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Building Activity Survey: May 2015

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in May 2015 the Total Building Activity (private-public), in the country as a whole -which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits in the country- amounted to 1,240. This figure corresponds to 228.0 thousand m² of surface and 1,037.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 1.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 2.7% decrease in surface and a 3.9% increase in volume, compared to the same month of 2014. (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,237 building permits, corresponding to 227.6 thousand m² of surface and 1,035.8 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2014, there is a 2.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 0.6% decrease in surface and a 6.1% increase in volume. (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in May 2015 amounted to 3 building permits, corresponding to 0.5 thousand m² of surface and 2.1 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.2% of the total building volume in May 2015.

In the last twelve months, from June 2014 until May 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,700. This figure corresponds to 2,719.8 thousand m² of surface and 11,850.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 7.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 4.4% decrease in surface and a 0.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2013 until May 2014. (Table 3).

In the same period, from June 2014 until May 2015, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 7.4% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 1.9% decrease in surface and a 3.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2013 to May 2014. (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.8% of the total building volume.

During the period January - May 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 6.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 13.4% increase in surface and a 16.6% increase in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2014. (Table 5).

During the same period, January - May 2015, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 6.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 13.0% increase in surface and a 15.7% increase in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - May 2014. (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in May 2014 and 2015 ^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	45	62	37,8	5,9	10,0	70,1	21,1	36,5	73,3
Kentriki Makedonia	165	157	-4,8	32,6	56,7	73,6	128,6	307,4	138,9
Dytiki Makedonia	32	18	-43,8	11,9	2,3	-80,9	55,9	9,5	-83,0
Thessalia	62	74	19,4	13,6	14,0	3,1	68,5	69,3	1,2
Ipeiros	48	43	-10,4	7,9	7,5	-5,3	30,5	27,6	-9,5
Ionioi Nisoi	53	53	0,0	9,4	8,2	-13,0	29,7	31,7	6,5
Dytiki Ellada	101	102	1,0	11,7	12,8	9,6	45,0	46,3	2,9
Stereia Ellada	105	104	-1,0	19,4	12,9	-33,4	94,9	55,1	-42,0
Peloponnisos	135	132	-2,2	21,9	17,4	-20,5	85,4	83,4	-2,3
Attiki	250	264	5,6	52,1	44,0	-15,6	275,5	208,5	-24,3
Voreio Aigaio	46	42	-8,7	5,5	6,3	14,5	21,8	23,9	9,7
Notio Aigaio	83	98	18,1	17,4	16,4	-5,4	56,1	62,8	12,1
Kriti	92	91	-1,1	25,1	19,6	-21,9	85,5	75,9	-11,3
Greece, Total	1.217	1.240	1,9	234,3	228,0	-2,7	998,5	1.037,9	3,9

(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 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in May 2014 and 2015 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	45	62	37,8	5,9	10,0	70,1	21,1	36,5	73,3
Kentriki Makedonia	165	156	-5,5	32,6	56,7	73,6	128,6	307,4	138,9
Dytiki Makedonia	31	18	-41,9	11,6	2,3	-80,5	53,6	9,5	-82,2
Thessalia	60	74	23,3	12,1	14,0	15,9	61,1	69,3	13,5
Ipeiros	47	43	-8,5	7,8	7,5	-3,7	30,0	27,6	-8,0
Ionioi Nisoi	53	53	0,0	9,4	8,2	-13,0	29,7	31,7	6,5
Dytiki Ellada	100	102	2,0	11,7	12,8	9,6	45,0	46,3	2,9
Stereia Ellada	103	103	0,0	19,4	12,9	-33,7	94,8	54,9	-42,2
Peloponnisos	135	132	-2,2	21,9	17,4	-20,5	85,4	83,4	-2,3
Attiki	249	264	6,0	50,4	44,0	-12,7	271,8	208,5	-23,3
Voreio Aigaio	46	42	-8,7	5,5	6,3	14,5	21,8	23,9	9,7
Notio Aigaio	83	98	18,1	17,4	16,4	-5,4	56,1	62,8	12,1
Kriti	91	90	-1,1	23,4	19,2	-17,9	77,4	74,0	-4,5
Greece, Total	1.208	1.237	2,4	229,0	227,6	-0,6	976,5	1.035,8	6,1

(1) Provisional data

Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period June 2013 - May 2014 and June 2014 - May 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May 2013-2014	June - May 2014-2015	Change (%)	June - May 2013-2014	June - May 2014-2015	Change (%)	June - May 2013-2014	June - May 2014-2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	670	626	-6,6	190,8	147,6	-22,6	798,3	565,8	-29,1
Kentriki Makedonia	1.939	1.922	-0,9	474,5	498,6	5,1	2.137,1	2.647,4	23,9
Dytiki Makedonia	318	302	-5,0	90,8	95,1	4,7	399,3	481,3	20,5
Thessalia	872	747	-14,3	182,7	169,6	-7,1	779,2	821,3	5,4
Ipeiros	495	466	-5,9	73,0	90,6	24,0	285,9	347,5	21,5
Ionioi Nisoi	508	633	24,6	83,4	116,4	39,5	293,5	378,8	29,0
Dytiki Ellada	1.398	1.153	-17,5	213,3	199,7	-6,4	848,5	819,1	-3,5
Stereia Ellada	1.209	1.126	-6,9	208,1	193,2	-7,2	1.053,6	897,6	-14,8
Peloponnisos	1.606	1.465	-8,8	284,2	224,1	-21,1	1.066,1	873,0	-18,1
Attiki	3.135	2.651	-15,4	509,5	441,8	-13,3	2.159,4	1.940,0	-10,2
Voreio Aigaio	475	476	0,2	58,1	71,5	23,0	211,5	282,2	33,4
Notio Aigaio	1.228	1.180	-3,9	225,5	231,5	2,6	785,0	944,6	20,3
Kriti	1.025	953	-7,0	251,8	240,2	-4,6	939,4	851,4	-9,4
Greece, Total	14.878	13.700	-7,9	2.845,8	2.719,8	-4,4	11.757,0	11.850,0	0,8

* Provisional data

Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period June 2013 - May 2014 and June 2014 - May 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May 2013-2014	June - May 2014-2015	Change (%)	June - May 2013-2014	June - May 2014-2015	Change (%)	June - May 2013-2014	June - May 2014-2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	654	621	-5,0	180,4	144,7	-19,8	750,7	554,0	-26,2
Kentriki Makedonia	1.915	1.897	-0,9	462,8	492,6	6,4	2.090,3	2.617,5	25,2
Dytiki Makedonia	313	299	-4,5	86,9	75,8	-12,8	386,5	378,1	-2,2
Thessalia	845	741	-12,3	156,6	168,7	7,7	678,3	817,7	20,6
Ipeiros	491	464	-5,5	71,0	90,0	26,9	273,7	345,3	26,1
Ionioi Nisoi	506	630	24,5	83,2	116,3	39,7	292,4	378,5	29,5
Dytiki Ellada	1.389	1.146	-17,5	202,7	192,2	-5,2	781,1	790,6	1,2
Stereia Ellada	1.201	1.122	-6,6	207,1	193,0	-6,8	1.050,7	896,9	-14,6
Peloponnisos	1.578	1.459	-7,5	273,9	223,4	-18,4	1.025,7	870,8	-15,1
Attiki	3.119	2.650	-15,0	479,5	441,1	-8,0	2.050,1	1.937,4	-5,5
Voreio Aigaio	473	473	0,0	54,3	69,1	27,2	196,0	275,2	40,4
Notio Aigaio	1.224	1.175	-4,0	222,4	230,3	3,5	770,8	940,4	22,0
Kriti	999	943	-5,6	243,7	234,8	-3,6	907,1	829,8	-8,5
Greece, Total	14.707	13.620	-7,4	2.724,6	2.672,0	-1,9	11.253,3	11.632,2	3,4

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January - May 2014 and 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - May 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - May 2014	2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	240	246	2,5	40,9	49,4	20,8	148,9	188,8	26,8
Kentriki Makedonia	658	718	9,1	147,3	212,3	44,2	688,7	1.130,1	64,1
Dytiki Makedonia	113	102	-9,7	38,3	44,6	16,3	169,3	229,8	35,7
Thessalia	277	307	10,8	67,0	81,5	21,8	330,0	415,4	25,9
Ipeiros	181	178	-1,7	38,4	34,7	-9,6	161,3	131,8	-18,3
Ionioi Nisoi	192	268	39,6	36,5	48,5	32,8	129,5	170,3	31,6
Dytiki Ellada	469	442	-5,8	67,8	75,2	10,9	274,3	307,5	12,1
Stereia Ellada	409	434	6,1	74,3	81,3	9,4	407,2	385,6	-5,3
Peloponnisos	589	587	-0,3	89,3	89,5	0,3	341,9	377,6	10,4
Attiki	1.064	1.088	2,3	184,5	159,0	-13,8	816,0	667,8	-18,2
Voreio Aigaio	146	195	33,6	15,6	27,5	75,5	57,1	105,6	84,8
Notio Aigaio	428	500	16,8	74,2	81,0	9,2	259,3	288,0	11,1
Kriti	399	417	4,5	92,8	111,7	20,3	342,2	412,8	20,7
Greece, Total	5.165	5.482	6,1	966,8	1.096,2	13,4	4.125,7	4.811,3	16,6

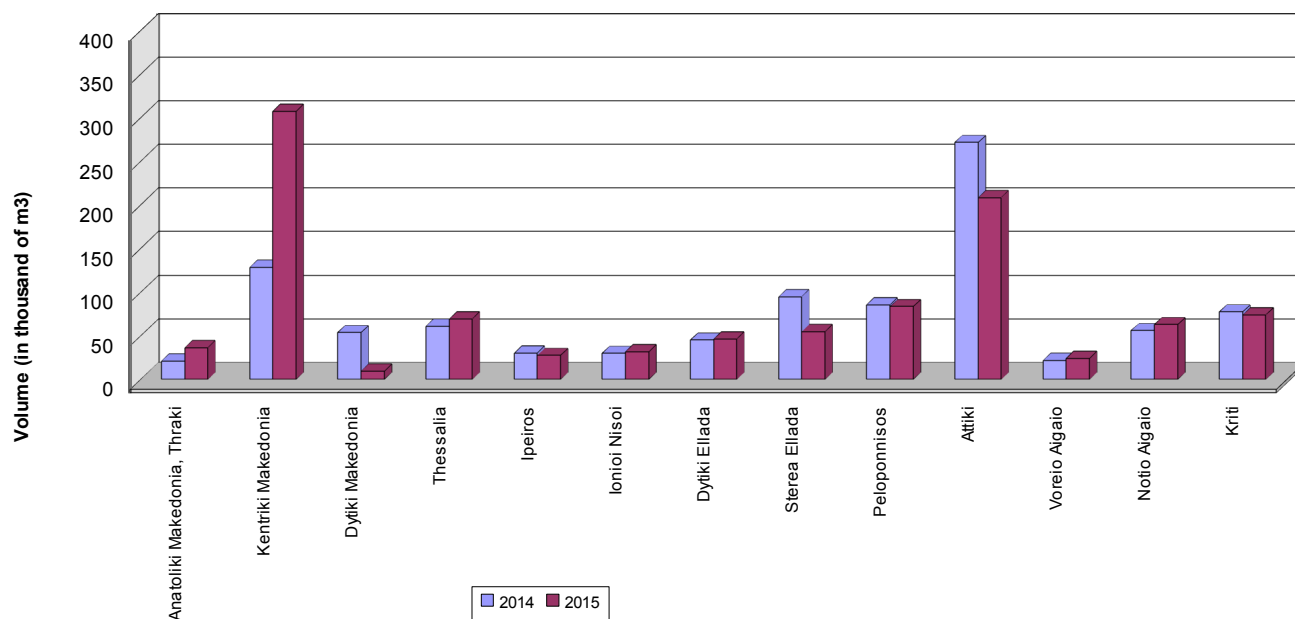
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - May 2014 and 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - May 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - May 2014	2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	237	244	3,0	40,3	49,0	21,5	146,6	186,5	27,3
Kentriki Makedonia	654	710	8,6	146,9	211,9	44,2	686,8	1.128,5	64,3
Dytiki Makedonia	109	100	-8,3	34,4	25,4	-26,1	156,6	127,5	-18,6
Thessalia	270	306	13,3	63,4	81,1	27,8	313,5	413,9	32,0
Ipeiros	177	178	0,6	36,3	34,7	-4,5	149,1	131,8	-11,6
Ionioi Nisoi	191	268	40,3	36,5	48,5	32,8	129,5	170,3	31,6
Dytiki Ellada	466	437	-6,2	67,8	72,1	6,4	274,3	295,8	7,9
Stereia Ellada	407	433	6,4	74,3	81,2	9,4	407,1	385,4	-5,3
Peloponnisos	580	583	0,5	85,1	88,8	4,4	326,9	375,4	14,8
Attiki	1.055	1.087	3,0	180,8	158,3	-12,4	804,7	665,2	-17,3
Voreio Aigaio	146	195	33,6	15,6	27,5	75,5	57,1	105,6	84,8
Notio Aigaio	427	497	16,4	73,9	80,7	9,2	257,9	286,9	11,2
Kriti	387	412	6,5	90,5	109,4	21,0	331,2	403,8	21,9
Greece, Total	5.106	5.450	6,7	945,9	1.068,7	13,0	4.041,4	4.676,8	15,7

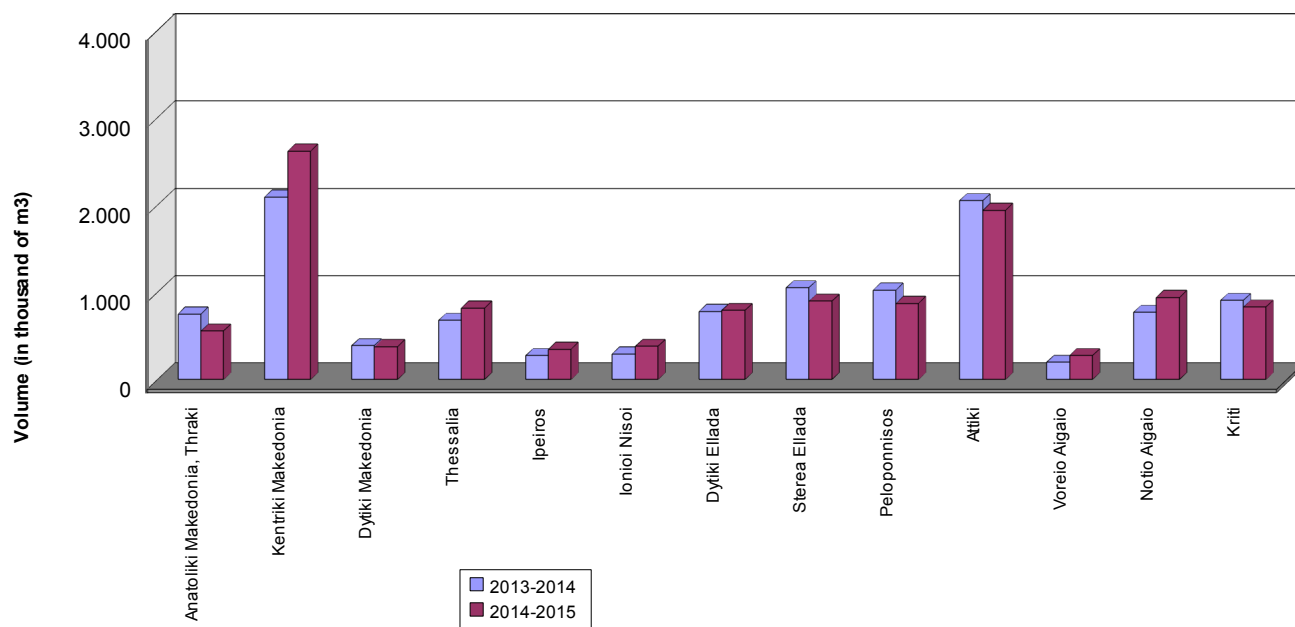
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in May 2014 and 2015 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period June 2013 - May 2014 and June 2014 - May 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 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.
Legal Framework	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.
Reference Period	01/05/2015 to 31/05/2015
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
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 (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. Surface of new-built property is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.
General Remark	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
References	More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: www.statistics.gr , under the links: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.