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Building Activity Survey: September 2015

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in September 2015 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,063. This figure corresponds to 178.5 thousand m² of surface and 775.5 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 3.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 13.7% decrease in surface and a 9.6% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2014 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2015 correspond to 165.5 thousand m² of surface and 729.9 thousand m³ of volume ⁽¹⁾. In comparison with the same month of 2014 there is an 18.5% decrease in surface and a 13.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in September 2015 correspond to 13.0 thousand m² of surface and 45.6 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 5.9% of the total building volume in September 2015.

In the last twelve months, from October 2014 until September 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,263. This figure corresponds to 2,789.2 thousand m² of surface and 14,561.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from October 2013 until September 2014, a 2.4% increase is recorded in surface and a 25.0% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from October 2014 until September 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.3% decrease in surface and a 5.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from October 2013 to September 2014 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 25.8% of the total building volume.

During the period January - September 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 10.4% increase in surface and a 40.7% increase in volume compared with the corresponding period of 2014 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - September 2015, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 3.0% decrease in surface and a 2.3% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - September 2014 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, September 2014 and 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September 2014	September 2015	Change (%)	September 2014	September 2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	13,0	9,9	-24,0	48,1	41,0	-14,6
Kentriki Makedonia	30,9	36,8	19,1	142,7	190,4	33,4
Dytiki Makedonia	5,4	8,5	56,6	30,6	55,3	80,9
Thessalia	12,8	6,0	-53,6	72,6	23,8	-67,2
Ipeiros	12,8	9,7	-24,1	56,0	39,4	-29,5
Ionioi Nisoi	10,9	5,1	-52,9	36,6	17,7	-51,7
Dytiki Ellada	11,2	9,6	-14,9	38,2	34,9	-8,5
Stereia Ellada	16,2	10,7	-33,6	67,8	54,7	-19,3
Peloponnisos	30,5	19,9	-34,9	110,7	101,4	-8,4
Attiki	34,9	26,5	-24,2	157,3	94,1	-40,2
Voreio Aigaio	5,4	7,4	37,5	20,4	28,1	37,7
Notio Aigaio	10,8	13,5	24,7	36,2	47,0	29,8
Kriti	11,9	15,1	26,7	41,0	47,5	15,9
Greece, Total	206,7	178,5	-13,7	858,1	775,5	-9,6

Table 2. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region, September 2014 and 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September 2014	September 2015	Change (%)	September 2014	September 2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	13,0	9,8	-24,6	48,1	40,8	-15,1
Kentriki Makedonia	28,1	36,8	30,9	128,8	190,4	47,9
Dytiki Makedonia	5,4	8,5	56,6	30,6	55,3	80,9
Thessalia	12,8	6,0	-53,6	72,6	23,8	-67,2
Ipeiros	12,8	9,6	-24,4	56,0	39,3	-29,7
Ionioi Nisoi	10,9	5,1	-52,9	36,6	17,7	-51,7
Dytiki Ellada	10,3	9,6	-7,0	33,7	34,9	3,7
Stereia Ellada	16,2	10,7	-33,6	67,8	54,7	-19,3
Peloponnisos	30,5	19,9	-34,9	110,7	101,4	-8,4
Attiki	34,9	17,8	-48,9	157,3	65,4	-58,4
Voreio Aigaio	5,4	3,2	-41,2	20,4	11,8	-42,5
Notio Aigaio	10,8	13,4	24,4	36,2	46,9	29,6
Kriti	11,9	15,1	26,8	40,9	47,5	16,1
Greece, Total	202,9	165,5	-18,5	839,5	729,9	-13,1

(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,
October 2013 - September 2014 and October 2014 - September 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	156,1	119,8	-23,2	652,5	460,2	-29,5
Kentriki Makedonia	462,5	456,9	-1,2	2.259,1	2.343,3	3,7
Dytiki Makedonia	102,1	332,7	225,7	480,0	4.005,9	734,5
Thessalia	173,2	163,0	-5,9	786,1	790,1	0,5
Ipeiros	96,1	73,0	-24,0	388,2	276,1	-28,9
Ionioi Nisoi	89,4	110,0	23,0	313,3	358,2	14,3
Dytiki Ellada	202,6	184,9	-8,7	831,9	764,2	-8,1
Stereia Ellada	198,3	208,5	5,1	990,4	1.018,7	2,8
Peloponnisos	247,6	231,3	-6,6	935,7	964,4	3,1
Attiki	465,1	399,3	-14,1	1.991,8	1.721,7	-13,6
Voreio Aigaio	55,1	77,2	39,9	202,6	305,4	50,7
Notio Aigaio	228,8	201,7	-11,8	919,2	723,4	-21,3
Kriti	247,2	231,1	-6,5	899,4	830,0	-7,7
Greece, Total	2.724,0	2.789,2	2,4	11.650,2	14.561,4	25,0

**Table 4. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region,
October 2013 - September 2014 and October 2014 - September 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2013-2014	2014-2015		2013-2014	2014-2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	146,1	118,6	-18,8	606,6	455,1	-25,0
Kentriki Makedonia	453,1	452,9	0,0	2.218,1	2.325,9	4,9
Dytiki Makedonia	98,1	74,3	-24,3	466,5	400,0	-14,3
Thessalia	158,6	162,1	2,2	734,7	786,4	7,0
Ipeiros	94,0	72,5	-22,8	375,8	274,0	-27,1
Ionioi Nisoi	89,2	109,9	23,2	312,1	357,9	14,7
Dytiki Ellada	199,4	175,5	-12,0	818,4	728,0	-11,1
Stereia Ellada	198,2	208,3	5,0	990,3	1.017,9	2,8
Peloponnisos	240,0	230,3	-4,0	904,9	961,3	6,2
Attiki	460,4	389,0	-15,5	1.975,5	1.685,0	-14,7
Voreio Aigaio	52,6	72,5	37,8	195,2	287,1	47,1
Notio Aigaio	226,1	200,4	-11,4	906,6	718,7	-20,7
Kriti	243,3	226,2	-7,0	883,5	810,1	-8,3
Greece, Total	2.659,0	2.492,4	-6,3	11.388,2	10.807,3	-5,1

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region,
January - September 2014 and 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}**

Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - September 2014	2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	103,7	84,4	-18,6	394,1	328,4	-16,7
Kentriki Makedonia	315,9	339,3	7,4	1.610,4	1.747,7	8,5
Dytiki Makedonia	70,6	314,4	345,6	334,3	3.919,4	1072,5
Thessalia	117,0	125,0	6,8	567,5	621,8	9,6
Ipeiros	79,4	58,2	-26,7	326,2	225,3	-30,9
Ionioi Nisoi	67,4	73,0	8,2	231,1	251,4	8,8
Dytiki Ellada	136,2	128,9	-5,4	564,2	542,5	-3,8
Stereia Ellada	147,7	170,0	15,1	763,4	862,8	13,0
Peloponnisos	173,9	181,3	4,2	644,0	771,1	19,7
Attiki	349,1	281,0	-19,5	1.550,5	1.184,0	-23,6
Voreio Aigaio	34,4	51,9	50,8	128,4	200,0	55,8
Notio Aigaio	147,7	124,7	-15,6	637,4	444,9	-30,2
Kriti	166,4	176,1	5,8	592,2	641,5	8,3
Greece, Total	1.909,6	2.108,2	10,4	8.343,7	11.740,7	40,7

**Table 6. Private Building Activity (surface and volume) by Region,
January - September 2014 and 2015^{(1) (2) (3)}**

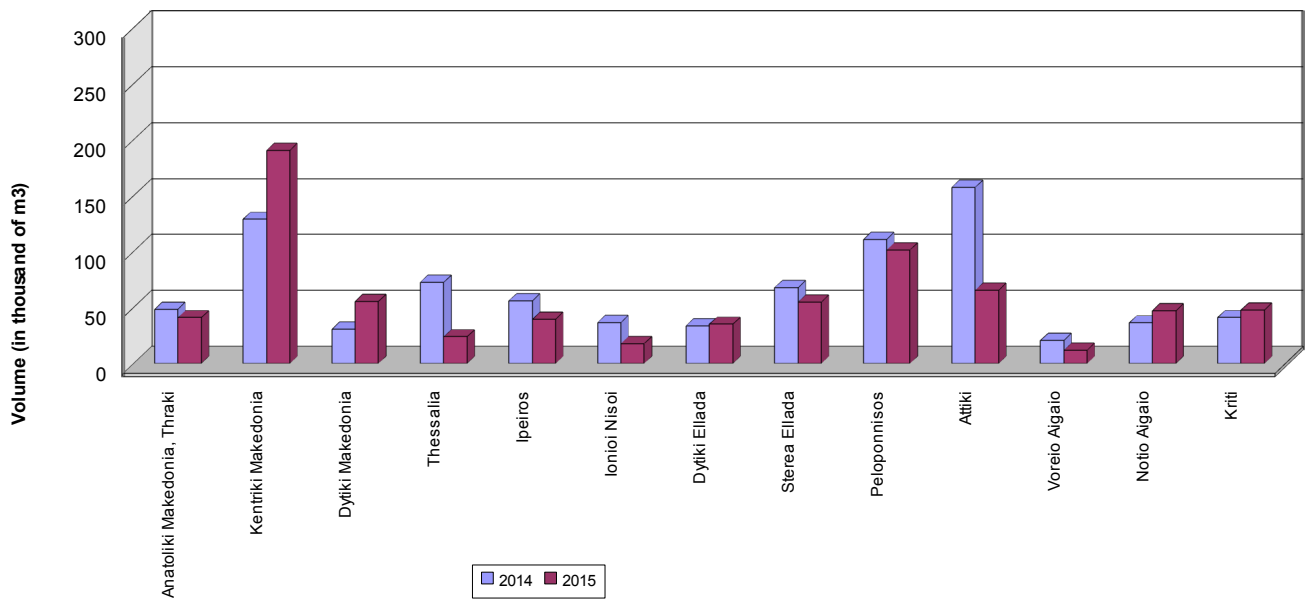
Region (NUTS 2)	Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - September 2014	2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	100,7	83,3	-17,3	382,4	323,5	-15,4
Kentriki Makedonia	311,7	336,9	8,1	1.589,8	1.739,9	9,4
Dytiki Makedonia	66,5	56,0	-15,8	320,8	313,5	-2,3
Thessalia	113,3	124,4	9,7	550,6	619,6	12,5
Ipeiros	77,3	58,2	-24,7	313,9	225,2	-28,3
Ionioi Nisoi	67,4	73,0	8,2	231,1	251,4	8,8
Dytiki Ellada	135,3	122,9	-9,2	559,7	518,6	-7,3
Stereia Ellada	147,7	169,9	15,0	763,3	862,6	13,0
Peloponnisos	169,7	180,3	6,2	629,0	768,0	22,1
Attiki	345,4	270,7	-21,6	1.539,1	1.147,2	-25,5
Voreio Aigaio	32,1	47,3	47,4	121,6	182,0	49,7
Notio Aigaio	147,5	124,4	-15,7	636,0	443,3	-30,3
Kriti	163,3	173,7	6,4	578,9	631,9	9,2
Greece, Total	1.877,9	1.821,0	-3,0	8.216,1	8.026,7	-2,3

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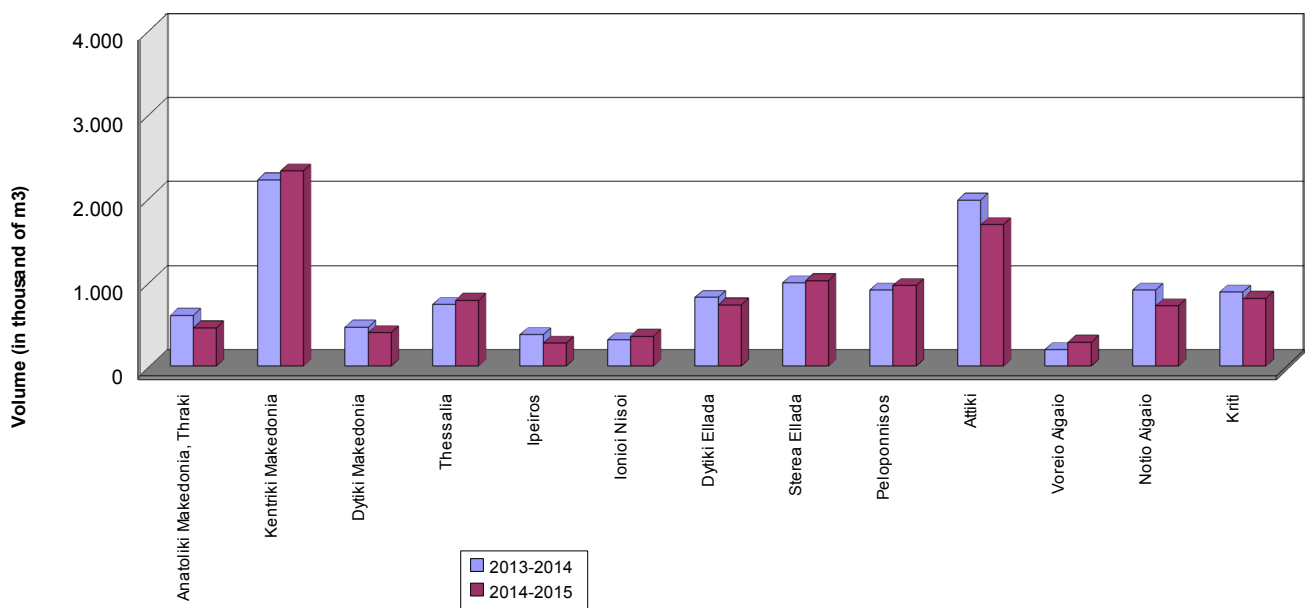
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, September 2014 and 2015 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume) by Region, October 2013 - September 2014 and October 2014 - September 2015 *



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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 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.
Legal Framework	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.
Reference Period	01/09/2015 to 30/09/2015
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers all the issued building permits across the country. From now onwards, ELSTAT will not publish information on the number of issued building permits in order to prevent indirect disclosure of individual data, at regional level.
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 (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. Surface of new-built property 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.
General Remark	Any differences that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
References	More information (questionnaires, methodology) concerning the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: www.statistics.gr , at the link: Industry, Commerce, Services, Transportations > Building - Constructions > Building Activity .