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Building Activity Survey: July 2015

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in July 2015 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,028. This figure corresponds to 438.7 thousand m² of surface and 4,394.1 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 31.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 58.2% increase in surface and a 275.0% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2014 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2015 correspond to 194.7 thousand m² of surface and 870.1 thousand m³ of volume ⁽¹⁾. In comparison with the same month of 2014 there is a 29.2% decrease in surface and a 25.2% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2015 correspond to 244.0 thousand m² of surface and 3,524.0 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 80.2% of the total building volume in July 2015.

In the last twelve months, from August 2014 until July 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,401. This figure corresponds to 2,854.4 thousand m² of surface and 14,860.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from August 2013 until July 2014, a 3.0% increase is recorded in surface and a 27.5% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from August 2014 until July 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 5.0% decrease in surface and a 2.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2013 to July 2014 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 25.1% of the total building volume.

During the period January - July 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 17.2% increase in surface and a 55.0% increase in volume compared with the corresponding period of 2014 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - July 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 1.0% increase in surface and a 1.9% increase in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - July 2014 (Table 6).

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

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	30,1	5,9	-80,4	122,9	20,1	-83,6
Kentriki Makedonia	39,4	26,2	-33,6	185,2	108,7	-41,3
Dytiki Makedonia	15,8	243,4	1.443,2	89,6	3.520,7	3.827,8
Thessalia	15,5	18,9	21,7	70,8	93,0	31,3
Ipeiros	15,8	4,5	-71,8	56,3	17,8	-68,4
Ionioi Nisoi	8,4	4,3	-49,5	27,1	13,6	-49,9
Dytiki Ellada	18,8	17,9	-5,1	88,2	80,9	-8,3
Stereia Ellada	24,3	43,2	77,3	111,5	244,6	119,4
Peloponnisos	24,0	19,5	-18,8	87,9	73,2	-16,6
Attiki	42,4	34,9	-17,7	185,8	152,3	-18,0
Voreio Aigaio	4,0	2,7	-31,7	19,5	9,1	-53,5
Notio Aigaio	15,4	9,5	-38,4	50,2	33,9	-32,4
Kriti	23,4	8,1	-65,5	76,8	26,0	-66,1
Greece, Total	277,3	438,7	58,2	1.171,8	4.394,1	275,0

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

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	27,8	5,8	-79,0	114,0	20,1	-82,4
Kentriki Makedonia	39,4	25,4	-35,5	185,2	106,1	-42,7
Dytiki Makedonia	15,8	4,1	-73,9	89,6	17,2	-80,8
Thessalia	15,5	18,9	21,7	70,8	93,0	31,3
Ipeiros	15,8	4,5	-71,7	56,2	17,8	-68,3
Ionioi Nisoi	8,4	4,3	-49,5	27,1	13,6	-49,9
Dytiki Ellada	18,8	15,0	-20,6	88,2	68,7	-22,1
Stereia Ellada	24,3	43,2	77,3	111,5	244,6	119,4
Peloponnisos	24,0	19,5	-18,7	87,8	73,2	-16,5
Attiki	42,4	33,8	-20,2	185,8	146,8	-21,0
Voreio Aigaio	4,0	2,7	-31,7	19,5	9,1	-53,5
Notio Aigaio	15,4	9,5	-38,4	50,2	33,9	-32,4
Kriti	23,4	8,1	-65,5	76,8	26,0	-66,1
Greece, Total	275,0	194,7	-29,2	1.162,6	870,1	-25,2

(1) Provisional data

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Table 3. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, August 2013 - July 2014 and August 2014 - July 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	186,3	126,9	-31,8	774,5	482,2	-37,7
Kentriki Makedonia	457,8	485,6	6,1	2.097,2	2.558,7	22,0
Dytiki Makedonia	103,8	330,6	218,5	488,2	3.982,5	715,7
Thessalia	174,7	169,6	-3,0	768,4	834,6	8,6
Ipeiros	86,6	76,2	-12,0	343,9	291,9	-15,1
Ionioi Nisoi	84,0	115,9	38,0	295,9	378,1	27,8
Dytiki Ellada	211,0	190,1	-9,9	844,3	795,3	-5,8
Stereia Ellada	203,7	210,2	3,2	1.033,6	1.002,9	-3,0
Peloponnisos	231,9	238,6	2,9	876,2	959,3	9,5
Attiki	476,0	404,4	-15,1	2.004,4	1.736,8	-13,3
Voreio Aigaio	50,8	77,2	51,9	189,9	300,1	58,0
Notio Aigaio	245,4	197,2	-19,6	989,4	705,4	-28,7
Kriti	258,1	232,1	-10,1	948,8	832,8	-12,2
Greece, Total	2.770,2	2.854,4	3,0	11.654,6	14.860,6	27,5

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

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	174,0	125,7	-27,8	719,3	476,9	-33,7
Kentriki Makedonia	448,6	478,8	6,7	2.060,8	2.527,3	22,6
Dytiki Makedonia	99,9	72,0	-27,9	475,5	375,8	-21,0
Thessalia	158,0	168,7	6,8	707,1	830,9	17,5
Ipeiros	84,4	75,7	-10,4	331,5	289,9	-12,6
Ionioi Nisoi	83,8	115,8	38,2	294,7	377,8	28,2
Dytiki Ellada	208,7	179,7	-13,9	835,0	754,5	-9,6
Stereia Ellada	203,1	210,0	3,4	1.031,7	1.002,1	-2,9
Peloponnisos	222,2	237,6	6,9	837,9	956,2	14,1
Attiki	471,4	402,7	-14,6	1.988,1	1.728,8	-13,0
Voreio Aigaio	50,6	74,5	47,3	189,3	291,4	53,9
Notio Aigaio	242,7	195,9	-19,3	976,7	700,8	-28,3
Kriti	252,6	227,4	-10,0	926,1	813,4	-12,2
Greece, Total	2.699,9	2.564,4	-5,0	11.373,7	11.125,9	-2,2

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

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	80,8	68,7	-15,0	307,3	263,6	-14,2
Kentriki Makedonia	233,4	285,4	22,3	1.136,8	1.489,5	31,0
Dytiki Makedonia	59,2	301,0	408,8	282,2	3.844,0	1262,1
Thessalia	98,2	112,8	14,8	472,1	570,8	20,9
Ipeiros	63,2	45,1	-28,7	258,8	173,7	-32,9
Ionioi Nisoi	51,1	62,6	22,5	176,5	216,7	22,8
Dytiki Ellada	113,5	111,3	-1,9	468,4	477,8	2,0
Stereia Ellada	124,4	148,3	19,3	670,9	754,5	12,5
Peloponnisos	126,3	140,9	11,6	472,4	594,4	25,8
Attiki	300,2	237,3	-21,0	1.345,7	994,3	-26,1
Voreio Aigaio	21,7	39,2	80,5	83,8	150,1	79,2
Notio Aigaio	130,1	102,7	-21,1	579,6	369,1	-36,3
Kriti	131,8	142,5	8,1	471,0	523,0	11,1
Greece, Total	1.533,9	1.797,8	17,2	6.725,4	10.421,5	55,0

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

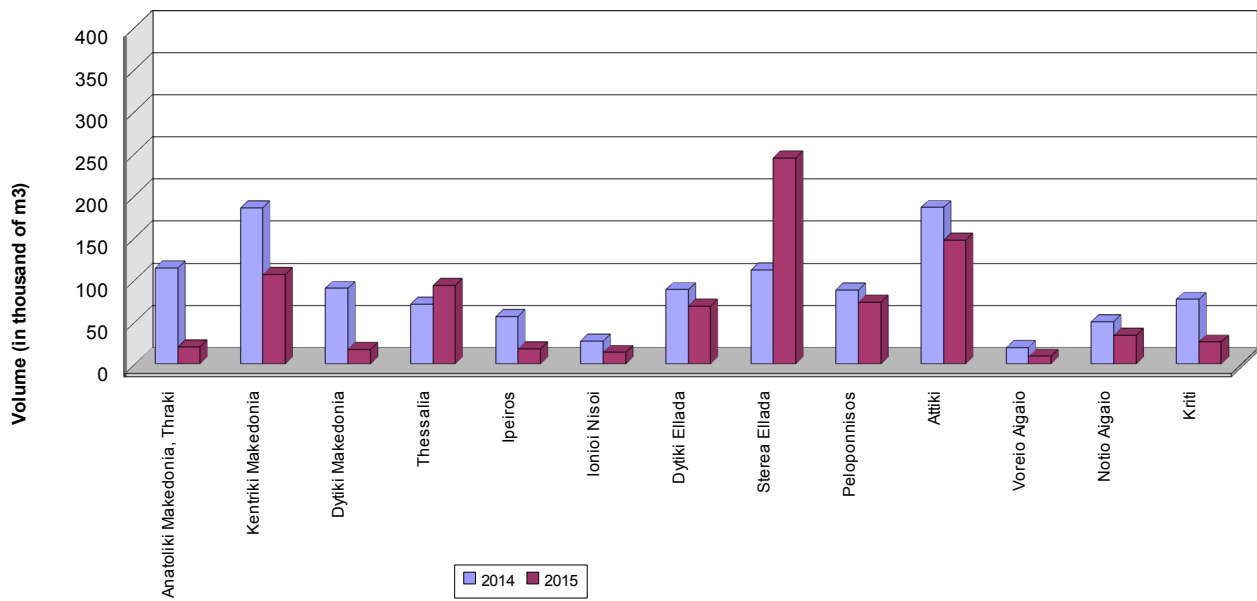
Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	78,0	67,6	-13,3	296,0	258,9	-12,5
Kentriki Makedonia	231,9	283,0	22,0	1.130,2	1.481,8	31,1
Dytiki Makedonia	55,2	42,5	-23,0	269,5	238,0	-11,7
Thessalia	94,6	112,2	18,6	455,1	568,7	24,9
Ipeiros	61,0	45,1	-26,2	246,5	173,7	-29,5
Ionioi Nisoi	51,1	62,6	22,5	176,5	216,7	22,8
Dytiki Ellada	113,5	105,4	-7,2	468,4	453,9	-3,1
Stereia Ellada	124,4	148,3	19,2	670,9	754,3	12,4
Peloponnisos	122,0	139,9	14,7	457,4	591,3	29,3
Attiki	296,6	235,6	-20,5	1.334,3	986,2	-26,1
Voreio Aigaio	21,7	38,9	79,1	83,8	148,4	77,2
Notio Aigaio	129,9	102,4	-21,2	578,2	367,6	-36,4
Kriti	128,7	140,3	9,0	457,7	514,0	12,3
Greece, Total	1.508,7	1.523,8	1,0	6.624,5	6.753,6	1,9

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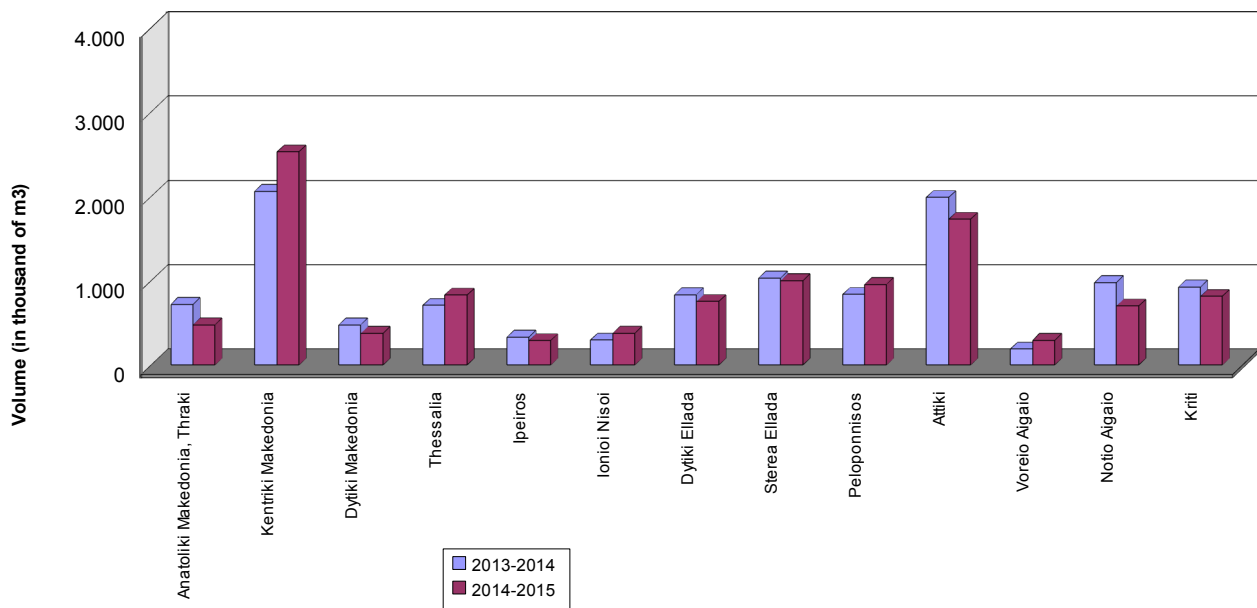
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, July 2014 and 2015 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, August 2013 - July 2014 and August 2014 - July 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	01/07/2015 to 31/07/2015
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: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.