



PRESS RELEASE

Building Activity Survey: December 2016

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional data, for the month December 2016, of the Building Activity Survey. More Specifically:

- The Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, in December 2016 which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,270. This figure corresponds to 259.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,135.6 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 2.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 9.3% decrease in surface and a 31.6% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).
- The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2016 amounted to 1,259. This figure corresponds to 255.5 thousand m² of surface and 1,118.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2015 there is a 1.9% increase in the number of building permits, a 6.0% decrease in surface and a 25.9% decrease in volume (Table 2).
- The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in December 2016 amounted to 11. This figure corresponds to 3.9 thousand m² of surface and 17.2 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 1.5% of the total building volume in December 2016.
- In the last twelve months, from January until December 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,526. This figure corresponds to 2,416.6 thousand m² of surface and 10,567.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from January until December 2015, there is a 5.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 12.8% decrease in surface and a 28.9% decrease in volume (Table 3).
- In the same period, from January until December 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 5.6% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 5.2% decrease in surface and a 6.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January to December 2015 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.4% of the total building volume.

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), December 2015* and 2016*

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	51	37	-27.5	8.1	18.8	130.9	39.4	119.7	204.1
Kentriki Makedonia	188	156	-17.0	38.2	32.2	-15.7	200.7	186.9	-6.9
Dytiki Makedonia	24	38	58.3	18.2	5.4	-70.4	155.1	22.6	-85.4
Thessalia	78	56	-28.2	47.6	10.4	-78.1	451.6	58.2	-87.1
Ipeiros	44	37	-15.9	13.0	5.7	-56.4	71.5	20.8	-71.0
Ionioi Nisoi	60	66	10.0	9.5	11.8	24.3	30.9	38.8	25.5
Dytiki Ellada	95	116	22.1	23.4	14.5	-37.9	130.0	59.1	-54.5
Stereia Ellada	91	107	17.6	29.2	15.1	-48.4	168.1	74.3	-55.8
Peloponnisos	114	114	0.0	21.6	33.6	55.8	71.4	160.1	124.3
Attiki	240	243	1.3	34.7	44.0	27.1	199.8	155.5	-22.2
Voreio Aigaio	40	47	17.5	4.3	6.1	41.0	14.2	17.1	20.0
Notio Aigaio	133	140	5.3	17.2	28.6	66.3	57.9	95.9	65.7
Kriti	86	113	31.4	21.0	33.2	57.9	68.8	126.9	84.4
Greece, Total	1,244	1,270	2.1	286.0	259.4	-9.3	1,659.2	1,135.6	-31.6

*Provisional Data

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 (NUTS II), December 2015* and 2016*

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	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	49	36	-26.5	5.5	18.6	239.0	23.5	119.2	407.7
Kentriki Makedonia	185	155	-16.2	38.1	31.8	-16.6	200.4	184.8	-7.8
Dytiki Makedonia	22	38	72.7	6.9	5.4	-21.5	22.0	22.6	2.9
Thessalia	78	55	-29.5	47.6	10.2	-78.5	451.6	57.3	-87.3
Ipeiros	43	37	-14.0	13.0	5.7	-56.4	71.5	20.8	-71.0
Ionioi Nisoi	60	66	10.0	9.5	11.8	24.3	30.9	38.8	25.5
Dytiki Ellada	95	116	22.1	23.4	14.5	-37.9	130.0	59.1	-54.5
Stereia Ellada	91	106	16.5	29.2	15.0	-48.6	168.1	74.1	-55.9
Peloponnisos	114	110	-3.5	21.6	31.7	46.8	71.4	150.8	111.4
Attiki	240	242	0.8	34.7	44.0	27.1	199.8	155.5	-22.2
Voreio Aigaio	40	47	17.5	4.3	6.1	41.0	14.2	17.1	20.0
Notio Aigaio	133	139	4.5	17.2	27.7	61.1	57.9	92.3	59.4
Kriti	86	112	30.2	21.0	32.9	56.8	68.8	126.1	83.3
Greece, Total	1,236	1,259	1.9	271.9	255.5	-6.0	1,510.0	1,118.4	-25.9

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Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region (NUTS II), January - December 2015* and 2016*

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	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	572	527	-7.9	111.4	104.4	-6.2	445.0	459.2	3.2
Kentriki Makedonia	1,875	1,798	-4.1	424.7	400.0	-5.8	2,161.0	2,280.8	5.5
Dytiki Makedonia	281	278	-1.1	344.6	57.8	-83.2	4,139.9	262.0	-93.7
Thessalia	712	654	-8.1	197.1	161.9	-17.9	1,184.2	768.6	-35.1
Ipeiros	476	410	-13.9	86.4	87.3	1.0	354.4	338.5	-4.5
Ionioi Nisoi	601	673	12.0	100.5	136.5	35.8	346.4	491.0	41.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,112	1,005	-9.6	194.6	159.7	-17.9	835.2	629.0	-24.7
Stereia Ellada	1,025	1,093	6.6	216.0	157.1	-27.3	1,092.6	736.3	-32.6
Peloponnisos	1,452	1,325	-8.7	237.4	226.6	-4.6	966.3	953.2	-1.4
Attiki	2,397	2,400	0.1	361.5	434.1	20.1	1,557.3	1,879.0	20.7
Voreio Aigaio	522	324	-37.9	78.5	40.1	-48.9	303.1	139.9	-53.8
Notio Aigaio	1,221	1,088	-10.9	187.3	185.3	-1.1	654.0	678.5	3.7
Kriti	1,011	951	-5.9	231.7	265.8	14.7	826.3	951.8	15.2
Greece, Total	13,257	12,526	-5.5	2,771.7	2,416.6	-12.8	14,865.6	10,567.6	-28.9

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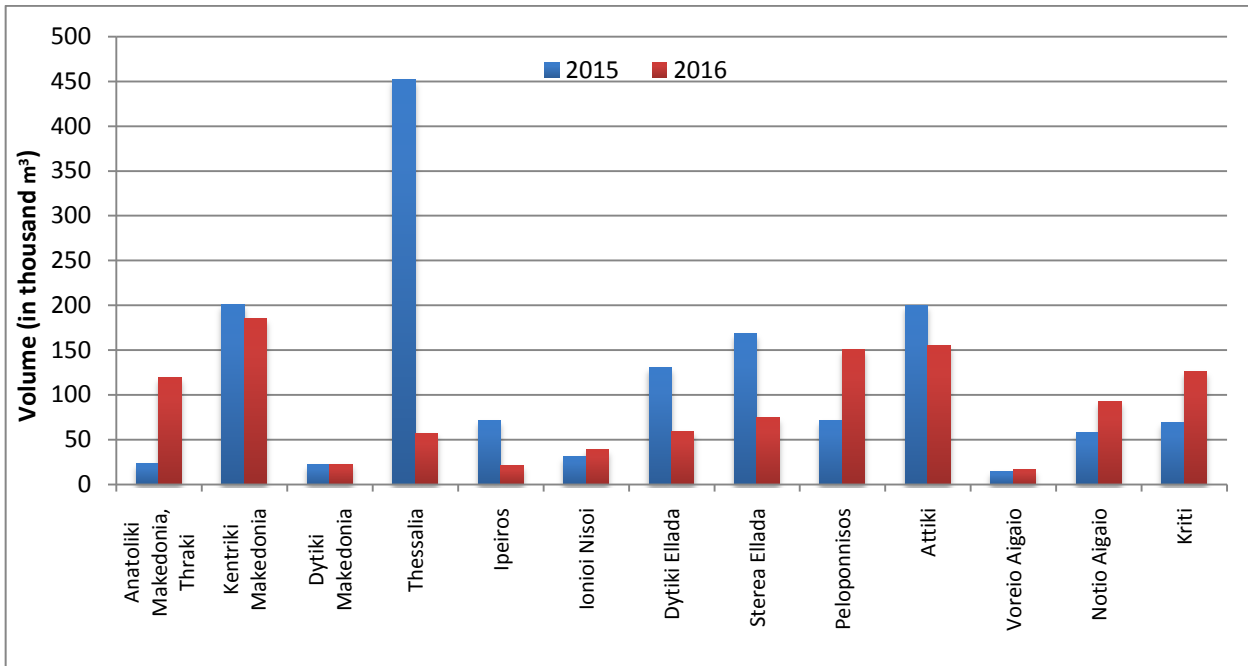
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	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)	January - December		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	562	520	-7.5	107.5	102.5	-4.7	423.9	449.5	6.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,840	1,772	-3.7	421.3	382.4	-9.2	2,150.0	2,203.7	2.5
Dytiki Makedonia	275	277	0.7	71.9	55.1	-23.2	378.4	246.4	-34.9
Thessalia	709	647	-8.7	196.4	160.2	-18.5	1,181.6	760.4	-35.7
Ipeiros	473	404	-14.6	86.2	83.9	-2.7	353.1	324.1	-8.2
Ionioi Nisoi	601	672	11.8	100.5	132.5	31.8	346.4	455.6	31.5
Dytiki Ellada	1,106	1,001	-9.5	188.6	156.3	-17.1	811.4	613.5	-24.4
Stereia Ellada	1,023	1,085	6.1	215.9	155.5	-28.0	1,092.4	730.4	-33.1
Peloponnisos	1,443	1,316	-8.8	236.4	224.2	-5.2	963.2	942.2	-2.2
Attiki	2,389	2,388	0.0	351.2	410.0	16.7	1,520.6	1,782.1	17.2
Voreio Aigaio	519	323	-37.8	73.9	40.1	-45.7	285.0	139.9	-50.9
Notio Aigaio	1,214	1,073	-11.6	186.5	180.7	-3.1	650.5	658.1	1.2
Kriti	1,004	939	-6.5	228.9	252.4	10.3	815.4	903.5	10.8
Greece, Total	13,158	12,417	-5.6	2,465.1	2,335.8	-5.2	10,971.8	10,209.4	-6.9

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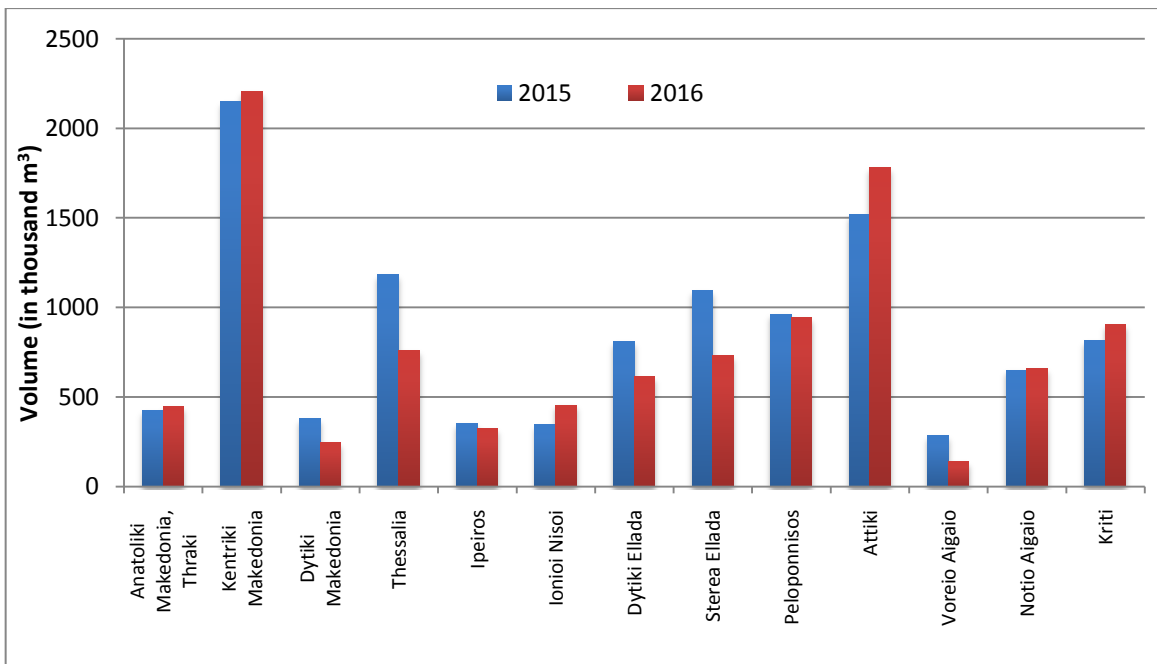
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), December 2015* and 2016 *



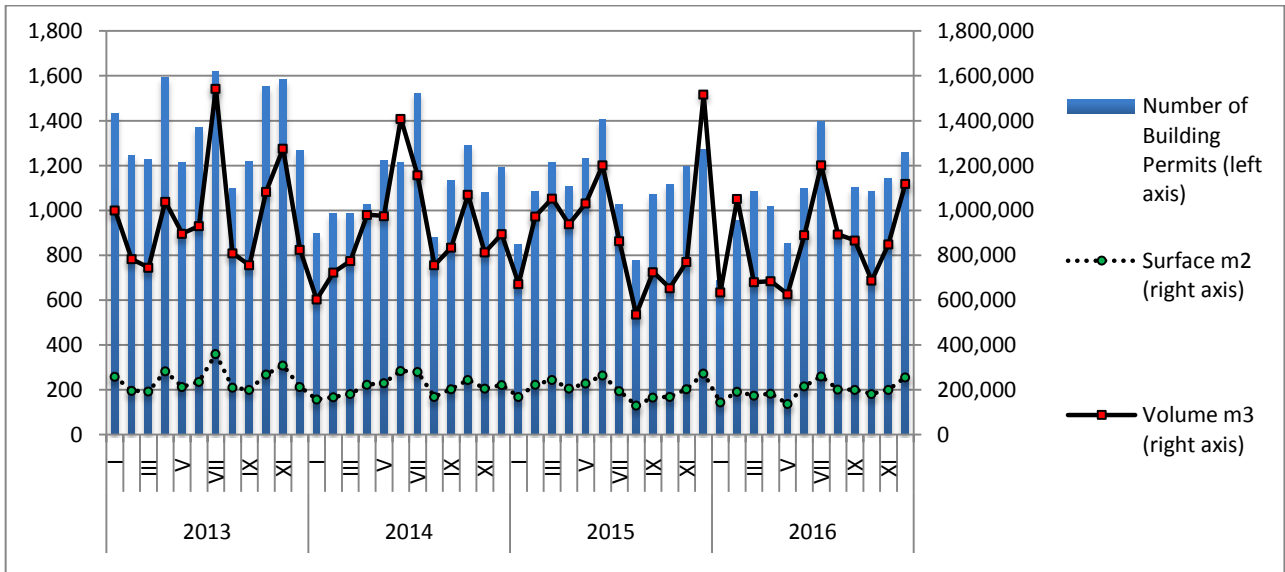
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region (NUTS II), January - December 2015* and 2016*



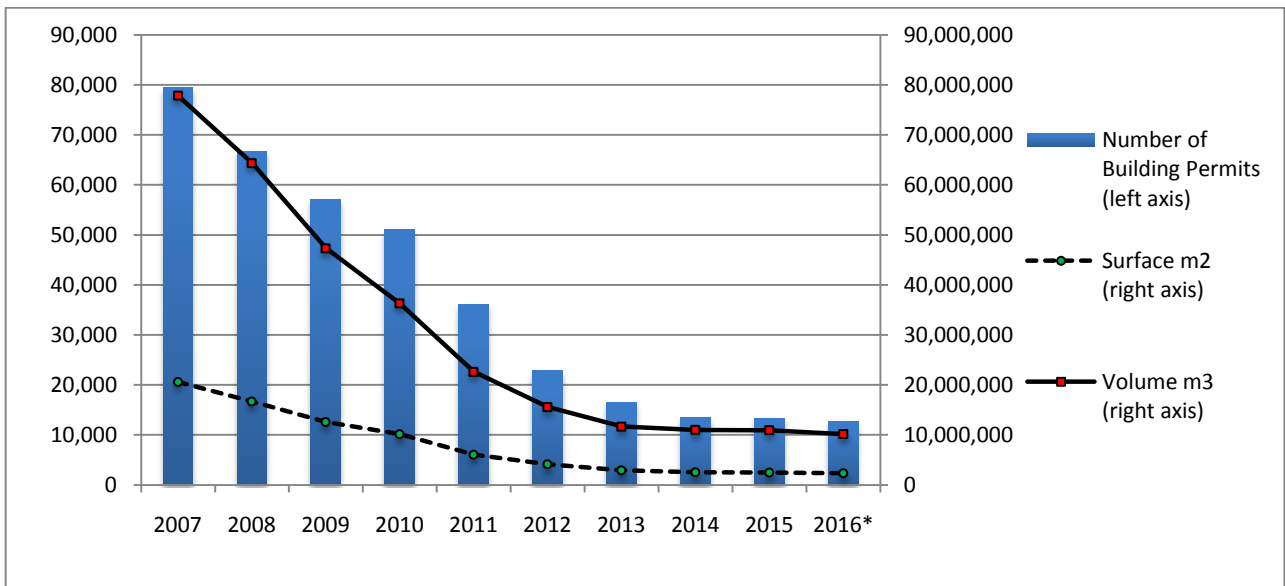
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Graph 3. Monthly Private Building Activity (January 2013 – December 2016*)



*Provisional data for December 2016

Graph 4. Annual Private Building Activity (2007 - 2016*)



*Provisional data for December 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTE

- 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** December 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
- Coverage** The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
- Definitions**
- 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.
The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".
- 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.
- New building** is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.
- 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.
- 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.
- Surface of new-built property** is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.
- 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 link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP03/->