



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: January 2017**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month January 2017, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in January 2017 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 769. This figure corresponds to 145.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 560.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 11.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 1.1% increase in surface and a 12.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2016 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2017 amounted to 765. This figure corresponds to 143.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 549.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2016 there is a 10.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 0.9% decrease in surface and a 14.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2017 amounted to 4. This figure corresponds to 2.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 11.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.0% of the total building volume in January 2017.
- In the last twelve months, from February 2016 until January 2017, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,603. This figure corresponds to 2,418.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 10,488.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from February 2015 until January 2016, there is a 3.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 12.0% decrease in surface and a 29.3% decrease in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from February 2016 until January 2017, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 3.9% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 4.3% decrease in surface and a 7.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2015 to January 2016 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.5% of the total building volume.

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January 2016\* and 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	31	24	-22.6	5.5	2.6	-51.6	27.8	8.7	-68.9
Kentriki Makedonia	106	67	-36.8	20.8	13.4	-35.6	111.8	79.2	-29.1
Dytiki Makedonia	6	9	50.0	0.7	1.9	168.7	4.4	6.4	46.0
Thessalia	43	37	-14.0	6.4	13.4	109.2	32.8	78.6	140.0
Ipeiros	21	19	-9.5	5.7	2.7	-53.0	20.6	8.9	-56.9
Ionioi Nisoi	35	56	60.0	5.5	15.7	185.7	19.8	51.7	161.4
Dytiki Ellada	48	58	20.8	7.9	10.2	29.2	29.1	35.1	20.8
Stereia Ellada	54	75	38.9	5.7	8.0	40.8	18.9	33.5	77.2
Peloponnisos	70	94	34.3	9.3	18.3	96.8	31.6	50.3	59.3
Attiki	133	163	22.6	44.9	25.1	-44.2	187.8	98.7	-47.4
Voreio Aigaio	20	21	5.0	2.2	2.3	0.5	7.5	7.2	-4.7
Notio Aigaio	55	72	30.9	16.6	13.5	-18.9	105.9	49.4	-53.3
Kriti	70	74	5.7	13.1	18.9	44.2	42.0	53.1	26.4
Greece, Total	692	769	11.1	144.3	145.9	1.1	639.9	560.7	-12.4

\*Provisional Data

*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 2. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January 2016\* and 2017\***

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	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	31	24	-22.6	5.5	2.6	-51.6	27.8	8.7	-68.9
Kentriki Makedonia	106	66	-37.7	20.8	13.4	-35.6	111.8	79.2	-29.1
Dytiki Makedonia	6	9	50.0	0.7	1.9	168.7	4.4	6.4	46.0
Thessalia	43	37	-14.0	6.4	13.4	109.2	32.8	78.6	140.0
Ipeiros	21	19	-9.5	5.7	2.7	-53.0	20.6	8.9	-56.9
Ionioi Nisoi	35	56	60.0	5.5	15.7	185.7	19.8	51.7	161.4
Dytiki Ellada	48	57	18.8	7.9	8.4	6.2	29.1	27.9	-4.2
Stereia Ellada	54	75	38.9	5.7	8.0	40.8	18.9	33.5	77.2
Peloponnisos	70	94	34.3	9.3	18.3	96.8	31.6	50.3	59.3
Attiki	133	162	21.8	44.9	24.7	-45.0	187.8	97.2	-48.2
Voreio Aigaio	20	21	5.0	2.2	2.3	0.5	7.5	7.2	-4.7
Notio Aigaio	55	72	30.9	16.6	13.5	-18.9	105.9	49.4	-53.3
Kriti	69	73	5.8	13.1	18.2	38.7	42.0	50.7	20.7
Greece, Total	691	765	10.7	144.3	143.0	-0.9	639.9	549.6	-14.1

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2015 - January 2016\* and February 2016 - January 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2015-2016	2016-2017		2015-2016	2016-2017		2015-2016	2016-2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	556	520	-6.5	107.8	101.6	-5.7	436.1	440.1	0.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,886	1,759	-6.7	428.9	392.6	-8.5	2,206.1	2,248.2	1.9
Dytiki Makedonia	274	281	2.6	339.0	59.0	-82.6	4,113.6	264.0	-93.6
Thessalia	705	648	-8.1	194.9	168.9	-13.3	1,183.7	814.4	-31.2
Ipeiros	467	408	-12.6	86.6	84.3	-2.7	358.1	326.8	-8.7
Ionioi Nisoi	592	694	17.2	99.5	146.7	47.5	343.8	522.9	52.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,087	1,015	-6.6	187.5	162.0	-13.6	777.7	635.0	-18.4
Stereia Ellada	1,020	1,114	9.2	208.8	159.4	-23.6	1,057.5	750.9	-29.0
Peloponnisos	1,437	1,349	-6.1	227.3	235.6	3.6	925.1	971.9	5.1
Attiki	2,356	2,430	3.1	383.5	414.3	8.0	1,661.9	1,789.9	7.7
Voreio Aigaio	523	325	-37.9	77.4	40.1	-48.2	296.4	139.5	-52.9
Notio Aigaio	1,195	1,105	-7.5	192.5	182.1	-5.4	720.5	621.9	-13.7
Kriti	999	955	-4.4	213.0	271.6	27.5	750.1	962.9	28.4
Greece, Total	13,097	12,603	-3.8	2,746.7	2,418.2	-12.0	14,830.5	10,488.5	-29.3

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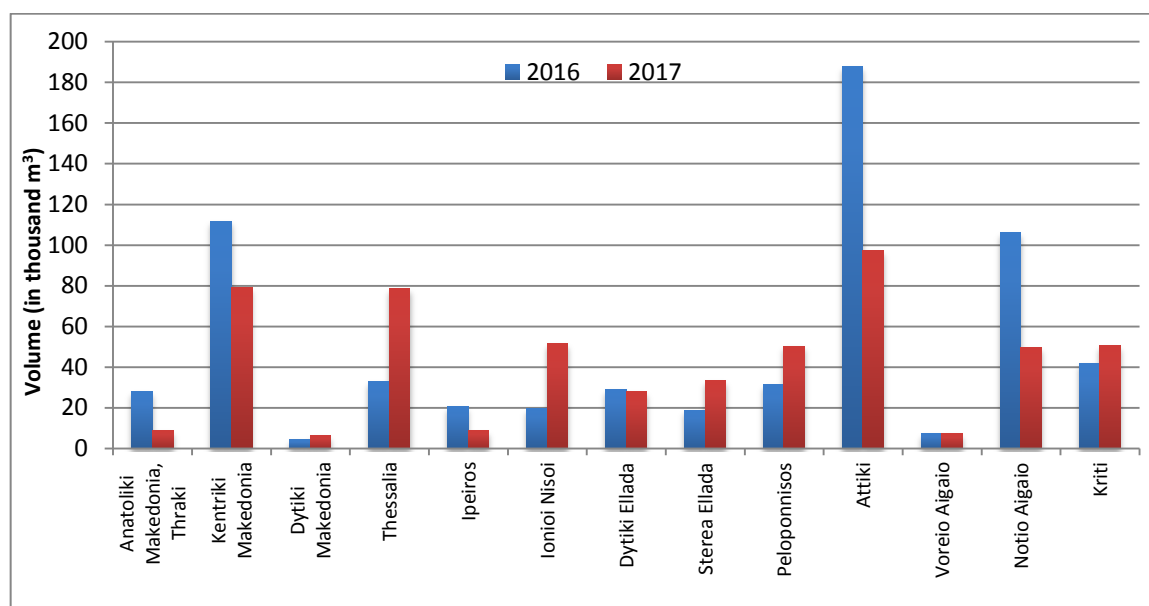
**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), February 2015 - January 2016\* and February 2016 - January 2017\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2015-2016	2016-2017		2015-2016	2016-2017		2015-2016	2016-2017	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	546	513	-6.0	103.9	99.7	-4.1	415.0	430.4	3.7
Kentriki Makedonia	1,851	1,732	-6.4	425.5	375.0	-11.9	2,195.1	2,171.1	-1.1
Dytiki Makedonia	268	280	4.5	66.3	56.3	-15.0	352.1	248.4	-29.4
Thessalia	702	641	-8.7	194.2	167.2	-13.9	1,181.1	806.2	-31.7
Ipeiros	464	402	-13.4	86.4	80.9	-6.4	356.9	312.4	-12.5
Ionioi Nisoi	592	693	17.1	99.5	142.7	43.5	343.8	487.5	41.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,081	1,010	-6.6	181.6	156.8	-13.6	753.9	612.3	-18.8
Stereia Ellada	1,018	1,106	8.6	208.7	157.9	-24.4	1,057.3	745.0	-29.5
Peloponnisos	1,428	1,340	-6.2	226.3	233.2	3.1	922.0	961.0	4.2
Attiki	2,348	2,417	2.9	373.2	389.8	4.5	1,625.1	1,691.6	4.1
Voreio Aigaio	520	324	-37.7	72.8	40.1	-44.9	278.3	139.5	-49.9
Notio Aigaio	1,188	1,090	-8.2	191.7	177.6	-7.4	717.0	601.5	-16.1
Kriti	991	943	-4.8	210.2	257.5	22.5	739.2	912.1	23.4
Greece, Total	12,997	12,491	-3.9	2,440.1	2,334.5	-4.3	10,936.7	10,119.1	-7.5

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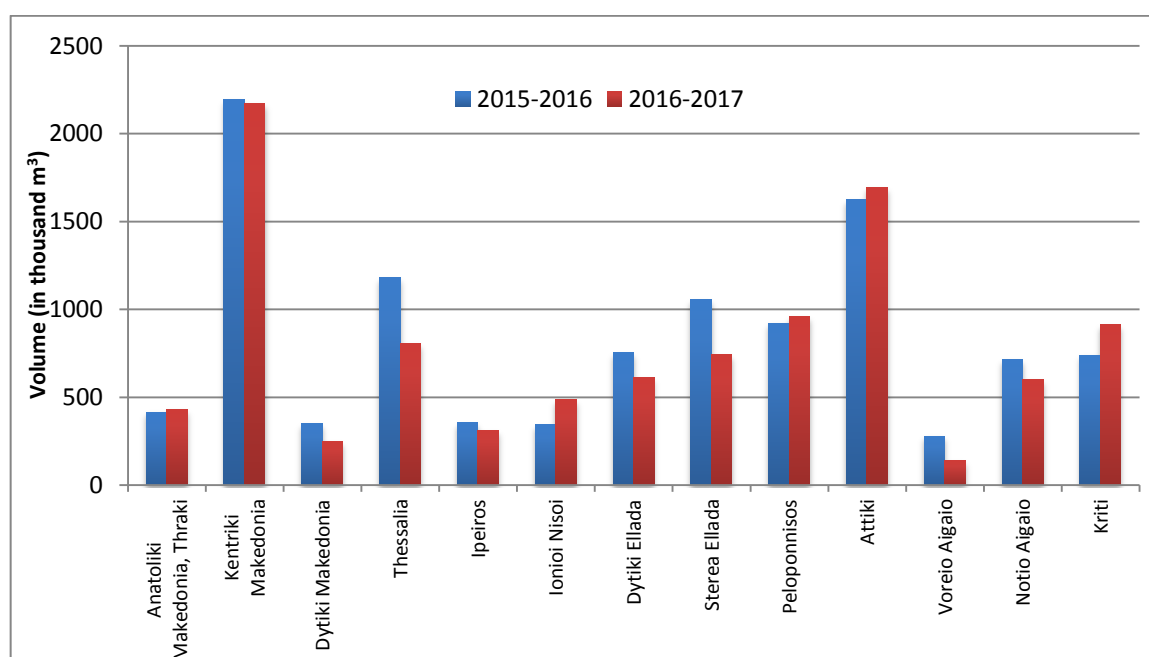
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January 2016\* and 2017 \***



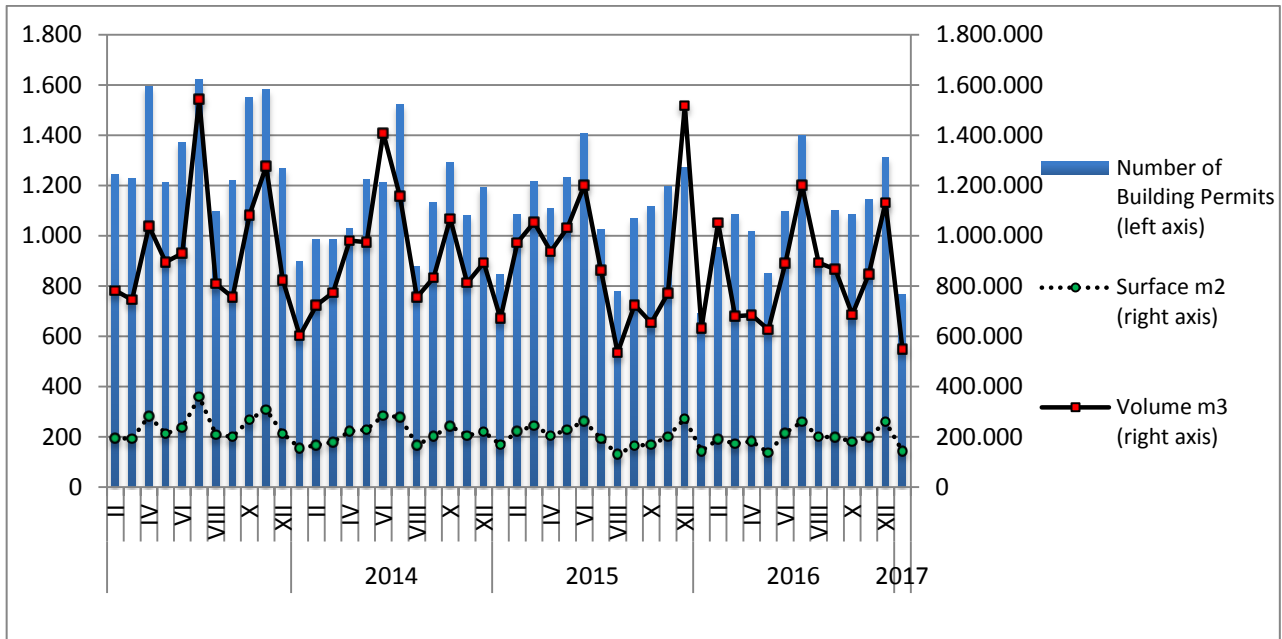
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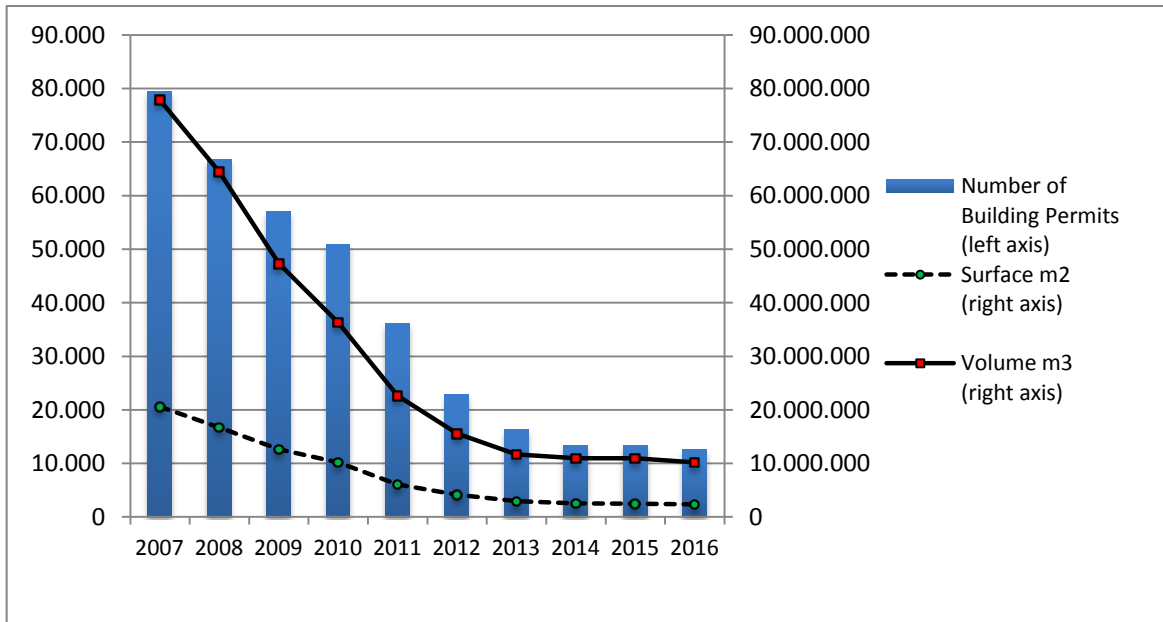
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**Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (February 2013 – January 2017\*)**



\*Provisional data for January 2017

**Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2007 - 2016)**



## 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 (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
<b>Reference Period</b>	January 1, 2017 to January 31, 2017
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
<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>	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	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 link: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/-">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/-</a>