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**Building Activity Survey: June 2016**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in June 2016 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,081. This figure corresponds to 222.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 940.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 21.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 15.3% decrease in surface and a 22.7% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2016 amounted to 1,072. This figure corresponds to 213.4 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 891.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2015 there is a 21.3% decrease in the number of building permits, an 18.0% decrease in surface and a 26.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2016 amounted to 9. This figure corresponds to 9.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 48.3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 5.1% of the total building volume in June 2016.

In the last twelve months, from July 2015 until June 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,077. This figure corresponds to 2,488.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 13,570.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from July 2014 until June 2015, there is a 13.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 7.6% decrease in surface and a 16.6% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from July 2015 until June 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 13.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 17.7% decrease in surface and a 15.3% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from July 2014 to June 2015 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 28.8% of the total building volume.

During the period January - June 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 17.2% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 20.8% decrease in surface and a 21.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2015 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - June 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 17.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 21.7% decrease in surface and a 22.2% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - June 2015 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region, June 2015 and 2016<sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	63	58	-7.9	13.4	9.4	-30.0	54.7	36.1	-34.0
Kentriki Makedonia	204	175	-14.2	46.9	38.7	-17.5	250.6	203.1	-19.0
Dytiki Makedonia	40	22	-45.0	13.0	3.9	-70.0	93.4	16.0	-82.9
Thessalia	65	78	20.0	12.4	23.4	89.4	62.4	108.7	74.3
Ipeiros	50	26	-48.0	5.9	3.9	-32.8	24.1	12.3	-48.9
Ionioi Nisoi	60	58	-3.3	9.9	8.1	-18.4	32.8	24.3	-25.8
Dytiki Ellada	115	84	-27.0	18.3	23.1	26.6	89.4	97.3	8.9
Stereia Ellada	111	104	-6.3	23.9	16.3	-31.7	124.3	72.4	-41.8
Peloponnisos	161	131	-18.6	31.9	15.4	-51.6	143.5	51.0	-64.5
Attiki	265	209	-21.1	43.5	55.4	27.4	174.2	230.3	32.2
Voreio Aigaio	65	25	-61.5	9.0	5.5	-39.5	35.4	21.8	-38.4
Notio Aigaio	94	39	-58.5	12.2	8.5	-30.2	47.2	29.6	-37.2
Kriti	87	72	-17.2	22.7	11.1	-50.9	84.2	37.2	-55.8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>-21.7</b>	<b>263.0</b>	<b>222.9</b>	<b>-15.3</b>	<b>1,216.2</b>	<b>940.1</b>	<b>-22.7</b>

**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, June 2015 and 2016<sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	61	58	-4.9	12.8	9.4	-26.7	52.3	36.1	-31.1
Kentriki Makedonia	198	172	-13.1	45.8	33.4	-27.1	247.2	172.9	-30.0
Dytiki Makedonia	40	22	-45.0	13.0	3.9	-70.0	93.4	16.0	-82.9
Thessalia	64	78	21.9	12.2	23.4	91.4	61.7	108.7	76.1
Ipeiros	50	25	-50.0	5.9	3.9	-33.1	24.1	12.3	-49.2
Ionioi Nisoi	60	58	-3.3	9.9	8.1	-18.4	32.8	24.3	-25.8
Dytiki Ellada	115	83	-27.8	18.3	19.8	8.5	89.4	81.9	-8.4
Stereia Ellada	111	104	-6.3	23.9	16.3	-31.7	124.3	72.4	-41.8
Peloponnisos	156	130	-16.7	31.6	15.4	-51.2	142.6	51.0	-64.2
Attiki	265	208	-21.5	43.5	54.8	25.9	174.2	228.4	31.1
Voreio Aigaio	63	24	-61.9	8.7	5.5	-37.3	33.8	21.8	-35.3
Notio Aigaio	93	39	-58.1	12.1	8.5	-29.7	46.8	29.6	-36.7
Kriti	87	71	-18.4	22.7	11.0	-51.7	84.2	36.5	-56.6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>-21.3</b>	<b>260.4</b>	<b>213.4</b>	<b>-18.0</b>	<b>1,206.7</b>	<b>891.9</b>	<b>-26.1</b>

(1) Provisional data

(2) It should be noted that any differences between the increase/ decrease in the number of the issued building permits and the corresponding increase/decrease in the surface or volume may be on account of individual building permits involving big surface or volume or of building permits that do not concern surface or volume, such as amendments, restorations, demolitions, etc.

**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region,  
July 2014 - June 2015 and July 2015 - June 2016<sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July - June		Change	July - June		Change	July - June		Change
	2014-2015	2015-2016	(%)	2014-2015	2015-2016	(%)	2014-2015	2015-2016	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	633	520	-17.9	151.1	82.7	-45.3	585.0	333.4	-43.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,962	1,863	-5.0	498.8	384.8	-22.9	2,635.2	2,068.6	-21.5
Dytiki Makedonia	317	231	-27.1	103.0	309.6	200.5	551.4	3,922.6	611.4
Thessalia	747	646	-13.5	166.2	168.7	1.5	812.4	997.4	22.8
Ipeiros	479	431	-10.0	87.5	83.9	-4.1	330.4	334.0	1.1
Ionioi Nisoi	646	598	-7.4	120.1	101.2	-15.7	391.6	354.6	-9.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,140	974	-14.6	191.0	175.8	-8.0	802.5	727.7	-9.3
Stereia Ellada	1,137	964	-15.2	191.4	169.7	-11.3	869.7	820.5	-5.7
Peloponnisos	1,506	1,305	-13.3	243.1	208.7	-14.1	973.9	843.9	-13.4
Attiki	2,679	2,154	-19.6	411.9	372.2	-9.6	1,770.4	1,628.3	-8.0
Voreio Aigaio	504	398	-21.0	78.4	61.7	-21.3	310.5	237.4	-23.5
Notio Aigaio	1,172	1,067	-9.0	203.1	166.2	-18.2	721.7	621.5	-13.9
Kriti	955	926	-3.0	247.4	203.0	-17.9	883.5	680.3	-23.0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,877</b>	<b>12,077</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>2,693.0</b>	<b>2,488.3</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>11,638.3</b>	<b>13,570.4</b>	<b>16.6</b>

**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region,  
July 2014 - June 2015 and July 2015 - June 2016<sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July - June		Change	July - June		Change	July - June		Change
	2014-2015	2015-2016	(%)	2014-2015	2015-2016	(%)	2014-2015	2015-2016	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	626	512	-18.2	147.6	79.8	-45.9	570.9	316.9	-44.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,934	1,827	-5.5	492.7	368.7	-25.2	2,606.5	1,999.3	-23.3
Dytiki Makedonia	314	226	-28.0	83.7	53.5	-36.1	448.3	247.9	-44.7
Thessalia	741	645	-13.0	165.3	168.6	2.0	808.7	997.0	23.3
Ipeiros	477	422	-11.5	87.0	80.3	-7.7	328.2	318.3	-3.0
Ionioi Nisoi	643	598	-7.0	120.0	101.2	-15.6	391.4	354.6	-9.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,133	972	-14.2	183.6	169.6	-7.6	774.0	700.1	-9.6
Stereia Ellada	1,134	961	-15.3	191.1	169.4	-11.4	868.9	819.4	-5.7
Peloponnisos	1,495	1,303	-12.8	242.0	208.4	-13.9	970.7	843.0	-13.2
Attiki	2,678	2,142	-20.0	411.3	359.9	-12.5	1,767.8	1,582.7	-10.5
Voreio Aigaio	499	396	-20.6	75.8	57.4	-24.2	301.8	221.0	-26.8
Notio Aigaio	1,166	1,058	-9.3	201.8	164.3	-18.6	717.0	613.3	-14.5
Kriti	948	917	-3.3	242.8	196.1	-19.2	864.2	653.8	-24.3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13,788</b>	<b>11,979</b>	<b>-13.1</b>	<b>2,644.7</b>	<b>2,177.2</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>11,418.4</b>	<b>9,667.4</b>	<b>-15.3</b>

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region,  
January - June 2015 and 2016<sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	309	257	-16.8	62.8	34.1	-45.7	243.5	132.0	-45.8
Kentriki Makedonia	922	910	-1.3	259.2	219.3	-15.4	1,380.8	1,288.4	-6.7
Dytiki Makedonia	142	92	-35.2	57.6	22.7	-60.6	323.2	105.9	-67.2
Thessalia	372	306	-17.7	93.9	65.5	-30.2	477.8	291.0	-39.1
Ipeiros	228	183	-19.7	40.6	38.1	-6.2	155.9	135.5	-13.1
Ionioi Nisoi	328	325	-0.9	58.3	59.0	1.2	203.1	211.4	4.1
Dytiki Ellada	557	419	-24.8	93.5	74.7	-20.1	396.9	289.4	-27.1
Stereia Ellada	545	484	-11.2	105.2	58.9	-44.0	509.9	237.8	-53.4
Peloponnisos	748	601	-19.7	121.4	92.7	-23.6	521.1	398.7	-23.5
Attiki	1,353	1,110	-18.0	202.4	213.2	5.3	842.0	913.0	8.4
Voreio Aigaio	260	136	-47.7	36.5	19.7	-46.0	141.0	75.4	-46.5
Notio Aigaio	594	440	-25.9	93.2	72.2	-22.6	335.2	302.7	-9.7
Kriti	504	419	-16.9	134.4	105.7	-21.4	497.0	351.0	-29.4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>6,862</b>	<b>5,682</b>	<b>-17.2</b>	<b>1,359.1</b>	<b>1,075.8</b>	<b>-20.8</b>	<b>6,027.4</b>	<b>4,732.3</b>	<b>-21.5</b>

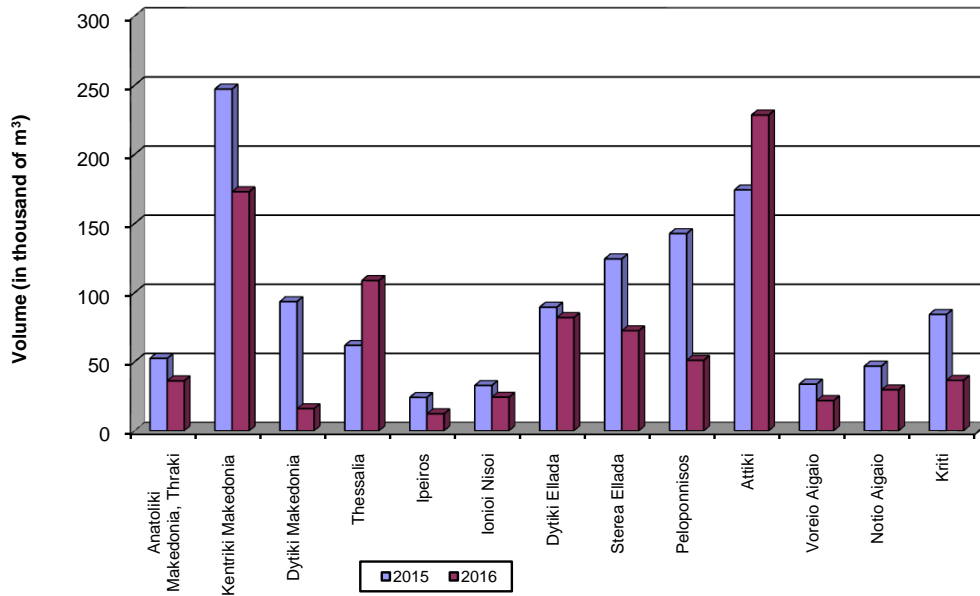
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region,  
January - June 2015 and 2016<sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	305	255	-16.4	61.8	34.1	-44.8	238.9	131.9	-44.8
Kentriki Makedonia	908	895	-1.4	257.6	205.1	-20.4	1,375.7	1,225.0	-11.0
Dytiki Makedonia	140	91	-35.0	38.4	20.0	-47.8	220.9	90.4	-59.1
Thessalia	370	306	-17.3	93.3	65.5	-29.8	475.7	291.0	-38.8
Ipeiros	228	177	-22.4	40.6	34.7	-14.6	155.9	121.1	-22.3
Ionioi Nisoi	328	325	-0.9	58.3	59.0	1.2	203.1	211.4	4.1
Dytiki Ellada	552	418	-24.3	90.4	71.4	-21.0	385.2	273.9	-28.9
Stereia Ellada	544	482	-11.4	105.1	58.6	-44.3	509.7	236.7	-53.6
Peloponnisos	739	599	-18.9	120.4	92.5	-23.2	518.0	397.8	-23.2
Attiki	1,352	1,105	-18.3	201.8	210.5	4.3	839.4	901.6	7.4
Voreio Aigaio	258	135	-47.7	36.2	19.7	-45.5	139.4	75.4	-45.9
Notio Aigaio	590	434	-26.4	92.9	70.7	-23.9	333.7	296.5	-11.1
Kriti	499	412	-17.4	132.2	99.3	-24.8	488.0	326.4	-33.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>6,813</b>	<b>5,634</b>	<b>-17.3</b>	<b>1,329.1</b>	<b>1,041.2</b>	<b>-21.7</b>	<b>5,883.5</b>	<b>4,579.1</b>	<b>-22.2</b>

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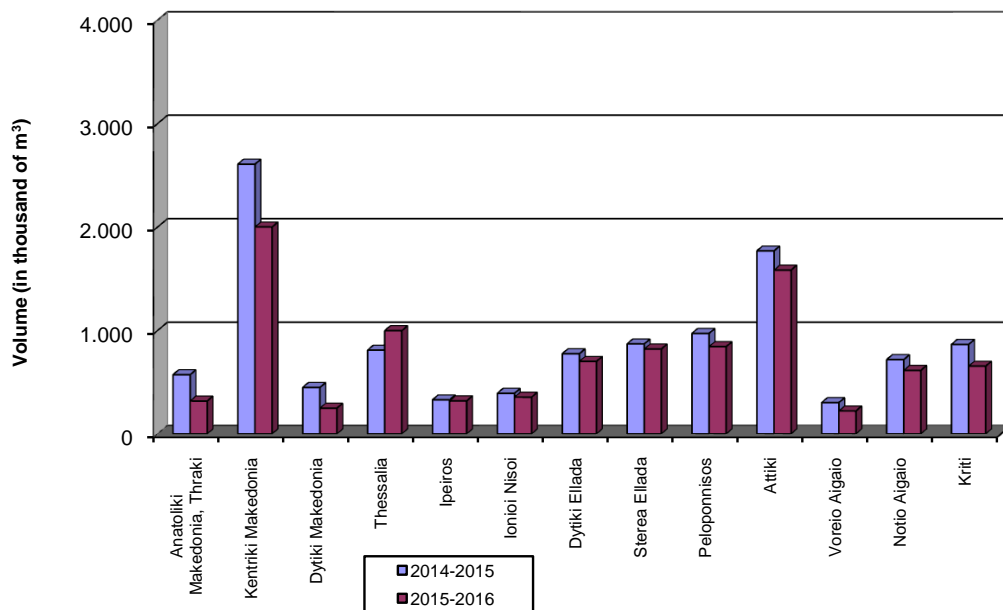
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, June 2015 and 2016 \***



\* Provisional data

**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, July 2014 - June 2015 and July 2015 - June 2016 \***



\* Provisional data

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Legal Framework</b>	<p>The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.</p>
<b>Reference Period</b>	<p>01/06/2016 to 30/06/2016</p>
<b>Coverage</b>	<p>The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.</p>
<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>The denotation of "built-property" 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 net 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>	<p>Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.</p>
<b>References</b>	<p>More information (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 links: Industry, Commerce, Services, Transportations &gt; Short term indices &gt; Building - Constructions &gt; Building Activity .</p>