



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Activity Survey: November 2016**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month November 2016, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in November 2016 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,150. This figure corresponds to 203.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 863.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 1.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 1.4% decrease in surface and a 7.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2016 amounted to 1,139. This figure corresponds to 200.4 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 851.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2015 there is a 1.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 0.9% decrease in surface and a 9.4% increase in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2016 amounted to 11. This figure corresponds to 2.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 11.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.3% of the total building volume in November 2016.
- In the last twelve months, from December 2015 until November 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,500. This figure corresponds to 2,443.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 11,091.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from December 2014 until November 2015, there is a 5.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 9.9% decrease in surface and a 21.5% decrease in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from December 2015 until November 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 5.4% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 2.7% decrease in surface and a 2.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from December 2014 to November 2015 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.4% of the total building volume.
- During the period January - November 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 6.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 13.2% decrease in surface and a 28.6% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2015 (Table 5).
- During the same period, January - November 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.4% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 5.1% decrease in surface and a 3.9% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - November 2015 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), November 2015\* and 2016\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	51	58	13.7	10.2	15.9	55.9	37.6	61.5	63.6
Kentriki Makedonia	180	148	-17.8	27.4	21.4	-21.8	118.7	110.0	-7.3
Dytiki Makedonia	29	25	-13.8	6.4	7.1	10.8	36.5	27.8	-23.9
Thessalia	71	61	-14.1	13.9	20.7	48.9	64.7	122.7	89.7
Ipeiros	40	40	0.0	6.2	6.2	-1.4	23.7	23.7	0.0
Ionioi Nisoi	57	53	-7.0	13.1	9.1	-30.6	46.5	31.3	-32.7
Dytiki Ellada	104	115	10.6	20.8	16.4	-21.1	88.1	67.7	-23.1
Stereia Ellada	77	91	18.2	6.7	12.4	85.1	21.9	72.4	230.1
Peloponnisos	119	121	1.7	18.8	17.9	-5.0	71.7	72.8	1.7
Attiki	186	211	13.4	22.7	30.4	34.1	84.4	124.2	47.1
Voreio Aigaio	44	29	-34.1	14.3	3.1	-78.6	60.5	9.9	-83.7
Notio Aigaio	126	115	-8.7	28.7	24.5	-14.6	94.3	79.3	-15.9
Kriti	82	83	1.2	17.1	18.4	7.6	56.1	59.9	6.9
Greece, Total	1,166	1,150	-1.4	206.2	203.3	-1.4	804.5	863.1	7.3

\*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), November 2015\* and 2016\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	50	58	16.0	10.1	15.9	57.3	37.3	61.5	64.8
Kentriki Makedonia	172	146	-15.1	26.4	21.2	-19.7	115.7	109.2	-5.6
Dytiki Makedonia	28	25	-10.7	3.5	7.1	103.5	14.0	27.8	98.3
Thessalia	70	57	-18.6	13.8	19.1	38.8	64.2	115.5	79.9
Ipeiros	40	40	0.0	6.2	6.2	-1.4	23.7	23.7	0.0
Ionioi Nisoi	57	53	-7.0	13.1	9.1	-30.6	46.5	31.3	-32.7
Dytiki Ellada	104	114	9.6	20.8	16.4	-21.1	88.1	67.7	-23.1
Stereia Ellada	77	91	18.2	6.7	12.4	85.1	21.9	72.4	230.1
Peloponnisos	119	120	0.8	18.8	17.9	-5.0	71.7	72.8	1.7
Attiki	186	210	12.9	22.7	30.4	34.1	84.4	124.2	47.1
Voreio Aigaio	44	29	-34.1	14.3	3.1	-78.6	60.5	9.9	-83.7
Notio Aigaio	126	114	-9.5	28.7	24.5	-14.6	94.3	79.3	-15.9
Kriti	82	82	0.0	17.1	17.3	0.9	56.1	56.5	0.8
Greece, Total	1,155	1,139	-1.4	202.1	200.4	-0.9	778.3	851.7	9.4

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2014 - November 2015\* and  
December 2015 - November 2016\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)
	2014-15	2015-16		2014-15	2015-16		2014-15	2015-16	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	555	541	-2.5	110.6	93.8	-15.2	428.9	378.9	-11.7
Kentriki Makedonia	1,858	1,830	-1.5	422.1	406.0	-3.8	2,128.1	2,294.6	7.8
Dytiki Makedonia	289	264	-8.7	336.6	70.6	-79.0	4,041.0	394.5	-90.2
Thessalia	693	676	-2.5	163.9	199.1	21.5	793.4	1,162.0	46.5
Ipeiros	469	417	-11.1	79.2	94.7	19.5	300.7	389.3	29.5
Ionioi Nisoi	599	667	11.4	99.0	134.2	35.6	340.5	483.1	41.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,136	984	-13.4	185.4	168.5	-9.1	759.4	699.8	-7.8
Stereia Ellada	1,013	1,077	6.3	201.1	171.3	-14.8	979.7	830.1	-15.3
Peloponnisos	1,454	1,325	-8.9	236.2	214.5	-9.2	979.5	864.5	-11.7
Attiki	2,400	2,397	-0.1	360.8	424.7	17.7	1,499.7	1,923.3	28.2
Voreio Aigaio	530	317	-40.2	88.6	38.3	-56.8	351.6	137.0	-61.0
Notio Aigaio	1,199	1,081	-9.8	204.2	173.9	-14.8	717.9	640.4	-10.8
Kriti	1,002	924	-7.8	225.1	253.7	12.7	803.4	893.7	11.2
Greece, Total	13,197	12,500	-5.3	2,712.8	2,443.3	-9.9	14,123.7	11,091.2	-21.5

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2014 - November 2015\* and  
December 2015 - November 2016\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)	December – November		Change (%)
	2014-15	2015-16		2014-15	2015-16		2014-15	2015-16	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	547	533	-2.6	109.4	89.4	-18.3	423.7	353.8	-16.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,825	1,802	-1.3	417.1	388.7	-6.8	2,107.8	2,219.4	5.3
Dytiki Makedonia	285	261	-8.4	75.3	56.6	-24.8	412.6	245.8	-40.4
Thessalia	687	670	-2.5	162.9	197.5	21.2	789.1	1,154.7	46.3
Ipeiros	467	410	-12.2	78.9	91.2	15.6	299.5	374.9	25.2
Ionioi Nisoi	597	666	11.6	99.0	130.2	31.5	340.5	447.7	31.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,130	980	-13.3	179.4	165.2	-7.9	735.5	684.4	-7.0
Stereia Ellada	1,010	1,070	5.9	201.0	169.7	-15.6	979.1	824.4	-15.8
Peloponnisos	1,445	1,320	-8.7	235.2	214.1	-9.0	976.4	862.8	-11.6
Attiki	2,392	2,386	-0.3	350.5	400.6	14.3	1,463.0	1,826.4	24.8
Voreio Aigaio	527	316	-40.0	84.1	38.3	-54.4	333.5	137.0	-58.9
Notio Aigaio	1,190	1,067	-10.3	202.4	170.2	-15.9	711.2	623.7	-12.3
Kriti	995	913	-8.2	222.2	240.5	8.2	792.5	846.1	6.8
Greece, Total	13,097	12,394	-5.4	2,417.3	2,352.3	-2.7	10,364.4	10,601.0	2.3

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - November 2015\* and 2016\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	521	490	-6.0	103.3	85.7	-17.0	405.6	339.5	-16.3
Kentriki Makedonia	1,687	1,642	-2.7	386.5	367.9	-4.8	1,960.3	2,093.9	6.8
Dytiki Makedonia	257	240	-6.6	326.3	52.4	-84.0	3,984.9	239.4	-94.0
Thessalia	634	598	-5.7	149.6	151.5	1.3	732.6	710.3	-3.0
Ipeiros	432	373	-13.7	73.4	81.6	11.2	282.9	317.8	12.4
Ionioi Nisoi	541	607	12.2	91.0	124.7	37.0	315.5	452.2	43.4
Dytiki Ellada	1,017	889	-12.6	171.2	145.2	-15.2	705.3	569.9	-19.2
Stereia Ellada	934	986	5.6	186.8	142.1	-24.0	924.5	662.0	-28.4
Peloponnisos	1,338	1,211	-9.5	215.8	193.0	-10.6	894.9	793.1	-11.4
Attiki	2,157	2,157	0.0	326.8	390.0	19.3	1,357.5	1,723.5	27.0
Voreio Aigaio	482	277	-42.5	74.1	34.0	-54.2	288.8	122.8	-57.5
Notio Aigaio	1,088	948	-12.9	170.1	156.7	-7.9	596.1	582.5	-2.3
Kriti	925	838	-9.4	210.7	232.7	10.4	757.5	824.9	8.9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>12,013</b>	<b>11,256</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>2,485.7</b>	<b>2,157.2</b>	<b>-13.2</b>	<b>13,206.4</b>	<b>9,432.0</b>	<b>-28.6</b>

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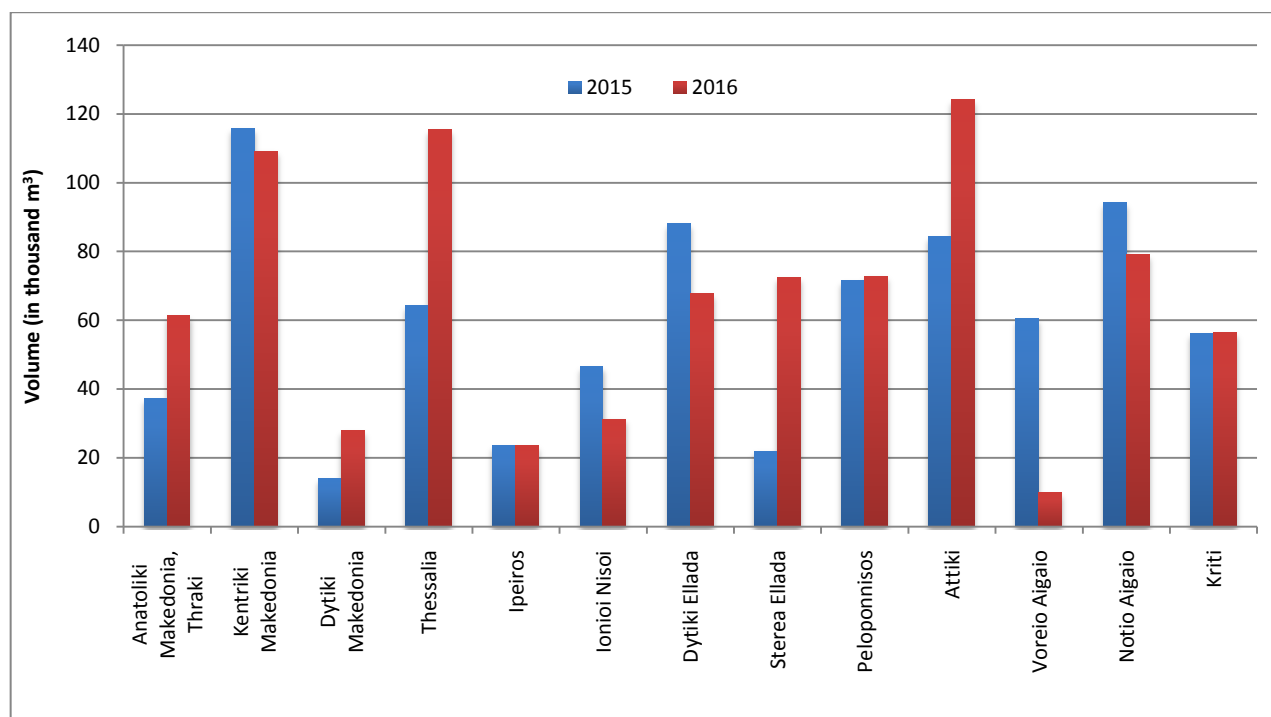
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - November 2015\* and 2016\***

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	513	484	-5.7	102.0	83.9	-17.8	400.4	330.3	-17.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,655	1,617	-2.3	383.1	350.6	-8.5	1,949.6	2,018.9	3.6
Dytiki Makedonia	253	239	-5.5	65.0	49.7	-23.4	356.4	223.9	-37.2
Thessalia	631	592	-6.2	148.9	149.9	0.7	730.0	703.0	-3.7
Ipeiros	430	367	-14.7	73.2	78.2	6.9	281.6	303.4	7.7
Ionioi Nisoi	541	606	12.0	91.0	120.7	32.6	315.5	416.8	32.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,011	885	-12.5	165.3	141.8	-14.2	681.4	554.4	-18.6
Stereia Ellada	932	979	5.0	186.7	140.5	-24.8	924.3	656.3	-29.0
Peloponnisos	1,329	1,206	-9.3	214.8	192.5	-10.4	891.8	791.4	-11.3
Attiki	2,149	2,146	-0.1	316.5	365.9	15.6	1,320.8	1,626.6	23.2
Voreio Aigaio	479	276	-42.4	69.6	34.0	-51.1	270.8	122.8	-54.6
Notio Aigaio	1,081	934	-13.6	169.3	153.1	-9.6	592.6	565.8	-4.5
Kriti	918	827	-9.9	207.9	219.5	5.6	746.6	777.4	4.1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>11,922</b>	<b>11,158</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>2,193.2</b>	<b>2,080.3</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>9,461.8</b>	<b>9,091.0</b>	<b>-3.9</b>

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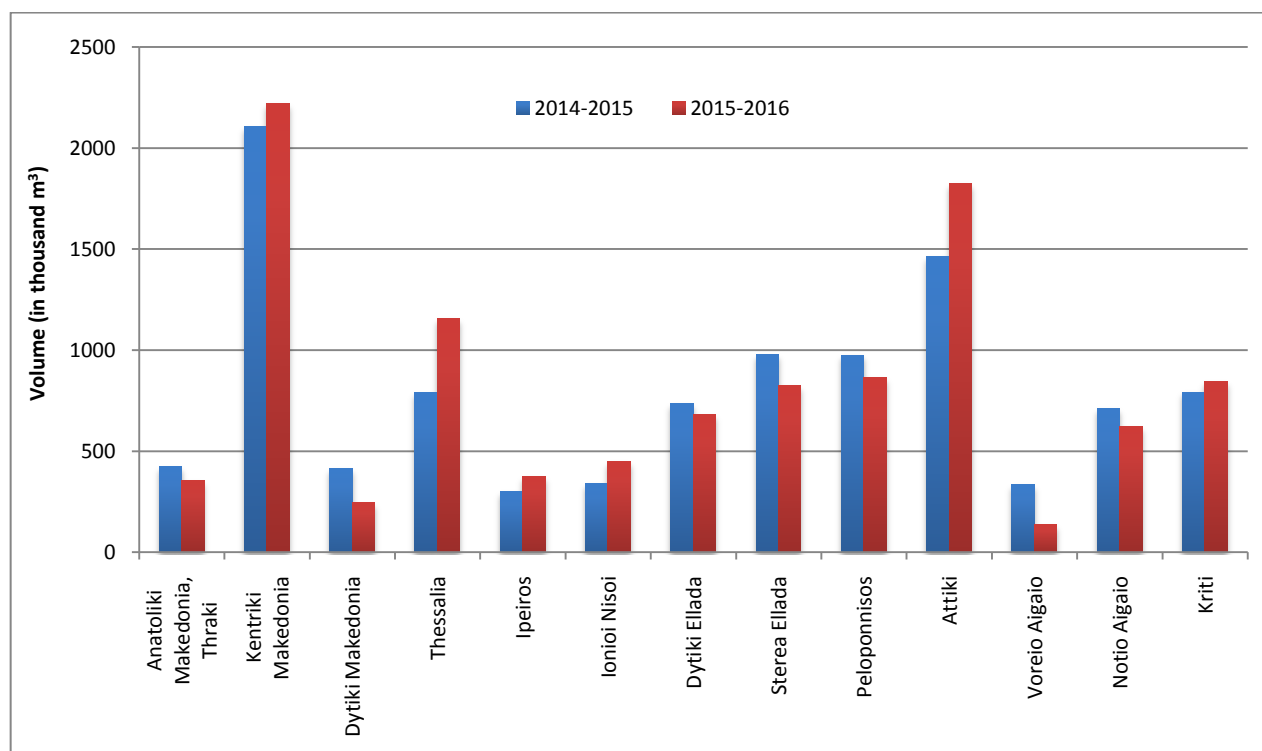
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), November 2015\* and 2016 \***



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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2014 - November 2015\* and December 2015 - November 2016\***



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## 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>	November 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016
<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>