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**Building Activity Survey: December 2015**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in December 2015 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,244. This figure corresponds to 286.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,659.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 5.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 25.9% increase in surface and an 80.9% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2014 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2015 correspond to 271.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,510.0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume <sup>(1)</sup>. In comparison with the same month of 2014 there is a 21.3% increase in surface and a 67.3% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2015 correspond to 14.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 149.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 9.0% of the total building volume in December 2015.

In the last twelve months, from January until December 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,257. This figure corresponds to 2,771.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 14,865.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from January until December 2014, a 7.0% increase is recorded in surface and a 33.2% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from January until December 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 3.3% decrease in surface and a 0.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January to December 2014 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 26.2% of the total building volume.

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, December 2014 and 2015<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	7,4	8,1	10,4	23,3	39,4	69,1
Kentriki Makedonia	35,6	38,2	7,4	167,8	200,7	19,6
Dytiki Makedonia	10,3	18,2	76,7	56,1	155,1	176,3
Thessalia	14,3	47,6	232,3	60,8	451,6	643,3
Ipeiros	5,8	13,0	124,9	17,8	71,5	300,9
Ionioi Nisoi	8,0	9,5	19,3	25,0	30,9	23,5
Dytiki Ellada	14,2	23,4	65,0	54,1	130,0	140,2
Stereia Ellada	14,3	29,2	104,1	55,2	168,1	204,7
Peloponnisos	20,4	21,6	5,9	84,6	71,4	-15,6
Attiki	34,0	34,7	2,0	142,2	199,8	40,5
Voreio Aigaio	14,5	4,3	-70,1	62,7	14,2	-77,3
Notio Aigaio	34,1	17,2	-49,6	121,7	57,9	-52,5
Kriti	14,3	21,0	46,5	45,9	68,8	49,8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>227,1</b>	<b>286,0</b>	<b>25,9</b>	<b>917,3</b>	<b>1.659,2</b>	<b>80,9</b>

**Table 2. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, December 2014 and 2015<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	7,4	5,5	-25,4	23,3	23,5	0,9
Kentriki Makedonia	33,9	38,1	12,4	158,2	200,4	26,7
Dytiki Makedonia	10,3	6,9	-33,4	56,1	22,0	-60,9
Thessalia	14,0	47,6	239,3	59,1	451,6	663,9
Ipeiros	5,8	13,0	124,9	17,8	71,5	300,9
Ionioi Nisoi	8,0	9,5	19,3	25,0	30,9	23,5
Dytiki Ellada	14,2	23,4	65,0	54,1	130,0	140,2
Stereia Ellada	14,2	29,2	105,3	54,8	168,1	206,7
Peloponnisos	20,4	21,6	5,9	84,6	71,4	-15,6
Attiki	34,0	34,7	2,0	142,2	199,8	40,5
Voreio Aigaio	14,5	4,3	-70,1	62,7	14,2	-77,3
Notio Aigaio	33,1	17,2	-48,1	118,6	57,9	-51,2
Kriti	14,3	21,0	46,5	45,9	68,8	49,8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>224,1</b>	<b>271,9</b>	<b>21,3</b>	<b>902,6</b>	<b>1.510,0</b>	<b>67,3</b>

(1) Provisional data

(2) 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, repairs, demolitions, etc.

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, January - December 2014 and 2015<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	139,1	111,4	-19,9	525,9	445,0	-15,4
Kentriki Makedonia	433,5	424,7	-2,0	2.206,0	2.161,0	-2,0
Dytiki Makedonia	88,8	344,6	287,9	420,7	4.139,9	884,0
Thessalia	155,0	197,1	27,2	735,9	1.184,2	60,9
Ipeiros	94,3	86,4	-8,3	377,0	354,4	-6,0
Ionioi Nisoi	104,4	100,5	-3,7	337,9	346,4	2,5
Dytiki Ellada	192,3	194,6	1,2	785,9	835,2	6,3
Stereia Ellada	186,2	216,0	16,0	919,3	1.092,6	18,9
Peloponnisos	223,9	237,4	6,0	837,3	966,3	15,4
Attiki	467,3	361,5	-22,6	2.088,2	1.557,3	-25,4
Voreio Aigaio	59,7	78,5	31,5	233,7	303,1	29,7
Notio Aigaio	224,7	187,3	-16,6	915,9	654,0	-28,6
Kriti	221,4	231,7	4,7	780,7	826,3	5,8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2.590,5</b>	<b>2.771,7</b>	<b>7,0</b>	<b>11.164,5</b>	<b>14.865,6</b>	<b>33,2</b>

**Table 4. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, January - December 2014 and 2015<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

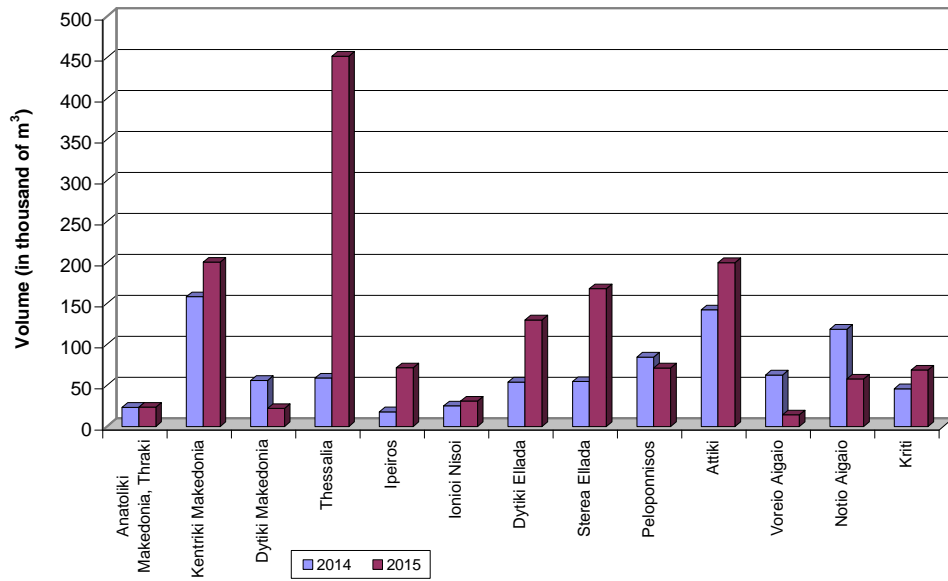
Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	136,0	107,5	-21,0	514,0	423,9	-17,5
Kentriki Makedonia	427,6	421,3	-1,5	2.175,8	2.150,0	-1,2
Dytiki Makedonia	84,7	71,9	-15,2	407,2	378,4	-7,1
Thessalia	151,1	196,4	30,0	717,3	1.181,6	64,7
Ipeiros	91,7	86,2	-6,0	362,7	353,1	-2,6
Ionioi Nisoi	104,3	100,5	-3,6	337,6	346,4	2,6
Dytiki Ellada	187,9	188,6	0,4	769,1	811,4	5,5
Stereia Ellada	186,0	215,9	16,1	918,6	1.092,4	18,9
Peloponnisos	219,7	236,4	7,6	822,3	963,2	17,1
Attiki	463,6	351,2	-24,3	2.076,9	1.520,6	-26,8
Voreio Aigaio	57,3	73,9	29,0	226,7	285,0	25,7
Notio Aigaio	223,5	186,5	-16,6	911,4	650,5	-28,6
Kriti	215,8	228,9	6,1	757,1	815,4	7,7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2.549,3</b>	<b>2.465,1</b>	<b>-3,3</b>	<b>10.996,8</b>	<b>10.971,8</b>	<b>-0,2</b>

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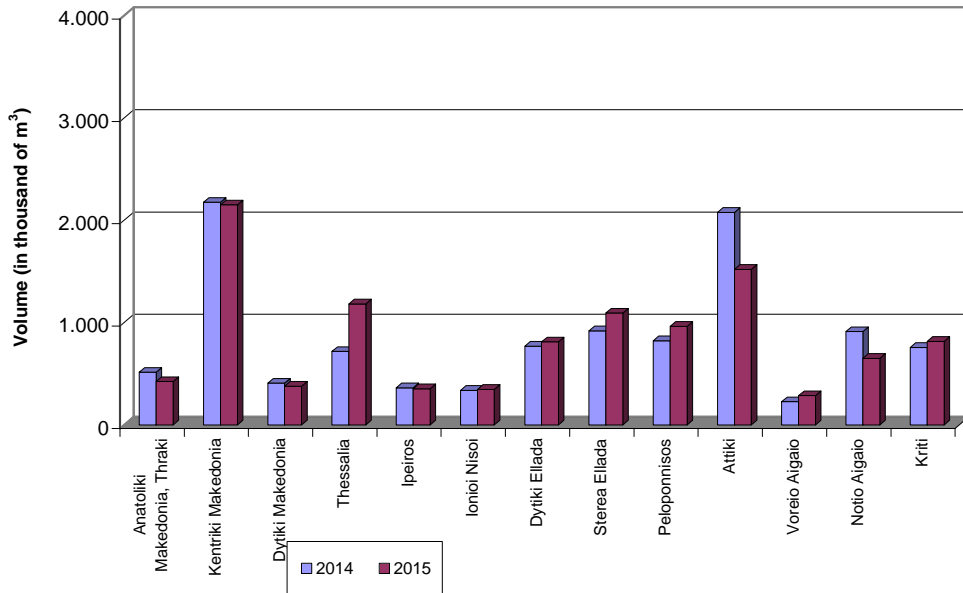
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, December 2014 and 2015 \***



\* Provisional data

**Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, January - December 2014 and 2015<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**



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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 competent administrative authorities, which have to complete the relevant questionnaire. The survey covers all the characteristics 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 pursuant to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
<b>Reference Period</b>	01/12/2015 to 31/12/2015
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers all the issued building permits across the country. ELSTAT does not publish the number of issued building permits in order to prevent indirect disclosure of individual data, at regional level.
<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> (gross 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 any) and the roof of the building. If there is an open ground floor not enclosed within walls (pilotis area) between the lower floor and the roof, its volume is taken into account the total volume of the other spaces. 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 the sum of each floor's surface which is extended up to the external side of the external walls and of other auxiliary spaces.</p>
<b>General Remark</b>	Any differences that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (questionnaires, methodology) concerning the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , at the link: Industry, Commerce, Services, Transportations > Building - Constructions > Building Activity .