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Building Activity Survey: March 2014

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in March 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 1,023. This figure corresponds to 187.3 thousand m² of surface and 803.3 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 16.0% decrease in the number of building permits, an 8.2% decrease in surface and a 0.8% increase in volume, compared to the same month of 2013 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,010 building permits, corresponding to 180.5 thousand m² of surface and 776.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2013, there is a 16.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 6.0% decrease in surface and a 4.1% increase in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in March 2014 amounted to 13 building permits, corresponding to 6.8 thousand m² of surface and 27.3 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 3.4% of the total building volume in March 2014.

In the last twelve months, from April 2013 until March 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 15,431. This figure corresponds to 2,897.1 thousand m² of surface and 11,792.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 21.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 21.7% decrease in surface and a 17.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2012 to March 2013 (Table 3).

In the same period, from April 2013 until March 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 21.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 22.3% decrease in surface and an 18.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2012 to March 2013 (Table 4).

During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.7% of the total building volume.

During the period January - March 2014, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 24.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 22.1% decrease in surface and a 17.5% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2013 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - March 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 25.0% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 21.9% decrease in surface and a 17.0% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January - March 2013 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	52	45	-13,5	10,8	10,8	-0,6	45,2	43,0	-4,7
Kentriki Makedonia	165	140	-15,2	33,0	40,5	22,7	138,8	217,1	56,4
Dytiki Makedonia	20	25	25,0	7,9	12,8	61,6	30,3	51,3	69,1
Thessalia	104	51	-51,0	20,2	13,2	-34,5	81,1	69,0	-14,8
Ipeiros	34	43	26,5	6,0	7,0	15,9	18,7	29,1	55,7
Ionioi Nisoi	40	43	7,5	5,9	8,3	39,9	20,1	31,1	54,7
Dytiki Ellada	77	97	26,0	6,9	11,6	66,9	23,9	46,8	95,9
Stereia Ellada	109	76	-30,3	18,3	10,0	-45,2	81,4	53,9	-33,8
Peloponnisos	128	98	-23,4	25,1	15,5	-38,3	108,7	58,3	-46,4
Attiki	293	186	-36,5	37,7	24,6	-34,9	131,3	91,6	-30,3
Voreio Aigaio	32	34	6,3	2,2	3,3	49,8	8,0	10,6	32,3
Notio Aigaio	83	95	14,5	11,1	11,5	3,4	38,0	38,5	1,4
Kriti	81	90	11,1	18,7	18,4	-2,0	71,5	63,0	-11,9
Greece, Total	1.218	1.023	-16,0	203,9	187,3	-8,2	797,1	803,3	0,8

(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 March 2013 and 2014 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	51	44	-13,7	10,4	10,3	-1,2	43,8	41,2	-5,8
Kentriki Makedonia	161	139	-13,7	30,4	40,2	32,0	129,9	215,2	65,7
Dytiki Makedonia	20	23	15,0	7,9	9,3	17,3	30,3	41,7	37,4
Thessalia	102	49	-52,0	15,8	12,7	-20,1	58,6	66,8	14,0
Ipeiros	34	40	17,6	6,0	5,0	-16,4	18,7	17,4	-7,0
Ionioi Nisoi	40	43	7,5	5,9	8,3	39,9	20,1	31,1	54,7
Dytiki Ellada	76	96	26,3	6,9	11,6	66,9	23,9	46,8	95,9
Stereia Ellada	109	76	-30,3	18,3	10,0	-45,2	81,4	53,9	-33,8
Peloponnisos	127	98	-22,8	23,5	15,5	-34,2	101,9	58,3	-42,9
Attiki	293	186	-36,5	37,7	24,6	-34,9	131,3	91,6	-30,3
Voreio Aigaio	31	34	9,7	2,1	3,3	55,5	7,7	10,6	37,4
Notio Aigaio	82	95	15,9	9,6	11,5	19,2	32,7	38,5	17,9
Kriti	80	87	8,8	17,2	18,4	6,9	65,4	63,0	-3,6
Greece, Total	1.206	1.010	-16,3	191,9	180,5	-6,0	745,7	776,0	4,1

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March 2012-2013	March-2014	Change (%)	April - March 2012-2013	March-2014	Change (%)	April - March 2012-2013	March-2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	905	718	-20,7	157,6	222,3	41,1	592,3	899,7	51,9
Kentriki Makedonia	2.839	2.018	-28,9	703,2	472,8	-32,8	3.157,9	2.089,4	-33,8
Dytiki Makedonia	377	305	-19,1	114,6	83,7	-27,0	468,5	360,5	-23,1
Thessalia	1.234	910	-26,3	223,5	174,6	-21,8	845,9	712,0	-15,8
Ipeiros	668	490	-26,6	116,7	65,1	-44,2	380,1	239,8	-36,9
Ionioi Nisoi	724	501	-30,8	142,1	81,8	-42,4	488,3	293,2	-39,9
Dytiki Ellada	1.573	1.442	-8,3	247,7	213,7	-13,7	954,9	847,7	-11,2
Stereia Ellada	1.483	1.256	-15,3	259,7	220,7	-15,0	1.124,3	1.085,3	-3,5
Peloponnisos	2.112	1.646	-22,1	350,0	292,4	-16,5	1.295,9	1.096,8	-15,4
Attiki	4.176	3.360	-19,5	713,5	542,0	-24,0	2.654,9	2.257,3	-15,0
Voreio Aigaio	715	506	-29,2	95,4	59,1	-38,1	333,8	213,4	-36,1
Notio Aigaio	1.444	1.261	-12,7	274,5	223,0	-18,8	1.021,4	774,7	-24,2
Kriti	1.276	1.018	-20,2	299,8	245,9	-18,0	1.047,7	923,1	-11,9
Greece, Total	19.526	15.431	-21,0	3.698,3	2.897,1	-21,7	14.366,0	11.792,9	-17,9

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March 2012-2013	March-2014	Change (%)	April - March 2012-2013	March-2014	Change (%)	April - March 2012-2013	March-2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	900	700	-22,2	148,7	211,3	42,0	556,1	849,4	52,7
Kentriki Makedonia	2.786	1.992	-28,5	652,7	458,6	-29,7	2.959,5	2.033,4	-31,3
Dytiki Makedonia	369	298	-19,2	105,2	75,8	-27,9	430,2	333,7	-22,4
Thessalia	1.220	885	-27,5	204,9	150,1	-26,7	763,4	618,5	-19,0
Ipeiros	662	487	-26,4	115,4	63,2	-45,3	376,4	228,1	-39,4
Ionioi Nisoi	723	499	-31,0	142,1	81,6	-42,5	488,3	292,1	-40,2
Dytiki Ellada	1.562	1.434	-8,2	234,9	203,1	-13,5	896,7	780,3	-13,0
Stereia Ellada	1.477	1.250	-15,4	259,7	219,8	-15,4	1.124,2	1.082,5	-3,7
Peloponnisos	2.099	1.616	-23,0	344,5	279,1	-19,0	1.268,0	1.047,1	-17,4
Attiki	4.161	3.339	-19,8	702,7	510,7	-27,3	2.592,2	2.139,1	-17,5
Voreio Aigaio	710	504	-29,0	93,4	55,3	-40,8	319,8	197,9	-38,1
Notio Aigaio	1.440	1.253	-13,0	273,0	218,5	-20,0	1.016,0	754,8	-25,7
Kriti	1.258	994	-21,0	278,0	235,9	-15,1	958,5	886,4	-7,5
Greece, Total	19.367	15.251	-21,3	3.555,1	2.763,0	-22,3	13.749,2	11.243,2	-18,2

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - March 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - March 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	143	148	3,5	28	25	-9,9	115	92	-20,2
Kentriki Makedonia	532	365	-31,4	115	74	-36,2	484	348	-28,2
Dytiki Makedonia	67	59	-11,9	28	19	-30,0	152	81	-47,0
Thessalia	285	165	-42,1	58	37	-37,1	234	184	-21,5
Ipeiros	109	90	-17,4	16	15	-5,3	51	58	14,1
Ionioi Nisoi	127	99	-22,0	25	21	-15,4	88	80	-9,3
Dytiki Ellada	274	264	-3,6	31	41	31,6	111	176	57,7
Stereia Ellada	307	226	-26,4	59	37	-37,5	271	203	-25,3
Peloponnisos	433	332	-23,3	77	50	-35,4	297	195	-34,4
Attiki	920	605	-34,2	112	93	-16,9	418	377	-9,7
Voreio Aigaio	130	80	-38,5	13	7	-48,3	45	23	-50,1
Notio Aigaio	266	258	-3,0	38	45	19,9	126	160	26,6
Kriti	283	232	-18,0	56	48	-15,4	209	173	-17,4
Greece, Total	3.876	2.923	-24,6	655,6	510,7	-22,1	2.603,1	2.147,0	-17,5

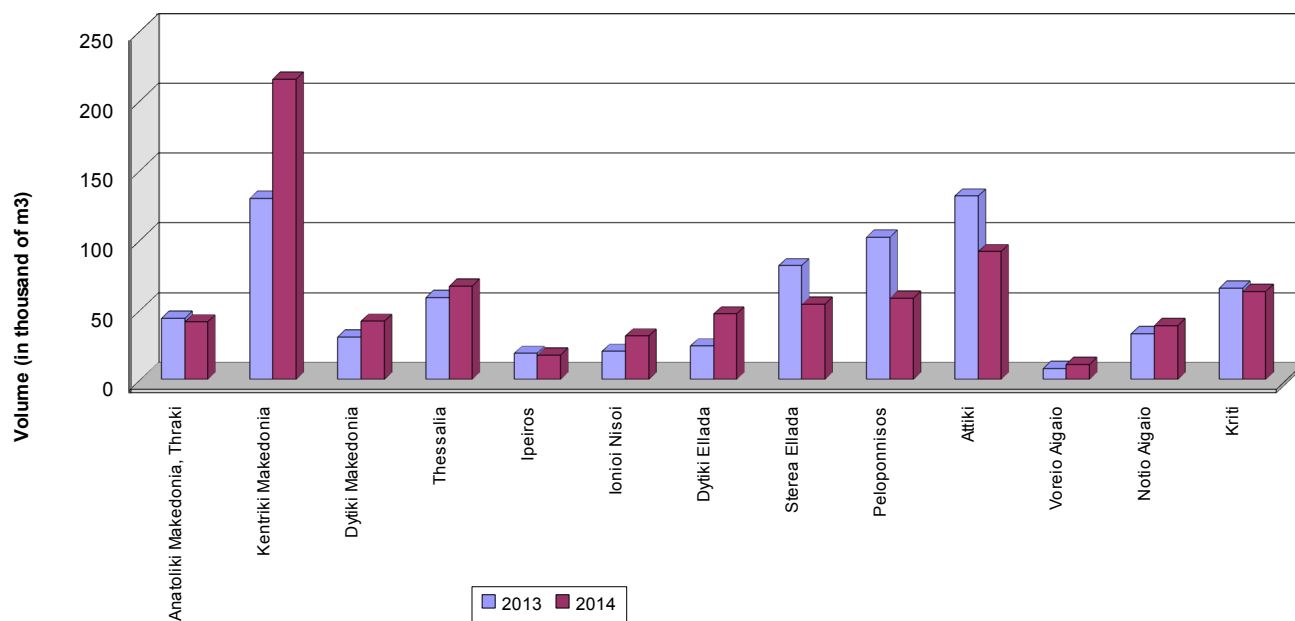
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Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - March 2013 and 2014 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - March 2013	2014	Change (%)	January - March 2013	2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	142	145	2,1	28	25	-10,8	114	90	-21,3
Kentriki Makedonia	523	362	-30,8	111	73	-33,9	466	346	-25,8
Dytiki Makedonia	67	56	-16,4	28	16	-43,4	152	70	-53,9
Thessalia	279	160	-42,7	51	35	-32,1	198	175	-11,6
Ipeiros	107	87	-18,7	16	13	-17,9	51	46	-9,0
Ionioi Nisoi	127	98	-22,8	25	21	-15,4	88	80	-9,3
Dytiki Ellada	272	263	-3,3	31	41	32,2	111	176	58,3
Stereia Ellada	307	226	-26,4	59	37	-37,5	271	203	-25,3
Peloponnisos	430	325	-24,4	74	46	-38,5	286	181	-36,9
Attiki	917	598	-34,8	110	92	-16,8	411	372	-9,7
Voreio Aigaio	129	80	-38,0	13	7	-48,0	45	23	-49,8
Notio Aigaio	264	257	-2,7	36	45	24,1	121	158	30,9
Kriti	278	226	-18,7	54	47	-13,0	202	171	-15,1
Greece, Total	3.842	2.883	-25,0	636,0	496,5	-21,9	2.516,4	2.089,3	-17,0

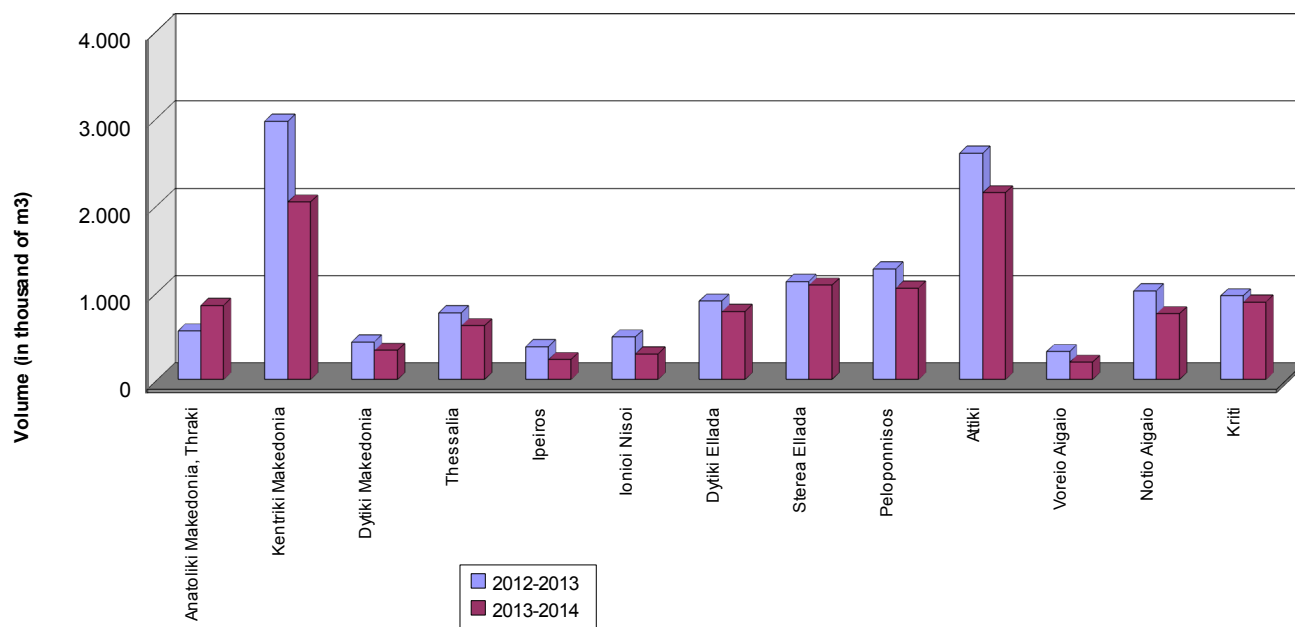
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in March 2013 and 2014 *



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period April 2012 - March 2013 and April 2013 - March 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	01/03/2014 to 31/03/2014
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.