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**Building Activity Survey: January 2016**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in January 2016 the Total Building Activity (private-public), in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits amounted to 692. This figure corresponds to 144.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 639.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting respectively an 18.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 14.8% decrease in surface and a 5.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2016 amounted to 691. This figure corresponds to 144.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 639.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2015, there is an 18.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 14.8% decrease in surface and a 5.2% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in January 2016 amounted to one (1), which accounts for 0.0% of the total building volume in January 2016.

In the last twelve months, from February 2015 until January 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 13,097. This figure corresponds to 2,746.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 14,830.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from February 2014 until January 2015, there is a 1.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 5.7% increase in surface and a 32.3% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from February 2015 until January 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 1.8% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 4.8% decrease in surface and a 1.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2014 to January 2015 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 26.3% of the total building volume.

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region, January 2015 and 2016** <sup>(1) (2)</sup>

Region (NUTS 2)	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	47	31	-34,0	9,0	5,5	-39,4	36,7	27,8	-24,2
Kentriki Makedonia	95	106	11,6	16,6	20,8	25,3	66,7	111,8	67,7
Dytiki Makedonia	13	6	-53,8	6,3	0,7	-88,7	30,7	4,4	-85,8
Thessalia	50	43	-14,0	8,6	6,4	-25,6	33,3	32,8	-1,6
Ipeiros	30	21	-30,0	5,5	5,7	3,2	16,8	20,6	22,5
Ionioi Nisoi	44	35	-20,5	6,6	5,5	-16,1	22,4	19,8	-11,6
Dytiki Ellada	73	48	-34,2	14,9	7,9	-47,2	86,6	29,1	-66,4
Stereia Ellada	59	54	-8,5	12,9	5,7	-56,1	54,0	18,9	-65,0
Peloponnisos	85	70	-17,6	19,4	9,3	-52,0	72,8	31,6	-56,6
Attiki	174	133	-23,6	22,9	44,9	95,9	83,2	187,8	125,7
Voreio Aigaio	19	20	5,3	3,3	2,2	-32,6	14,2	7,5	-46,9
Notio Aigaio	81	55	-32,1	11,4	16,6	46,1	39,5	105,9	168,4
Kriti	82	70	-14,6	31,8	13,1	-58,8	118,2	42,0	-64,5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>-18,8</b>	<b>169,3</b>	<b>144,3</b>	<b>-14,8</b>	<b>675,0</b>	<b>639,9</b>	<b>-5,2</b>

**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, January 2015 and 2016** <sup>(1) (2)</sup>

Region (NUTS 2)	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	47	31	-34,0	9,0	5,5	-39,4	36,7	27,8	-24,2
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(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,  
February 2014 - January 2015 and February 2015 - January 2016 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

Region (NUTS 2)	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016		2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016		2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	616	556	-9,7	141,6	107,8	-23,8	539,8	436,1	-19,2
Kentriki Makedonia	1.848	1.886	2,1	432,7	428,9	-0,9	2.203,1	2.206,1	0,1
Dytiki Makedonia	317	274	-13,6	92,1	339,0	268,1	436,0	4.113,6	843,5
Thessalia	710	705	-0,7	153,0	194,9	27,4	725,1	1.183,7	63,2
Ipeiros	474	467	-1,5	96,1	86,6	-9,8	379,7	358,1	-5,7
Ionioi Nisoi	570	592	3,9	103,3	99,5	-3,7	331,9	343,8	3,6
Dytiki Ellada	1.176	1.087	-7,6	195,5	187,5	-4,1	835,1	777,7	-6,9
Stereia Ellada	1.090	1.020	-6,4	188,1	208,8	11,0	922,2	1.057,5	14,7
Peloponnisos	1.424	1.437	0,9	223,5	227,3	1,7	843,8	925,1	9,6
Attiki	2.609	2.356	-9,7	456,3	383,5	-16,0	2.013,3	1.661,9	-17,5
Voreio Aigaio	427	523	22,5	61,3	77,4	26,2	241,7	296,4	22,6
Notio Aigaio	1.116	1.195	7,1	219,9	192,5	-12,5	902,4	720,5	-20,2
Kriti	941	999	6,2	235,6	213,0	-9,6	838,4	750,1	-10,5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13.318</b>	<b>13.097</b>	<b>-1,7</b>	<b>2.598,9</b>	<b>2.746,7</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>11.212,4</b>	<b>14.830,5</b>	<b>32,3</b>

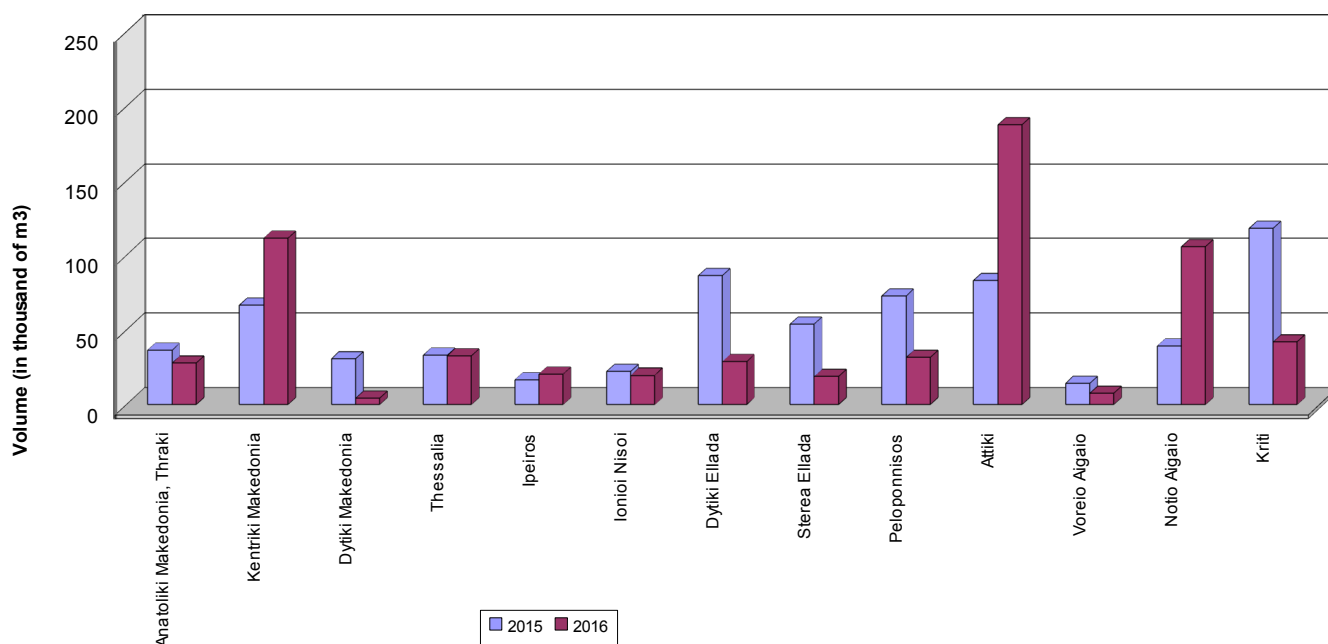
**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region,  
February 2014 - January 2015 and February 2015 - January 2016 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

Region (NUTS 2)	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016		2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016		2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	610	546	-10,5	138,5	103,9	-25,0	528,0	415,0	-21,4
Kentriki Makedonia	1.828	1.851	1,3	426,8	425,5	-0,3	2.172,9	2.195,1	1,0
Dytiki Makedonia	312	268	-14,1	88,0	66,3	-24,7	422,5	352,1	-16,7
Thessalia	701	702	0,1	150,5	194,2	29,1	713,4	1.181,1	65,6
Ipeiros	468	464	-0,9	93,5	86,4	-7,6	365,3	356,9	-2,3
Ionioi Nisoi	566	592	4,6	103,2	99,5	-3,6	331,6	343,8	3,7
Dytiki Ellada	1.171	1.081	-7,7	191,1	181,6	-5,0	818,3	753,9	-7,9
Stereia Ellada	1.085	1.018	-6,2	187,9	208,7	11,1	921,6	1.057,3	14,7
Peloponnisos	1.419	1.428	0,6	222,9	226,3	1,5	841,6	922,0	9,5
Attiki	2.607	2.348	-9,9	453,9	373,2	-17,8	2.007,4	1.625,1	-19,0
Voreio Aigaio	424	520	22,6	59,0	72,8	23,5	234,7	278,3	18,6
Notio Aigaio	1.113	1.188	6,7	218,8	191,7	-12,4	897,9	717,0	-20,1
Kriti	926	991	7,0	230,1	210,2	-8,7	815,1	739,2	-9,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>13.230</b>	<b>12.997</b>	<b>-1,8</b>	<b>2.564,1</b>	<b>2.440,1</b>	<b>-4,8</b>	<b>11.070,2</b>	<b>10.936,7</b>	<b>-1,2</b>

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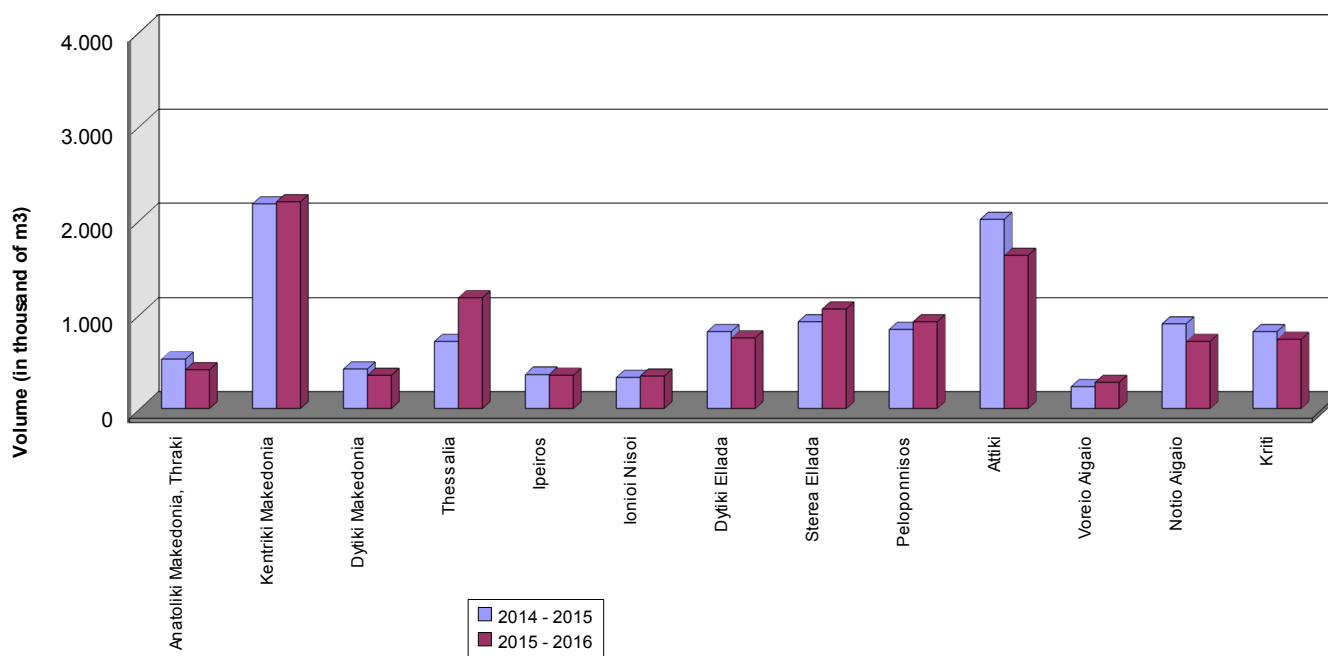
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, January 2015 and 2016 \***



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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, February 2014 - January 2015 and February 2015 - January 2016 \***



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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>	01/01/2016 to 31/01/2016
<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 ELSTAT's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , under the links: Industry, Commerce, Services, Transportations > Short term indices > Building - Constructions > Building Activity .