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Building Activity Survey: April 2023

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Building Activity Survey for the month April 2023. More specifically:

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in April 2023 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 2,015. This figure corresponds to 448,791 m² of surface and 2,079,810 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 0.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 4.8% increase in surface and a 2.6% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2022 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2023 amounted to 1,995. This figure corresponds to 433,717 m² of surface and 2,014,862 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2022 there is a 0.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 2.1% increase in surface and a 4.9% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2023 amounted to 20. This figure corresponds to 15,074 m² of surface and 64,948 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for a 3.1% of the total building volume in April 2023.

In the last twelve months, from May 2022 until April 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 25,910. This figure corresponds to 5,851,786 m² of surface and 26,419,278 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from May 2021 until April 2022, there is a 7.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 2.5% decrease in surface and a 1.7% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from May 2022 until April 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 4.2% decrease in surface and a 0.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from May 2021 to April 2022 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for a 2.8% of the total building volume.

During the period January - April 2023, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 10.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, an 18.5% increase in surface and an 18.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2022 (Table 5). During the same period, January - April 2023, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 10.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 16.6% increase in surface and a 16.1% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - April 2022 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	121	99	-18.2	31,858	23,154	-27.3	184,929	115,312	-37.6
Kentriki Makedonia	264	271	2.7	59,184	89,932	52.0	296,609	559,051	88.5
Dytiki Makedonia	29	24	-17.2	4,276	6,180	44.5	19,148	25,633	33.9
Thessalia	135	126	-6.7	32,576	30,695	-5.8	160,562	168,537	5.0
Ipeiros	72	91	26.4	14,585	27,406	87.9	63,614	129,972	104.3
Ionia Nisia	115	117	1.7	16,397	24,183	47.5	54,815	87,123	58.9
Dytiki Ellada	129	114	-11.6	16,997	20,125	18.4	73,241	95,145	29.9
Stereia Ellada	102	117	14.7	29,797	14,318	-51.9	210,047	65,502	-68.8
Peloponnisos	170	173	1.8	30,841	28,462	-7.7	168,243	118,931	-29.3
Attiki	462	492	6.5	119,600	115,849	-3.1	653,753	458,786	-29.8
Voreio Aigaio	58	56	-3.4	9,337	6,338	-32.1	31,515	23,480	-25.5
Notio Aigaio	190	166	-12.6	38,046	25,031	-34.2	137,756	88,498	-35.8
Kriti	150	169	12.7	24,878	37,118	49.2	81,179	143,840	77.2
Greece, Total	1,997	2,015	0.9	428,372	448,791	4.8	2,135,411	2,079,810	-2.6

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 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.

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), April 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	120	97	-19.2	31,808	23,154	-27.2	184,729	115,312	-37.6
Kentriki Makedonia	262	266	1.5	58,736	80,056	36.3	294,804	514,641	74.6
Dytiki Makedonia	28	23	-17.9	3,658	6,180	68.9	16,697	25,633	53.5
Thessalia	135	124	-8.1	32,576	30,695	-5.8	160,562	168,537	5.0
Ipeiros	70	90	28.6	14,256	27,371	92.0	62,251	129,832	108.6
Ionia Nisia	113	117	3.5	16,397	24,183	47.5	54,815	87,123	58.9
Dytiki Ellada	129	114	-11.6	16,997	20,125	18.4	73,241	95,145	29.9
Stereia Ellada	101	116	14.9	29,624	11,820	-60.1	209,019	57,206	-72.6
Peloponnisos	169	171	1.2	30,841	28,367	-8.0	168,243	118,599	-29.5
Attiki	453	486	7.3	117,627	113,279	-3.7	645,328	447,016	-30.7
Voreio Aigaio	58	56	-3.4	9,337	6,338	-32.1	31,515	23,480	-25.5
Notio Aigaio	190	166	-12.6	38,046	25,031	-34.2	137,756	88,498	-35.8
Kriti	149	169	13.4	24,740	37,118	50.0	80,742	143,840	78.1
Greece, Total	1,977	1,995	0.9	424,643	433,717	2.1	2,119,702	2,014,862	-4.9

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2021 - April 2022 and May 2022 - April 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,305	1,274	-2.4	328,722	395,724	20.4	1,557,267	2,086,193	34.0
Kentriki Makedonia	3,289	3,580	8.8	881,783	920,335	4.4	4,345,351	4,660,401	7.3
Dytiki Makedonia	318	343	7.9	85,572	57,239	-33.1	402,522	282,105	-29.9
Thessalia	1,593	1,557	-2.3	403,223	339,349	-15.8	1,946,550	1,606,975	-17.4
Ipeiros	863	889	3.0	230,178	257,697	12.0	1,002,929	1,101,216	9.8
Ionia Nisia	1,490	1,650	10.7	288,345	289,373	0.4	997,145	986,162	-1.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,595	1,554	-2.6	263,518	221,275	-16.0	1,079,160	973,053	-9.8
Stereia Ellada	1,403	1,515	8.0	318,384	264,798	-16.8	1,904,586	1,519,863	-20.2
Peloponnisos	1,908	2,060	8.0	350,451	304,423	-13.1	1,547,135	1,280,702	-17.2
Attiki	5,458	5,992	9.8	1,766,119	1,706,112	-3.4	7,102,417	7,831,299	10.3
Voreio Aigaio	629	697	10.8	91,869	87,629	-4.6	333,506	312,438	-6.3
Notio Aigaio	2,286	2,675	17.0	499,817	550,622	10.2	1,686,132	1,934,790	14.7
Kriti	1,927	2,124	10.2	495,477	457,210	-7.7	2,085,398	1,844,081	-11.6
Greece, Total	24,064	25,910	7.7	6,003,458	5,851,786	-2.5	25,990,098	26,419,278	1.7

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), May 2021 - April 2022 and May 2022 - April 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023		2021-2022	2022-2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,298	1,259	-3.0	328,662	361,489	10.0	1,557,039	1,909,465	22.6
Kentriki Makedonia	3,266	3,533	8.2	877,348	893,243	1.8	4,324,672	4,532,382	4.8
Dytiki Makedonia	308	337	9.4	83,729	46,509	-44.5	395,163	223,089	-43.5
Thessalia	1,586	1,543	-2.7	399,396	332,487	-16.8	1,912,160	1,557,211	-18.6
Ipeiros	858	881	2.7	228,561	241,500	5.7	993,062	1,038,819	4.6
Ionia Nisia	1,487	1,642	10.4	288,345	289,373	0.4	997,145	986,162	-1.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,587	1,537	-3.2	263,482	219,284	-16.8	1,078,800	963,047	-10.7
Stereia Ellada	1,394	1,497	7.4	316,263	260,171	-17.7	1,888,507	1,502,356	-20.4
Peloponnisos	1,891	2,044	8.1	342,710	298,945	-12.8	1,511,795	1,253,394	-17.1
Attiki	5,421	5,925	9.3	1,744,844	1,666,944	-4.5	7,014,690	7,668,011	9.3
Voreio Aigaio	626	686	9.6	90,925	86,766	-4.6	329,178	308,184	-6.4
Notio Aigaio	2,285	2,668	16.8	499,817	549,385	9.9	1,686,132	1,925,332	14.2
Kriti	1,907	2,096	9.9	484,241	451,535	-6.8	2,039,933	1,806,723	-11.4
Greece, Total	23,914	25,648	7.3	5,948,323	5,697,631	-4.2	25,728,276	25,674,175	-0.2

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - April 2022 and 2023

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	398	378	-5.0	84,169	113,283	34.6	398,065	617,243	55.1
Kentriki Makedonia	988	1,111	12.4	263,862	313,625	18.9	1,296,328	1,703,367	31.4
Dytiki Makedonia	97	81	-16.5	12,234	12,511	2.3	55,943	52,722	-5.8
Thessalia	477	467	-2.1	113,308	100,353	-11.4	511,462	485,394	-5.1
Ipeiros	234	276	17.9	43,254	91,936	112.5	193,026	394,629	104.4
Ionia Nisia	470	544	15.7	68,929	98,523	42.9	235,225	335,764	42.7
Dytiki Ellada	436	449	3.0	60,360	82,147	36.1	252,166	390,376	54.8
Stereia Ellada	377	474	25.7	68,407	81,111	18.6	431,721	490,514	13.6
Peloponnisos	587	640	9.0	108,135	112,742	4.3	492,606	510,186	3.6
Attiki	1,749	1,874	7.1	470,977	498,346	5.8	2,236,638	2,062,495	-7.8
Voreio Aigaio	200	225	12.5	29,658	26,212	-11.6	104,703	96,269	-8.1
Notio Aigaio	766	907	18.4	132,166	188,017	42.3	454,438	689,098	51.6
Kriti	564	662	17.4	117,450	144,991	23.4	459,970	574,023	24.8
Greece, Total	7,343	8,088	10.1	1,572,909	1,863,797	18.5	7,122,291	8,402,080	18.0

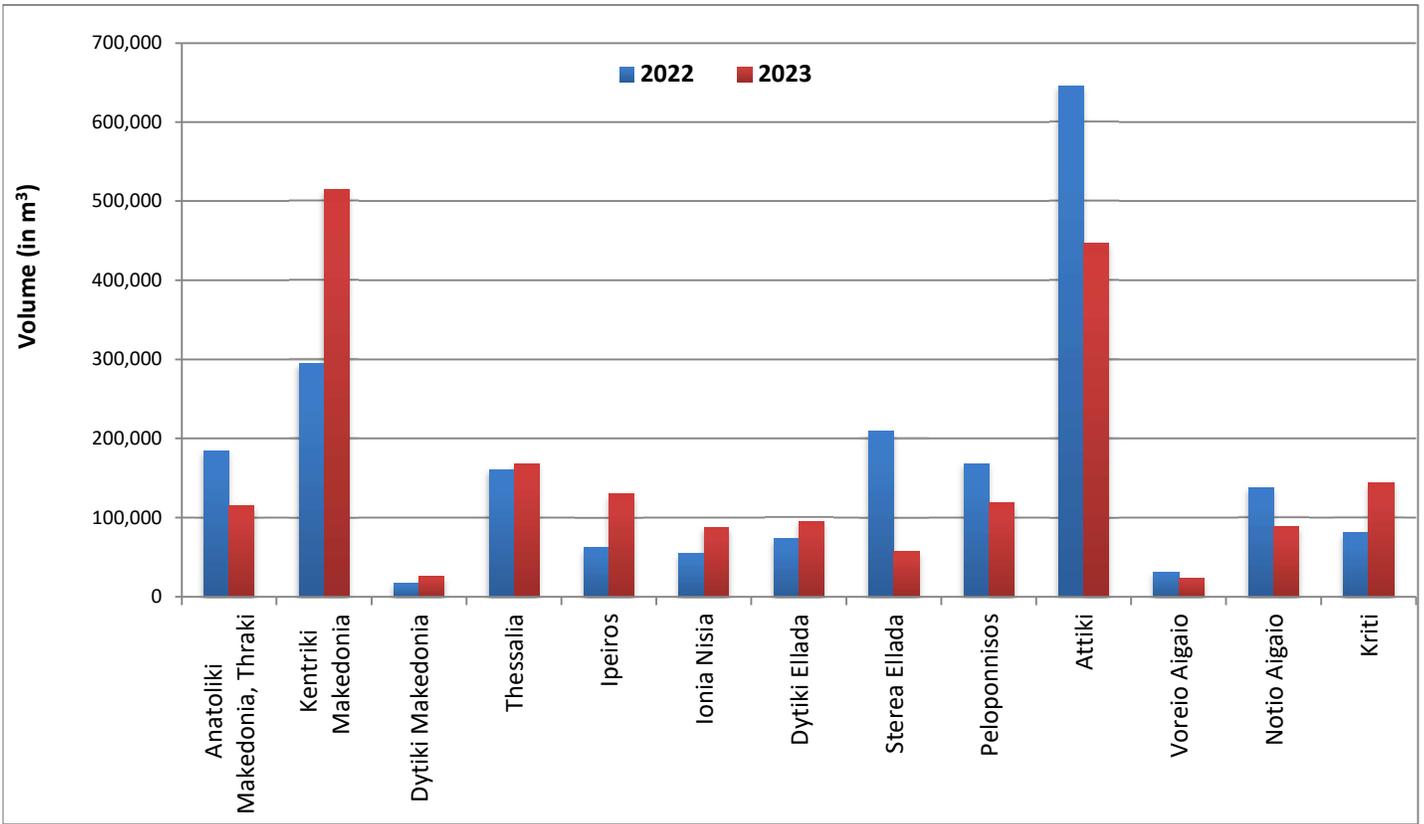
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - April 2022 and 2023

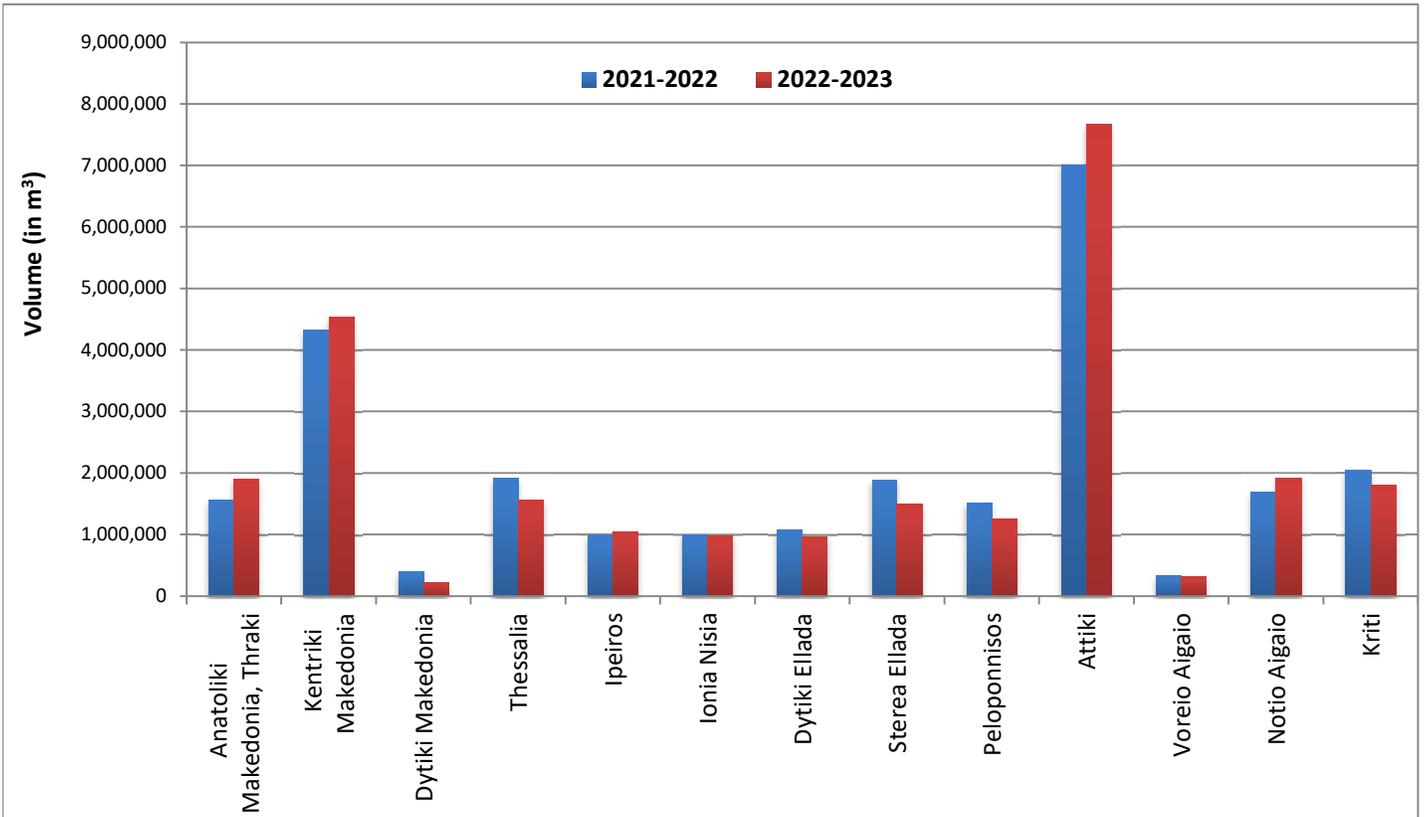
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	393	372	-5.3	84,119	110,518	31.4	397,865	607,158	52.6
Kentriki Makedonia	976	1,097	12.4	260,517	295,804	13.5	1,279,610	1,622,629	26.8
Dytiki Makedonia	93	79	-15.1	11,184	12,511	11.9	52,127	52,722	1.1
Thessalia	477	462	-3.1	113,308	99,982	-11.8	511,462	482,685	-5.6
Ipeiros	231	274	18.6	42,925	76,446	78.1	191,663	335,320	75.0
Ionia Nisia	467	542	16.1	68,929	98,523	42.9	235,225	335,764	42.7
Dytiki Ellada	434	443	2.1	60,360	80,360	33.1	252,166	381,027	51.1
Stereia Ellada	375	470	25.3	68,234	78,613	15.2	430,693	482,218	12.0
Peloponnisos	583	636	9.1	107,704	108,092	0.4	490,925	487,037	-0.8
Attiki	1,728	1,852	7.2	461,316	488,074	5.8	2,193,776	2,018,896	-8.0
Voreio Aigaio	200	223	11.5	29,658	26,212	-11.6	104,703	96,269	-8.1
Notio Aigaio	766	907	18.4	132,166	188,017	42.3	454,438	689,098	51.6
Kriti	556	657	18.2	108,522	143,405	32.1	427,161	562,321	31.6
Greece, Total	7,279	8,014	10.1	1,548,942	1,806,557	16.6	7,021,814	8,153,144	16.1

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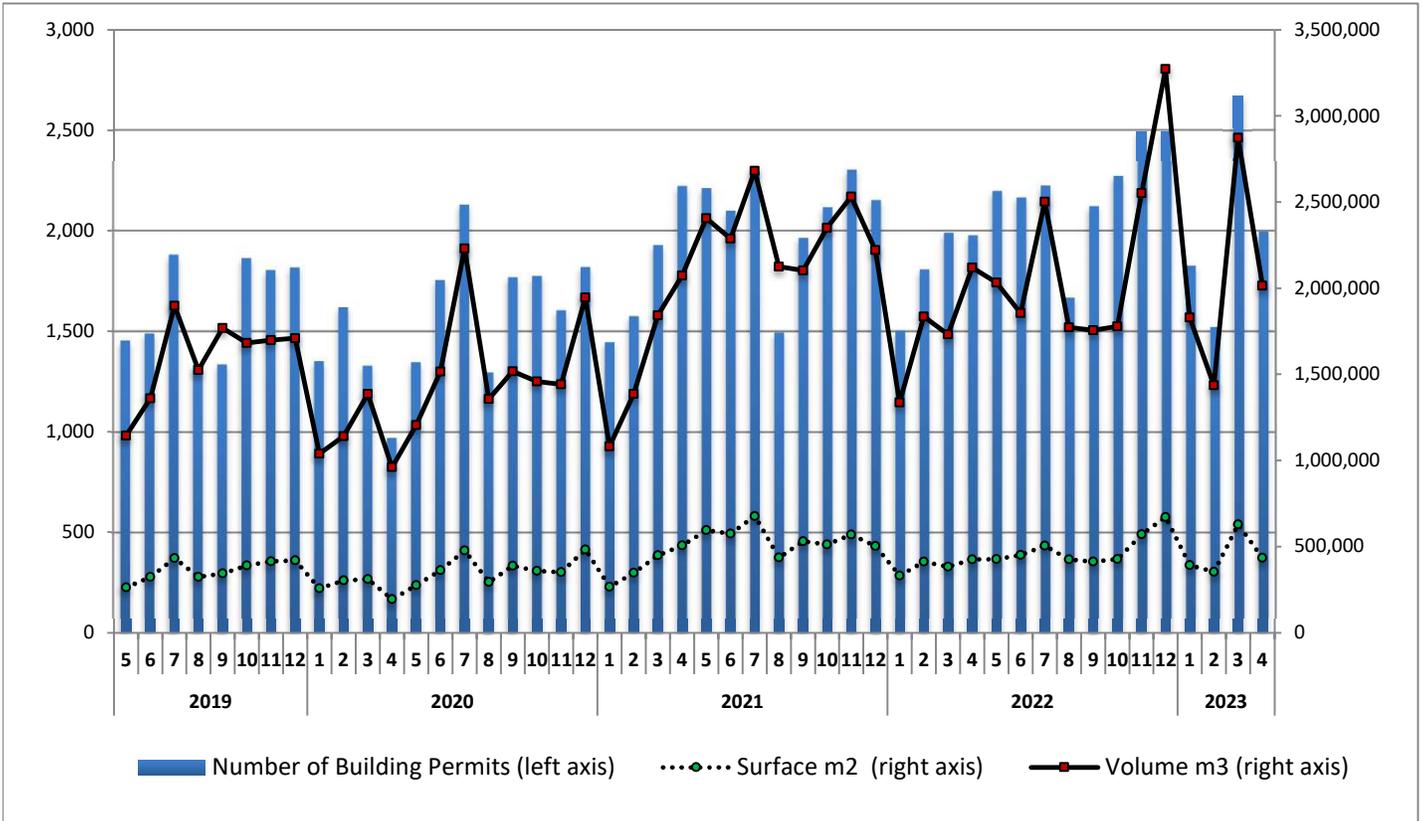
Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2022 and 2023



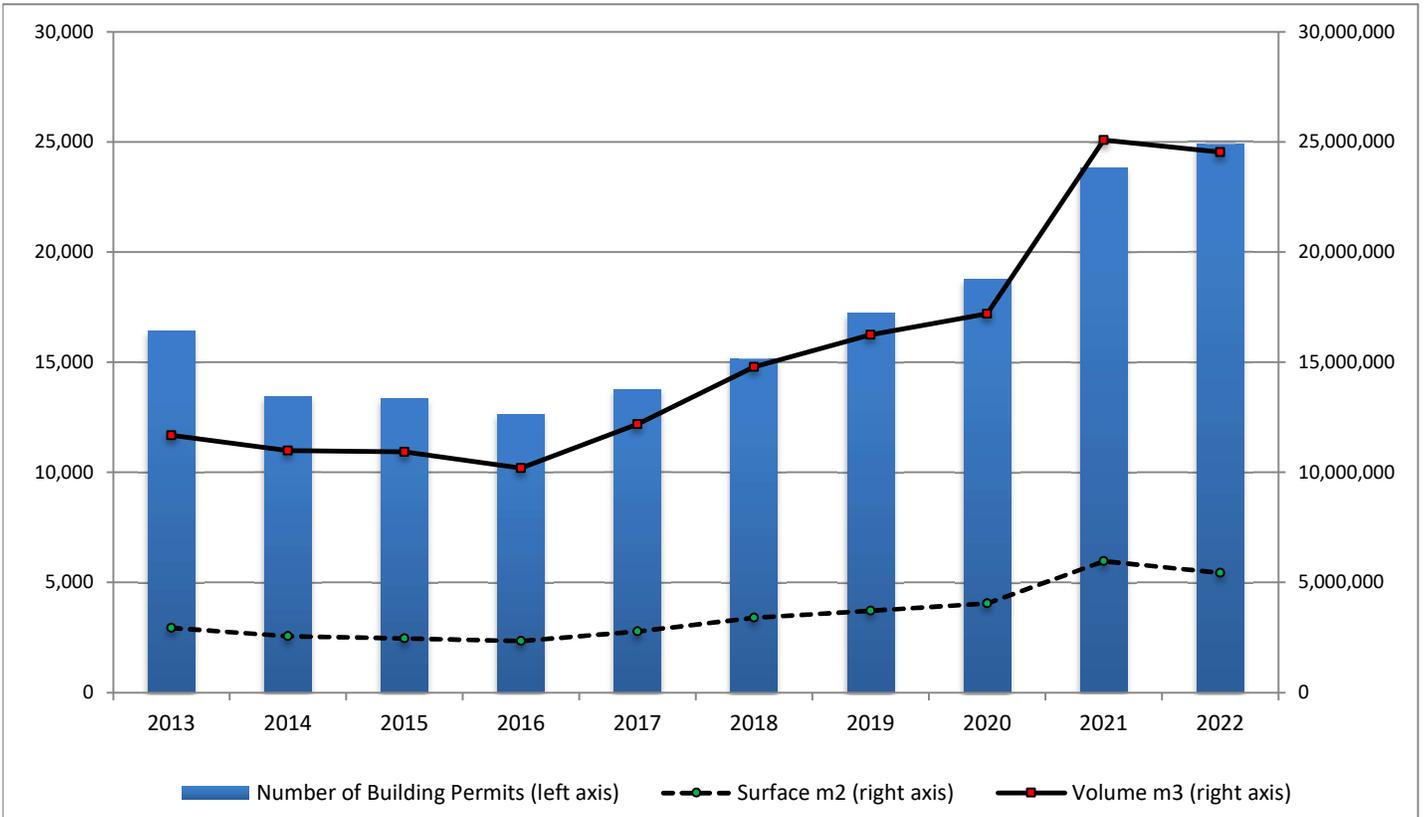
Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), May 2021 - April 2022 and May 2022 - April 2023



Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (May 2019 – April 2023)



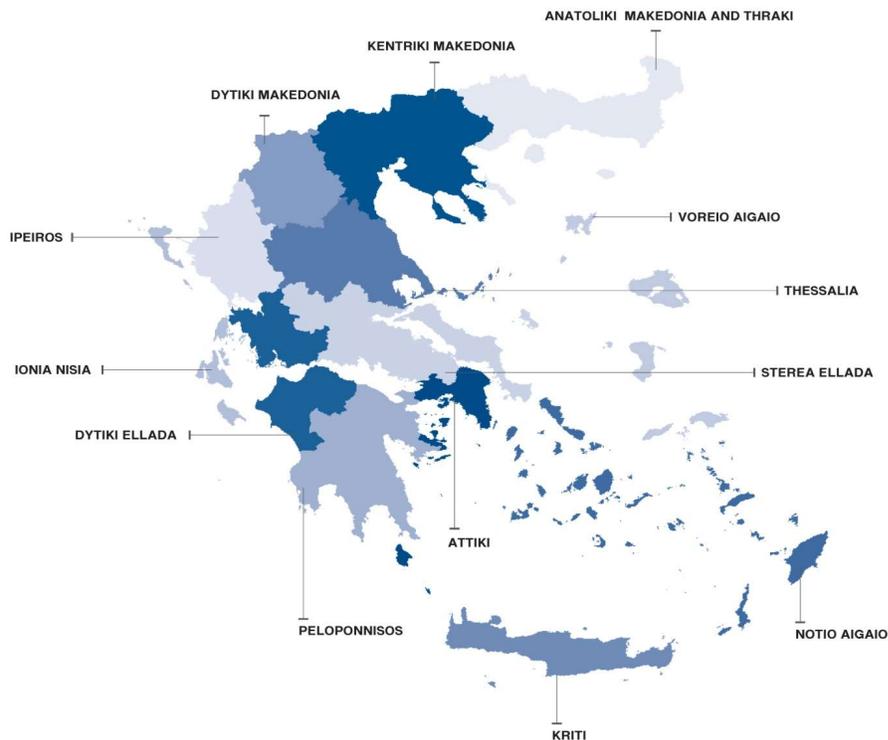
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2013 – 2022)



EXPLANATORY NOTE

Building Activity Survey	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.
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 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.
Reference Period	April 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023.
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 space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
General Remark	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
References	More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regards 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/