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Building Activity Survey: DECEMBER 2014

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in December 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 1,184. This figure corresponds to 227.1 thousand m² of surface and 917.3 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 6.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 5.9% increase in surface and a 10.4% increase in volume, compared to the same month of 2013. (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,175 building permits, corresponding to 224.1 thousand m² of surface and 902.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2013, there is a 6.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 10.2% increase in surface and a 13.1% increase in volume. (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in December 2014 amounted to 9 building permits, corresponding to 3.0 thousand m² of surface and 14.8 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.6% of the total building volume in December 2014.

In the last twelve months, from January until December 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 13,383. This figure corresponds to 2,590.5 thousand m² of surface and 11,164.5 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting an 18.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 14.8% decrease in surface and an 8.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January to December 2013. (Table 3).

In the same period, from January until December 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded an 18.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 12.2% decrease in surface and a 5.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January to December 2013. (Table 4).

During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.5% of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	42	34	-19,0	7,6	7,4	-3,0	34,1	23,3	-31,7
Kentriki Makedonia	150	171	14,0	28,4	35,6	25,0	109,3	167,8	53,5
Dytiki Makedonia	23	32	39,1	3,7	10,3	182,4	12,4	56,1	353,4
Thessalia	76	59	-22,4	22,6	14,3	-36,6	80,8	60,8	-24,8
Ipeiros	51	37	-27,5	7,0	5,8	-16,7	27,3	17,8	-34,6
Ionioi Nisoi	32	58	81,3	3,5	8,0	126,4	11,4	25,0	118,8
Dytiki Ellada	123	119	-3,3	20,2	14,2	-29,9	80,0	54,1	-32,4
Stereia Ellada	106	79	-25,5	21,0	14,3	-32,0	98,0	55,2	-43,7
Peloponnisos	113	116	2,7	20,9	20,4	-2,4	78,6	84,6	7,6
Attiki	277	243	-12,3	27,9	34,0	22,0	110,6	142,2	28,6
Voreio Aigaio	49	48	-2,0	6,2	14,5	132,3	24,1	62,7	160,2
Notio Aigaio	125	111	-11,2	23,7	34,1	43,7	83,9	121,7	45,1
Kriti	98	77	-21,4	21,7	14,3	-34,0	80,6	45,9	-43,1
Greece, Total	1.265	1.184	-6,4	214,4	227,1	5,9	831,2	917,3	10,4

(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 December 2013 and 2014 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	41	34	-17,1	7,6	7,4	-3,0	34,1	23,3	-31,7
Kentriki Makedonia	150	170	13,3	28,4	33,9	19,2	109,3	158,2	44,7
Dytiki Makedonia	22	32	45,5	3,7	10,3	182,4	12,4	56,1	353,4
Thessalia	71	56	-21,1	13,0	14,0	7,5	54,8	59,1	8,0
Ipeiros	51	37	-27,5	7,0	5,8	-16,7	27,3	17,8	-34,6
Ionioi Nisoi	32	56	75,0	3,5	8,0	126,4	11,4	25,0	118,8
Dytiki Ellada	123	119	-3,3	20,2	14,2	-29,9	80,0	54,1	-32,4
Stereia Ellada	106	78	-26,4	21,0	14,2	-32,4	98,0	54,8	-44,1
Peloponnisos	109	116	6,4	20,4	20,4	0,0	76,2	84,6	11,0
Attiki	276	243	-12,0	26,9	34,0	26,4	105,7	142,2	34,5
Voreio Aigaio	49	48	-2,0	6,2	14,5	132,3	24,1	62,7	160,2
Notio Aigaio	125	109	-12,8	23,7	33,1	39,7	83,9	118,6	41,4
Kriti	95	77	-18,9	21,7	14,3	-34,0	80,6	45,9	-43,1
Greece, Total	1.250	1.175	-6,0	203,3	224,1	10,2	797,8	902,6	13,1

(1) Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - December 2013	December 2014	Change (%)	January - December 2013	December 2014	Change (%)	January - December 2013	December 2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	713	620	-13,0	225,1	139,1	-38,2	923,0	525,9	-43,0
Kentriki Makedonia	2.185	1.862	-14,8	514,6	433,5	-15,8	2.226,2	2.206,0	-0,9
Dytiki Makedonia	313	313	0,0	91,9	88,8	-3,4	432,1	420,7	-2,6
Thessalia	1.030	717	-30,4	196,2	155,0	-21,0	762,3	735,9	-3,5
Ipeiros	509	469	-7,9	65,9	94,3	43,0	232,6	377,0	62,1
Ionioi Nisoi	529	557	5,3	85,7	104,4	21,8	301,4	337,9	12,1
Dytiki Ellada	1.452	1.180	-18,7	203,9	192,3	-5,7	783,5	785,9	0,3
Stereia Ellada	1.337	1.101	-17,7	242,9	186,2	-23,3	1.154,1	919,3	-20,3
Peloponnisos	1.747	1.467	-16,0	319,5	223,9	-29,9	1.199,0	837,3	-30,2
Attiki	3.675	2.627	-28,5	560,9	467,3	-16,7	2.298,0	2.088,2	-9,1
Voreio Aigaio	556	427	-23,2	65,4	59,7	-8,8	236,1	233,7	-1,0
Notio Aigaio	1.269	1.108	-12,7	215,5	224,7	4,3	741,1	915,9	23,6
Kriti	1.069	935	-12,5	254,6	221,4	-13,0	959,6	780,7	-18,6
Greece, Total	16.384	13.383	-18,3	3.042,0	2.590,5	-14,8	12.249,0	11.164,5	-8,9

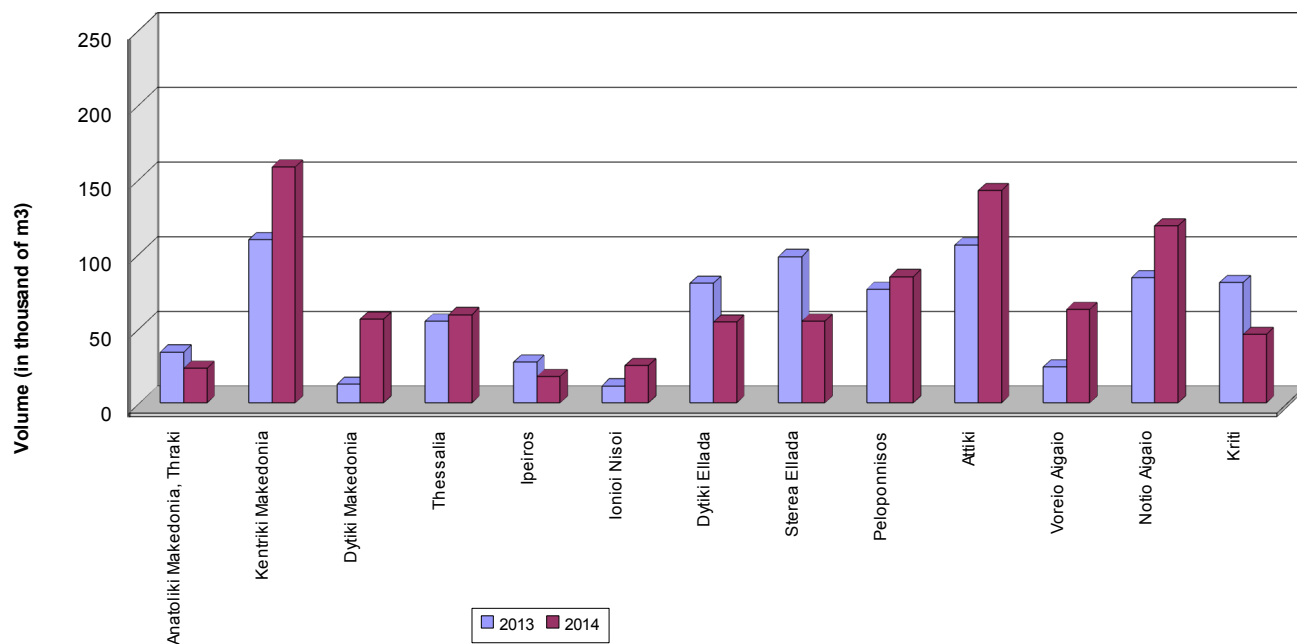
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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - December 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - December 2013	December 2014	Change (%)	January - December 2013	December 2014	Change (%)	January - December 2013	December 2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	697	614	-11,9	214,2	136,0	-36,5	873,6	514,0	-41,2
Kentriki Makedonia	2.153	1.841	-14,5	496,2	427,6	-13,8	2.153,5	2.175,8	1,0
Dytiki Makedonia	309	308	-0,3	87,8	84,7	-3,5	415,8	407,2	-2,1
Thessalia	1.004	705	-29,8	166,4	151,1	-9,2	641,4	717,3	11,8
Ipeiros	507	463	-8,7	65,9	91,7	39,0	232,6	362,7	55,9
Ionioi Nisoi	528	553	4,7	85,5	104,3	22,0	300,3	337,6	12,4
Dytiki Ellada	1.443	1.175	-18,6	193,1	187,9	-2,7	715,7	769,1	7,5
Stereia Ellada	1.331	1.096	-17,7	241,9	186,0	-23,1	1.151,2	918,6	-20,2
Peloponnisos	1.721	1.456	-15,4	307,8	219,7	-28,6	1.152,8	822,3	-28,7
Attiki	3.658	2.618	-28,4	529,3	463,6	-12,4	2.178,8	2.076,9	-4,7
Voreio Aigaio	553	424	-23,3	61,6	57,3	-6,9	220,3	226,7	2,9
Notio Aigaio	1.260	1.105	-12,3	209,8	223,5	6,5	717,4	911,4	27,0
Kriti	1.046	918	-12,2	243,0	215,8	-11,2	916,8	757,1	-17,4
Greece, Total	16.210	13.276	-18,1	2.902,6	2.549,3	-12,2	11.670,3	10.996,8	-5,8

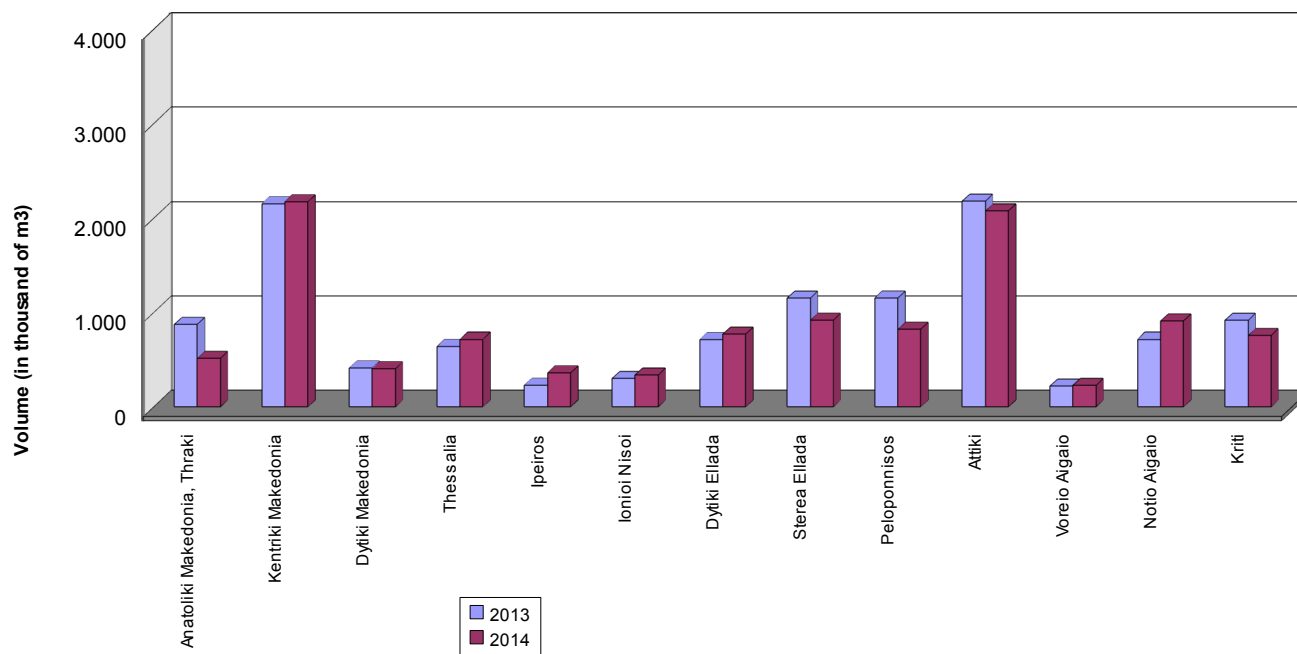
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in December 2013 and 2014 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - December 2013 and 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 01/12/2014 to 31/12/2014

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.