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Building Activity Survey: February 2016

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in February 2016 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 951. This figure corresponds to 203.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,095.1 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 12.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 16.6% decrease in surface and a 1.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2016 amounted to 937. This figure corresponds to 191.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,052.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2015 there is a 12.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 13.9% decrease in surface and an 8.3% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in February 2016 amounted to 14. This figure corresponds to 11.7 thousand m² of surface and 42.5 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 3.9% of the total building volume in February 2016.

In the last twelve months, from March 2015 until February 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,965. This figure corresponds to 2,706.3 thousand m² of surface and 14,841.8 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from March 2014 until February 2015, there is a 3.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 1.0% increase in surface and a 28.2% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from March 2015 until February 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 3.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, an 8.2% decrease in surface and a 2.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from March 2014 to February 2015 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 25.8% of the total building volume.

During the period January - February 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 15.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 15.8% decrease in surface and a 1.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2015 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - February 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 15.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 14.3% decrease in surface and a 2.7% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - February 2015 (Table 6).

It should be noticed that, in the present Press Release, ELSTAT has included again, as of the Press Release on the Survey on Building Activity for January 2016, the number of building permits by Region in the corresponding data on surface and volume, since, pursuant to Article 3(1) of the Law 3861/2010 and Article 5(5) of the Law 4030/2011, data on building permits are mandatorily posted on the internet, and, in accordance with Article 8(4) of the Greek Statistical Law 3832/2010, as in force, the data deriving from public sources which, pursuant to the legislation in force, are accessible by all citizens, are not considered confidential data.

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region, February 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change	February		Change	February		Change
	2015	2016	(%)	2015	2016	(%)	2015	2016	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	28	35	25.0	4.6	3.1	-32.4	18.6	10.8	-41.7
Kentriki Makedonia	148	126	-14.9	55.9	54.9	-1.8	321.8	482.7	50.0
Dytiki Makedonia	23	15	-34.8	23.0	5.7	-75.3	123.1	24.1	-80.4
Thessalia	59	44	-25.4	12.9	8.8	-31.7	56.6	32.0	-43.5
Ipeiros	27	44	63.0	4.9	8.6	76.3	16.8	31.6	87.8
Ionioi Nisoi	74	57	-23.0	16.0	8.7	-45.6	52.1	29.8	-42.8
Dytiki Ellada	102	62	-39.2	17.3	9.8	-43.4	60.9	32.6	-46.5
Stereia Ellada	84	71	-15.5	14.1	8.0	-43.0	54.3	35.7	-34.3
Peloponnisos	123	104	-15.4	20.5	20.0	-2.2	78.4	125.0	59.6
Attiki	212	211	-0.5	35.2	31.7	-10.1	158.0	131.6	-16.7
Voreio Aigaio	38	33	-13.2	6.3	3.8	-39.6	26.3	16.6	-36.8
Notio Aigaio	91	87	-4.4	12.6	16.7	32.8	42.1	69.5	65.2
Kriti	74	62	-16.2	20.1	23.1	15.0	74.8	73.1	-2.4
Greece, Total	1,083	951	-12.2	243.5	203.1	-16.6	1,083.8	1,095.1	1.0

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, February 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change	February		Change	February		Change
	2015	2016	(%)	2015	2016	(%)	2015	2016	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	26	35	34.6	4.1	3.1	-25.2	16.3	10.8	-33.6
Kentriki Makedonia	147	122	-17.0	55.9	52.0	-7.1	321.8	470.7	46.3
Dytiki Makedonia	21	15	-28.6	3.9	5.7	46.9	20.7	24.1	16.7
Thessalia	59	44	-25.4	12.9	8.8	-31.7	56.6	32.0	-43.5
Ipeiros	27	40	48.1	4.9	5.3	49.8	16.8	17.3	2.9
Ionioi Nisoi	74	57	-23.0	16.0	8.7	-45.6	52.1	29.8	-42.8
Dytiki Ellada	100	62	-38.0	17.3	9.8	-43.2	60.8	32.6	-46.4
Stereia Ellada	84	69	-17.9	14.1	7.7	-45.3	54.3	34.6	-36.3
Peloponnisos	123	104	-15.4	20.5	20.0	-2.2	78.4	125.0	59.6
Attiki	211	210	-0.5	34.6	31.7	-8.4	155.5	131.6	-15.4
Voreio Aigaio	38	33	-13.2	6.3	3.8	-39.6	26.3	16.6	-36.8
Notio Aigaio	91	87	-4.4	12.6	16.7	32.8	42.1	69.5	65.2
Kriti	73	59	-19.2	19.1	18.0	-5.5	70.7	58.0	-18.0
Greece, Total	1,074	937	-12.8	222.2	191.4	-13.9	972.3	1,052.6	8.3

(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,
March 2014 - February 2015 and March 2015 - February 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	592	563	-4.9	138.2	106.3	-23.1	532.1	428.3	-19.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,880	1,864	-0.9	472.9	427.9	-9.5	2,463.9	2,367.0	-3.9
Dytiki Makedonia	315	266	-15.6	111.7	321.6	187.9	545.1	4,014.7	636.5
Thessalia	712	690	-3.1	153.3	190.8	24.5	711.0	1,159.1	63.0
Ipeiros	479	484	1.0	97.0	90.4	-6.8	382.1	372.9	-2.4
Ionioi Nisoi	619	575	-7.1	113.8	92.2	-19.0	363.4	321.5	-11.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,188	1,047	-11.9	195.2	180.0	-7.8	804.7	749.4	-6.9
Stereia Ellada	1,094	1,007	-8.0	186.3	202.7	8.8	878.9	1,038.8	18.2
Peloponnisos	1,441	1,418	-1.6	229.6	226.8	-1.2	852.0	971.8	14.1
Attiki	2,594	2,355	-9.2	457.0	379.9	-16.9	2,043.9	1,635.4	-20.0
Voreio Aigaio	438	518	18.3	65.8	74.9	13.9	262.3	286.7	9.3
Notio Aigaio	1,117	1,191	6.6	215.0	196.7	-8.5	876.1	747.9	-14.6
Kriti	949	987	4.0	244.1	216.0	-11.5	864.1	748.3	-13.4
Greece, Total	13,418	12,965	-3.4	2,679.8	2,706.3	1.0	11,579.6	14,841.8	28.2

**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region,
March 2014 - February 2015 and March 2015 - February 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	586	555	-5.3	134.9	102.9	-23.7	518.6	409.5	-21.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,860	1,826	-1.8	467.0	421.5	-9.7	2,433.7	2,344.0	-3.7
Dytiki Makedonia	309	262	-15.2	88.6	68.1	-23.2	430.0	355.5	-17.3
Thessalia	703	687	-2.3	150.8	190.1	26.1	699.3	1,156.5	65.4
Ipeiros	473	477	0.8	94.4	86.7	-5.9	367.7	357.4	-2.8
Ionioi Nisoi	616	575	-6.7	113.7	92.2	-19.0	363.1	321.5	-11.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,181	1,043	-11.7	190.8	174.1	-8.7	787.7	725.7	-7.9
Stereia Ellada	1,089	1,003	-7.9	186.2	202.3	8.7	878.3	1,037.6	18.1
Peloponnisos	1,437	1,409	-1.9	229.3	225.8	-1.5	851.0	968.7	13.8
Attiki	2,591	2,347	-9.4	454.0	370.3	-18.4	2,035.5	1,601.2	-21.3
Voreio Aigaio	435	515	18.4	63.4	70.3	10.9	255.3	268.7	5.2
Notio Aigaio	1,115	1,184	6.2	214.0	195.8	-8.5	873.0	744.4	-14.7
Kriti	934	977	4.6	237.8	209.1	-12.1	837.7	726.4	-13.3
Greece, Total	13,329	12,860	-3.5	2,624.8	2,409.3	-8.2	11,330.8	11,017.0	-2.8

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region,
January - February 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - February 2015	February 2016	Change (%)	January - February 2015	February 2016	Change (%)	January - February 2015	February 2016	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	75	66	-12.0	13.6	8.6	-37.1	55.3	38.6	-30.1
Kentriki Makedonia	243	232	-4.5	72.5	75.7	4.4	388.5	594.5	53.0
Dytiki Makedonia	36	21	-41.7	29.3	6.4	-78.2	153.8	28.5	-81.5
Thessalia	109	87	-20.2	21.6	15.3	-29.3	89.9	64.8	-28.0
Ipeiros	57	65	14.0	10.4	14.4	37.6	33.7	52.2	55.2
Ionioi Nisoi	118	92	-22.0	22.6	14.2	-37.0	74.5	49.5	-33.5
Dytiki Ellada	175	110	-37.1	32.3	17.7	-45.1	147.5	61.7	-58.2
Stereia Ellada	143	125	-12.6	27.0	13.7	-49.3	108.3	54.6	-49.6
Peloponnisos	208	174	-16.3	39.9	29.3	-26.5	151.2	156.7	3.6
Attiki	386	344	-10.9	58.1	76.6	31.7	241.2	319.3	32.4
Voreio Aigaio	57	53	-7.0	9.6	6.0	-37.2	40.5	24.1	-40.4
Notio Aigaio	172	142	-17.4	24.0	33.4	39.1	81.5	175.4	115.2
Kriti	156	132	-15.4	51.9	36.2	-30.3	193.0	115.0	-40.4
Greece, Total	1,935	1,643	-15.1	412.8	347.4	-15.8	1,758.8	1,735.0	-1.4

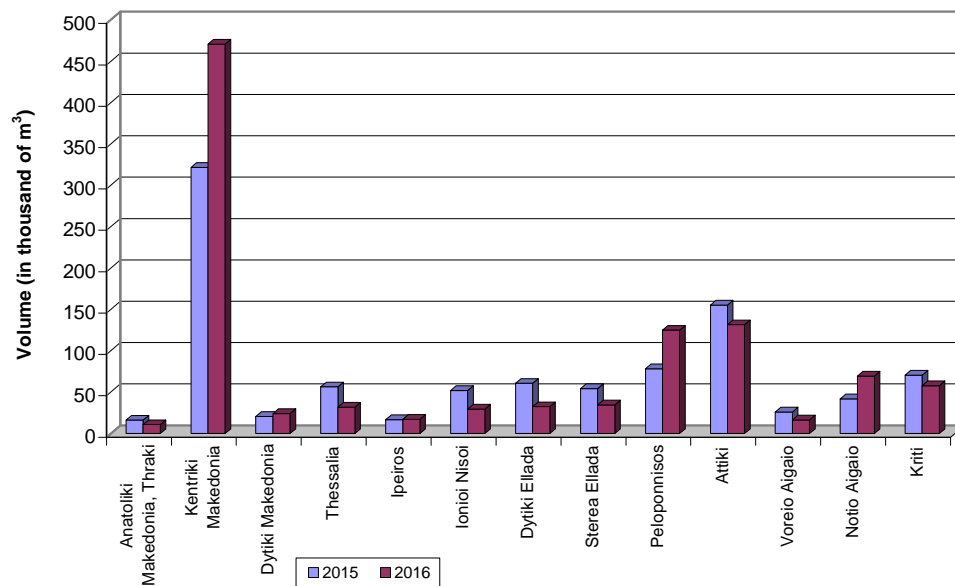
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region,
January - February 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - February 2015	February 2016	Change (%)	January - February 2015	February 2016	Change (%)	January - February 2015	February 2016	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	73	66	-9.6	13.1	8.6	-35.0	53.0	38.6	-27.1
Kentriki Makedonia	242	228	-5.8	72.5	72.8	0.3	388.5	582.4	49.9
Dytiki Makedonia	34	21	-38.2	10.2	6.4	-37.1	51.4	28.5	-44.5
Thessalia	109	87	-20.2	21.6	15.3	-29.3	89.9	64.8	-28.0
Ipeiros	57	61	7.0	10.4	11.0	25.1	33.7	37.9	12.7
Ionioi Nisoi	118	92	-22.0	22.6	14.2	-37.0	74.5	49.5	-33.5
Dytiki Ellada	173	110	-36.4	32.2	17.7	-45.0	147.3	61.7	-58.1
Stereia Ellada	143	123	-14.0	27.0	13.4	-50.5	108.3	53.5	-50.6
Peloponnisos	208	174	-16.3	39.9	29.3	-26.5	151.2	156.7	3.6
Attiki	385	343	-10.9	57.5	76.6	33.1	238.6	319.3	33.8
Voreio Aigaio	57	53	-7.0	9.6	6.0	-37.2	40.5	24.1	-40.4
Notio Aigaio	172	142	-17.4	24.0	33.4	39.1	81.5	175.4	115.2
Kriti	155	128	-17.4	50.9	31.2	-38.8	188.9	100.0	-47.1
Greece, Total	1,926	1,628	-15.5	391.5	335.7	-14.3	1,647.3	1,692.5	2.7

(1) Provisional data

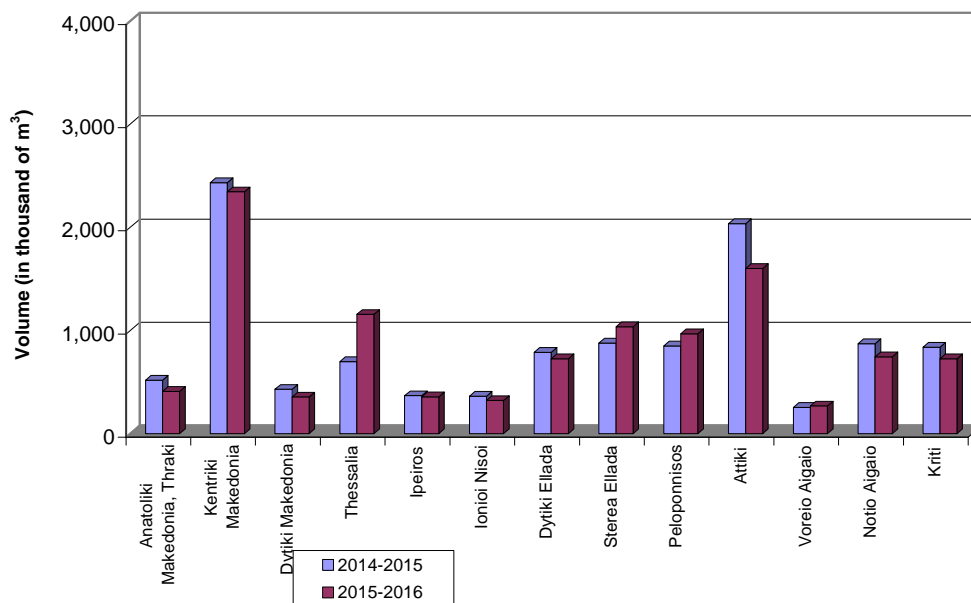
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, February 2015 and 2016 *



* Provisional data

Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, March 2014 - February 2015 and March 2015 - February 2016 *



* Provisional data

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Building Activity Survey	<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>
Legal Framework	<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>
Reference Period	<p>01/02/2016 to 29/02/2016</p>
Coverage	<p>The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.</p>
Definitions	<p>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.</p> <p>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 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>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>
General Remark	<p>Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.</p>
References	<p>More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: www.statistics.gr, under the links: Industry, Commerce, Services, Transportations > Short term indices > Building - Constructions > Building Activity .</p>