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According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in September 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 1,102. This figure corresponds to 206.7 thousand m² of surface and 858.1 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively an 11.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 2.6% decrease in surface and a 6.7% increase in volume, compared to the same month of 2013. (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,095 building permits, corresponding to 202.9 thousand m² of surface and 839.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2013, there is an 11.0% decrease in the number of building permits, an 1.7% decrease in surface and a 7.2% increase in volume. (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in September 2014 amounted to 7 building permits, corresponding to 3.8 thousand m² of surface and 18.6 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.2% of the total building volume in September 2014.

In the last twelve months, from October 2013 until September 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 14,249. This figure corresponds to 2,724.0 thousand m² of surface and 11,650.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 13.3% decrease in the number of building permits, an 11.8% decrease in surface and a 5.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from October 2012 to September 2013. (Table 3).

In the same period, from October 2013 until September 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 13.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 9.4% decrease in surface and an 1.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from October 2012 to September 2013. (Table 4).

During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.2% of the total building volume.

During the period January - September 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole, recorded a 17.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 14.3% 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 - September 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 17.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, an 11.5% decrease in surface and a 3.3% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - September 2013. (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	69	68	-1,4	35,3	13,0	-63,2	139,5	48,1	-65,5
Kentriki Makedonia	185	146	-21,1	48,7	30,9	-36,5	192,0	142,7	-25,7
Dytiki Makedonia	27	22	-18,5	5,7	5,4	-5,1	24,0	30,6	27,2
Thessalia	71	83	16,9	8,0	12,8	60,5	31,4	72,6	131,4
Ipeiros	42	43	2,4	2,7	12,8	366,3	10,5	56,0	430,7
Ionioi Nisoi	55	66	20,0	4,6	10,9	134,0	16,4	36,6	122,9
Dytiki Ellada	113	84	-25,7	13,5	11,2	-16,8	45,9	38,2	-16,8
Stereia Ellada	100	103	3,0	11,9	16,2	35,7	47,7	67,8	42,3
Peloponnisos	110	120	9,1	15,4	30,5	97,7	54,2	110,7	104,3
Attiki	251	193	-23,1	33,0	34,9	5,8	123,8	157,3	27,1
Voreio Aigaio	46	44	-4,3	3,7	5,4	44,2	13,4	20,4	52,3
Notio Aigaio	99	61	-38,4	16,8	10,8	-35,7	61,1	36,2	-40,8
Kriti	73	69	-5,5	12,8	11,9	-7,4	44,3	41,0	-7,5
Greece, Total	1.241	1.102	-11,2	212,3	206,7	-2,6	804,3	858,1	6,7

(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 September 2013 and 2014 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	68	68	0,0	34,9	13,0	-62,8	138,5	48,1	-65,3
Kentriki Makedonia	183	141	-23,0	46,1	28,1	-39,0	182,7	128,8	-29,5
Dytiki Makedonia	27	22	-18,5	5,7	5,4	-5,1	24,0	30,6	27,2
Thessalia	71	83	16,9	8,0	12,8	60,5	31,4	72,6	131,4
Ipeiros	42	43	2,4	2,7	12,8	366,3	10,5	56,0	430,7
Ionioi Nisoi	55	66	20,0	4,6	10,9	134,0	16,4	36,6	122,9
Dytiki Ellada	112	83	-25,9	13,4	10,3	-23,4	45,6	33,7	-26,1
Stereia Ellada	98	103	5,1	11,4	16,2	42,1	46,1	67,8	47,1
Peloponnisos	108	120	11,1	14,9	30,5	105,3	52,3	110,7	111,8
Attiki	251	193	-23,1	33,0	34,9	5,8	123,8	157,3	27,1
Voreio Aigaio	46	44	-4,3	3,7	5,4	44,2	13,4	20,4	52,3
Notio Aigaio	99	61	-38,4	16,8	10,8	-35,7	61,1	36,2	-40,8
Kriti	70	68	-2,9	11,3	11,9	5,4	37,3	40,9	9,5
Greece, Total	1.230	1.095	-11,0	206,5	202,9	-1,7	783,2	839,5	7,2

(1) Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	763	664	-13,0	218,8	156,1	-28,7	832,5	652,5	-21,6
Kentriki Makedonia	2.272	1.866	-17,9	522,0	462,5	-11,4	2.276,1	2.259,1	-0,7
Dytiki Makedonia	316	326	3,2	99,8	102,1	2,3	411,4	480,0	16,7
Thessalia	1.046	807	-22,8	189,5	173,2	-8,6	738,8	786,1	6,4
Ipeiros	468	506	8,1	65,1	96,1	47,8	221,4	388,2	75,4
Ionioi Nisoi	578	516	-10,7	99,3	89,4	-10,0	345,2	313,3	-9,3
Dytiki Ellada	1.405	1.292	-8,0	199,7	202,6	1,4	756,5	831,9	10,0
Stereia Ellada	1.295	1.155	-10,8	246,4	198,3	-19,5	1.182,1	990,4	-16,2
Peloponnisos	1.796	1.532	-14,7	319,5	247,6	-22,5	1.194,5	935,7	-21,7
Attiki	3.678	2.905	-21,0	614,1	465,1	-24,3	2.475,6	1.991,8	-19,5
Voreio Aigaio	583	464	-20,4	73,0	55,1	-24,5	264,6	202,6	-23,5
Notio Aigaio	1.207	1.180	-2,2	198,1	228,8	15,5	672,2	919,2	36,7
Kriti	1.030	1.036	0,6	243,0	247,2	1,7	888,1	899,4	1,3
Greece, Total	16.437	14.249	-13,3	3.088,5	2.724,0	-11,8	12.259,2	11.650,2	-5,0

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	750	653	-12,9	206,4	146,1	-29,2	782,5	606,6	-22,5
Kentriki Makedonia	2.237	1.841	-17,7	503,7	453,1	-10,0	2.199,9	2.218,1	0,8
Dytiki Makedonia	311	320	2,9	95,7	98,1	2,5	395,1	466,5	18,1
Thessalia	1.029	786	-23,6	166,1	158,6	-4,5	631,2	734,7	16,4
Ipeiros	464	501	8,0	65,0	94,0	44,5	221,3	375,8	69,8
Ionioi Nisoi	578	514	-11,1	99,3	89,2	-10,2	345,2	312,1	-9,6
Dytiki Ellada	1.393	1.287	-7,6	182,8	199,4	9,1	664,2	818,4	23,2
Stereia Ellada	1.288	1.151	-10,6	245,5	198,2	-19,2	1.179,3	990,3	-16,0
Peloponnisos	1.781	1.510	-15,2	311,2	240,0	-22,9	1.164,1	904,9	-22,3
Attiki	3.653	2.894	-20,8	574,3	460,4	-19,8	2.305,2	1.975,5	-14,3
Voreio Aigaio	580	462	-20,3	69,0	52,6	-23,7	247,1	195,2	-21,0
Notio Aigaio	1.197	1.178	-1,6	194,9	226,1	16,0	659,7	906,6	37,4
Kriti	1.010	1.012	0,2	222,5	243,3	9,3	807,6	883,5	9,4
Greece, Total	16.271	14.109	-13,3	2.936,4	2.659,0	-9,4	11.602,4	11.388,2	-1,8

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - September 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - September 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	532	483	-9,2	172,8	103,7	-40,0	664,6	394,1	-40,7
Kentriki Makedonia	1.645	1.326	-19,4	368,0	315,9	-14,2	1.577,5	1.610,4	2,1
Dytiki Makedonia	218	231	6,0	60,3	70,6	16,9	286,4	334,3	16,7
Thessalia	774	551	-28,8	140,0	117,0	-16,4	543,7	567,5	4,4
Ipeiros	360	357	-0,8	49,3	79,4	61,3	170,7	326,2	91,1
Ionioi Nisoi	415	402	-3,1	63,8	67,4	5,7	219,3	231,1	5,4
Dytiki Ellada	1.021	861	-15,7	137,5	136,2	-0,9	515,8	564,2	9,4
Stereia Ellada	1.000	818	-18,2	192,3	147,7	-23,2	927,0	763,4	-17,7
Peloponnisos	1.317	1.102	-16,3	245,9	173,9	-29,3	907,4	644,0	-29,0
Attiki	2.704	1.934	-28,5	444,8	349,1	-21,5	1.856,7	1.550,5	-16,5
Voreio Aigaio	396	304	-23,2	44,7	34,4	-23,0	161,9	128,4	-20,7
Notio Aigaio	859	770	-10,4	134,4	147,7	9,9	459,3	637,4	38,8
Kriti	736	703	-4,5	173,8	166,4	-4,2	652,4	592,2	-9,2
Greece, Total	11.977	9.842	-17,8	2.227,6	1.909,6	-14,3	8.942,6	8.343,7	-6,7

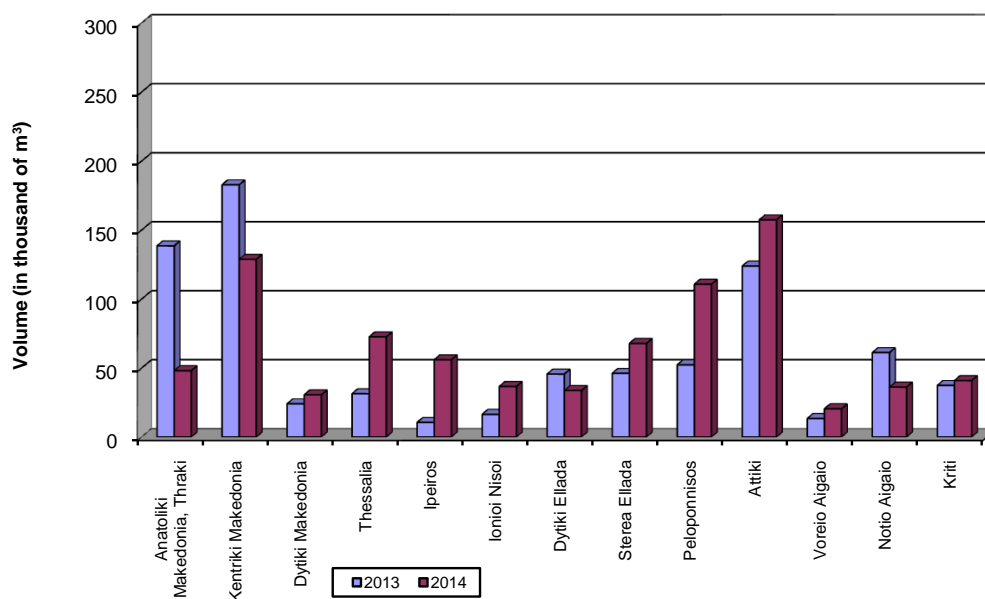
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - September 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - September 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - September 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	522	478	-8,4	168,8	100,7	-40,4	649,4	382,4	-41,1
Kentriki Makedonia	1.621	1.309	-19,2	354,7	311,7	-12,1	1.525,3	1.589,8	4,2
Dytiki Makedonia	215	226	5,1	56,2	66,5	18,3	270,1	320,8	18,8
Thessalia	761	543	-28,6	121,2	113,3	-6,5	457,3	550,6	20,4
Ipeiros	358	352	-1,7	49,3	77,3	57,0	170,7	313,9	83,9
Ionioi Nisoi	415	401	-3,4	63,8	67,4	5,7	219,3	231,1	5,4
Dytiki Ellada	1.013	857	-15,4	129,0	135,3	4,8	457,0	559,7	22,5
Stereia Ellada	995	815	-18,1	191,4	147,7	-22,8	924,2	763,3	-17,4
Peloponnisos	1.303	1.092	-16,2	237,6	169,7	-28,5	876,9	629,0	-28,3
Attiki	2.689	1.925	-28,4	414,3	345,4	-16,6	1.742,5	1.539,1	-11,7
Voreio Aigaio	394	303	-23,1	41,0	32,1	-21,7	146,7	121,6	-17,1
Notio Aigaio	851	769	-9,6	131,2	147,5	12,4	446,8	636,0	42,3
Kriti	721	687	-4,7	163,0	163,3	0,2	612,2	578,9	-5,4
Greece, Total	11.858	9.757	-17,7	2.121,5	1.877,9	-11,5	8.498,2	8.216,1	-3,3

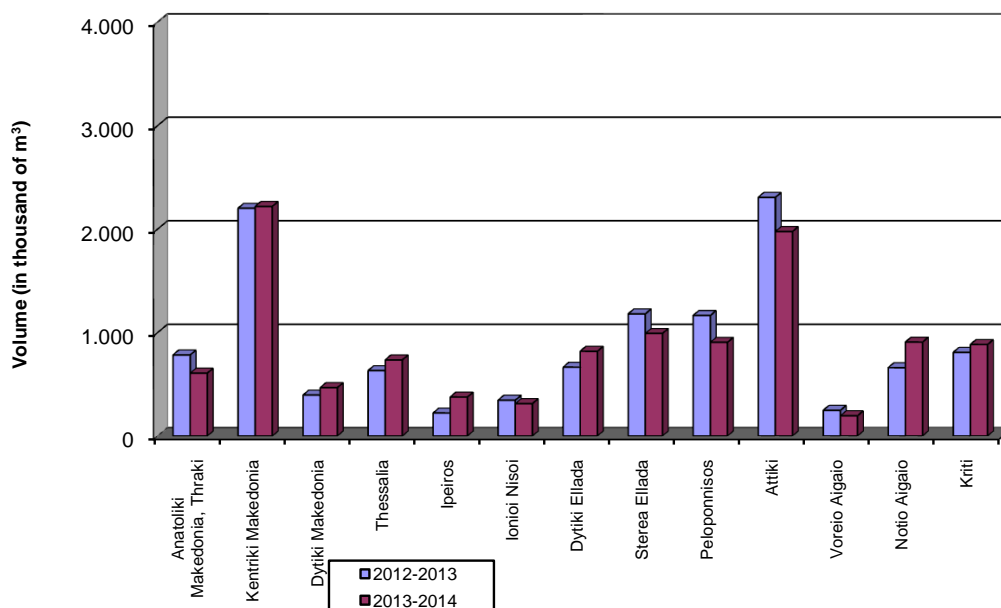
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in September 2013 and 2014 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period October 2012 - September 2013 and October 2013 - September 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	01/09/2014 to 30/09/2014
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.