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Building Activity Survey: August 2016

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in August 2016 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 897. This figure corresponds to 205.4 thousand m² of surface and 939.4 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 16.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 55.7% increase in surface and a 72.8% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2016 amounted to 890. This figure corresponds to 200.3 thousand m² of surface and 899.2 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2015 there is a 16.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 52.0% increase in surface and a 65.5% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2016 amounted to 7. This figure corresponds to 5.1 thousand m² of surface and 40.2 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 4.3% of the total building volume in August 2016.

In the last twelve months, from September 2015 until August 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,569. This figure corresponds to 2,389.2 thousand m² of surface and 10,801.3 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from September 2014 until August 2015, there is a 5.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 15.2% decrease in surface and a 26.2% decrease in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from September 2015 until August 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 5.6% decrease in the number of issued building permits, an 8.7% decrease in surface and a 5.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2014 to August 2015 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.1% of the total building volume.

During the period January - August 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 7.9% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 19.8% decrease in surface and a 37.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2015 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - August 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.0% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 9.4% decrease in surface and an 8.4% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - August 2015 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region, August 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	33	27	-18.2	5.9	6.9	18.0	23.7	32.2	35.8
Kentriki Makedonia	104	140	34.6	17.1	26.6	55.3	67.7	126.7	87.1
Dytiki Makedonia	21	34	61.9	5.0	8.6	73.7	20.2	46.0	127.8
Thessalia	45	52	15.6	6.3	21.0	236.7	27.1	63.4	133.5
Ipeiros	30	41	36.7	3.5	14.9	327.7	12.1	69.6	474.1
Ionioi Nisoi	31	60	93.5	5.3	16.0	203.8	17.0	74.1	334.9
Dytiki Ellada	67	66	-1.5	8.0	10.2	27.5	29.8	40.1	34.4
Stereia Ellada	62	91	46.8	10.9	17.0	55.7	53.5	99.9	86.7
Peloponnisos	121	112	-7.4	20.5	21.3	3.9	75.3	88.9	17.9
Attiki	63	108	71.4	17.2	19.3	11.8	95.6	132.5	38.6
Voreio Aigaio	33	25	-24.2	5.3	2.7	-48.9	21.8	8.1	-62.7
Notio Aigaio	64	68	6.3	8.6	15.1	75.8	28.8	51.1	77.5
Kriti	95	73	-23.2	18.5	25.9	39.6	71.0	106.9	50.6
Greece, Total	769	897	16.6	131.9	205.4	55.7	543.7	939.4	72.8

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, August 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	33	27	-18.2	5.9	6.9	18.0	23.7	32.2	35.8
Kentriki Makedonia	103	139	35.0	17.1	26.1	52.9	67.7	124.7	84.1
Dytiki Makedonia	21	34	61.9	5.0	8.6	73.7	20.2	46.0	127.8
Thessalia	45	52	15.6	6.3	21.0	236.7	27.1	63.4	133.5
Ipeiros	30	41	36.7	3.5	14.9	327.7	12.1	69.6	474.1
Ionioi Nisoi	31	59	90.3	5.3	12.0	127.8	17.0	38.7	127.0
Dytiki Ellada	67	66	-1.5	8.0	10.2	27.5	29.8	40.1	34.4
Stereia Ellada	62	90	45.2	10.9	16.9	55.2	53.5	99.7	86.3
Peloponnisos	121	111	-8.3	20.5	21.2	3.0	75.3	88.1	16.9
Attiki	63	108	71.4	17.2	19.3	11.8	95.6	132.5	38.6
Voreio Aigaio	33	25	-24.2	5.3	2.7	-48.9	21.8	8.1	-62.7
Notio Aigaio	64	67	4.7	8.6	14.8	73.2	28.8	50.1	74.0
Kriti	94	71	-24.5	18.4	25.7	39.6	70.5	106.2	50.7
Greece, Total	767	890	16.0	131.8	200.3	52.0	543.2	899.2	65.5

(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 3. Total Building Activity, by Region,
September 2014 - August 2015 and September 2015 - August 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	581	538	-7.4	122.9	89.1	-27.5	467.2	370.8	-20.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,860	1,921	3.3	451.0	415.3	-7.9	2,295.6	2,358.7	2.7
Dytiki Makedonia	291	262	-10.0	329.6	75.9	-77.0	3,981.2	455.3	-88.6
Thessalia	721	663	-8.0	169.9	184.7	8.8	838.9	1,058.3	26.2
Ipeiros	448	441	-1.6	76.1	99.5	30.8	292.6	409.5	40.0
Ionioi Nisoi	613	650	6.0	115.7	114.5	-1.1	377.1	420.4	11.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,116	990	-11.3	186.6	176.3	-5.5	767.4	717.5	-6.5
Stereia Ellada	1,076	1,036	-3.7	213.9	156.7	-26.8	1,031.7	735.4	-28.7
Peloponnisos	1,462	1,339	-8.4	241.9	217.6	-10.0	973.7	885.2	-9.1
Attiki	2,520	2,319	-8.0	407.7	388.2	-4.8	1,785.0	1,706.3	-4.4
Voreio Aigaio	498	376	-24.5	75.1	58.6	-22.0	297.7	221.8	-25.5
Notio Aigaio	1,157	1,093	-5.5	199.0	175.7	-11.7	712.6	651.3	-8.6
Kriti	959	941	-1.9	227.9	237.0	4.0	823.5	811.0	-1.5
Greece, Total	13,302	12,569	-5.5	2,817.4	2,389.2	-15.2	14,644.1	10,801.3	-26.2

**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region,
September 2014 - August 2015 and September 2015 - August 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	575	531	-7.7	121.8	86.3	-29.2	462.4	354.3	-23.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,831	1,888	3.1	444.2	399.5	-10.1	2,264.2	2,289.5	1.1
Dytiki Makedonia	288	258	-10.4	71.2	59.0	-17.1	375.2	284.1	-24.3
Thessalia	715	661	-7.6	169.0	184.6	9.3	835.1	1,057.8	26.7
Ipeiros	447	432	-3.4	75.6	95.9	26.7	290.6	393.8	35.5
Ionioi Nisoi	610	649	6.4	115.6	110.5	-4.5	376.8	385.0	2.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,108	987	-10.9	176.2	173.0	-1.8	726.7	702.1	-3.4
Stereia Ellada	1,073	1,032	-3.8	213.7	156.3	-26.9	1,030.9	734.1	-28.8
Peloponnisos	1,452	1,336	-8.0	240.9	217.2	-9.8	970.6	883.6	-9.0
Attiki	2,515	2,309	-8.2	406.1	374.6	-7.8	1,776.9	1,659.7	-6.6
Voreio Aigaio	494	374	-24.3	74.8	54.4	-27.3	295.8	205.4	-30.6
Notio Aigaio	1,151	1,081	-6.1	197.7	173.5	-12.3	708.0	642.1	-9.3
Kriti	951	930	-2.2	223.0	224.5	0.7	803.6	765.4	-4.7
Greece, Total	13,210	12,468	-5.6	2,529.9	2,309.1	-8.7	10,917.0	10,356.8	-5.1

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region,
January - August 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - August 2015	August 2016	Change (%)	January - August 2015	August 2016	Change (%)	January - August 2015	August 2016	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	376	342	-9.0	74.6	52.3	-29.9	287.4	213.1	-25.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,178	1,224	3.9	302.5	293.1	-3.1	1,557.3	1,755.0	12.7
Dytiki Makedonia	187	168	-10.2	306.0	37.3	-87.8	3,864.1	179.5	-95.4
Thessalia	472	423	-10.4	119.0	106.6	-10.4	597.9	472.0	-21.1
Ipeiros	293	258	-11.9	48.5	61.6	27.0	185.8	241.0	29.7
Ionioi Nisoi	392	441	12.5	67.9	81.8	20.5	233.7	307.8	31.7
Dytiki Ellada	713	591	-17.1	119.3	101.1	-15.3	507.6	389.8	-23.2
Stereia Ellada	690	701	1.6	159.2	99.9	-37.3	808.0	450.8	-44.2
Peloponnisos	977	864	-11.6	161.5	141.7	-12.3	669.7	588.6	-12.1
Attiki	1,634	1,556	-4.8	254.6	281.3	10.5	1,089.8	1,238.8	13.7
Voreio Aigaio	331	185	-44.1	44.5	24.6	-44.7	171.9	90.6	-47.3
Notio Aigaio	758	630	-16.9	111.3	99.7	-10.4	397.9	395.2	-0.7
Kriti	658	588	-10.6	161.0	166.3	3.3	594.0	578.7	-2.6
Greece, Total	8,659	7,971	-7.9	1,929.8	1,547.3	-19.8	10,965.2	6,900.9	-37.1

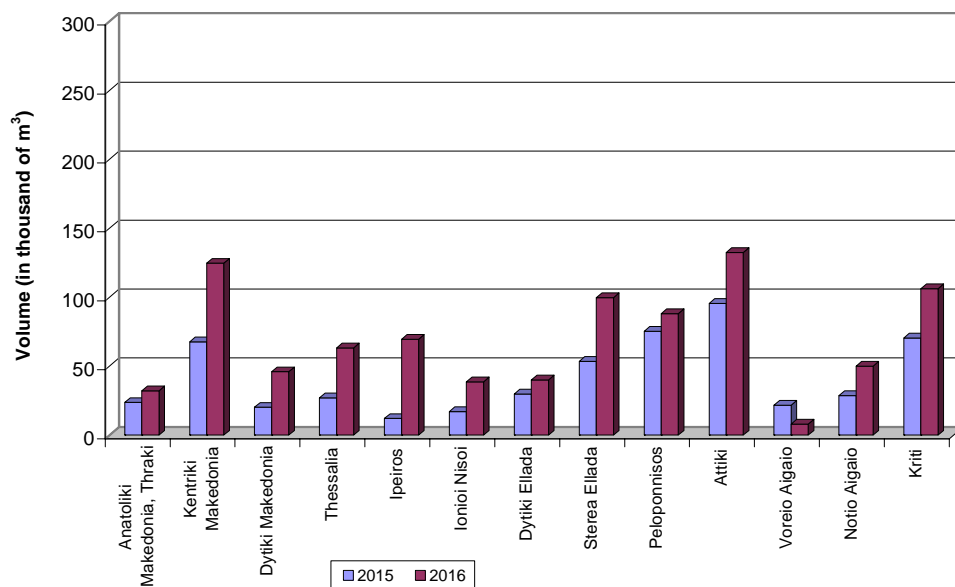
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region,
January - August 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - August 2015	August 2016	Change (%)	January - August 2015	August 2016	Change (%)	January - August 2015	August 2016	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	371	340	-8.4	73.5	52.3	-28.9	282.7	213.1	-24.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,158	1,206	4.1	300.1	278.3	-7.3	1,549.5	1,688.9	9.0
Dytiki Makedonia	184	167	-9.2	47.5	34.7	-27.0	258.2	164.0	-36.5
Thessalia	470	422	-10.2	118.4	106.6	-10.0	595.8	472.0	-20.8
Ipeiros	293	252	-14.0	48.5	58.2	20.0	185.8	226.6	21.9
Ionioi Nisoi	392	440	12.2	67.9	77.8	14.7	233.7	272.3	16.5
Dytiki Ellada	707	588	-16.8	113.3	97.8	-13.8	483.7	374.4	-22.6
Stereia Ellada	689	698	1.3	159.2	99.5	-37.5	807.8	449.5	-44.4
Peloponnisos	968	861	-11.1	160.5	141.3	-12.0	666.6	587.0	-11.9
Attiki	1,629	1,549	-4.9	252.9	276.3	9.2	1,081.8	1,220.9	12.9
Voreio Aigaio	329	184	-44.1	44.2	24.6	-44.3	170.2	90.6	-46.7
Notio Aigaio	754	621	-17.6	110.9	98.0	-11.7	396.4	388.0	-2.1
Kriti	652	578	-11.3	158.6	154.3	-2.8	584.5	534.5	-8.5
Greece, Total	8,596	7,906	-8.0	1,655.5	1,499.6	-9.4	7,296.8	6,681.8	-8.4

(1) Provisional data

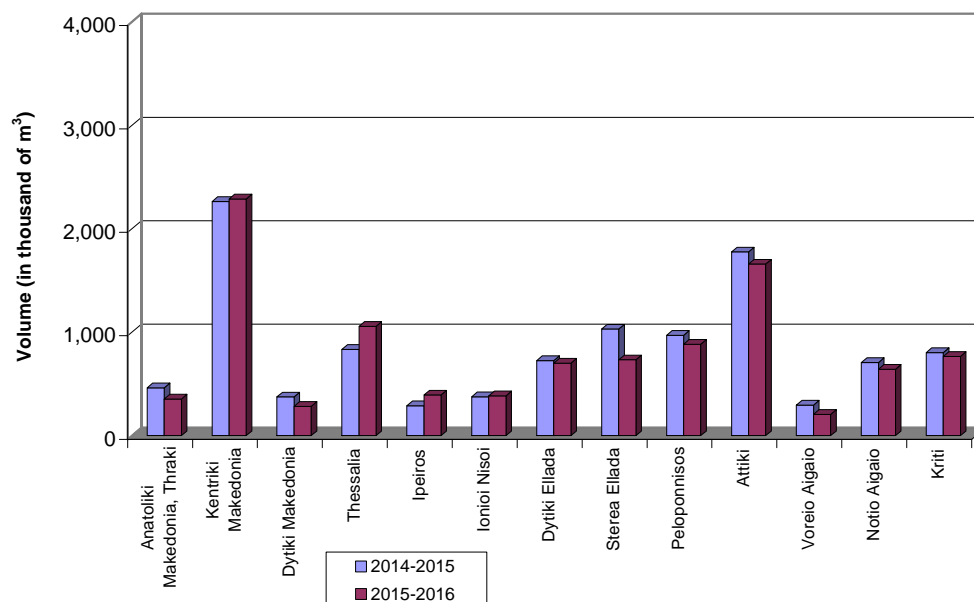
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, August 2015 and 2016 *



* Provisional data

Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, September 2014 - August 2015 and September 2015 - August 2016 *



* Provisional data

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	01/08/2016 to 31/08/2016
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
Definitions	<p>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.</p> <p>The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".</p> <p>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.</p> <p>New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Surface of new-built property is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
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: Industry, Commerce, Services, Transportations > Short term indices > Building - Constructions > Building Activity .