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Building Activity Survey: November 2013

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in November 2013 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 1,575. This figure corresponds to 320.8 thousand m² of surface and 1,336.1 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 36.2% increase in the number of building permits, a 62.8% increase in surface and an 89.0% increase in volume, compared to the same month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,554 building permits, corresponding to 308.7 thousand m² of surface and 1,280.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 35.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 62.7% increase in surface and an 89.2% increase in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in November 2013 amounted to 21 building permits, corresponding to 12.1 thousand m² of surface and 55.7 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 4.2% of the total building volume in November 2013.

In the last twelve months, from December 2012 until November 2013, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 16,917. This figure corresponds to 3,215.0 thousand m² of surface and 12,950.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 29.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 27.2% decrease in surface and a 24.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from December 2011 to November 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period, from December 2012 until November 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 29.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 27.5 % decrease in surface and a 24.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from December 2011 to November 2012 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 5.1% of the total building volume.

During the period January-November 2013, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 27.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 26.5% decrease in surface and a 23.7% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2012 (Table 5).

During the same period, January-November 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 27.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 26.7% decrease in surface and a 23.8% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January-November 2012 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in November 2012 and 2013 ^{(1) (2) (3)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November 2012	November 2013	Change (%)	November 2012	November 2013	Change (%)	November 2012	November 2013	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	80	68	-15,0	19,8	28,3	43,1	73,8	153,2	107,6
Kentriki Makedonia	137	182	32,8	21,7	52,0	139,5	94,0	223,8	138,0
Dytiki Makedonia	23	41	78,3	5,2	17,2	228,0	16,9	81,8	385,1
Thessalia	64	74	15,6	10,0	14,0	40,1	39,9	58,1	45,5
Ipeiros	20	55	175,0	3,1	7,1	126,1	9,5	25,9	173,8
Ionioi Nisoi	35	43	22,9	10,9	9,4	-13,8	33,9	41,5	22,4
Dytiki Ellada	122	161	32,0	16,6	23,8	43,2	62,4	100,7	61,3
Stereia Ellada	70	107	52,9	7,5	13,5	79,5	25,9	57,2	121,0
Peloponnisos	130	165	26,9	20,6	29,6	44,1	78,5	128,4	63,5
Attiki	288	348	20,8	46,3	51,0	10,3	153,8	199,6	29,8
Voreio Aigaio	40	58	45,0	6,5	8,5	30,0	21,4	28,4	32,4
Notio Aigaio	86	163	89,5	14,2	33,4	134,4	49,6	110,0	121,9
Kriti	61	110	80,3	14,6	33,1	126,6	47,4	127,5	169,2
Greece, Total	1.156	1.575	36,2	197,0	320,8	62,8	706,9	1.336,1	89,0

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in November 2012 and 2013 ^{(1) (2) (3)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November 2012	November 2013	Change (%)	November 2012	November 2013	Change (%)	November 2012	November 2013	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	79	64	-19,0	12,4	21,4	72,4	43,8	119,3	172,6
Kentriki Makedonia	137	177	29,2	21,7	47,9	120,8	94,0	208,2	121,4
Dytiki Makedonia	23	41	78,3	5,2	17,2	228,0	16,9	81,8	385,1
Thessalia	64	69	7,8	10,0	13,6	36,0	39,9	55,6	39,5
Ipeiros	18	55	205,6	3,1	7,1	127,3	9,4	25,9	175,2
Ionioi Nisoi	35	42	20,0	10,9	9,2	-15,5	33,9	40,3	18,9
Dytiki Ellada	122	161	32,0	16,6	23,8	43,2	62,4	100,7	61,3
Stereia Ellada	68	107	57,4	7,5	13,5	79,5	25,9	57,2	121,0
Peloponnisos	130	161	23,8	20,6	29,2	42,0	78,5	126,2	60,8
Attiki	287	347	20,9	46,3	51,0	10,2	153,8	199,5	29,7
Voreio Aigaio	40	58	45,0	6,5	8,5	30,0	21,4	28,4	32,4
Notio Aigaio	86	163	89,5	14,2	33,4	134,4	49,6	110,0	121,9
Kriti	61	109	78,7	14,6	33,0	125,8	47,4	127,2	168,5
Greece, Total	1.150	1.554	35,1	189,7	308,7	62,7	676,9	1.280,4	89,2

(1) Provisional data

(2) It should be noted that in an analysis concerning the building permits issued in November 2013, compared with the same month of 2012, one should also take into consideration the potential effect of the deadline (25-11-2013), for the issue of the building permits for which an application file was submitted for approval, under the legal status of the General Building Regulation (Law 1577/1985) that was into force prior to the New Building Regulation (Law 4067/2012), in accordance to the article 47A of the Law 4067/2012 as amended by article 27 of the Law 4122/2013.

(3) 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 (Private-Public), by Region, for the period
December 2011 - November 2012 and December 2012 - November 2013 ***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.135	764	-32,7	196,9	234,7	19,2	735,2	952,3	29,5
Kentriki Makedonia	3.338	2.301	-31,1	796,6	571,7	-28,2	3.683,6	2.507,5	-31,9
Dytiki Makedonia	463	324	-30,0	108,0	108,4	0,3	412,3	477,9	15,9
Thessalia	1.464	1.062	-27,5	254,0	195,2	-23,1	922,0	769,9	-16,5
Ipeiros	887	499	-43,7	159,9	65,6	-59,0	534,2	228,8	-57,2
Ionioi Nisoi	960	573	-40,3	177,8	94,9	-46,6	609,5	338,0	-44,5
Dytiki Ellada	1.936	1.464	-24,4	301,9	210,5	-30,3	1.150,7	813,0	-29,4
Stereia Ellada	1.828	1.361	-25,5	316,4	248,0	-21,6	1.441,1	1.175,9	-18,4
Peloponnisos	2.497	1.815	-27,3	439,9	329,0	-25,2	1.643,4	1.234,1	-24,9
Attiki	5.400	3.762	-30,3	862,5	607,7	-29,5	3.200,9	2.478,8	-22,6
Voreio Aigaio	805	597	-25,8	110,8	74,5	-32,7	394,6	269,7	-31,6
Notio Aigaio	1.721	1.288	-25,2	320,0	214,8	-32,9	1.169,3	737,1	-37,0
Kriti	1.392	1.107	-20,5	370,1	259,9	-29,8	1.265,5	967,1	-23,6
Greece, Total	23.826	16.917	-29,0	4.414,9	3.215,0	-27,2	17.162,5	12.950,2	-24,5

* Provisional data

**Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period
December 2011 - November 2012 and December 2012 - November 2013 ***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)	December - November		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.117	748	-33,0	187,0	223,8	19,7	695,2	902,8	29,9
Kentriki Makedonia	3.274	2.264	-30,8	738,3	550,0	-25,5	3.444,4	2.418,5	-29,8
Dytiki Makedonia	450	320	-28,9	85,4	104,2	22,1	325,7	461,5	41,7
Thessalia	1.455	1.039	-28,6	239,0	173,0	-27,6	861,6	666,5	-22,6
Ipeiros	883	497	-43,7	158,6	65,6	-58,7	530,5	228,8	-56,9
Ionioi Nisoi	959	572	-40,4	177,8	94,7	-46,7	609,5	336,8	-44,7
Dytiki Ellada	1.920	1.453	-24,3	290,4	192,3	-33,8	1.096,9	715,4	-34,8
Stereia Ellada	1.818	1.355	-25,5	315,2	247,0	-21,6	1.436,8	1.173,0	-18,4
Peloponnisos	2.451	1.792	-26,9	423,3	317,8	-24,9	1.555,8	1.190,4	-23,5
Attiki	5.389	3.738	-30,6	851,9	568,6	-33,3	3.165,8	2.310,8	-27,0
Voreio Aigaio	801	593	-26,0	103,7	70,3	-32,2	351,0	251,6	-28,3
Notio Aigaio	1.719	1.278	-25,7	319,8	209,1	-34,6	1.168,7	713,3	-39,0
Kriti	1.374	1.087	-20,9	335,1	248,3	-25,9	1.128,3	924,3	-18,1
Greece, Total	23.610	16.736	-29,1	4.225,5	3.064,8	-27,5	16.370,3	12.293,9	-24,9

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January- November 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.004	671	-33,2	174,8	217,5	24,5	657,1	888,9	35,3
Kentriki Makedonia	2.949	2.035	-31,0	682,2	486,1	-28,7	3.088,7	2.116,9	-31,5
Dytiki Makedonia	403	290	-28,0	97,9	88,3	-9,8	375,0	419,7	11,9
Thessalia	1.264	954	-24,5	221,9	173,6	-21,8	806,0	681,4	-15,5
Ipeiros	773	458	-40,8	138,1	59,0	-57,3	447,9	205,4	-54,1
Ionioi Nisoi	791	497	-37,2	148,8	82,2	-44,8	511,6	290,0	-43,3
Dytiki Ellada	1.706	1.329	-22,1	269,3	183,7	-31,8	1.037,0	703,5	-32,2
Stereia Ellada	1.566	1.231	-21,4	273,3	221,8	-18,8	1.261,9	1.056,1	-16,3
Peloponnisos	2.231	1.634	-26,8	381,2	298,7	-21,7	1.426,4	1.120,4	-21,5
Attiki	4.713	3.398	-27,9	773,4	533,0	-31,1	2.886,2	2.187,4	-24,2
Voreio Aigaio	693	507	-26,8	97,8	59,2	-39,5	351,2	212,0	-39,6
Notio Aigaio	1.503	1.144	-23,9	288,1	191,7	-33,4	1.060,7	657,2	-38,0
Kriti	1.233	971	-21,2	302,4	232,8	-23,0	1.049,0	879,0	-16,2
Greece, Total	20.829	15.119	-27,4	3.849,0	2.827,7	-26,5	14.958,6	11.417,8	-23,7

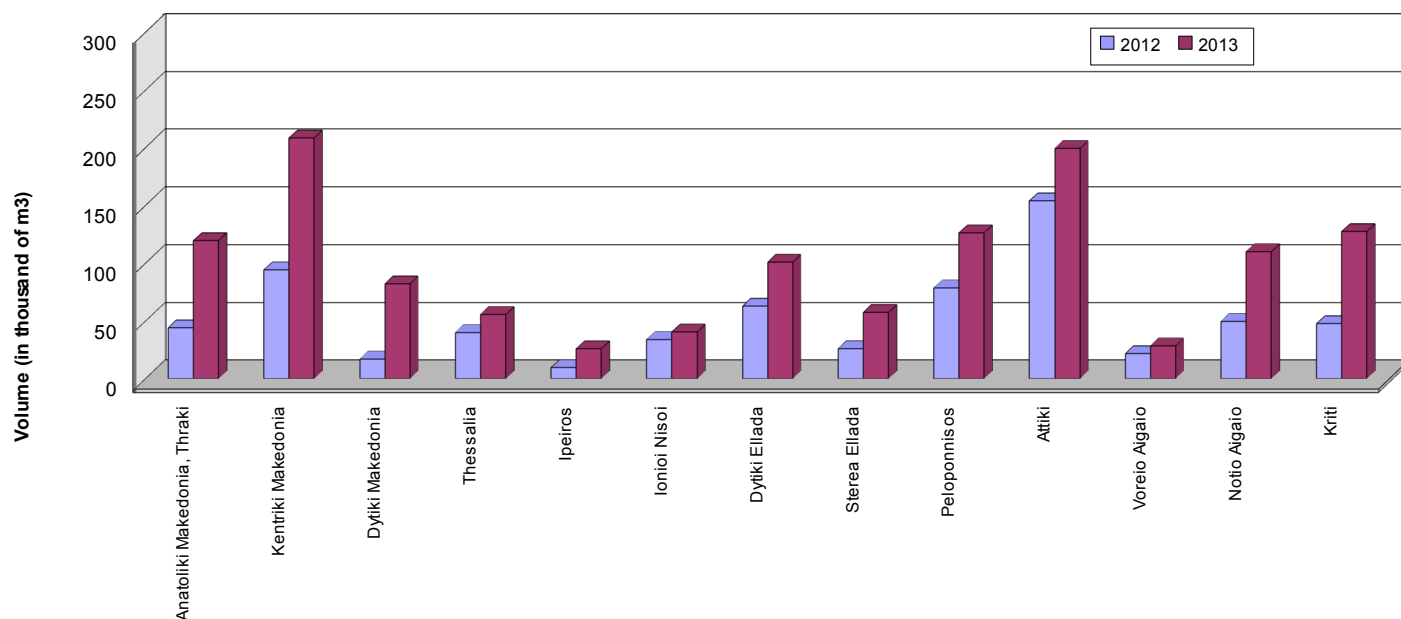
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- November 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)	January - November		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	991	656	-33,8	166,0	206,7	24,5	621,3	839,5	35,1
Kentriki Makedonia	2.893	2.003	-30,8	635,0	467,7	-26,3	2.908,1	2.044,2	-29,7
Dytiki Makedonia	392	287	-26,8	76,9	84,1	9,4	297,0	403,4	35,8
Thessalia	1.257	933	-25,8	212,3	153,4	-27,8	768,0	586,6	-23,6
Ipeiros	769	456	-40,7	136,7	59,0	-56,9	444,2	205,4	-53,8
Ionioi Nisoi	790	496	-37,2	148,8	82,0	-44,9	511,6	288,8	-43,5
Dytiki Ellada	1.691	1.320	-21,9	257,8	173,0	-32,9	983,2	635,7	-35,3
Stereia Ellada	1.558	1.225	-21,4	272,8	220,9	-19,0	1.259,5	1.053,2	-16,4
Peloponnisos	2.191	1.612	-26,4	365,4	287,4	-21,3	1.341,8	1.076,7	-19,8
Attiki	4.702	3.382	-28,1	762,7	502,4	-34,1	2.851,1	2.073,1	-27,3
Voreio Aigaio	689	504	-26,9	90,7	55,3	-39,0	307,6	196,2	-36,2
Notio Aigaio	1.501	1.135	-24,4	287,9	186,1	-35,4	1.060,0	633,5	-40,2
Kriti	1.215	951	-21,7	267,5	221,3	-17,3	911,8	836,2	-8,3
Greece, Total	20.639	14.960	-27,5	3.680,6	2.699,2	-26,7	14.265,0	10.872,5	-23,8

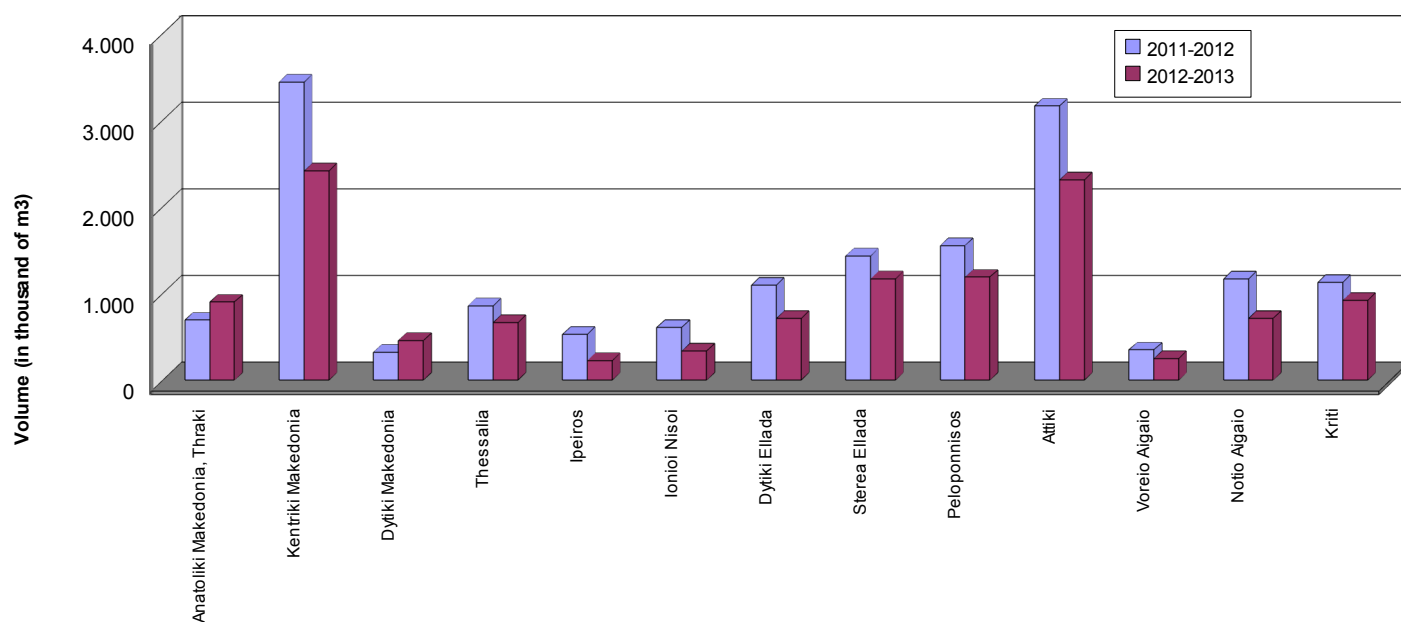
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in November 2012 and 2013*



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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period
December 2011 - November 2012 and December 2012 - November 2013 ***



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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	01/11/2013 to 30/11/2013
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 EL.STAT's web-site: www.statistics.gr , under the links: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.