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Building Activity Survey: May 2014

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in May 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 1,217. This figure corresponds to 234.3 thousand m² of surface and 998.5 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively an 1.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 10.2% increase in surface and a 10.2% increase in volume, compared to the same month of 2013 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,208 building permits, corresponding to 229.0 thousand m² of surface and 976.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2013, there is an 1.5% increase in the number of building permits, a 10.7% increase in surface and a 10.4% increase in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in May 2014 amounted to 9 building permits, corresponding to 5.3 thousand m² of surface and 22.0 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.2% of the total building volume in May 2014.

In the last twelve months, from June 2013 until May 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 14,878. This figure corresponds to 2,845.8 thousand m² of surface and 11,757.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 16.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 14.0% decrease in surface and a 10.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2012 to May 2013 (Table 3).

In the same period, from June 2013 until May 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 17.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 14.4% decrease in surface and an 11.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from June 2012 to May 2013 (Table 4).

During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.3% of the total building volume.

During the period January - May 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 22.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 16.9% decrease in surface and a 10.7% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2013 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - May 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 22.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 15.8% decrease in surface and a 9.4% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - May 2013 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	65	45	-30,8	8,6	5,9	-31,7	29,0	21,1	-27,3
Kentriki Makedonia	169	165	-2,4	33,4	32,6	-2,4	151,8	128,6	-15,3
Dytiki Makedonia	21	32	52,4	5,2	11,9	126,4	24,0	55,9	132,4
Thessalia	75	62	-17,3	13,8	13,6	-1,5	48,2	68,5	42,0
Ipeiros	40	48	20,0	4,3	7,9	82,5	17,5	30,5	74,7
Ionioi Nisoi	35	53	51,4	5,9	9,4	60,4	21,4	29,7	38,8
Dytiki Ellada	101	101	0,0	10,2	11,7	14,0	32,8	45,0	37,2
Stereia Ellada	95	105	10,5	21,1	19,4	-7,9	90,9	94,9	4,4
Peloponnisos	138	135	-2,2	17,1	21,9	27,8	60,5	85,4	41,2
Attiki	279	250	-10,4	63,3	52,1	-17,7	315,4	275,5	-12,6
Voreio Aigaio	36	46	27,8	3,3	5,5	65,7	12,1	21,8	80,2
Notio Aigaio	67	83	23,9	6,6	17,4	165,0	22,9	56,1	145,1
Kriti	82	92	12,2	19,8	25,1	26,7	79,6	85,5	7,4
Greece, Total	1.203	1.217	1,2	212,7	234,3	10,2	906,1	998,5	10,2

(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 May 2013 and 2014 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	63	45	-28,6	7,9	5,9	-26,0	26,3	21,1	-19,9
Kentriki Makedonia	168	165	-1,8	33,0	32,6	-1,3	150,5	128,6	-14,5
Dytiki Makedonia	20	31	55,0	5,1	11,6	126,4	23,1	53,6	131,7
Thessalia	75	60	-20,0	13,8	12,1	-12,4	48,2	61,1	26,7
Ipeiros	40	47	17,5	4,3	7,8	79,5	17,5	30,0	71,9
Ionioi Nisoi	35	53	51,4	5,9	9,4	60,4	21,4	29,7	38,8
Dytiki Ellada	100	100	0,0	10,2	11,7	14,0	32,8	45,0	37,2
Stereia Ellada	95	103	8,4	21,1	19,4	-8,0	90,9	94,8	4,4
Peloponnisos	136	135	-0,7	17,1	21,9	27,8	60,5	85,4	41,2
Attiki	276	249	-9,8	61,5	50,4	-18,1	309,5	271,8	-12,2
Voreio Aigaio	36	46	27,8	3,3	5,5	65,7	12,1	21,8	80,2
Notio Aigaio	67	83	23,9	6,6	17,4	165,0	22,9	56,1	145,1
Kriti	79	91	15,2	16,8	23,4	38,8	68,9	77,4	12,3
Greece, Total	1.190	1.208	1,5	206,8	229,0	10,7	884,6	976,5	10,4

(1) Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May 2012-2013	June - May 2013-2014	Change (%)	June - May 2012-2013	June - May 2013-2014	Change (%)	June - May 2012-2013	June - May 2013-2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	841	670	-20,3	175,1	190,8	9,0	649,0	798,3	23,0
Kentriki Makedonia	2.585	1.939	-25,0	633,7	474,5	-25,1	2.886,1	2.137,1	-26,0
Dytiki Makedonia	339	318	-6,2	109,8	90,8	-17,2	447,0	399,3	-10,7
Thessalia	1.122	872	-22,3	193,8	182,7	-5,7	748,8	779,2	4,1
Ipeiros	576	495	-14,1	101,7	73,0	-28,2	339,5	285,9	-15,8
Ionioi Nisoi	635	508	-20,0	129,7	83,4	-35,7	449,3	293,5	-34,7
Dytiki Ellada	1.495	1.398	-6,5	221,6	213,3	-3,7	862,1	848,5	-1,6
Stereia Ellada	1.321	1.209	-8,5	245,2	208,1	-15,1	1.110,3	1.053,6	-5,1
Peloponnisos	1.974	1.606	-18,6	320,2	284,2	-11,2	1.187,4	1.066,1	-10,2
Attiki	3.920	3.135	-20,0	613,4	509,5	-16,9	2.416,0	2.159,4	-10,6
Voreio Aigaio	634	475	-25,1	78,6	58,1	-26,0	278,0	211,5	-23,9
Notio Aigaio	1.295	1.228	-5,2	223,6	225,5	0,9	859,8	785,0	-8,7
Kriti	1.165	1.025	-12,0	263,2	251,8	-4,3	948,3	939,4	-0,9
Greece, Total	17.902	14.878	-16,9	3.309,5	2.845,8	-14,0	13.181,7	11.757,0	-10,8

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June - May 2012-2013	June - May 2013-2014	Change (%)	June - May 2012-2013	June - May 2013-2014	Change (%)	June - May 2012-2013	June - May 2013-2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	834	654	-21,6	165,5	180,4	8,9	610,1	750,7	23,0
Kentriki Makedonia	2.544	1.915	-24,7	609,8	462,8	-24,1	2.786,2	2.090,3	-25,0
Dytiki Makedonia	329	313	-4,9	97,9	86,9	-11,3	398,7	386,5	-3,0
Thessalia	1.108	845	-23,7	175,2	156,6	-10,6	666,3	678,3	1,8
Ipeiros	570	491	-13,9	100,4	71,0	-29,3	335,8	273,7	-18,5
Ionioi Nisoi	634	506	-20,2	129,7	83,2	-35,9	449,3	292,4	-34,9
Dytiki Ellada	1.486	1.389	-6,5	210,9	202,7	-3,9	817,6	781,1	-4,5
Stereia Ellada	1.317	1.201	-8,8	245,1	207,1	-15,5	1.110,2	1.050,7	-5,4
Peloponnisos	1.959	1.578	-19,4	313,3	273,9	-12,6	1.161,9	1.025,7	-11,7
Attiki	3.900	3.119	-20,0	598,9	479,5	-19,9	2.338,7	2.050,1	-12,3
Voreio Aigaio	631	473	-25,0	77,8	54,3	-30,1	272,3	196,0	-28,0
Notio Aigaio	1.287	1.224	-4,9	220,8	222,4	0,8	848,8	770,8	-9,2
Kriti	1.144	999	-12,7	237,6	243,7	2,5	846,1	907,1	7,2
Greece, Total	17.743	14.707	-17,1	3.183,0	2.724,6	-14,4	12.641,8	11.253,3	-11,0

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - May 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - May 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	283	240	-15,2	75,2	40,9	-45,6	273,6	148,9	-45,6
Kentriki Makedonia	904	658	-27,2	187,3	147,3	-21,4	777,8	688,7	-11,5
Dytiki Makedonia	108	113	4,6	39,4	38,3	-2,8	202,1	169,3	-16,2
Thessalia	435	277	-36,3	80,5	67,0	-16,8	313,1	330,0	5,4
Ipeiros	195	181	-7,2	31,3	38,4	22,7	108,0	161,3	49,4
Ionioi Nisoi	213	192	-9,9	38,8	36,5	-6,0	137,4	129,5	-5,8
Dytiki Ellada	523	469	-10,3	58,3	67,8	16,2	209,3	274,3	31,1
Stereia Ellada	537	409	-23,8	109,0	74,3	-31,9	507,7	407,2	-19,8
Peloponnisos	730	589	-19,3	124,6	89,3	-28,4	474,7	341,9	-28,0
Attiki	1.604	1.064	-33,7	235,9	184,5	-21,8	954,6	816,0	-14,5
Voreio Aigaio	227	146	-35,7	22,9	15,6	-31,8	81,7	57,1	-30,1
Notio Aigaio	469	428	-8,7	64,1	74,2	15,7	215,4	259,3	20,4
Kriti	443	399	-9,9	95,6	92,8	-2,9	362,4	342,2	-5,6
Greece, Total	6.671	5.165	-22,6	1.163,1	966,8	-16,9	4.617,7	4.125,7	-10,7

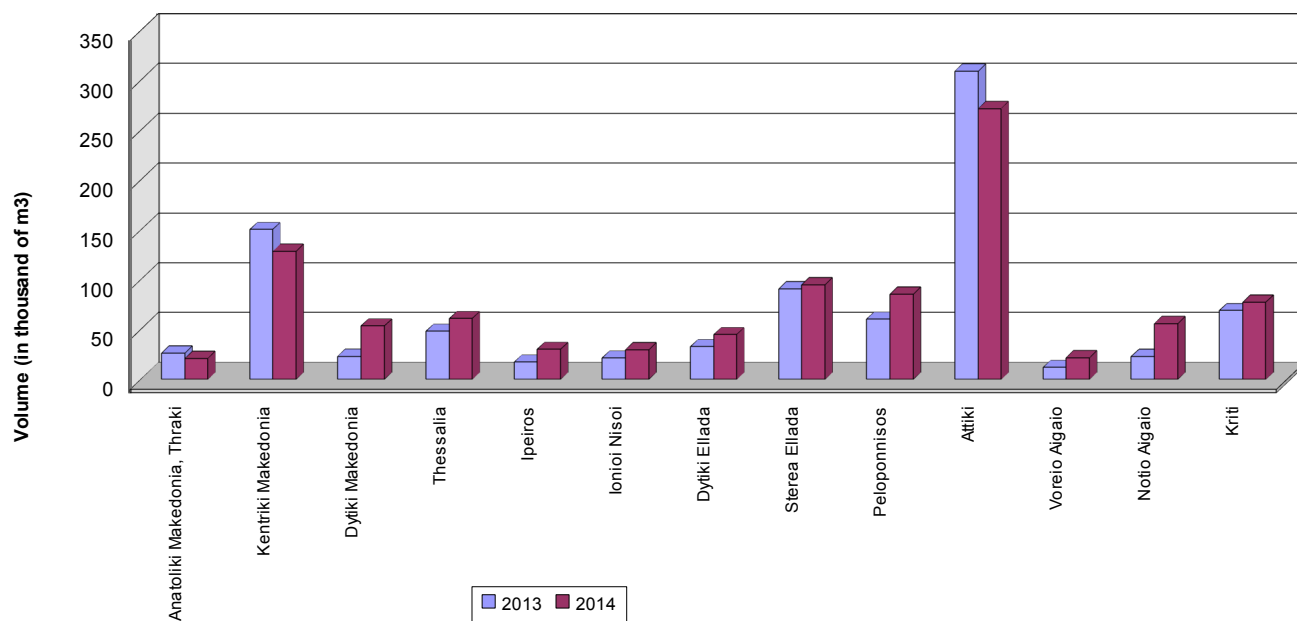
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - May 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - May 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - May 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	280	237	-15,4	74,2	40,3	-45,7	269,5	146,6	-45,6
Kentriki Makedonia	892	654	-26,7	180,3	146,9	-18,5	750,1	686,8	-8,4
Dytiki Makedonia	105	109	3,8	35,3	34,4	-2,5	185,8	156,6	-15,7
Thessalia	429	270	-37,1	73,2	63,4	-13,4	276,6	313,5	13,3
Ipeiros	193	177	-8,3	31,3	36,3	16,0	108,0	149,1	38,1
Ionioi Nisoi	213	191	-10,3	38,8	36,5	-6,0	137,4	129,5	-5,8
Dytiki Ellada	520	466	-10,4	58,2	67,8	16,5	208,9	274,3	31,3
Stereia Ellada	537	407	-24,2	109,0	74,3	-31,9	507,7	407,1	-19,8
Peloponnisos	723	580	-19,8	118,9	85,1	-28,5	454,1	326,9	-28,0
Attiki	1.594	1.055	-33,8	230,6	180,8	-21,6	933,5	804,7	-13,8
Voreio Aigaio	226	146	-35,4	22,9	15,6	-31,6	81,4	57,1	-29,8
Notio Aigaio	463	427	-7,8	61,3	73,9	20,6	204,5	257,9	26,1
Kriti	434	387	-10,8	89,8	90,5	0,8	340,9	331,2	-2,9
Greece, Total	6.609	5.106	-22,7	1.124,0	945,9	-15,8	4.458,3	4.041,4	-9,4

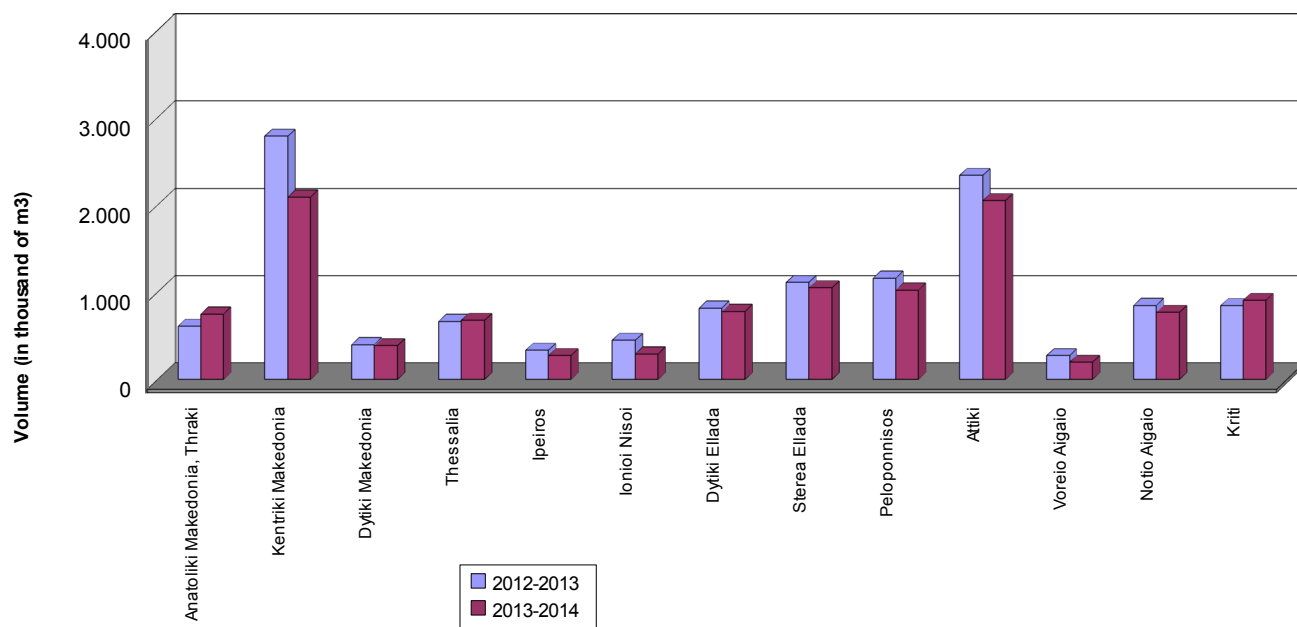
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in May 2013 and 2014 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period June 2012 - May 2013 and June 2013 - May 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	01/05/2014 to 31/05/2014
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.