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Building Activity Survey: August 2014

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in August 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 868. This figure corresponds to 168.9 thousand m² of surface and 760.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 19.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 19.4% decrease in surface and a 7.1% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2013. (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 862 building permits, corresponding to 166.3 thousand m² of surface and 752.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2013, there is a 19.7% decrease in the number of building permits, an 18.3% decrease in surface and a 5.3% decrease in volume. (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in August 2014 amounted to 6 building permits, corresponding to 2.6 thousand m² of surface and 8.1 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.1% of the total building volume in August 2014.

In the last twelve months, from September 2013 until August 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 14,388. This figure corresponds to 2,729.6 thousand m² of surface and 11,596.3 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 13.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 13.7% decrease in surface and an 8.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2012 to August 2013. (Table 3).

In the same period, from September 2013 until August 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 13.6% decrease in the number of issued building permits, an 11.6% decrease in surface and a 6.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2012 to August 2013. (Table 4).

During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.3% of the total building volume.

During the period January - August 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded an 18.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 15.5% decrease in surface and an 8.0% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2013. (Table 5).

During the same period, January - August 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded an 18.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 12.5% decrease in surface and a 4.4% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - August 2013. (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	54	47	-13,0	17,8	9,9	-44,5	69,4	38,8	-44,1
Kentriki Makedonia	166	139	-16,3	29,2	51,7	77,0	119,7	330,9	176,5
Dytiki Makedonia	30	30	0,0	7,4	6,0	-18,8	36,3	21,5	-40,7
Thessalia	75	41	-45,3	12,3	5,9	-51,8	46,4	22,9	-50,7
Ipeiros	46	31	-32,6	4,0	3,5	-11,6	12,5	11,4	-9,0
Ionioi Nisoi	47	35	-25,5	6,3	5,4	-13,0	20,8	18,0	-13,4
Dytiki Ellada	105	73	-30,5	17,6	11,5	-34,9	62,3	57,6	-7,4
Stereia Ellada	101	64	-36,6	16,9	7,2	-57,6	88,0	24,7	-72,0
Peloponnisos	127	114	-10,2	16,6	17,2	3,6	57,9	60,9	5,2
Attiki	144	122	-15,3	26,8	13,9	-48,1	93,6	47,5	-49,3
Voreio Aigaio	42	43	2,4	4,6	7,3	58,9	18,5	24,2	30,5
Notio Aigaio	80	70	-12,5	17,4	6,8	-61,2	66,8	21,6	-67,7
Kriti	66	59	-10,6	32,7	22,8	-30,4	126,4	80,3	-36,5
Greece, Total	1.083	868	-19,9	209,5	168,9	-19,4	818,5	760,2	-7,1

(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 August 2013 and 2014 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	53	46	-13,2	15,6	9,7	-37,9	60,6	38,3	-36,9
Kentriki Makedonia	163	136	-16,6	29,1	51,7	77,2	119,6	330,9	176,7
Dytiki Makedonia	30	29	-3,3	7,4	5,8	-21,1	36,3	20,8	-42,8
Thessalia	73	41	-43,8	10,2	5,9	-41,6	36,5	22,9	-37,3
Ipeiros	46	31	-32,6	4,0	3,5	-11,6	12,5	11,4	-9,0
Ionioi Nisoi	47	35	-25,5	6,3	5,4	-13,0	20,8	18,0	-13,4
Dytiki Ellada	104	73	-29,8	17,6	11,5	-34,9	62,3	57,6	-7,4
Stereia Ellada	100	64	-36,0	16,8	7,2	-57,4	87,8	24,7	-71,9
Peloponnisos	125	114	-8,8	15,1	17,2	14,0	52,3	60,9	16,4
Attiki	144	122	-15,3	26,8	13,9	-48,1	93,6	47,5	-49,3
Voreio Aigaio	42	42	0,0	4,6	5,0	8,8	18,5	17,4	-6,2
Notio Aigaio	80	70	-12,5	17,4	6,8	-61,2	66,8	21,6	-67,7
Kriti	66	59	-10,6	32,7	22,8	-30,4	126,4	80,3	-36,5
Greece, Total	1.073	862	-19,7	203,6	166,3	-18,3	793,9	752,1	-5,3

(1) Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	768	665	-13,4	199,6	178,3	-10,6	759,5	743,9	-2,0
Kentriki Makedonia	2.334	1.905	-18,4	547,3	480,3	-12,2	2.467,8	2.308,4	-6,5
Dytiki Makedonia	319	331	3,8	98,4	102,4	4,1	402,3	473,5	17,7
Thessalia	1.059	795	-24,9	197,1	168,3	-14,6	774,2	744,8	-3,8
Ipeiros	460	505	9,8	68,8	86,1	25,2	235,4	342,8	45,6
Ionioi Nisoi	581	505	-13,1	102,6	83,2	-18,9	357,0	293,1	-17,9
Dytiki Ellada	1.423	1.321	-7,2	199,5	204,8	2,7	754,0	839,6	11,4
Stereia Ellada	1.295	1.152	-11,0	252,8	194,0	-23,3	1.209,8	970,3	-19,8
Peloponnisos	1.856	1.522	-18,0	332,1	232,5	-30,0	1.234,4	879,2	-28,8
Attiki	3.718	2.963	-20,3	614,2	463,2	-24,6	2.473,7	1.958,3	-20,8
Voreio Aigaio	590	466	-21,0	77,7	53,5	-31,2	278,7	195,6	-29,8
Notio Aigaio	1.202	1.218	1,3	223,9	234,8	4,9	872,3	944,2	8,2
Kriti	1.040	1.040	0,0	248,5	248,1	-0,2	903,7	902,7	-0,1
Greece, Total	16.645	14.388	-13,6	3.162,5	2.729,6	-13,7	12.722,8	11.596,3	-8,9

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	755	653	-13,5	187,4	168,1	-10,3	710,5	697,0	-1,9
Kentriki Makedonia	2.298	1.883	-18,1	530,8	471,1	-11,3	2.395,9	2.272,1	-5,2
Dytiki Makedonia	312	325	4,2	93,7	98,4	5,0	383,6	460,0	19,9
Thessalia	1.041	774	-25,6	173,6	153,7	-11,5	666,6	693,5	4,0
Ipeiros	455	500	9,9	67,5	84,0	24,5	231,7	330,4	42,6
Ionioi Nisoi	581	503	-13,4	102,6	83,0	-19,1	357,0	291,9	-18,2
Dytiki Ellada	1.412	1.316	-6,8	182,6	202,5	10,9	661,9	830,3	25,4
Stereia Ellada	1.290	1.146	-11,2	252,4	193,4	-23,4	1.208,6	968,6	-19,9
Peloponnisos	1.843	1.498	-18,7	324,4	224,3	-30,8	1.205,9	846,4	-29,8
Attiki	3.693	2.952	-20,1	574,5	458,5	-20,2	2.303,2	1.942,0	-15,7
Voreio Aigaio	586	464	-20,8	73,3	51,0	-30,4	258,1	188,2	-27,1
Notio Aigaio	1.192	1.216	2,0	220,6	232,0	5,2	859,8	931,5	8,3
Kriti	1.021	1.014	-0,7	227,0	242,7	6,9	822,0	880,0	7,1
Greece, Total	16.479	14.244	-13,6	3.010,4	2.662,6	-11,6	12.064,8	11.331,9	-6,1

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	463	415	-10,4	137,5	90,7	-34,0	525,1	346,1	-34,1
Kentriki Makedonia	1.460	1.180	-19,2	319,3	285,0	-10,7	1.385,4	1.467,7	5,9
Dytiki Makedonia	191	209	9,4	54,6	65,2	19,2	262,4	303,7	15,8
Thessalia	703	468	-33,4	132,0	104,2	-21,1	512,4	495,0	-3,4
Ipeiros	318	314	-1,3	46,5	66,7	43,4	160,1	270,2	68,8
Ionioi Nisoi	360	336	-6,7	59,1	56,6	-4,3	202,9	194,5	-4,1
Dytiki Ellada	908	777	-14,4	124,0	125,0	0,8	469,9	526,0	11,9
Stereia Ellada	900	715	-20,6	180,4	131,5	-27,1	879,3	695,6	-20,9
Peloponnisos	1.207	982	-18,6	230,5	143,4	-37,8	853,2	533,3	-37,5
Attiki	2.453	1.741	-29,0	411,8	314,1	-23,7	1.732,9	1.393,1	-19,6
Voreio Aigaio	350	260	-25,7	41,0	29,0	-29,2	148,4	107,9	-27,3
Notio Aigaio	760	709	-6,7	117,6	136,9	16,4	398,2	601,2	51,0
Kriti	663	634	-4,4	161,0	154,6	-4,0	608,2	551,3	-9,4
Greece, Total	10.736	8.740	-18,6	2.015,3	1.702,9	-15,5	8.138,3	7.485,6	-8,0

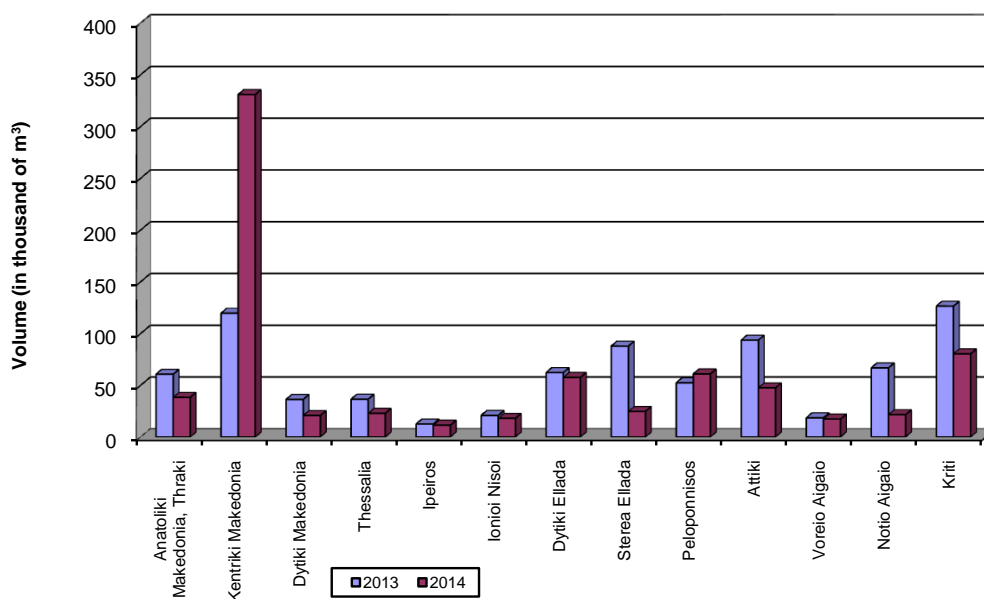
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - August 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	454	410	-9,7	133,9	87,7	-34,5	510,9	334,3	-34,6
Kentriki Makedonia	1.438	1.168	-18,8	308,7	283,6	-8,1	1.342,5	1.461,1	8,8
Dytiki Makedonia	188	204	8,5	50,5	61,1	20,9	246,0	290,2	18,0
Thessalia	690	460	-33,3	113,2	100,5	-11,2	425,9	478,0	12,2
Ipeiros	316	309	-2,2	46,5	64,6	38,8	160,1	257,9	61,1
Ionioi Nisoi	360	335	-6,9	59,1	56,6	-4,3	202,9	194,5	-4,1
Dytiki Ellada	901	774	-14,1	115,6	125,0	8,1	411,4	526,0	27,9
Stereia Ellada	897	712	-20,6	180,0	131,5	-26,9	878,1	695,5	-20,8
Peloponnisos	1.195	972	-18,7	222,7	139,2	-37,5	824,7	518,3	-37,2
Attiki	2.438	1.732	-29,0	381,3	310,5	-18,6	1.618,7	1.381,8	-14,6
Voreio Aigaio	348	259	-25,6	37,3	26,7	-28,4	133,2	101,1	-24,1
Notio Aigaio	752	708	-5,9	114,4	136,7	19,5	385,7	599,8	55,5
Kriti	651	619	-4,9	151,7	151,4	-0,2	574,9	538,0	-6,4
Greece, Total	10.628	8.662	-18,5	1.914,9	1.675,0	-12,5	7.715,0	7.376,6	-4,4

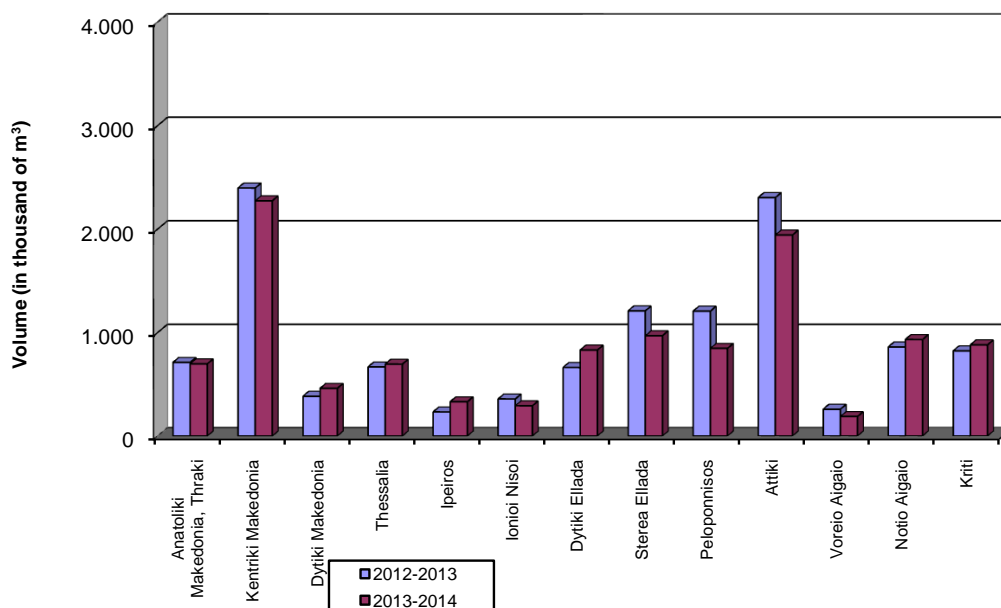
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in August 2013 and 2014 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period September 2012 - August 2013 and September 2013 - August 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>01/08/2014 to 31/08/2014</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>