

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: April 2021

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month April 2021, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private - public) in Greece, in April 2021 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,209. This figure corresponds to 510.9 thousand m² of surface and 2,095.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, an 124.5% increase in the number of building permits, an 162.3% increase in surface and an 117.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2020 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2021 amounted to 2,191. This figure corresponds to 504.8 thousand m² of surface and 2,066.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2020 there is an 125.6% increase in the number of building permits, an 159.8% increase in surface and an 115.2% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2021 amounted to 18. This figure corresponds to 6.1 thousand m² of surface and 28.3 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.3% of the total building volume in April 2021.
- In the last twelve months, from May 2020 until April 2021, Total Building Activity (private - public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 20,824. This figure corresponds to 4,674.2 thousand m² of surface and 19,755.9 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from May 2019 until April 2020, there is a 13.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 15.7% increase in surface and an 11.9% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from May 2020 until April 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 13.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.6% increase in surface and a 10.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from May 2019 to April 2020 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.6% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - April 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 35.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 50.5% increase in surface and a 47.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2020 (Table 5). During the same period, January - April 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 35.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 47.2% increase in surface and a 40.9% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - April 2020 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2020 and 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	52	121	132.7	13.4	36.0	169.4	45.8	154.7	238.1
Kentriki Makedonia	142	290	104.2	32.8	59.6	81.8	195.4	279.0	42.8
Dytiki Makedonia	13	24	84.6	5.5	3.8	-30.3	32.7	12.9	-60.7
Thessalia	53	139	162.3	12.2	23.4	91.8	57.5	98.9	71.9
Ipeiros	35	83	137.1	6.1	25.5	319.9	19.2	105.8	451.4
Ionia Nisia	71	172	142.3	11.5	48.4	322.2	38.3	173.5	353.3
Dytiki Ellada	52	159	205.8	9.6	26.1	172.1	36.0	106.0	194.4
Stereia Ellada	56	131	133.9	11.2	22.7	102.2	57.4	99.5	73.4
Peloponnisos	77	175	127.3	11.4	34.7	205.2	40.7	131.6	223.0
Attiki	187	504	169.5	46.4	156.1	236.7	318.0	669.5	110.5
Voreio Aigaio	16	44	175.0	2.0	4.1	100.8	7.3	12.5	71.0
Notio Aigaio	101	186	84.2	16.0	36.4	127.5	53.4	116.7	118.6
Kriti	129	181	40.3	16.9	34.2	102.2	60.3	134.3	122.7
Greece, Total	984	2,209	124.5	194.8	510.9	162.3	962.1	2,095.0	117.8

*Provisional data for April 2021.

- 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), April 2020 and 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	52	121	132.7	13.4	36.0	169.4	45.8	154.7	238.1
Kentriki Makedonia	140	289	106.4	32.7	59.6	82.1	195.2	279.0	43.0
Dytiki Makedonia	13	23	76.9	5.5	3.8	-30.3	32.7	12.9	-60.7
Thessalia	53	137	158.5	12.2	23.4	91.8	57.5	98.9	71.9
Ipeiros	35	82	134.3	6.1	22.8	276.0	19.2	89.7	367.5
Ionia Nisia	71	172	142.3	11.5	48.4	322.2	38.3	173.5	353.3
Dytiki Ellada	50	159	218.0	9.6	26.1	172.1	36.0	106.0	194.4
Stereia Ellada	56	130	132.1	11.2	22.7	102.2	57.4	99.5	73.4
Peloponnisos	76	173	127.6	11.4	33.3	193.0	40.7	126.9	211.7
Attiki	187	497	165.8	46.4	154.7	233.6	318.0	665.6	109.3
Voreio Aigaio	15	44	193.3	2.0	4.1	100.8	7.3	12.5	71.0
Notio Aigaio	96	185	92.7	15.6	36.4	133.3	52.1	116.6	123.7
Kriti	127	179	40.9	16.9	33.7	99.1	60.3	130.8	116.9
Greece, Total	971	2,191	125.6	194.3	504.8	159.8	960.6	2,066.7	115.2

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2019 – April 2020 and May 2020 – April 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May – April		Change (%)	May – April		Change (%)	May – April		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	931	1,122	20.5	208.6	256.9	23.2	778.3	1,095.5	40.7
Kentriki Makedonia	2,718	2,865	5.4	595.1	654.4	10.0	3,192.5	3,109.5	-2.6
Dytiki Makedonia	238	255	7.1	66.2	63.5	-4.1	384.9	297.3	-22.8
Thessalia	1,097	1,327	21.0	259.5	332.0	27.9	1,292.1	1,667.1	29.0
Ipeiros	636	786	23.6	169.5	247.0	45.7	731.4	1,056.1	44.4
Ionia Nisia	1,304	1,386	6.3	247.2	321.1	29.9	813.5	1,110.7	36.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,122	1,473	31.3	196.5	246.2	25.3	831.3	1,006.6	21.1
Stereia Ellada	961	1,213	26.2	173.9	211.2	21.4	910.2	1,206.4	32.5
Peloponnisos	1,368	1,691	23.6	204.0	317.3	55.5	831.3	1,394.0	67.7
Attiki	3,764	4,509	19.8	1,054.1	1,227.6	16.5	4,751.5	5,025.4	5.8
Voreio Aigaio	451	456	1.1	60.4	71.0	17.6	220.8	275.8	24.9
Notio Aigaio	1,989	1,892	-4.9	393.4	336.7	-14.4	1,364.5	1,131.6	-17.1
Kriti	1,780	1,849	3.9	411.7	389.2	-5.5	1,554.4	1,380.1	-11.2
Greece, Total	18,359	20,824	13.4	4,040.2	4,674.2	15.7	17,656.6	19,755.9	11.9

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2019 – April 2020 and May 2020 – April 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May – April		Change (%)	May – April		Change (%)	May – April		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	924	1,107	19.8	207.0	234.9	13.5	768.5	909.9	18.4
Kentriki Makedonia	2,705	2,842	5.1	580.6	650.1	12.0	3,052.6	3,089.5	1.2
Dytiki Makedonia	237	250	5.5	62.0	54.0	-12.9	369.3	257.2	-30.4
Thessalia	1,089	1,311	20.4	255.7	329.6	28.9	1,276.7	1,660.0	30.0
Ipeiros	630	775	23.0	167.9	240.0	43.0	725.4	1,021.0	40.8
Ionia Nisia	1,304	1,385	6.2	247.2	315.5	27.6	813.5	1,094.8	34.6
Dytiki Ellada	1,113	1,457	30.9	181.8	240.5	32.3	773.6	978.5	26.5
Stereia Ellada	955	1,204	26.1	172.1	210.5	22.3	903.9	1,203.0	33.1
Peloponnisos	1,360	1,677	23.3	202.0	290.7	43.9	823.3	1,153.4	40.1
Attiki	3,740	4,468	19.5	1,043.3	1,218.8	16.8	4,696.9	4,986.7	6.2
Voreio Aigaio	447	455	1.8	60.1	70.8	17.7	219.5	271.8	23.8
Notio Aigaio	1,978	1,882	-4.9	390.8	335.3	-14.2	1,354.5	1,127.3	-16.8
Kriti	1,769	1,824	3.1	406.7	367.1	-9.7	1,534.3	1,292.9	-15.7
Greece, Total	18,251	20,637	13.1	3,977.1	4,557.8	14.6	17,312.1	19,045.9	10.0

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January – April 2020 and 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – April		Change (%)	January – April		Change (%)	January – April		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	243	409	68.3	52.0	102.5	97.0	174.6	441.8	153.0
Kentriki Makedonia	774	962	24.3	171.5	232.2	35.4	830.6	1,064.0	28.1
Dytiki Makedonia	70	72	2.9	12.6	18.7	48.7	63.3	83.1	31.4
Thessalia	299	425	42.1	65.0	98.1	51.0	323.6	448.1	38.5
Ipeiros	176	287	63.1	40.3	106.6	164.5	202.1	453.3	124.3
Ionia Nisia	401	510	27.2	74.3	117.9	58.8	248.0	409.0	64.9
Dytiki Ellada	283	507	79.2	40.6	87.6	115.9	167.4	334.2	99.6
Stereia Ellada	259	405	56.4	62.9	56.3	-10.4	341.7	259.9	-24.0
Peloponnisos	397	595	49.9	61.6	146.4	137.6	244.4	773.0	216.3
Attiki	1,078	1,618	50.1	281.1	386.4	37.5	1,206.1	1,516.4	25.7
Voreio Aigaio	126	164	30.2	14.3	27.4	91.8	48.1	119.5	148.6
Notio Aigaio	653	644	-1.4	99.0	113.0	14.2	313.1	379.8	21.3
Kriti	563	620	10.1	103.6	130.3	25.8	420.2	471.2	12.1
Greece, Total	5,322	7,218	35.6	1,078.7	1,623.6	50.5	4,583.2	6,753.3	47.3

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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January – April 2020 and 2021*

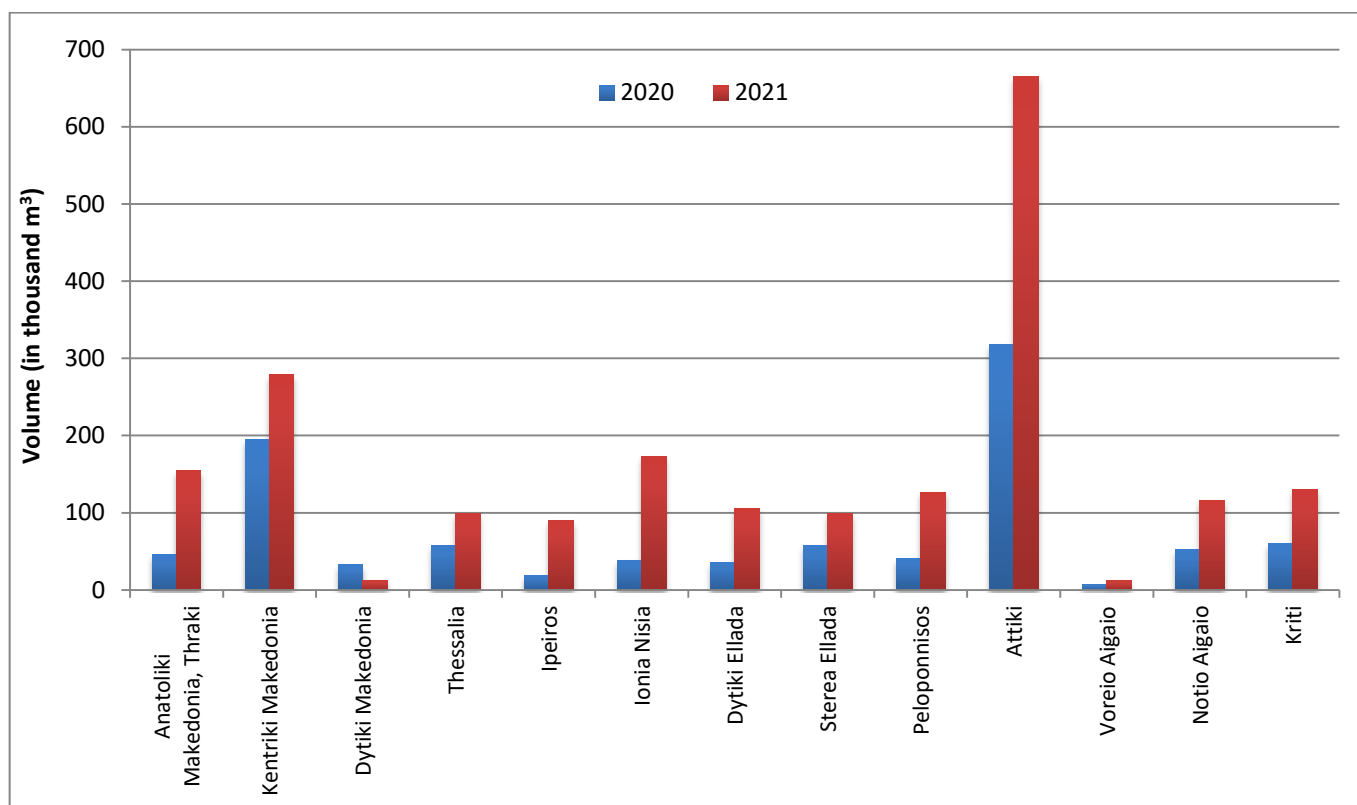
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – April		Change (%)	January – April		Change (%)	January – April		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	243	403	65.8	52.0	96.3	85.0	174.6	400.0	129.1
Kentriki Makedonia	770	955	24.0	170.6	230.3	35.0	826.6	1,058.4	28.1
Dytiki Makedonia	70	71	1.4	12.6	18.7	48.7	63.3	83.1	31.4
Thessalia	296	420	41.9	64.6	98.1	52.0	322.3	448.1	39.0
Ipeiros	174	280	60.9	40.1	100.5	150.3	201.5	421.2	109.0
Ionia Nisia	401	509	26.9	74.3	112.3	51.2	248.0	393.1	58.5
Dytiki Ellada	276	502	81.9	39.6	87.4	120.9	164.1	333.5	103.2
Stereia Ellada	255	401	57.3	61.4	56.0	-8.7	336.3	258.1	-23.2
Peloponnisos	394	587	49.0	60.6	120.3	98.6	240.1	534.4	122.6
Attiki	1,067	1,598	49.8	275.9	383.1	38.9	1,181.0	1,503.1	27.3
Voreio Aigaio	123	164	33.3	14.0	27.4	96.2	46.8	119.5	155.5
Notio Aigaio	644	639	-0.8	96.7	112.7	16.5	304.0	378.3	24.4
Kriti	559	612	9.5	103.3	125.0	21.1	418.0	445.3	6.5
Greece, Total	5,272	7,141	35.5	1,065.5	1,568.1	47.2	4,526.5	6,376.2	40.9

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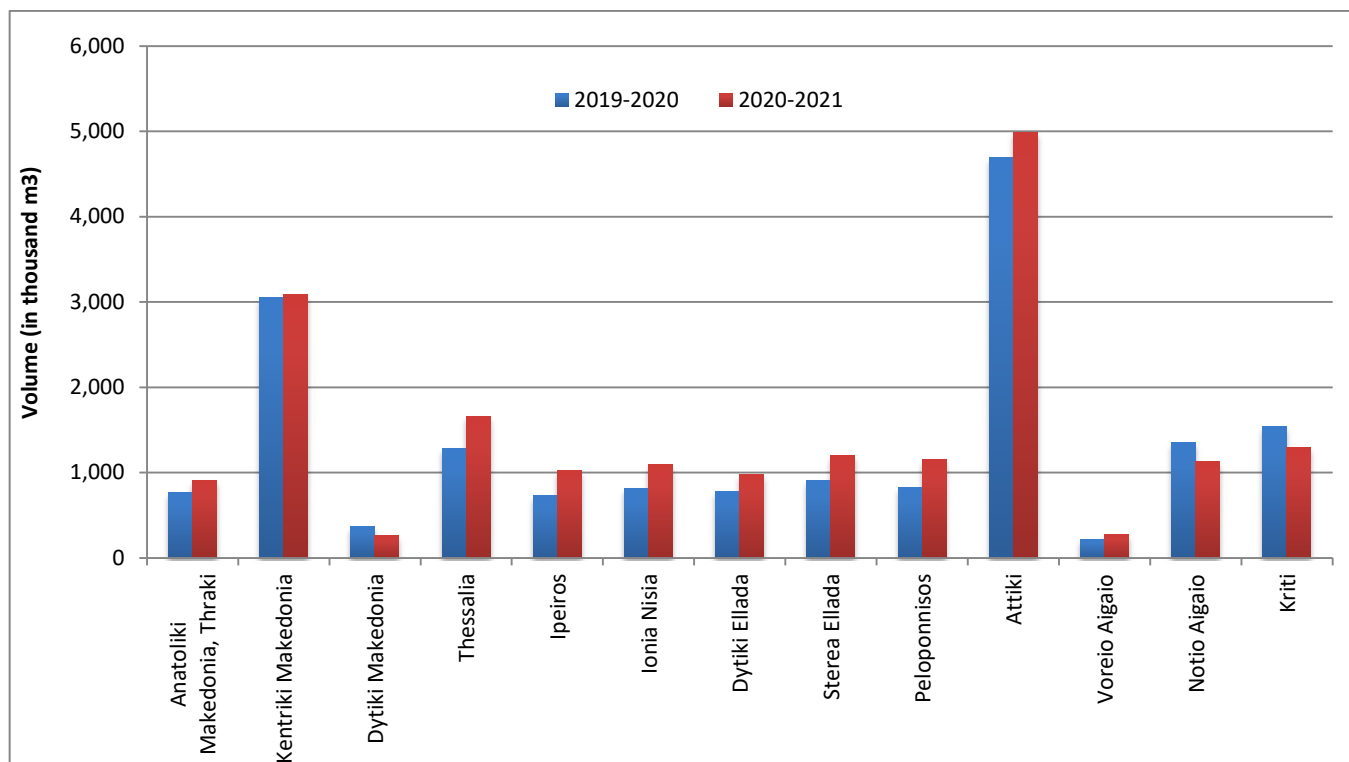
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2020 and 2021*



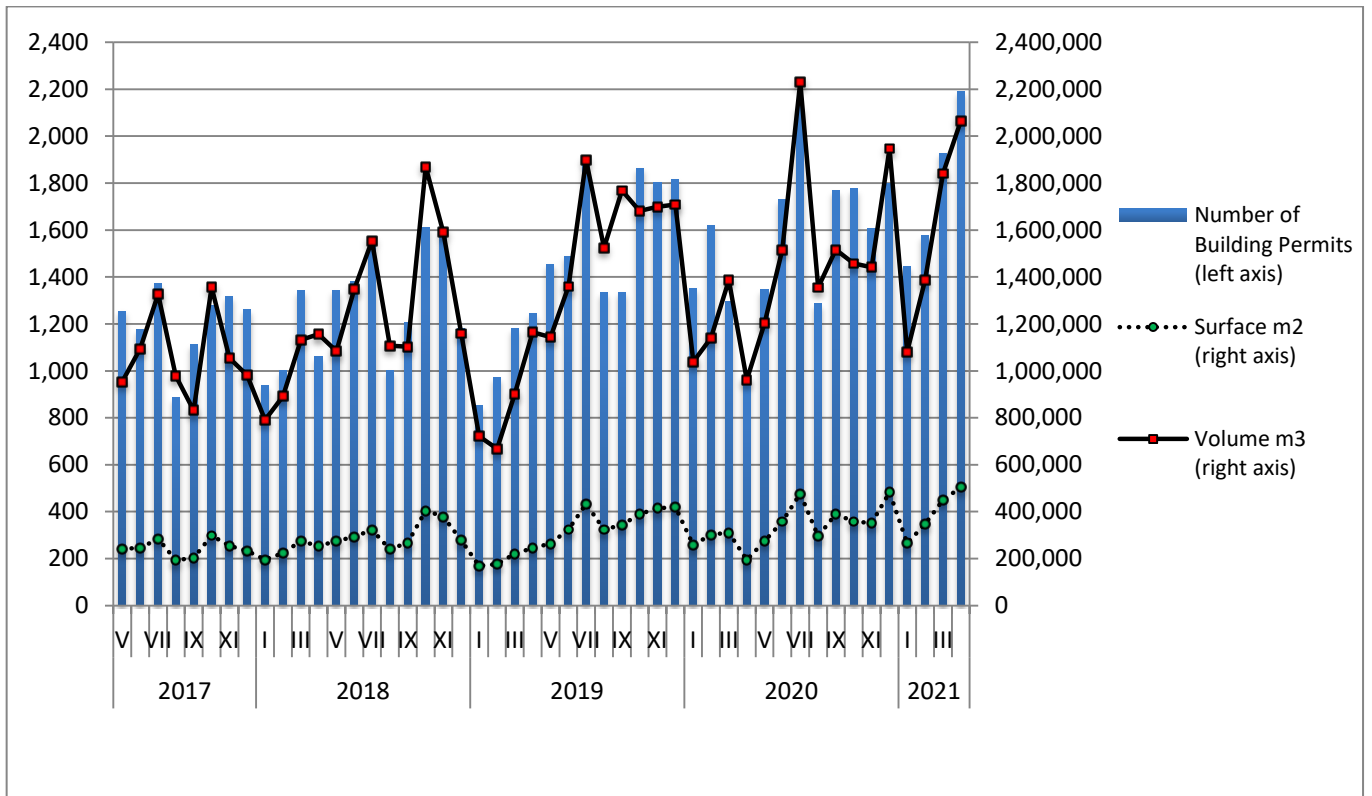
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2019 – April 2020 and May 2020 – April 2021*



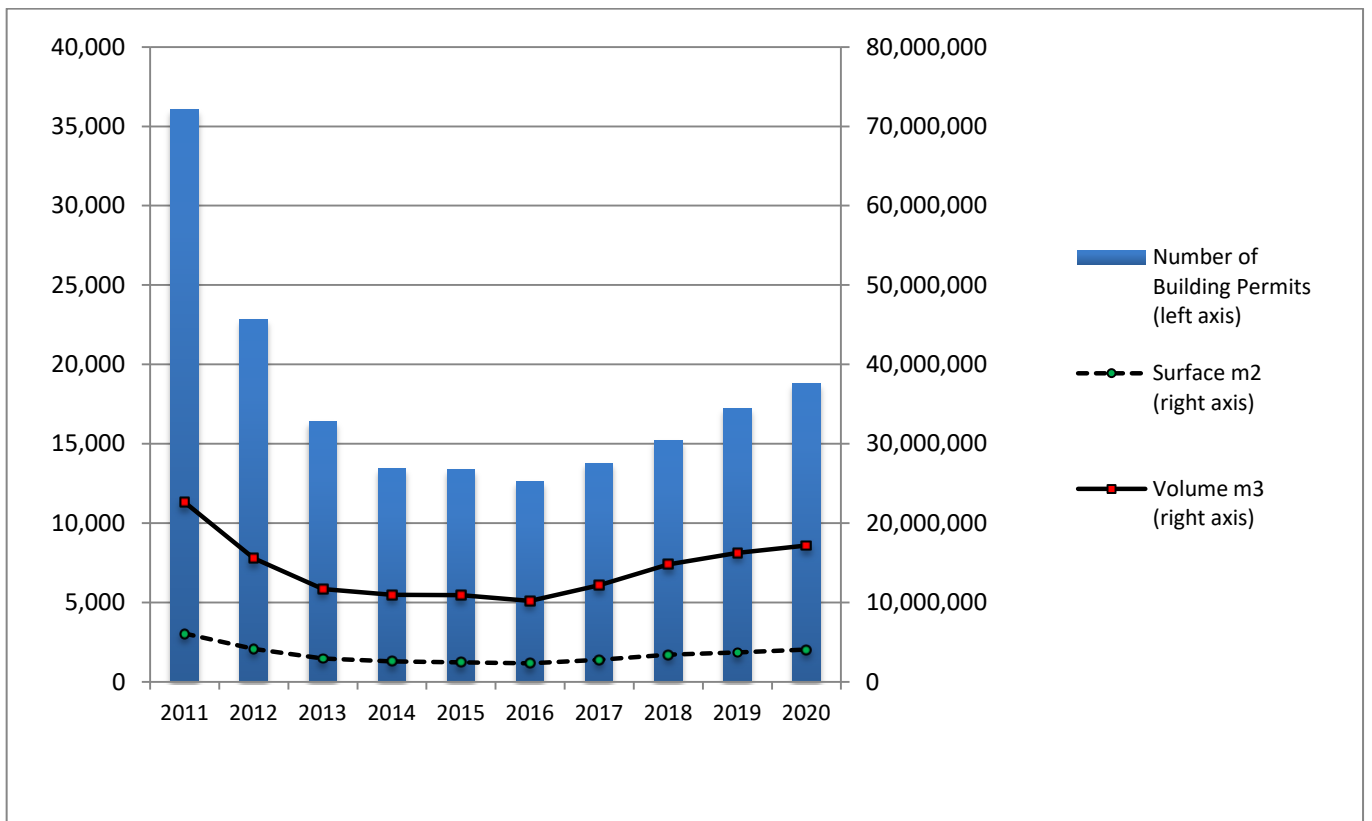
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (May 2017 – April 2021*)



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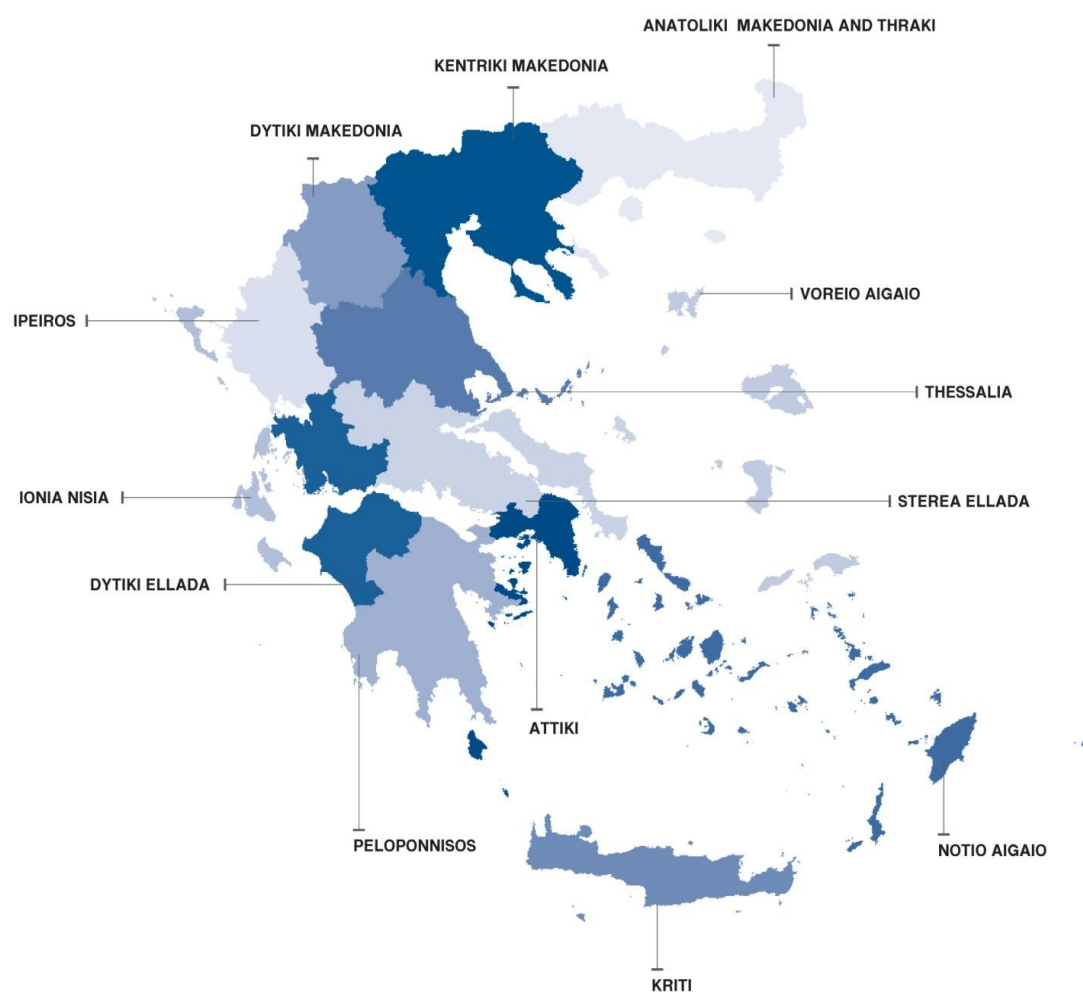
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2011 - 2020)



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 and Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics, as well as Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2020/1197 laying down technical specifications and arrangements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152.
Reference Period	April 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021.
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	<p>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.</p> <p>The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".</p> <p>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.</p> <p>New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	<p>More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regard to the Building Activity Survey is available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT):</p> <p>http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/-.</p>