

PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: March 2021

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

- The Total Building Activity (private - public) in Greece, in March 2021 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,913. This figure corresponds to 472.9 thousand m² of surface and 2,080.8 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 42.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 50.0% increase in surface and a 48.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2020 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2021 amounted to 1,893. This figure corresponds to 446.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,836.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2020 there is a 42.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 43.2% increase in surface and a 32.4% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2021 amounted to 20. This figure corresponds to 26.8 thousand m² of surface and 244.8 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 11.8% of the total building volume in March 2021.
- In the last twelve months, from April 2020 until March 2021, Total Building Activity (private - public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 19,564. This figure corresponds to 4,354.2 thousand m² of surface and 18,617.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from April 2019 until March 2020, there is a 5.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 6.3% increase in surface and a 4.1% increase in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from April 2020 until March 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 4.6% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 5.4% increase in surface and a 2.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2019 to March 2020 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.7% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - March 2021, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 14.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 25.4% increase in surface and a 28.5% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2020 (Table 5). During the same period, January - March 2021, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 14.3% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 21.6% increase in surface and a 20.7% increase in volume, in comparison with the period of January - March 2020 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	60	123	105.0	15.1	26.8	77.7	53.3	101.0	89.5
Kentriki Makedonia	207	256	23.7	57.1	56.3	-1.5	246.2	277.6	12.8
Dytiki Makedonia	20	19	-5.0	2.9	4.9	70.6	14.2	19.8	39.7
Thessalia	85	123	44.7	19.7	30.1	52.9	97.9	130.3	33.1
Ipeiros	45	79	75.6	16.3	34.9	114.8	102.3	149.6	46.2
Ionia Nisia	100	116	16.0	19.8	21.1	6.7	67.0	81.0	20.9
Dytiki Ellada	63	139	120.6	11.1	27.7	149.9	61.1	101.1	65.5
Sterea Ellada	69	104	50.7	19.8	15.6	-21.1	106.0	74.3	-29.9
Peloponnisos	92	159	72.8	17.9	78.2	337.4	81.4	518.2	536.5
Attiki	282	412	46.1	85.7	95.2	11.1	361.9	339.2	-6.3
Voreio Aigaio	33	51	54.5	4.5	14.7	224.5	14.6	73.1	400.2
Notio Aigaio	143	160	11.9	18.4	28.4	54.5	58.2	94.0	61.5
Kriti	140	172	22.9	27.1	39.0	43.8	141.8	121.6	-14.2
Greece, Total	1,339	1,913	42.9	315.2	472.9	50.0	1,405.9	2,080.8	48.0

*Provisional data for March 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.

- Any delineation that may occur either between the sum of sub totals and the totals or in the change rates, is due to rounding.

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), March 2020 and 2021*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	60	123	105.0	15.1	26.8	77.7	53.3	101.0	89.5
Kentriki Makedonia	206	256	24.3	56.2	56.3	0.0	242.3	277.6	14.6
Dytiki Makedonia	20	19	-5.0	2.9	4.9	70.6	14.2	19.8	39.7
Thessalia	85	123	44.7	19.7	30.1	52.9	97.9	130.3	33.1
Ipeiros	45	77	71.1	16.3	34.9	114.8	102.3	149.6	46.2
Ionia Nisia	100	116	16.0	19.8	21.1	6.7	67.0	81.0	20.9
Dytiki Ellada	63	136	115.9	11.1	27.7	149.9	61.1	101.1	65.5
Sterea Ellada	69	102	47.8	19.8	15.2	-22.9	106.0	72.6	-31.5
Peloponnisos	91	156	71.4	17.3	53.8	210.4	79.6	285.5	258.6
Attiki	278	407	46.4	84.5	93.4	10.5	351.9	329.8	-6.3
Voreio Aigaio	32	51	59.4	4.4	14.7	236.1	14.0	73.1	423.8
Notio Aigaio	140	157	12.1	17.5	28.2	61.2	55.3	93.2	68.4
Kriti	140	170	21.4	27.1	39.0	43.7	141.8	121.5	-14.3
Greece, Total	1,329	1,893	42.4	311.6	446.1	43.2	1,386.7	1,836.0	32.4

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April – March		Change (%)	April – March		Change (%)	April – March		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	959	1,052	9.7	214.7	233.6	8.8	815.5	985.8	20.9
Kentriki Makedonia	2,772	2,720	-1.9	605.4	626.5	3.5	3,171.7	3,024.0	-4.7
Dytiki Makedonia	243	244	0.4	63.0	65.1	3.3	362.9	317.2	-12.6
Thessalia	1,130	1,237	9.5	268.4	320.9	19.6	1,419.7	1,624.7	14.4
Ipeiros	650	737	13.4	180.3	227.5	26.2	802.0	969.9	20.9
Ionia Nisia	1,330	1,283	-3.5	249.1	284.2	14.1	817.9	974.8	19.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,128	1,364	20.9	195.3	229.5	17.5	826.0	938.1	13.6
Stereia Ellada	965	1,136	17.7	171.9	199.7	16.2	905.0	1,164.3	28.6
Peloponnisos	1,379	1,590	15.3	202.6	293.1	44.7	825.2	1,302.1	57.8
Attiki	3,869	4,189	8.3	1,077.0	1,117.2	3.7	4,792.9	4,673.0	-2.5
Voreio Aigaio	464	429	-7.5	60.0	69.0	15.0	219.0	270.6	23.5
Notio Aigaio	1,985	1,795	-9.6	394.2	316.3	-19.8	1,367.6	1,067.8	-21.9
Kriti	1,755	1,788	1.9	412.9	371.7	-10.0	1,552.2	1,305.2	-15.9
Greece, Total	18,629	19,564	5.0	4,094.6	4,354.2	6.3	17,877.7	18,617.5	4.1

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April – March		Change (%)	April – March		Change (%)	April – March		Change (%)
	2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021		2019-2020	2020-2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	952	1,037	8.9	213.0	211.6	-0.7	805.7	800.2	-0.7
Kentriki Makedonia	2,761	2,696	-2.4	590.9	622.1	5.3	3,032.0	3,003.7	-0.9
Dytiki Makedonia	242	240	-0.8	58.9	55.7	-5.4	347.3	277.1	-20.2
Thessalia	1,121	1,223	9.1	264.0	318.6	20.7	1,402.4	1,617.5	15.3
Ipeiros	644	727	12.9	178.7	223.2	24.9	796.0	950.9	19.5
Ionia Nisia	1,330	1,282	-3.6	249.1	278.6	11.8	817.9	959.0	17.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,120	1,346	20.2	180.6	223.8	23.9	768.3	910.0	18.4
Stereia Ellada	959	1,128	17.6	170.1	199.0	17.0	898.8	1,160.9	29.2
Peloponnisos	1,371	1,577	15.0	200.3	267.9	33.8	816.4	1,066.2	30.6
Attiki	3,842	4,155	8.1	1,062.5	1,109.8	4.4	4,723.1	4,638.2	-1.8
Voreio Aigaio	461	427	-7.4	59.7	68.7	15.1	217.7	266.6	22.4
Notio Aigaio	1,978	1,781	-10.0	392.1	314.6	-19.8	1,359.0	1,062.3	-21.8
Kriti	1,743	1,763	1.1	407.7	350.0	-14.1	1,531.3	1,221.5	-20.2
Greece, Total	18,524	19,382	4.6	4,027.4	4,243.4	5.4	17,515.9	17,934.2	2.4

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – March		Change (%)	January – March		Change (%)	January – March		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	191	287	50.3	38.7	65.8	70.1	128.8	286.3	122.2
Kentriki Makedonia	632	675	6.8	138.8	171.5	23.5	635.3	783.1	23.3
Dytiki Makedonia	57	48	-15.8	7.1	14.9	109.6	30.5	70.3	130.4
Thessalia	246	282	14.6	52.8	74.9	41.8	266.1	348.1	30.8
Ipeiros	141	203	44.0	34.2	81.0	136.7	182.9	348.0	90.2
Ionia Nisia	330	336	1.8	62.8	69.5	10.7	209.7	234.9	12.0
Dytiki Ellada	231	346	49.8	31.0	61.4	98.0	131.4	229.7	74.8
Stereia Ellada	203	272	34.0	51.6	33.7	-34.8	284.3	160.4	-43.6
Peloponnisos	320	417	30.3	50.3	110.8	120.5	203.7	640.4	214.4
Attiki	891	1,111	24.7	234.7	229.5	-2.2	888.0	845.9	-4.7
Voreio Aigaio	110	121	10.0	12.3	23.4	90.3	40.7	107.0	162.5
Notio Aigaio	552	446	-19.2	83.0	76.7	-7.6	259.7	262.6	1.1
Kriti	434	430	-0.9	86.7	95.8	10.6	359.9	336.0	-6.6
Greece, Total	4,338	4,974	14.7	883.9	1,108.9	25.4	3,621.1	4,652.7	28.5

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

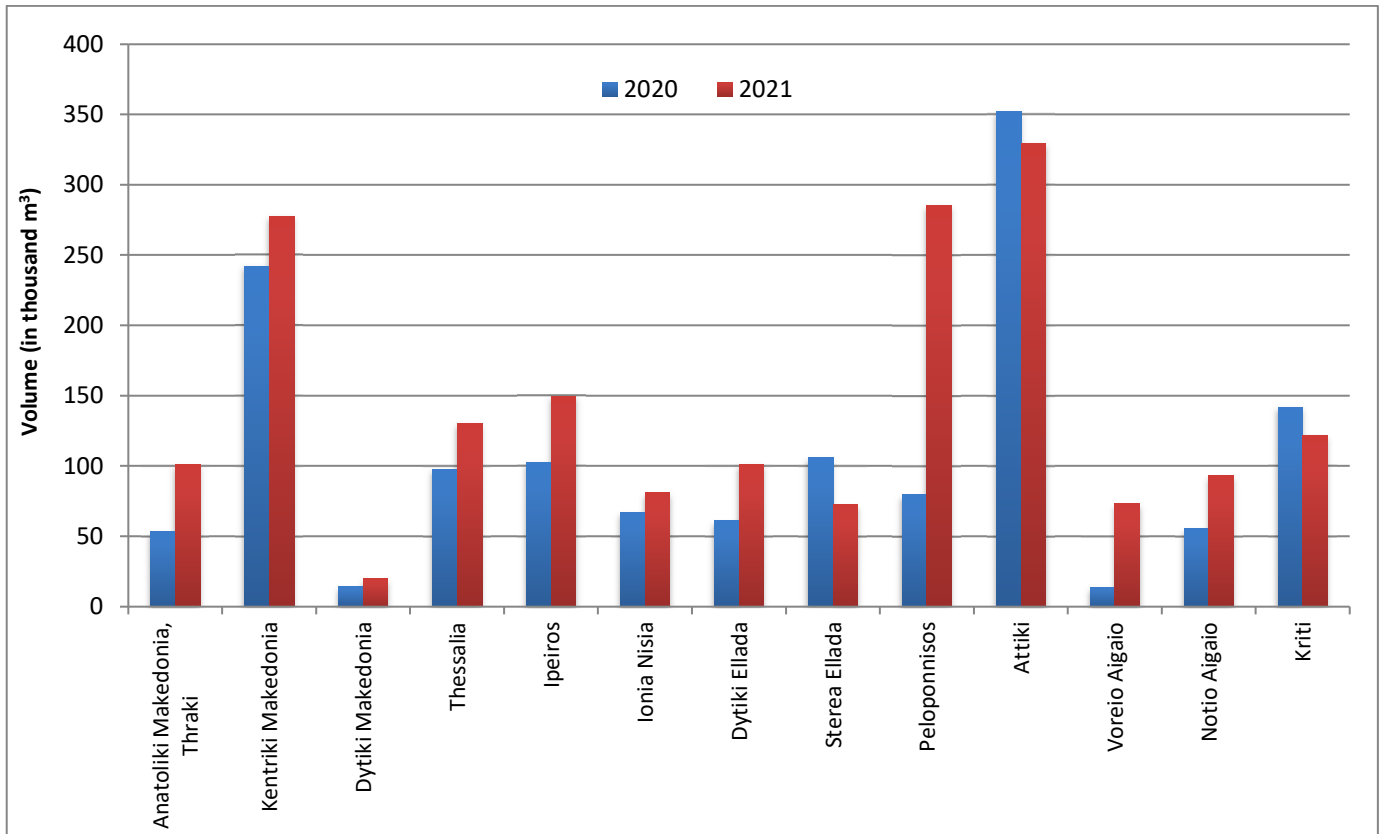
Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January – March		Change (%)	January – March		Change (%)	January – March		Change (%)
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	191	281	47.1	38.7	59.6	54.0	128.8	244.5	89.8
Kentriki Makedonia	630	669	6.2	137.9	169.5	23.0	631.4	777.6	23.2
Dytiki Makedonia	57	48	-15.8	7.1	14.9	109.6	30.5	70.3	130.4
Thessalia	243	279	14.8	52.4	74.9	43.0	264.8	348.1	31.5
Ipeiros	139	197	41.7	34.1	77.6	127.7	182.4	331.9	82.0
Ionia Nisia	330	335	1.5	62.8	63.9	1.7	209.7	219.0	4.4
Dytiki Ellada	226	341	50.9	30.0	61.2	104.0	128.1	229.1	78.8
Stereia Ellada	199	269	35.2	50.1	33.3	-33.5	278.9	158.7	-43.1
Peloponnisos	318	411	29.2	49.2	86.1	75.0	199.4	406.5	103.9
Attiki	880	1,098	24.8	229.5	227.7	-0.8	863.0	836.5	-3.1
Voreio Aigaio	108	121	12.0	12.0	23.4	95.4	39.4	107.0	171.3
Notio Aigaio	548	442	-19.3	81.1	76.3	-5.9	251.8	261.2	3.7
Kriti	432	424	-1.9	86.4	91.1	5.4	357.7	313.6	-12.3
Greece, Total	4,301	4,915	14.3	871.2	1,059.5	21.6	3,566.0	4,303.9	20.7

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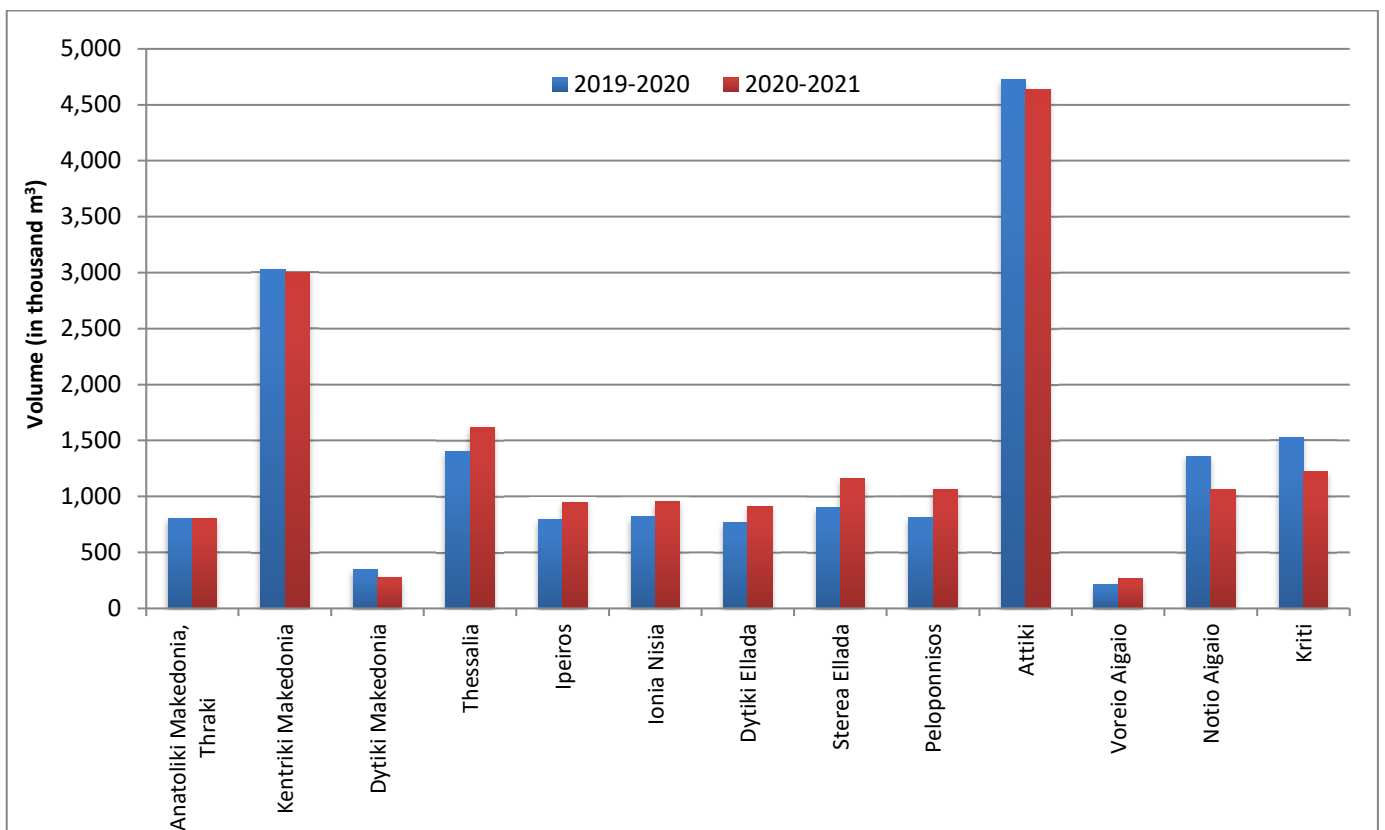
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), March 2020 and 2021*



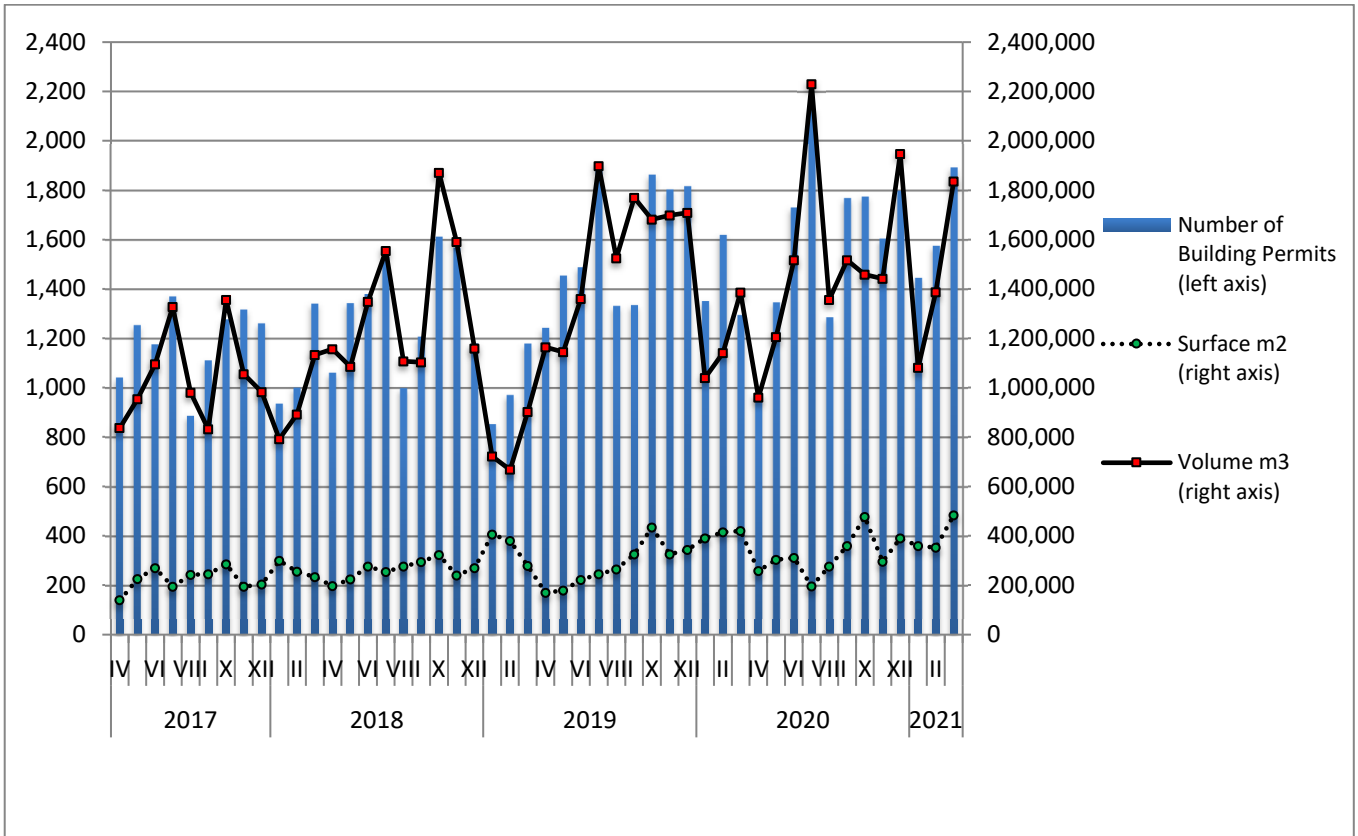
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), April 2019 – March 2020 and April 2020 – March 2021*



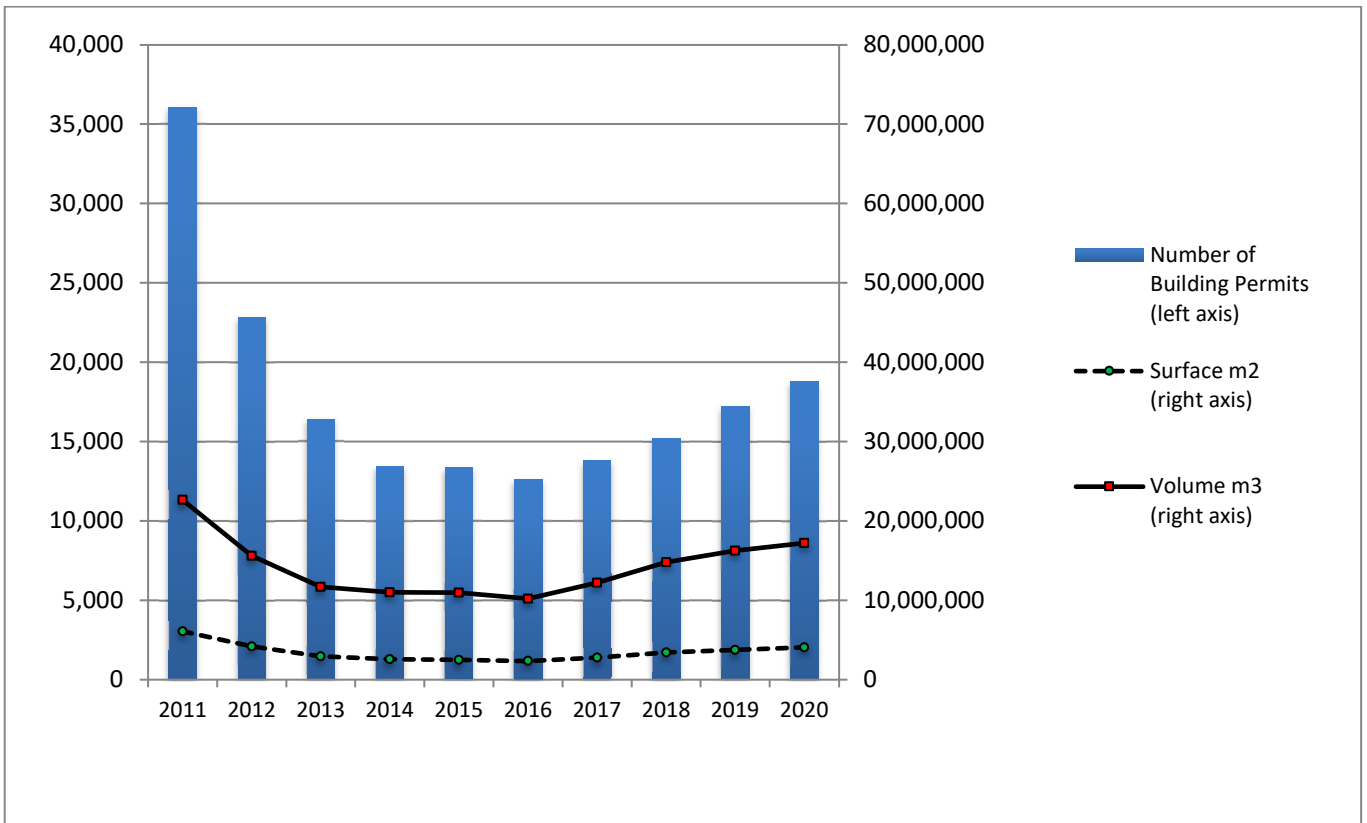
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (April 2017 – March 2021*)



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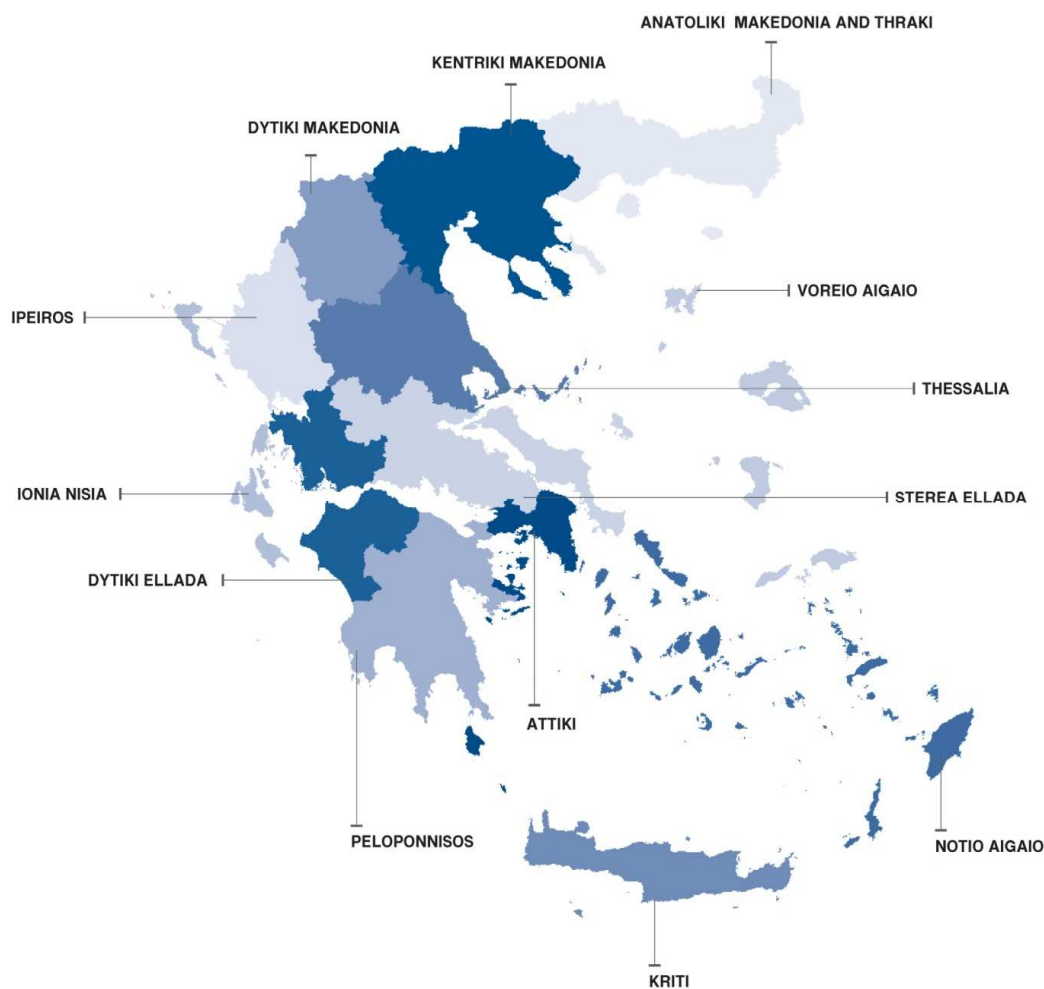
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2011 - 2020)



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** March 1, 2021 to March 31, 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 **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/->.