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**Building Activity Survey: July 2014**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in July 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 1,504. This figure corresponds to 277.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,171.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting respectively an 8.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 30.1% decrease in surface and a 30.3% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2013 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,499 building permits, corresponding to 275.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,162.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2013, there is a 7.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 23.2% decrease in surface and a 24.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in July 2014 amounted to 5 building permits, corresponding to 2.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 9.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.8% of the total building volume in July 2014.

In the last twelve months, from August 2013 until July 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 14,603. This figure corresponds to 2,770.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 11,654.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting a 12.9% decrease in the number of building permits, an 13.9% decrease in surface and an 11.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2012 to July 2013 (Table 3).

In the same period, from August 2013 until July 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 13.0% decrease in the number of issued building permits, an 11.8% decrease in surface and an 8.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2012 to July 2013 (Table 4).

During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.4% of the total building volume.

During the period January - July 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded an 18.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 15.1% decrease in surface and an 8.1% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2013 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - July 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded an 18.4% decrease in the number of issued building permits, an 11.8% decrease in surface and a 4.3% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - July 2013 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in July 2013 and 2014 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	69	72	4,3	35,8	30,1	-16,0	151,6	122,9	-19,0
Kentriki Makedonia	216	219	1,4	65,0	39,4	-39,4	311,2	185,2	-40,5
Dytiki Makedonia	32	41	28,1	4,6	15,8	243,4	13,6	89,6	560,4
Thessalia	103	85	-17,5	25,0	15,5	-37,9	104,2	70,8	-32,0
Ipeiros	45	65	44,4	4,7	15,8	234,9	15,7	56,3	258,5
Ionioi Nisoi	48	62	29,2	8,1	8,4	4,3	26,2	27,1	3,4
Dytiki Ellada	146	107	-26,7	23,5	18,8	-19,7	77,9	88,2	13,1
Stereia Ellada	137	142	3,6	37,5	24,3	-35,1	223,7	111,5	-50,2
Peloponnisos	188	159	-15,4	49,4	24,0	-51,3	179,7	87,9	-51,1
Attiki	380	318	-16,3	97,3	42,4	-56,4	415,7	185,8	-55,3
Voreio Aigaio	46	34	-26,1	8,3	4,0	-52,1	31,3	19,5	-37,8
Notio Aigaio	136	109	-19,9	19,7	15,4	-21,8	63,0	50,2	-20,4
Kriti	89	91	2,2	18,1	23,4	29,4	67,5	76,8	13,8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1.635</b>	<b>1.504</b>	<b>-8,0</b>	<b>396,8</b>	<b>277,3</b>	<b>-30,1</b>	<b>1.681,3</b>	<b>1.171,8</b>	<b>-30,3</b>

(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 July 2013 and 2014 <sup>(1)</sup>**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	66	71	7,6	35,8	27,8	-22,3	151,6	114,0	-24,8
Kentriki Makedonia	214	217	1,4	61,8	39,4	-36,3	297,8	185,2	-37,8
Dytiki Makedonia	32	41	28,1	4,6	15,8	243,4	13,6	89,6	560,4
Thessalia	99	85	-14,1	16,2	15,5	-4,5	66,0	70,8	7,2
Ipeiros	45	64	42,2	4,7	15,8	233,7	15,7	56,2	257,6
Ionioi Nisoi	48	62	29,2	8,1	8,4	4,3	26,2	27,1	3,4
Dytiki Ellada	144	107	-25,7	23,2	18,8	-19,0	77,2	88,2	14,2
Stereia Ellada	137	142	3,6	37,5	24,3	-35,1	223,7	111,5	-50,2
Peloponnisos	186	158	-15,1	49,4	24,0	-51,4	179,7	87,8	-51,2
Attiki	377	318	-15,6	75,6	42,4	-44,0	339,9	185,8	-45,3
Voreio Aigaio	45	34	-24,4	4,8	4,0	-16,1	16,4	19,5	18,6
Notio Aigaio	134	109	-18,7	19,3	15,4	-20,2	61,4	50,2	-18,3
Kriti	88	91	3,4	17,0	23,4	37,8	63,2	76,8	21,6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1.615</b>	<b>1.499</b>	<b>-7,2</b>	<b>357,9</b>	<b>275,0</b>	<b>-23,2</b>	<b>1.532,4</b>	<b>1.162,6</b>	<b>-24,1</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	794	672	-15,4	196,5	186,3	-5,2	743,5	774,5	4,2
Kentriki Makedonia	2.345	1.932	-17,6	584,7	457,8	-21,7	2.750,7	2.097,2	-23,8
Dytiki Makedonia	317	331	4,4	97,0	103,8	7,1	388,7	488,2	25,6
Thessalia	1.053	829	-21,3	194,1	174,7	-10,0	762,6	768,4	0,8
Ipeiros	468	520	11,1	74,0	86,6	17,0	255,1	343,9	34,8
Ionioi Nisoi	583	517	-11,3	103,0	84,0	-18,4	363,7	295,9	-18,6
Dytiki Ellada	1.441	1.353	-6,1	207,4	211,0	1,7	812,0	844,3	4,0
Stereia Ellada	1.292	1.189	-8,0	252,0	203,7	-19,1	1.202,6	1.033,6	-14,1
Peloponnisos	1.879	1.535	-18,3	342,6	231,9	-32,3	1.265,9	876,2	-30,8
Attiki	3.723	2.985	-19,8	621,8	476,0	-23,4	2.515,5	2.004,4	-20,3
Voreio Aigaio	601	465	-22,6	79,1	50,8	-35,8	280,8	189,9	-32,4
Notio Aigaio	1.207	1.228	1,7	221,0	245,4	11,1	851,5	989,4	16,2
Kriti	1.069	1.047	-2,1	245,4	258,1	5,2	898,3	948,8	5,6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>16.772</b>	<b>14.603</b>	<b>-12,9</b>	<b>3.218,5</b>	<b>2.770,2</b>	<b>-13,9</b>	<b>13.090,9</b>	<b>11.654,6</b>	<b>-11,0</b>

\* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014		2012-2013	2013-2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	782	660	-15,6	186,6	174,0	-6,7	703,3	719,3	2,3
Kentriki Makedonia	2.309	1.910	-17,3	565,2	448,6	-20,6	2.667,8	2.060,8	-22,8
Dytiki Makedonia	310	326	5,2	92,2	99,9	8,4	370,0	475,5	28,5
Thessalia	1.037	806	-22,3	172,9	158,0	-8,6	664,9	707,1	6,3
Ipeiros	463	515	11,2	72,7	84,4	16,2	251,4	331,5	31,9
Ionioi Nisoi	583	515	-11,7	103,0	83,8	-18,6	363,7	294,7	-19,0
Dytiki Ellada	1.431	1.347	-5,9	190,5	208,7	9,5	719,9	835,0	16,0
Stereia Ellada	1.287	1.182	-8,2	251,7	203,1	-19,3	1.201,6	1.031,7	-14,1
Peloponnisos	1.866	1.509	-19,1	335,8	222,2	-33,8	1.240,7	837,9	-32,5
Attiki	3.698	2.974	-19,6	582,0	471,4	-19,0	2.345,1	1.988,1	-15,2
Voreio Aigaio	597	464	-22,3	74,7	50,6	-32,3	260,2	189,3	-27,2
Notio Aigaio	1.197	1.226	2,4	217,8	242,7	11,4	839,0	976,7	16,4
Kriti	1.047	1.021	-2,5	216,5	252,6	16,7	784,4	926,1	18,1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>16.607</b>	<b>14.455</b>	<b>-13,0</b>	<b>3.061,4</b>	<b>2.699,9</b>	<b>-11,8</b>	<b>12.411,9</b>	<b>11.373,7</b>	<b>-8,4</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	409	368	-10,0	119,7	80,8	-32,5	455,7	307,3	-32,6
Kentriki Makedonia	1.294	1.041	-19,6	290,1	233,4	-19,6	1.265,8	1.136,8	-10,2
Dytiki Makedonia	161	179	11,2	47,3	59,2	25,2	226,1	282,2	24,8
Thessalia	628	427	-32,0	119,7	98,2	-17,9	466,0	472,1	1,3
Ipeiros	272	283	4,0	42,5	63,2	48,5	147,6	258,8	75,4
Ionioi Nisoi	313	301	-3,8	52,9	51,1	-3,3	182,0	176,5	-3,0
Dytiki Ellada	803	704	-12,3	106,4	113,5	6,7	407,6	468,4	14,9
Stereia Ellada	799	651	-18,5	163,5	124,4	-23,9	791,4	670,9	-15,2
Peloponnisos	1.080	868	-19,6	213,9	126,3	-41,0	795,2	472,4	-40,6
Attiki	2.309	1.619	-29,9	385,1	300,2	-22,0	1.639,3	1.345,7	-17,9
Voreio Aigaio	308	217	-29,5	36,4	21,7	-40,3	129,9	83,8	-35,5
Notio Aigaio	680	639	-6,0	100,2	130,1	29,9	331,4	579,6	74,9
Kriti	597	575	-3,7	128,3	131,8	2,8	481,8	471,0	-2,2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>9.653</b>	<b>7.872</b>	<b>-18,5</b>	<b>1.805,8</b>	<b>1.533,9</b>	<b>-15,1</b>	<b>7.319,8</b>	<b>6.725,4</b>	<b>-8,1</b>

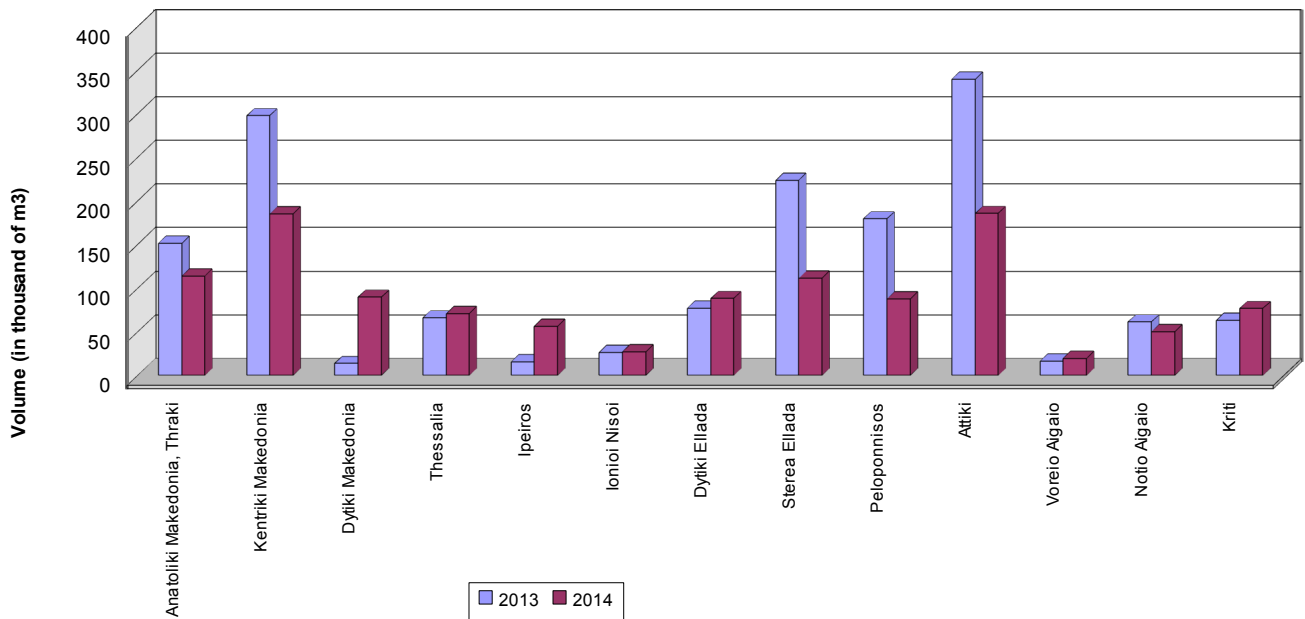
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**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - July 2013 and 2014 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	401	364	-9,2	118,3	78,0	-34,0	450,3	296,0	-34,3
Kentriki Makedonia	1.275	1.032	-19,1	279,5	231,9	-17,0	1.223,0	1.130,2	-7,6
Dytiki Makedonia	158	175	10,8	43,1	55,2	28,1	209,8	269,5	28,5
Thessalia	617	419	-32,1	103,0	94,6	-8,2	389,4	455,1	16,9
Ipeiros	270	278	3,0	42,5	61,0	43,5	147,6	246,5	67,0
Ionioi Nisoi	313	300	-4,2	52,9	51,1	-3,3	182,0	176,5	-3,0
Dytiki Ellada	797	701	-12,0	98,0	113,5	15,8	349,1	468,4	34,2
Stereia Ellada	797	648	-18,7	163,2	124,4	-23,8	790,3	670,9	-15,1
Peloponnisos	1.070	858	-19,8	207,6	122,0	-41,2	772,3	457,4	-40,8
Attiki	2.294	1.610	-29,8	354,5	296,6	-16,3	1.525,1	1.334,3	-12,5
Voreio Aigaio	306	217	-29,1	32,7	21,7	-33,6	114,7	83,8	-27,0
Notio Aigaio	672	638	-5,1	97,0	129,9	34,0	318,9	578,2	81,3
Kriti	585	560	-4,3	119,0	128,7	8,1	448,5	457,7	2,1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>9.555</b>	<b>7.800</b>	<b>-18,4</b>	<b>1.711,4</b>	<b>1.508,7</b>	<b>-11,8</b>	<b>6.921,0</b>	<b>6.624,5</b>	<b>-4,3</b>

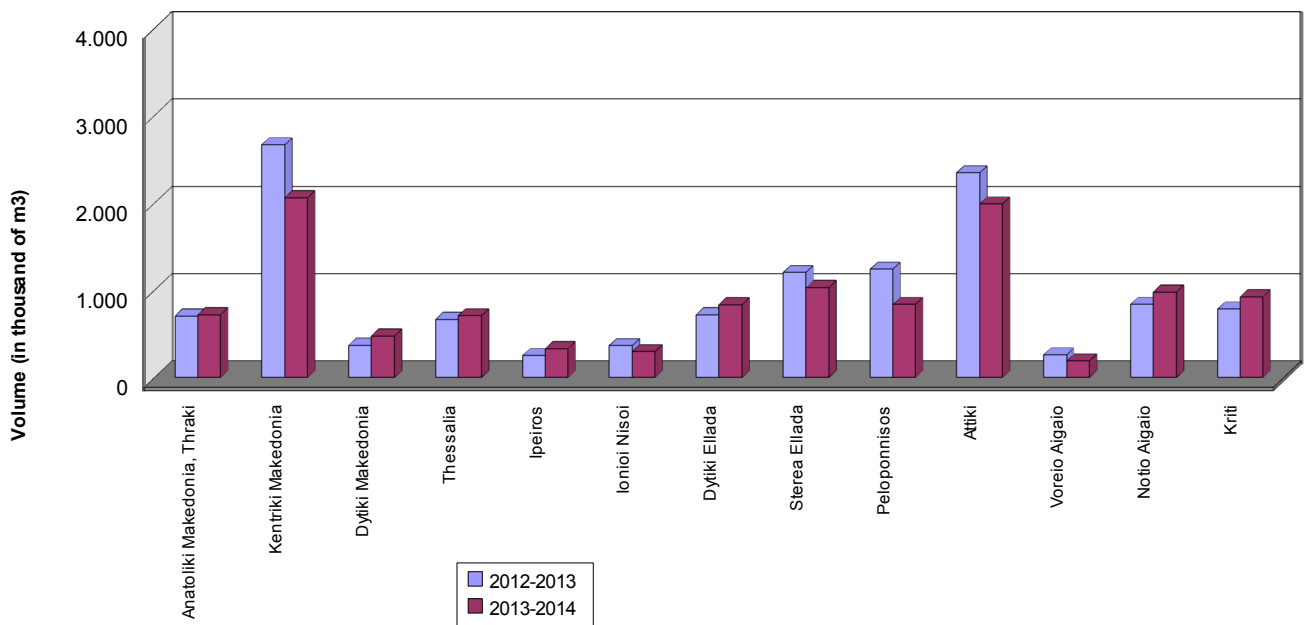
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in July 2013 and 2014 \***



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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period August 2012 - July 2013 and August 2013 - July 2014 \***



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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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.
<b>Reference Period</b>	01/07/2014 to 31/07/2014
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Building Permit</b> 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><b>Building</b> 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><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> 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><b>Building volume</b> (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><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
<b>General Remark</b>	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , under the links: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.