increase in the number of building permits, an 8.8% increase in surface and a 10.8% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from November 2018 until October 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 9.6% increase in surface and a 10.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from November 2017 to October 2018 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.4% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - October 2019, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded an 8.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 3.7% increase in surface and a 5.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 5). During the same period, January - October 2019, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 5.1% increase in surface and a 6.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - October 2018 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	53	107	101.9	8.9	25.9	192.8	30.5	97.8	221.0
Kentriki Makedonia	215	280	30.2	74.1	49.7	-32.9	427.1	228.8	-46.4
Dytiki Makedonia	26	19	-26.9	5.3	2.8	-47.4	22.3	9.3	-58.2
Thessalia	85	115	35.3	25.9	27.9	7.8	119.1	141.3	18.7
Ipeiros	56	64	14.3	21.2	14.9	-29.8	75.7	49.0	-35.2
Ionioi Nisoi	99	126	27.3	27.6	28.8	4.3	92.8	100.9	8.7
Dytiki Ellada	159	120	-24.5	24.3	14.5	-40.4	85.7	61.8	-27.8
Stereia Ellada	96	105	9.4	17.7	15.2	-13.9	73.9	62.8	-15.1
Peloponnisos	117	148	26.5	24.6	19.3	-21.6	89.6	72.0	-19.7
Attiki	331	366	10.6	102.1	104.4	2.3	605.9	548.2	-9.5
Voreio Aigaio	76	33	-56.6	7.2	2.9	-60.2	26.5	10.8	-59.3
Notio Aigaio	203	178	-12.3	52.2	42.1	-19.3	181.3	150.6	-16.9
Kriti	118	179	51.7	25.7	43.3	68.5	90.4	157.0	73.6
Greece, Total	1,634	1,840	12.6	416.7	391.7	-6.0	1,920.7	1,690.3	-12.0

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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 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	53	105	98.1	8.9	25.8	191.6	30.5	97.5	220.0
Kentriki Makedonia	210	279	32.9	74.1	49.7	-32.9	427.1	228.8	-46.4
Dytiki Makedonia	25	19	-24.0	4.4	2.8	-36.4	17.4	9.3	-46.3
Thessalia	82	114	39.0	22.5	26.9	19.2	102.7	138.9	35.3
Ipeiros	56	64	14.3	21.2	14.9	-29.8	75.7	49.0	-35.2
Ionioi Nisoi	99	126	27.3	27.6	28.8	4.3	92.8	100.9	8.7
Dytiki Ellada	157	120	-23.6	21.2	14.5	-31.4	72.1	61.8	-14.2
Stereia Ellada	94	104	10.6	16.9	15.2	-10.1	71.3	62.5	-12.3
Peloponnisos	113	148	31.0	22.2	19.3	-13.2	83.4	72.0	-13.7
Attiki	331	363	9.7	102.1	103.9	1.8	605.9	546.3	-9.8
Voreio Aigaio	73	33	-54.8	7.1	2.9	-59.6	26.0	10.8	-58.6
Notio Aigaio	203	178	-12.3	52.2	42.1	-19.3	181.3	150.6	-16.9
Kriti	117	179	53.0	24.3	43.3	77.9	84.3	157.0	86.2
Greece, Total	1,613	1,832	13.6	404.6	390.0	-3.6	1,870.3	1,685.4	-9.9

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	461	813	76.4	99.2	179.5	81.0	402.7	707.1	75.6
Kentriki Makedonia	2,156	2,435	12.9	542.3	543.9	0.3	2,877.7	2,867.6	-0.3
Dytiki Makedonia	250	217	-13.2	58.4	71.7	22.8	257.0	479.0	86.4
Thessalia	851	996	17.0	219.7	225.1	2.5	1,137.5	1,142.4	0.4
Ipeiros	522	553	5.9	140.8	163.0	15.8	562.6	664.5	18.1
Ionioi Nisoi	945	1,160	22.8	248.6	216.8	-12.8	832.2	721.1	-13.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,324	1,022	-22.8	213.6	170.5	-20.2	807.2	685.3	-15.1
Stereia Ellada	1,094	890	-18.6	229.4	143.3	-37.5	1,096.6	776.6	-29.2
Peloponnisos	1,350	1,295	-4.1	236.3	203.2	-14.0	938.0	811.9	-13.4
Attiki	2,966	3,516	18.5	630.3	907.2	43.9	3,073.3	4,316.8	40.5
Voreio Aigaio	507	377	-25.6	57.6	48.6	-15.6	206.1	196.1	-4.9
Notio Aigaio	1,610	1,709	6.1	363.0	385.2	6.1	1,268.9	1,344.5	6.0
Kriti	1,122	1,443	28.6	303.3	378.7	24.8	1,109.6	1,428.2	28.7
Greece, Total	15,158	16,426	8.4	3,342.4	3,636.8	8.8	14,569.4	16,141.2	10.8

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019		2017-2018	2018-2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	460	808	75.7	99.2	178.8	80.2	402.7	703.4	74.7
Kentriki Makedonia	2,124	2,418	13.8	521.0	528.8	1.5	2,767.8	2,725.4	-1.5
Dytiki Makedonia	246	215	-12.6	56.6	58.5	3.4	248.1	331.8	33.7
Thessalia	837	986	17.8	211.8	219.8	3.8	1,101.7	1,120.4	1.7
Ipeiros	518	549	6.0	140.3	161.9	15.4	560.7	660.1	17.7
Ionioi Nisoi	944	1,159	22.8	247.9	216.7	-12.6	830.4	719.7	-13.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,317	1,015	-22.9	203.2	151.5	-25.5	763.4	598.7	-21.6
Stereia Ellada	1,081	887	-17.9	204.6	142.6	-30.3	971.3	774.2	-20.3
Peloponnisos	1,333	1,282	-3.8	224.0	197.5	-11.8	897.6	781.2	-13.0
Attiki	2,947	3,496	18.6	619.6	894.7	44.4	3,014.4	4,256.8	41.2
Voreio Aigaio	495	374	-24.4	55.8	47.6	-14.8	199.4	190.2	-4.6
Notio Aigaio	1,599	1,704	6.6	355.6	384.5	8.1	1,224.0	1,342.2	9.7
Kriti	1,110	1,432	29.0	298.8	365.5	22.3	1,093.1	1,381.2	26.4
Greece, Total	15,011	16,325	8.8	3,238.5	3,548.3	9.6	14,074.7	15,585.3	10.7

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	386	716	85.5	86.5	161.7	87.1	351.3	644.4	83.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,795	2,011	12.0	468.7	440.0	-6.1	2,456.3	2,353.6	-4.2
Dytiki Makedonia	211	182	-13.7	48.6	47.5	-2.2	207.0	266.0	28.5
Thessalia	720	839	16.5	191.5	190.6	-0.5	1,022.5	1,001.3	-2.1
Ipeiros	448	453	1.1	124.3	128.8	3.7	495.4	536.5	8.3
Ionioi Nisoi	810	957	18.1	217.6	161.6	-25.7	737.3	532.1	-27.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,059	848	-19.9	165.2	142.7	-13.6	619.3	579.5	-6.4
Stereia Ellada	894	730	-18.3	202.8	113.1	-44.2	999.2	616.3	-38.3
Peloponnisos	1,129	1,075	-4.8	202.4	158.6	-21.6	802.8	639.8	-20.3
Attiki	2,475	2,900	17.2	551.5	762.4	38.2	2,727.3	3,603.9	32.1
Voreio Aigaio	404	335	-17.1	45.5	41.4	-9.1	161.1	162.3	0.7
Notio Aigaio	1,281	1,377	7.5	286.8	295.3	3.0	965.9	1,048.6	8.6
Kriti	945	1,218	28.9	244.9	296.7	21.1	885.1	1,139.4	28.7
Greece, Total	12,557	13,641	8.6	2,836.4	2,940.5	3.7	12,430.5	13,123.7	5.6

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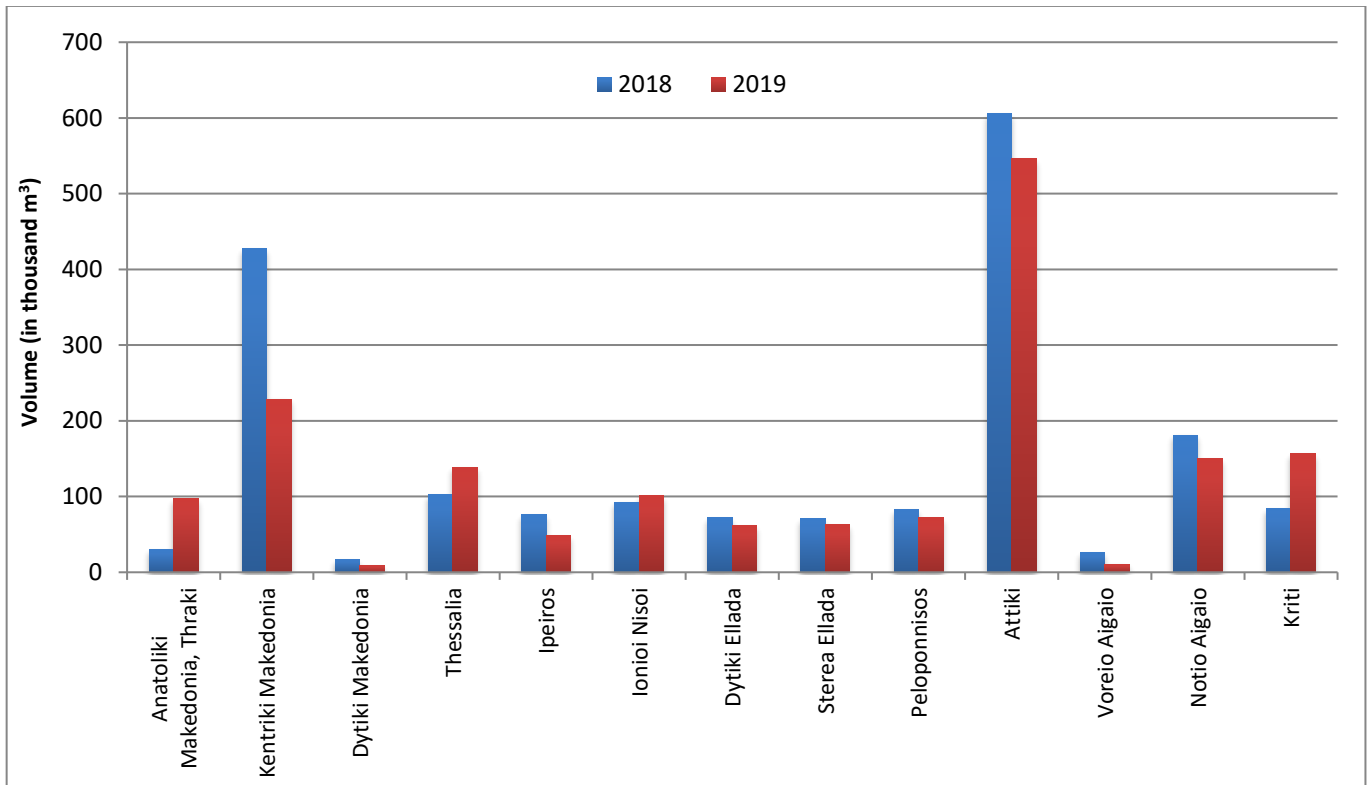
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – October 2018 and 2019*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	385	711	84.7	86.4	161.0	86.2	351.3	640.7	82.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,768	2,001	13.2	456.2	426.4	-6.5	2,388.7	2,217.7	-7.2
Dytiki Makedonia	208	181	-13.0	46.8	47.5	1.5	198.1	266.0	34.3
Thessalia	708	834	17.8	186.2	187.4	0.7	999.2	989.1	-1.0
Ipeiros	445	450	1.1	123.9	127.8	3.1	494.0	532.3	7.7
Ionioi Nisoi	809	957	18.3	217.0	161.6	-25.5	735.6	532.1	-27.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,053	845	-19.8	154.9	129.0	-16.7	575.6	525.1	-8.8
Stereia Ellada	882	729	-17.3	180.2	113.0	-37.3	884.4	616.0	-30.4
Peloponnisos	1,115	1,065	-4.5	190.5	155.2	-18.5	763.6	623.1	-18.4
Attiki	2,458	2,885	17.4	543.4	754.0	38.7	2,681.4	3,563.9	32.9
Voreio Aigaio	394	334	-15.2	43.8	41.4	-5.6	154.5	162.3	5.0
Notio Aigaio	1,271	1,374	8.1	281.1	295.1	5.0	941.3	1,047.7	11.3
Kriti	935	1,210	29.4	240.9	291.8	21.1	870.6	1,120.9	28.8
Greece, Total	12,431	13,576	9.2	2,751.3	2,891.1	5.1	12,038.2	12,836.9	6.6

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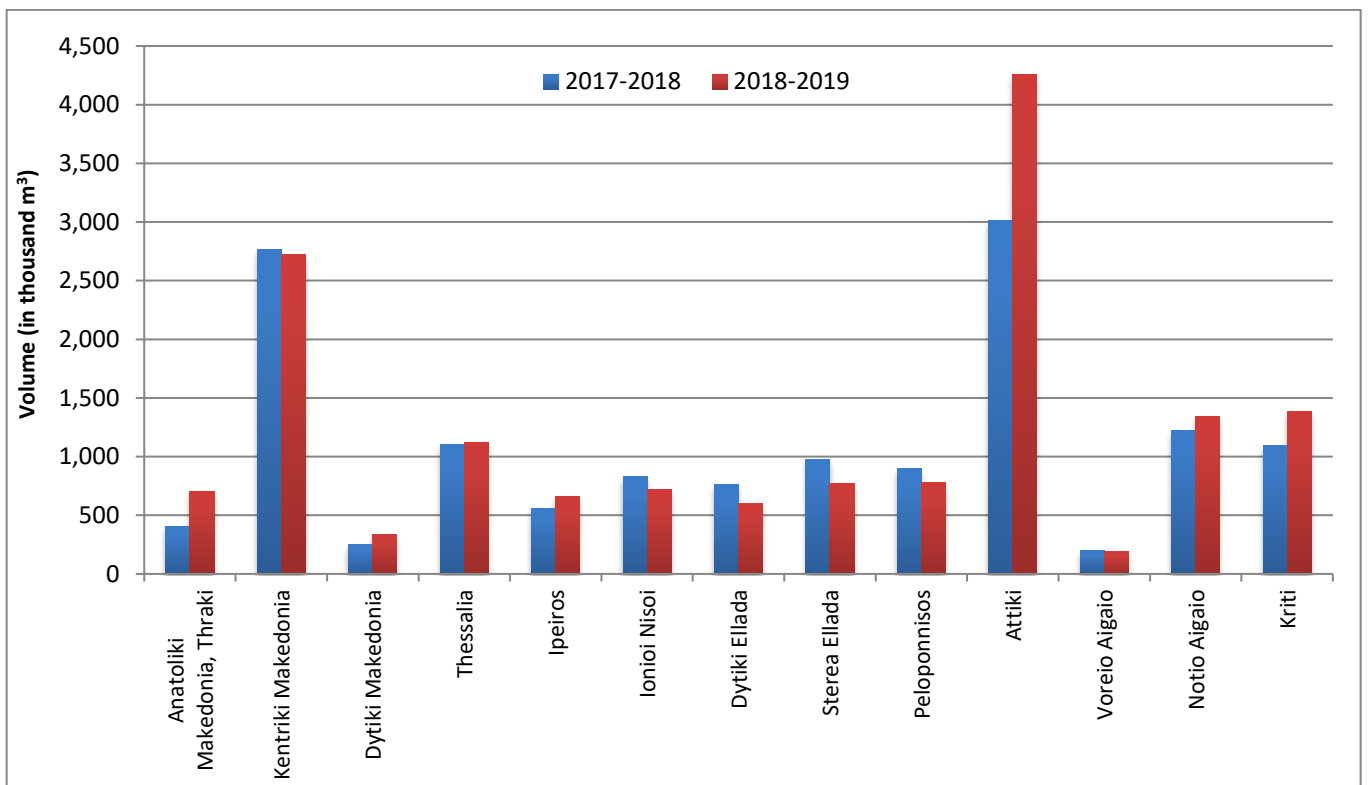
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), October 2018 and 2019*



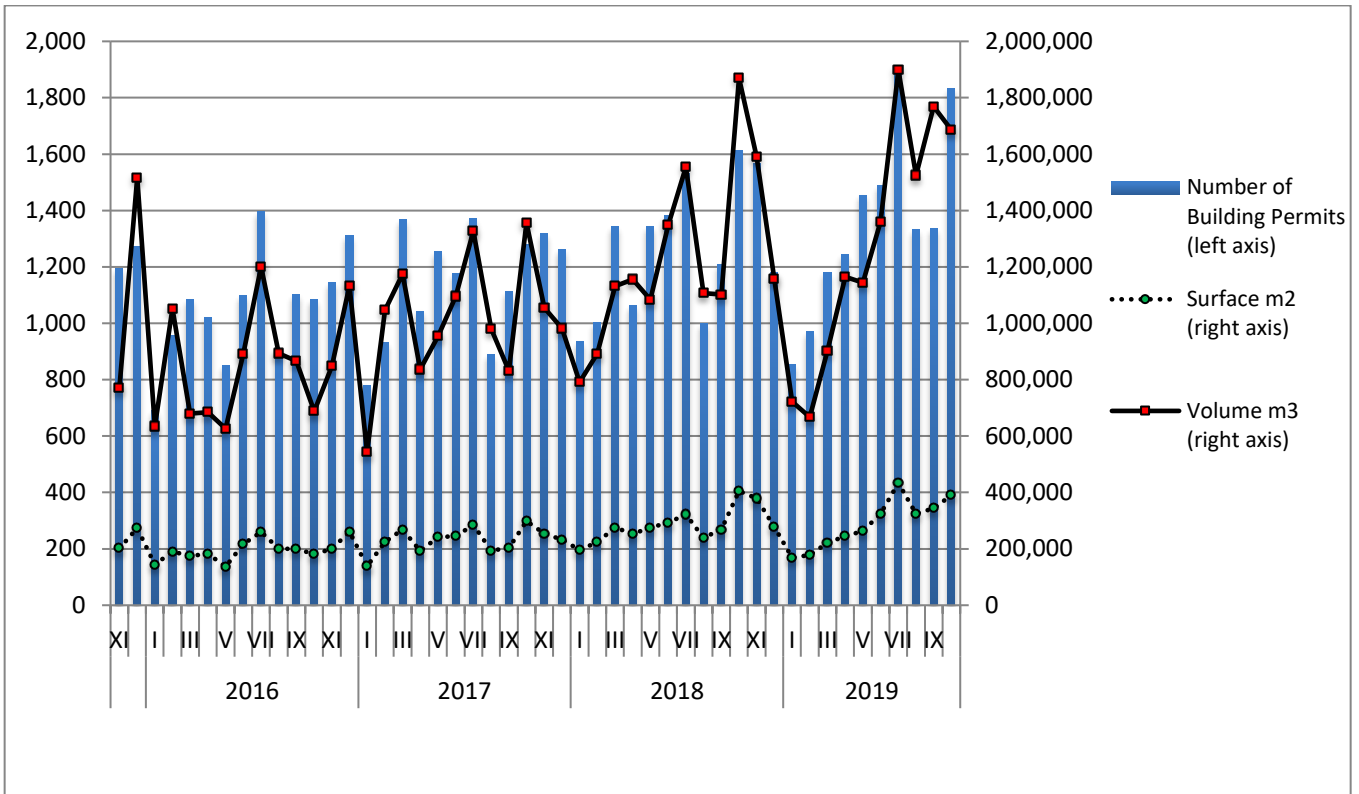
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), November 2017 – October 2018 and November 2018 – October 2019*



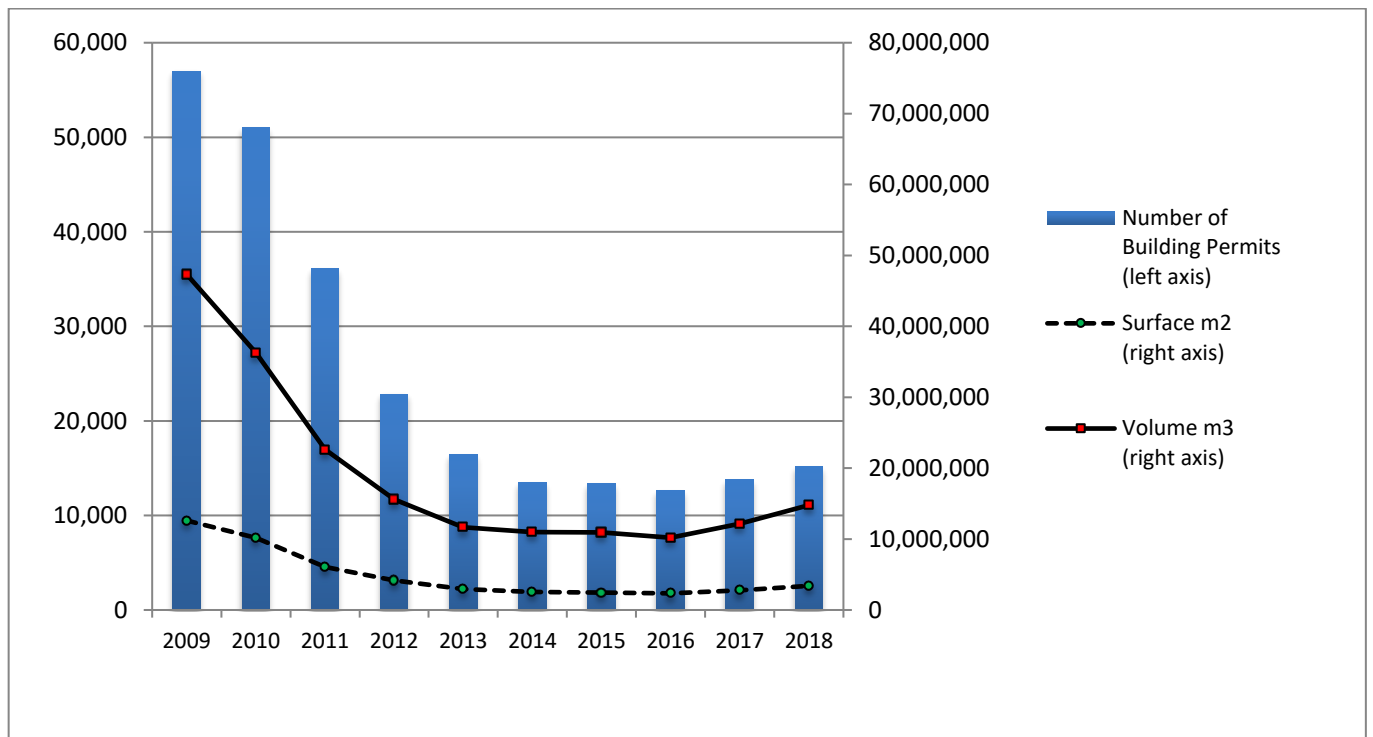
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (November 2015 – October 2019*)



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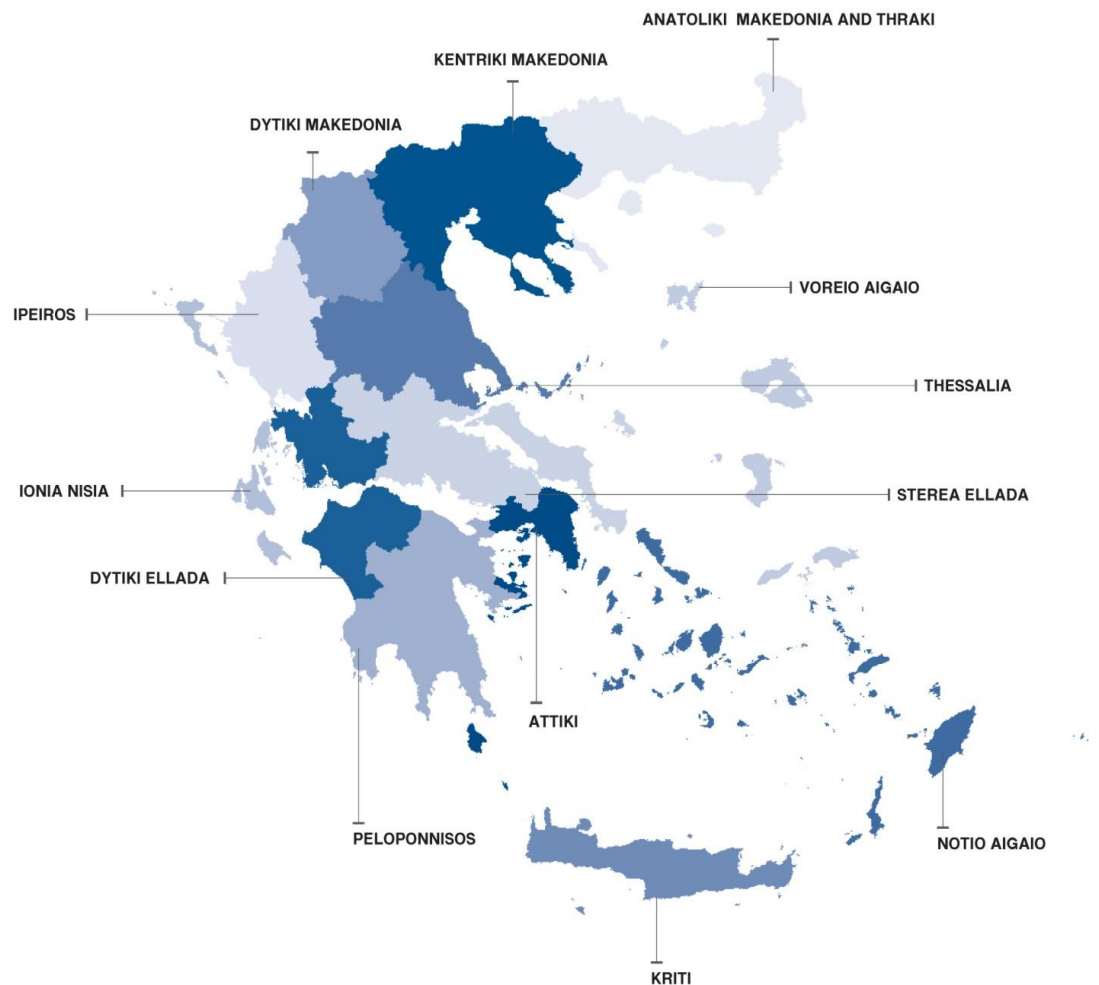
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2009 - 2018)



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** October 1, 2019 to October 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/->