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Building Activity Survey: April 2016

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in April 2016 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1.031. This figure corresponds to 185.0 thousand m² of surface and 700.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 5.3% decrease in the number of building permits, an 11.0% decrease in surface and a 25.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2016 amounted to 1.024. This figure corresponds to 181.7 thousand m² of surface and 684.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2015 there is a 5.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 12.1% decrease in surface and a 27.3% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in April 2016 amounted to 7. This figure corresponds to 3.3 thousand m² of surface and 15.9 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.3% of the total building volume in April 2016.

In the last twelve months, from May 2015 until April 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,767. This figure corresponds to 2,616.3 thousand m² of surface and 14,250.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from May 2014 until April 2015, there is a 6.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 4.0% decrease in surface and a 20.7% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from May 2015 until April 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.8% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 13.4% decrease in surface and a 10.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from May 2014 to April 2015 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 27.1% of the total building volume.

During the period January - April 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded an 11.6% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 17.9% decrease in surface and a 16.3% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2015 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - April 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded an 11.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 17.9% decrease in surface and a 15.9% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - April 2015 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region, April 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	39	54	38.5	13.7	7.7	-43.4	53.2	27.6	-48.1
Kentriki Makedonia	161	172	6.8	42.8	36.7	-14.2	228.9	148.9	-34.9
Dytiki Makedonia	21	10	-52.4	5.9	2.7	-54.8	33.5	13.1	-61.0
Thessalia	59	52	-11.9	20.8	8.7	-58.1	119.8	33.3	-72.2
Ipeiros	40	31	-22.5	9.8	10.9	10.6	41.0	42.2	2.9
Ionioi Nisoi	46	57	23.9	6.8	11.2	64.1	22.6	36.4	60.9
Dytiki Ellada	65	83	27.7	10.0	14.6	46.2	42.3	50.9	20.3
Stereia Ellada	81	88	8.6	21.3	9.3	-56.2	120.8	34.5	-71.4
Peloponnisos	127	89	-29.9	14.0	12.1	-13.1	53.6	42.1	-21.5
Attiki	218	205	-6.0	28.9	32.4	11.8	118.6	147.0	24.0
Voreio Aigaio	50	17	-66.0	8.0	2.5	-69.3	28.1	9.7	-65.6
Notio Aigaio	102	102	0.0	9.0	11.5	27.7	28.7	38.3	33.3
Kriti	80	71	-11.3	16.7	24.6	47.6	53.9	76.1	41.0
Greece, Total	1,089	1,031	-5.3	207.8	185.0	-11.0	945.0	700.0	-25.9

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, April 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	39	54	38.5	13.7	7.7	-43.4	53.2	27.6	-48.1
Kentriki Makedonia	157	167	6.4	42.4	35.7	-15.8	227.3	144.4	-36.5
Dytiki Makedonia	21	10	-52.4	5.9	2.7	-54.8	33.5	13.1	-61.0
Thessalia	59	52	-11.9	20.8	8.7	-58.1	119.8	33.3	-72.2
Ipeiros	40	31	-22.5	9.8	10.9	10.6	41.0	42.2	2.9
Ionioi Nisoi	46	57	23.9	6.8	11.2	64.1	22.6	36.4	60.9
Dytiki Ellada	65	83	27.7	10.0	14.6	46.2	42.3	50.9	20.3
Stereia Ellada	81	88	8.6	21.3	9.3	-56.2	120.8	34.5	-71.4
Peloponnisos	125	89	-28.8	14.0	12.1	-13.1	53.6	42.1	-21.5
Attiki	218	204	-6.4	28.9	30.8	6.5	118.6	139.3	17.5
Voreio Aigaio	50	17	-66.0	8.0	2.5	-69.3	28.1	9.7	-65.6
Notio Aigaio	100	101	1.0	8.9	10.8	20.7	28.5	34.7	22.0
Kriti	79	71	-10.1	16.2	24.6	52.4	52.1	76.1	46.0
Greece, Total	1,080	1,024	-5.2	206.8	181.7	-12.1	941.3	684.1	-27.3

(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 3. Total Building Activity, by Region,
May 2014 - April 2015 and May 2015 - April 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	609	546	-10.3	143.5	92.0	-35.9	550.4	370.9	-32.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,930	1,899	-1.6	474.6	417.8	-12.0	2,468.7	2,239.1	-9.3
Dytiki Makedonia	316	246	-22.2	104.7	316.4	202.2	527.6	3,986.1	655.5
Thessalia	735	668	-9.1	169.2	167.9	-0.7	820.4	1,008.1	22.9
Ipeiros	471	469	-0.4	91.0	87.8	-3.4	350.4	355.1	1.4
Ionioi Nisoi	633	603	-4.7	117.6	104.8	-10.9	376.9	371.9	-1.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,152	1,047	-9.1	198.5	174.6	-12.1	817.8	724.8	-11.4
Stereia Ellada	1,127	992	-12.0	199.7	181.2	-9.3	937.5	892.7	-4.8
Peloponnisos	1,468	1,374	-6.4	228.6	224.6	-1.7	875.0	933.6	6.7
Attiki	2,637	2,321	-12.0	449.9	381.5	-15.2	2,007.0	1,667.7	-16.9
Voreio Aigaio	480	464	-3.3	70.7	69.3	-2.0	280.1	267.0	-4.7
Notio Aigaio	1,165	1,173	0.7	232.4	178.5	-23.2	937.9	679.3	-27.6
Kriti	954	965	1.2	245.7	219.9	-10.5	861.0	753.9	-12.4
Greece, Total	13,677	12,767	-6.7	2,726.1	2,616.3	-4.0	11,810.6	14,250.1	20.7

**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region,
May 2014 - April 2015 and May 2015 - April 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)	May - April		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	604	536	-11.3	140.6	88.5	-37.0	538.6	352.0	-34.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,906	1,861	-2.4	468.5	408.6	-12.8	2,438.8	2,204.8	-9.6
Dytiki Makedonia	312	241	-22.8	85.1	60.2	-29.2	422.2	311.4	-26.2
Thessalia	727	666	-8.4	166.8	167.7	0.6	809.5	1,007.0	24.4
Ipeiros	468	462	-1.3	90.3	84.2	-6.8	347.7	339.6	-2.3
Ionioi Nisoi	630	603	-4.3	117.5	104.8	-10.8	376.6	371.9	-1.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,144	1,046	-8.6	191.1	171.6	-10.2	789.3	712.6	-9.7
Stereia Ellada	1,122	988	-11.9	199.5	180.8	-9.4	936.8	891.4	-4.9
Peloponnisos	1,462	1,368	-6.4	227.9	224.1	-1.7	872.8	931.7	6.8
Attiki	2,635	2,312	-12.3	447.5	370.3	-17.3	2,000.8	1,625.8	-18.7
Voreio Aigaio	477	461	-3.4	68.3	64.7	-5.3	273.1	249.0	-8.8
Notio Aigaio	1,160	1,163	0.3	231.2	176.4	-23.7	933.6	670.7	-28.2
Kriti	944	957	1.4	239.0	212.7	-11.0	833.2	726.2	-12.8
Greece, Total	13,591	12,664	-6.8	2,673.4	2,314.8	-13.4	11,572.9	10,394.1	-10.2

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Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region, January - April 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	184	158	-14.1	39.4	20.0	-49.2	152.3	78.2	-48.7
Kentriki Makedonia	561	585	4.3	155.6	148.8	-4.4	822.8	900.8	9.5
Dytiki Makedonia	84	49	-41.7	42.3	14.2	-66.5	220.3	66.5	-69.8
Thessalia	233	189	-18.9	67.5	38.3	-43.3	346.1	170.0	-50.9
Ipeiros	135	128	-5.2	27.2	28.6	5.1	104.1	104.9	0.7
Ionioi Nisoi	215	217	0.9	40.3	44.6	10.6	138.7	164.2	18.4
Dytiki Ellada	340	275	-19.1	62.4	42.4	-32.1	261.2	150.8	-42.3
Stereia Ellada	330	297	-10.0	68.4	33.6	-50.9	330.5	130.6	-60.5
Peloponnisos	455	377	-17.1	72.1	59.4	-17.7	294.1	261.4	-11.1
Attiki	824	748	-9.2	115.0	135.0	17.4	459.3	569.7	24.0
Voreio Aigaio	153	95	-37.9	21.1	11.9	-43.6	81.6	45.6	-44.1
Notio Aigaio	402	354	-11.9	64.6	55.7	-13.7	225.2	250.5	11.3
Kriti	326	280	-14.1	92.1	80.3	-12.9	337.0	264.6	-21.5
Greece, Total	4,242	3,752	-11.6	868.1	712.8	-17.9	3,773.3	3,157.8	-16.3

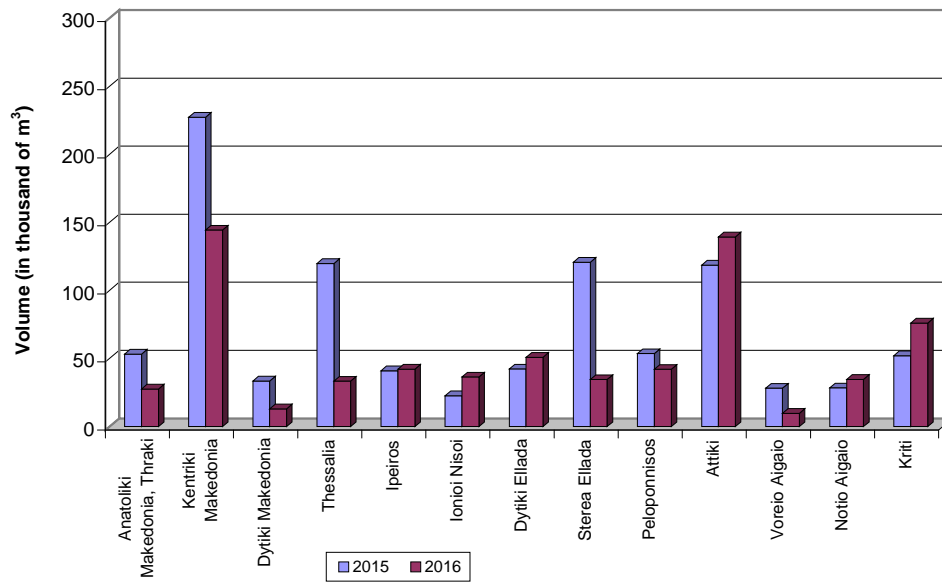
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - April 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	182	156	-14.3	39.0	20.0	-48.7	150.0	78.1	-47.9
Kentriki Makedonia	554	575	3.8	155.2	142.5	-8.2	821.2	876.0	6.7
Dytiki Makedonia	82	48	-41.5	23.2	11.6	-50.1	118.0	51.0	-56.8
Thessalia	232	189	-18.5	67.0	38.3	-42.9	344.6	170.0	-50.7
Ipeiros	135	124	-8.1	27.2	25.3	-7.3	104.1	90.6	-13.0
Ionioi Nisoi	215	217	0.9	40.3	44.6	10.6	138.7	164.2	18.4
Dytiki Ellada	335	275	-17.9	59.3	42.4	-28.6	249.6	150.8	-39.6
Stereia Ellada	330	295	-10.6	68.4	33.2	-51.4	330.5	129.5	-60.8
Peloponnisos	451	376	-16.6	71.4	59.1	-17.2	292.0	260.5	-10.8
Attiki	823	746	-9.4	114.3	133.5	16.7	456.7	562.0	23.1
Voreio Aigaio	153	95	-37.9	21.1	11.9	-43.6	81.6	45.6	-44.1
Notio Aigaio	399	348	-12.8	64.3	54.3	-15.6	224.1	244.3	9.0
Kriti	322	275	-14.6	90.3	74.1	-18.0	329.9	240.7	-27.0
Greece, Total	4,213	3,719	-11.7	841.1	690.7	-17.9	3,641.0	3,063.3	-15.9

(1) Provisional data

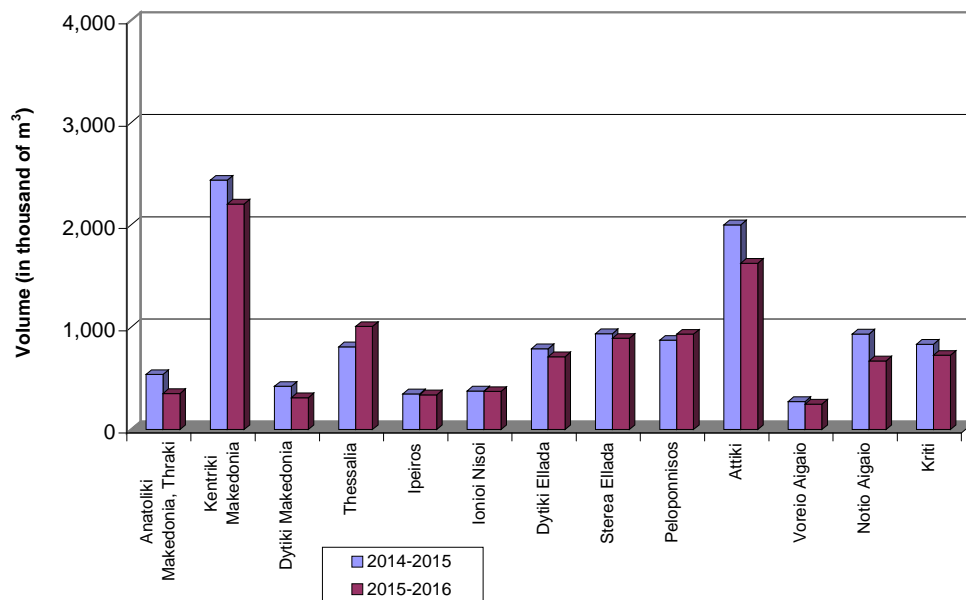
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, April 2015 and 2016 *



* Provisional data

Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, May 2014 - April 2015 and May 2015 - April 2016 *



* Provisional data

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	01/04/2016 to 30/04/2016
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
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: Industry, Commerce, Services, Transportations > Short term indices > Building - Constructions > Building Activity .