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**Building Activity Survey: August 2015**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in August 2015 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 769. This figure corresponds to 131.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 543.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, an 11.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 21.9% decrease in surface and a 28.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2014 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2015 correspond to 131.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 543.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume <sup>(1)</sup>. In comparison with the same month of 2014 there is a 20.8% decrease in surface and a 27.8% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in August 2015 correspond to 0.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 0.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.1% of the total building volume in August 2015.

In the last twelve months, from September 2014 until August 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,302. This figure corresponds to 2,817.4 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 14,644.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from September 2013 until August 2014, a 3.2% increase is recorded in surface and a 26.3% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from September 2014 until August 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 5.0% decrease in surface and a 3.7% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2013 to August 2014 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 25.5% of the total building volume.

During the period January - August 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 13.3% increase in surface and a 46.5% increase in volume compared with the corresponding period of 2014 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - August 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 1.2% decrease in surface and a 1.1% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - August 2014 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, August 2014 and 2015<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	9,9	5,9	-40,7	38,8	23,7	-38,8
Kentriki Makedonia	51,7	17,1	-66,9	330,9	67,7	-79,5
Dytiki Makedonia	6,0	5,0	-17,0	21,5	20,2	-6,2
Thessalia	5,9	6,3	5,3	22,9	27,1	18,7
Ipeiros	3,5	3,5	-1,2	11,4	12,1	6,3
Ionioi Nisoi	5,4	5,3	-3,3	18,0	17,0	-5,5
Dytiki Ellada	11,5	8,0	-30,5	57,6	29,8	-48,3
Stereia Ellada	7,2	10,9	52,3	24,7	53,5	117,1
Peloponnisos	17,2	20,5	19,5	60,9	75,3	23,6
Attiki	13,9	17,2	24,1	47,5	95,6	101,3
Voreio Aigaio	7,3	5,3	-27,8	24,2	21,8	-9,9
Notio Aigaio	6,8	8,6	26,7	21,6	28,8	33,2
Kriti	22,8	18,5	-18,5	80,3	71,0	-11,6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>168,9</b>	<b>131,9</b>	<b>-21,9</b>	<b>760,2</b>	<b>543,7</b>	<b>-28,5</b>

**Table 2. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, August 2014 and 2015<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	9,7	5,9	-39,6	38,3	23,7	-38,0
Kentriki Makedonia	51,7	17,1	-66,9	330,9	67,7	-79,5
Dytiki Makedonia	5,8	5,0	-14,7	20,8	20,2	-2,7
Thessalia	5,9	6,3	5,3	22,9	27,1	18,7
Ipeiros	3,5	3,5	-1,2	11,4	12,1	6,3
Ionioi Nisoi	5,4	5,3	-3,3	18,0	17,0	-5,5
Dytiki Ellada	11,5	8,0	-30,5	57,6	29,8	-48,3
Stereia Ellada	7,2	10,9	52,3	24,7	53,5	117,1
Peloponnisos	17,2	20,5	19,5	60,9	75,3	23,6
Attiki	13,9	17,2	24,1	47,5	95,6	101,3
Voreio Aigaio	5,0	5,3	5,5	17,4	21,8	25,4
Notio Aigaio	6,8	8,6	26,7	21,6	28,8	33,2
Kriti	22,8	18,4	-19,2	80,3	70,5	-12,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>166,3</b>	<b>131,8</b>	<b>-20,8</b>	<b>752,1</b>	<b>543,2</b>	<b>-27,8</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, September 2013 - August 2014 and September 2014 - August 2015<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	178,3	122,9	-31,1	743,9	467,2	-37,2
Kentriki Makedonia	480,3	451,0	-6,1	2.308,4	2.295,6	-0,6
Dytiki Makedonia	102,4	329,6	221,8	473,5	3.981,2	740,8
Thessalia	168,3	169,9	0,9	744,8	838,9	12,6
Ipeiros	86,1	76,1	-11,6	342,8	292,6	-14,6
Ionioi Nisoi	83,2	115,7	39,1	293,1	377,1	28,7
Dytiki Ellada	204,8	186,6	-8,9	839,6	767,4	-8,6
Stereia Ellada	194,0	213,9	10,2	970,3	1.031,7	6,3
Peloponnisos	232,5	241,9	4,0	879,2	973,7	10,8
Attiki	463,2	407,7	-12,0	1.958,3	1.785,0	-8,9
Voreio Aigaio	53,5	75,1	40,5	195,6	297,7	52,2
Notio Aigaio	234,8	199,0	-15,2	944,2	712,6	-24,5
Kriti	248,1	227,9	-8,2	902,7	823,5	-8,8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2.729,6</b>	<b>2.817,4</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>11.596,3</b>	<b>14.644,1</b>	<b>26,3</b>

**Table 4. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, September 2013 - August 2014 and September 2014 - August 2015<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	168,1	121,8	-27,5	697,0	462,4	-33,7
Kentriki Makedonia	471,1	444,2	-5,7	2.272,1	2.264,2	-0,3
Dytiki Makedonia	98,4	71,2	-27,6	460,0	375,2	-18,4
Thessalia	153,7	169,0	9,9	693,5	835,1	20,4
Ipeiros	84,0	75,6	-9,9	330,4	290,6	-12,1
Ionioi Nisoi	83,0	115,6	39,4	291,9	376,8	29,1
Dytiki Ellada	202,5	176,2	-13,0	830,3	726,7	-12,5
Stereia Ellada	193,4	213,7	10,5	968,6	1.030,9	6,4
Peloponnisos	224,3	240,9	7,4	846,4	970,6	14,7
Attiki	458,5	406,1	-11,4	1.942,0	1.776,9	-8,5
Voreio Aigaio	51,0	74,8	46,7	188,2	295,8	57,2
Notio Aigaio	232,0	197,7	-14,8	931,5	708,0	-24,0
Kriti	242,7	223,0	-8,1	880,0	803,6	-8,7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2.662,6</b>	<b>2.529,9</b>	<b>-5,0</b>	<b>11.331,9</b>	<b>10.917,0</b>	<b>-3,7</b>

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, January - August 2014 and 2015<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	90,7	74,6	-17,8	346,1	287,4	-17,0
Kentriki Makedonia	285,0	302,5	6,1	1.467,7	1.557,3	6,1
Dytiki Makedonia	65,2	306,0	369,6	303,7	3.864,1	1172,3
Thessalia	104,2	119,0	14,2	495,0	597,9	20,8
Ipeiros	66,7	48,5	-27,2	270,2	185,8	-31,2
Ionioi Nisoi	56,6	67,9	20,0	194,5	233,7	20,2
Dytiki Ellada	125,0	119,3	-4,6	526,0	507,6	-3,5
Stereia Ellada	131,5	159,2	21,1	695,6	808,0	16,2
Peloponnisos	143,4	161,5	12,6	533,3	669,7	25,6
Attiki	314,1	254,6	-19,0	1.393,1	1.089,8	-21,8
Voreio Aigaio	29,0	44,5	53,3	107,9	171,9	59,3
Notio Aigaio	136,9	111,3	-18,7	601,2	397,9	-33,8
Kriti	154,6	161,0	4,2	551,3	594,0	7,8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1.702,9</b>	<b>1.929,8</b>	<b>13,3</b>	<b>7.485,6</b>	<b>10.965,2</b>	<b>46,5</b>

**Table 6. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, January - August 2014 and 2015<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

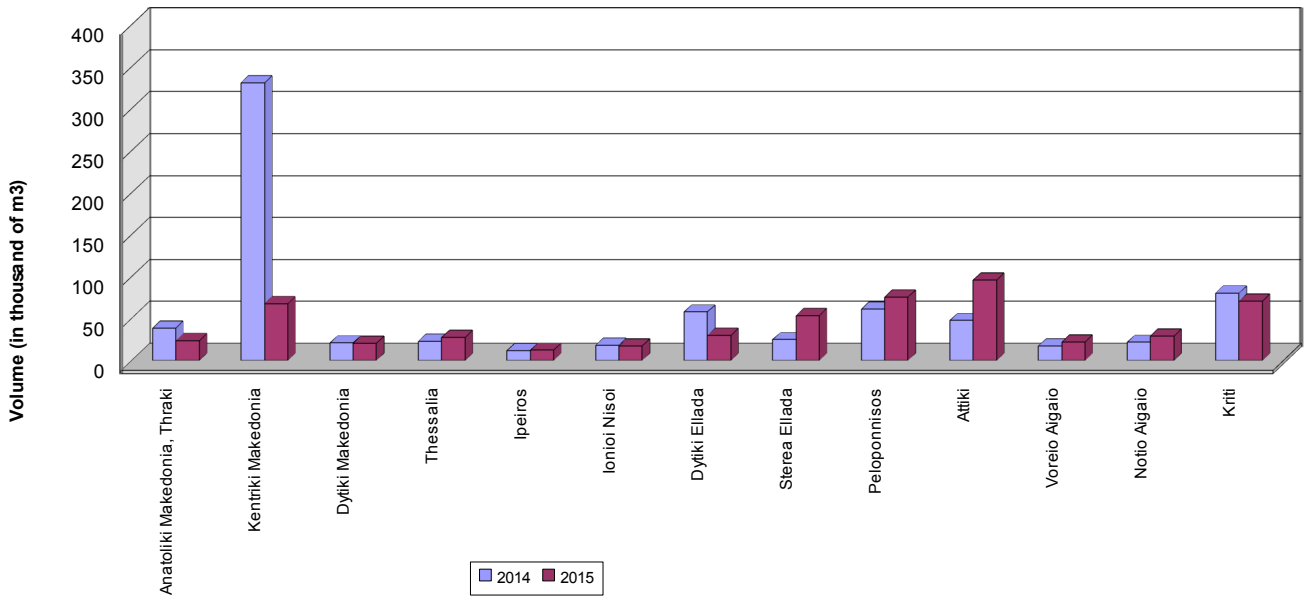
Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	87,7	73,5	-16,2	334,3	282,7	-15,4
Kentriki Makedonia	283,6	300,1	5,8	1.461,1	1.549,5	6,1
Dytiki Makedonia	61,1	47,5	-22,2	290,2	258,2	-11,0
Thessalia	100,5	118,4	17,8	478,0	595,8	24,6
Ipeiros	64,6	48,5	-24,8	257,9	185,8	-27,9
Ionioi Nisoi	56,6	67,9	20,0	194,5	233,7	20,2
Dytiki Ellada	125,0	113,3	-9,3	526,0	483,7	-8,0
Stereia Ellada	131,5	159,2	21,0	695,5	807,8	16,2
Peloponnisos	139,2	160,5	15,3	518,3	666,6	28,6
Attiki	310,5	252,9	-18,5	1.381,8	1.081,8	-21,7
Voreio Aigaio	26,7	44,2	65,3	101,1	170,2	68,3
Notio Aigaio	136,7	110,9	-18,8	599,8	396,4	-33,9
Kriti	151,4	158,6	4,8	538,0	584,5	8,6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1.675,0</b>	<b>1.655,5</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>7.376,6</b>	<b>7.296,8</b>	<b>-1,1</b>

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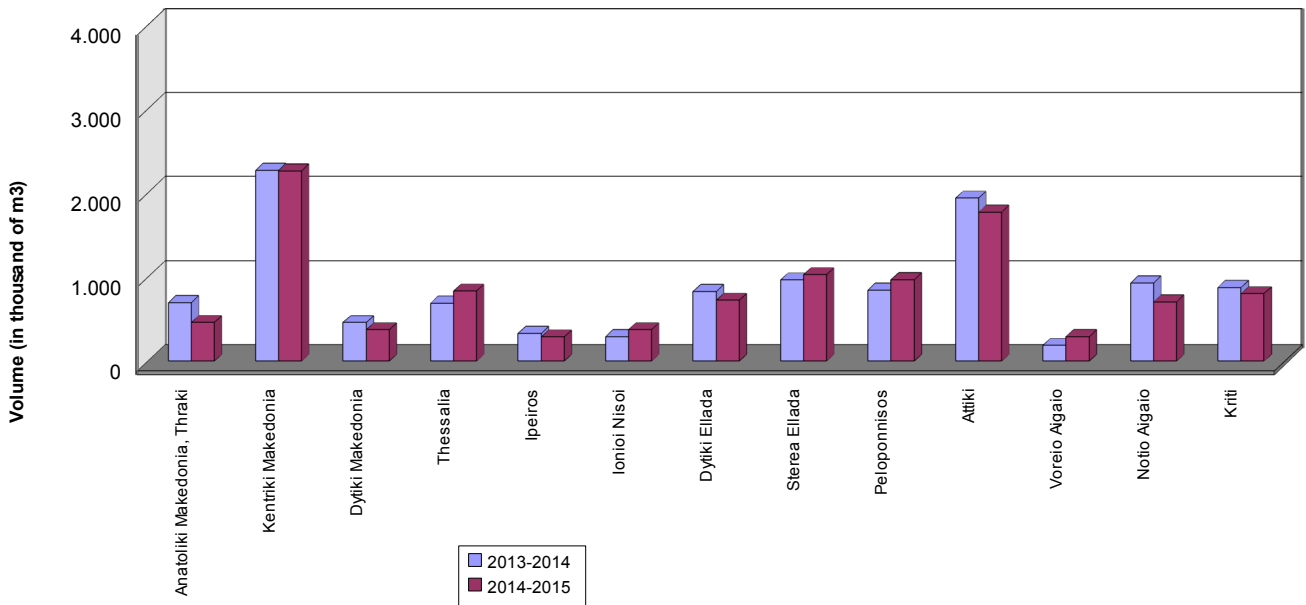
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, August 2014 and 2015 \***



\* Provisional data

**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, September 2013 - August 2014 and September 2014 - August 2015 \***



\* Provisional data

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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.
<b>Reference Period</b>	01/08/2015 to 31/08/2015
<b>Coverage</b>	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.
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Building Permit</b> 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><b>Building</b> 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><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> 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><b>Building volume</b> (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><b>Surface of new-built property</b> 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>
<b>General Remark</b>	Any differences that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (questionnaires, methodology) concerning the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , at the link: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.