

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: November 2020

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

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in November 2020 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,585. This figure corresponds to 360.2 thousand m² of surface and 1,482.1 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 12.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 14.0% decrease in surface and a 13.6% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2019 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2020 amounted to 1,573. This figure corresponds to 349.5 thousand m² of surface and 1,439.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2019 there is a 12.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 15.6% decrease in surface and a 15.3% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2020 amounted to 12. This figure corresponds to 10.7 thousand m² of surface and 43.1 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.9% of the total building volume in November 2020.
- In the last twelve months, from December 2019 until November 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 18,887. This figure corresponds to 4,051.8 thousand m² of surface and 17,311.9 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from December 2018 until November 2019, there is a 13.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 10.7% increase in surface and a 6.9% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from December 2019 until November 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 12.9% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 11.4% increase in surface and an 8.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from December 2018 to November 2019 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.1% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - November 2020, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 10.2% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 8.1% increase in surface and a 5.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2019 (Table 5). During the same period, January - November 2020, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 8.1% increase in surface and a 4.9% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - November 2019 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	96	75	-21.9	20.1	13.1	-34.7	66.6	39.5	-40.6
Kentriki Makedonia	280	191	-31.8	49.0	55.0	12.2	194.9	305.2	56.6
Dytiki Makedonia	22	24	9.1	11.9	10.0	-16.5	71.8	39.2	-45.5
Thessalia	96	93	-3.1	29.0	25.2	-13.0	153.8	109.1	-29.1
Ipeiros	64	59	-7.8	16.7	19.9	18.7	69.6	79.6	14.4
Ionia Nisia	139	114	-18.0	35.9	18.1	-49.5	110.9	55.6	-49.8
Dytiki Ellada	109	107	-1.8	27.3	25.6	-6.3	126.7	106.9	-15.6
Stereia Ellada	103	92	-10.7	21.6	10.9	-49.4	112.5	47.5	-57.8
Peloponnisos	123	132	7.3	17.8	21.2	19.0	69.8	84.1	20.5
Attiki	373	388	4.0	98.7	98.0	-0.7	378.7	385.5	1.8
Voreio Aigaio	53	24	-54.7	7.4	2.1	-71.2	24.7	7.2	-70.7
Notio Aigaio	179	144	-19.6	35.3	31.2	-11.7	139.1	104.8	-24.7
Kriti	173	142	-17.9	48.0	29.9	-37.8	197.3	117.9	-40.2
Greece, Total	1,810	1,585	-12.4	418.7	360.2	-14.0	1,716.3	1,482.1	-13.6

*Provisional data for November 2020.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	95	74	-22.1	20.0	13.0	-34.9	66.3	39.2	-40.9
Kentriki Makedonia	280	191	-31.8	49.0	55.0	12.2	194.9	305.2	56.6
Dytiki Makedonia	21	23	9.5	7.8	3.2	-58.5	56.2	15.4	-72.5
Thessalia	96	93	-3.1	29.0	25.2	-13.0	153.8	109.1	-29.1
Ipeiros	63	58	-7.9	16.3	19.9	21.6	68.4	79.6	16.4
Ionia Nisia	139	114	-18.0	35.9	18.1	-49.5	110.9	55.6	-49.8
Dytiki Ellada	109	106	-2.8	27.3	22.2	-18.7	126.7	90.0	-29.0
Stereia Ellada	102	92	-9.8	21.4	10.9	-49.0	112.0	47.5	-57.6
Peloponnisos	122	131	7.4	17.8	21.2	18.8	69.7	83.8	20.1
Attiki	372	383	3.0	98.7	98.0	-0.7	378.7	385.5	1.8
Voreio Aigaio	53	24	-54.7	7.4	2.1	-71.2	24.7	7.2	-70.7
Notio Aigaio	179	143	-20.1	35.3	31.2	-11.7	139.1	104.8	-24.7
Kriti	173	141	-18.5	48.0	29.5	-38.6	197.3	116.1	-41.2
Greece, Total	1,804	1,573	-12.8	413.9	349.5	-15.6	1,698.7	1,439.0	-15.3

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	852	974	14.3	190.0	212.0	11.5	740.0	848.8	14.7
Kentriki Makedonia	2,485	2,734	10.0	530.7	617.2	16.3	2,753.6	3,125.9	13.5
Dytiki Makedonia	223	259	16.1	80.5	61.0	-24.3	538.4	301.7	-44.0
Thessalia	1,007	1,164	15.6	236.6	270.7	14.4	1,228.4	1,350.7	10.0
Ipeiros	561	685	22.1	165.9	183.8	10.8	671.6	825.5	22.9
Ionia Nisia	1,194	1,301	9.0	214.2	229.4	7.1	699.3	761.3	8.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,052	1,235	17.4	186.8	198.6	6.3	775.5	838.3	8.1
Stereia Ellada	900	1,034	14.9	151.7	212.6	40.2	820.0	1,240.4	51.3
Peloponnisos	1,302	1,495	14.8	196.0	231.1	17.9	781.3	866.3	10.9
Attiki	3,507	3,899	11.2	913.3	1,092.2	19.6	4,222.9	4,541.6	7.5
Voreio Aigaio	404	416	3.0	50.5	57.5	13.8	194.7	205.7	5.6
Notio Aigaio	1,712	1,903	11.2	368.3	340.8	-7.4	1,312.7	1,125.6	-14.2
Kriti	1,481	1,788	20.7	374.7	344.9	-8.0	1,452.0	1,279.9	-11.9
Greece, Total	16,680	18,887	13.2	3,659.2	4,051.8	10.7	16,190.4	17,311.9	6.9

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)
	2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020		2018-2019	2019-2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	846	964	13.9	189.2	195.4	3.3	736.0	699.2	-5.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,471	2,716	9.9	516.0	615.0	19.2	2,613.7	3,112.7	19.1
Dytiki Makedonia	220	255	15.9	63.2	51.5	-18.4	375.6	261.7	-30.3
Thessalia	1,001	1,148	14.7	233.0	267.1	14.6	1,214.6	1,338.5	10.2
Ipeiros	557	680	22.1	164.4	183.4	11.6	666.1	823.8	23.7
Ionia Nisia	1,193	1,301	9.1	214.0	229.4	7.2	697.9	761.3	9.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,046	1,217	16.3	167.8	192.1	14.5	688.9	807.6	17.2
Stereia Ellada	898	1,026	14.3	151.4	210.8	39.2	819.2	1,233.5	50.6
Peloponnisos	1,289	1,486	15.3	191.6	229.5	19.8	759.3	860.1	13.3
Attiki	3,491	3,869	10.8	904.8	1,080.9	19.5	4,182.9	4,487.5	7.3
Voreio Aigaio	402	412	2.5	49.9	56.9	14.1	191.0	200.4	4.9
Notio Aigaio	1,708	1,889	10.6	368.0	337.6	-8.3	1,311.9	1,113.7	-15.1
Kriti	1,471	1,770	20.3	369.8	340.7	-7.9	1,432.9	1,256.2	-12.3
Greece, Total	16,593	18,733	12.9	3,583.0	3,990.3	11.4	15,690.0	16,956.2	8.1

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – November		Change (%)	January – November		Change (%)	January – November		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	813	878	8.0	181.8	192.1	5.7	709.7	777.7	9.6
Kentriki Makedonia	2,292	2,461	7.4	489.2	552.4	12.9	2,549.6	2,717.6	6.6
Dytiki Makedonia	204	240	17.6	59.4	56.9	-4.4	337.8	275.7	-18.4
Thessalia	941	1,067	13.4	219.1	247.4	12.9	1,150.8	1,223.9	6.3
Ipeiros	517	615	19.0	145.6	164.9	13.3	606.1	746.7	23.2
Ionia Nisia	1,106	1,165	5.3	197.6	206.5	4.5	643.0	685.4	6.6
Dytiki Ellada	956	1,122	17.4	169.6	178.0	5.0	705.3	750.6	6.4
Stereia Ellada	834	950	13.9	134.8	200.5	48.7	729.7	1,196.9	64.0
Peloponnisos	1,198	1,366	14.0	176.5	215.3	22.0	709.5	802.8	13.1
Attiki	3,278	3,534	7.8	861.0	988.3	14.8	3,983.1	4,187.0	5.1
Voreio Aigaio	388	370	-4.6	48.7	47.7	-1.9	187.0	174.9	-6.5
Notio Aigaio	1,565	1,681	7.4	330.8	286.2	-13.5	1,187.7	946.3	-20.3
Kriti	1,391	1,613	16.0	344.6	293.5	-14.8	1,336.7	1,102.5	-17.5
Greece, Total	15,483	17,062	10.2	3,358.8	3,629.7	8.1	14,835.9	15,587.9	5.1

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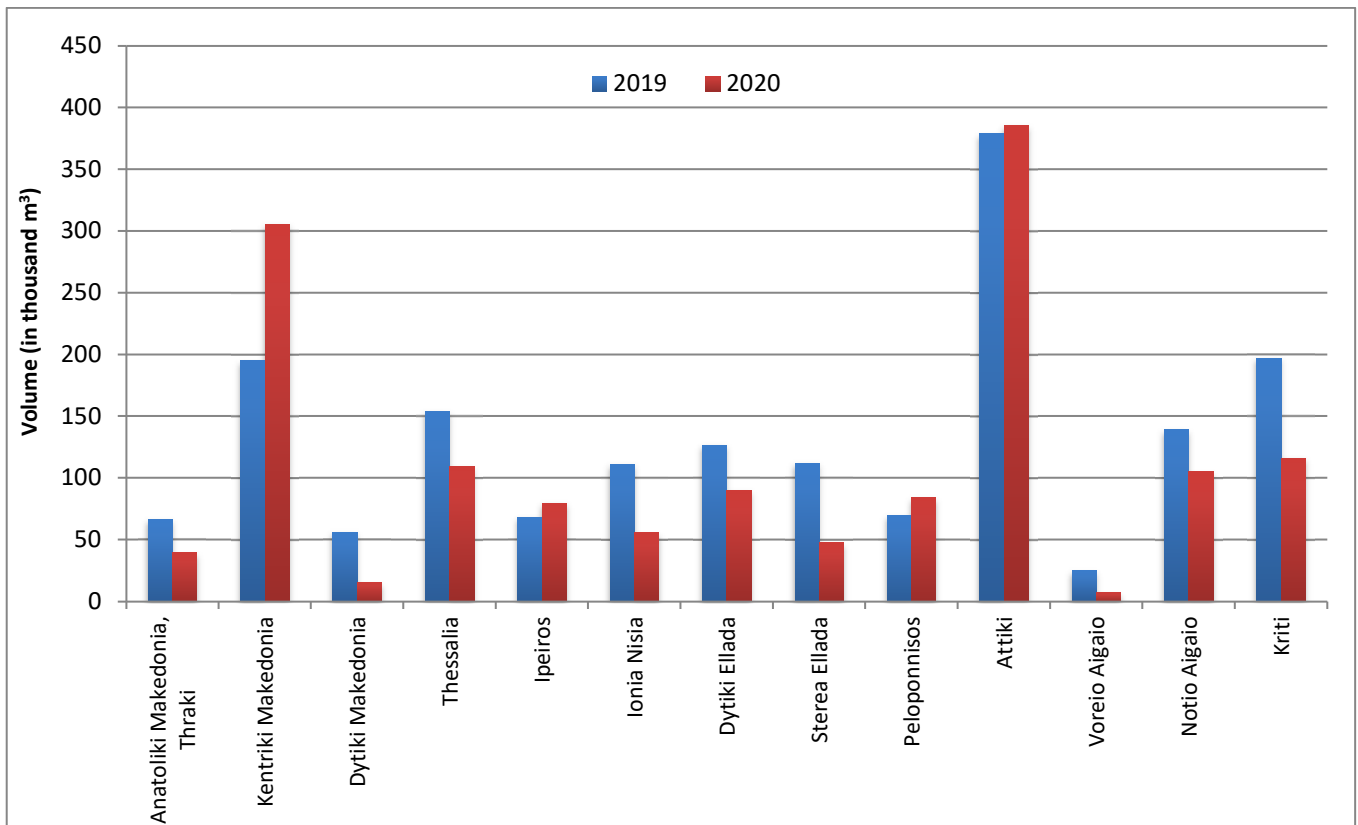
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January – November 2019 and 2020*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – November		Change (%)	January – November		Change (%)	January – November		Change (%)
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	807	869	7.7	181.0	176.3	-2.6	705.7	633.9	-10.2
Kentriki Makedonia	2,282	2,443	7.1	475.6	550.1	15.7	2,413.7	2,704.4	12.0
Dytiki Makedonia	202	236	16.8	55.3	47.4	-14.3	322.2	235.6	-26.9
Thessalia	936	1,053	12.5	216.0	244.6	13.2	1,138.6	1,215.4	6.7
Ipeiros	513	610	18.9	144.1	164.5	14.1	600.6	744.9	24.0
Ionia Nisia	1,106	1,165	5.3	197.6	206.5	4.5	643.0	685.4	6.6
Dytiki Ellada	953	1,104	15.8	155.9	171.5	10.0	651.0	719.8	10.6
Stereia Ellada	832	942	13.2	134.5	198.6	47.7	728.8	1,190.0	63.3
Peloponnisos	1,187	1,357	14.3	173.0	213.8	23.5	692.7	796.6	15.0
Attiki	3,262	3,506	7.5	852.6	977.7	14.7	3,943.1	4,137.7	4.9
Voreio Aigaio	387	366	-5.4	48.7	47.1	-3.2	187.0	169.6	-9.3
Notio Aigaio	1,562	1,667	6.7	330.5	283.0	-14.4	1,186.9	934.4	-21.3
Kriti	1,383	1,598	15.5	339.8	289.5	-14.8	1,318.2	1,079.4	-18.1
Greece, Total	15,412	16,916	9.8	3,304.6	3,570.7	8.1	14,531.5	15,247.0	4.9

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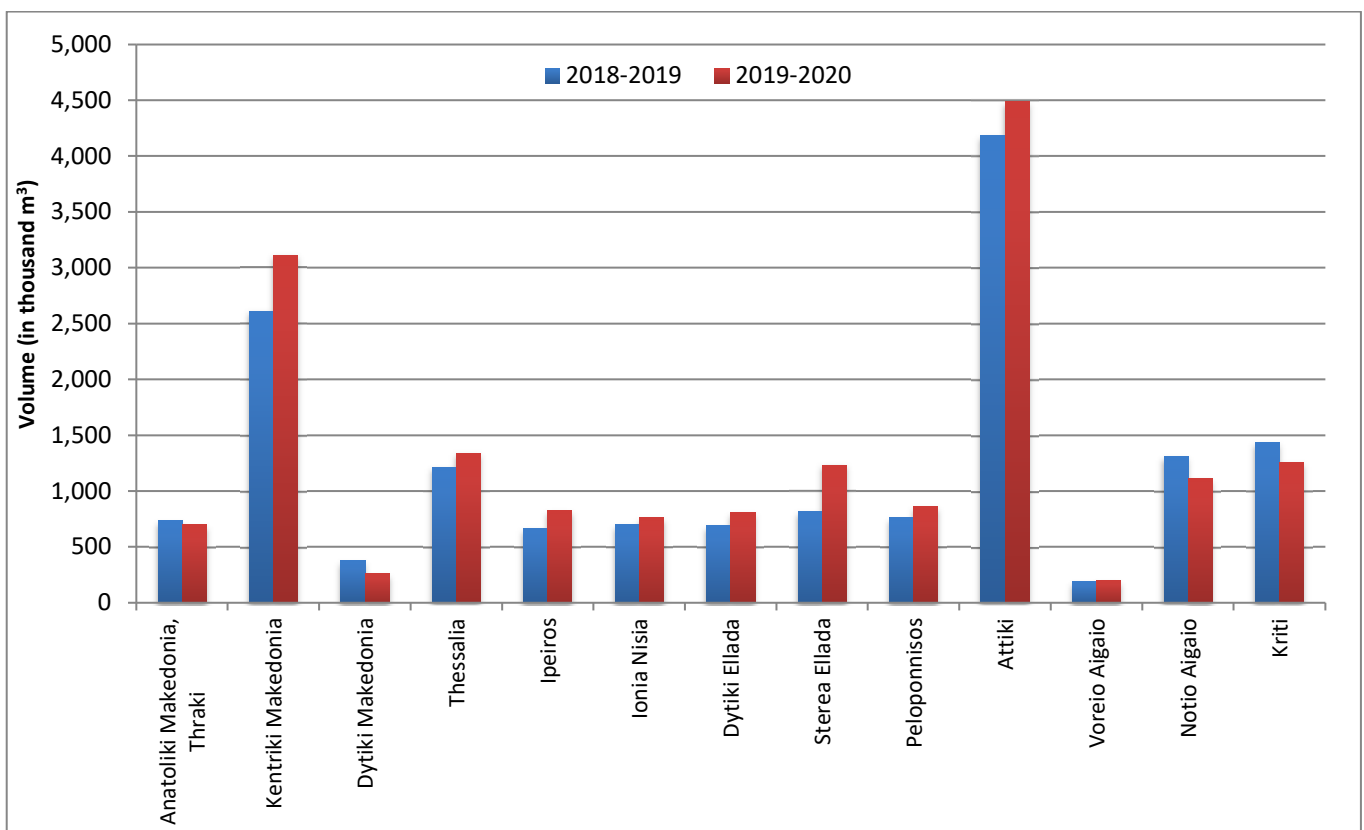
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), November 2019 and 2020*



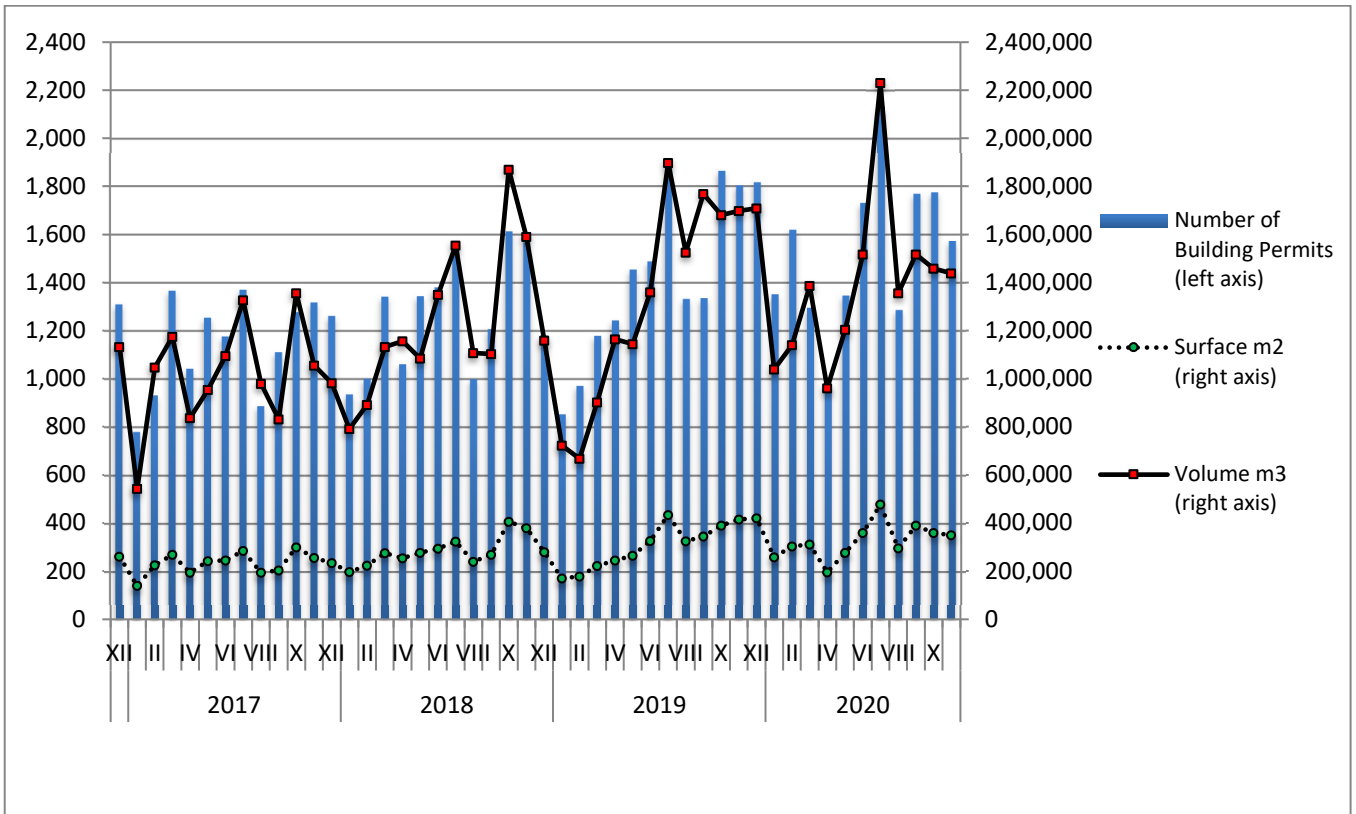
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2018 – November 2019 and December 2019 – November 2020*



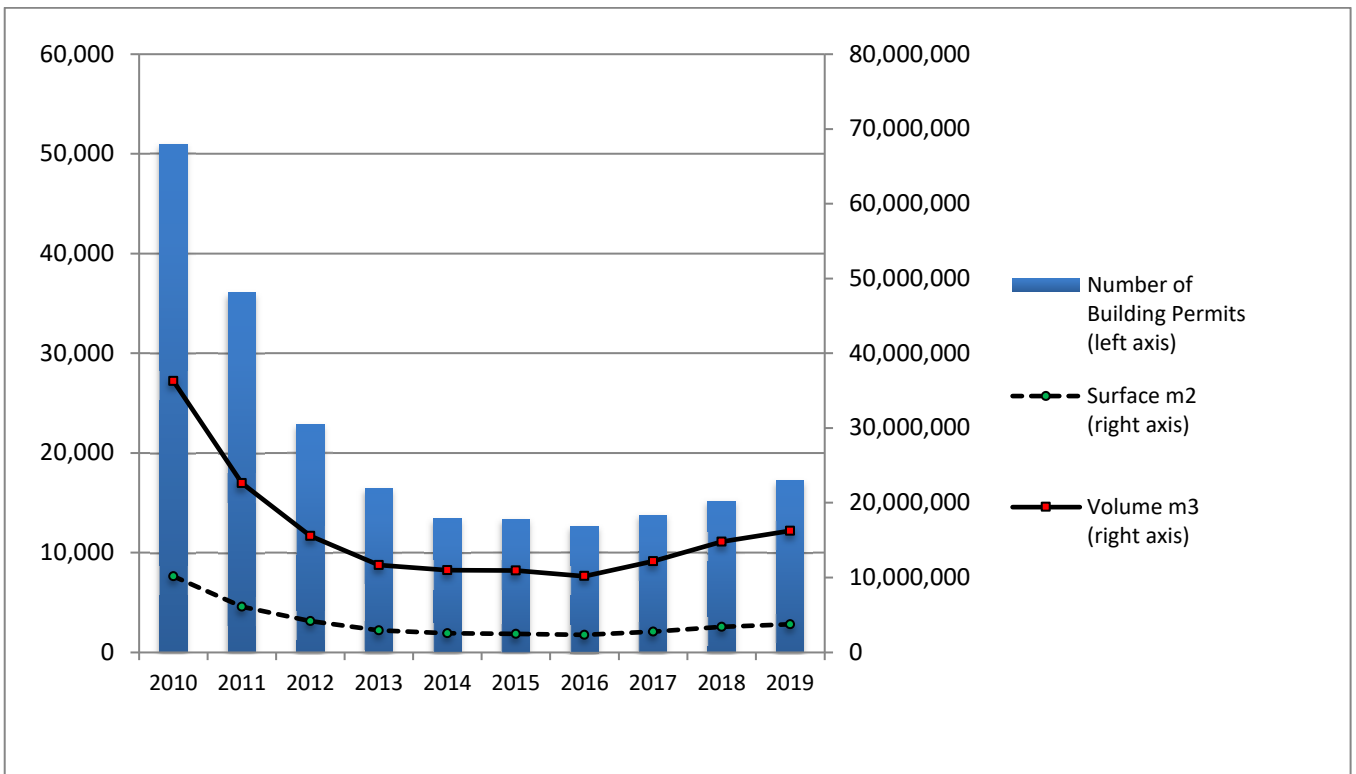
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (December 2016 – November 2020*)



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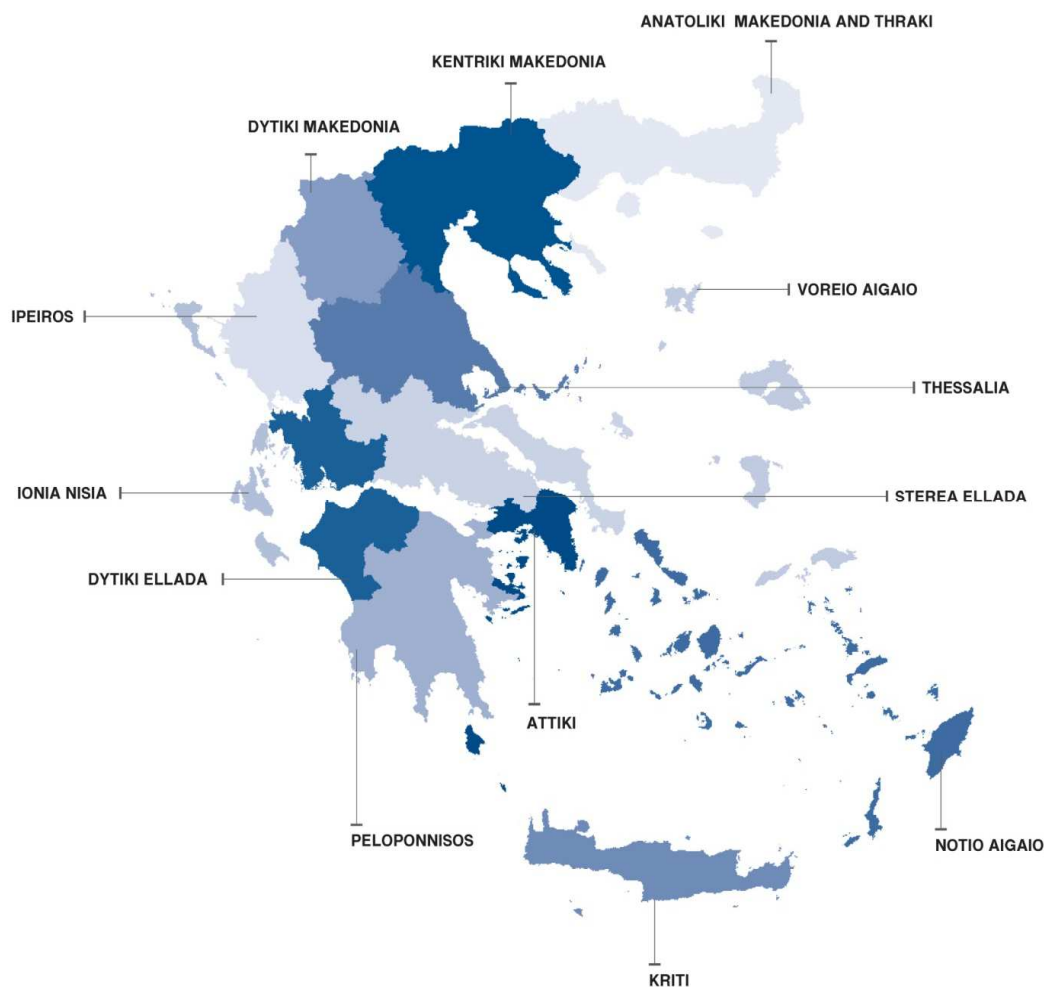
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2010 - 2019)



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** November 1, 2020 to November 30, 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/>.