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Building Activity Survey: OCTOBER 2014

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in October 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 1,269. This figure corresponds to 243.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,065.5 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 19.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 13.0% decrease in surface and a 6.5% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2013. (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,265 building permits, corresponding to 242.6 thousand m² of surface and 1,063.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2013, there is an 18.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 9.8% decrease in surface and a 2.8% decrease in volume. (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in October 2014 amounted to 4 building permits, corresponding to 0.5 thousand m² of surface and 2.1 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.2% of the total building volume in October 2014.

In the last twelve months, from November 2013 until October 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 13,951. This figure corresponds to 2,687.8 thousand m² of surface and 11,576.5 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 15.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 13.1% decrease in surface and a 6.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from November 2012 to October 2013. (Table 3).

In the same period, from November 2013 until October 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 15.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 10.6% decrease in surface and a 2.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from November 2012 to October 2013. (Table 4).

During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 1.9% of the total building volume.

During the period January - October 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded an 18.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 14.1% decrease in surface and a 6.7% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2013. (Table 5).

During the same period, January - October 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 17.8% decrease in the number of issued building permits, an 11.3% decrease in surface and a 3.3% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - October 2013. (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	71	65	-8,5	16,5	20,6	24,7	71,1	82,3	15,6
Kentriki Makedonia	208	201	-3,4	66,2	51,7	-21,9	315,6	293,0	-7,2
Dytiki Makedonia	31	30	-3,2	10,7	2,7	-74,6	51,5	8,4	-83,7
Thessalia	106	52	-50,9	19,6	12,9	-34,4	79,6	66,1	-17,1
Ipeiros	43	47	9,3	2,6	5,9	125,8	8,8	21,5	144,6
Ionioi Nisoi	39	53	35,9	9,1	17,0	87,9	29,2	50,0	71,1
Dytiki Ellada	147	105	-28,6	22,3	24,2	8,5	87,0	106,8	22,8
Stereia Ellada	124	110	-11,3	16,0	12,2	-23,9	71,9	51,4	-28,5
Peloponnisos	152	131	-13,8	23,1	12,5	-46,2	84,7	44,6	-47,3
Attiki	346	232	-32,9	37,1	40,9	10,3	131,1	189,1	44,2
Voreio Aigaio	53	44	-17,0	6,0	7,2	20,1	21,8	29,3	34,7
Notio Aigaio	122	105	-13,9	24,0	15,9	-33,6	87,9	49,3	-43,9
Kriti	125	94	-24,8	26,0	19,2	-26,0	99,0	73,8	-25,4
Greece, Total	1.567	1.269	-19,0	279,4	243,1	-13,0	1.139,2	1.065,5	-6,5

(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 October 2013 and 2014 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	70	64	-8,6	16,4	20,6	25,3	70,8	82,2	16,1
Kentriki Makedonia	205	201	-2,0	65,1	51,7	-20,6	310,8	293,0	-5,7
Dytiki Makedonia	31	30	-3,2	10,7	2,7	-74,6	51,5	8,4	-83,7
Thessalia	103	51	-50,5	18,6	12,9	-30,8	73,7	66,1	-10,4
Ipeiros	43	46	7,0	2,6	5,5	107,9	8,8	19,5	122,0
Ionioi Nisoi	39	53	35,9	9,1	17,0	87,9	29,2	50,0	71,1
Dytiki Ellada	146	105	-28,1	20,1	24,2	20,7	78,0	106,8	37,0
Stereia Ellada	123	110	-10,6	16,0	12,2	-23,8	71,8	51,4	-28,5
Peloponnisos	148	131	-11,5	20,7	12,5	-39,7	73,5	44,6	-39,4
Attiki	346	232	-32,9	37,1	40,9	10,3	131,1	189,1	44,2
Voreio Aigaio	52	43	-17,3	5,8	7,2	24,3	21,2	29,3	38,5
Notio Aigaio	121	105	-13,2	21,5	15,9	-25,9	76,7	49,3	-35,7
Kriti	121	94	-22,3	25,3	19,2	-24,0	96,8	73,8	-23,7
Greece, Total	1.548	1.265	-18,3	269,1	242,6	-9,8	1.093,9	1.063,4	-2,8

(1) Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	776	658	-15,2	226,2	160,1	-29,2	873,0	663,7	-24,0
Kentriki Makedonia	2.256	1.859	-17,6	541,4	448,0	-17,3	2.377,8	2.236,5	-5,9
Dytiki Makedonia	306	325	6,2	96,4	94,1	-2,4	412,9	436,8	5,8
Thessalia	1.052	753	-28,4	191,2	166,4	-13,0	751,7	772,5	2,8
Ipeiros	464	510	9,9	61,6	99,4	61,4	212,4	400,9	88,8
Ionioi Nisoi	565	530	-6,2	96,4	97,4	1,0	330,4	334,1	1,1
Dytiki Ellada	1.425	1.250	-12,3	203,3	204,5	0,6	774,7	851,8	9,9
Stereia Ellada	1.324	1.141	-13,8	242,0	194,5	-19,6	1.144,5	970,0	-15,3
Peloponnisos	1.780	1.511	-15,1	320,0	236,9	-26,0	1.184,3	895,6	-24,4
Attiki	3.702	2.791	-24,6	603,0	468,9	-22,2	2.433,0	2.049,8	-15,8
Voreio Aigaio	579	455	-21,4	72,6	56,3	-22,4	262,8	210,1	-20,0
Notio Aigaio	1.211	1.163	-4,0	195,7	220,7	12,8	676,7	880,7	30,1
Kriti	1.058	1.005	-5,0	241,4	240,5	-0,4	886,9	874,2	-1,4
Greece, Total	16.498	13.951	-15,4	3.091,3	2.687,8	-13,1	12.321,1	11.576,5	-6,0

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	763	647	-15,2	214,8	150,3	-30,1	827,2	618,0	-25,3
Kentriki Makedonia	2.224	1.837	-17,4	523,7	439,7	-16,0	2.304,3	2.200,3	-4,5
Dytiki Makedonia	302	319	5,6	92,3	90,0	-2,4	396,6	423,3	6,7
Thessalia	1.034	734	-29,0	169,4	152,8	-9,8	650,8	727,0	11,7
Ipeiros	460	504	9,6	61,6	96,8	57,2	212,3	386,6	82,1
Ionioi Nisoi	565	528	-6,5	96,4	97,2	0,8	330,4	332,9	0,7
Dytiki Ellada	1.414	1.246	-11,9	185,1	203,5	9,9	677,1	847,2	25,1
Stereia Ellada	1.316	1.138	-13,5	241,0	194,4	-19,3	1.141,7	969,9	-15,0
Peloponnisos	1.761	1.493	-15,2	309,2	231,8	-25,0	1.142,7	876,0	-23,3
Attiki	3.678	2.780	-24,4	563,9	464,2	-17,7	2.265,1	2.033,5	-10,2
Voreio Aigaio	575	453	-21,2	68,3	54,0	-20,9	244,7	203,3	-16,9
Notio Aigaio	1.201	1.162	-3,2	190,0	220,5	16,1	652,9	879,2	34,7
Kriti	1.039	985	-5,2	230,0	237,2	3,1	844,5	860,5	1,9
Greece, Total	16.332	13.826	-15,3	2.945,7	2.632,5	-10,6	11.690,4	11.357,7	-2,8

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	603	548	-9,1	189,3	124,3	-34,3	735,8	476,4	-35,2
Kentriki Makedonia	1.853	1.527	-17,6	434,2	367,6	-15,3	1.893,1	1.903,4	0,5
Dytiki Makedonia	249	261	4,8	71,1	73,3	3,1	337,9	342,7	1,4
Thessalia	880	603	-31,5	159,6	129,9	-18,6	623,4	633,6	1,6
Ipeiros	403	404	0,2	51,9	85,4	64,6	179,5	347,7	93,8
Ionioi Nisoi	454	455	0,2	72,9	84,5	16,0	248,5	281,1	13,1
Dytiki Ellada	1.168	966	-17,3	159,8	160,5	0,4	602,7	671,0	11,3
Stereia Ellada	1.124	928	-17,4	208,4	159,9	-23,2	998,9	814,7	-18,4
Peloponnisos	1.469	1.233	-16,1	269,0	186,4	-30,7	992,0	688,6	-30,6
Attiki	3.050	2.166	-29,0	481,9	390,0	-19,1	1.987,8	1.739,6	-12,5
Voreio Aigaio	449	348	-22,5	50,7	41,6	-17,9	183,6	157,7	-14,1
Notio Aigaio	981	875	-10,8	158,4	163,6	3,3	547,2	686,7	25,5
Kriti	861	797	-7,4	199,8	185,7	-7,1	751,4	666,1	-11,4
Greece, Total	13.544	11.111	-18,0	2.506,9	2.152,6	-14,1	10.081,8	9.409,2	-6,7

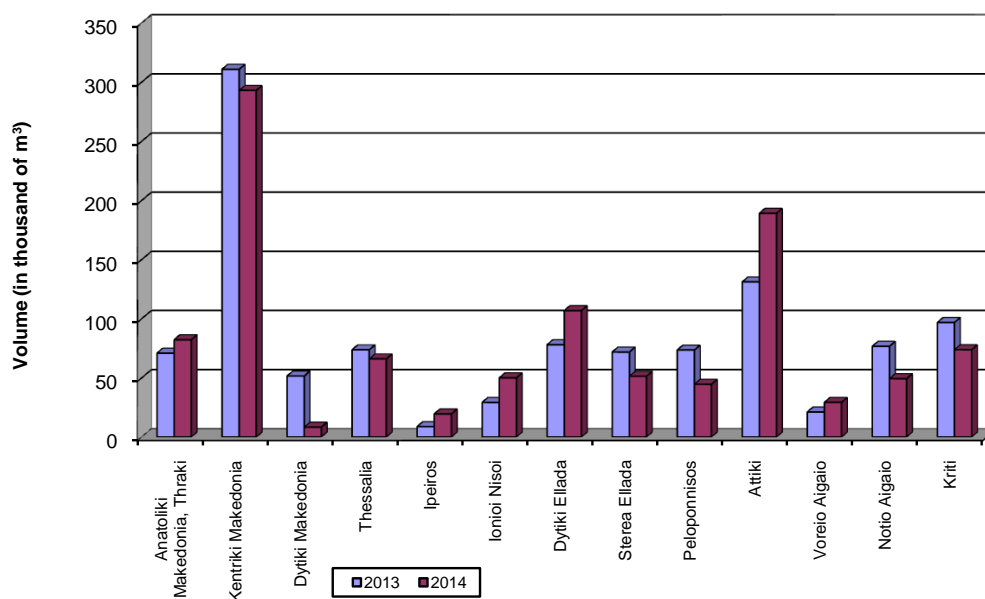
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - October 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	592	542	-8,4	185,2	121,3	-34,5	720,2	464,6	-35,5
Kentriki Makedonia	1.826	1.510	-17,3	419,8	363,4	-13,4	1.836,0	1.882,8	2,5
Dytiki Makedonia	246	256	4,1	67,0	69,2	3,4	321,6	329,2	2,3
Thessalia	864	594	-31,3	139,8	126,2	-9,7	531,0	616,6	16,1
Ipeiros	401	398	-0,7	51,9	82,8	59,6	179,5	333,4	85,8
Ionioi Nisoi	454	454	0,0	72,9	84,5	16,0	248,5	281,1	13,1
Dytiki Ellada	1.159	962	-17,0	149,1	159,5	7,0	535,0	666,5	24,6
Stereia Ellada	1.118	925	-17,3	207,4	159,9	-22,9	996,0	814,7	-18,2
Peloponnisos	1.451	1.223	-15,7	258,2	182,2	-29,4	950,5	673,6	-29,1
Attiki	3.035	2.157	-28,9	451,4	386,3	-14,4	1.873,6	1.728,2	-7,8
Voreio Aigaio	446	346	-22,4	46,8	39,3	-16,0	167,8	150,9	-10,1
Notio Aigaio	972	874	-10,1	152,7	163,4	7,0	523,5	685,3	30,9
Kriti	842	781	-7,2	188,3	182,5	-3,1	709,0	652,7	-7,9
Greece, Total	13.406	11.022	-17,8	2.390,5	2.120,5	-11,3	9.592,1	9.279,6	-3,3

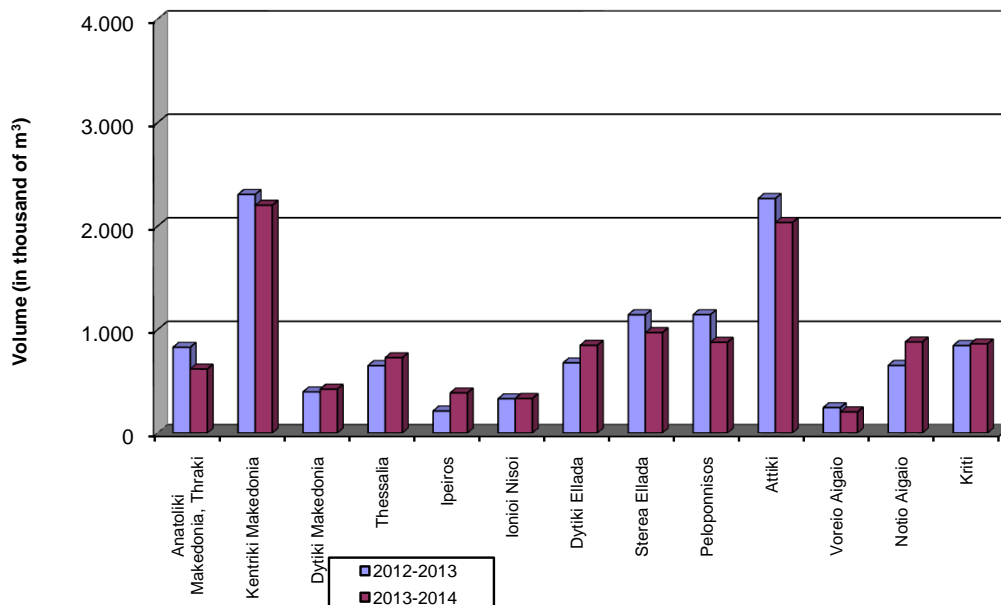
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in October 2013 and 2014 *



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



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Building Activity Survey	<p>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.</p>
Legal Framework	<p>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.</p>
Reference Period	<p>01/10/2014 to 31/10/2014</p>
Coverage	<p>The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits</p>
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	<p>Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.</p>
References	<p>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.</p>