

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: October 2020**

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in October 2020 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,780. This figure corresponds to 377.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,624.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 4.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 3.5% decrease in surface and a 3.6% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2019 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2020 amounted to 1,763. This figure corresponds to 358.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,463.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2019 there is a 5.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 7.9% decrease in surface and a 13.0% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2020 amounted to 17. This figure corresponds to 18.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 161.3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 9.9% of the total building volume in October 2020.
- In the last twelve months, from November 2019 until October 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 19,100. This figure corresponds to 4,110.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 17,551.3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from November 2018 until October 2019, there is a 16.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 13.0% increase in surface and an 8.8% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from November 2019 until October 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 15.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.3% increase in surface and a 10.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from November 2018 to October 2019 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.9% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - October 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 13.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 11.2% increase in surface and a 7.6% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2019 (Table 5). During the same period, January - October 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 12.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 11.4% increase in surface and a 7.6% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - October 2019 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	108	92	-14.8	25.9	34.0	31.3	96.5	207.6	115.2
Kentriki Makedonia	281	240	-14.6	49.9	50.1	0.5	229.9	210.5	-8.4
Dytiki Makedonia	19	28	47.4	2.8	5.8	110.2	9.3	21.4	129.5
Thessalia	121	112	-7.4	27.5	22.9	-16.9	137.0	87.3	-36.3
Ipeiros	64	59	-7.8	14.9	27.5	85.1	49.0	135.3	175.9
Ionia Nisia	136	115	-15.4	28.9	22.8	-21.3	100.8	70.9	-29.7
Dytiki Ellada	119	131	10.1	14.2	16.9	19.4	61.0	54.3	-11.0
Stereia Ellada	106	115	8.5	15.4	34.4	124.1	63.6	212.4	233.9
Peloponnisos	148	140	-5.4	19.3	21.9	13.5	71.9	71.3	-0.8
Attiki	371	393	5.9	104.3	89.3	-14.4	548.6	374.1	-31.8
Voreio Aigaio	33	38	15.2	2.8	6.2	123.6	10.8	23.5	116.5
Notio Aigaio	187	162	-13.4	42.3	22.2	-47.6	150.6	76.4	-49.3
Kriti	179	155	-13.4	43.2	23.5	-45.7	157.0	79.7	-49.2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>391.3</b>	<b>377.5</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>1,686.2</b>	<b>1,624.7</b>	<b>-3.6</b>

\*Provisional data for October 2020.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	106	88	-17.0	25.8	18.7	-27.7	96.2	65.4	-32.0
Kentriki Makedonia	280	238	-15.0	49.9	50.0	0.3	229.9	210.2	-8.6
Dytiki Makedonia	19	28	47.4	2.8	5.8	110.2	9.3	21.4	129.5
Thessalia	120	111	-7.5	26.5	22.9	-13.7	134.6	87.3	-35.2
Ipeiros	64	59	-7.8	14.9	27.5	85.1	49.0	135.3	175.9
Ionia Nisia	136	115	-15.4	28.9	22.8	-21.3	100.8	70.9	-29.7
Dytiki Ellada	119	131	10.1	14.2	16.9	19.4	61.0	54.3	-11.0
Stereia Ellada	105	114	8.6	15.3	34.4	125.4	63.3	212.4	235.5
Peloponnisos	148	139	-6.1	19.3	21.9	13.5	71.9	71.3	-0.8
Attiki	368	387	5.2	103.8	86.3	-16.9	546.8	359.5	-34.3
Voreio Aigaio	33	37	12.1	2.8	5.9	113.5	10.8	19.5	79.6
Notio Aigaio	187	162	-13.4	42.3	22.2	-47.6	150.6	76.4	-49.3
Kriti	179	154	-14.0	43.2	23.4	-45.8	157.0	79.6	-49.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>389.6</b>	<b>358.7</b>	<b>-7.9</b>	<b>1,681.3</b>	<b>1,463.4</b>	<b>-13.0</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), November 2018 – October 2019 and November 2019 – October 2020\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	November – October		Change (%)	November – October		Change (%)	November – October		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	814	995	22.2	179.5	218.8	21.9	705.8	875.7	24.1
Kentriki Makedonia	2,436	2,823	15.9	544.1	611.2	12.3	2,868.7	3,015.7	5.1
Dytiki Makedonia	217	257	18.4	71.7	63.0	-12.2	479.0	334.4	-30.2
Thessalia	1,002	1,165	16.3	224.8	274.3	22.0	1,138.1	1,395.5	22.6
Ipeiros	553	691	25.0	163.0	180.8	10.9	664.5	816.0	22.8
Ionia Nisia	1,170	1,322	13.0	217.0	248.0	14.3	721.1	817.1	13.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,021	1,235	21.0	170.1	200.3	17.7	684.5	858.2	25.4
Stereia Ellada	891	1,046	17.4	143.4	224.4	56.5	777.5	1,309.3	68.4
Peloponnisos	1,295	1,489	15.0	203.2	227.7	12.0	811.8	852.1	5.0
Attiki	3,521	3,883	10.3	907.1	1,093.1	20.5	4,317.2	4,534.5	5.0
Voreio Aigaio	377	444	17.8	48.5	62.1	28.0	196.1	222.3	13.3
Notio Aigaio	1,718	1,931	12.4	385.4	345.5	-10.3	1,344.4	1,161.3	-13.6
Kriti	1,443	1,819	26.1	378.6	361.7	-4.5	1,428.2	1,359.3	-4.8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>16,458</b>	<b>19,100</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>3,636.4</b>	<b>4,110.8</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>16,137.0</b>	<b>17,551.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), November 2018 – October 2019 and November 2019 – October 2020\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	November – October		Change (%)	November – October		Change (%)	November – October		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	809	985	21.8	178.8	202.2	13.1	702.1	726.1	3.4
Kentriki Makedonia	2,419	2,805	16.0	529.0	609.0	15.1	2,726.5	3,002.5	10.1
Dytiki Makedonia	215	253	17.7	58.5	56.1	-4.1	331.8	302.5	-8.8
Thessalia	992	1,149	15.8	219.4	270.7	23.4	1,116.1	1,383.3	23.9
Ipeiros	549	686	25.0	161.9	180.0	11.2	660.1	813.0	23.2
Ionia Nisia	1,169	1,322	13.1	216.8	248.0	14.4	719.7	817.1	13.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,014	1,218	20.1	151.1	197.1	30.4	597.9	844.3	41.2
Stereia Ellada	888	1,037	16.8	142.7	222.4	55.9	775.0	1,301.8	68.0
Peloponnisos	1,282	1,480	15.4	197.6	226.2	14.5	781.1	846.1	8.3
Attiki	3,501	3,857	10.2	894.5	1,081.7	20.9	4,257.3	4,480.5	5.2
Voreio Aigaio	374	440	17.6	47.5	61.5	29.5	190.3	217.0	14.0
Notio Aigaio	1,713	1,918	12.0	384.7	342.3	-11.0	1,342.2	1,149.4	-14.4
Kriti	1,432	1,802	25.8	365.5	357.9	-2.1	1,381.2	1,337.5	-3.2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>16,357</b>	<b>18,952</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>3,547.9</b>	<b>4,055.1</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>15,581.2</b>	<b>17,221.1</b>	<b>10.5</b>

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January – October		Change (%)	January – October		Change (%)	January – October		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	717	803	12.0	161.7	178.8	10.6	643.1	737.9	14.7
Kentriki Makedonia	2,012	2,270	12.8	440.2	497.4	13.0	2,354.6	2,412.4	2.5
Dytiki Makedonia	182	216	18.7	47.5	46.9	-1.3	266.0	236.6	-11.1
Thessalia	845	972	15.0	190.2	222.0	16.7	997.0	1,114.8	11.8
Ipeiros	453	557	23.0	128.8	145.1	12.7	536.5	667.6	24.4
Ionia Nisia	967	1,047	8.3	161.7	189.2	17.0	532.1	630.3	18.5
Dytiki Ellada	847	1,013	19.6	142.3	152.4	7.1	578.7	643.8	11.3
Stereia Ellada	731	859	17.5	113.2	190.7	68.4	617.1	1,153.3	86.9
Peloponnisos	1,075	1,237	15.1	158.6	194.1	22.4	639.8	718.8	12.4
Attiki	2,905	3,145	8.3	762.3	890.3	16.8	3,604.4	3,801.2	5.5
Voreio Aigaio	335	345	3.0	41.3	44.9	8.9	162.3	166.8	2.7
Notio Aigaio	1,386	1,530	10.4	295.5	255.7	-13.5	1,048.6	842.9	-19.6
Kriti	1,218	1,471	20.8	296.6	262.3	-11.5	1,139.4	984.7	-13.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,673</b>	<b>15,465</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>2,940.1</b>	<b>3,269.9</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>13,119.6</b>	<b>14,111.1</b>	<b>7.6</b>

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

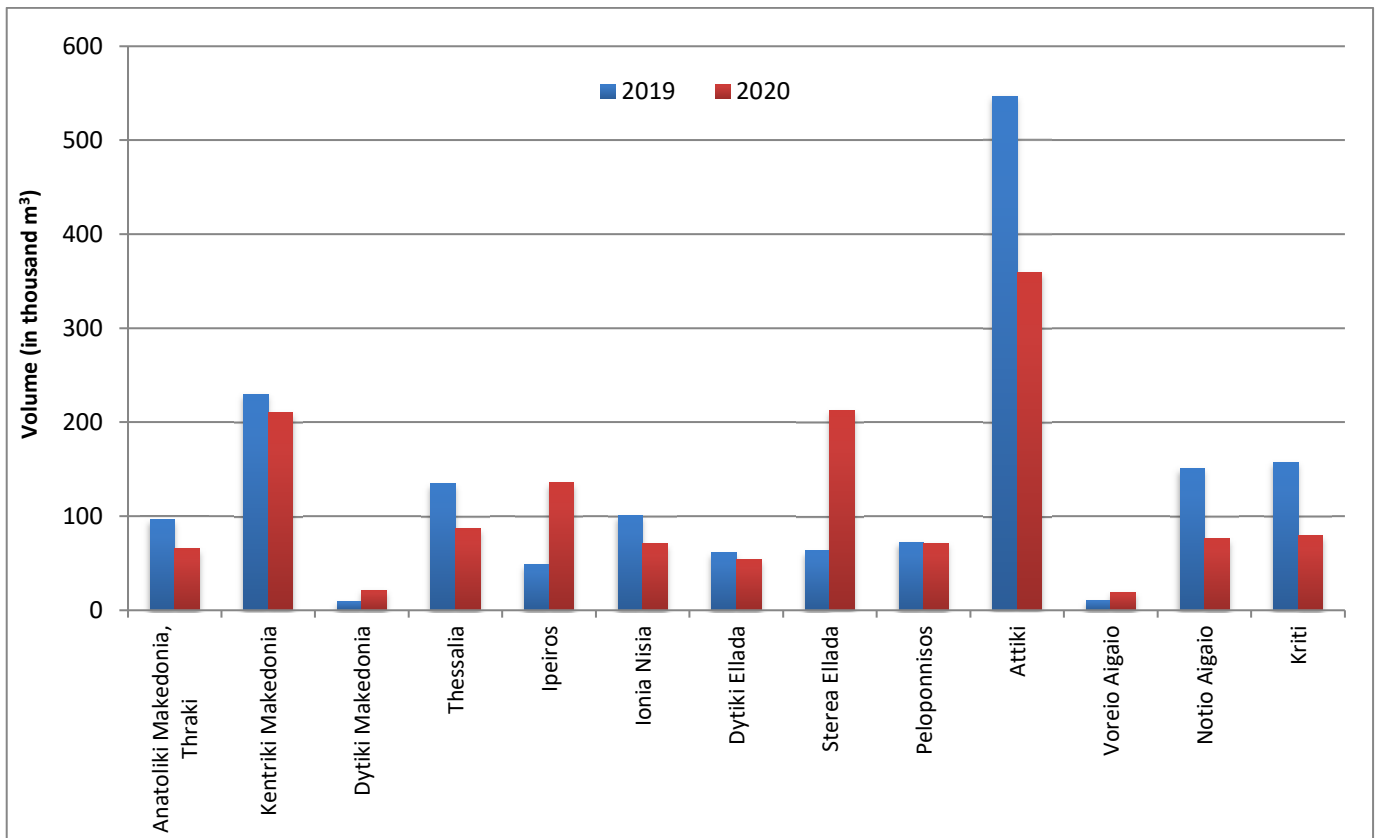
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January – October		Change (%)	January – October		Change (%)	January – October		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	712	795	11.7	160.9	163.1	1.3	639.4	594.5	-7.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,002	2,252	12.5	426.6	495.1	16.1	2,218.8	2,399.2	8.1
Dytiki Makedonia	181	213	17.7	47.5	44.2	-7.0	266.0	220.2	-17.2
Thessalia	840	958	14.0	187.0	219.3	17.2	984.8	1,106.4	12.3
Ipeiros	450	553	22.9	127.8	144.7	13.3	532.3	665.8	25.1
Ionia Nisia	967	1,047	8.3	161.7	189.2	17.0	532.1	630.3	18.5
Dytiki Ellada	844	996	18.0	128.7	149.3	16.0	524.3	629.9	20.1
Stereia Ellada	730	851	16.6	113.1	188.9	67.0	616.8	1,146.3	85.8
Peloponnisos	1,065	1,229	15.4	155.2	192.6	24.1	623.0	712.9	14.4
Attiki	2,890	3,122	8.0	753.8	879.8	16.7	3,564.4	3,752.0	5.3
Voreio Aigaio	334	341	2.1	41.3	44.3	7.4	162.3	161.4	-0.5
Notio Aigaio	1,383	1,517	9.7	295.3	252.4	-14.5	1,047.7	831.0	-20.7
Kriti	1,210	1,457	20.4	291.7	258.7	-11.3	1,120.9	963.4	-14.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,608</b>	<b>15,331</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>2,890.7</b>	<b>3,221.6</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>12,832.8</b>	<b>13,813.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>

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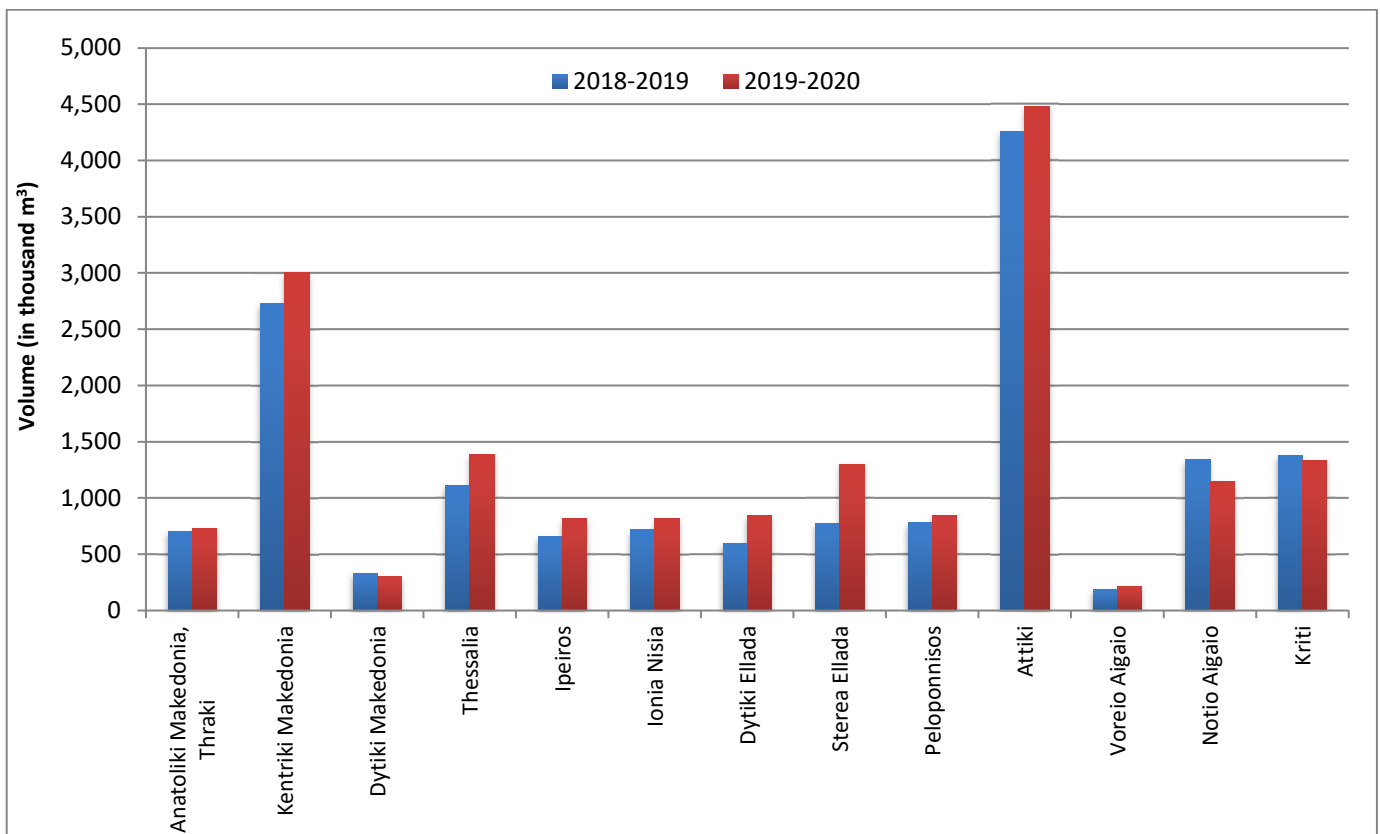
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), October 2019 and 2020\***



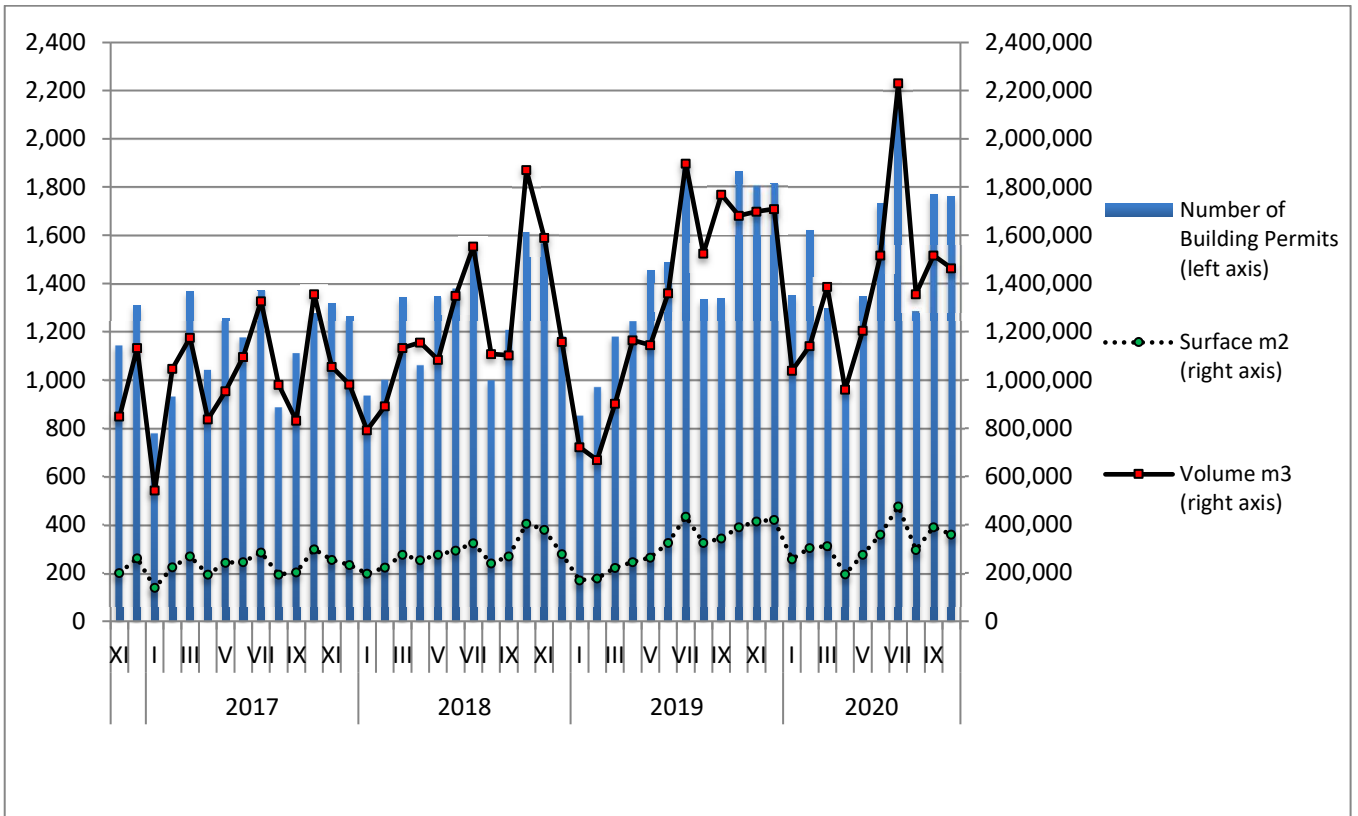
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), November 2018 – October 2019 and November 2019 – October 2020\***



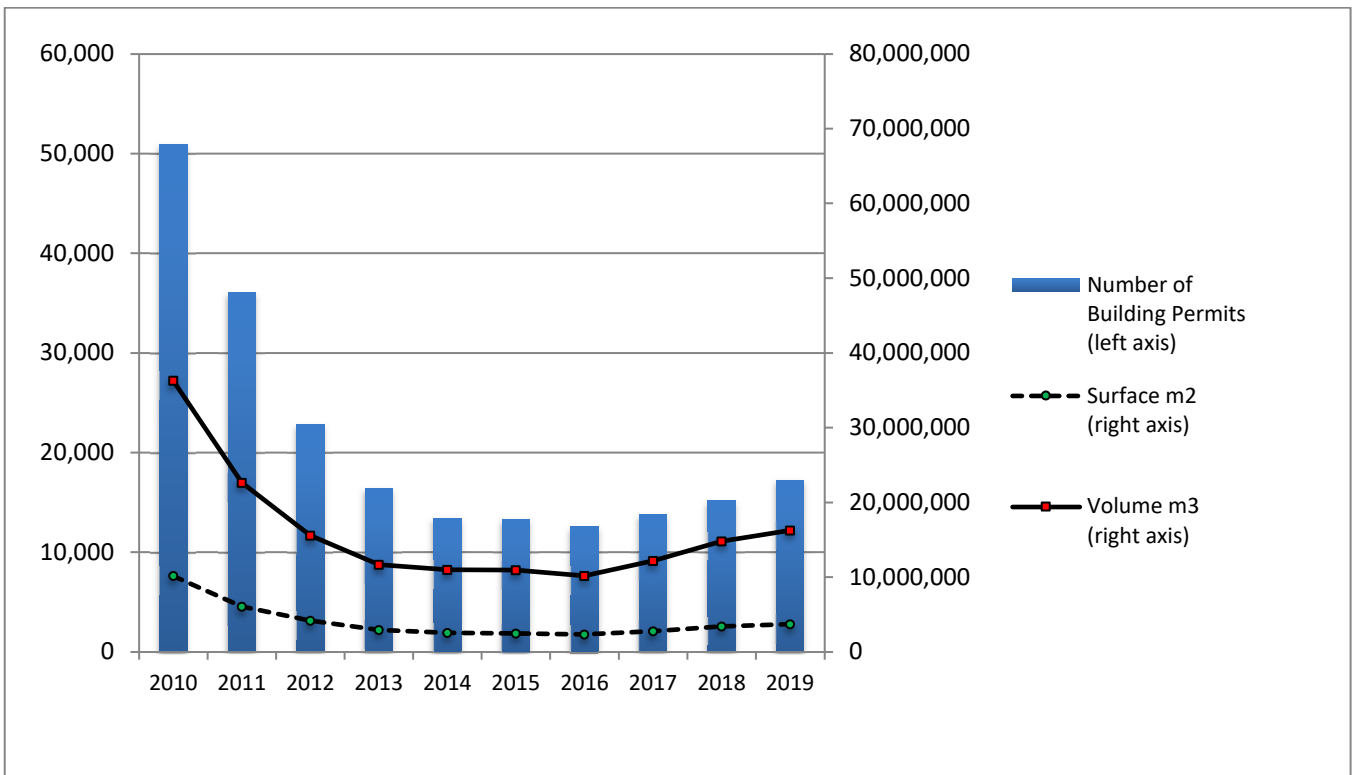
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (November 2016 – October 2020\*)**



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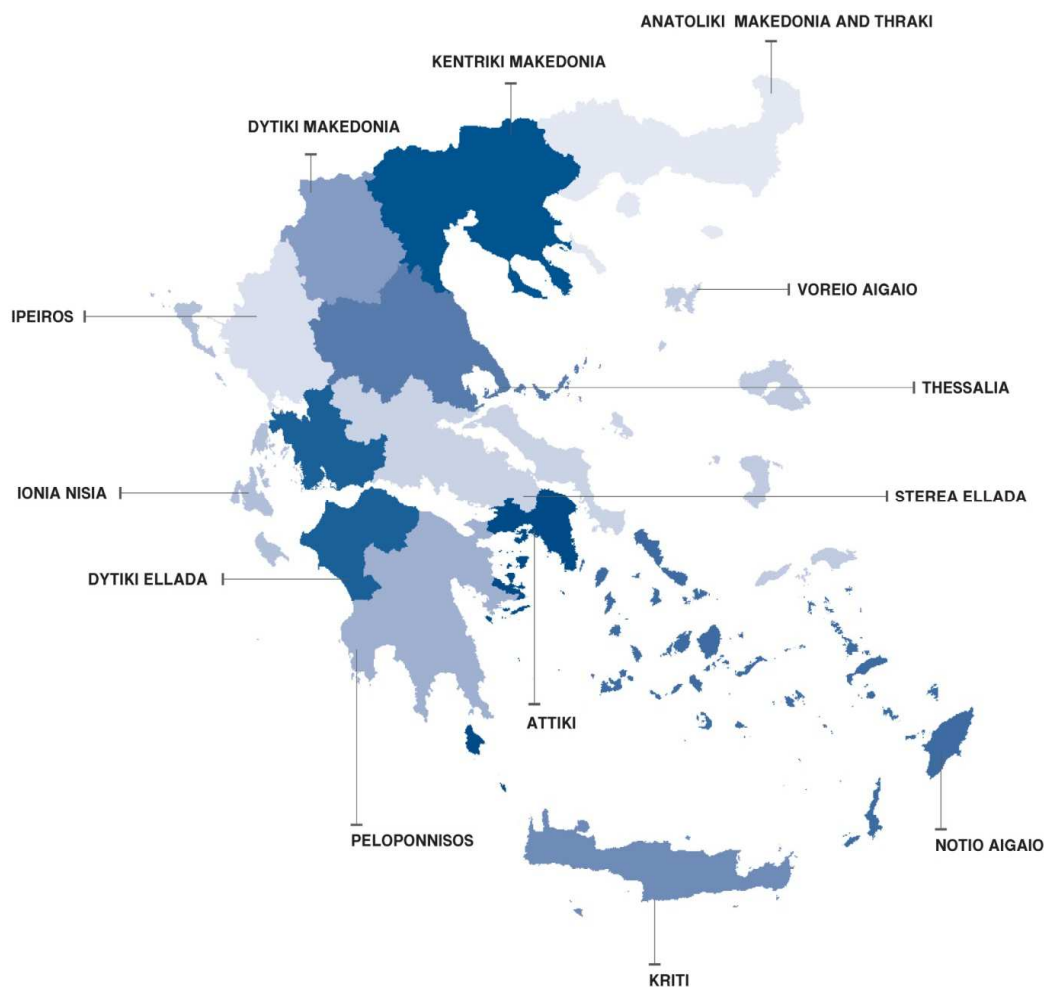
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2010 - 2019)**



## 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) No 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EC) No 1158/2005.
- Reference Period** October 1, 2020 to October 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 area along with the outer side of the outer walls, as well as other auxiliary spaces.

**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 the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT): <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/>.