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Building Activity Survey: April 2015

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in April 2015 the Total Building Activity (private-public), in the country as a whole -which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits in the country- amounted to 1,089. This figure corresponds to 207.8 thousand m² of surface and 945.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 6.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 6.3% decrease in surface and a 3,6% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2014. (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,080 building permits, corresponding to 206.8 thousand m² of surface and 941.3 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2014, there is a 6.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 6.2% decrease in surface and a 3.5% decrease in volume. (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in April 2015 amounted to 9 building permits, corresponding to 1.1 thousand m² of surface and 3.7 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.4% of the total building volume in April 2015.

In the last twelve months, from May 2014 until April 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,677. This figure corresponds to 2,726.1 thousand m² of surface and 11,810.6 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting an 8.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 3.5% decrease in surface and a 1.3% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from May 2013 until April 2014. (Table 3).

In the same period, from May 2014 until April 2015, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 7.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 1.1% decrease in surface and a 3.7% increase in volume, compared with the corresponding period from May 2013 to April 2014. (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 2.0% of the total building volume.

During the period January - April 2015, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 7.4% increase in the number of building permits, an 18.5% increase in surface and a 20.7% increase in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2014. (Table 5).

During the same period, January - April 2015, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded an 8.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 17.3% increase in surface and an 18.8% increase in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - April 2014. (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in April 2014 and 2015 ^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	47	39	-17,0	9,8	13,7	39,5	35,8	53,2	48,6
Kentriki Makedonia	128	161	25,8	41,0	42,8	4,5	212,4	228,9	7,7
Dytiki Makedonia	22	21	-4,5	7,2	5,9	-17,4	32,8	33,5	2,2
Thessalia	50	59	18,0	16,8	20,8	23,8	77,8	119,8	54,1
Ipeiros	43	40	-7,0	15,8	9,8	-38,0	73,1	41,0	-44,0
Ionioi Nisoi	40	46	15,0	5,7	6,8	20,5	19,6	22,6	15,2
Dytiki Ellada	104	65	-37,5	15,2	10,0	-34,4	53,8	42,3	-21,4
Stereia Ellada	78	81	3,8	18,0	21,3	18,6	109,8	120,8	10,0
Peloponnisos	122	127	4,1	17,8	14,0	-21,3	61,7	53,6	-13,1
Attiki	209	218	4,3	39,4	28,9	-26,5	163,4	118,6	-27,4
Voreio Aigaio	20	50	150,0	3,3	8,0	141,4	12,8	28,1	120,5
Notio Aigaio	87	102	17,2	11,7	9,0	-22,8	43,4	28,7	-33,8
Kriti	75	80	6,7	20,2	16,7	-17,4	84,0	53,9	-35,8
Greece, Total	1.025	1.089	6,2	221,8	207,8	-6,3	980,2	945,0	-3,6

(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 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in April 2014 and 2015 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2014	2015		2014	2015		2014	2015	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	47	39	-17,0	9,8	13,7	39,5	35,8	53,2	48,6
Kentriki Makedonia	127	157	23,6	41,0	42,4	3,4	212,4	227,3	7,0
Dytiki Makedonia	22	21	-4,5	7,2	5,9	-17,4	32,8	33,5	2,2
Thessalia	50	59	18,0	16,8	20,8	23,8	77,8	119,8	54,1
Ipeiros	43	40	-7,0	15,8	9,8	-38,0	73,1	41,0	-44,0
Ionioi Nisoi	40	46	15,0	5,7	6,8	20,5	19,6	22,6	15,2
Dytiki Ellada	103	65	-36,9	15,2	10,0	-34,4	53,8	42,3	-21,4
Stereia Ellada	78	81	3,8	18,0	21,3	18,6	109,8	120,8	10,0
Peloponnisos	120	125	4,2	17,5	14,0	-20,1	60,8	53,6	-11,8
Attiki	208	218	4,8	38,7	28,9	-25,2	161,2	118,6	-26,4
Voreio Aigaio	20	50	150,0	3,3	8,0	141,4	12,8	28,1	120,5
Notio Aigaio	87	100	14,9	11,7	8,9	-23,6	43,4	28,5	-34,4
Kriti	70	79	12,9	19,8	16,2	-18,3	82,4	52,1	-36,8
Greece, Total	1.015	1.080	6,4	220,5	206,8	-6,2	975,5	941,3	-3,5

(1) Provisional data

Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period May 2013 - April 2014 and May 2014 - April 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May - April 2013-2014	May - April 2014-2015	Change (%)	May - April 2013-2014	May - April 2014-2015	Change (%)	May - April 2013-2014	May - April 2014-2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	690	609	-11,7	193,5	143,5	-25,9	806,2	550,4	-31,7
Kentriki Makedonia	1.943	1.930	-0,7	475,3	474,6	-0,2	2.160,3	2.468,7	14,3
Dytiki Makedonia	307	316	2,9	84,2	104,7	24,4	367,4	527,6	43,6
Thessalia	885	735	-16,9	182,9	169,2	-7,5	758,9	820,4	8,1
Ipeiros	487	471	-3,3	69,5	91,0	31,0	272,9	350,4	28,4
Ionioi Nisoi	490	633	29,2	79,9	117,6	47,2	285,2	376,9	32,1
Dytiki Ellada	1.398	1.152	-17,6	211,9	198,5	-6,3	836,3	817,8	-2,2
Stereia Ellada	1.199	1.127	-6,0	209,8	199,7	-4,8	1.049,6	937,5	-10,7
Peloponnisos	1.609	1.468	-8,8	279,4	228,6	-18,2	1.041,2	875,0	-16,0
Attiki	3.164	2.637	-16,7	520,7	449,9	-13,6	2.199,3	2.007,0	-8,7
Voreio Aigaio	465	480	3,2	55,9	70,7	26,4	201,8	280,1	38,8
Notio Aigaio	1.212	1.165	-3,9	214,7	232,4	8,3	751,8	937,9	24,7
Kriti	1.015	954	-6,0	246,5	245,7	-0,3	933,5	861,0	-7,8
Greece, Total	14.864	13.677	-8,0	2.824,1	2.726,1	-3,5	11.664,6	11.810,6	1,3

* Provisional data

Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period May 2013 - April 2014 and May 2014 - April 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May - April 2013-2014	May - April 2014-2015	Change (%)	May - April 2013-2014	May - April 2014-2015	Change (%)	May - April 2013-2014	May - April 2014-2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	672	604	-10,1	182,4	140,6	-22,9	755,9	538,6	-28,7
Kentriki Makedonia	1.918	1.906	-0,6	463,2	468,5	1,2	2.112,1	2.438,8	15,5
Dytiki Makedonia	302	312	3,3	80,4	85,1	5,9	356,1	422,2	18,6
Thessalia	860	727	-15,5	158,3	166,8	5,3	665,4	809,5	21,6
Ipeiros	484	468	-3,3	67,5	90,3	33,8	261,2	347,7	33,1
Ionioi Nisoi	488	630	29,1	79,7	117,5	47,5	284,1	376,6	32,6
Dytiki Ellada	1.389	1.144	-17,6	201,3	191,1	-5,1	768,9	789,3	2,6
Stereia Ellada	1.193	1.122	-6,0	208,8	199,5	-4,4	1.046,7	936,8	-10,5
Peloponnisos	1.579	1.462	-7,4	269,2	227,9	-15,3	1.000,7	872,8	-12,8
Attiki	3.146	2.635	-16,2	490,6	447,5	-8,8	2.087,7	2.000,8	-4,2
Voreio Aigaio	463	477	3,0	52,1	68,3	31,0	186,3	273,1	46,6
Notio Aigaio	1.208	1.160	-4,0	211,6	231,2	9,3	737,6	933,6	26,6
Kriti	987	944	-4,4	237,2	239,0	0,8	898,6	833,2	-7,3
Greece, Total	14.689	13.591	-7,5	2.702,4	2.673,4	-1,1	11.161,3	11.572,9	3,7

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January - April 2014 and 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - April 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - April 2014	2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	195	184	-5,6	35,0	39,4	12,6	127,9	152,3	19,1
Kentriki Makedonia	493	561	13,8	114,6	155,6	35,8	560,0	822,8	46,9
Dytiki Makedonia	81	84	3,7	26,5	42,3	60,0	113,4	220,3	94,2
Thessalia	215	233	8,4	53,3	67,5	26,5	261,6	346,1	32,3
Ipeiros	133	135	1,5	30,5	27,2	-10,8	130,8	104,1	-20,4
Ionioi Nisoι	139	215	54,7	27,1	40,3	48,6	99,7	138,7	39,1
Dytiki Ellada	368	340	-7,6	56,1	62,4	11,2	229,3	261,2	13,9
Stereia Ellada	304	330	8,6	54,8	68,4	24,6	312,3	330,5	5,8
Peloponnisos	454	455	0,2	67,4	72,1	7,0	256,4	294,1	14,7
Attiki	814	824	1,2	132,4	115,0	-13,2	540,5	459,3	-15,0
Voreio Aigaio	100	153	53,0	10,1	21,1	108,9	35,3	81,6	131,2
Notio Aigaio	345	402	16,5	56,8	64,6	13,7	203,2	225,2	10,8
Kriti	307	326	6,2	67,8	92,1	35,9	256,7	337,0	31,3
Greece, Total	3.948	4.242	7,4	732,5	868,1	18,5	3.127,2	3.773,3	20,7

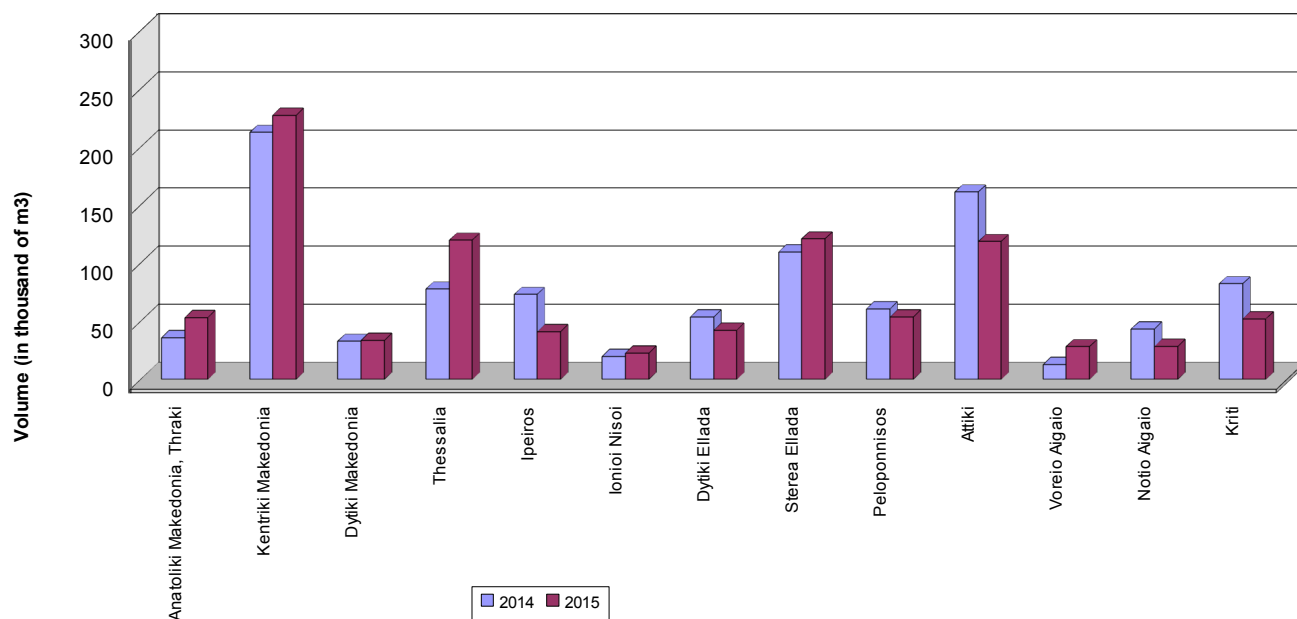
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - April 2014 and 2015 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - April 2014	2015	Change (%)	January - April 2014	2015	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	192	182	-5,2	34,4	39,0	13,2	125,5	150,0	19,6
Kentriki Makedonia	489	554	13,3	114,3	155,2	35,8	558,2	821,2	47,1
Dytiki Makedonia	78	82	5,1	22,8	23,2	1,7	103,0	118,0	14,5
Thessalia	210	232	10,5	51,3	67,0	30,6	252,5	344,6	36,5
Ipeiros	130	135	3,8	28,6	27,2	-4,7	119,1	104,1	-12,5
Ionioi Nisoι	138	215	55,8	27,1	40,3	48,6	99,7	138,7	39,1
Dytiki Ellada	366	335	-8,5	56,1	59,3	5,7	229,3	249,6	8,8
Stereia Ellada	304	330	8,6	54,8	68,4	24,6	312,3	330,5	5,8
Peloponnisos	445	451	1,3	63,2	71,4	13,0	241,5	292,0	20,9
Attiki	806	823	2,1	130,4	114,3	-12,3	532,9	456,7	-14,3
Voreio Aigaio	100	153	53,0	10,1	21,1	108,9	35,3	81,6	131,2
Notio Aigaio	344	399	16,0	56,6	64,3	13,7	201,8	224,1	11,0
Kriti	296	322	8,8	67,1	90,3	34,5	253,8	329,9	30,0
Greece, Total	3.898	4.213	8,1	717,0	841,1	17,3	3.064,8	3.641,0	18,8

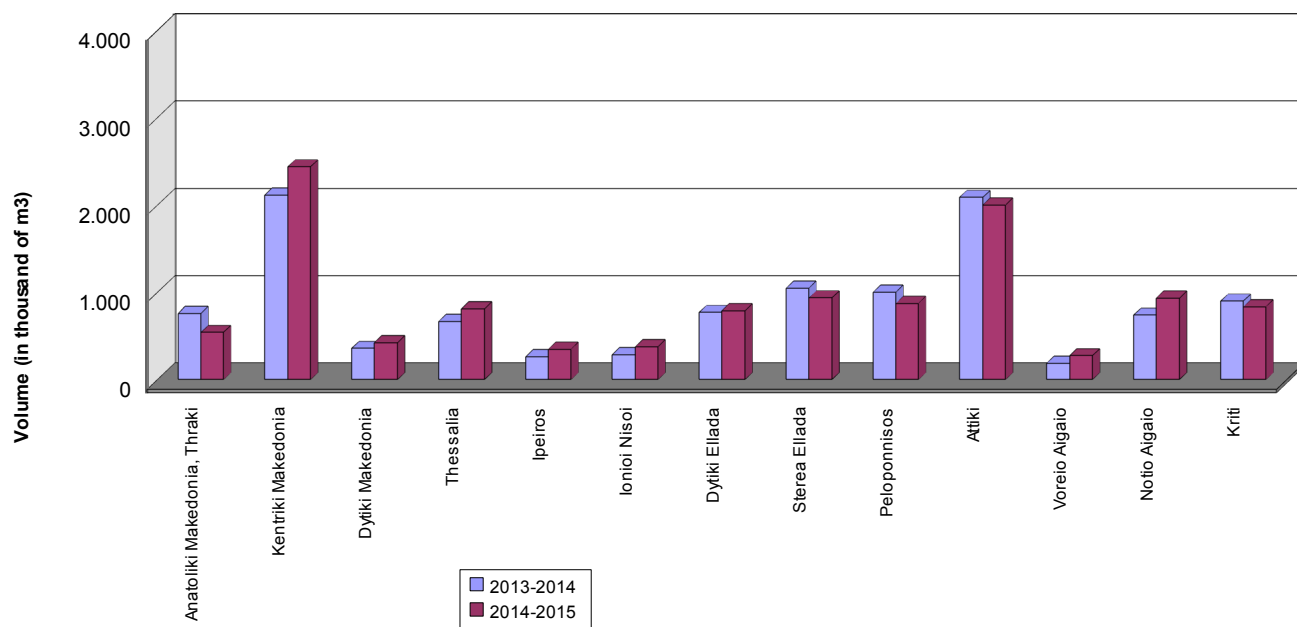
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in April 2014 and 2015 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period May 2013 - April 2014 and May 2014 - April 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 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	01/04/2015 to 30/04/2015
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 links: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.