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Building Activity Survey: January 2015

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in January 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 852. This figure corresponds to 169.3 thousand m² of surface and 675.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 7.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 5.2% increase in surface and a 7.6% increase in volume, compared to the same month of 2014. (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 852 building permits, corresponding to 169.3 thousand m² of surface and 675.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2014, there is a 5.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 9.6% increase in surface and a 12.2% increase in volume. (Table 2).

In January 2015 no building permits were issued as regards Public Building Activity in the country as a whole.

In the last twelve months, from February 2014 until January 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 13,318. This figure corresponds to 2,598.9 thousand m² of surface and 11,212.4 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 16.1% decrease in the number of building permits, an 11.7% decrease in surface and a 5.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2013 to January 2014 . (Table 3).

In the same period, from February 2014 until January 2015, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 15.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, an 8.5% decrease in surface and 1.6% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2013 to January 2014. (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.3% of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	51	47	-7,8	6,5	9,0	38,5	22,7	36,7	61,2
Kentriki Makedonia	109	95	-12,8	17,4	16,6	-4,7	69,6	66,7	-4,1
Dytiki Makedonia	9	13	44,4	3,0	6,3	106,4	15,4	30,7	99,2
Thessalia	57	50	-12,3	10,7	8,6	-19,3	44,1	33,3	-24,5
Ipeiros	25	30	20,0	3,7	5,5	49,5	14,1	16,8	18,9
Ionioi Nisoi	31	44	41,9	7,7	6,6	-14,8	28,4	22,4	-21,3
Dytiki Ellada	77	73	-5,2	11,7	14,9	27,7	37,4	86,6	131,8
Stereia Ellada	70	59	-15,7	11,0	12,9	17,1	51,0	54,0	5,8
Peloponnisos	128	85	-33,6	19,8	19,4	-1,9	66,4	72,8	9,7
Attiki	192	174	-9,4	34,0	22,9	-32,5	158,2	83,2	-47,4
Voreio Aigaio	19	19	0,0	1,7	3,3	98,3	6,3	14,2	126,7
Notio Aigaio	73	81	11,0	16,1	11,4	-29,3	53,0	39,5	-25,6
Kriti	76	82	7,9	17,6	31,8	80,6	60,5	118,2	95,3
Greece, Total	917	852	-7,1	160,9	169,3	5,2	627,1	675,0	7,6

(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 January 2014 and 2015 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	51	47	-7,8	6,5	9,0	38,5	22,7	36,7	61,2
Kentriki Makedonia	108	95	-12,0	17,4	16,6	-4,7	69,6	66,7	-4,1
Dytiki Makedonia	9	13	44,4	3,0	6,3	106,4	15,4	30,7	99,2
Thessalia	54	50	-7,4	9,2	8,6	-6,6	37,2	33,3	-10,5
Ipeiros	25	30	20,0	3,7	5,5	49,5	14,1	16,8	18,9
Ionioi Nisoi	31	44	41,9	7,7	6,6	-14,8	28,4	22,4	-21,3
Dytiki Ellada	77	73	-5,2	11,7	14,9	27,7	37,4	86,6	131,8
Stereia Ellada	70	59	-15,7	11,0	12,9	17,1	51,0	54,0	5,8
Peloponnisos	122	85	-30,3	16,1	19,4	20,2	53,5	72,8	36,1
Attiki	185	174	-5,9	32,7	22,9	-29,9	152,7	83,2	-45,5
Voreio Aigaio	19	19	0,0	1,7	3,3	98,3	6,3	14,2	126,7
Notio Aigaio	73	81	11,0	16,1	11,4	-29,3	53,0	39,5	-25,6
Kriti	74	82	10,8	17,6	31,8	81,1	60,3	118,2	96,1
Greece, Total	898	852	-5,1	154,5	169,3	9,6	601,6	675,0	12,2

(1) Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015		2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015		2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	713	616	-13,6	221,1	141,6	-36,0	900,1	539,8	-40,0
Kentriki Makedonia	2.085	1.848	-11,4	486,9	432,7	-11,1	2.126,7	2.203,1	3,6
Dytiki Makedonia	298	317	6,4	78,0	92,1	18,1	333,9	436,0	30,6
Thessalia	988	710	-28,1	181,4	153,0	-15,7	701,5	725,1	3,4
Ipeiros	491	474	-3,5	64,4	96,1	49,3	228,3	379,7	66,3
Ionioi Nisoι	504	570	13,1	83,4	103,3	23,9	291,3	331,9	13,9
Dytiki Ellada	1.424	1.176	-17,4	202,8	195,5	-3,6	776,4	835,1	7,6
Stereα Ellada	1.308	1.090	-16,7	233,2	188,1	-19,4	1.096,1	922,2	-15,9
Peloponnisos	1.717	1.424	-17,1	307,9	223,5	-27,4	1.155,4	843,8	-27,0
Attiki	3.561	2.609	-26,7	560,8	456,3	-18,6	2.330,0	2.013,3	-13,6
Voreio Aigaio	514	427	-16,9	58,8	61,3	4,2	214,7	241,7	12,6
Notio Aigaio	1.256	1.116	-11,1	216,2	219,9	1,7	744,3	902,4	21,2
Kriti	1.024	941	-8,1	247,9	235,6	-5,0	932,6	838,4	-10,1
Greece, Total	15.883	13.318	-16,1	2.942,7	2.598,9	-11,7	11.831,3	11.212,4	-5,2

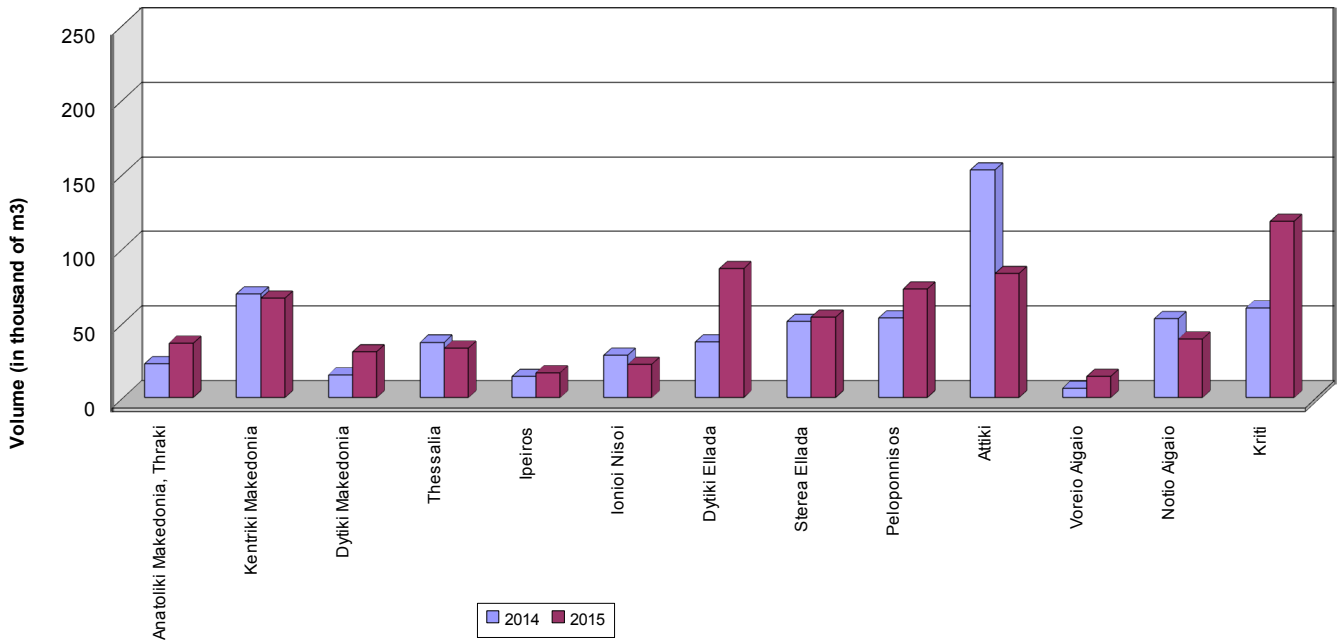
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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period February 2013 - January 2014 and February 2014 - January 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015		2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015		2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	697	610	-12,5	210,2	138,5	-34,1	850,7	528,0	-37,9
Kentriki Makedonia	2.056	1.828	-11,1	470,4	426,8	-9,3	2.063,7	2.172,9	5,3
Dytiki Makedonia	294	312	6,1	73,8	88,0	19,2	317,6	422,5	33,0
Thessalia	960	701	-27,0	151,2	150,5	-0,5	578,0	713,4	23,4
Ipeiros	489	468	-4,3	64,4	93,5	45,2	228,3	365,3	60,0
Ionioi Nisoι	503	566	12,5	83,2	103,2	24,0	290,1	331,6	14,3
Dytiki Ellada	1.416	1.171	-17,3	192,2	191,1	-0,6	709,0	818,3	15,4
Stereα Ellada	1.302	1.085	-16,7	232,3	187,9	-19,1	1.093,3	921,6	-15,7
Peloponnisos	1.687	1.419	-15,9	293,4	222,9	-24,0	1.100,1	841,6	-23,5
Attiki	3.538	2.607	-26,3	529,0	453,9	-14,2	2.209,4	2.007,4	-9,1
Voreio Aigaio	511	424	-17,0	55,0	59,0	7,2	198,9	234,7	18,0
Notio Aigaio	1.247	1.113	-10,7	210,5	218,8	3,9	720,5	897,9	24,6
Kriti	1.002	926	-7,6	236,5	230,1	-2,7	890,5	815,1	-8,5
Greece, Total	15.702	13.230	-15,7	2.802,0	2.564,1	-8,5	11.250,0	11.070,2	-1,6

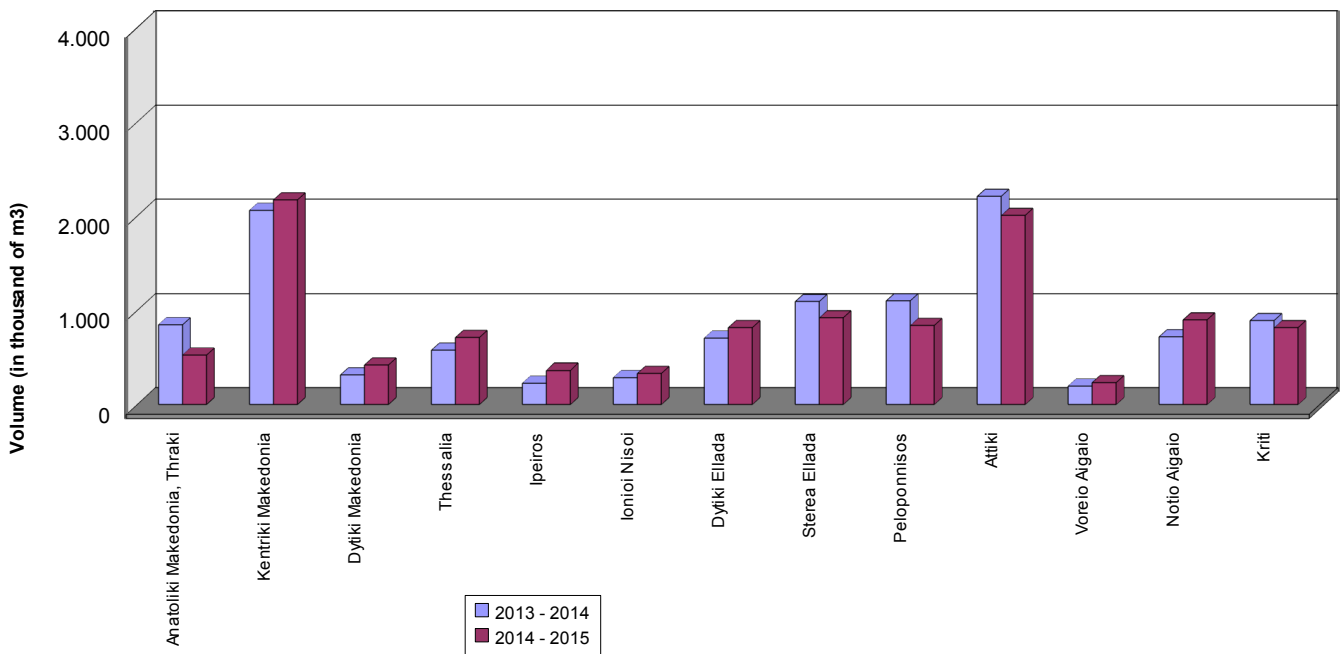
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in January 2014 and 2015 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period February 2013 - January 2014 and February 2014 - January 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	01/01/2015 to 31/01/2015
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.