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Building Activity Survey: September 2016

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in September 2016 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,074. This figure corresponds to 211.2 thousand m² of surface and 909.1 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 1.0% increase in the number of building permits, an 18.4% increase in surface and a 17.2% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2016 amounted to 1,061. This figure corresponds to 197.7 thousand m² of surface and 863.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2015 there is a 0.6% increase in the number of building permits, a 19.5% increase in surface and an 18.3% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2016 amounted to 13. This figure corresponds to 13.6 thousand m² of surface and 45.5 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 5.0% of the total building volume in September 2016.

In the last twelve months, from October 2015 until September 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,580. This figure corresponds to 2,422.0 thousand m² of surface and 10,935.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from October 2014 until September 2015, there is a 5.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 13.2% decrease in surface and a 24.9% decrease in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from October 2015 until September 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 5.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 6.1% decrease in surface and a 2.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from October 2014 to September 2015 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.1% of the total building volume.

During the period January - September 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 7.0% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 16.6% decrease in surface and a 33.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2015 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - September 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 6.8% decrease in surface and a 6.0% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - September 2015 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	51	40	-21.6	9.9	8.6	-13.3	41.0	32.8	-20.1
Kentriki Makedonia	169	148	-12.4	36.8	32.0	-13.0	190.4	137.7	-27.7
Dytiki Makedonia	26	30	15.4	8.5	5.6	-33.5	55.3	23.6	-57.3
Thessalia	41	58	41.5	6.0	14.3	139.9	23.8	70.1	194.2
Ipeiros	53	40	-24.5	9.7	7.5	-22.7	39.4	24.3	-38.5
Ionioi Nisoi	53	53	0.0	5.1	19.7	284.7	17.7	68.9	289.8
Dytiki Ellada	78	87	11.5	9.6	15.7	64.0	34.9	72.6	107.8
Stereia Ellada	74	100	35.1	10.7	19.4	80.3	54.7	99.7	82.2
Peloponnisos	126	123	-2.4	19.9	13.5	-31.8	101.4	51.9	-48.8
Attiki	164	189	15.2	26.5	41.6	57.3	94.1	208.8	121.9
Voreio Aigaio	50	34	-32.0	7.4	3.0	-59.3	28.1	9.8	-65.0
Notio Aigaio	90	98	8.9	13.5	15.2	13.0	47.0	47.9	2.0
Kriti	88	74	-15.9	15.1	15.1	0.3	47.5	60.8	28.2
Greece, Total	1,063	1,074	1.0	178.5	211.2	18.4	775.5	909.1	17.2

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	50	36	-28.0	9.8	6.8	-31.0	40.8	23.6	-42.3
Kentriki Makedonia	168	147	-12.5	36.8	32.0	-13.1	190.4	137.7	-27.7
Dytiki Makedonia	26	30	15.4	8.5	5.6	-33.5	55.3	23.6	-57.3
Thessalia	41	57	39.0	6.0	14.3	139.5	23.8	70.0	193.7
Ipeiros	52	40	-23.1	9.6	7.5	-22.4	39.3	24.3	-38.3
Ionioi Nisoi	53	53	0.0	5.1	19.7	284.7	17.7	68.9	289.8
Dytiki Ellada	78	87	11.5	9.6	15.7	64.0	34.9	72.6	107.8
Stereia Ellada	73	96	31.5	10.7	18.2	69.5	54.7	95.3	74.2
Peloponnisos	126	122	-3.2	19.9	13.5	-31.9	101.4	51.9	-48.8
Attiki	163	187	14.7	17.8	31.1	74.2	65.4	177.2	171.0
Voreio Aigaio	49	34	-30.6	3.2	3.0	-4.8	11.8	9.8	-16.3
Notio Aigaio	88	98	11.4	13.4	15.2	13.3	46.9	47.9	2.2
Kriti	88	74	-15.9	15.1	15.1	0.3	47.5	60.8	28.2
Greece, Total	1,055	1,061	0.6	165.5	197.7	19.5	729.9	863.6	18.3

(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,
October 2014 - September 2015 and October 2015 - September 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	564	527	-6.6	119.8	87.8	-26.7	460.2	362.5	-21.2
Kentriki Makedonia	1,883	1,900	0.9	456.9	410.6	-10.1	2,343.3	2,306.0	-1.6
Dytiki Makedonia	295	266	-9.8	332.7	73.1	-78.0	4,005.9	423.6	-89.4
Thessalia	679	680	0.1	163.0	193.1	18.5	790.1	1,104.5	39.8
Ipeiros	458	428	-6.6	73.0	97.3	33.3	276.1	394.3	42.8
Ionioi Nisoi	600	650	8.3	110.0	129.0	17.4	358.2	471.6	31.7
Dytiki Ellada	1,110	999	-10.0	184.9	182.4	-1.3	764.2	755.2	-1.2
Stereia Ellada	1,047	1,062	1.4	208.5	165.3	-20.7	1,018.7	780.4	-23.4
Peloponnisos	1,468	1,336	-9.0	231.3	211.3	-8.6	964.4	835.8	-13.3
Attiki	2,491	2,344	-5.9	399.3	403.4	1.0	1,721.7	1,821.0	5.8
Voreio Aigaio	504	360	-28.6	77.2	54.2	-29.8	305.4	203.5	-33.4
Notio Aigaio	1,186	1,101	-7.2	201.7	177.4	-12.0	723.4	652.2	-9.8
Kriti	978	927	-5.2	231.1	237.1	2.6	830.0	824.4	-0.7
Greece, Total	13,263	12,580	-5.1	2,789.2	2,422.0	-13.2	14,561.4	10,935.0	-24.9

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	557	517	-7.2	118.6	83.2	-29.8	455.1	337.1	-25.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,858	1,867	0.5	452.9	394.7	-12.9	2,325.9	2,236.7	-3.8
Dytiki Makedonia	292	262	-10.3	74.3	56.2	-24.3	400.0	252.5	-36.9
Thessalia	673	677	0.6	162.1	192.9	19.0	786.4	1,103.9	40.4
Ipeiros	456	420	-7.9	72.5	93.7	29.2	274.0	378.8	38.3
Ionioi Nisoi	597	649	8.7	109.9	125.0	13.8	357.9	436.2	21.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,103	996	-9.7	175.5	179.1	2.1	728.0	739.7	1.6
Stereia Ellada	1,043	1,055	1.2	208.3	163.8	-21.4	1,017.9	774.7	-23.9
Peloponnisos	1,458	1,332	-8.6	230.3	210.8	-8.4	961.3	834.1	-13.2
Attiki	2,485	2,333	-6.1	389.0	387.8	-0.3	1,685.0	1,771.5	5.1
Voreio Aigaio	499	359	-28.1	72.5	54.2	-25.3	287.1	203.5	-29.1
Notio Aigaio	1,178	1,091	-7.4	200.4	175.3	-12.5	718.7	643.1	-10.5
Kriti	971	916	-5.7	226.2	224.6	-0.7	810.1	778.8	-3.9
Greece, Total	13,170	12,474	-5.3	2,492.4	2,341.4	-6.1	10,807.3	10,490.5	-2.9

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	427	382	-10.5	84.4	60.8	-28.0	328.4	245.9	-25.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,347	1,372	1.9	339.3	325.1	-4.2	1,747.7	1,892.7	8.3
Dytiki Makedonia	213	198	-7.0	314.4	42.9	-86.3	3,919.4	203.1	-94.8
Thessalia	513	481	-6.2	125.0	120.9	-3.3	621.8	542.1	-12.8
Ipeiros	346	298	-13.9	58.2	69.1	18.7	225.3	265.2	17.7
Ionioi Nisoi	445	494	11.0	73.0	101.5	39.1	251.4	376.7	49.8
Dytiki Ellada	791	678	-14.3	128.9	116.7	-9.4	542.5	462.4	-14.8
Stereia Ellada	764	801	4.8	170.0	119.3	-29.8	862.8	550.6	-36.2
Peloponnisos	1,103	987	-10.5	181.3	155.2	-14.4	771.1	640.6	-16.9
Attiki	1,798	1,745	-2.9	281.0	322.9	14.9	1,184.0	1,447.6	22.3
Voreio Aigaio	381	219	-42.5	51.9	27.6	-46.8	200.0	100.5	-49.8
Notio Aigaio	848	728	-14.2	124.7	114.9	-7.9	444.9	443.1	-0.4
Kriti	746	662	-11.3	176.1	181.4	3.0	641.5	639.5	-0.3
Greece, Total	9,722	9,045	-7.0	2,108.2	1,758.5	-16.6	11,740.7	7,810.0	-33.5

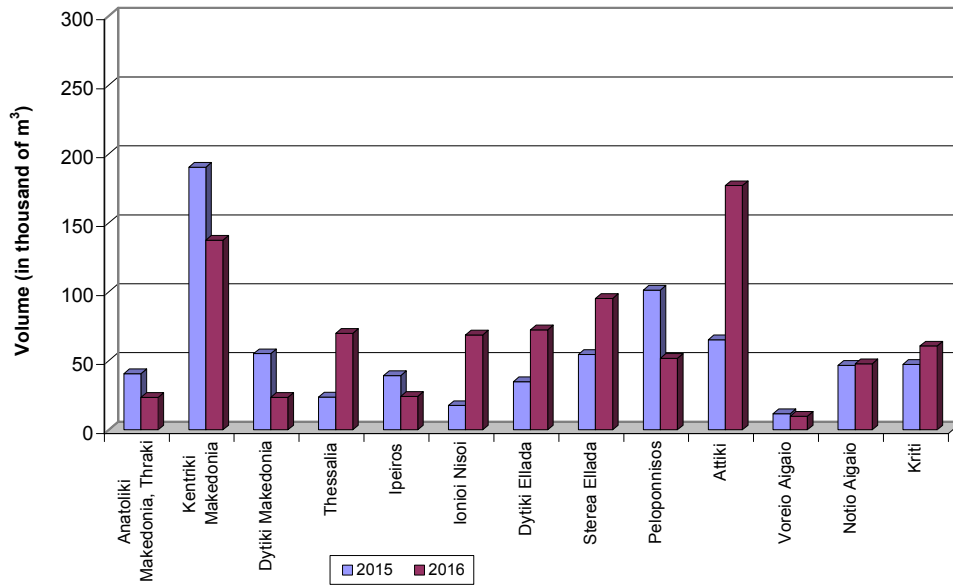
Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, January - September 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	421	376	-10.7	83.3	59.0	-29.1	323.5	236.6	-26.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,326	1,353	2.0	336.9	310.3	-7.9	1,739.9	1,826.6	5.0
Dytiki Makedonia	210	197	-6.2	56.0	40.3	-28.0	313.5	187.6	-40.2
Thessalia	511	479	-6.3	124.4	120.9	-2.8	619.6	541.9	-12.5
Ipeiros	345	292	-15.4	58.2	65.7	12.9	225.2	250.8	11.4
Ionioi Nisoi	445	493	10.8	73.0	97.5	33.6	251.4	341.3	35.7
Dytiki Ellada	785	675	-14.0	122.9	113.4	-7.7	518.6	447.0	-13.8
Stereia Ellada	762	794	4.2	169.9	117.8	-30.7	862.6	544.9	-36.8
Peloponnisos	1,094	983	-10.1	180.3	154.8	-14.2	768.0	638.8	-16.8
Attiki	1,792	1,736	-3.1	270.7	307.3	13.5	1,147.2	1,398.1	21.9
Voreio Aigaio	378	218	-42.3	47.3	27.6	-41.6	182.0	100.5	-44.8
Notio Aigaio	842	719	-14.6	124.4	113.2	-9.0	443.3	435.9	-1.7
Kriti	740	652	-11.9	173.7	169.4	-2.5	631.9	595.4	-5.8
Greece, Total	9,651	8,967	-7.1	1,821.0	1,697.2	-6.8	8,026.7	7,545.4	-6.0

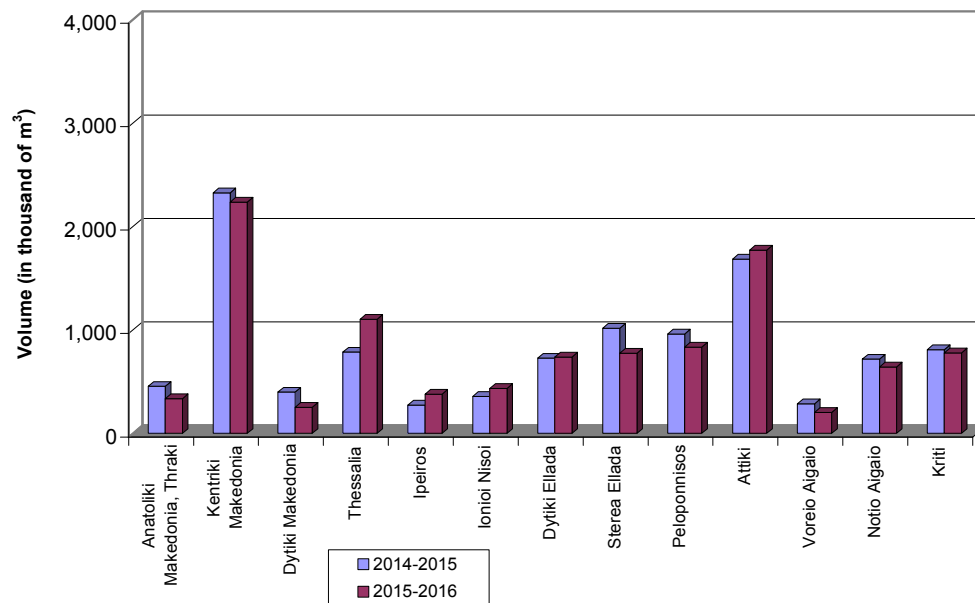
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, September 2015 and 2016 (Provisional data)



Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, October 2014 - September 2015 and October 2015 - September 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	01/09/2016 to 30/09/2016
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 .