

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: March 2020

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month March 2020, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in March 2020 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,305. This figure corresponds to 314.3 thousand m² of surface and 1,404.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 10.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 42.0% increase in surface and a 55.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2019 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2020 amounted to 1,296. This figure corresponds to 310.8 thousand m² of surface and 1,386.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2019 there is a 9.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 40.6% increase in surface and a 53.8% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2020 amounted to 9. This figure corresponds to 3.4 thousand m² of surface and 18.6 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.3% of the total building volume in March 2020.
- In the last twelve months, from April 2019 until March 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 18,595. This figure corresponds to 4,093.7 thousand m² of surface and 17,876.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from April 2018 until March 2019, there is a 23.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 20.9% increase in surface and a 20.4% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from April 2019 until March 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 24.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 22.7% increase in surface and a 22.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2018 to March 2019 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.0% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - March 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 42.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 54.8% increase in surface and a 57.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2019 (Table 5). During the same period, January - March 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 42.0% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 53.2% increase in surface and a 55.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - March 2019 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2019 and 2020*

| Region | Number of Building Permits | | | Surface (in thousand m ²) | | | Volume (in thousand m ³) | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | March | | Change (%) | March | | Change (%) | March | | Change (%) |
| | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 63 | 60 | -4.8 | 12.3 | 15.1 | 22.5 | 38.9 | 53.1 | 36.4 |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 176 | 205 | 16.5 | 32.9 | 56.5 | 71.4 | 156.6 | 244.5 | 56.1 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 17 | 20 | 17.6 | 4.5 | 2.9 | -36.9 | 20.8 | 14.2 | -31.8 |
| Thessalia | 68 | 76 | 11.8 | 15.9 | 19.1 | 20.8 | 85.0 | 96.6 | 13.5 |
| Ipeiros | 39 | 45 | 15.4 | 7.7 | 15.8 | 105.9 | 26.4 | 102.3 | 287.6 |
| Ionia Nisia | 95 | 97 | 2.1 | 12.4 | 19.5 | 57.2 | 40.8 | 66.3 | 62.5 |
| Dytiki Ellada | 59 | 60 | 1.7 | 9.2 | 11.2 | 22.1 | 41.5 | 61.2 | 47.3 |
| Stereia Ellada | 53 | 67 | 26.4 | 9.9 | 19.7 | 99.3 | 58.8 | 106.0 | 80.2 |
| Peloponnisos | 92 | 92 | 0.0 | 16.6 | 18.9 | 14.1 | 62.4 | 83.7 | 34.1 |
| Attiki | 263 | 281 | 6.8 | 53.4 | 85.3 | 59.9 | 182.2 | 362.0 | 98.7 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 36 | 33 | -8.3 | 6.2 | 4.5 | -26.9 | 20.0 | 14.6 | -26.8 |
| Notio Aigaio | 125 | 136 | 8.8 | 18.2 | 18.5 | 1.2 | 56.6 | 58.5 | 3.4 |
| Kriti | 98 | 133 | 35.7 | 22.1 | 27.3 | 23.4 | 111.9 | 141.9 | 26.8 |
| Greece, Total | 1,184 | 1,305 | 10.2 | 221.3 | 314.3 | 42.0 | 901.9 | 1,404.7 | 55.8 |

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- Any delineation that may occur either between the sum of sub totals and the totals or in the change rates, is due to rounding.

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2019 and 2020*

| Region | Number of Building Permits | | | Surface (in thousand m ²) | | | Volume (in thousand m ³) | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | March | | Change (%) | March | | Change (%) | March | | Change (%) |
| | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 63 | 60 | -4.8 | 12.3 | 15.1 | 22.5 | 38.9 | 53.1 | 36.4 |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 176 | 204 | 15.9 | 32.9 | 55.6 | 68.7 | 156.6 | 240.6 | 53.7 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 16 | 20 | 25.0 | 4.5 | 2.9 | -36.9 | 20.8 | 14.2 | -31.8 |
| Thessalia | 68 | 76 | 11.8 | 15.9 | 19.1 | 20.8 | 85.0 | 96.6 | 13.5 |
| Ipeiros | 39 | 45 | 15.4 | 7.7 | 15.8 | 105.9 | 26.4 | 102.3 | 287.6 |
| Ionia Nisia | 95 | 97 | 2.1 | 12.4 | 19.5 | 57.2 | 40.8 | 66.3 | 62.5 |
| Dytiki Ellada | 59 | 60 | 1.7 | 9.2 | 11.2 | 22.1 | 41.5 | 61.2 | 47.3 |
| Stereia Ellada | 53 | 67 | 26.4 | 9.9 | 19.7 | 99.3 | 58.8 | 106.0 | 80.2 |
| Peloponnisos | 91 | 91 | 0.0 | 16.4 | 18.4 | 12.3 | 61.7 | 81.9 | 32.6 |
| Attiki | 261 | 278 | 6.5 | 53.4 | 84.2 | 57.8 | 182.2 | 352.0 | 93.2 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 36 | 32 | -11.1 | 6.2 | 4.4 | -29.4 | 20.0 | 14.0 | -30.1 |
| Notio Aigaio | 125 | 133 | 6.4 | 18.2 | 17.7 | -2.9 | 56.6 | 56.2 | -0.7 |
| Kriti | 98 | 133 | 35.7 | 22.1 | 27.3 | 23.4 | 111.9 | 141.9 | 26.8 |
| Greece, Total | 1,180 | 1,296 | 9.8 | 221.1 | 310.8 | 40.6 | 901.2 | 1,386.1 | 53.8 |

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2018 – March 2019 and April 2019 – March 2020*

| Region | Number of Building Permits | | | Surface (in thousand m ²) | | | Volume (in thousand m ³) | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | April - March | | Change (%) | April - March | | Change (%) | April - March | | Change (%) |
| | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 516 | 959 | 85.9 | 110.8 | 214.7 | 93.8 | 435.1 | 815.3 | 87.4 |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 2,213 | 2,770 | 25.2 | 532.6 | 604.7 | 13.5 | 2,695.6 | 3,170.0 | 17.6 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 230 | 243 | 5.7 | 72.8 | 63.0 | -13.4 | 421.7 | 362.9 | -13.9 |
| Thessalia | 860 | 1,121 | 30.3 | 214.7 | 267.8 | 24.7 | 1,105.4 | 1,418.3 | 28.3 |
| Ipeiros | 509 | 650 | 27.7 | 138.5 | 179.8 | 29.9 | 542.7 | 802.0 | 47.8 |
| Ionia Nisia | 1,014 | 1,327 | 30.9 | 245.2 | 248.8 | 1.5 | 837.1 | 817.3 | -2.4 |
| Dytiki Ellada | 1,150 | 1,125 | -2.2 | 176.7 | 195.3 | 10.5 | 668.8 | 826.0 | 23.5 |
| Sterea Ellada | 974 | 963 | -1.1 | 217.4 | 171.9 | -20.9 | 1,121.5 | 905.0 | -19.3 |
| Peloponnisos | 1,294 | 1,379 | 6.6 | 230.4 | 203.6 | -11.6 | 934.9 | 827.5 | -11.5 |
| Attiki | 3,118 | 3,868 | 24.1 | 707.2 | 1,076.6 | 52.2 | 3,418.4 | 4,793.0 | 40.2 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 407 | 464 | 14.0 | 50.5 | 60.0 | 18.9 | 184.4 | 219.0 | 18.8 |
| Notio Aigaio | 1,617 | 1,978 | 22.3 | 366.3 | 394.3 | 7.6 | 1,245.3 | 1,368.0 | 9.8 |
| Kriti | 1,150 | 1,748 | 52.0 | 323.2 | 413.1 | 27.8 | 1,233.7 | 1,552.3 | 25.8 |
| Greece, Total | 15,052 | 18,595 | 23.5 | 3,386.2 | 4,093.7 | 20.9 | 14,844.6 | 17,876.6 | 20.4 |

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2018 – March 2019 and April 2019 – March 2020*

| Region | Number of Building Permits | | | Surface (in thousand m ²) | | | Volume (in thousand m ³) | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | April - March | | Change (%) | April - March | | Change (%) | April - March | | Change (%) |
| | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 515 | 952 | 84.9 | 110.7 | 213.0 | 92.3 | 435.1 | 805.4 | 85.1 |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 2,183 | 2,759 | 26.4 | 526.1 | 590.2 | 12.2 | 2,656.4 | 3,030.3 | 14.1 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 226 | 242 | 7.1 | 58.4 | 58.9 | 0.8 | 268.4 | 347.3 | 29.4 |
| Thessalia | 846 | 1,112 | 31.4 | 208.2 | 263.4 | 26.5 | 1,076.8 | 1,401.0 | 30.1 |
| Ipeiros | 506 | 644 | 27.3 | 138.0 | 178.2 | 29.1 | 541.2 | 796.0 | 47.1 |
| Ionia Nisia | 1,012 | 1,327 | 31.1 | 244.4 | 248.8 | 1.8 | 833.9 | 817.3 | -2.0 |
| Dytiki Ellada | 1,141 | 1,117 | -2.1 | 166.6 | 180.6 | 8.5 | 614.9 | 768.4 | 25.0 |
| Sterea Ellada | 965 | 957 | -0.8 | 197.4 | 170.1 | -13.8 | 1,016.6 | 898.8 | -11.6 |
| Peloponnisos | 1,272 | 1,371 | 7.8 | 214.0 | 201.3 | -5.9 | 869.5 | 818.7 | -5.9 |
| Attiki | 3,095 | 3,842 | 24.1 | 695.0 | 1,062.2 | 52.8 | 3,352.5 | 4,723.2 | 40.9 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 399 | 461 | 15.5 | 49.3 | 59.7 | 21.0 | 178.1 | 217.7 | 22.2 |
| Notio Aigaio | 1,608 | 1,971 | 22.6 | 360.9 | 392.3 | 8.7 | 1,222.3 | 1,359.9 | 11.3 |
| Kriti | 1,137 | 1,736 | 52.7 | 312.9 | 407.8 | 30.3 | 1,196.5 | 1,531.3 | 28.0 |
| Greece, Total | 14,905 | 18,491 | 24.1 | 3,282.0 | 4,026.6 | 22.7 | 14,262.3 | 17,515.3 | 22.8 |

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January – March 2019 and 2020*

| Region | Number of Building Permits | | | Surface (in thousand m ²) | | | Volume (in thousand m ³) | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | January - March | | Change (%) | January - March | | Change (%) | January - March | | Change (%) |
| | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 141 | 191 | 35.5 | 25.7 | 38.7 | 50.6 | 94.2 | 128.6 | 36.6 |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 425 | 630 | 48.2 | 87.5 | 138.1 | 57.9 | 421.4 | 633.5 | 50.3 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 37 | 57 | 54.1 | 7.7 | 7.1 | -7.3 | 31.4 | 30.5 | -2.9 |
| Thessalia | 154 | 237 | 53.9 | 26.9 | 52.2 | 94.2 | 124.1 | 264.7 | 113.3 |
| Ipeiros | 78 | 141 | 80.8 | 18.5 | 33.8 | 82.8 | 65.9 | 182.9 | 177.7 |
| Ionia Nisia | 242 | 327 | 35.1 | 34.2 | 62.5 | 82.7 | 110.7 | 209.1 | 88.9 |
| Dytiki Ellada | 172 | 228 | 32.6 | 25.9 | 31.1 | 19.8 | 98.5 | 131.5 | 33.5 |
| Stereia Ellada | 156 | 201 | 28.8 | 26.7 | 51.6 | 93.5 | 152.5 | 284.3 | 86.5 |
| Peloponnisos | 268 | 320 | 19.4 | 39.9 | 51.3 | 28.5 | 151.5 | 205.9 | 35.9 |
| Attiki | 665 | 890 | 33.8 | 122.8 | 234.4 | 90.9 | 432.7 | 888.1 | 105.2 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 80 | 110 | 37.5 | 10.7 | 12.3 | 14.6 | 39.6 | 40.7 | 3.0 |
| Notio Aigaio | 354 | 545 | 54.0 | 74.1 | 83.1 | 12.0 | 259.0 | 260.0 | 0.4 |
| Kriti | 245 | 427 | 74.3 | 69.7 | 86.9 | 24.6 | 321.7 | 359.9 | 11.9 |
| Greece, Total | 3,017 | 4,304 | 42.7 | 570.3 | 883.0 | 54.8 | 2,303.3 | 3,619.9 | 57.2 |

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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – March 2019 and 2020*

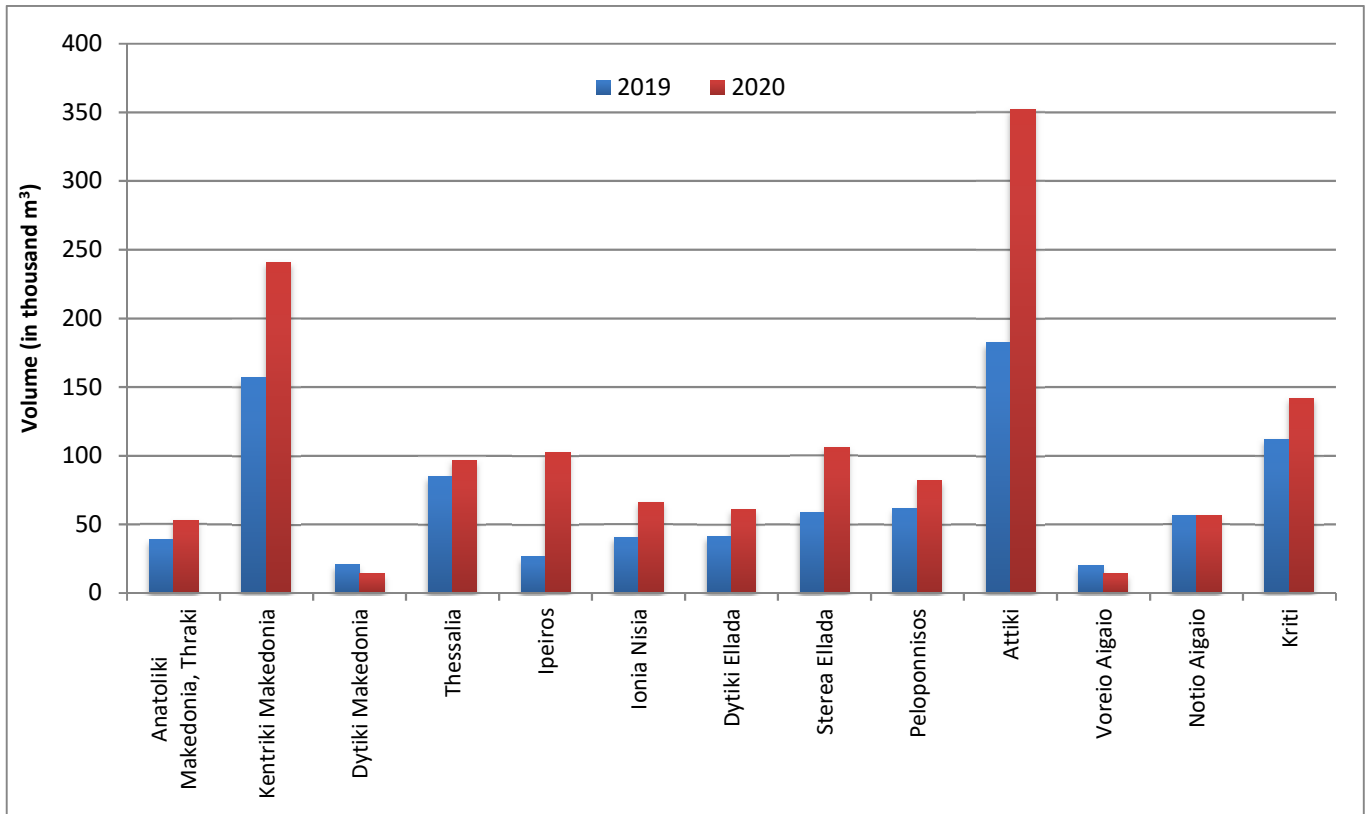
| Region | Number of Building Permits | | | Surface (in thousand m ²) | | | Volume (in thousand m ³) | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | January - March | | Change (%) | January - March | | Change (%) | January - March | | Change (%) |
| | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 141 | 191 | 35.5 | 25.7 | 38.7 | 50.6 | 94.2 | 128.6 | 36.6 |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 424 | 628 | 48.1 | 87.5 | 137.2 | 56.9 | 421.4 | 629.7 | 49.4 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 36 | 57 | 58.3 | 7.7 | 7.1 | -7.3 | 31.4 | 30.5 | -2.9 |
| Thessalia | 153 | 234 | 52.9 | 26.9 | 51.8 | 92.6 | 124.1 | 263.4 | 112.2 |
| Ipeiros | 78 | 139 | 78.2 | 18.5 | 33.6 | 82.0 | 65.9 | 182.3 | 176.8 |
| Ionia Nisia | 242 | 327 | 35.1 | 34.2 | 62.5 | 82.7 | 110.7 | 209.1 | 88.9 |
| Dytiki Ellada | 172 | 223 | 29.7 | 25.9 | 30.1 | 15.9 | 98.5 | 128.2 | 30.1 |
| Stereia Ellada | 156 | 197 | 26.3 | 26.7 | 50.1 | 87.9 | 152.5 | 278.9 | 82.9 |
| Peloponnisos | 263 | 318 | 20.9 | 37.7 | 50.3 | 33.2 | 139.2 | 201.6 | 44.8 |
| Attiki | 663 | 880 | 32.7 | 122.8 | 229.2 | 86.7 | 432.7 | 863.1 | 99.4 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 80 | 108 | 35.0 | 10.7 | 12.0 | 11.6 | 39.6 | 39.4 | -0.3 |
| Notio Aigaio | 354 | 541 | 52.8 | 74.1 | 81.3 | 9.7 | 259.0 | 252.8 | -2.4 |
| Kriti | 244 | 425 | 74.2 | 69.7 | 86.5 | 24.2 | 321.5 | 357.8 | 11.3 |
| Greece, Total | 3,006 | 4,268 | 42.0 | 568.0 | 870.5 | 53.2 | 2,290.7 | 3,565.4 | 55.6 |

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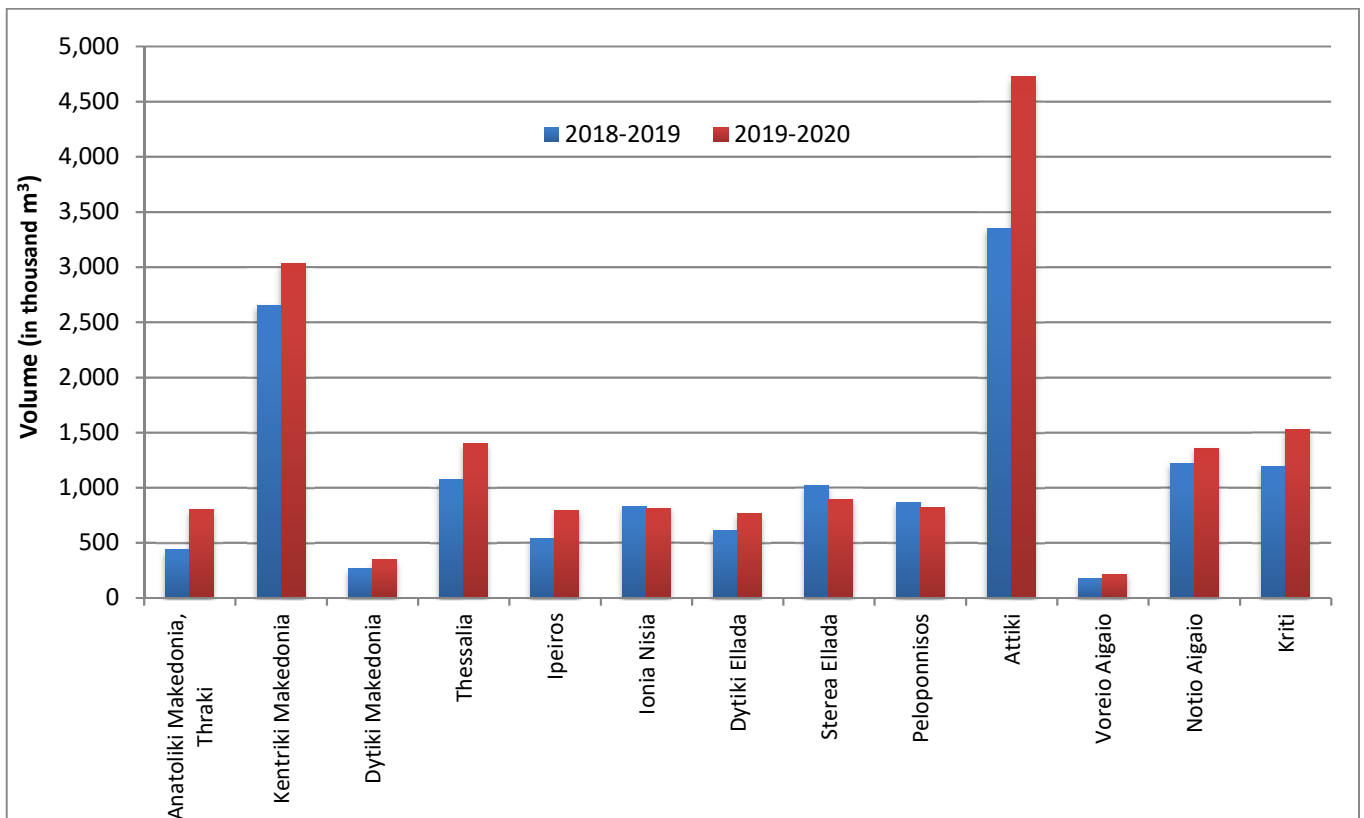
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2019 and 2020*



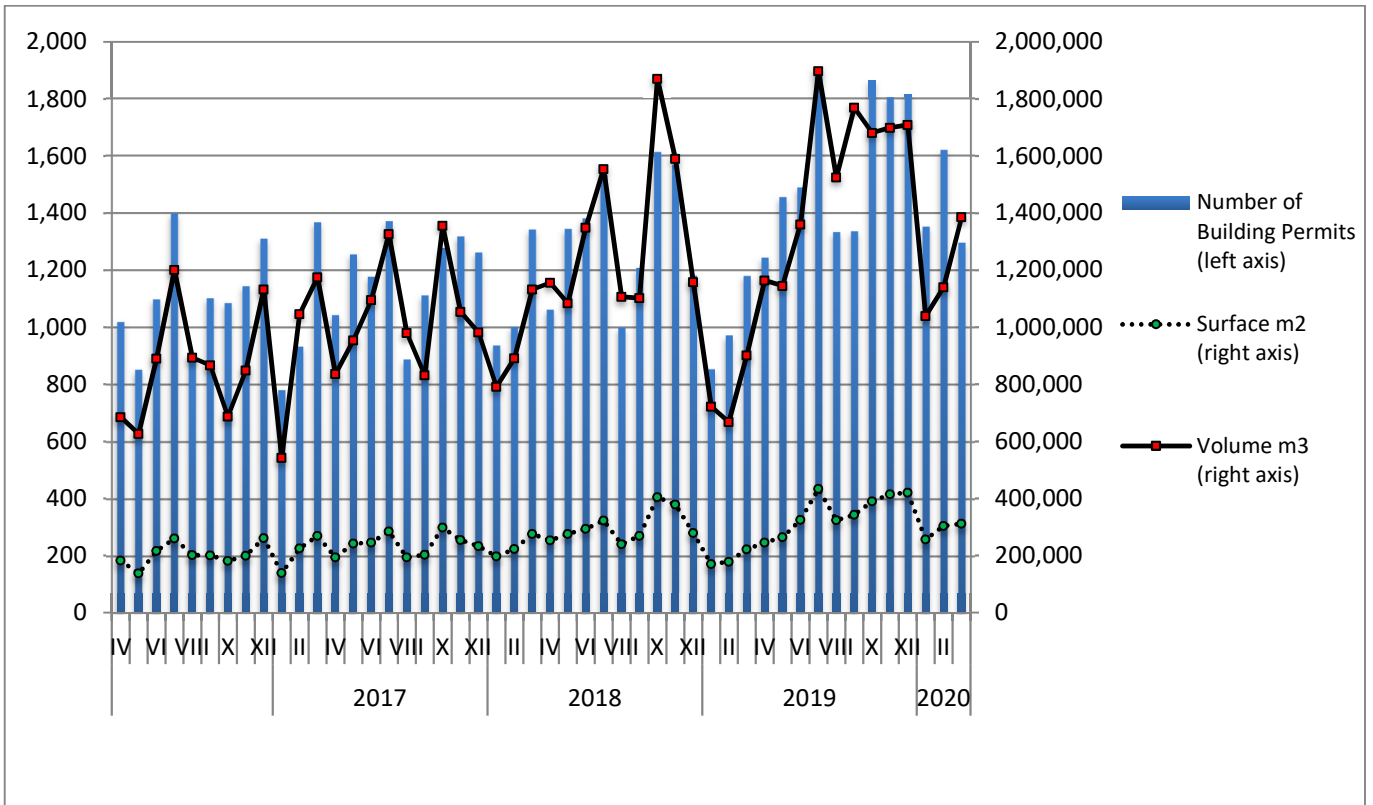
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2018 – March 2019 and April 2019 – March 2020*



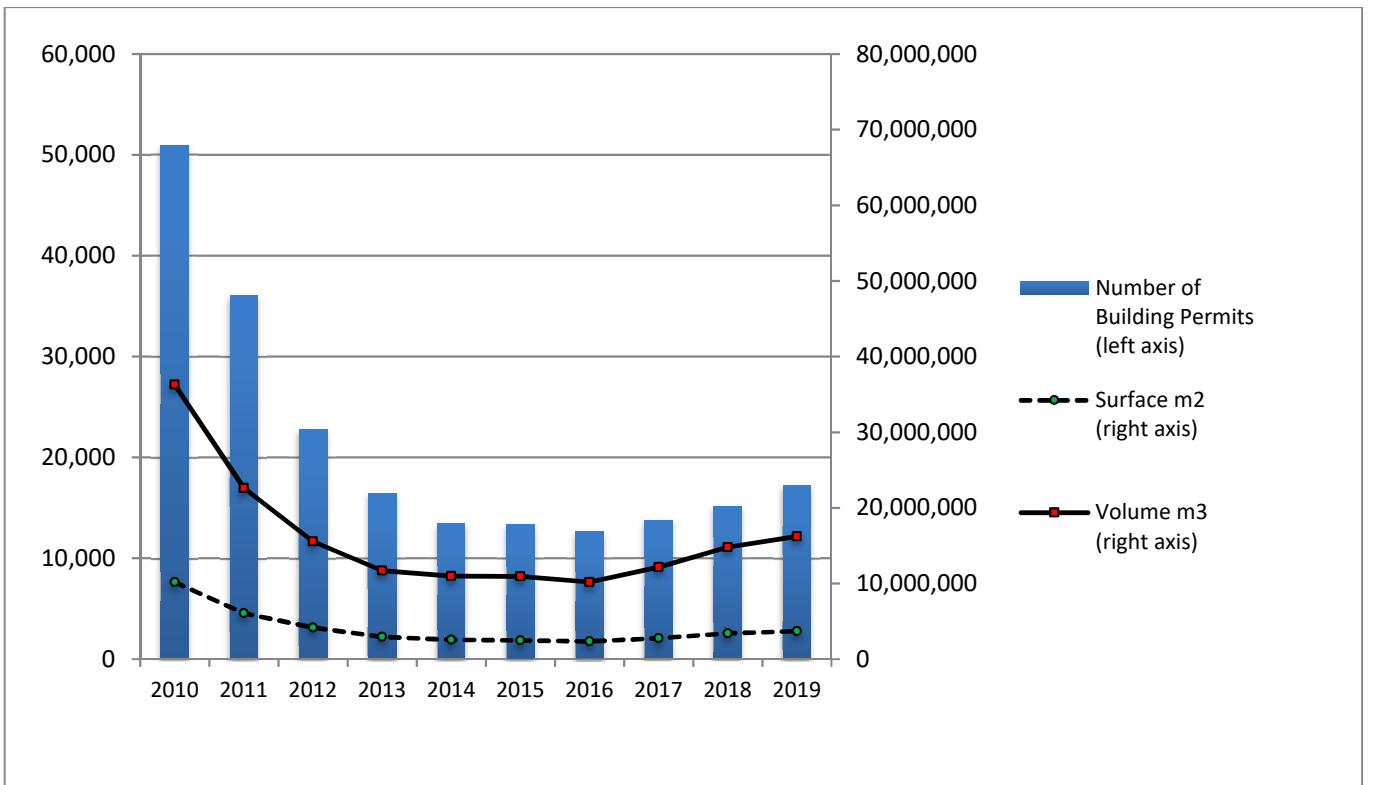
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (April 2016 –March 2020*)



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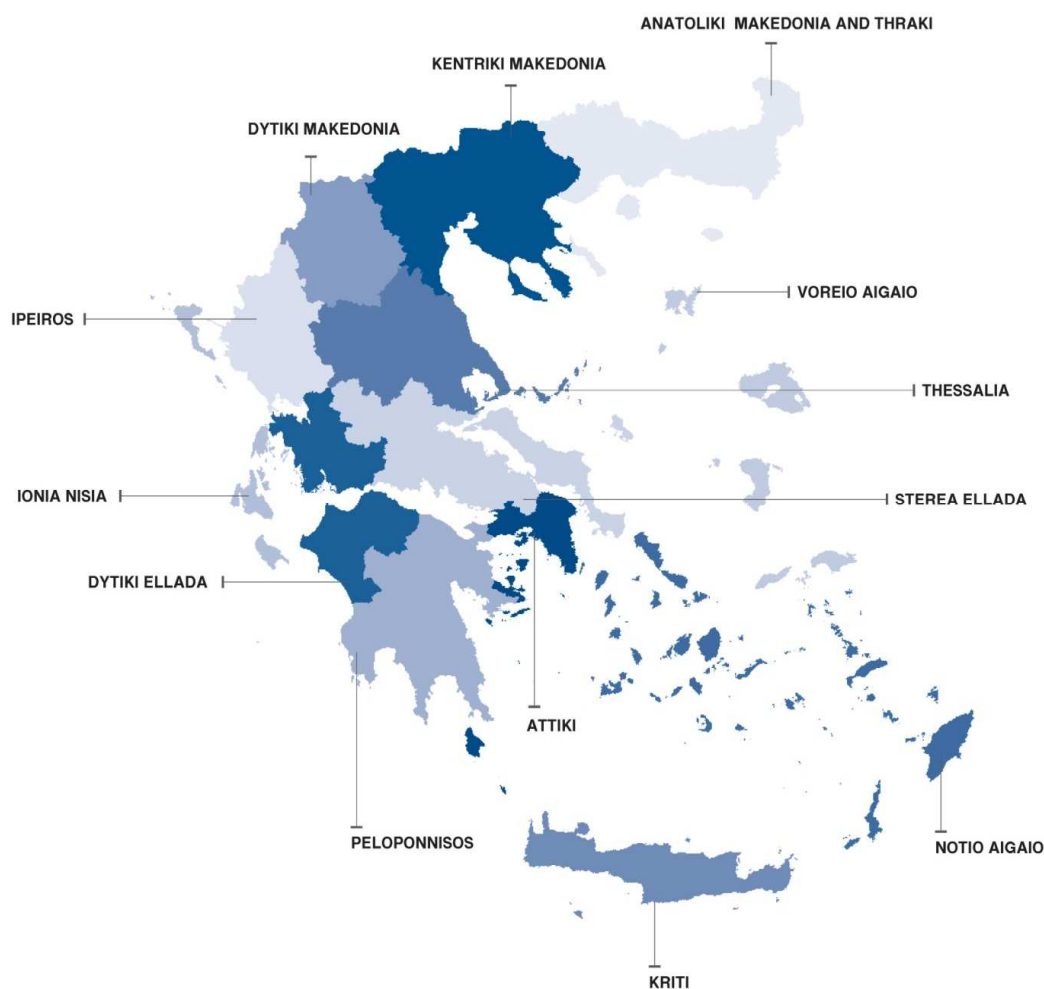
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2010 - 2019)



EXPLANATORY NOTES

- 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** March 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020
- 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.

Data collection and processing in the context of COVID-19 pandemic No impact occurred to the completeness and the timely transmission of the data on the issued building permits from the competent administrative authorities.

General Remark Any delineation that may occur either between the sum of sub totals and the totals or in the change rates, is due to rounding.

References More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regard 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/>