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Decrease in the volume of Total building Activity by 22.0 %

Survey of Building Activity :

May 2010

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in May 2010 total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole country, which is calculated by the number of building permits, amounted to 4,134. This figure corresponds to 776.8 thousand m² of surface and 2,826.4 thousand m³ of volume, which shows a decrease of 12.4%, in the number of of building permits, and of 22.6% in surface and 22.0% in volume as compared to the same month in 2009 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 4,114 building permits, which correspond to 765.3 thousand m² of surface and 2,781.0 thousand m³ of volume. As compared to the same month of 2009 (Table 2), there is an decrease in the number of building permits by 11.8% and in surface by 21.3% and in volume by 19.9% respectively (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in May 2010, amounted to 20 building permits, which corresponds to 11.5 thousand m² of surface and 45.4 thousand m³ of volume. The contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity , in March 2010, is 1.6%.

In the last twelve months, from June 2009 until May 2010, the volume of total Building Activity (Private and Public) in Country Total, measured by the number of issued building permits amounted to 54,545. This figure corresponds to 12,122.9 thousands m² of surface and 44,516.8 thousands m³ in volume, which shows a decrease of 11.0% in the number of building permits, 20.3% in surface and 24.3% in volume compared to the respective period June 2008 - May 2009 (Table 3).

In the same period from June 2009 to May 2010, Private Building Activity shows in Country Total, a reduction by 11.0% in the number of issued building permits, 20.7% in surface and 25.2% in volume in the whole Country, compared to the respective period June 2008 - May 2009 (Table 4). The contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building volume, for the same period, is 3.6%.

During the period January-May 2010, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, indicated a decrease of 7.5% in the number of building permits, 17.1% in surface and 23.2% in volume (Table 5).

During the same period from January-May 2010, private building activity in the whole country, indicated a decrease of 7.2% in the number of building permits, 16.3% in surface and 22.4% in volume (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, on May 2009 and 2010 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May	Change	2010	May	Change	2010	May	Change	2010
	2009	(%)		2009	(%)		2009	(%)	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	209	228	9,1	45,1	35,2	-22,0	171,5	115,9	-32,4
Central Makedonia	659	596	-9,6	149,9	120,7	-19,5	666,9	509,8	-23,6
Western Makedonia	86	71	-17,4	25,7	13,0	-49,5	103,4	48,5	-53,1
Thessalia	298	234	-21,5	61,4	43,2	-29,6	228,2	151,4	-33,7
Ipiros	175	162	-7,4	47,1	54,7	16,2	166,9	225,1	364,9
Ionian Islands	156	176	12,8	27,8	31,7	13,9	97,6	111,2	13,9
Western Greece	391	360	-7,9	73,2	57,8	-21,1	249,7	184,1	-26,3
Central Greece	366	325	-11,2	79,5	89,0	12,0	307,5	311,4	1,3
Peloponissos	422	379	-10,2	78,5	76,3	-2,8	258,9	269,7	4,2
Attiki	1.281	1.011	-21,1	285,6	133,0	-53,4	915,3	484,6	-47,1
North Egeo	138	98	-29,0	21,3	11,6	-45,8	69,0	37,0	-46,3
South Egeo	251	237	-5,6	38,9	41,5	6,8	137,0	131,7	-3,9
Kriti	289	257	-11,1	70,0	69,2	-1,2	250,4	246,0	-1,7
Greece, Total	4.721	4.134	-12,4	1.004,0	776,8	-22,6	3.622,1	2.826,4	-22,0

* Provisional data

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, on May 2009 and 2010*

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May	Change	2010	May	Change	2010	May	Change	2010
	2009	(%)		2009	(%)		2009	(%)	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	201	225	11,9	41,1	34,8	-15,3	149,0	114,1	-23,5
Central Makedonia	642	590	-8,1	145,7	118,9	-18,4	648,6	496,5	-23,5
Western Makedonia	84	70	-16,7	22,4	13,0	-42,0	76,8	48,5	-36,9
Thessalia	293	231	-21,2	60,3	42,4	-29,7	223,1	147,3	-34,0
Ipiros	171	162	-5,3	40,7	54,7	34,4	144,0	225,1	56,3
Ionian Islands	154	175	13,6	27,8	29,1	5,0	97,5	104,0	6,6
Western Greece	386	360	-6,7	72,1	57,8	-19,9	245,4	184,1	-25,0
Central Greece	356	324	-9,0	72,7	89,0	22,4	280,0	311,4	11,2
Peloponissos	420	377	-10,2	77,8	74,9	-3,7	256,7	265,6	3,5
Attiki	1.279	1.010	-21,0	285,6	132,4	-53,6	915,3	481,2	-47,4
North Egeo	138	98	-29,0	21,3	11,6	-45,8	69,0	37,0	-46,3
South Egeo	251	236	-6,0	36,4	37,7	3,4	126,4	120,6	-4,6
Kriti	287	256	-10,8	68,6	69,0	0,6	241,8	245,5	1,6
Greece, Total	4.662	4.114	-11,8	972,5	765,3	-21,3	3.473,6	2.781,0	-19,9

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Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period June 2008 - May 2009 and June 2009 - May 2010 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)
	2008/2009	2009/2010		2008/2009	2009/2010		2008/2009	2009/2010	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	3.123	2.841	-9,0	728,2	636,5	-12,6	2.726,9	2.336,1	-14,3
Central Makedonia	8.049	7.129	-11,4	2.376,4	1.838,2	-22,6	10.565,7	7.241,6	-31,5
Western Makedonia	1.173	991	-15,5	372,5	290,6	-22,0	1.547,9	1.106,4	-28,5
Thessalia	3.914	3.174	-18,9	1.106,1	751,5	-32,1	4.274,7	2.761,1	-35,4
Ipiros	2.094	1.985	-5,2	571,5	622,3	9,8	2.197,6	2.341,0	6,5
Ionian Islands	2.274	2.080	-8,5	448,7	367,6	-18,1	1.519,1	1.280,2	-15,7
Western Greece	4.284	4.387	2,4	1.085,1	858,4	-20,9	4.272,1	3.052,0	-28,6
Central Greece	4.636	4.201	-9,4	1.097,3	947,6	-13,6	4.614,2	3.708,1	-19,6
Peloponissos	5.219	4.709	-9,8	1.341,4	997,7	-25,6	4.847,9	3.468,3	-28,5
Attiki	17.242	14.657	-15,0	3.852,3	2.948,4	-23,5	14.429,3	10.719,3	-25,7
North Egeo	1.747	1.529	-12,5	261,9	206,8	-21,1	926,3	688,2	-25,7
South Egeo	3.503	3.427	-2,2	715,2	647,8	-9,4	2.460,3	2.096,4	-14,8
Kriti	4.059	3.435	-15,4	1.249,5	1.009,6	-19,2	4.461,5	3.718,1	-16,7
Greece, Total	61.317	54.545	-11,0	15.206,2	12.122,9	-20,3	58.843,6	44.516,7	-24,3

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Table 4. Private Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period June 2008 - May 2009 and June 2009 - May 2010 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)
	2008/2009	2009/2010		2008/2009	2009/2010		2008/2009	2009/2010	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	3.083	2.773	-10,1	713,5	588,2	-17,6	2.660,2	2.142,1	-19,5
Central Makedonia	7.894	7.015	-11,1	2.276,1	1.767,8	-22,3	10.166,5	6.922,6	-31,9
Western Makedonia	1.146	966	-15,7	354,5	261,1	-26,3	1.460,5	971,6	-33,5
Thessalia	3.806	3.141	-17,5	1.069,6	725,0	-32,2	4.083,8	2.644,9	-35,2
Ipiros	2.064	1.956	-5,2	551,5	597,3	8,3	2.121,6	2.229,3	5,1
Ionian Islands	2.263	2.065	-8,7	446,2	362,4	-18,8	1.509,1	1.263,2	-16,3
Western Greece	4.260	4.359	2,3	1.035,6	843,1	-18,6	4.066,0	2.982,8	-26,6
Central Greece	4.601	4.175	-9,3	1.049,1	908,6	-13,4	4.400,3	3.434,1	-22,0
Peloponissos	5.177	4.670	-9,8	1.322,6	980,3	-25,9	4.775,9	3.405,0	-28,7
Attiki	17.218	14.640	-15,0	3.841,4	2.929,4	-23,7	14.386,5	10.630,5	-26,1
North Egeo	1.736	1.517	-12,6	261,9	205,5	-21,5	926,3	683,3	-26,2
South Egeo	3.491	3.418	-2,1	703,6	642,2	-8,7	2.413,0	2.078,2	-13,9
Kriti	4.037	3.398	-15,8	1.235,9	971,2	-21,4	4.396,2	3.545,5	-19,4
Greece, Total	60.776	54.093	-11,0	14.861,6	11.787,6	-20,7	57.366,0	42.950,0	-25,1

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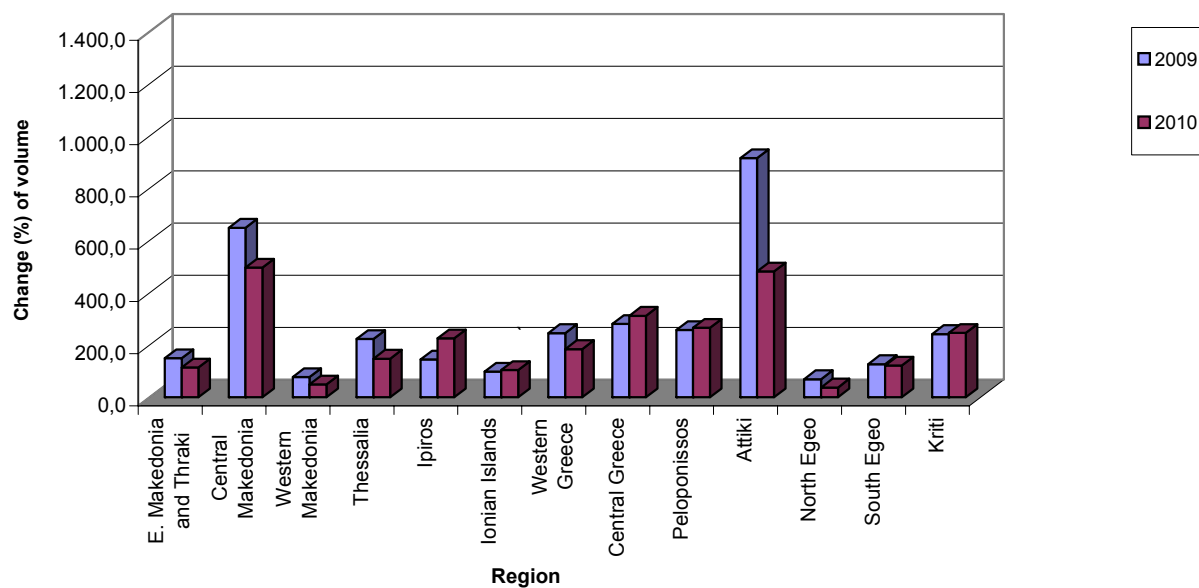
Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January- May in 2009 and 2010 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)
	2009	2010		2009	2010		2009	2010	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	1.150	1.033	-10,2	260	253	-2,8	970	948	-2,3
Central Makedonia	2.912	2.698	-7,3	794	694	-12,6	3.804	2.669	-29,8
Western Makedonia	395	331	-16,2	99	118	19,8	375	411	9,5
Thessalia	1.396	1.243	-11,0	354	273	-22,9	1.289	965	-25,2
Ipiros	798	743	-6,9	208	181	-13,0	766	664	-13,3
Ionian Islands	730	773	5,9	135	144	6,2	480	502	4,5
Western Greece	1.687	1.647	-2,4	396	314	-20,9	1.537	1.070	-30,4
Central Greece	1.709	1.537	-10,1	433	331	-23,5	1.809	1.198	-33,8
Peloponnissos	1.847	1.914	3,6	456	408	-10,5	1.548	1.332	-13,9
Attiki	6.311	5.621	-10,9	1.396	980	-29,8	5.141	3.444	-33,0
North Egeo	623	583	-6,4	80	73	-8,4	261	244	-6,8
South Egeo	1.165	1.209	3,8	207	246	18,9	698	769	10,2
Kriti	1.493	1.224	-18,0	460	360	-21,7	1.648	1.406	-14,7
Greece, Total	22.216	20.556	-7,5	5.278,7	4.374,9	-17,1	20.327,4	15.621,3	-23,2

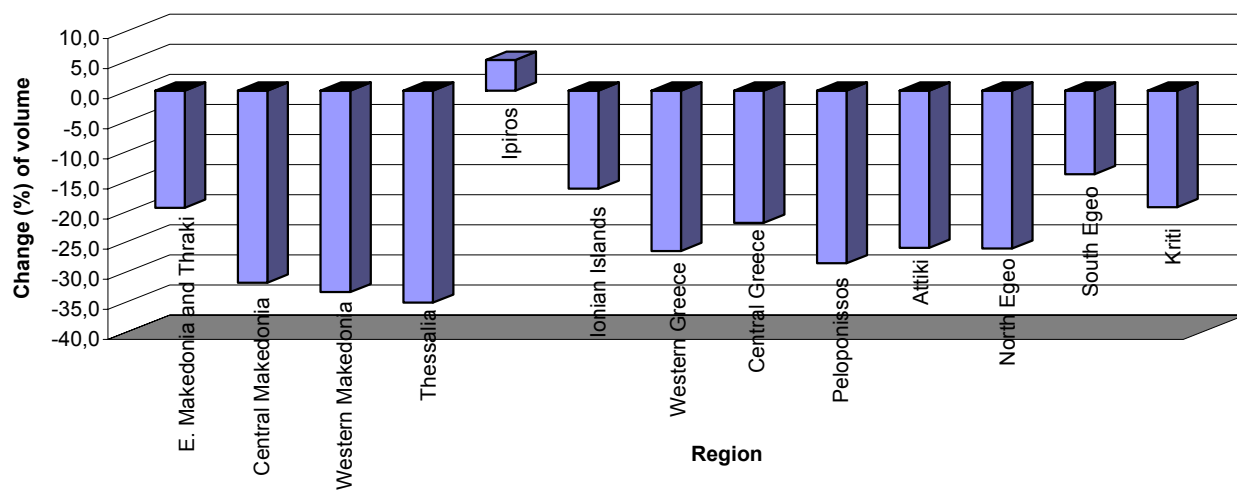
Table 6. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January- May in 2009 and 2010 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)
	2009	2010		2009	2010		2009	2010	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	1.134	1.009	-11,0	253	228	-9,6	931	845	-9,2
Central Makedonia	2.841	2.654	-6,6	737	677	-8,1	3.554	2.591	-27,1
Western Makedonia	381	325	-14,7	87	104	19,5	317	355	11,8
Thessalia	1.376	1.231	-10,5	335	264	-21,2	1.212	929	-23,3
Ipiros	786	735	-6,5	198	172	-13,3	733	620	-15,4
Ionian Islands	725	770	6,2	134	141	5,1	474	493	3,9
Western Greece	1.675	1.637	-2,3	362	308	-15,0	1.396	1.049	-24,9
Central Greece	1.685	1.534	-9,0	402	331	-17,7	1.696	1.197	-29,4
Peloponnissos	1.829	1.904	4,1	450	405	-10,0	1.523	1.322	-13,2
Attiki	6.303	5.616	-10,9	1.396	973	-30,3	5.139	3.421	-33,4
North Egeo	615	580	-5,7	80	72	-9,8	261	239	-8,6
South Egeo	1.161	1.207	4,0	202	242	20,0	678	757	11,7
Kriti	1.488	1.211	-18,6	459	349	-23,9	1.638	1.348	-17,7
Greece, Total	21.999	20.413	-7,2	5.094,7	4.266,3	-16,3	19.553,1	15.166,6	-22,4

Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, May 2009 and 2010



Graph 2. Private Building activity. Change (%) of building volume, by Region, for the period June 2008-May 2009 and June 2009-May 2010



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Building Activity Survey	The Building Activity Survey provides data on monthly and yearly basis, since 1964. The purpose of this survey is to register the total amount of building permits issued by the relevant 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 complementary areas, as well as building usage, surface, volume and value.
Legal Framework	The survey is totally 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	01/5/2010 to 31/5/2010
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total amount of issued building permits across the country.
Definitions	Building Permit refers to all types of building permits. These are permits for new building or addition, repair, renovation, demolition, legalization, amendment and modification of a building. The denotation of built-property is equal to the building. Building is regarded as every permanent and independent structure, which has walls and a roof and consists of one or more rooms and complementary areas. As a rule, buildings feature four walls. However, a construction that is 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 place of an old building that was demolished. Building Addition is considered to be every construction that adds building volume (space) to an existing building, be it in surface, height or a combination of 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 (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey can be found in EL.STAT's web-site: www.statistics.gr , under the links: Statistical Themes à Building and Constructions à Building Activity or Constructions.