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Building Activity Survey: June 2014

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in June 2014 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 1,203. This figure corresponds to 289.8 thousand m² of surface and 1,427.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 10.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 17.9% increase in surface and a 39.9% increase in volume, compared to the same month of 2013 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,195 building permits, corresponding to 287.8 thousand m² of surface and 1,420.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2013, there is a 10.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 25.4% increase in surface and a 52.7% increase in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in June 2014 amounted to 8 building permits, corresponding to 2.0 thousand m² of surface and 7.4 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 0.5% of the total building volume in June 2014.

In the last twelve months, from July 2013 until June 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 14,734. This figure corresponds to 2,889.7 thousand m² of surface and 12,164.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 14.8% decrease in the number of building permits, an 11.2% decrease in surface and a 7.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from July 2012 to June 2013 (Table 3).

In the same period, from July 2013 until June 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 14.9% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 10.7% decrease in surface and a 5.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from July 2012 to June 2013 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.5% of the total building volume.

During the period January - June 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 20.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 10.8% decrease in surface and a 1.5% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2013 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - June 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 20.6% decrease in the number of issued building permits, an 8.8% decrease in surface and a 1.4% increase in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - June 2013 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in June 2013 and 2014 ^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	57	56	-1,8	8,7	9,9	13,8	30,5	35,5	16,3
Kentriki Makedonia	174	164	-5,7	37,7	46,7	23,8	176,8	262,9	48,7
Dytiki Makedonia	21	25	19,0	3,2	5,1	56,4	10,4	23,2	124,0
Thessalia	90	65	-27,8	14,3	15,8	10,8	48,7	71,2	46,3
Ipeiros	32	37	15,6	6,5	8,9	37,8	23,9	41,2	72,6
Ionioi Nisoi	52	47	-9,6	6,0	6,2	3,8	18,4	19,9	7,9
Dytiki Ellada	134	128	-4,5	24,6	26,9	9,4	120,4	105,9	-12,0
Stereia Ellada	125	100	-20,0	17,0	25,8	51,8	60,0	152,2	153,6
Peloponnisos	162	120	-25,9	39,9	13,0	-67,5	140,8	42,7	-69,7
Attiki	325	237	-27,1	51,9	73,4	41,3	269,0	343,8	27,8
Voreio Aigaio	35	37	5,7	5,1	2,1	-58,9	16,9	7,1	-57,8
Notio Aigaio	75	102	36,0	16,4	40,6	147,6	53,0	270,2	410,0
Kriti	65	85	30,8	14,6	15,5	6,6	51,9	52,0	0,2
Greece, Total	1.347	1.203	-10,7	245,8	289,8	17,9	1.020,7	1.427,9	39,9

(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 June 2013 and 2014 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)	June		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	55	56	1,8	8,3	9,9	19,2	29,1	35,5	21,7
Kentriki Makedonia	169	161	-4,7	37,4	45,6	21,9	175,1	258,2	47,4
Dytiki Makedonia	21	25	19,0	3,2	5,1	56,4	10,4	23,2	124,0
Thessalia	89	64	-28,1	13,6	15,6	15,1	46,8	70,8	51,4
Ipeiros	32	37	15,6	6,5	8,9	37,8	23,9	41,2	72,6
Ionioi Nisoi	52	47	-9,6	6,0	6,2	3,8	18,4	19,9	7,9
Dytiki Ellada	133	128	-3,8	16,6	26,9	62,4	63,1	105,9	67,9
Stereia Ellada	123	99	-19,5	16,6	25,8	54,8	59,0	152,2	158,0
Peloponnisos	161	120	-25,5	39,3	13,0	-67,0	138,5	42,7	-69,2
Attiki	323	237	-26,6	48,3	73,4	52,0	251,7	343,8	36,6
Voreio Aigaio	35	37	5,7	5,1	2,1	-58,9	16,9	7,1	-57,8
Notio Aigaio	75	102	36,0	16,4	40,6	147,6	53,0	270,2	410,0
Kriti	63	82	30,2	12,3	14,8	20,4	44,4	49,8	12,1
Greece, Total	1.331	1.195	-10,2	229,5	287,8	25,4	930,3	1.420,5	52,7

(1) Provisional data

Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period July 2012 - June 2013 and July 2013 - June 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July - June 2012-2013	June 2013-2014	Change (%)	July - June 2012-2013	June 2013-2014	Change (%)	July - June 2012-2013	June 2013-2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	809	669	-17,3	172,0	192,0	11,6	637,6	803,3	26,0
Kentriki Makedonia	2.486	1.929	-22,4	608,4	483,5	-20,5	2.808,9	2.223,2	-20,9
Dytiki Makedonia	327	322	-1,5	105,4	92,6	-12,1	427,3	412,2	-3,5
Thessalia	1.061	847	-20,2	190,4	184,2	-3,3	735,2	801,7	9,1
Ipeiros	512	500	-2,3	92,5	75,5	-18,4	311,9	303,3	-2,8
Ionioi Nisoi	627	503	-19,8	126,2	83,6	-33,8	434,1	295,0	-32,0
Dytiki Ellada	1.467	1.392	-5,1	220,2	215,6	-2,1	885,7	834,0	-5,8
Stereia Ellada	1.336	1.184	-11,4	246,1	216,9	-11,9	1.108,3	1.145,8	3,4
Peloponnisos	1.920	1.564	-18,5	327,4	257,2	-21,4	1.206,4	968,0	-19,8
Attiki	3.823	3.047	-20,3	616,5	530,9	-13,9	2.499,5	2.234,3	-10,6
Voreio Aigaio	610	477	-21,8	76,6	55,1	-28,0	270,1	201,8	-25,3
Notio Aigaio	1.209	1.255	3,8	216,2	249,7	15,5	837,9	1.002,2	19,6
Kriti	1.100	1.045	-5,0	257,8	252,8	-2,0	928,5	939,5	1,2
Greece, Total	17.287	14.734	-14,8	3.255,8	2.889,7	-11,2	13.091,3	12.164,2	-7,1

* Provisional data

Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period July 2012 - June 2013 and July 2013 - June 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July - June 2012-2013	June 2013-2014	Change (%)	July - June 2012-2013	June 2013-2014	Change (%)	July - June 2012-2013	June 2013-2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	800	655	-18,1	162,0	182,0	12,3	597,4	757,0	26,7
Kentriki Makedonia	2.446	1.907	-22,0	587,6	471,0	-19,9	2.720,8	2.173,3	-20,1
Dytiki Makedonia	317	317	0,0	93,6	88,7	-5,2	378,9	399,4	5,4
Thessalia	1.048	820	-21,8	171,2	158,7	-7,3	650,7	702,3	7,9
Ipeiros	507	496	-2,2	91,2	73,4	-19,5	308,2	291,1	-5,6
Ionioi Nisoi	627	501	-20,1	126,2	83,4	-33,9	434,1	293,8	-32,3
Dytiki Ellada	1.457	1.384	-5,0	201,4	213,1	5,8	783,8	824,0	5,1
Stereia Ellada	1.330	1.177	-11,5	245,7	216,3	-12,0	1.107,2	1.143,9	3,3
Peloponnisos	1.906	1.537	-19,4	320,0	247,6	-22,6	1.179,2	929,8	-21,1
Attiki	3.801	3.033	-20,2	598,4	504,6	-15,7	2.404,9	2.142,2	-10,9
Voreio Aigaio	607	475	-21,7	75,8	51,3	-32,2	264,5	186,3	-29,6
Notio Aigaio	1.201	1.251	4,2	213,4	246,6	15,6	826,9	988,0	19,5
Kriti	1.077	1.018	-5,5	230,0	246,2	7,1	818,6	912,5	11,5
Greece, Total	17.124	14.571	-14,9	3.116,5	2.782,9	-10,7	12.475,1	11.743,5	-5,9

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January - June 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - June 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - June 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - June 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	340	296	-12,9	83,9	50,8	-39,5	304,1	184,4	-39,4
Kentriki Makedonia	1.078	822	-23,7	225,1	194,0	-13,8	954,6	951,6	-0,3
Dytiki Makedonia	129	138	7,0	42,7	43,4	1,7	212,5	192,6	-9,4
Thessalia	525	342	-34,9	94,7	82,7	-12,6	361,8	401,3	10,9
Ipeiros	227	218	-4,0	37,8	47,3	25,2	131,9	202,5	53,6
Ionioi Nisoi	265	239	-9,8	44,8	42,7	-4,7	155,8	149,4	-4,1
Dytiki Ellada	657	597	-9,1	82,9	94,7	14,2	329,7	380,2	15,3
Stereia Ellada	662	509	-23,1	126,0	100,0	-20,6	567,7	559,4	-1,5
Peloponnisos	892	709	-20,5	164,5	102,2	-37,9	615,5	384,5	-37,5
Attiki	1.929	1.301	-32,6	287,8	257,9	-10,4	1.223,6	1.159,9	-5,2
Voreio Aigaio	262	183	-30,2	28,0	17,7	-36,7	98,6	64,3	-34,8
Notio Aigaio	544	530	-2,6	80,5	114,8	42,5	268,4	529,5	97,3
Kriti	508	484	-4,7	110,1	108,4	-1,6	414,3	394,2	-4,9
Greece, Total	8.018	6.368	-20,6	1.408,9	1.256,6	-10,8	5.638,4	5.553,7	-1,5

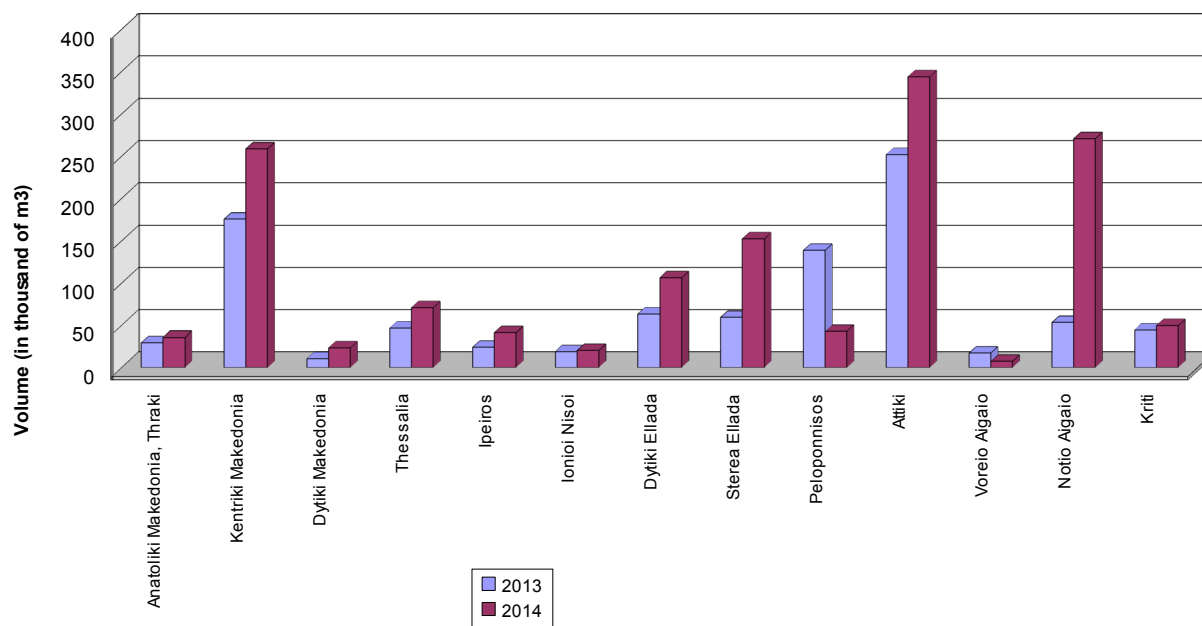
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - June 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - June 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - June 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - June 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	335	293	-12,5	82,5	50,2	-39,1	298,7	182,0	-39,1
Kentriki Makedonia	1.061	815	-23,2	217,7	192,5	-11,6	925,2	945,0	2,1
Dytiki Makedonia	126	134	6,3	38,5	39,5	2,4	196,2	179,8	-8,3
Thessalia	518	334	-35,5	86,8	79,1	-8,9	323,4	384,3	18,8
Ipeiros	225	214	-4,9	37,8	45,3	19,8	131,9	190,3	44,3
Ionioi Nisoi	265	238	-10,2	44,8	42,7	-4,7	155,8	149,4	-4,1
Dytiki Ellada	653	594	-9,0	74,8	94,7	26,7	272,0	380,2	39,8
Stereia Ellada	660	506	-23,3	125,7	100,0	-20,4	566,7	559,4	-1,3
Peloponnisos	884	700	-20,8	158,3	98,1	-38,0	592,6	369,6	-37,6
Attiki	1.917	1.292	-32,6	278,9	254,2	-8,9	1.185,2	1.148,5	-3,1
Voreio Aigaio	261	183	-29,9	27,9	17,7	-36,5	98,3	64,3	-34,6
Notio Aigaio	538	529	-1,7	77,7	114,5	47,4	257,4	528,1	105,1
Kriti	497	469	-5,6	102,0	105,2	3,2	385,3	381,0	-1,1
Greece, Total	7.940	6.301	-20,6	1.353,4	1.233,7	-8,8	5.388,6	5.461,9	1,4

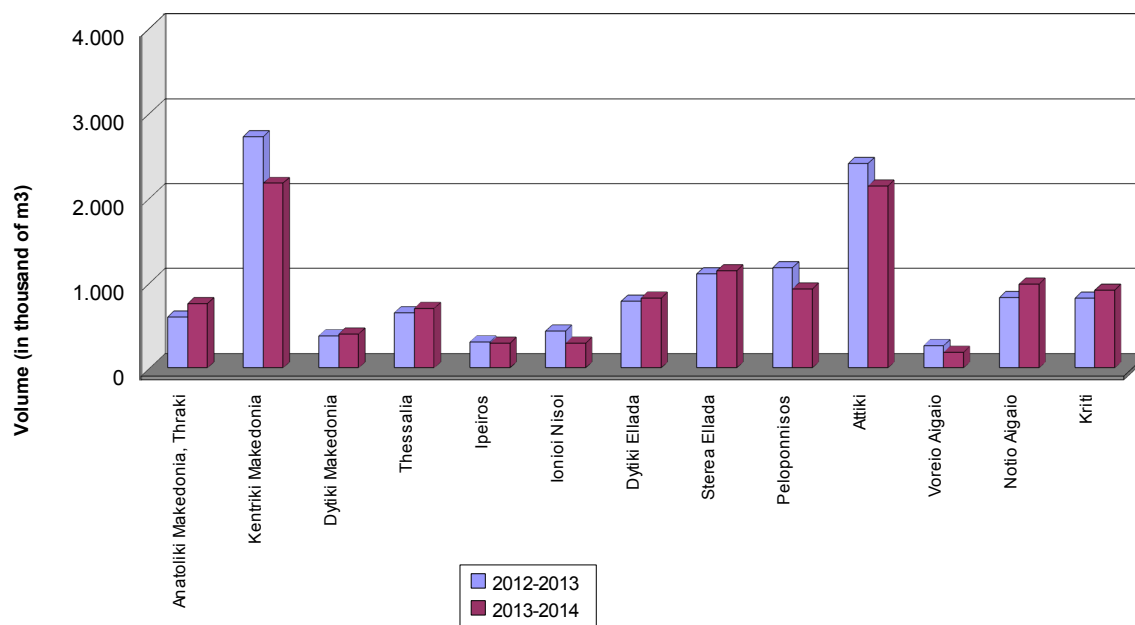
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in June 2013 and 2014 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period July 2012 - June 2013 and July 2013 - June 2014 *



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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	01/06/2014 to 30/06/2014
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.