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Building Activity Survey: November 2015

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in November 2015 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,166. This figure corresponds to 206.2 thousand m² of surface and 804.5 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 7.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 2.1% decrease in surface and a 4.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2014 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2015 correspond to 202.1 thousand m² of surface and 778.3 thousand m³ of volume ⁽¹⁾. In comparison with the same month of 2014 there is a 1.3% decrease in surface and a 4.5% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in November 2015 correspond to 4.1 thousand m² of surface and 26.2 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 3.3% of the total building volume in November 2015.

In the last twelve months, from December 2014 until November 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,197. This figure corresponds to 2,712.8 thousand m² of surface and 14,123.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from December 2013 until November 2014, a 5.2% increase is recorded in surface and a 27.5% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from December 2014 until November 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 4.4% decrease in surface and a 4.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from December 2013 to November 2014 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 26.6% of the total building volume.

During the period January - November 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 5.2% increase in surface and a 28.9% increase in volume compared with the corresponding period of 2014 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - November 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 5.7% decrease in surface and a 6.3% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - November 2014 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, November 2014 and 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November 2014	November 2015	Change (%)	November 2014	November 2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	7,4	10,2	37,2	26,2	37,6	43,4
Kentriki Makedonia	30,4	27,4	-9,9	134,8	118,7	-12,0
Dytiki Makedonia	5,2	6,4	22,1	21,9	36,5	66,5
Thessalia	10,8	13,9	27,9	41,5	64,7	55,7
Ipeiros	3,1	6,2	103,1	11,4	23,7	107,0
Ionioi Nisoi	11,9	13,1	9,8	31,8	46,5	46,3
Dytiki Ellada	17,6	20,8	17,8	60,7	88,1	45,0
Stereia Ellada	12,0	6,7	-43,8	49,4	21,9	-55,6
Peloponnisos	17,1	18,8	10,0	64,2	71,7	11,7
Attiki	43,3	22,7	-47,7	206,5	84,4	-59,1
Voreio Aigaio	3,5	14,3	305,0	13,3	60,5	354,3
Notio Aigaio	27,0	28,7	6,4	107,5	94,3	-12,3
Kriti	21,4	17,1	-20,0	68,8	56,1	-18,5
Greece, Total	210,7	206,2	-2,1	837,9	804,5	-4,0

Table 2. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, November 2014 and 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November 2014	November 2015	Change (%)	November 2014	November 2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	7,4	10,1	36,0	26,2	37,3	42,4
Kentriki Makedonia	30,4	26,4	-13,2	134,8	115,7	-14,1
Dytiki Makedonia	5,2	3,5	-33,5	21,9	14,0	-36,1
Thessalia	10,8	13,8	26,8	41,5	64,2	54,5
Ipeiros	3,1	6,2	103,1	11,4	23,7	107,0
Ionioi Nisoi	11,9	13,1	10,6	31,5	46,5	47,7
Dytiki Ellada	14,2	20,8	46,2	48,4	88,1	81,8
Stereia Ellada	11,9	6,7	-43,5	49,1	21,9	-55,3
Peloponnisos	17,1	18,8	10,0	64,2	71,7	11,7
Attiki	43,3	22,7	-47,7	206,5	84,4	-59,1
Voreio Aigaio	3,5	14,3	310,5	13,1	60,5	360,8
Notio Aigaio	27,0	28,7	6,4	107,5	94,3	-12,3
Kriti	19,0	17,1	-9,7	58,5	56,1	-4,2
Greece, Total	204,7	202,1	-1,3	814,6	778,3	-4,5

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(2) 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, repairs, demolitions, etc.

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region,
December 2013 - November 2014 and December 2014 - November 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	139,3	110,6	-20,6	536,7	428,9	-20,1
Kentriki Makedonia	426,4	422,1	-1,0	2.147,5	2.128,1	-0,9
Dytiki Makedonia	82,2	336,6	309,7	377,0	4.041,0	971,9
Thessalia	163,3	163,9	0,4	756,0	793,4	4,9
Ipeiros	95,4	79,2	-17,0	386,4	300,7	-22,2
Ionioi Nisoi	99,9	99,0	-1,0	324,3	340,5	5,0
Dytiki Ellada	198,3	185,4	-6,5	811,8	759,4	-6,5
Stereia Ellada	192,9	201,1	4,2	962,1	979,7	1,8
Peloponnisos	224,4	236,2	5,3	831,4	979,5	17,8
Attiki	461,2	360,8	-21,8	2.056,6	1.499,7	-27,1
Voreio Aigaio	51,4	88,6	72,4	195,1	351,6	80,2
Notio Aigaio	214,3	204,2	-4,7	878,1	717,9	-18,2
Kriti	228,8	225,1	-1,6	815,5	803,4	-1,5
Greece, Total	2.577,7	2.712,8	5,2	11.078,4	14.123,7	27,5

**Table 4. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region,
December 2013 - November 2014 and December 2014 - November 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	136,3	109,4	-19,7	524,8	423,7	-19,3
Kentriki Makedonia	422,2	417,1	-1,2	2.126,9	2.107,8	-0,9
Dytiki Makedonia	78,1	75,3	-3,6	363,5	412,6	13,5
Thessalia	150,1	162,9	8,5	712,9	789,1	10,7
Ipeiros	92,8	78,9	-14,9	372,1	299,5	-19,5
Ionioi Nisoi	99,9	99,0	-0,9	324,0	340,5	5,1
Dytiki Ellada	193,9	179,4	-7,5	794,9	735,5	-7,5
Stereia Ellada	192,8	201,0	4,2	961,8	979,1	1,8
Peloponnisos	219,7	235,2	7,1	813,9	976,4	20,0
Attiki	456,5	350,5	-23,2	2.040,4	1.463,0	-28,3
Voreio Aigaio	49,1	84,1	71,4	188,1	333,5	77,3
Notio Aigaio	214,1	202,4	-5,5	876,7	711,2	-18,9
Kriti	223,2	222,2	-0,4	791,9	792,5	0,1
Greece, Total	2.528,5	2.417,3	-4,4	10.892,0	10.364,4	-4,8

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region,
January - November 2014 and 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - November 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - November 2014	2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	131,7	103,3	-21,6	502,6	405,6	-19,3
Kentriki Makedonia	398,0	386,5	-2,9	2.038,2	1.960,3	-3,8
Dytiki Makedonia	78,5	326,3	315,6	364,6	3.984,9	992,9
Thessalia	140,7	149,6	6,3	675,1	732,6	8,5
Ipeiros	88,5	73,4	-17,0	359,1	282,9	-21,2
Ionioi Nisoi	96,4	91,0	-5,6	312,9	315,5	0,8
Dytiki Ellada	178,1	171,2	-3,9	731,8	705,3	-3,6
Stereia Ellada	171,9	186,8	8,7	864,1	924,5	7,0
Peloponnisos	203,5	215,8	6,1	752,7	894,9	18,9
Attiki	433,3	326,8	-24,6	1.946,0	1.357,5	-30,2
Voreio Aigaio	45,2	74,1	64,2	171,0	288,8	68,9
Notio Aigaio	190,6	170,1	-10,7	794,2	596,1	-24,9
Kriti	207,1	210,7	1,8	734,8	757,5	3,1
Greece, Total	2.363,4	2.485,7	5,2	10.247,2	13.206,4	28,9

**Table 6. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region,
January - November 2014 and 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}**

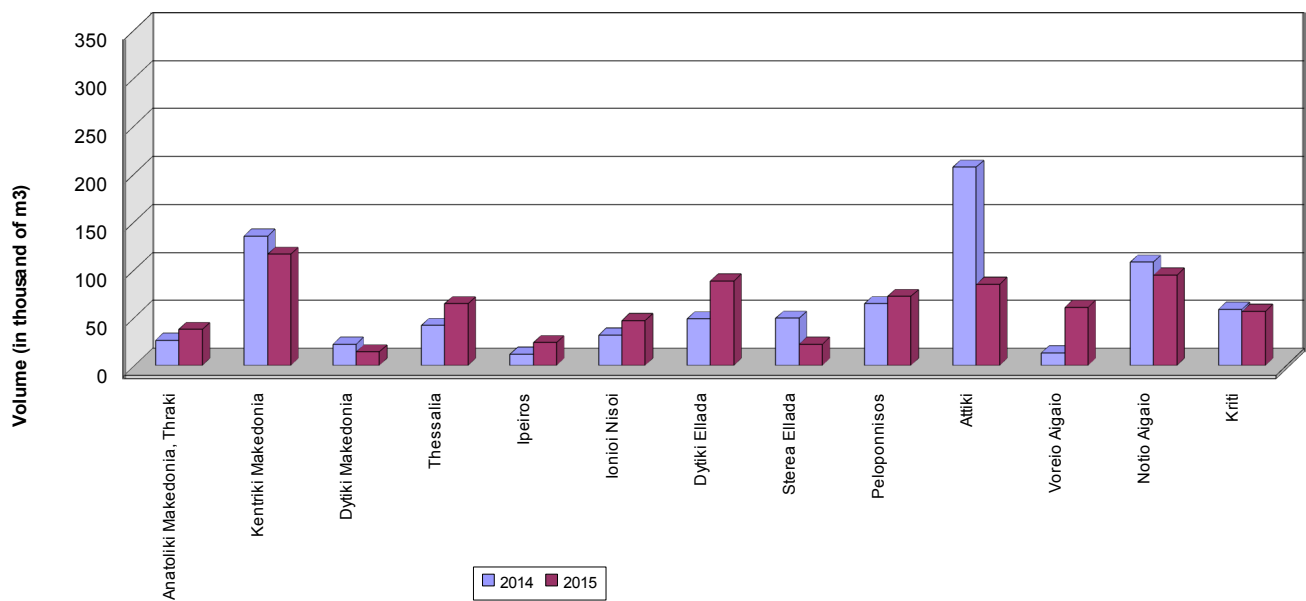
Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - November 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - November 2014	2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	128,7	102,0	-20,7	490,8	400,4	-18,4
Kentriki Makedonia	393,7	383,1	-2,7	2.017,6	1.949,6	-3,4
Dytiki Makedonia	74,4	65,0	-12,7	351,1	356,4	1,5
Thessalia	137,0	148,9	8,6	658,2	730,0	10,9
Ipeiros	85,9	73,2	-14,8	344,8	281,6	-18,3
Ionioi Nisoi	96,3	91,0	-5,6	312,6	315,5	0,9
Dytiki Ellada	173,7	165,3	-4,9	714,9	681,4	-4,7
Stereia Ellada	171,8	186,7	8,7	863,8	924,3	7,0
Peloponnisos	199,3	214,8	7,8	737,7	891,8	20,9
Attiki	429,6	316,5	-26,3	1.934,7	1.320,8	-31,7
Voreio Aigaio	42,8	69,6	62,5	164,0	270,8	65,1
Notio Aigaio	190,4	169,3	-11,1	792,8	592,6	-25,2
Kriti	201,5	207,9	3,2	711,2	746,6	5,0
Greece, Total	2.325,2	2.193,2	-5,7	10.094,2	9.461,8	-6,3

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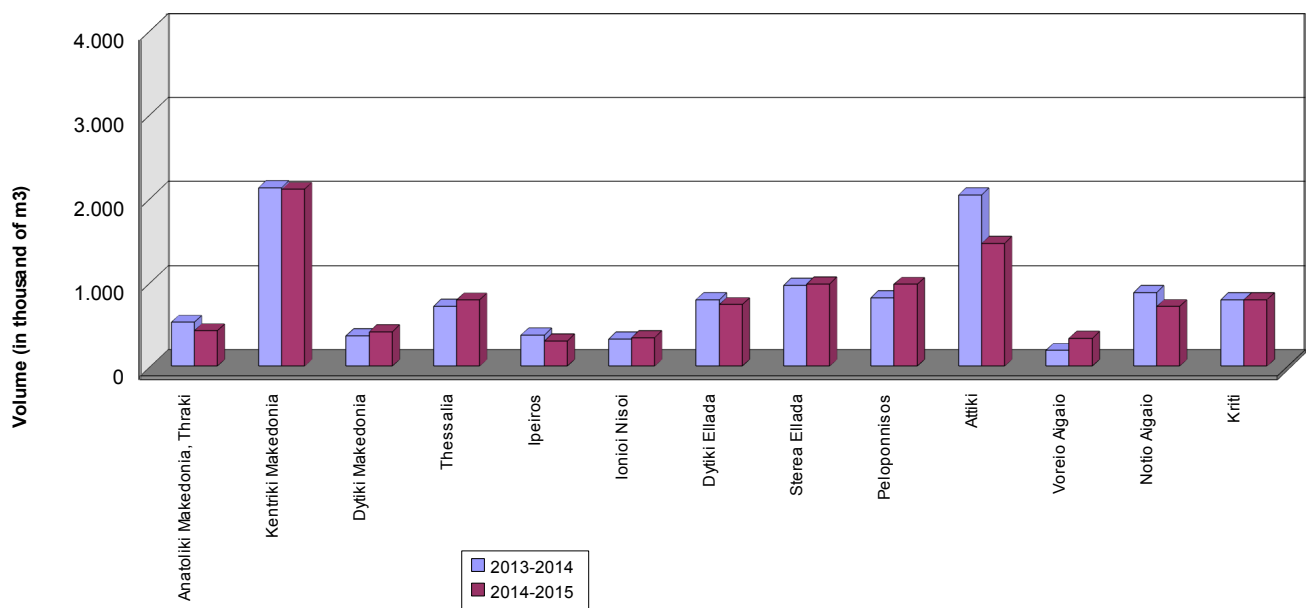
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, November 2014 and 2015 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, December 2013 - November 2014 and December 2014 - November 2015 *



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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 competent administrative authorities, which have to complete the relevant questionnaire. The survey covers all the characteristics 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 (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended pursuant to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
Reference Period	01/11/2015 to 30/11/2015
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers all the issued building permits across the country. ELSTAT does not publish the number of issued building permits in order to prevent indirect disclosure of individual data, at regional level.
Definitions	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. The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building". 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. New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished. 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. Building volume (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 any) and the roof of the building. If there is an open ground floor not enclosed within walls (pilotis area) between the lower floor and the roof, its volume is taken into account the total volume of the other spaces. The relevant authorities calculate the volume of the building during the issuing of the building permit. Surface of new-built property is the sum of each floor's surface which is extended up to the external side of the external walls and of other auxiliary spaces.
General Remark	Any differences that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
References	More information (questionnaires, methodology) concerning the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: www.statistics.gr , at the link: Industry, Commerce, Services, Transportations > Building - Constructions > Building Activity .