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Building Activity Survey: March 2015

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in March 2015 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 1,218. This figure corresponds to 247.5 thousand m² of surface and 1,069.5 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 19.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 32.2% increase in surface and a 33,1% increase in volume, compared to the same month of 2014. (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,207 building permits, corresponding to 242.8 thousand m² of surface and 1,052.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2014, there is a 19.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 34.5% increase in surface and a 35.6% increase in volume. (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in March 2015 amounted to 11 building permits, corresponding to 4.7 thousand m² of surface and 17.1 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.6% of the total building volume in March 2015.

In the last twelve months, from April 2014 until March 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,613. This figure corresponds to 2,740.1 thousand m² of surface and 11,845.8 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting an 11.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 5.4% decrease in surface and a 0.4% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2013 until March 2014. (Table 3).

In the same period, from April 2014 until March 2015, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded an 11.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 2.7% decrease in surface and a 3.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2013 to March 2014. (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.0% of the total building volume.

During the period January - March 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 7.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 29.3% increase in surface and a 31.7% increase in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2014. (Table 5).

During the same period, January - March 2015, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded an 8.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 27.8% increase in surface and a 29.2% increase in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - March 2014. (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in March 2014 and 2015 ^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	45	70	55,6	10,8	12,2	13,1	43,0	43,8	1,9
Kentriki Makedonia	140	157	12,1	40,5	40,3	-0,5	217,1	205,4	-5,4
Dytiki Makedonia	25	27	8,0	12,8	7,1	-44,9	51,3	33,1	-35,4
Thessalia	51	65	27,5	13,2	25,1	89,9	69,0	136,4	97,6
Ipeiros	43	38	-11,6	7,0	7,0	0,2	29,1	29,5	1,4
Ionioi Nisoi	43	51	18,6	8,3	10,9	31,5	31,1	41,6	33,8
Dytiki Ellada	97	100	3,1	11,6	20,1	74,3	46,8	71,4	52,5
Stereia Ellada	76	106	39,5	10,0	20,1	100,2	53,9	101,4	88,3
Peloponnisos	98	120	22,4	15,5	18,3	18,2	58,3	89,3	53,4
Attiki	186	220	18,3	24,6	27,9	13,4	91,6	99,5	8,6
Voreio Aigaio	34	46	35,3	3,3	3,6	7,7	10,6	13,0	22,4
Notio Aigaio	95	128	34,7	11,5	31,6	175,5	38,5	114,9	198,3
Kriti	90	90	0,0	18,4	23,5	28,1	63,0	90,0	42,8
Greece, Total	1.023	1.218	19,1	187,3	247,5	32,2	803,3	1.069,5	33,1

(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 March 2014 and 2015 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	44	70	59,1	10,3	12,2	17,8	41,2	43,8	6,3
Kentriki Makedonia	139	155	11,5	40,2	40,3	0,3	215,2	205,4	-4,5
Dytiki Makedonia	23	27	17,4	9,3	7,1	-24,1	41,7	33,1	-20,5
Thessalia	49	64	30,6	12,7	24,6	94,6	66,8	134,9	102,1
Ipeiros	40	38	-5,0	5,0	7,0	39,0	17,4	29,5	69,7
Ionioi Nisoi	43	51	18,6	8,3	10,9	31,5	31,1	41,6	33,8
Dytiki Ellada	96	97	1,0	11,6	17,1	48,3	46,8	59,9	27,9
Stereia Ellada	76	106	39,5	10,0	20,1	100,2	53,9	101,4	88,3
Peloponnisos	98	118	20,4	15,5	17,6	13,6	58,3	87,2	49,7
Attiki	186	220	18,3	24,6	27,9	13,4	91,6	99,5	8,6
Voreio Aigaio	34	46	35,3	3,3	3,6	7,7	10,6	13,0	22,4
Notio Aigaio	95	127	33,7	11,5	31,4	174,2	38,5	114,1	196,2
Kriti	87	88	1,1	18,4	23,2	26,2	63,0	88,9	41,0
Greece, Total	1.010	1.207	19,5	180,5	242,8	34,5	776,0	1.052,4	35,6

(1) Provisional data

Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period April 2013 - March 2014 and April 2014 - March 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	718	617	-14,1	222,3	139,6	-37,2	899,7	532,9	-40,8
Kentriki Makedonia	2.018	1.897	-6,0	472,8	472,7	0,0	2.089,4	2.452,3	17,4
Dytiki Makedonia	305	317	3,9	83,7	106,0	26,7	360,5	526,9	46,2
Thessalia	910	726	-20,2	174,6	165,2	-5,4	712,0	778,4	9,3
Ipeiros	490	474	-3,3	65,1	97,0	49,0	239,8	382,5	59,5
Ionioi Nisoi	501	627	25,1	81,8	116,4	42,3	293,2	373,9	27,5
Dytiki Ellada	1.442	1.191	-17,4	213,7	203,8	-4,6	847,7	829,3	-2,2
Stereia Ellada	1.256	1.124	-10,5	220,7	196,4	-11,0	1.085,3	926,5	-14,6
Peloponnisos	1.646	1.463	-11,1	292,4	232,4	-20,5	1.096,8	883,1	-19,5
Attiki	3.360	2.628	-21,8	542,0	460,3	-15,1	2.257,3	2.051,8	-9,1
Voreio Aigaio	506	450	-11,1	59,1	66,0	11,8	213,4	264,7	24,0
Notio Aigaio	1.261	1.150	-8,8	223,0	235,1	5,4	774,7	952,5	23,0
Kriti	1.018	949	-6,8	245,9	249,3	1,4	923,1	891,1	-3,5
Greece, Total	15.431	13.613	-11,8	2.897,1	2.740,1	-5,4	11.792,9	11.845,8	0,4

* Provisional data

Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period April 2013 - March 2014 and April 2014 - March 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	700	612	-12,6	211,3	136,7	-35,3	849,4	521,2	-38,6
Kentriki Makedonia	1.992	1.876	-5,8	458,6	467,1	1,9	2.033,4	2.423,9	19,2
Dytiki Makedonia	298	313	5,0	75,8	86,4	13,9	333,7	421,4	26,3
Thessalia	885	718	-18,9	150,1	162,8	8,4	618,5	767,4	24,1
Ipeiros	487	471	-3,3	63,2	96,3	52,5	228,1	379,9	66,6
Ionioi Nisoi	499	624	25,1	81,6	116,3	42,5	292,1	373,6	27,9
Dytiki Ellada	1.434	1.182	-17,6	203,1	196,3	-3,3	780,3	800,8	2,6
Stereia Ellada	1.250	1.119	-10,5	219,8	196,2	-10,7	1.082,5	925,8	-14,5
Peloponnisos	1.616	1.457	-9,8	279,1	231,4	-17,1	1.047,1	880,0	-16,0
Attiki	3.339	2.625	-21,4	510,7	457,3	-10,5	2.139,1	2.043,4	-4,5
Voreio Aigaio	504	447	-11,3	55,3	63,7	15,2	197,9	257,7	30,2
Notio Aigaio	1.253	1.147	-8,5	218,5	234,0	7,1	754,8	948,6	25,7
Kriti	994	935	-5,9	235,9	242,6	2,8	886,4	863,5	-2,6
Greece, Total	15.251	13.526	-11,3	2.763,0	2.687,2	-2,7	11.243,2	11.607,2	3,2

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January - March 2014 and 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	148	145	-2,0	25,2	25,7	2,1	92,1	99,1	7,7
Kentriki Makedonia	365	400	9,6	73,6	112,8	53,2	347,6	593,9	70,9
Dytiki Makedonia	59	63	6,8	19,3	36,4	88,8	80,7	186,8	131,6
Thessalia	165	174	5,5	36,5	46,7	27,8	183,8	226,3	23,1
Ipeiros	90	95	5,6	14,7	17,4	18,6	57,7	63,2	9,5
Ionioi Nisoi	99	169	70,7	21,5	33,5	56,0	80,1	116,1	44,9
Dytiki Ellada	264	275	4,2	40,9	52,4	28,2	175,5	219,0	24,7
Stereia Ellada	226	249	10,2	36,9	47,0	27,6	202,5	209,8	3,6
Peloponnisos	332	328	-1,2	49,6	58,1	17,2	194,7	240,5	23,5
Attiki	605	606	0,2	93,0	86,0	-7,5	377,1	340,7	-9,7
Voreio Aigaio	80	103	28,8	6,8	13,2	93,2	22,5	53,5	137,3
Notio Aigaio	258	300	16,3	45,2	55,6	23,1	159,9	196,5	22,9
Kriti	232	246	6,0	47,6	75,4	58,6	172,7	283,1	63,9
Greece, Total	2.923	3.153	7,9	510,7	660,3	29,3	2.147,0	2.828,3	31,7

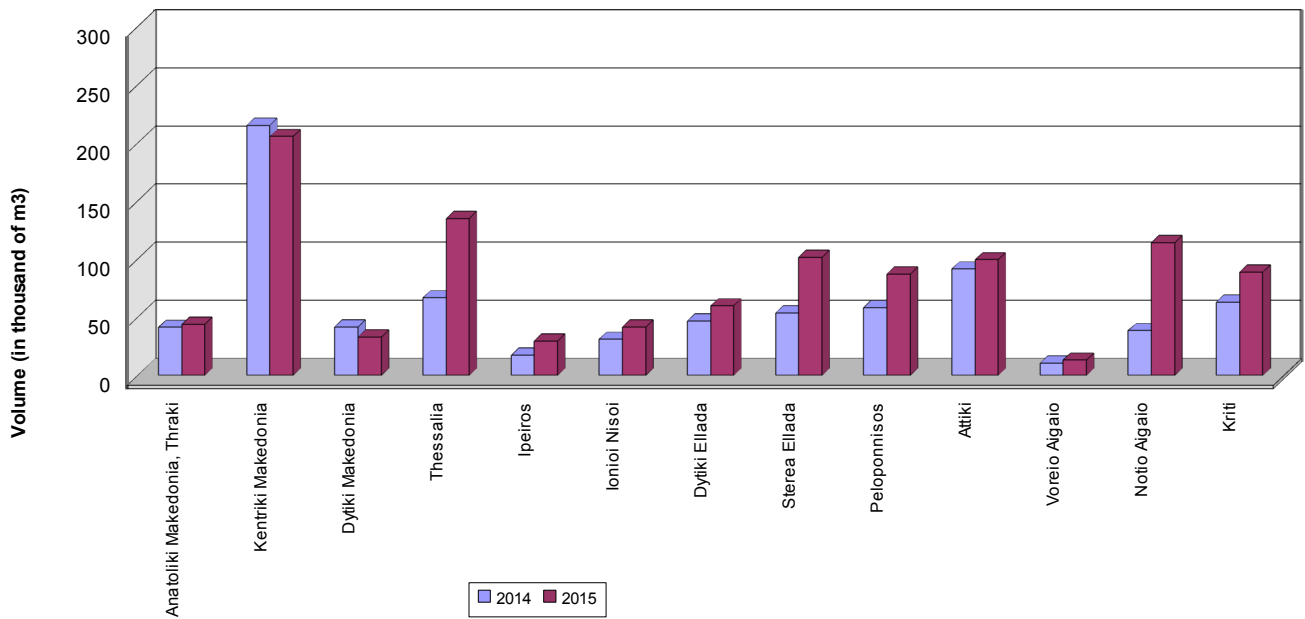
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - March 2014 and 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	145	143	-1,4	24,6	25,3	2,7	89,7	96,8	8,0
Kentriki Makedonia	362	397	9,7	73,3	112,8	53,9	345,7	593,9	71,8
Dytiki Makedonia	56	61	8,9	15,6	17,2	10,5	70,2	84,5	20,2
Thessalia	160	173	8,1	34,5	46,2	33,9	174,7	224,8	28,7
Ipeiros	87	95	9,2	12,7	17,4	36,7	46,0	63,2	37,4
Ionioi Nisoi	98	169	72,4	21,5	33,5	56,0	80,1	116,1	44,9
Dytiki Ellada	263	270	2,7	40,9	49,3	20,7	175,5	207,3	18,1
Stereia Ellada	226	249	10,2	36,9	47,0	27,6	202,5	209,8	3,6
Peloponnisos	325	326	0,3	45,7	57,4	25,7	180,7	238,4	31,9
Attiki	598	605	1,2	91,7	85,4	-6,9	371,6	338,1	-9,0
Voreio Aigaio	80	103	28,8	6,8	13,2	93,2	22,5	53,5	137,3
Notio Aigaio	257	299	16,3	44,9	55,4	23,3	158,5	195,6	23,5
Kriti	226	243	7,5	47,3	74,1	56,6	171,4	277,8	62,0
Greece, Total	2.883	3.133	8,7	496,5	634,3	27,8	2.089,3	2.699,7	29,2

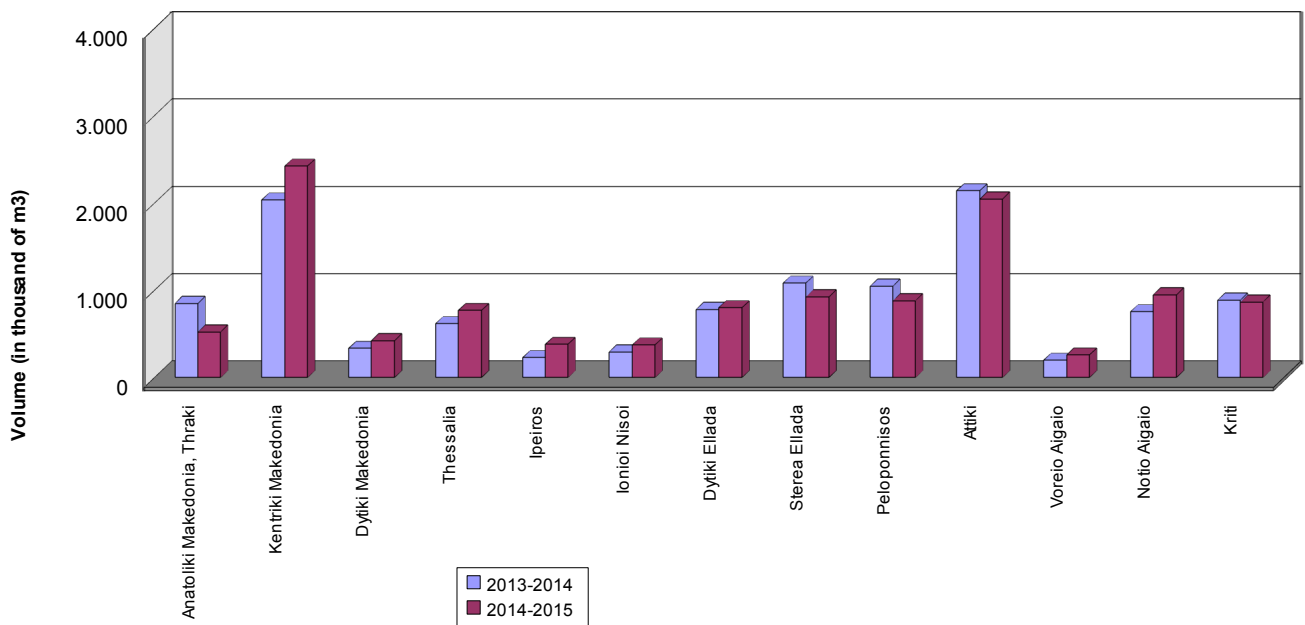
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in March 2014 and 2015 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period April 2013 - March 2014 and April 2014 - March 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 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	01/03/2015 to 31/03/2015
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: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.