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PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: January 2022

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

The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in January 2022 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,522. This figure corresponds to 336,154 m² of surface and 1,363,698 m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 4.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 23.6% increase in surface and a 22.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2021 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2022 amounted to 1,504. This figure corresponds to 330,507 m² of surface and 1,336,268 m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2021 there is a 4.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 24.4% increase in surface and a 23.6% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2022 amounted to 18. This figure corresponds to 5,647 m² of surface and 27,430 m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.0% of the total building volume in January 2022.

In the last twelve months, from February 2021 until January 2022, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 24,033. This figure corresponds to 6,119,425 m² of surface and 25,878,990 m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from February 2020 until January 2021, there is a 26.3% increase in the number of building permits, a 47.8% increase in surface and a 46.7% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from February 2021 until January 2022, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 26.5% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 48.5% increase in surface and a 47.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2020 to January 2021 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.1% of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	88	80	-9.1	21,501	11,952	-44.4	91,471	39,711	-56.6
Kentriki Makedonia	184	215	16.8	42,572	68,886	61.8	166,610	317,673	90.7
Dytiki Makedonia	14	17	21.4	4,649	1,322	-71.6	26,819	5,597	-79.1
Thessalia	69	98	42.0	10,327	21,788	111.0	73,092	82,292	12.6
Ipeiros	55	41	-25.5	17,732	4,804	-72.9	78,982	16,597	-79.0
Ionia Nisia	103	102	-1.0	11,537	17,748	53.8	36,974	63,885	72.8
Dytiki Ellada	92	84	-8.7	16,304	15,125	-7.2	64,879	56,948	-12.2
Stereia Ellada	89	73	-18.0	9,367	7,282	-22.3	45,303	30,738	-32.2
Peloponnisos	114	128	12.3	10,589	22,627	113.7	36,947	103,762	180.8
Attiki	355	368	3.7	71,992	98,007	36.1	287,011	402,964	40.4
Voreio Aigaio	42	42	0.0	3,944	8,020	103.3	13,583	29,415	116.6
Notio Aigaio	147	159	8.2	24,966	29,847	19.6	90,704	102,249	12.7
Kriti	107	115	7.5	26,554	28,746	8.3	99,385	111,867	12.6
Greece, Total	1,459	1,522	4.3	272,034	336,154	23.6	1,111,760	1,363,698	22.7

*Final data for January 2022

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), January 2021 and 2022*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	87	79	-9.2	20,423	11,952	-41.5	86,732	39,711	-54.2
Kentriki Makedonia	182	209	14.8	41,889	66,407	58.5	164,561	304,840	85.2
Dytiki Makedonia	14	17	21.4	4,649	1,322	-71.6	26,819	5,597	-79.1
Thessalia	67	98	46.3	10,327	21,788	111.0	73,092	82,292	12.6
Ipeiros	54	41	-24.1	15,242	4,804	-68.5	66,531	16,597	-75.1
Ionia Nisia	103	102	-1.0	11,537	17,748	53.8	36,974	63,885	72.8
Dytiki Ellada	92	82	-10.9	16,304	15,125	-7.2	64,879	56,948	-12.2
Stereia Ellada	88	72	-18.2	9,367	7,282	-22.3	45,303	30,738	-32.2
Peloponnisos	114	127	11.4	10,589	22,627	113.7	36,947	103,762	180.8
Attiki	352	365	3.7	71,992	95,119	32.1	287,011	389,252	35.6
Voreio Aigaio	42	42	0.0	3,944	8,020	103.3	13,583	29,415	116.6
Notio Aigaio	146	159	8.9	24,828	29,847	20.2	90,084	102,249	13.5
Kriti	105	111	5.7	24,557	28,466	15.9	88,879	110,982	24.9
Greece, Total	1,446	1,504	4.0	265,648	330,507	24.4	1,081,395	1,336,268	23.6

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2020 - January 2021 and February 2021 - January 2022*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	983	1,310	33.3	216,717	338,050	56.0	883,097	1,549,736	75.5
Kentriki Makedonia	2,677	3,298	23.2	598,514	875,852	46.3	2,846,796	4,263,284	49.8
Dytiki Makedonia	256	298	16.4	61,329	88,765	44.7	301,991	408,500	35.3
Thessalia	1,201	1,574	31.1	292,496	399,656	36.6	1,515,674	1,892,282	24.8
Ipeiros	690	902	30.7	194,332	277,993	43.1	869,283	1,201,144	38.2
Ionia Nisia	1,260	1,539	22.1	266,473	343,440	28.9	909,483	1,197,606	31.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,259	1,659	31.8	206,463	289,850	40.4	869,771	1,153,313	32.6
Stereia Ellada	1,089	1,415	29.9	210,155	304,212	44.8	1,230,335	1,717,439	39.6
Peloponnisos	1,502	1,931	28.6	227,374	400,884	76.3	842,991	1,894,243	124.7
Attiki	4,050	5,340	31.9	1,127,815	1,709,454	51.6	4,774,667	6,506,141	36.3
Voreio Aigaio	422	594	40.8	58,212	93,718	61.0	205,296	364,421	77.5
Notio Aigaio	1,864	2,182	17.1	318,152	486,045	52.8	1,071,442	1,622,856	51.5
Kriti	1,768	1,991	12.6	362,985	511,506	40.9	1,324,879	2,108,025	59.1
Greece, Total	19,021	24,033	26.3	4,141,017	6,119,425	47.8	17,645,705	25,878,990	46.7

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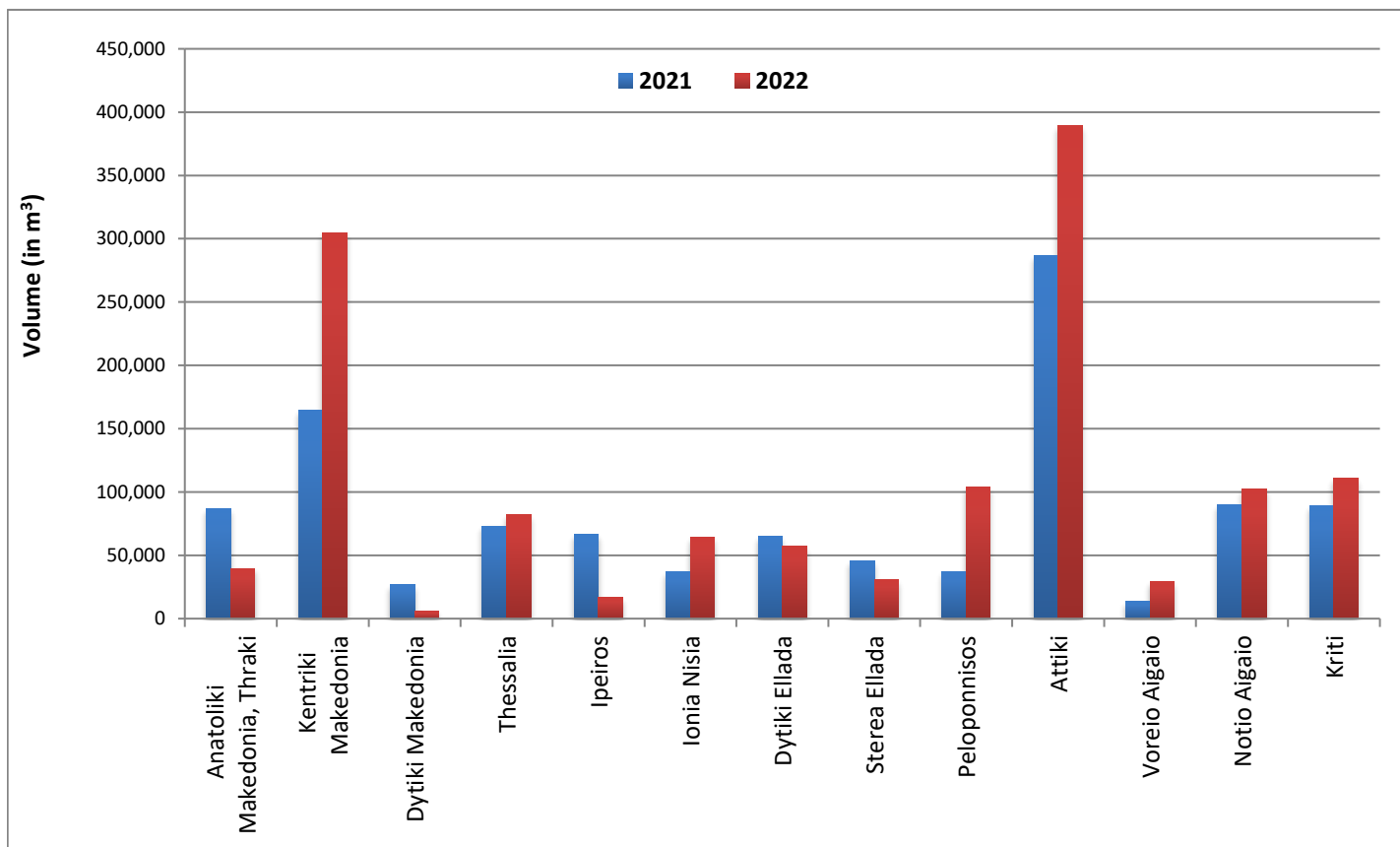
Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2020 - January 2021 and February 2021 - January 2022*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in m ²)			Volume (in m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022		2020-2021	2021-2022	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	973	1,302	33.8	199,856	332,896	66.6	734,599	1,512,611	105.9
Kentriki Makedonia	2,655	3,275	23.4	594,463	871,057	46.5	2,826,220	4,242,975	50.1
Dytiki Makedonia	252	291	15.5	51,876	87,972	69.6	261,922	404,957	54.6
Thessalia	1,187	1,564	31.8	290,139	395,829	36.4	1,508,494	1,857,892	23.2
Ipeiros	684	894	30.7	190,868	273,088	43.1	853,330	1,172,963	37.5
Ionia Nisia	1,260	1,538	22.1	266,473	337,793	26.8	909,483	1,181,727	29.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,244	1,646	32.3	200,718	289,612	44.3	841,321	1,152,307	37.0
Stereia Ellada	1,081	1,404	29.9	209,751	301,912	43.9	1,228,537	1,700,671	38.4
Peloponnisos	1,493	1,909	27.9	225,805	367,447	62.7	836,714	1,621,988	93.9
Attiki	4,019	5,304	32.0	1,117,680	1,691,712	51.4	4,726,073	6,434,259	36.1
Voreio Aigaio	418	591	41.4	57,613	92,774	61.0	199,980	360,093	80.1
Notio Aigaio	1,849	2,178	17.8	314,786	485,832	54.3	1,058,889	1,622,076	53.2
Kriti	1,747	1,969	12.7	344,103	505,623	46.9	1,253,042	2,079,101	65.9
Greece, Total	18,862	23,865	26.5	4,064,131	6,033,547	48.5	17,238,604	25,343,620	47.0

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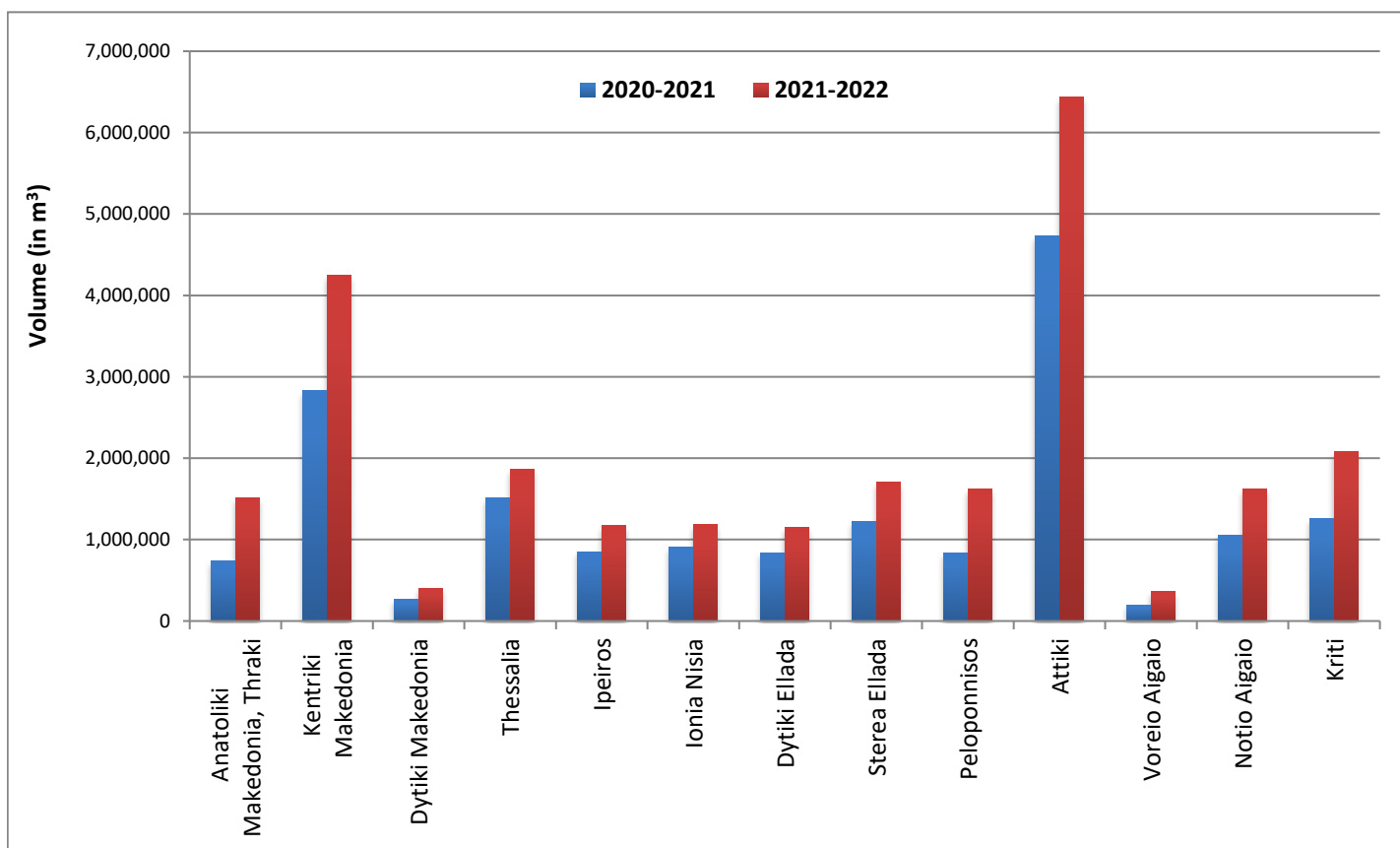
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January 2021 and 2022*



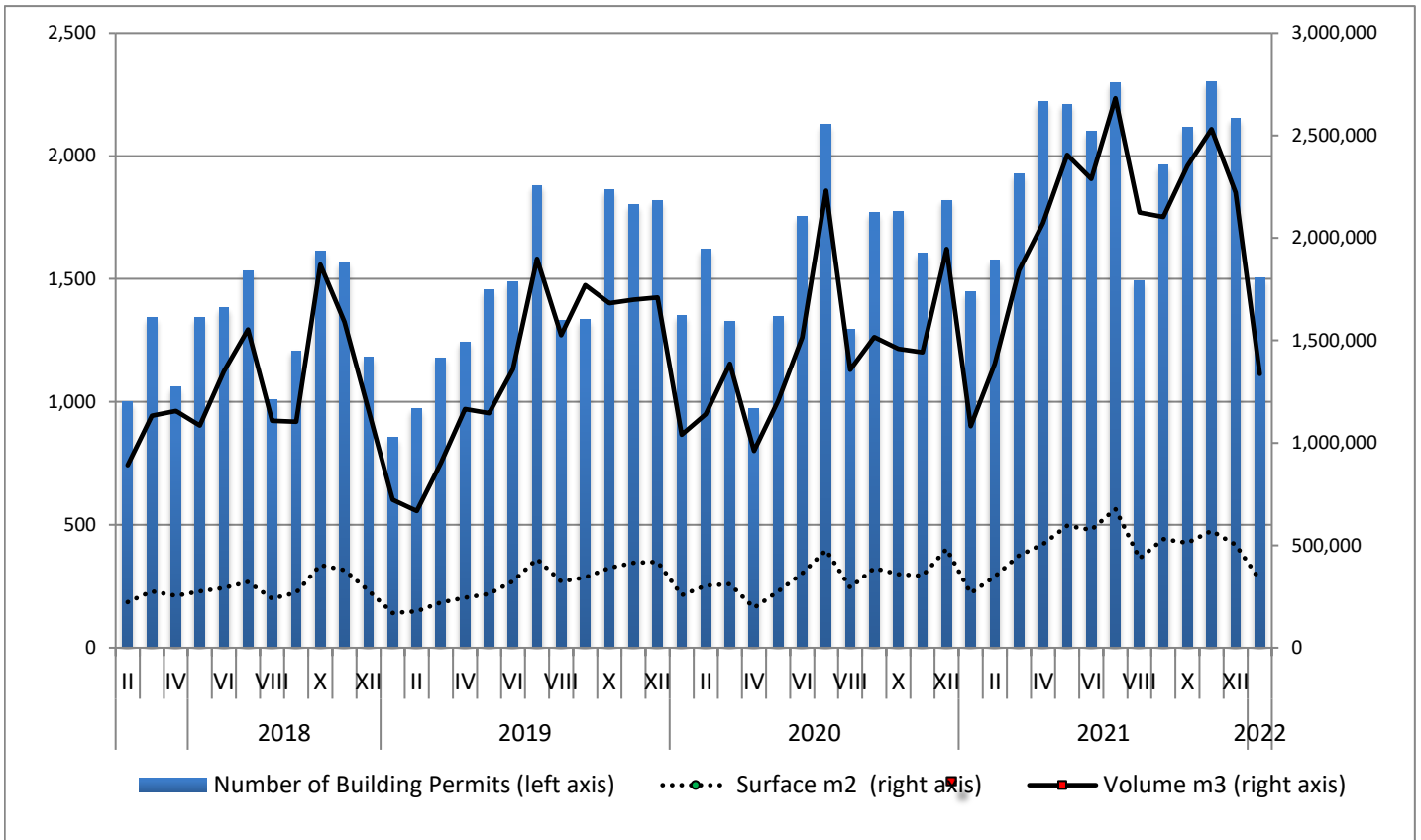
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), February 2020 - January 2021 and February 2021 - January 2022*



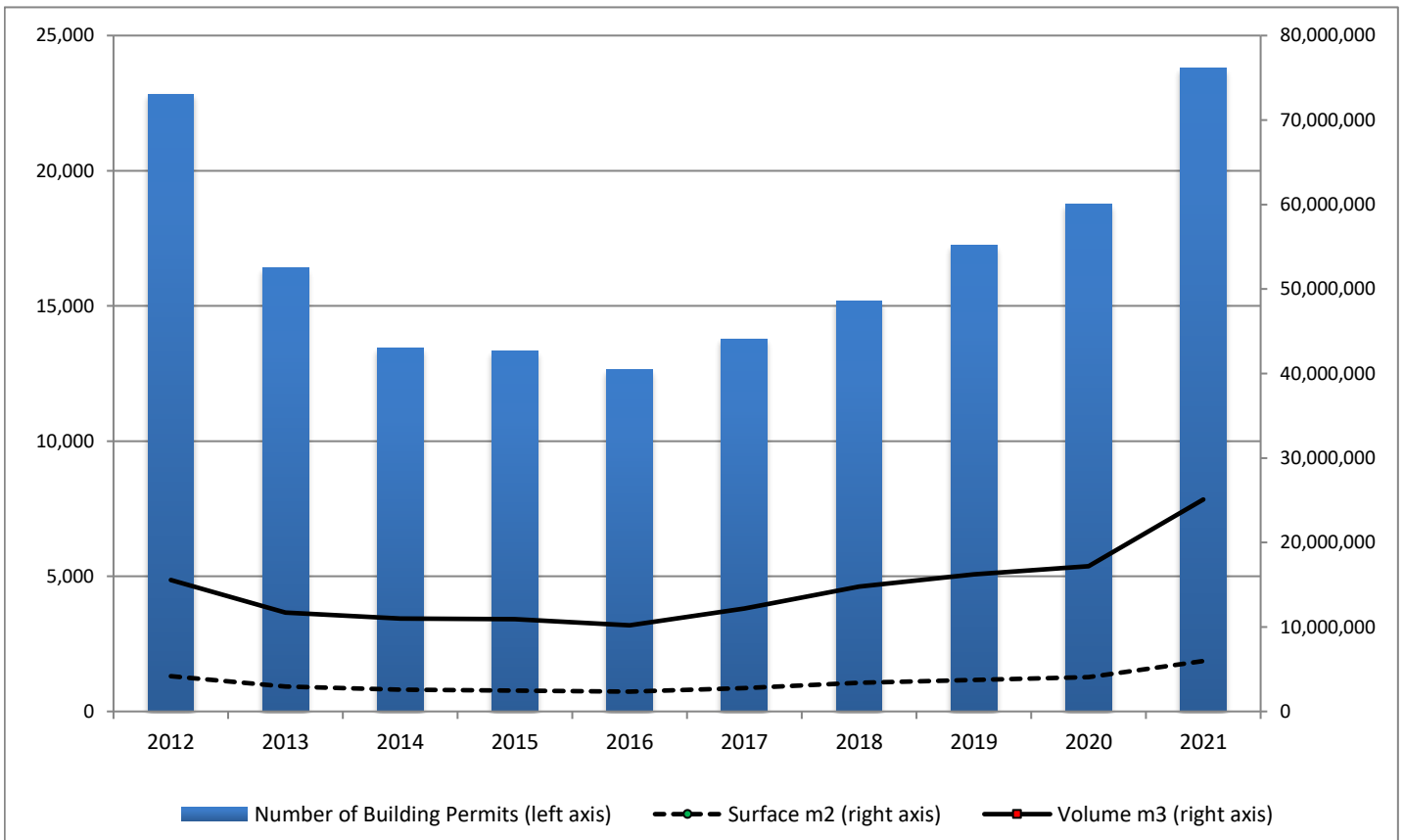
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (February 2018 – January 2022*)



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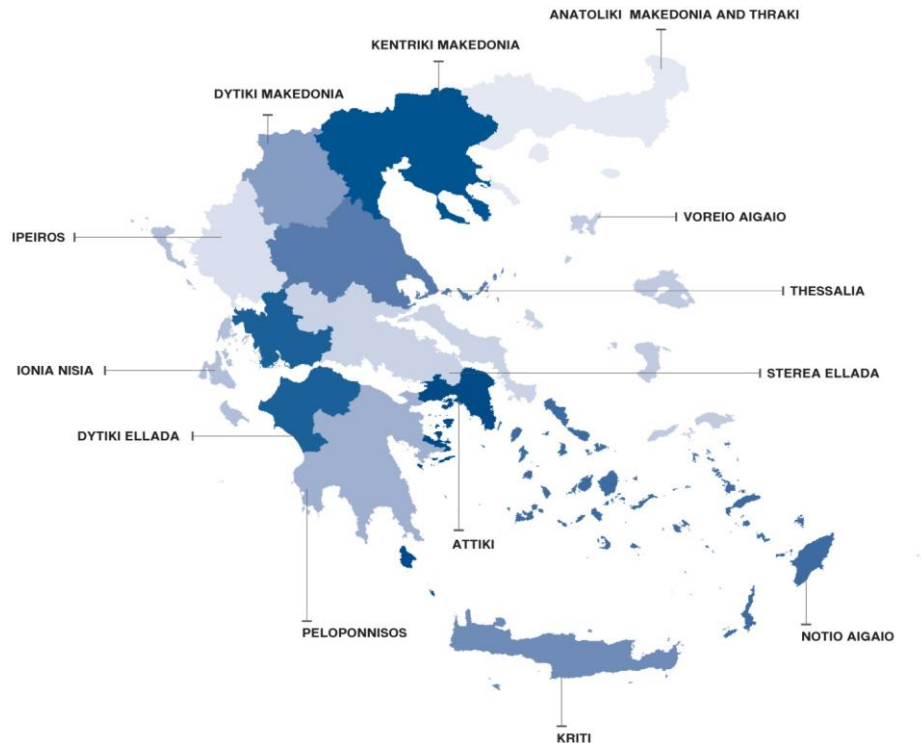
Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2012 – 2021)



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	January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2022
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, 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>
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 between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
References	More information (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/