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Building Activity Survey: May 2016

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in May 2016 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 849. This figure corresponds to 140.2 thousand m² of surface and 634.3 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 31.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 38.5% decrease in surface and a 38.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2016 amounted to 843. This figure corresponds to 137.0 thousand m² of surface and 624.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2015 there is a 31.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 39.8% decrease in surface and a 39.8% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in May 2016 amounted to 6. This figure corresponds to 3.1 thousand m² of surface and 10.3 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.6% of the total building volume in May 2016.

In the last twelve months, from June 2015 until May 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,376. This figure corresponds to 2,528.5 thousand m² of surface and 13,846.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from June 2014 until May 2015, there is a 9.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 7.0% decrease in surface and a 16.8% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from June 2015 until May 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 9.9% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 16.8% decrease in surface and a 14.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2014 to May 2015 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 27.9% of the total building volume.

During the period January - May 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 16.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 22.2% decrease in surface and a 21.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2015 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - May 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 16.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 22.5% decrease in surface and a 21.2% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - May 2015 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	62	41	-33.9	10.0	4.7	-53.0	36.5	17.7	-51.5
Kentriki Makedonia	157	150	-4.5	56.7	31.8	-43.9	307.4	184.5	-40.0
Dytiki Makedonia	18	21	16.7	2.3	4.6	102.8	9.5	23.4	146.2
Thessalia	74	39	-47.3	14.0	3.8	-73.2	69.3	12.3	-82.2
Ipeiros	43	29	-32.6	7.5	5.5	-26.6	27.6	18.3	-33.7
Ionioi Nisoi	53	50	-5.7	8.2	6.4	-21.8	31.7	22.9	-27.7
Dytiki Ellada	102	60	-41.2	12.8	9.2	-28.1	46.3	41.3	-10.8
Stereia Ellada	104	83	-20.2	12.9	9.0	-30.4	55.1	34.8	-36.7
Peloponnisos	132	93	-29.5	17.4	17.9	3.1	83.4	86.2	3.3
Attiki	264	153	-42.0	44.0	22.8	-48.2	208.5	113.0	-45.8
Voreio Aigaio	42	16	-61.9	6.3	2.3	-63.2	23.9	8.0	-66.7
Notio Aigaio	98	47	-52.0	16.4	7.9	-52.0	62.8	22.6	-64.1
Kriti	91	67	-26.4	19.6	14.3	-27.0	75.9	49.2	-35.1
Greece, Total	1,240	849	-31.5	228.0	140.2	-38.5	1,037.9	634.3	-38.9

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	62	41	-33.9	10.0	4.7	-53.0	36.5	17.7	-51.5
Kentriki Makedonia	156	148	-5.1	56.7	29.2	-48.5	307.4	176.1	-42.7
Dytiki Makedonia	18	21	16.7	2.3	4.6	102.8	9.5	23.4	146.2
Thessalia	74	39	-47.3	14.0	3.8	-73.2	69.3	12.3	-82.2
Ipeiros	43	28	-34.9	7.5	5.5	-26.8	27.6	18.3	-33.9
Ionioi Nisoi	53	50	-5.7	8.2	6.4	-21.8	31.7	22.9	-27.7
Dytiki Ellada	102	60	-41.2	12.8	9.2	-28.1	46.3	41.3	-10.8
Stereia Ellada	103	83	-19.4	12.9	9.0	-30.1	54.9	34.8	-36.5
Peloponnisos	132	93	-29.5	17.4	17.9	3.1	83.4	86.2	3.3
Attiki	264	151	-42.8	44.0	22.3	-49.3	208.5	111.2	-46.6
Voreio Aigaio	42	16	-61.9	6.3	2.3	-63.2	23.9	8.0	-66.7
Notio Aigaio	98	47	-52.0	16.4	7.9	-52.0	62.8	22.6	-64.1
Kriti	90	66	-26.7	19.2	14.3	-25.4	74.0	49.2	-33.4
Greece, Total	1,237	843	-31.9	227.6	137.0	-39.8	1,035.8	624.0	-39.8

(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,
June 2014 - May 2015 and June 2015 - May 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	626	525	-16.1	147.6	86.7	-41.3	565.8	352.0	-37.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,922	1,892	-1.6	498.6	393.0	-21.2	2,647.4	2,116.2	-20.1
Dytiki Makedonia	302	249	-17.5	95.1	318.7	235.2	481.3	4,000.0	731.2
Thessalia	747	633	-15.3	169.6	157.7	-7.0	821.3	951.1	15.8
Ipeiros	466	455	-2.4	90.6	85.9	-5.2	347.5	345.8	-0.5
Ionioi Nisoi	633	600	-5.2	116.4	103.0	-11.5	378.8	363.1	-4.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,153	1,005	-12.8	199.7	171.0	-14.4	819.1	719.8	-12.1
Stereia Ellada	1,126	971	-13.8	193.2	177.3	-8.3	897.6	872.4	-2.8
Peloponnisos	1,465	1,335	-8.9	224.1	225.2	0.5	873.0	936.4	7.3
Attiki	2,651	2,210	-16.6	441.8	360.3	-18.4	1,940.0	1,572.3	-19.0
Voreio Aigaio	476	438	-8.0	71.5	65.3	-8.7	282.2	251.0	-11.0
Notio Aigaio	1,180	1,122	-4.9	231.5	169.9	-26.6	944.6	639.1	-32.3
Kriti	953	941	-1.3	240.2	214.6	-10.7	851.4	727.3	-14.6
Greece, Total	13,700	12,376	-9.7	2,719.8	2,528.5	-7.0	11,850.0	13,846.5	16.8

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)	June - May		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	621	515	-17.1	144.7	83.2	-42.5	554.0	333.2	-39.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,897	1,853	-2.3	492.6	381.1	-22.6	2,617.5	2,073.5	-20.8
Dytiki Makedonia	299	244	-18.4	75.8	62.6	-17.4	378.1	325.3	-14.0
Thessalia	741	631	-14.8	168.7	157.4	-6.7	817.7	950.0	16.2
Ipeiros	464	447	-3.7	90.0	82.2	-8.7	345.3	330.2	-4.4
Ionioi Nisoi	630	600	-4.8	116.3	103.0	-11.4	378.5	363.1	-4.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,146	1,004	-12.4	192.2	168.0	-12.6	790.6	707.6	-10.5
Stereia Ellada	1,122	968	-13.7	193.0	176.9	-8.3	896.9	871.3	-2.8
Peloponnisos	1,459	1,329	-8.9	223.4	224.6	0.6	870.8	934.5	7.3
Attiki	2,650	2,199	-17.0	441.1	348.6	-21.0	1,937.4	1,528.6	-21.1
Voreio Aigaio	473	435	-8.0	69.1	60.7	-12.2	275.2	233.0	-15.3
Notio Aigaio	1,175	1,112	-5.4	230.3	167.9	-27.1	940.4	630.5	-33.0
Kriti	943	933	-1.1	234.8	207.8	-11.5	829.8	701.5	-15.5
Greece, Total	13,620	12,270	-9.9	2,672.0	2,224.2	-16.8	11,632.2	9,982.2	-14.2

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	246	199	-19.1	49.4	24.7	-50.0	188.8	95.9	-49.2
Kentriki Makedonia	718	735	2.4	212.3	180.6	-14.9	1,130.1	1,085.4	-4.0
Dytiki Makedonia	102	70	-31.4	44.6	18.8	-57.9	229.8	89.9	-60.9
Thessalia	307	228	-25.7	81.5	42.1	-48.4	415.4	182.3	-56.1
Ipeiros	178	157	-11.8	34.7	34.1	-1.7	131.8	123.2	-6.5
Ionioi Nisoi	268	267	-0.4	48.5	51.0	5.2	170.3	187.1	9.8
Dytiki Ellada	442	335	-24.2	75.2	51.6	-31.4	307.5	192.0	-37.6
Stereia Ellada	434	380	-12.4	81.3	42.6	-47.7	385.6	165.4	-57.1
Peloponnisos	587	470	-19.9	89.5	77.3	-13.6	377.6	347.7	-7.9
Attiki	1,088	901	-17.2	159.0	157.8	-0.7	667.8	682.7	2.2
Voreio Aigaio	195	111	-43.1	27.5	14.3	-48.1	105.6	53.6	-49.3
Notio Aigaio	500	401	-19.8	81.0	63.6	-21.4	288.0	273.1	-5.2
Kriti	417	347	-16.8	111.7	94.6	-15.3	412.8	313.8	-24.0
Greece, Total	5,482	4,601	-16.1	1,096.2	852.9	-22.2	4,811.3	3,792.1	-21.2

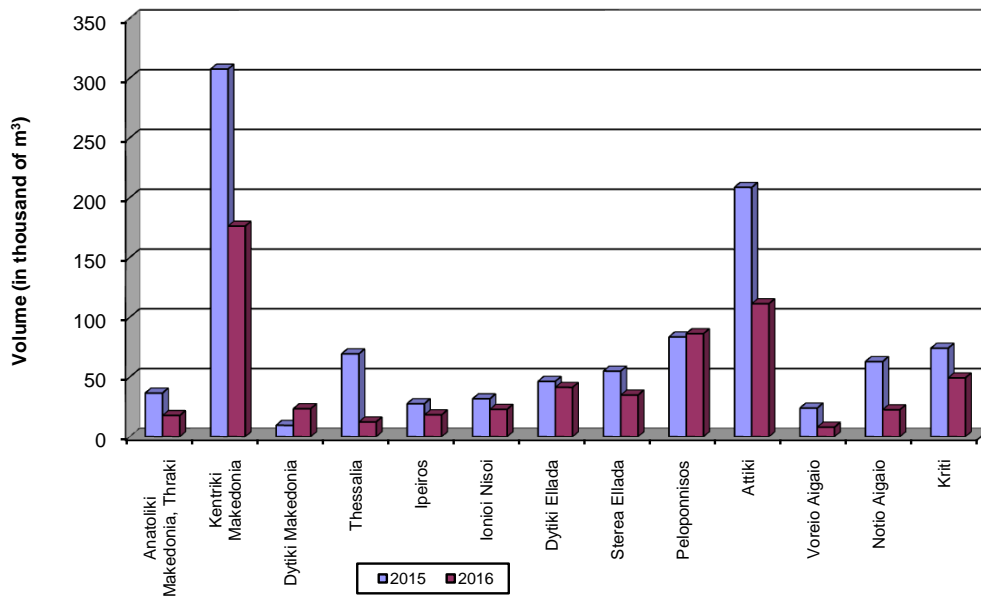
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - May 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	244	197	-19.3	49.0	24.7	-49.5	186.5	95.8	-48.6
Kentriki Makedonia	710	723	1.8	211.9	171.7	-19.0	1,128.5	1,052.1	-6.8
Dytiki Makedonia	100	69	-31.0	25.4	16.1	-36.5	127.5	74.4	-41.6
Thessalia	306	228	-25.5	81.1	42.1	-48.1	413.9	182.3	-56.0
Ipeiros	178	152	-14.6	34.7	30.7	-11.5	131.8	108.8	-17.4
Ionioi Nisoi	268	267	-0.4	48.5	51.0	5.2	170.3	187.1	9.8
Dytiki Ellada	437	335	-23.3	72.1	51.6	-28.5	295.8	192.0	-35.1
Stereia Ellada	433	378	-12.7	81.2	42.2	-48.0	385.4	164.3	-57.4
Peloponnisos	583	469	-19.6	88.8	77.1	-13.2	375.4	346.8	-7.6
Attiki	1,087	897	-17.5	158.3	155.8	-1.6	665.2	673.2	1.2
Voreio Aigaio	195	111	-43.1	27.5	14.3	-48.1	105.6	53.6	-49.3
Notio Aigaio	497	395	-20.5	80.7	62.2	-23.0	286.9	266.9	-7.0
Kriti	412	341	-17.2	109.4	88.4	-19.3	403.8	289.9	-28.2
Greece, Total	5,450	4,562	-16.3	1,068.7	827.7	-22.5	4,676.8	3,687.3	-21.2

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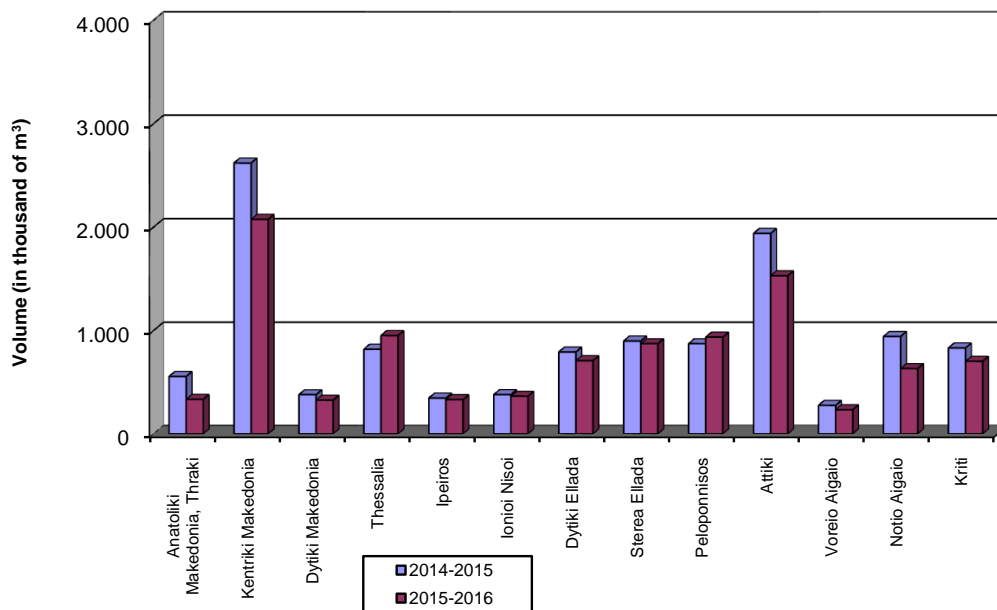
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, May 2015 and 2016 *



* Provisional data

Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, June 2014 - May 2015 and June 2015 - May 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	01/05/2016 to 31/05/2016
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 .