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**Building Activity Survey: January 2014**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in January 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 917. This figure corresponds to 160.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 627.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting respectively a 35.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 38.2% decrease in surface and a 40.0% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2013 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 898 building permits, corresponding to 154.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 601.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2013, there is a 36.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 39.4% decrease in surface and a 41.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in January 2014 amounted to 19 building permits, corresponding to 6.4 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 25.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 4.1% of the total building volume in January 2014.

In the last twelve months, from February 2013 until January 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 15,883. This figure corresponds to 2,942.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 11,831.3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting a 27.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 28.1% decrease in surface and a 26.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2012 to January 2013 (Table 3).

In the same period, from February 2013 until January 2014, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 27.4% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 28.7% decrease in surface and a 26.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2012 to January 2013 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.9% of the total building volume.

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in January 2013 and 2014 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	51	51	0,0	10,6	6,5	-38,3	45,7	22,7	-50,2
Kentriki Makedonia	209	109	-47,8	45,1	17,4	-61,4	169,0	69,6	-58,9
Dytiki Makedonia	24	9	-62,5	17,0	3,0	-82,1	113,6	15,4	-86,4
Thessalia	99	57	-42,4	25,5	10,7	-58,1	104,8	44,1	-58,0
Ipeiros	43	25	-41,9	5,3	3,7	-29,8	18,5	14,1	-23,5
Ionioi Nisoi	56	31	-44,6	10,1	7,7	-23,5	38,6	28,4	-26,4
Dytiki Ellada	105	77	-26,7	12,7	11,7	-8,2	44,4	37,4	-16,0
Stereia Ellada	99	70	-29,3	20,7	11,0	-46,7	109,0	51,0	-53,2
Peloponnisos	158	128	-19,0	31,4	19,8	-37,0	109,9	66,4	-39,6
Attiki	306	192	-37,3	34,0	34,0	-0,2	126,1	158,2	25,4
Voreio Aigaio	61	19	-68,9	8,3	1,7	-79,7	27,7	6,3	-77,3
Notio Aigaio	86	73	-15,1	15,4	16,1	4,5	49,9	53,0	6,2
Kriti	121	76	-37,2	24,3	17,6	-27,4	87,5	60,5	-30,8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1.418</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>-35,3</b>	<b>260,2</b>	<b>160,9</b>	<b>-38,2</b>	<b>1.044,7</b>	<b>627,1</b>	<b>-40,0</b>

(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 January 2013 and 2014 <sup>(1)</sup>**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	51	51	0,0	10,6	6,5	-38,3	45,7	22,7	-50,2
Kentriki Makedonia	205	108	-47,3	43,2	17,4	-59,7	159,4	69,6	-56,4
Dytiki Makedonia	24	9	-62,5	17,0	3,0	-82,1	113,6	15,4	-86,4
Thessalia	98	54	-44,9	24,4	9,2	-62,2	100,6	37,2	-63,0
Ipeiros	43	25	-41,9	5,3	3,7	-29,8	18,5	14,1	-23,5
Ionioi Nisoi	56	31	-44,6	10,1	7,7	-23,5	38,6	28,4	-26,4
Dytiki Ellada	104	77	-26,0	12,6	11,7	-7,3	44,1	37,4	-15,2
Stereia Ellada	99	70	-29,3	20,7	11,0	-46,7	109,0	51,0	-53,2
Peloponnisos	156	122	-21,8	30,6	16,1	-47,2	106,3	53,5	-49,6
Attiki	305	185	-39,3	33,0	32,7	-1,0	122,1	152,7	25,0
Voreio Aigaio	61	19	-68,9	8,3	1,7	-79,7	27,7	6,3	-77,3
Notio Aigaio	86	73	-15,1	15,4	16,1	4,5	49,9	53,0	6,2
Kriti	118	74	-37,3	24,1	17,6	-26,9	86,6	60,3	-30,4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1.406</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>-36,1</b>	<b>255,1</b>	<b>154,5</b>	<b>-39,4</b>	<b>1.021,9</b>	<b>601,6</b>	<b>-41,1</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February - January 2012 - 2013	January 2013 - 2014	Change (%)	February - January 2012 - 2013	January 2013 - 2014	Change (%)	February - January 2012 - 2013	January 2013 - 2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.054	713	-32,4	184,7	221,1	19,7	702,6	900,1	28,1
Kentriki Makedonia	3.149	2.085	-33,8	751,6	486,9	-35,2	3.318,1	2.126,7	-35,9
Dytiki Makedonia	426	298	-30,0	120,3	78,0	-35,2	493,1	333,9	-32,3
Thessalia	1.321	988	-25,2	242,4	181,4	-25,2	912,4	701,5	-23,1
Ipeiros	790	491	-37,8	133,5	64,4	-51,8	437,7	228,3	-47,8
Ionioi Nisoi	825	504	-38,9	159,3	83,4	-47,7	556,9	291,3	-47,7
Dytiki Ellada	1.775	1.424	-19,8	290,3	202,8	-30,1	1.123,5	776,4	-30,9
Stereia Ellada	1.634	1.308	-20,0	294,0	233,2	-20,7	1.382,2	1.096,1	-20,7
Peloponnisos	2.333	1.717	-26,4	390,3	307,9	-21,1	1.448,9	1.155,4	-20,3
Attiki	4.774	3.561	-25,4	787,2	560,8	-28,8	2.961,8	2.330,0	-21,3
Voreio Aigaio	782	514	-34,3	115,0	58,8	-48,8	414,3	214,7	-48,2
Notio Aigaio	1.581	1.256	-20,6	303,4	216,2	-28,7	1.113,6	744,3	-33,2
Kriti	1.374	1.024	-25,5	322,6	247,9	-23,1	1.120,9	932,6	-16,8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>21.818</b>	<b>15.883</b>	<b>-27,2</b>	<b>4.094,5</b>	<b>2.942,7</b>	<b>-28,1</b>	<b>15.986,1</b>	<b>11.831,3</b>	<b>-26,0</b>

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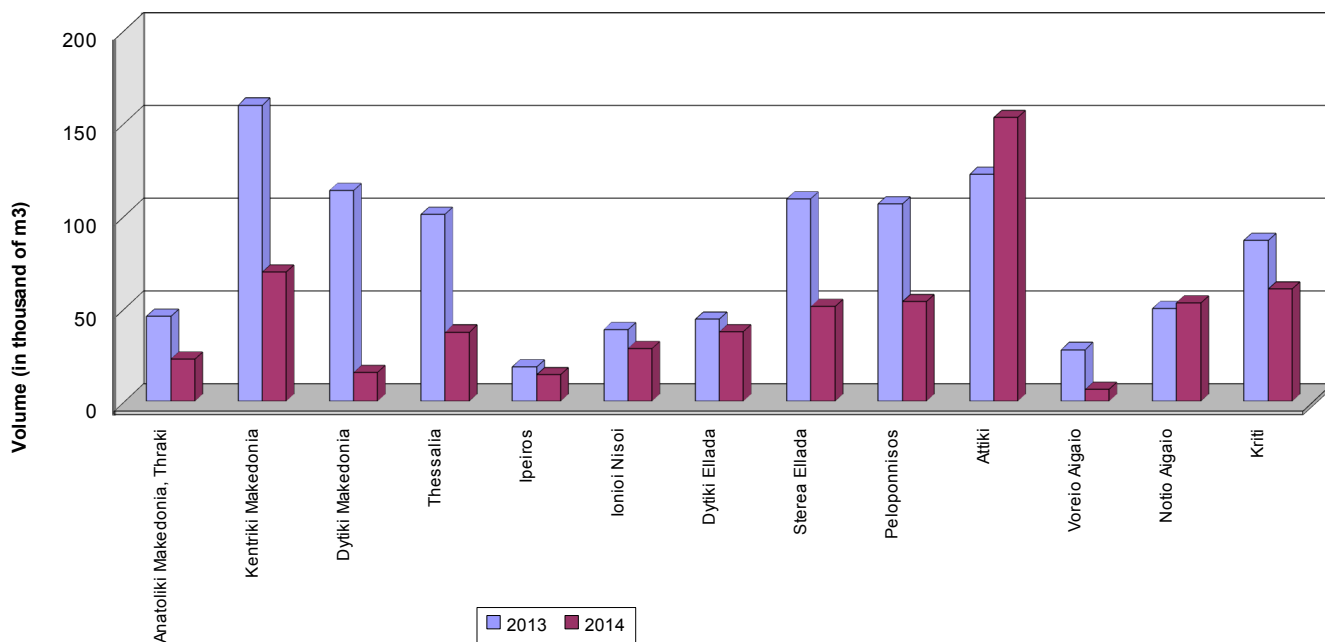
**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period February 2012 - January 2013 and February 2013 - January 2014 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February - January 2012 - 2013	January 2013 - 2014	Change (%)	February - January 2012 - 2013	January 2013 - 2014	Change (%)	February - January 2012 - 2013	January 2013 - 2014	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.046	697	-33,4	175,9	210,2	19,5	667,0	850,7	27,5
Kentriki Makedonia	3.087	2.056	-33,4	700,1	470,4	-32,8	3.116,0	2.063,7	-33,8
Dytiki Makedonia	416	294	-29,3	109,7	73,8	-32,7	449,8	317,6	-29,4
Thessalia	1.311	960	-26,8	229,7	151,2	-34,2	861,6	578,0	-32,9
Ipeiros	786	489	-37,8	132,2	64,4	-51,3	434,0	228,3	-47,4
Ionioi Nisoi	824	503	-39,0	159,3	83,2	-47,8	556,9	290,1	-47,9
Dytiki Ellada	1.759	1.416	-19,5	271,4	192,2	-29,2	1.039,9	709,0	-31,8
Stereia Ellada	1.626	1.302	-19,9	293,5	232,3	-20,8	1.379,9	1.093,3	-20,8
Peloponnisos	2.317	1.687	-27,2	385,4	293,4	-23,9	1.424,0	1.100,1	-22,7
Attiki	4.757	3.538	-25,6	768,1	529,0	-31,1	2.874,1	2.209,4	-23,1
Voreio Aigaio	777	511	-34,2	107,4	55,0	-48,8	368,4	198,9	-46,0
Notio Aigaio	1.578	1.247	-21,0	303,2	210,5	-30,6	1.112,9	720,5	-35,3
Kriti	1.355	1.002	-26,1	293,8	236,5	-19,5	1.003,5	890,5	-11,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>21.639</b>	<b>15.702</b>	<b>-27,4</b>	<b>3.929,7</b>	<b>2.802,0</b>	<b>-28,7</b>	<b>15.287,9</b>	<b>11.250,0</b>	<b>-26,4</b>

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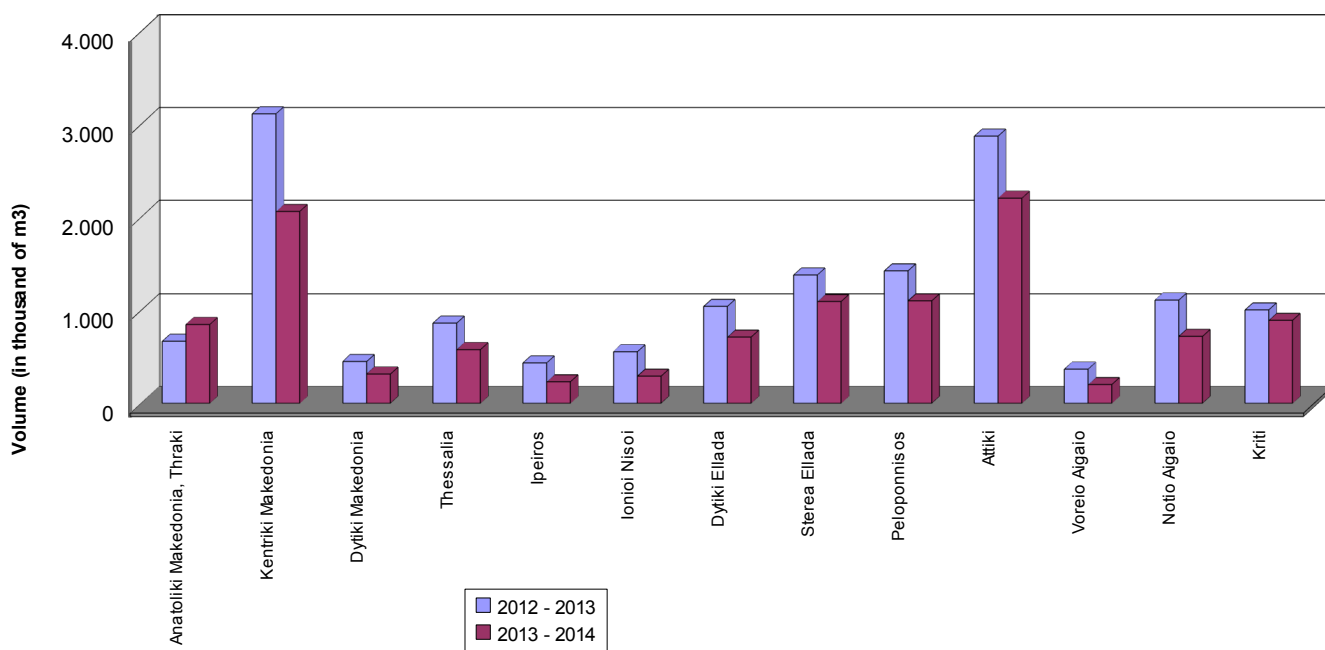


**Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in January 2013 and 2014 \***



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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period February 2012- January 2013 and February 2013- January 2014 \***



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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	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.
<b>Legal framework</b>	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.
<b>Reference period</b>	01/01/2014 to 31/01/2014
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Building Permit</b> 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.</p> <p>The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".</p> <p><b>Building</b> 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.</p> <p><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Building volume</b> (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.</p> <p><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
<b>General remark</b>	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on EL.STAT's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , under the links: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.