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Building Activity Survey: April 2014

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in April 2014 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 1,025. This figure corresponds to 221.8 thousand m² of surface and 980.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 35.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 24.8% decrease in surface and an 11.6% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2013 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,015 building permits, corresponding to 220.5 thousand m² of surface and 975.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2013, there is a 35.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 21.6% decrease in surface and a 7.7% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in April 2014 amounted to 10 building permits, corresponding to 1.3 thousand m² of surface and 4.6 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.5% of the total building volume in April 2014.

In the last twelve months, from May 2013 until April 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 14,864. This figure corresponds to 2,824.1 thousand m² of surface and 11,664.6 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 22.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 21.6% decrease in surface and a 17.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from May 2012 to April 2013 (Table 3).

In the same period, from May 2013 until April 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 22.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 22.2% decrease in surface and a 17.6% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from May 2012 to April 2013 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.3% of the total building volume.

During the period January - April 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 27.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 22.9% decrease in surface and a 15.7% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2013 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - April 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 28.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 21.8% decrease in surface and a 14.2% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - April 2013 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in April 2013 and 2014 ^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	75	47	-37,3	38,6	9,8	-74,6	129,3	35,8	-72,3
Kentriki Makedonia	203	128	-36,9	38,5	41,0	6,4	141,5	212,4	50,1
Dytiki Makedonia	20	22	10,0	6,6	7,2	8,2	25,8	32,8	27,1
Thessalia	75	50	-33,3	8,6	16,8	96,0	30,8	77,8	152,3
Ipeiros	46	43	-6,5	11,5	15,8	37,9	40,0	73,1	82,8
Ionioi Nisoi	51	40	-21,6	7,6	5,7	-25,6	27,6	19,6	-29,0
Dytiki Ellada	148	104	-29,7	17,0	15,2	-10,5	65,2	53,8	-17,5
Stereia Ellada	135	78	-42,2	28,9	18,0	-37,8	145,5	109,8	-24,6
Peloponnisos	159	122	-23,3	30,7	17,8	-42,2	117,3	61,7	-47,4
Attiki	405	209	-48,4	60,7	39,4	-35,1	221,3	163,4	-26,2
Voreio Aigaio	61	20	-67,2	6,4	3,3	-48,6	24,4	12,8	-47,6
Notio Aigaio	136	87	-36,0	19,9	11,7	-41,4	66,2	43,4	-34,5
Kriti	78	75	-3,8	19,6	20,2	3,2	73,6	84,0	14,1
Greece, Total	1.592	1.025	-35,6	294,8	221,8	-24,8	1.108,5	980,2	-11,6

(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 April 2013 and 2014 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	75	47	-37,3	38,6	9,8	-74,6	129,3	35,8	-72,3
Kentriki Makedonia	201	127	-36,8	36,4	41,0	12,6	133,7	212,4	58,9
Dytiki Makedonia	18	22	22,2	2,6	7,2	176,2	10,4	32,8	215,9
Thessalia	75	50	-33,3	8,6	16,8	96,0	30,8	77,8	152,3
Ipeiros	46	43	-6,5	11,5	15,8	37,9	40,0	73,1	82,8
Ionioi Nisoi	51	40	-21,6	7,6	5,7	-25,6	27,6	19,6	-29,0
Dytiki Ellada	148	103	-30,4	17,0	15,2	-10,5	65,2	53,8	-17,5
Stereia Ellada	135	78	-42,2	28,9	18,0	-37,8	145,5	109,8	-24,6
Peloponnisos	157	120	-23,6	27,5	17,5	-36,3	107,2	60,8	-43,3
Attiki	401	208	-48,1	58,8	38,7	-34,1	212,6	161,2	-24,2
Voreio Aigaio	61	20	-67,2	6,4	3,3	-48,6	24,4	12,8	-47,6
Notio Aigaio	132	87	-34,1	18,6	11,7	-37,2	60,6	43,4	-28,4
Kriti	77	70	-9,1	18,6	19,8	6,6	70,2	82,4	17,4
Greece, Total	1.577	1.015	-35,6	281,1	220,5	-21,6	1.057,3	975,5	-7,7

(1) Provisional data

Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period May 2012 - April 2013 and May 2013 - April 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May - April 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)	May - April 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)	May - April 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	897	690	-23,1	184,1	193,5	5,1	680,4	806,2	18,5
Kentriki Makedonia	2.755	1.943	-29,5	673,0	475,3	-29,4	3.034,3	2.160,3	-28,8
Dytiki Makedonia	363	307	-15,4	113,1	84,2	-25,5	457,9	367,4	-19,8
Thessalia	1.195	885	-25,9	214,9	182,9	-14,9	822,2	758,9	-7,7
Ipeiros	636	487	-23,4	115,2	69,5	-39,7	380,3	272,9	-28,2
Ionioi Nisoi	692	490	-29,2	138,8	79,9	-42,5	477,9	285,2	-40,3
Dytiki Ellada	1.575	1.398	-11,2	238,1	211,9	-11,0	927,5	836,3	-9,8
Stereia Ellada	1.411	1.199	-15,0	251,5	209,8	-16,6	1.123,5	1.049,6	-6,6
Peloponnisos	2.088	1.609	-22,9	347,0	279,4	-19,5	1.289,0	1.041,2	-19,2
Attiki	4.123	3.164	-23,3	700,5	520,7	-25,7	2.628,9	2.199,3	-16,3
Voreio Aigaio	708	465	-34,3	89,2	55,9	-37,3	312,5	201,8	-35,4
Notio Aigaio	1.426	1.212	-15,0	254,7	214,7	-15,7	960,4	751,8	-21,7
Kriti	1.240	1.015	-18,1	282,6	246,5	-12,8	995,8	933,5	-6,3
Greece, Total	19.109	14.864	-22,2	3.602,6	2.824,1	-21,6	14.090,7	11.664,6	-17,2

* Provisional data

Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period May 2012 - April 2013 and May 2013 - April 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May - April 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)	May - April 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)	May - April 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	892	672	-24,7	175,2	182,4	4,1	644,2	755,9	17,3
Kentriki Makedonia	2.711	1.918	-29,3	643,9	463,2	-28,1	2.913,7	2.112,1	-27,5
Dytiki Makedonia	354	302	-14,7	101,3	80,4	-20,7	410,5	356,1	-13,3
Thessalia	1.181	860	-27,2	196,3	158,3	-19,3	739,7	665,4	-10,0
Ipeiros	630	484	-23,2	113,8	67,5	-40,7	376,6	261,2	-30,7
Ionioi Nisoi	691	488	-29,4	138,8	79,7	-42,6	477,9	284,1	-40,6
Dytiki Ellada	1.566	1.389	-11,3	226,9	201,3	-11,3	881,1	768,9	-12,7
Stereia Ellada	1.407	1.193	-15,2	251,4	208,8	-16,9	1.123,4	1.046,7	-6,8
Peloponnisos	2.074	1.579	-23,9	339,8	269,2	-20,8	1.262,2	1.000,7	-20,7
Attiki	4.105	3.146	-23,4	687,8	490,6	-28,7	2.557,5	2.087,7	-18,4
Voreio Aigaio	705	463	-34,3	88,3	52,1	-41,0	306,9	186,3	-39,3
Notio Aigaio	1.418	1.208	-14,8	251,9	211,6	-16,0	949,4	737,6	-22,3
Kriti	1.222	987	-19,2	260,0	237,2	-8,8	904,2	898,6	-0,6
Greece, Total	18.956	14.689	-22,5	3.475,6	2.702,4	-22,2	13.547,3	11.161,3	-17,6

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January - April 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - April 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - April 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	218	195	-10,6	66,6	35,0	-47,4	244,6	127,9	-47,7
Kentriki Makedonia	735	493	-32,9	153,9	114,6	-25,5	625,9	560,0	-10,5
Dytiki Makedonia	87	81	-6,9	34,2	26,5	-22,6	178,1	113,4	-36,3
Thessalia	360	215	-40,3	66,6	53,3	-20,0	264,9	261,6	-1,3
Ipeiros	155	133	-14,2	27,0	30,5	13,1	90,5	130,8	44,5
Ionioi Nisoi	178	139	-21,9	33,0	27,1	-17,8	116,0	99,7	-14,0
Dytiki Ellada	422	368	-12,8	48,1	56,1	16,7	176,5	229,3	29,9
Stereia Ellada	442	304	-31,2	88,0	54,8	-37,6	416,8	312,3	-25,1
Peloponnisos	592	454	-23,3	107,5	67,4	-37,3	414,2	256,4	-38,1
Attiki	1.325	814	-38,6	172,6	132,4	-23,3	639,2	540,5	-15,4
Voreio Aigaio	191	100	-47,6	19,6	10,1	-48,4	69,6	35,3	-49,3
Notio Aigaio	402	345	-14,2	57,6	56,8	-1,3	192,5	203,2	5,6
Kriti	361	307	-15,0	75,8	67,8	-10,6	282,8	256,7	-9,2
Greece, Total	5.468	3.948	-27,8	950,4	732,5	-22,9	3.711,6	3.127,2	-15,7

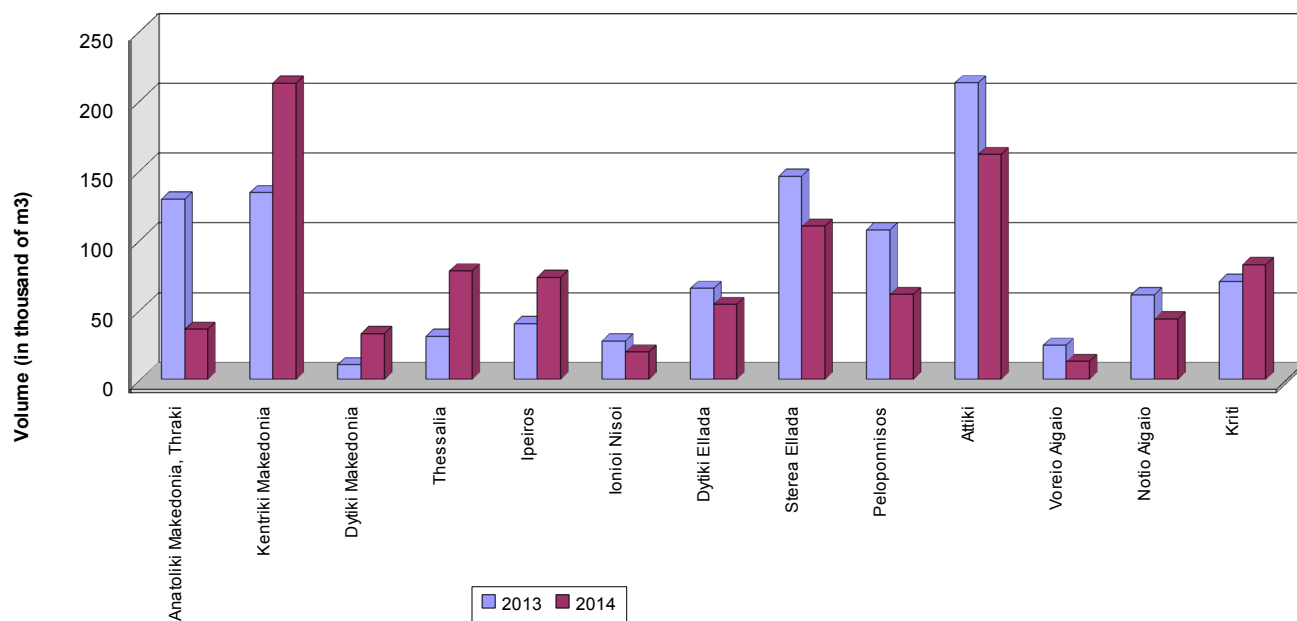
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - April 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - April 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - April 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	217	192	-11,5	66,3	34,4	-48,0	243,2	125,5	-48,4
Kentriki Makedonia	724	489	-32,5	147,3	114,3	-22,4	599,6	558,2	-6,9
Dytiki Makedonia	85	78	-8,2	30,2	22,8	-24,5	162,7	103,0	-36,7
Thessalia	354	210	-40,7	59,4	51,3	-13,6	228,4	252,5	10,5
Ipeiros	153	130	-15,0	27,0	28,6	5,9	90,5	119,1	31,5
Ionioi Nisoi	178	138	-22,5	33,0	27,1	-17,8	116,0	99,7	-14,0
Dytiki Ellada	420	366	-12,9	48,0	56,1	17,0	176,1	229,3	30,2
Stereia Ellada	442	304	-31,2	88,0	54,8	-37,6	416,8	312,3	-25,1
Peloponnisos	587	445	-24,2	101,8	63,2	-37,9	393,6	241,5	-38,6
Attiki	1.318	806	-38,8	169,1	130,4	-22,9	624,0	532,9	-14,6
Voreio Aigaio	190	100	-47,4	19,5	10,1	-48,2	69,3	35,3	-49,0
Notio Aigaio	396	344	-13,1	54,8	56,6	3,3	181,6	201,8	11,1
Kriti	355	296	-16,6	72,9	67,1	-8,0	272,0	253,8	-6,7
Greece, Total	5.419	3.898	-28,1	917,1	717,0	-21,8	3.573,7	3.064,8	-14,2

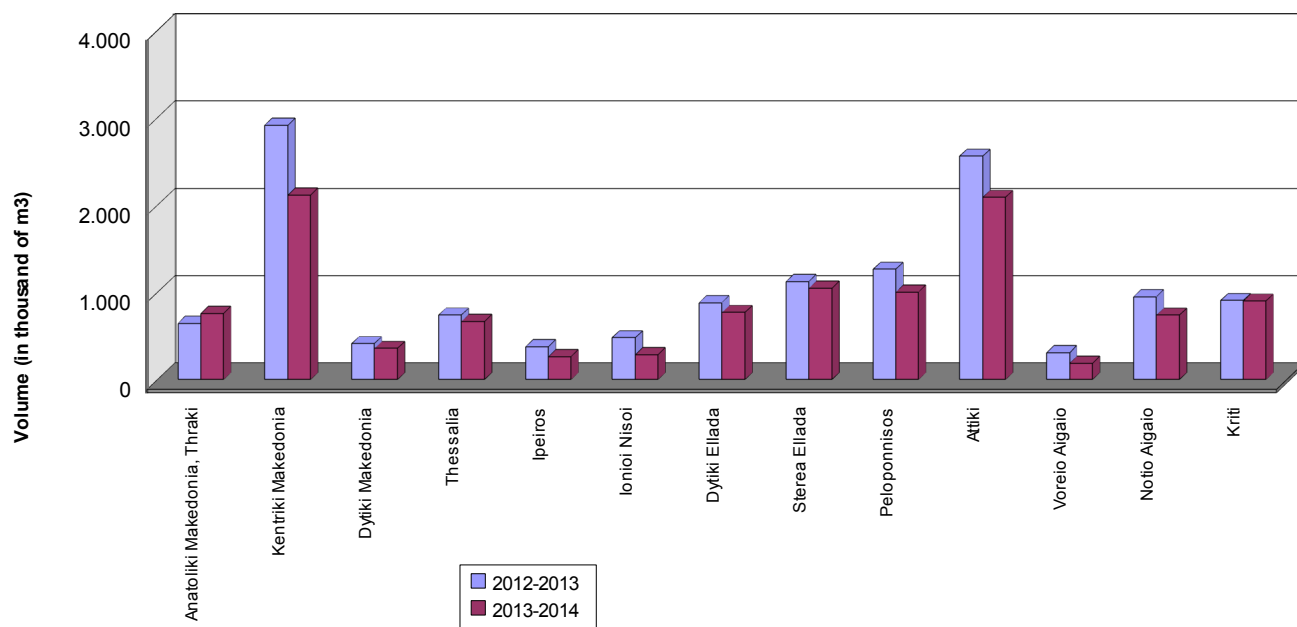
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in April 2013 and 2014 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period May 2012 - April 2013 and May 2013 - April 2014 *



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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	01/04/2014 to 30/04/2014
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.