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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: July 2022**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the final data, for the month July 2022, of the Building Activity Survey. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in July 2022 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,254. This figure corresponds to 521,200 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,580,605 m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 2.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 23.3% decrease in surface and a 4.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2021 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2022 amounted to 2,224. This figure corresponds to 504,407 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,501,817 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2021 there is a 3.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 25.6% decrease in surface and a 6.7% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2022 amounted to 30. This figure corresponds to 16,793 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 78,788 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 3.1% of the total building volume in July 2022.

In the last twelve months, from August 2021 until July 2022, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 24,067. This figure corresponds to 5,583,596 m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 25,214,818 m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from August 2020 until July 2021, there is an 8.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 3.3% increase in surface and a 13.6% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from August 2021 until July 2022, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.4% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 3.6% increase in surface and a 15.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2020 to July 2021 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 1.9% of the total building volume.

During the period January - July 2022, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 0.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 13.6% decrease in surface and a 2.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2021 (Table 5). During the same period, January - July 2022, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 0.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 14.2% decrease in surface and a 2.5% decrease in volume, in comparison with the period of January - July 2021 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2021 and 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	134	94	-29.9	35,332	25,919	-26.6	140,307	128,448	-8.5
Kentriki Makedonia	312	297	-4.8	102,177	66,705	-34.7	400,517	319,126	-20.3
Dytiki Makedonia	28	32	14.3	9,208	4,347	-52.8	43,362	21,300	-50.9
Thessalia	155	160	3.2	41,582	38,723	-6.9	267,745	183,951	-31.3
Ipeiros	72	88	22.2	20,707	20,205	-2.4	89,134	79,622	-10.7
Ionia Nisia	127	139	9.4	22,826	20,585	-9.8	70,335	69,722	-0.9
Dytiki Ellada	168	125	-25.6	27,420	17,786	-35.1	98,364	62,823	-36.1
Stereia Ellada	142	131	-7.7	42,249	18,193	-56.9	284,187	75,547	-73.4
Peloponnisos	175	193	10.3	43,638	26,774	-38.6	223,445	118,300	-47.1
Attiki	545	569	4.4	227,862	202,379	-11.2	609,378	1,254,823	105.9
Voreio Aigaio	56	44	-21.4	7,540	5,256	-30.3	25,150	15,185	-39.6
Notio Aigaio	187	217	16.0	44,186	43,823	-0.8	145,698	140,322	-3.7
Kriti	205	165	-19.5	54,911	30,505	-44.4	312,137	111,436	-64.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>679,638</b>	<b>521,200</b>	<b>-23.3</b>	<b>2,709,759</b>	<b>2,580,605</b>	<b>-4.8</b>

\*Final data for July 2022.

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**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), July 2021 and 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	134	91	-32.1	35,332	23,167	-34.4	140,307	106,703	-24.0
Kentriki Makedonia	310	294	-5.2	102,177	65,448	-35.9	400,517	313,199	-21.8
Dytiki Makedonia	26	32	23.1	8,805	4,347	-50.6	41,450	21,300	-48.6
Thessalia	154	160	3.9	40,247	38,723	-3.8	243,059	183,951	-24.3
Ipeiros	72	87	20.8	20,707	20,087	-3.0	89,134	79,201	-11.1
Ionia Nisia	127	136	7.1	22,826	20,585	-9.8	70,335	69,722	-0.9
Dytiki Ellada	168	122	-27.4	27,420	17,623	-35.7	98,364	62,317	-36.6
Stereia Ellada	142	130	-8.5	42,249	18,193	-56.9	284,187	75,547	-73.4
Peloponnisos	175	192	9.7	43,638	26,709	-38.8	223,445	118,075	-47.2
Attiki	544	561	3.1	227,862	190,793	-16.3	609,378	1,208,415	98.3
Voreio Aigaio	55	43	-21.8	7,484	5,256	-29.8	24,769	15,185	-38.7
Notio Aigaio	187	216	15.5	44,186	43,823	-0.8	145,698	140,322	-3.7
Kriti	203	160	-21.2	54,585	29,653	-45.7	311,028	107,880	-65.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>2,224</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>677,518</b>	<b>504,407</b>	<b>-25.6</b>	<b>2,681,671</b>	<b>2,501,817</b>	<b>-6.7</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2020 - July 2021 and August 2021 - July 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,210	1,259	4.0	307,195	338,535	10.2	1,342,538	1,748,951	30.3
Kentriki Makedonia	2,930	3,317	13.2	710,845	856,481	20.5	3,177,535	4,325,538	36.1
Dytiki Makedonia	282	335	18.8	78,598	70,324	-10.5	361,584	335,995	-7.1
Thessalia	1,402	1,612	15.0	334,343	406,679	21.6	1,651,467	1,915,159	16.0
Ipeiros	848	866	2.1	283,357	215,972	-23.8	1,209,149	943,405	-22.0
Ionia Nisia	1,434	1,486	3.6	346,643	257,916	-25.6	1,174,509	904,750	-23.0
Dytiki Ellada	1,586	1,504	-5.2	265,590	227,900	-14.2	1,027,936	924,505	-10.1
Stereia Ellada	1,362	1,339	-1.7	283,968	274,317	-3.4	1,598,519	1,657,152	3.7
Peloponnisos	1,801	1,965	9.1	364,057	316,978	-12.9	1,645,523	1,377,334	-16.3
Attiki	4,873	5,524	13.4	1,521,908	1,575,428	3.5	5,766,221	7,177,616	24.5
Voreio Aigaio	536	584	9.0	82,589	83,021	0.5	305,033	302,549	-0.8
Notio Aigaio	2,025	2,381	17.6	373,370	509,734	36.5	1,256,890	1,717,712	36.7
Kriti	1,937	1,895	-2.2	453,704	450,311	-0.7	1,678,333	1,884,152	12.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>22,226</b>	<b>24,067</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>5,406,167</b>	<b>5,583,596</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>22,195,237</b>	<b>25,214,818</b>	<b>13.6</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), August 2020 - July 2021 and August 2021 - July 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,197	1,249	4.3	285,505	310,248	8.7	1,158,097	1,598,175	38.0
Kentriki Makedonia	2,908	3,287	13.0	707,402	846,551	19.7	3,164,845	4,277,369	35.2
Dytiki Makedonia	275	328	19.3	69,117	69,256	0.2	326,509	332,098	1.7
Thessalia	1,390	1,609	15.8	331,728	404,910	22.1	1,621,706	1,907,792	17.6
Ipeiros	838	859	2.5	275,599	215,065	-22.0	1,167,290	939,486	-19.5
Ionia Nisia	1,433	1,480	3.3	340,996	257,916	-24.4	1,158,630	904,750	-21.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,575	1,493	-5.2	261,914	227,701	-13.1	1,010,098	923,639	-8.6
Stereia Ellada	1,352	1,332	-1.5	283,263	272,504	-3.8	1,595,212	1,642,524	3.0
Peloponnisos	1,783	1,950	9.4	335,375	311,222	-7.2	1,395,856	1,350,891	-3.2
Attiki	4,833	5,475	13.3	1,514,741	1,539,809	1.7	5,733,623	7,031,949	22.6
Voreio Aigaio	533	582	9.2	82,254	82,133	-0.1	300,652	298,602	-0.7
Notio Aigaio	2,018	2,377	17.8	372,955	509,734	36.7	1,255,298	1,717,712	36.8
Kriti	1,909	1,872	-1.9	431,307	436,113	1.1	1,590,104	1,817,722	14.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>22,044</b>	<b>23,893</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>5,292,156</b>	<b>5,483,162</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>21,477,920</b>	<b>24,742,709</b>	<b>15.2</b>

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - July 2021 and 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	787	728	-7.5	215,712	206,648	-4.2	940,359	1,087,814	15.7
Kentriki Makedonia	1,850	1,900	2.7	474,343	481,286	1.5	2,118,094	2,331,411	10.1
Dytiki Makedonia	162	202	24.7	48,518	26,750	-44.9	216,111	122,384	-43.4
Thessalia	846	913	7.9	195,613	214,097	9.4	948,127	980,204	3.4
Ipeiros	536	486	-9.3	183,252	108,303	-40.9	782,201	462,077	-40.9
Ionia Nisia	901	847	-6.0	197,725	118,412	-40.1	667,057	401,112	-39.9
Dytiki Ellada	999	836	-16.3	170,543	107,414	-37.0	657,190	420,451	-36.0
Stereia Ellada	847	755	-10.9	178,862	146,882	-17.9	998,353	923,501	-7.5
Peloponnisos	1,117	1,165	4.3	251,429	179,561	-28.6	1,226,263	776,169	-36.7
Attiki	3,131	3,328	6.3	1,001,321	893,310	-10.8	3,571,423	4,358,851	22.0
Voreio Aigaio	357	347	-2.8	52,403	45,782	-12.6	204,789	158,749	-22.5
Notio Aigaio	1,192	1,403	17.7	229,966	258,536	12.4	772,373	878,774	13.8
Kriti	1,173	1,085	-7.5	281,470	222,467	-21.0	1,091,313	879,922	-19.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,898</b>	<b>13,995</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3,481,157</b>	<b>3,009,448</b>	<b>-13.6</b>	<b>14,193,653</b>	<b>13,781,419</b>	<b>-2.9</b>

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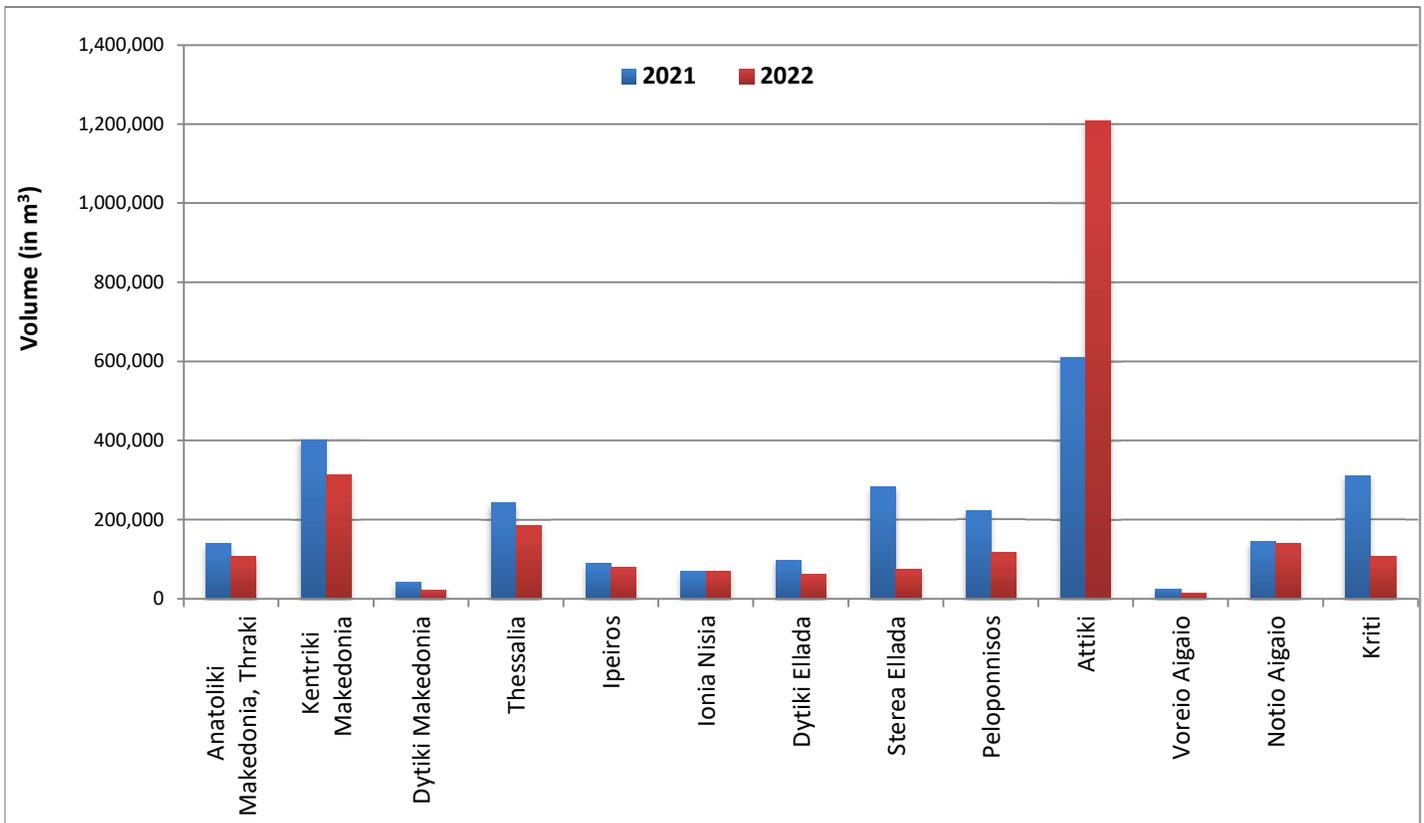
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - July 2021 and 2022\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	779	718	-7.8	209,480	178,361	-14.9	898,495	937,038	4.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,838	1,877	2.1	472,328	472,340	0.0	2,112,125	2,286,798	8.3
Dytiki Makedonia	157	197	25.5	47,743	25,700	-46.2	212,649	118,568	-44.2
Thessalia	836	912	9.1	192,998	213,540	10.6	918,366	977,466	6.4
Ipeiros	528	480	-9.1	176,061	107,600	-38.9	742,099	458,688	-38.2
Ionia Nisia	900	841	-6.6	192,078	118,412	-38.4	651,178	401,112	-38.4
Dytiki Ellada	991	828	-16.4	170,341	107,251	-37.0	656,544	419,945	-36.0
Stereia Ellada	839	751	-10.5	178,202	146,709	-17.7	995,185	922,473	-7.3
Peloponnisos	1,104	1,158	4.9	223,252	179,065	-19.8	978,545	774,263	-20.9
Attiki	3,106	3,290	5.9	997,444	868,668	-12.9	3,554,678	4,254,609	19.7
Voreio Aigaio	355	346	-2.5	52,347	45,782	-12.5	204,408	158,749	-22.3
Notio Aigaio	1,188	1,400	17.8	229,615	258,536	12.6	770,973	878,774	14.0
Kriti	1,158	1,067	-7.9	275,558	209,957	-23.8	1,063,415	824,139	-22.5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,779</b>	<b>13,865</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3,417,447</b>	<b>2,931,921</b>	<b>-14.2</b>	<b>13,758,660</b>	<b>13,412,622</b>	<b>-2.5</b>

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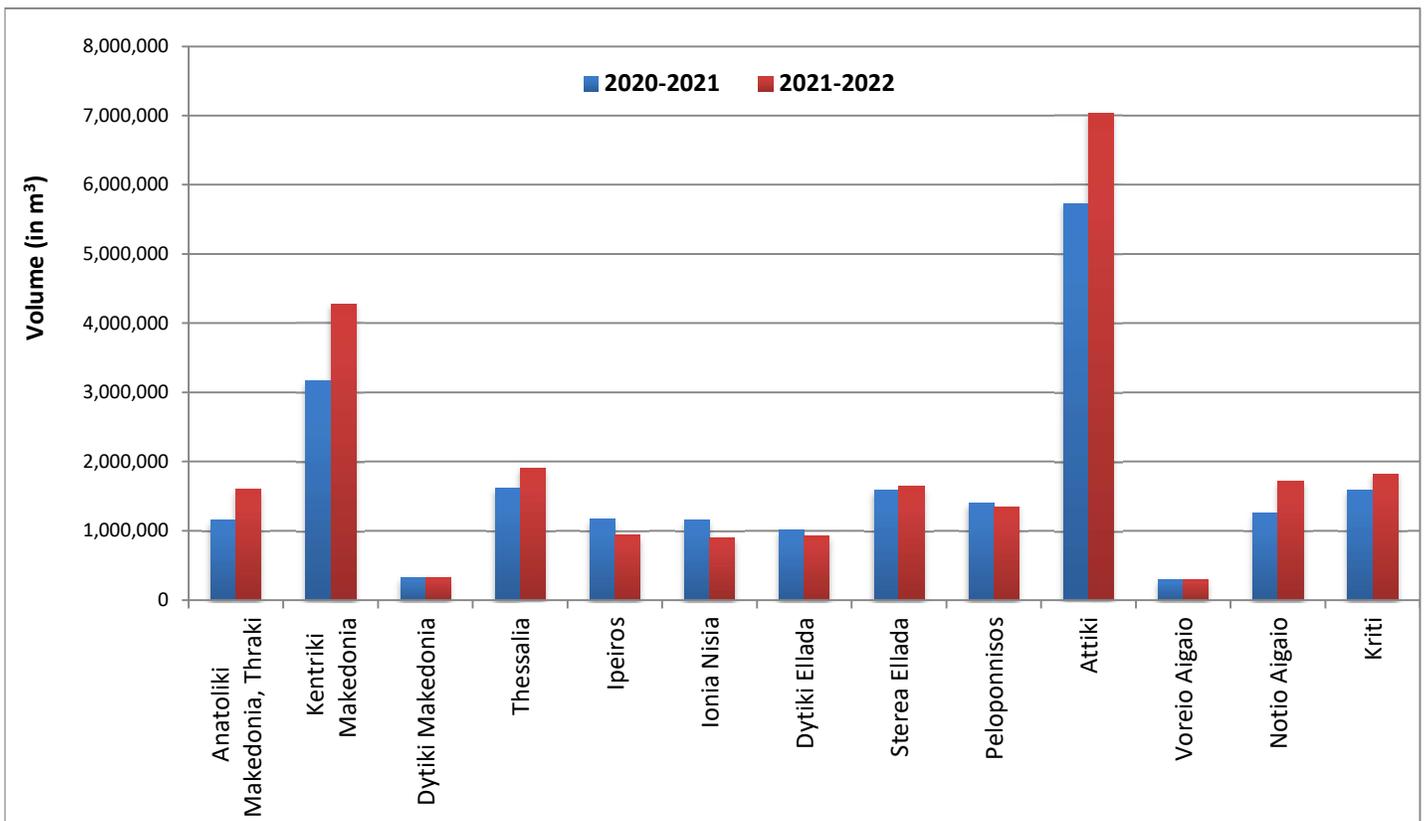
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), July 2021 and 2022\***



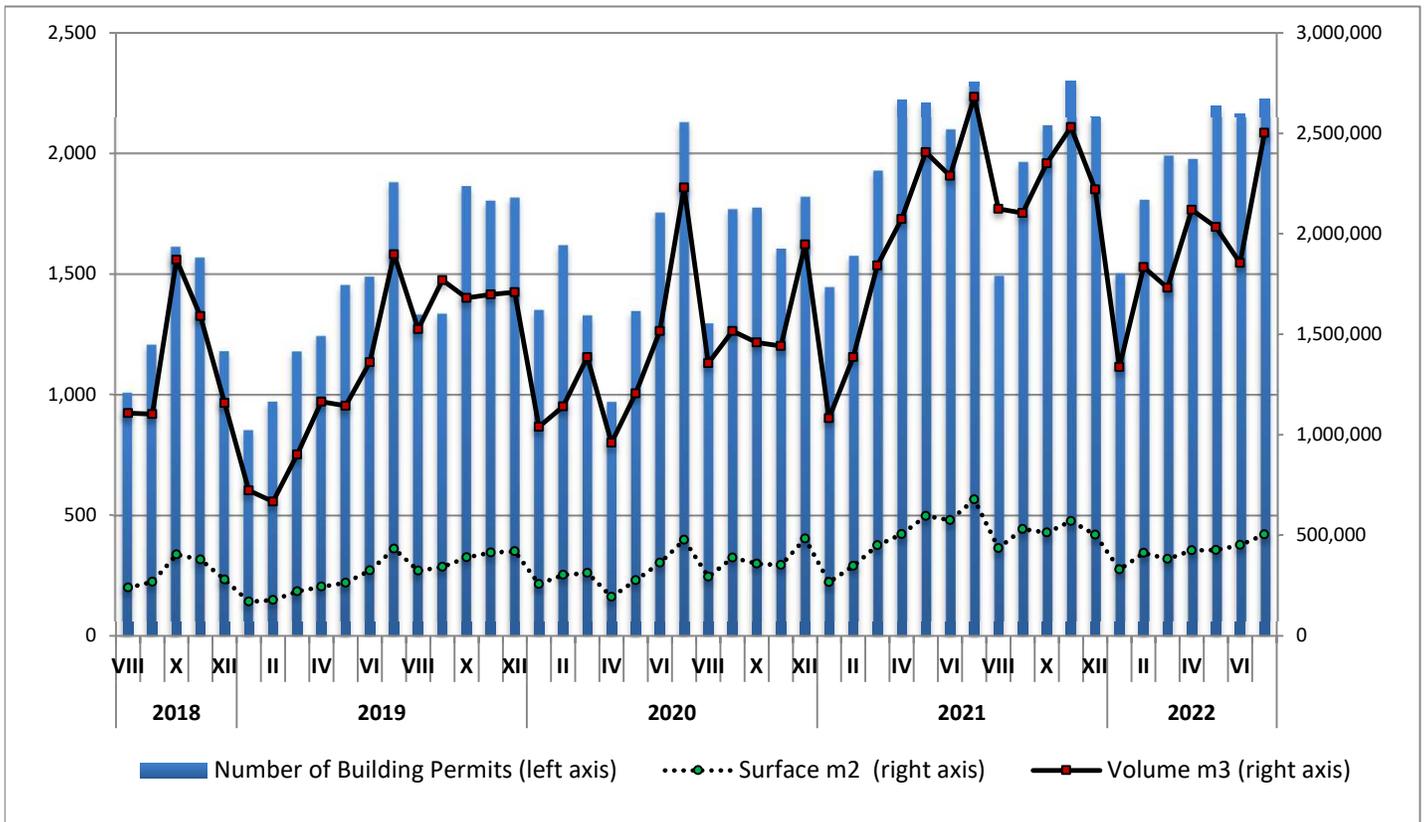
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), August 2020 - July 2021 and August 2021 - July 2022\***



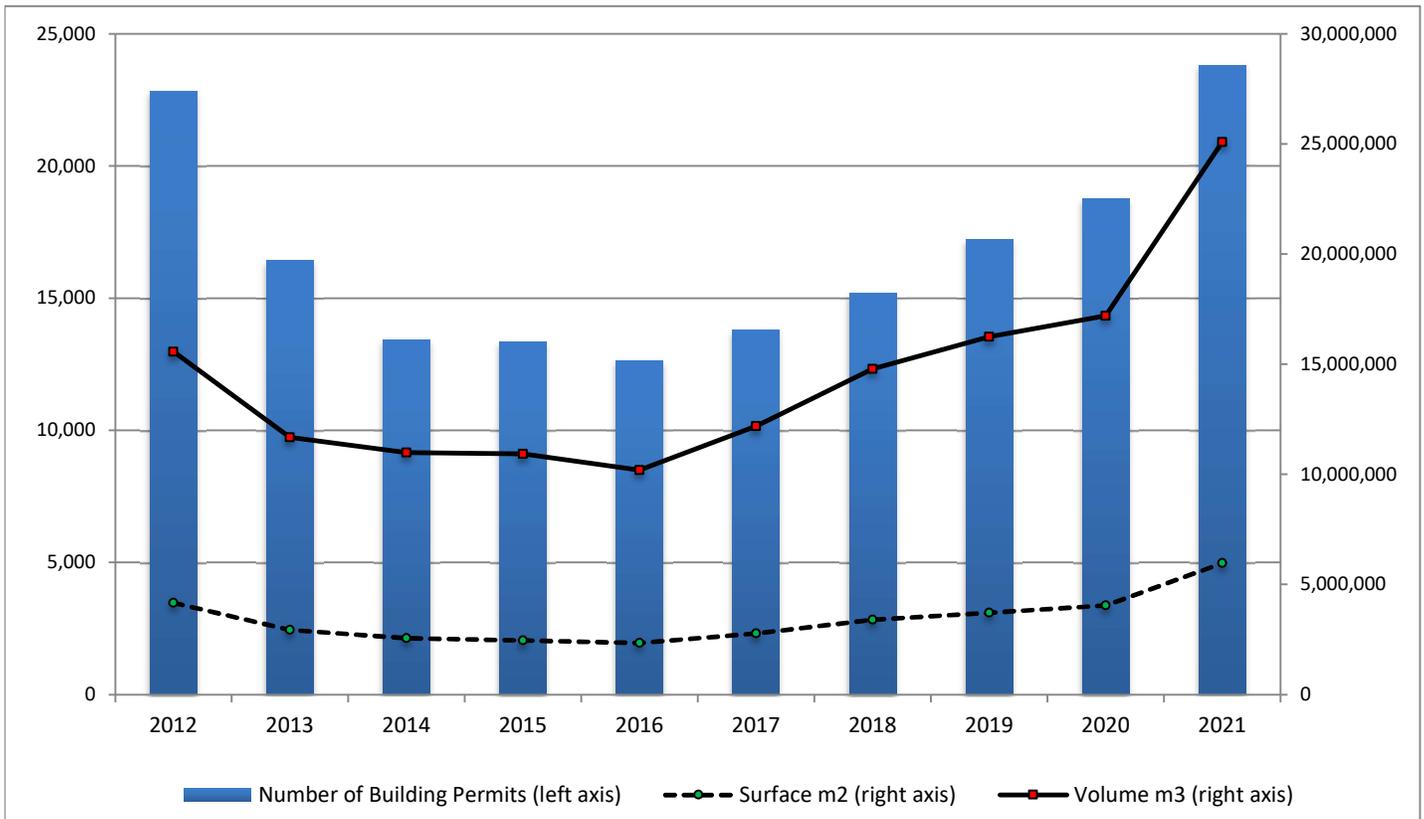
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (August 2018 – July 2022\*)**



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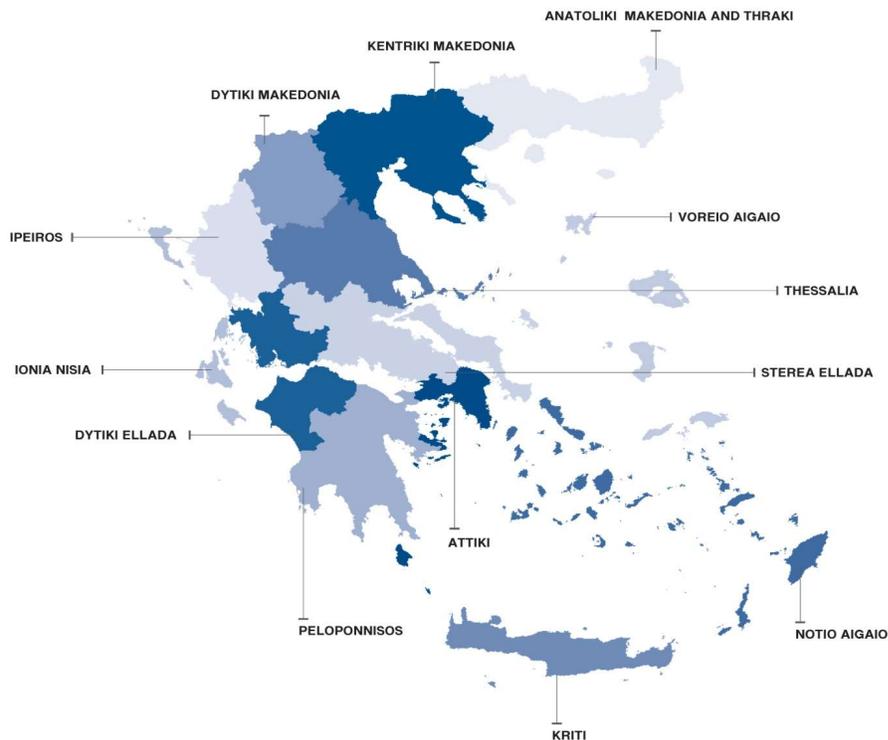
**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2012 – 2021)**



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	The Building Activity Survey has been providing 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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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 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 specifications and arrangements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152.
<b>Reference Period</b>	July 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022.
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the Country.
<b>Geographical classification</b>	The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS).

Map of the 13 Regions (NUTS 2) of Greece



<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Building Permit</b> 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><b>The denotation of "built-property"</b> is equal to "building".</p> <p><b>Building</b> 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><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> 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><b>Building volume</b> (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><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
<b>General Remark</b>	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site ( <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> ), under the link: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/</a>