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According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in November 2014 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 1,088. This figure corresponds to 210.7 thousand m² of surface and 837.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 30.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 34.3% decrease in surface and a 37.3% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2013. (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,079 building permits, corresponding to 204.7 thousand m² of surface and 814.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2013, there is a 30.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 33.7% decrease in surface and a 36.4% decrease in volume. (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in November 2014 amounted to 9 building permits, corresponding to 6.0 thousand m² of surface and 23.3 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.8% of the total building volume in November 2014.

In the last twelve months, from December 2013 until November 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,464. This figure corresponds to 2,577.7 thousand m² of surface and 11,078.4 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 20.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 19.8% decrease in surface and a 14.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from December 2012 to November 2013. (Table 3).

In the same period, from December 2013 until November 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 20.2% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 17.5% decrease in surface and an 11.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from December 2012 to November 2013. (Table 4).

During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.7% of the total building volume.

During the period January - November 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 19.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 16.4% decrease in surface and a 10.3% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2013. (Table 5).

During the same period, January - November 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 19.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 13.9% decrease in surface and a 7.2% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - November 2013. (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in November 2013 and 2014 ^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November 2013	2014	Change (%)	November 2013	2014	Change (%)	November 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	68	38	-44,1	28,3	7,4	-73,7	153,2	26,2	-82,9
Kentriki Makedonia	182	164	-9,9	52,0	30,4	-41,6	223,8	134,8	-39,8
Dytiki Makedonia	41	20	-51,2	17,2	5,2	-69,6	81,8	21,9	-73,2
Thessalia	74	55	-25,7	14,0	10,8	-22,6	58,1	41,5	-28,4
Ipeiros	55	28	-49,1	7,1	3,1	-56,6	25,9	11,4	-55,9
Ionioi Nisoi	43	44	2,3	9,4	11,9	27,6	41,5	31,8	-23,5
Dytiki Ellada	161	95	-41,0	23,8	17,6	-26,0	100,7	60,7	-39,7
Stereia Ellada	107	94	-12,1	13,5	12,0	-11,3	57,2	49,4	-13,7
Peloponnisos	165	118	-28,5	29,6	17,1	-42,3	128,4	64,2	-50,0
Attiki	348	218	-37,4	51,0	43,3	-15,1	199,6	206,5	3,4
Voreio Aigaio	58	31	-46,6	8,5	3,5	-58,3	28,4	13,3	-53,0
Notio Aigaio	163	122	-25,2	33,4	27,0	-19,2	110,0	107,5	-2,3
Kriti	110	61	-44,5	33,1	21,4	-35,3	127,5	68,8	-46,1
Greece, Total	1.575	1.088	-30,9	320,8	210,7	-34,3	1.336,1	837,9	-37,3

(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 November 2013 and 2014 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November 2013	2014	Change (%)	November 2013	2014	Change (%)	November 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	64	38	-40,6	21,4	7,4	-65,3	119,3	26,2	-78,1
Kentriki Makedonia	177	161	-9,0	47,9	30,4	-36,6	208,2	134,8	-35,3
Dytiki Makedonia	41	20	-51,2	17,2	5,2	-69,6	81,8	21,9	-73,2
Thessalia	69	55	-20,3	13,6	10,8	-20,2	55,6	41,5	-25,3
Ipeiros	55	28	-49,1	7,1	3,1	-56,6	25,9	11,4	-55,9
Ionioi Nisoi	42	43	2,4	9,2	11,9	29,3	40,3	31,5	-21,9
Dytiki Ellada	161	94	-41,6	23,8	14,2	-40,4	100,7	48,4	-51,9
Stereia Ellada	107	93	-13,1	13,5	11,9	-11,8	57,2	49,1	-14,1
Peloponnisos	161	117	-27,3	29,2	17,1	-41,4	126,2	64,2	-49,2
Attiki	347	218	-37,2	51,0	43,3	-15,1	199,5	206,5	3,5
Voreio Aigaio	58	30	-48,3	8,5	3,5	-58,9	28,4	13,1	-53,7
Notio Aigaio	163	122	-25,2	33,4	27,0	-19,2	110,0	107,5	-2,3
Kriti	109	60	-45,0	33,0	19,0	-42,5	127,2	58,5	-54,0
Greece, Total	1.554	1.079	-30,6	308,7	204,7	-33,7	1.280,4	814,6	-36,4

(1) Provisional data

Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period December 2012 - November 2013 and December 2013 - November 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December - November 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)	December - November 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)	December - November 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	764	628	-17,8	234,7	139,3	-40,7	952,3	536,7	-43,6
Kentriki Makedonia	2.301	1.841	-20,0	571,7	426,4	-25,4	2.507,5	2.147,5	-14,4
Dytiki Makedonia	324	304	-6,2	108,4	82,2	-24,2	477,9	377,0	-21,1
Thessalia	1.062	734	-30,9	195,2	163,3	-16,4	769,9	756,0	-1,8
Ipeiros	499	483	-3,2	65,6	95,4	45,5	228,8	386,4	68,9
Ionioi Nisoï	573	531	-7,3	94,9	99,9	5,3	338,0	324,3	-4,0
Dytiki Ellada	1.464	1.184	-19,1	210,5	198,3	-5,8	813,0	811,8	-0,1
Stereia Ellada	1.361	1.128	-17,1	248,0	192,9	-22,2	1.175,9	962,1	-18,2
Peloponnisos	1.815	1.464	-19,3	329,0	224,4	-31,8	1.234,1	831,4	-32,6
Attiki	3.762	2.661	-29,3	607,7	461,2	-24,1	2.478,8	2.056,6	-17,0
Voreio Aigaio	597	428	-28,3	74,5	51,4	-31,0	269,7	195,1	-27,7
Notio Aigaio	1.288	1.122	-12,9	214,8	214,3	-0,2	737,1	878,1	19,1
Kriti	1.107	956	-13,6	259,9	228,8	-12,0	967,1	815,5	-15,7
Greece, Total	16.917	13.464	-20,4	3.215,0	2.577,7	-19,8	12.950,2	11.078,4	-14,5

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period December 2012 - November 2013 and December 2013 - November 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December - November 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)	December - November 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)	December - November 2012-2013	2013-2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	748	621	-17,0	223,8	136,3	-39,1	902,8	524,8	-41,9
Kentriki Makedonia	2.264	1.821	-19,6	550,0	422,2	-23,2	2.418,5	2.126,9	-12,1
Dytiki Makedonia	320	298	-6,9	104,2	78,1	-25,1	461,5	363,5	-21,2
Thessalia	1.039	720	-30,7	173,0	150,1	-13,3	666,5	712,9	7,0
Ipeiros	497	477	-4,0	65,6	92,8	41,6	228,8	372,1	62,6
Ionioi Nisoï	572	529	-7,5	94,7	99,9	5,4	336,8	324,0	-3,8
Dytiki Ellada	1.453	1.179	-18,9	192,3	193,9	0,8	715,4	794,9	11,1
Stereia Ellada	1.355	1.124	-17,0	247,0	192,8	-21,9	1.173,0	961,8	-18,0
Peloponnisos	1.792	1.449	-19,1	317,8	219,7	-30,9	1.190,4	813,9	-31,6
Attiki	3.738	2.651	-29,1	568,6	456,5	-19,7	2.310,8	2.040,4	-11,7
Voreio Aigaio	593	425	-28,3	70,3	49,1	-30,2	251,6	188,1	-25,2
Notio Aigaio	1.278	1.121	-12,3	209,1	214,1	2,4	713,3	876,7	22,9
Kriti	1.087	936	-13,9	248,3	223,2	-10,1	924,3	791,9	-14,3
Greece, Total	16.736	13.351	-20,2	3.064,8	2.528,5	-17,5	12.293,9	10.892,0	-11,4

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January - November 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	671	586	-12,7	218	132	-39,5	889	503	-43,5
Kentriki Makedonia	2.035	1.691	-16,9	486	398	-18,1	2.117	2.038	-3,7
Dytiki Makedonia	290	281	-3,1	88	79	-11,1	420	365	-13,1
Thessalia	954	658	-31,0	174	141	-18,9	681	675	-0,9
Ipeiros	458	432	-5,7	59	88	50,0	205	359	74,9
Ionioi Nisoi	497	499	0,4	82	96	17,3	290	313	7,9
Dytiki Ellada	1.329	1.061	-20,2	184	178	-3,0	703	732	4,0
Stereia Ellada	1.231	1.022	-17,0	222	172	-22,5	1.056	864	-18,2
Peloponnisos	1.634	1.351	-17,3	299	204	-31,9	1.120	753	-32,8
Attiki	3.398	2.384	-29,8	533	433	-18,7	2.187	1.946	-11,0
Voreio Aigaio	507	379	-25,2	59	45	-23,7	212	171	-19,3
Notio Aigaio	1.144	997	-12,8	192	191	-0,6	657	794	20,8
Kriti	971	858	-11,6	233	207	-11,1	879	735	-16,4
Greece, Total	15.119	12.199	-19,3	2.827,7	2.363,4	-16,4	11.417,8	10.247,2	-10,3

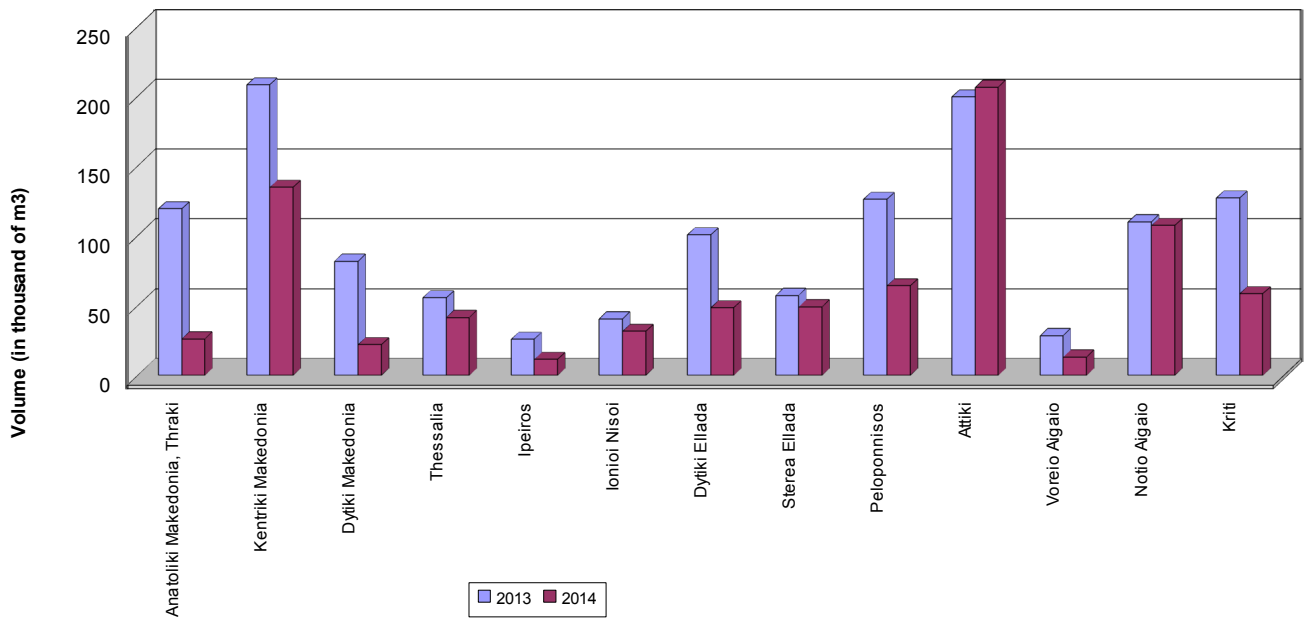
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - November 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	656	580	-11,6	207	129	-37,7	840	491	-41,5
Kentriki Makedonia	2.003	1.671	-16,6	468	394	-15,8	2.044	2.018	-1,3
Dytiki Makedonia	287	276	-3,8	84	74	-11,6	403	351	-13,0
Thessalia	933	649	-30,4	153	137	-10,7	587	658	12,2
Ipeiros	456	426	-6,6	59	86	45,6	205	345	67,9
Ionioi Nisoi	496	497	0,2	82	96	17,5	289	313	8,2
Dytiki Ellada	1.320	1.056	-20,0	173	174	0,4	636	715	12,5
Stereia Ellada	1.225	1.018	-16,9	221	172	-22,2	1.053	864	-18,0
Peloponnisos	1.612	1.340	-16,9	287	199	-30,7	1.077	738	-31,5
Attiki	3.382	2.375	-29,8	502	430	-14,5	2.073	1.935	-6,7
Voreio Aigaio	504	376	-25,4	55	43	-22,6	196	164	-16,4
Notio Aigaio	1.135	996	-12,2	186	190	2,3	633	793	25,2
Kriti	951	841	-11,6	221	201	-8,9	836	711	-14,9
Greece, Total	14.960	12.101	-19,1	2.699,2	2.325,2	-13,9	10.872,5	10.094,2	-7,2

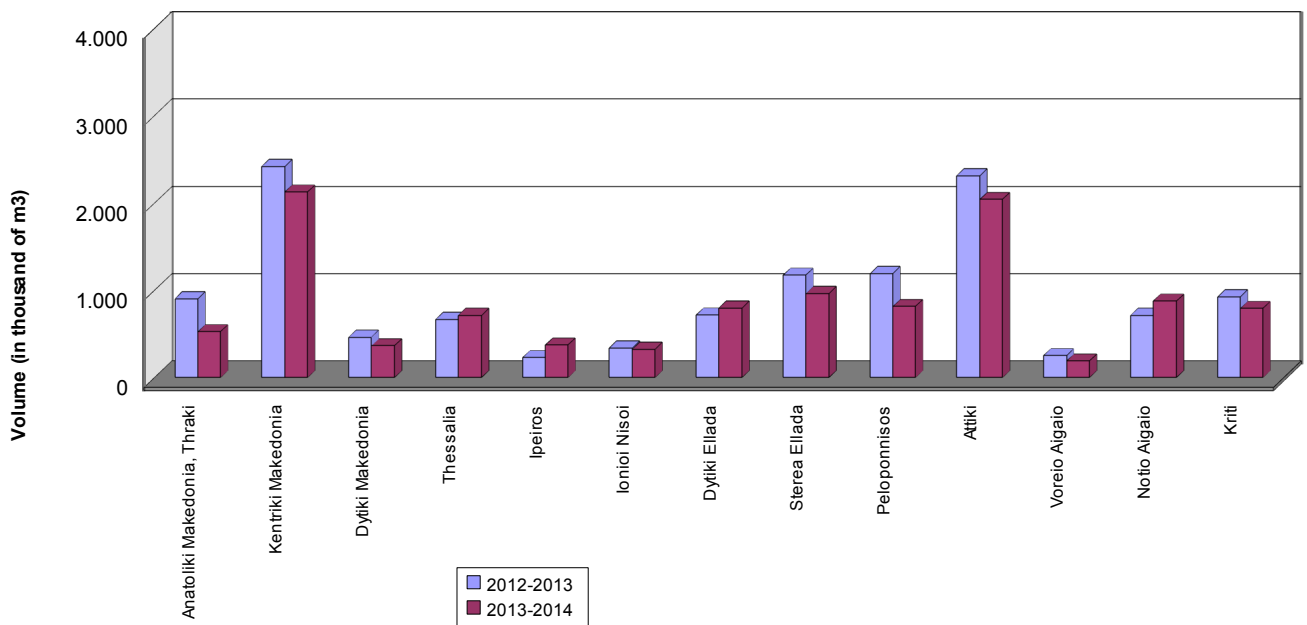
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in November 2013 and 2014 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period December 2012 - November 2013 and December 2013 - November 2014 *



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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	01/11/2014 to 30/11/2014
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits
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.