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**Building Activity Survey: February 2015**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in February 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 1,083. This figure corresponds to 243.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,083.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting respectively a 10.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 49.8% increase in surface and a 51,2% increase in volume, compared to the same month of 2014. (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,074 building permits, corresponding to 222.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 972.3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2014, there is a 10.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 37.6% increase in surface and a 36.6% increase in volume. (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in February 2015 amounted to 9 building permits, corresponding to 21.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 111.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 10.3% of the total building volume in February 2015.

In the last twelve months, from March 2014 until February 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 13,418. This figure corresponds to 2,679.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 11,579.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting a 14.1% decrease in the number of building permits, an 8.0% decrease in surface and a 1.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from March 2013 until February 2014. (Table 3).

In the same period, from March 2014 until February 2015, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 13.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 5.4% decrease in surface and a 1.1% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from March 2013 to February 2014. (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.1% of the total building volume.

During the period January - February 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 1.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 27.6% increase in surface and a 30.9% increase in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2014. (Table 5).

During the same period, January - February 2015, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 2.8% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 23.9% increase in surface and a 25.4% increase in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - February 2014. (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in February 2014 and 2015** <sup>(1) (2)</sup>

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	52	28	-46,2	8,0	4,6	-42,4	26,3	18,6	-29,2
Kentriki Makedonia	116	148	27,6	15,8	55,9	255,0	61,0	321,8	427,6
Dytiki Makedonia	25	23	-8,0	3,4	23,0	579,2	14,0	123,1	777,7
Thessalia	57	59	3,5	12,6	12,9	2,5	70,7	56,6	-20,0
Ipeiros	22	27	22,7	4,0	4,9	22,1	14,4	16,8	16,6
Ionioi Nisoi	25	74	196,0	5,5	16,0	192,3	20,6	52,1	153,0
Dytiki Ellada	90	102	13,3	17,6	17,3	-1,7	91,3	60,9	-33,3
Stereia Ellada	80	84	5,0	15,8	14,1	-11,1	97,6	54,3	-44,3
Peloponnisos	106	123	16,0	14,4	20,5	42,3	70,1	78,4	11,8
Attiki	227	212	-6,6	34,5	35,2	2,2	127,4	158,0	24,1
Voreio Aigaio	27	38	40,7	1,8	6,3	243,6	5,6	26,3	366,4
Notio Aigaio	90	91	1,1	17,6	12,6	-28,3	68,3	42,1	-38,4
Kriti	66	74	12,1	11,6	20,1	73,5	49,2	74,8	52,2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>1.083</b>	<b>10,2</b>	<b>162,5</b>	<b>243,5</b>	<b>49,8</b>	<b>716,6</b>	<b>1.083,8</b>	<b>51,2</b>

(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 February 2014 and 2015** <sup>(1)</sup>

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	50	26	-48,0	7,8	4,1	-47,0	25,7	16,3	-36,5
Kentriki Makedonia	115	147	27,8	15,8	55,9	255,0	61,0	321,8	427,6
Dytiki Makedonia	24	21	-12,5	3,2	3,9	19,8	13,2	20,7	56,8
Thessalia	57	59	3,5	12,6	12,9	2,5	70,7	56,6	-20,0
Ipeiros	22	27	22,7	4,0	4,9	22,1	14,4	16,8	16,6
Ionioi Nisoi	24	74	208,3	5,5	16,0	192,3	20,6	52,1	153,0
Dytiki Ellada	90	100	11,1	17,6	17,3	-2,0	91,3	60,8	-33,5
Stereia Ellada	80	84	5,0	15,8	14,1	-11,1	97,6	54,3	-44,3
Peloponnisos	105	123	17,1	14,1	20,5	45,1	69,0	78,4	13,6
Attiki	227	211	-7,0	34,5	34,6	0,3	127,4	155,5	22,0
Voreio Aigaio	27	38	40,7	1,8	6,3	243,6	5,6	26,3	366,4
Notio Aigaio	89	91	2,2	17,4	12,6	-27,4	66,9	42,1	-37,1
Kriti	65	73	12,3	11,4	19,1	67,9	48,1	70,7	47,0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1.074</b>	<b>10,2</b>	<b>161,5</b>	<b>222,2</b>	<b>37,6</b>	<b>711,6</b>	<b>972,3</b>	<b>36,6</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	725	592	-18,3	222,4	138,2	-37,9	901,8	532,1	-41,0
Kentriki Makedonia	2.043	1.880	-8,0	465,4	472,9	1,6	2.011,1	2.463,9	22,5
Dytiki Makedonia	300	315	5,0	78,8	111,7	41,9	339,5	545,1	60,5
Thessalia	963	712	-26,1	181,6	153,3	-15,6	724,0	711,0	-1,8
Ipeiros	481	479	-0,4	64,2	97,0	51,2	229,4	382,1	66,6
Ionioi Nisoi	498	619	24,3	79,5	113,8	43,2	282,2	363,4	28,7
Dytiki Ellada	1.422	1.188	-16,5	209,1	195,2	-6,6	824,8	804,7	-2,4
Stereia Ellada	1.289	1.094	-15,1	229,0	186,3	-18,6	1.112,9	878,9	-21,0
Peloponnisos	1.676	1.441	-14,0	302,0	229,6	-24,0	1.147,3	852,0	-25,7
Attiki	3.467	2.594	-25,2	555,2	457,0	-17,7	2.297,0	2.043,9	-11,0
Voreio Aigaio	504	438	-13,1	58,0	65,8	13,5	210,8	262,3	24,4
Notio Aigaio	1.249	1.117	-10,6	222,6	215,0	-3,4	774,1	876,1	13,2
Kriti	1.009	949	-5,9	246,3	244,1	-0,9	931,6	864,1	-7,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>15.626</b>	<b>13.418</b>	<b>-14,1</b>	<b>2.913,7</b>	<b>2.679,8</b>	<b>-8,0</b>	<b>11.786,7</b>	<b>11.579,6</b>	<b>-1,8</b>

\* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)	March - February		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	707	586	-17,1	211,4	134,9	-36,2	851,9	518,6	-39,1
Kentriki Makedonia	2.014	1.860	-7,6	448,9	467,0	4,0	1.948,1	2.433,7	24,9
Dytiki Makedonia	295	309	4,7	74,5	88,6	19,0	322,4	430,0	33,4
Thessalia	938	703	-25,1	153,3	150,8	-1,6	610,3	699,3	14,6
Ipeiros	481	473	-1,7	64,2	94,4	47,1	229,4	367,7	60,3
Ionioi Nisoi	496	616	24,2	79,3	113,7	43,5	281,1	363,1	29,2
Dytiki Ellada	1.414	1.181	-16,5	198,5	190,8	-3,9	757,4	787,7	4,0
Stereia Ellada	1.283	1.089	-15,1	228,1	186,2	-18,4	1.110,0	878,3	-20,9
Peloponnisos	1.645	1.437	-12,6	287,2	229,3	-20,2	1.090,8	851,0	-22,0
Attiki	3.446	2.591	-24,8	523,9	454,0	-13,3	2.178,8	2.035,5	-6,6
Voreio Aigaio	501	435	-13,2	54,1	63,4	17,2	195,0	255,3	30,9
Notio Aigaio	1.240	1.115	-10,1	216,7	214,0	-1,2	749,0	873,0	16,6
Kriti	987	934	-5,4	234,8	237,8	1,3	888,7	837,7	-5,7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>15.447</b>	<b>13.329</b>	<b>-13,7</b>	<b>2.774,5</b>	<b>2.624,8</b>	<b>-5,4</b>	<b>11.212,8</b>	<b>11.330,8</b>	<b>1,1</b>

\* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	103	75	-27,2	14,5	13,6	-6,0	49,0	55,3	12,8
Kentriki Makedonia	225	243	8,0	33,2	72,5	118,7	130,5	388,5	197,6
Dytiki Makedonia	34	36	5,9	6,4	29,3	355,4	29,4	153,8	422,6
Thessalia	114	109	-4,4	23,3	21,6	-7,5	114,8	89,9	-21,7
Ipeiros	47	57	21,3	7,7	10,4	35,3	28,6	33,7	17,8
Ionioi Nisoi	56	118	110,7	13,2	22,6	71,4	49,0	74,5	51,9
Dytiki Ellada	167	175	4,8	29,3	32,3	10,0	128,7	147,5	14,6
Stereia Ellada	150	143	-4,7	26,8	27,0	0,5	148,7	108,3	-27,1
Peloponnisos	234	208	-11,1	34,2	39,9	16,7	136,5	151,2	10,8
Attiki	419	386	-7,9	68,4	58,1	-15,0	285,5	241,2	-15,5
Voreio Aigaio	46	57	23,9	3,5	9,6	174,1	11,9	40,5	240,1
Notio Aigaio	163	172	5,5	33,7	24,0	-28,8	121,3	81,5	-32,8
Kriti	142	156	9,9	29,2	51,9	77,8	109,7	193,0	76,0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1.900</b>	<b>1.935</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>323,4</b>	<b>412,8</b>	<b>27,6</b>	<b>1.343,7</b>	<b>1.758,8</b>	<b>30,9</b>

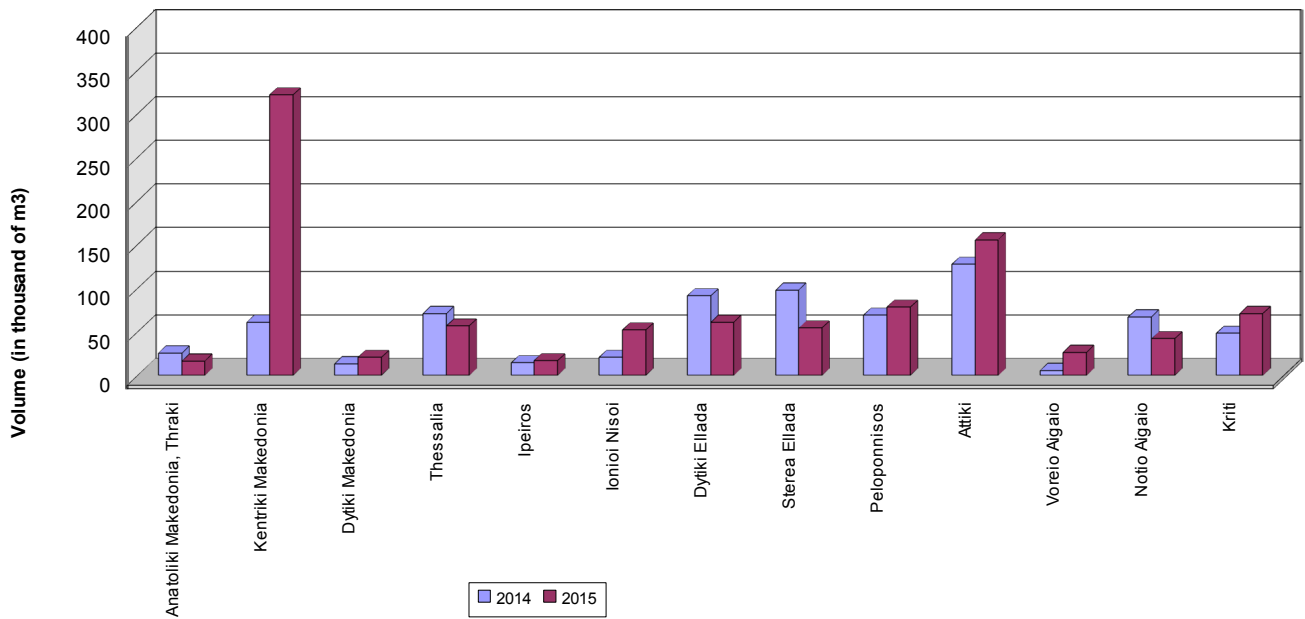
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**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - February 2014 and 2015 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	101	73	-27,7	14,3	13,1	-8,1	48,5	53,0	9,4
Kentriki Makedonia	223	242	8,5	33,2	72,5	118,7	130,5	388,5	197,6
Dytiki Makedonia	33	34	3,0	6,3	10,2	61,8	28,6	51,4	79,7
Thessalia	111	109	-1,8	21,9	21,6	-1,3	107,9	89,9	-16,7
Ipeiros	47	57	21,3	7,7	10,4	35,3	28,6	33,7	17,8
Ionioi Nisoi	55	118	114,5	13,2	22,6	71,4	49,0	74,5	51,9
Dytiki Ellada	167	173	3,6	29,3	32,2	9,9	128,7	147,3	14,5
Stereia Ellada	150	143	-4,7	26,8	27,0	0,5	148,7	108,3	-27,1
Peloponnisos	227	208	-8,4	30,2	39,9	31,9	122,5	151,2	23,4
Attiki	412	385	-6,6	67,2	57,5	-14,4	280,0	238,6	-14,8
Voreio Aigaio	46	57	23,9	3,5	9,6	174,1	11,9	40,5	240,1
Notio Aigaio	162	172	6,2	33,5	24,0	-28,3	119,9	81,5	-32,0
Kriti	139	155	11,5	29,0	50,9	75,9	108,4	188,9	74,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1.873</b>	<b>1.926</b>	<b>2,8</b>	<b>316,0</b>	<b>391,5</b>	<b>23,9</b>	<b>1.313,2</b>	<b>1.647,3</b>	<b>25,4</b>

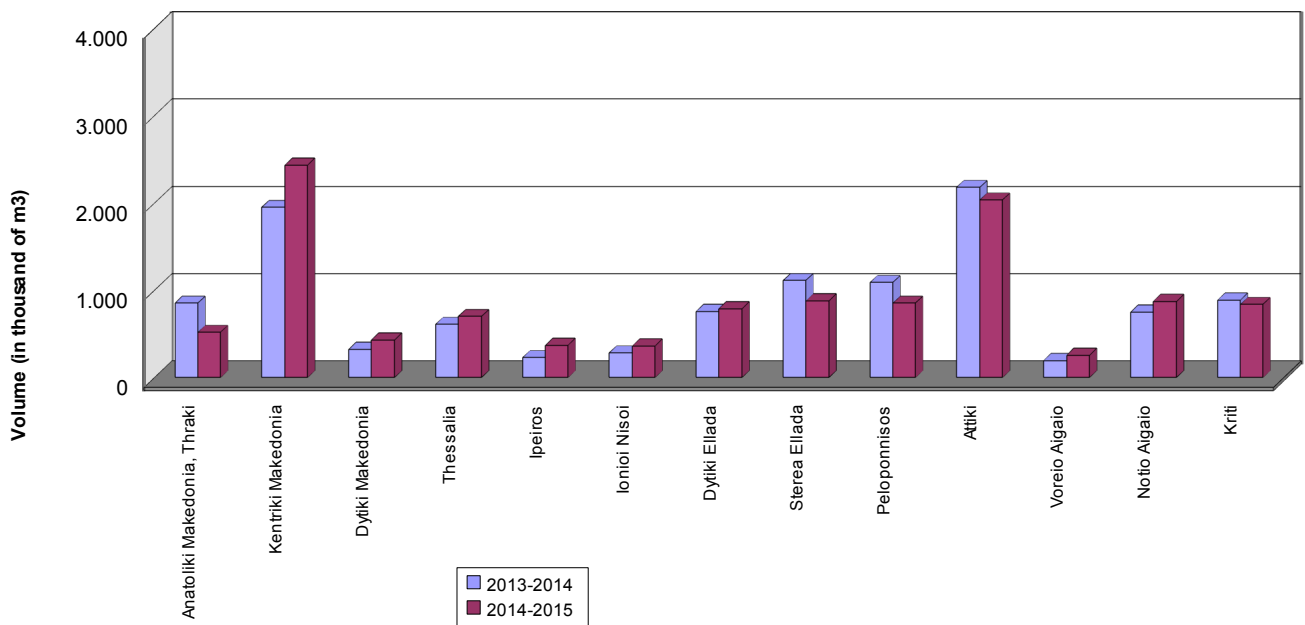
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in February 2014 and 2015 \***



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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period March 2013 - February 2014 and March 2014 - February 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 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.
<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 according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
<b>Reference Period</b>	01/02/2015 to 28/02/2015
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
<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> (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><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
<b>General Remark</b>	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , under the links: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.