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Building Activity Survey: July 2016

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in July 2016 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1,392. This figure corresponds to 266.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,229.3 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, a 35.4% increase in the number of building permits, a 39.3% decrease in surface and a 72.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2016 amounted to 1,382. This figure corresponds to 258.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,203.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2015 there is a 36.0% increase in the number of building permits, a 32.6% increase in surface and a 38.3% increase in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in July 2016 amounted to 10. This figure corresponds to 8.0 thousand m² of surface and 25.9 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.1% of the total building volume in July 2016.

In the last twelve months, from August 2015 until July 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,441. This figure corresponds to 2,315.7 thousand m² of surface and 10,405.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from August 2014 until July 2015, there is a 7.2% decrease in the number of building permits, an 18.9% decrease in surface and a 30.0% decrease in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from August 2015 until July 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 7.2% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 12.6% decrease in surface and a 10.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2014 to July 2015 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 3.9% of the total building volume.

During the period January - July 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 10.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 25.4% decrease in surface and a 42.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2015 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - July 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 10.4% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 14.7% decrease in surface and a 14.4% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - July 2015 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region, July 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	34	58	70.6	5.9	11.3	91.4	20.1	49.0	143.1
Kentriki Makedonia	152	174	14.5	26.2	47.3	80.7	108.7	339.9	212.5
Dytiki Makedonia	24	42	75.0	243.4	6.0	-97.5	3,520.7	27.6	-99.2
Thessalia	55	65	18.2	18.9	20.1	6.5	93.0	117.6	26.4
Ipeiros	35	34	-2.9	4.5	8.7	94.0	17.8	35.8	101.0
Ionioi Nisoi	33	56	69.7	4.3	6.8	59.3	13.6	22.3	63.9
Dytiki Ellada	89	106	19.1	17.9	16.2	-9.4	80.9	60.4	-25.3
Stereia Ellada	83	126	51.8	43.2	24.1	-44.2	244.6	113.1	-53.8
Peloponnisos	108	151	39.8	19.5	27.6	41.6	73.2	101.1	38.0
Attiki	218	338	55.0	34.9	48.8	39.9	152.3	193.3	26.9
Voreio Aigaio	38	24	-36.8	2.7	2.2	-19.2	9.1	7.1	-21.5
Notio Aigaio	100	122	22.0	9.5	12.4	31.3	33.9	41.4	22.0
Kriti	59	96	62.7	8.1	34.7	329.6	26.0	120.8	364.3
Greece, Total	1,028	1,392	35.4	438.7	266.1	-39.3	4,394.1	1,229.3	-72.0

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, July 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	33	58	75.8	5.8	11.3	92.4	20.1	49.0	144.2
Kentriki Makedonia	147	172	17.0	25.4	47.1	85.4	106.1	339.3	219.9
Dytiki Makedonia	23	42	82.6	4.1	6.0	45.6	17.2	27.6	60.5
Thessalia	55	64	16.4	18.9	20.1	6.5	93.0	117.6	26.4
Ipeiros	35	34	-2.9	4.5	8.7	94.0	17.8	35.8	101.0
Ionioi Nisoi	33	56	69.7	4.3	6.8	59.3	13.6	22.3	63.9
Dytiki Ellada	88	104	18.2	15.0	16.2	8.2	68.7	60.4	-12.1
Stereia Ellada	83	126	51.8	43.2	24.1	-44.2	244.6	113.1	-53.8
Peloponnisos	108	151	39.8	19.5	27.6	41.6	73.2	101.1	38.0
Attiki	214	336	57.0	33.8	46.4	37.2	146.8	186.8	27.2
Voreio Aigaio	38	24	-36.8	2.7	2.2	-19.2	9.1	7.1	-21.5
Notio Aigaio	100	120	20.0	9.5	12.4	31.3	33.9	41.4	22.0
Kriti	59	95	61.0	8.1	29.3	262.1	26.0	101.9	291.8
Greece, Total	1,016	1,382	36.0	194.7	258.1	32.6	870.1	1,203.4	38.3

(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 3. Total Building Activity, by Region,
August 2014 - July 2015 and August 2015 - July 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	595	544	-8.6	126.9	88.0	-30.6	482.2	362.3	-24.9
Kentriki Makedonia	1,895	1,885	-0.5	485.6	405.9	-16.4	2,558.7	2,299.7	-10.1
Dytiki Makedonia	300	249	-17.0	330.6	72.2	-78.1	3,982.5	429.5	-89.2
Thessalia	717	656	-8.5	169.6	169.9	0.2	834.6	1,022.0	22.5
Ipeiros	449	430	-4.2	76.2	88.1	15.7	291.9	352.0	20.6
Ionioi Nisoi	617	621	0.6	115.9	103.7	-10.5	378.1	363.3	-3.9
Dytiki Ellada	1,122	991	-11.7	190.1	174.1	-8.4	795.3	707.2	-11.1
Stereia Ellada	1,078	1,007	-6.6	210.2	150.6	-28.3	1,002.9	689.0	-31.3
Peloponnisos	1,455	1,348	-7.4	238.6	216.8	-9.1	959.3	871.7	-9.1
Attiki	2,579	2,274	-11.8	404.4	386.2	-4.5	1,736.8	1,669.3	-3.9
Voreio Aigaio	508	384	-24.4	77.2	61.2	-20.7	300.1	235.5	-21.5
Notio Aigaio	1,163	1,089	-6.4	197.2	169.2	-14.2	705.4	629.0	-10.8
Kriti	923	963	4.3	232.1	229.7	-1.0	832.8	775.1	-6.9
Greece, Total	13,401	12,441	-7.2	2,854.4	2,315.7	-18.9	14,860.6	10,405.7	-30.0

**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region,
August 2014 - July 2015 and August 2015 - July 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016		2014-2015	2015-2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	588	537	-8.7	125.7	85.2	-32.2	476.9	345.8	-27.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,864	1,852	-0.6	478.8	390.4	-18.5	2,527.3	2,232.5	-11.7
Dytiki Makedonia	296	245	-17.2	72.0	55.4	-23.2	375.8	258.3	-31.3
Thessalia	711	654	-8.0	168.7	169.8	0.7	830.9	1,021.6	23.0
Ipeiros	448	421	-6.0	75.7	84.5	11.6	289.9	336.3	16.0
Ionioi Nisoi	614	621	1.1	115.8	103.7	-10.4	377.8	363.3	-3.8
Dytiki Ellada	1,114	988	-11.3	179.7	170.8	-4.9	754.5	691.8	-8.3
Stereia Ellada	1,075	1,004	-6.6	210.0	150.3	-28.4	1,002.1	687.9	-31.4
Peloponnisos	1,445	1,346	-6.9	237.6	216.6	-8.8	956.2	870.8	-8.9
Attiki	2,574	2,264	-12.0	402.7	372.5	-7.5	1,728.8	1,622.7	-6.1
Voreio Aigaio	503	382	-24.1	74.5	56.9	-23.6	291.4	219.1	-24.8
Notio Aigaio	1,157	1,078	-6.8	195.9	167.2	-14.6	700.8	620.8	-11.4
Kriti	916	953	4.0	227.4	217.2	-4.5	813.4	729.7	-10.3
Greece, Total	13,305	12,345	-7.2	2,564.4	2,240.6	-12.6	11,125.9	10,000.7	-10.1

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region,
January - July 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - July 2015	July 2016	Change (%)	January - July 2015	July 2016	Change (%)	January - July 2015	July 2016	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	343	315	-8.2	68.7	45.3	-34.0	263.6	180.9	-31.4
Kentriki Makedonia	1,074	1,084	0.9	285.4	266.6	-6.6	1,489.5	1,628.3	9.3
Dytiki Makedonia	166	134	-19.3	301.0	28.7	-90.5	3,844.0	133.5	-96.5
Thessalia	427	371	-13.1	112.8	85.6	-24.1	570.8	408.6	-28.4
Ipeiros	263	217	-17.5	45.1	46.7	3.7	173.7	171.4	-1.4
Ionioi Nisoi	361	381	5.5	62.6	65.8	5.1	216.7	233.7	7.8
Dytiki Ellada	646	525	-18.7	111.3	90.9	-18.4	477.8	349.8	-26.8
Stereia Ellada	628	610	-2.9	148.3	83.0	-44.1	754.5	350.9	-53.5
Peloponnisos	856	752	-12.1	140.9	120.4	-14.6	594.4	499.8	-15.9
Attiki	1,571	1,448	-7.8	237.3	262.0	10.4	994.3	1,106.3	11.3
Voreio Aigaio	298	160	-46.3	39.2	21.9	-44.1	150.1	82.5	-45.0
Notio Aigaio	694	562	-19.0	102.7	84.6	-17.6	369.1	344.1	-6.8
Kriti	563	515	-8.5	142.5	140.5	-1.4	523.0	471.8	-9.8
Greece, Total	7,890	7,074	-10.3	1,797.8	1,341.9	-25.4	10,421.5	5,961.5	-42.8

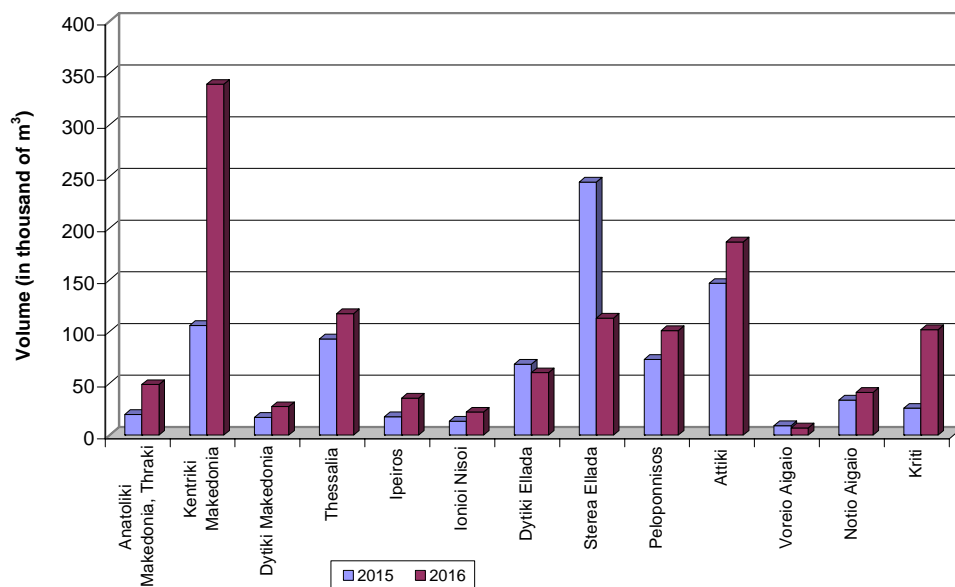
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region,
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Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - July 2015	July 2016	Change (%)	January - July 2015	July 2016	Change (%)	January - July 2015	July 2016	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	338	313	-7.4	67.6	45.3	-33.0	258.9	180.9	-30.1
Kentriki Makedonia	1,055	1,067	1.1	283.0	252.2	-10.9	1,481.8	1,564.3	5.6
Dytiki Makedonia	163	133	-18.4	42.5	26.1	-38.8	238.0	118.0	-50.4
Thessalia	425	370	-12.9	112.2	85.6	-23.7	568.7	408.6	-28.2
Ipeiros	263	211	-19.8	45.1	43.3	-3.9	173.7	156.9	-9.7
Ionioi Nisoi	361	381	5.5	62.6	65.8	5.1	216.7	233.7	7.8
Dytiki Ellada	640	522	-18.4	105.4	87.6	-16.9	453.9	334.3	-26.3
Stereia Ellada	627	608	-3.0	148.3	82.6	-44.3	754.3	349.8	-53.6
Peloponnisos	847	750	-11.5	139.9	120.1	-14.2	591.3	498.9	-15.6
Attiki	1,566	1,441	-8.0	235.6	257.0	9.1	986.2	1,088.4	10.4
Voreio Aigaio	296	159	-46.3	38.9	21.9	-43.7	148.4	82.5	-44.4
Notio Aigaio	690	554	-19.7	102.4	83.1	-18.8	367.6	337.9	-8.1
Kriti	558	507	-9.1	140.3	128.6	-8.3	514.0	428.3	-16.7
Greece, Total	7,829	7,016	-10.4	1,523.8	1,299.3	-14.7	6,753.6	5,782.6	-14.4

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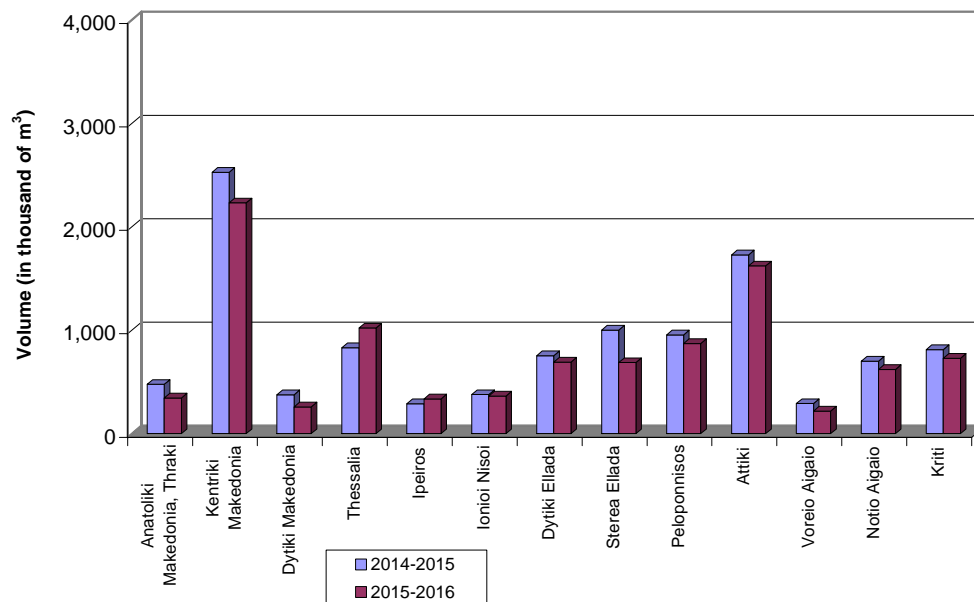
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, July 2015 and 2016 *



* Provisional data

Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, August 2014 - July 2015 and August 2015 - July 2016 *



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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	01/07/2016 to 31/07/2016
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
Definitions	<p>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.</p> <p>The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".</p> <p>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.</p> <p>New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Surface of new-built property is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
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: Industry, Commerce, Services, Transportations > Short term indices > Building - Constructions > Building Activity .