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Building Activity Survey: October 2015

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in October 2015 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,125. This figure corresponds to 171.2 thousand m² of surface and 661.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, an 11.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 29.6% decrease in surface and a 37.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2014 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2015 correspond to 170.1 thousand m² of surface and 656.8 thousand m³ of volume ⁽¹⁾. In comparison with the same month of 2014 there is a 29.9% decrease in surface and a 38.2% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in October 2015 correspond to 1.1 thousand m² of surface and 4.4 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.7% of the total building volume in October 2015.

In the last twelve months, from November 2014 until October 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,119. This figure corresponds to 2,717.3 thousand m² of surface and 14,157.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from November 2013 until October 2014, a 1.1% increase is recorded in surface and a 22.3% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from November 2014 until October 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 8.1% decrease in surface and an 8.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from November 2013 until October 2014 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 26.5% of the total building volume.

During the period January - October 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 5.9% increase in surface and a 31.8% increase in volume compared with the corresponding period of 2014 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - October 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.1% decrease in surface and a 6.4% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - October 2014 (Table 6).

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

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	20,6	8,6	-58,1	82,3	39,7	-51,8
Kentriki Makedonia	51,7	19,9	-61,6	293,0	93,9	-67,9
Dytiki Makedonia	2,7	5,5	102,5	8,4	28,9	245,0
Thessalia	12,9	10,7	-16,6	66,1	46,2	-30,1
Ipeiros	5,9	8,9	50,5	21,5	33,9	57,6
Ionioi Nisoi	17,0	4,9	-71,3	50,0	17,5	-64,9
Dytiki Ellada	24,2	21,6	-11,0	106,8	74,7	-30,0
Stereia Ellada	12,2	10,1	-17,3	51,4	39,8	-22,5
Peloponnisos	12,5	15,7	25,8	44,6	52,2	17,1
Attiki	40,9	23,1	-43,5	189,1	89,2	-52,8
Voreio Aigaio	7,2	7,9	9,8	29,3	28,3	-3,5
Notio Aigaio	15,9	16,7	4,7	49,3	57,0	15,5
Kriti	19,2	17,5	-8,9	73,8	60,0	-18,7
Greece, Total	243,1	171,2	-29,6	1.065,5	661,2	-37,9

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

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	20,6	8,6	-58,0	82,2	39,7	-51,8
Kentriki Makedonia	51,7	19,9	-61,6	293,0	93,9	-67,9
Dytiki Makedonia	2,7	5,5	102,5	8,4	28,9	245,0
Thessalia	12,9	10,7	-16,6	66,1	46,2	-30,1
Ipeiros	5,5	8,7	59,4	19,5	32,8	67,9
Ionioi Nisoi	17,0	4,9	-71,3	50,0	17,5	-64,9
Dytiki Ellada	24,2	21,6	-11,0	106,8	74,7	-30,0
Stereia Ellada	12,2	10,1	-17,3	51,4	39,8	-22,5
Peloponnisos	12,5	15,7	25,8	44,6	52,2	17,1
Attiki	40,9	23,1	-43,5	189,1	89,2	-52,8
Voreio Aigaio	7,2	7,9	9,8	29,3	28,3	-3,5
Notio Aigaio	15,9	16,2	1,8	49,3	55,1	11,7
Kriti	19,2	17,1	-11,2	73,8	58,6	-20,6
Greece, Total	242,6	170,1	-29,9	1.063,4	656,8	-38,2

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(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, November 2013 - October 2014 and November 2014 - October 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	160,1	107,8	-32,7	663,7	417,5	-37,1
Kentriki Makedonia	448,0	425,1	-5,1	2.236,5	2.144,2	-4,1
Dytiki Makedonia	94,1	335,5	256,4	436,8	4.026,4	821,7
Thessalia	166,4	160,9	-3,4	772,5	770,2	-0,3
Ipeiros	99,4	76,0	-23,5	400,9	288,5	-28,0
Ionioi Nisoi	97,4	97,8	0,5	334,1	325,8	-2,5
Dytiki Ellada	204,5	182,2	-10,9	851,8	732,1	-14,1
Stereia Ellada	194,5	206,3	6,1	970,0	1.007,1	3,8
Peloponnisos	236,9	234,5	-1,0	895,6	972,0	8,5
Attiki	468,9	381,5	-18,6	2.049,8	1.621,8	-20,9
Voreio Aigaio	56,3	77,9	38,2	210,1	304,4	44,8
Notio Aigaio	220,7	202,5	-8,3	880,7	731,0	-17,0
Kriti	240,5	229,3	-4,6	874,2	816,1	-6,6
Greece, Total	2.687,8	2.717,3	1,1	11.576,5	14.157,1	22,3

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

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	150,3	106,7	-29,0	618,0	412,6	-33,2
Kentriki Makedonia	439,7	421,1	-4,2	2.200,3	2.126,8	-3,3
Dytiki Makedonia	90,0	77,0	-14,4	423,3	420,5	-0,7
Thessalia	152,8	160,0	4,7	727,0	766,5	5,4
Ipeiros	96,8	75,8	-21,7	386,6	287,2	-25,7
Ionioi Nisoi	97,2	97,7	0,6	332,9	325,5	-2,2
Dytiki Ellada	203,5	172,8	-15,1	847,2	695,9	-17,9
Stereia Ellada	194,4	206,1	6,0	969,9	1.006,3	3,8
Peloponnisos	231,8	233,5	0,7	876,0	968,9	10,6
Attiki	464,2	371,2	-20,0	2.033,5	1.585,1	-22,1
Voreio Aigaio	54,0	73,3	35,5	203,3	286,1	40,7
Notio Aigaio	220,5	200,7	-9,0	879,2	724,4	-17,6
Kriti	237,2	224,1	-5,5	860,5	794,9	-7,6
Greece, Total	2.632,5	2.419,9	-8,1	11.357,7	10.400,7	-8,4

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

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	124,3	93,1	-25,1	476,4	368,1	-22,7
Kentriki Makedonia	367,6	359,2	-2,3	1.903,4	1.841,6	-3,2
Dytiki Makedonia	73,3	319,9	336,5	342,7	3.948,3	1052,2
Thessalia	129,9	135,7	4,5	633,6	667,9	5,4
Ipeiros	85,4	67,2	-21,3	347,7	259,2	-25,5
Ionioi Nisoi	84,5	77,9	-7,8	281,1	269,0	-4,3
Dytiki Ellada	160,5	150,4	-6,2	671,0	617,2	-8,0
Stereia Ellada	159,9	180,1	12,6	814,7	902,6	10,8
Peloponnisos	186,4	197,0	5,7	688,6	823,3	19,6
Attiki	390,0	304,2	-22,0	1.739,6	1.273,1	-26,8
Voreio Aigaio	41,6	59,8	43,7	157,7	228,3	44,8
Notio Aigaio	163,6	141,4	-13,6	686,7	501,8	-26,9
Kriti	185,7	193,6	4,3	666,1	701,5	5,3
Greece, Total	2.152,6	2.279,5	5,9	9.409,2	12.401,9	31,8

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

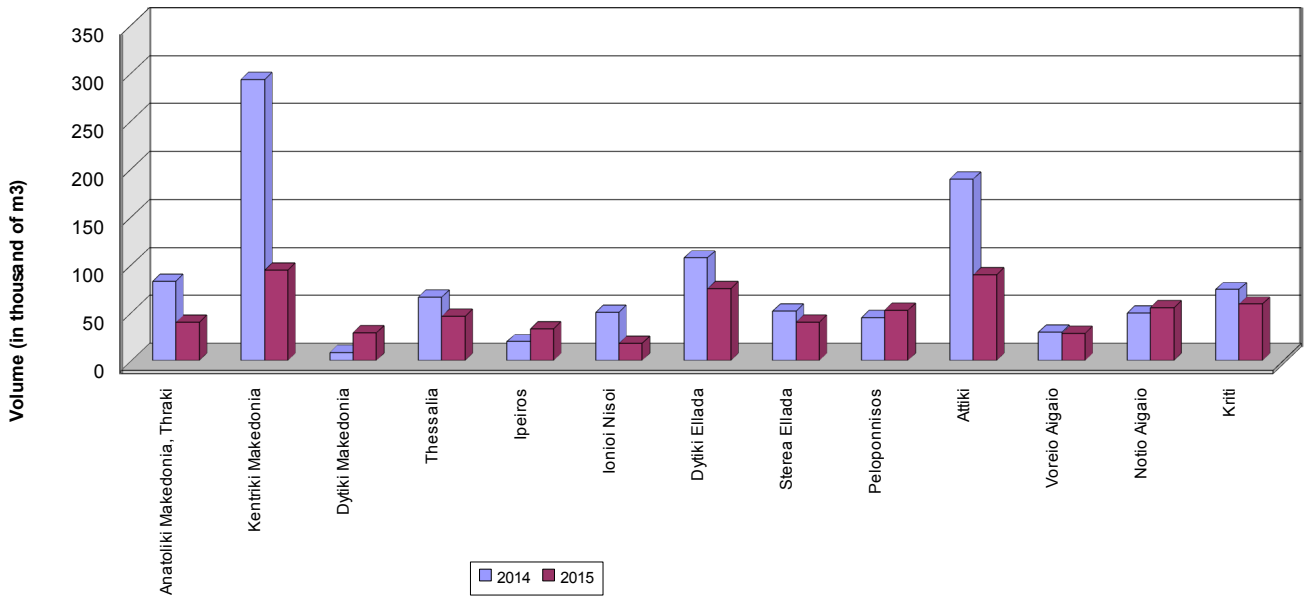
Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	121,3	91,9	-24,2	464,6	363,1	-21,8
Kentriki Makedonia	363,4	356,8	-1,8	1.882,8	1.833,8	-2,6
Dytiki Makedonia	69,2	61,5	-11,1	329,2	342,4	4,0
Thessalia	126,2	135,1	7,1	616,6	665,8	8,0
Ipeiros	82,8	66,9	-19,2	333,4	258,0	-22,6
Ionioi Nisoi	84,5	77,9	-7,8	281,1	269,0	-4,3
Dytiki Ellada	159,5	144,5	-9,4	666,5	593,3	-11,0
Stereia Ellada	159,9	180,0	12,6	814,7	902,4	10,8
Peloponnisos	182,2	196,0	7,6	673,6	820,2	21,8
Attiki	386,3	293,9	-23,9	1.728,2	1.236,4	-28,5
Voreio Aigaio	39,3	55,3	40,5	150,9	210,2	39,4
Notio Aigaio	163,4	140,6	-14,0	685,3	498,3	-27,3
Kriti	182,5	190,8	4,5	652,7	690,5	5,8
Greece, Total	2.120,5	1.991,1	-6,1	9.279,6	8.683,5	-6,4

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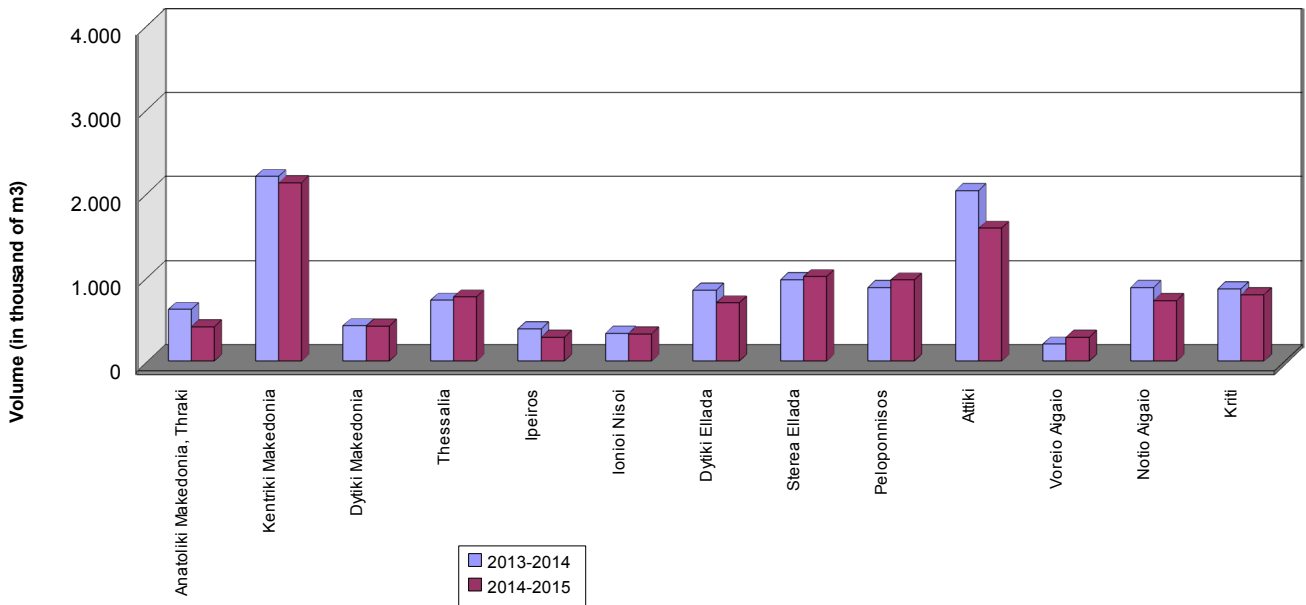
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, October 2014 and 2015 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, November 2013 - October 2014 and November 2014 - October 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	01/10/2015 to 31/10/2015
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	<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 (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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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: Industry, Commerce, Services, Transportations > Building - Constructions > Building Activity .