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Building Activity Survey: June 2015

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in June 2015 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,380. This figure corresponds to 263.0 thousand m² of surface and 1,216.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 14.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 9.2% decrease in surface and a 14.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2014 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2015 correspond to 260.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,206.7 thousand m³ of volume ⁽¹⁾. In comparison with the same month of 2014 there is a 9.5% decrease in surface and a 15.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in June 2015 correspond to 2.6 thousand m² of surface and 9.5 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.8% of the total building volume in June 2015.

In the last twelve months, from July 2014 until June 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,877. This figure corresponds to 2,693.0 thousand m² of surface and 11,638.3 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from July 2013 until June 2014, a 6.8% decrease is recorded in surface and a 4.3% decrease in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from July 2014 until June 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 5.0% decrease in surface and a 2.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from July 2013 to June 2014 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.9% of the total building volume.

During the period January - June 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded an 8.2% increase in surface and an 8.5% increase in volume compared with the corresponding period of 2014 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - June 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.7% increase in surface and a 7.7% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - June 2014 (Table 6).

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

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June 2014	June 2015	Change (%)	June 2014	June 2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	9,9	13,4	35,6	35,5	54,7	54,2
Kentriki Makedonia	46,7	46,9	0,4	262,9	250,6	-4,7
Dytiki Makedonia	5,1	13,0	157,2	23,2	93,4	301,8
Thessalia	15,8	12,4	-21,6	71,2	62,4	-12,4
Ipeiros	8,9	5,9	-34,2	41,2	24,1	-41,5
Ionioi Nisoi	6,2	9,9	59,5	19,9	32,8	64,6
Dytiki Ellada	26,9	18,3	-32,1	105,9	89,4	-15,6
Stereia Ellada	25,8	23,9	-7,2	152,2	124,3	-18,3
Peloponnisos	13,0	31,9	145,7	42,7	143,5	236,5
Attiki	73,4	43,5	-40,7	343,8	174,2	-49,3
Voreio Aigaio	2,1	9,0	332,7	7,1	35,4	396,9
Notio Aigaio	40,6	12,2	-69,9	270,2	47,2	-82,5
Kriti	15,5	22,7	46,4	52,0	84,2	61,8
Greece, Total	289,8	263,0	-9,2	1.427,9	1.216,2	-14,8

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

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June 2014	June 2015	Change (%)	June 2014	June 2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	9,9	12,8	29,5	35,5	52,3	47,6
Kentriki Makedonia	45,6	45,8	0,3	258,2	247,2	-4,3
Dytiki Makedonia	5,1	13,0	157,2	23,2	93,4	301,8
Thessalia	15,6	12,2	-21,7	70,8	61,7	-12,8
Ipeiros	8,9	5,9	-34,2	41,2	24,1	-41,5
Ionioi Nisoi	6,2	9,9	59,5	19,9	32,8	64,6
Dytiki Ellada	26,9	18,3	-32,1	105,9	89,4	-15,6
Stereia Ellada	25,8	23,9	-7,2	152,2	124,3	-18,3
Peloponnisos	13,0	31,6	143,5	42,7	142,6	234,2
Attiki	73,4	43,5	-40,7	343,8	174,2	-49,3
Voreio Aigaio	2,1	8,7	317,7	7,1	33,8	373,6
Notio Aigaio	40,6	12,1	-70,1	270,2	46,8	-82,7
Kriti	14,8	22,7	53,8	49,8	84,2	69,2
Greece, Total	287,8	260,4	-9,5	1.420,5	1.206,7	-15,1

(1) Provisional data

(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,
July 2013 - June 2014 and July 2014 - June 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	192,0	151,1	-21,3	803,3	585,0	-27,2
Kentriki Makedonia	483,5	498,8	3,2	2.223,2	2.635,2	18,5
Dytiki Makedonia	92,6	103,0	11,2	412,2	551,4	33,8
Thessalia	184,2	166,2	-9,8	801,7	812,4	1,3
Ipeiros	75,5	87,5	15,9	303,3	330,4	8,9
Ionioi Nisoi	83,6	120,1	43,6	295,0	391,6	32,8
Dytiki Ellada	215,6	191,0	-11,4	834,0	802,5	-3,8
Stereia Ellada	216,9	191,4	-11,8	1.145,8	869,7	-24,1
Peloponnisos	257,2	243,1	-5,5	968,0	973,9	0,6
Attiki	530,9	411,9	-22,4	2.234,3	1.770,4	-20,8
Voreio Aigaio	55,1	78,4	42,2	201,8	310,5	53,9
Notio Aigaio	249,7	203,1	-18,7	1.002,2	721,7	-28,0
Kriti	252,8	247,4	-2,1	939,5	883,5	-6,0
Greece, Total	2.889,7	2.693,0	-6,8	12.164,2	11.638,3	-4,3

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

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July - June		Change (%)	July - June		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	182,0	147,6	-18,9	757,0	570,9	-24,6
Kentriki Makedonia	471,0	492,7	4,6	2.173,3	2.606,5	19,9
Dytiki Makedonia	88,7	83,7	-5,7	399,4	448,3	12,2
Thessalia	158,7	165,3	4,2	702,3	808,7	15,1
Ipeiros	73,4	87,0	18,5	291,1	328,2	12,8
Ionioi Nisoi	83,4	120,0	43,8	293,8	391,4	33,2
Dytiki Ellada	213,1	183,6	-13,8	824,0	774,0	-6,1
Stereia Ellada	216,3	191,1	-11,6	1.143,9	868,9	-24,0
Peloponnisos	247,6	242,0	-2,2	929,8	970,7	4,4
Attiki	504,6	411,3	-18,5	2.142,2	1.767,8	-17,5
Voreio Aigaio	51,3	75,8	47,5	186,3	301,8	62,0
Notio Aigaio	246,6	201,8	-18,2	988,0	717,0	-27,4
Kriti	246,2	242,8	-1,4	912,5	864,2	-5,3
Greece, Total	2.782,9	2.644,7	-5,0	11.743,5	11.418,4	-2,8

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, January - June 2014 and 2015⁽¹⁾ (2) (3)

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	50,8	62,8	23,7	184,4	243,5	32,1
Kentriki Makedonia	194,0	259,2	33,6	951,6	1.380,8	45,1
Dytiki Makedonia	43,4	57,6	32,7	192,6	323,2	67,9
Thessalia	82,7	93,9	13,5	401,3	477,8	19,1
Ipeiros	47,3	40,6	-14,3	202,5	155,9	-23,0
Ionioi Nisoi	42,7	58,3	36,6	149,4	203,1	36,0
Dytiki Ellada	94,7	93,5	-1,3	380,2	396,9	4,4
Stereia Ellada	100,0	105,2	5,2	559,4	509,9	-8,9
Peloponnisos	102,2	121,4	18,8	384,5	521,1	35,5
Attiki	257,9	202,4	-21,5	1.159,9	842,0	-27,4
Voreio Aigaio	17,7	36,5	105,8	64,3	141,0	119,5
Notio Aigaio	114,8	93,2	-18,8	529,5	335,2	-36,7
Kriti	108,4	134,4	24,0	394,2	497,0	26,1
Greece, Total	1.256,6	1.359,1	8,2	5.553,7	6.027,4	8,5

Table 6. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, January - June 2014 and 2015⁽¹⁾ (2) (3)

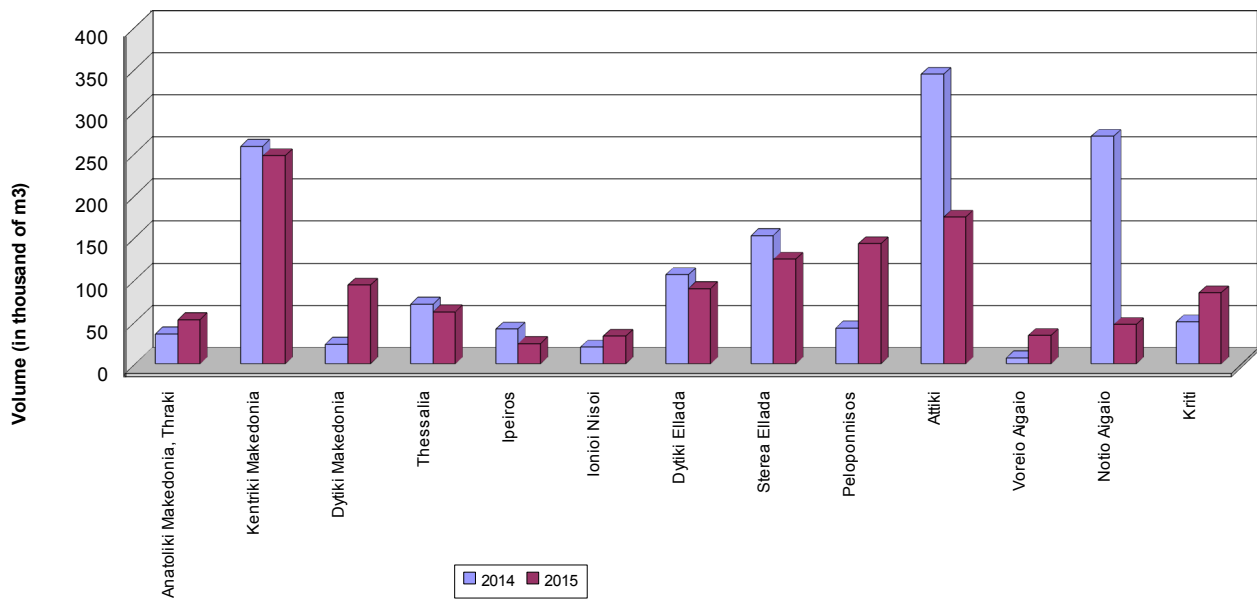
Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - June		Change (%)	January - June		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	50,2	61,8	23,1	182,0	238,9	31,2
Kentriki Makedonia	192,5	257,6	33,8	945,0	1.375,7	45,6
Dytiki Makedonia	39,5	38,4	-2,6	179,8	220,9	22,8
Thessalia	79,1	93,3	18,0	384,3	475,7	23,8
Ipeiros	45,3	40,6	-10,3	190,3	155,9	-18,1
Ionioi Nisoi	42,7	58,3	36,6	149,4	203,1	36,0
Dytiki Ellada	94,7	90,4	-4,5	380,2	385,2	1,3
Stereia Ellada	100,0	105,1	5,1	559,4	509,7	-8,9
Peloponnisos	98,1	120,4	22,8	369,6	518,0	40,2
Attiki	254,2	201,8	-20,6	1.148,5	839,4	-26,9
Voreio Aigaio	17,7	36,2	104,0	64,3	139,4	116,9
Notio Aigaio	114,5	92,9	-18,9	528,1	333,7	-36,8
Kriti	105,2	132,2	25,6	381,0	488,0	28,1
Greece, Total	1.233,7	1.329,1	7,7	5.461,9	5.883,5	7,7

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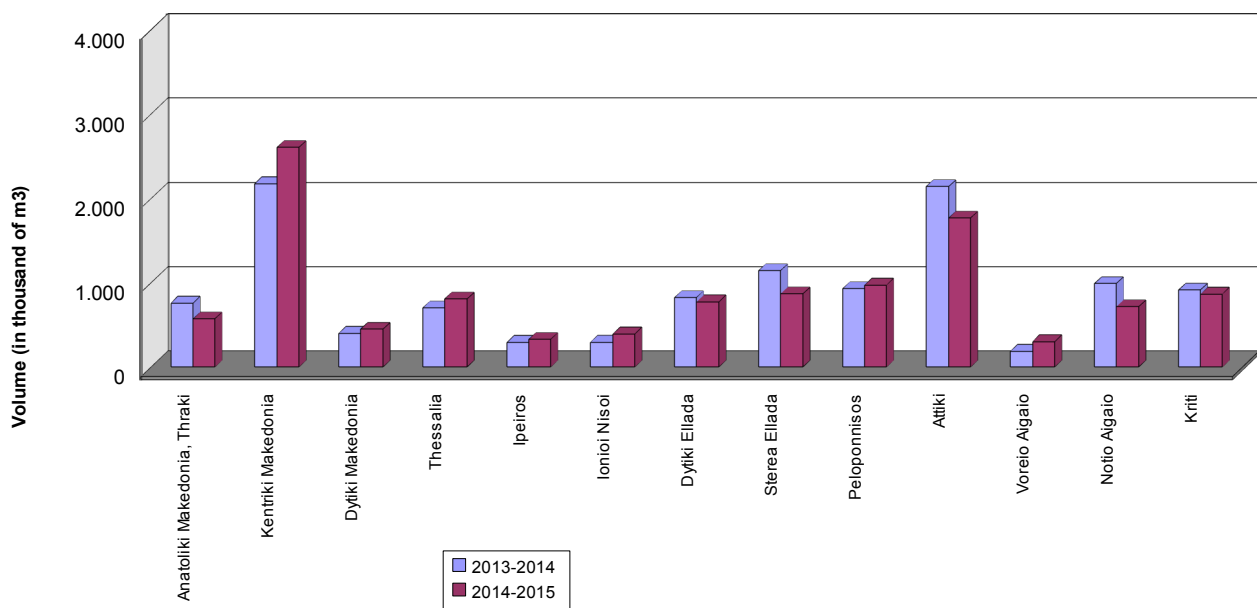
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, June 2014 and 2015 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, July 2013 - June 2014 and July 2014 - June 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	01/06/2015 to 30/06/2015
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers all the issued building permits across the country. From now onwards, ELSTAT will not publish information on 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: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.