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Building Activity Survey: July 2013

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in July 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 1,635. This figure corresponds to 396.8 thousand m² of surface and 1,681.3 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 24.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 8.6% decrease in surface and unchanged volume, compared to the same month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,615 building permits, corresponding to 357.9 thousand m² of surface and 1,532.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 24.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 13.4% decrease in surface and a 4.0% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in July 2013 amounted to 20 building permits, corresponding to 38.9 thousand m² of surface and 148.9 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 8.9% of the total building volume in July 2013.

In the last twelve months, from August 2012 until July 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 16,772. This figure corresponds to 3,218.5 thousand m² of surface and 13,090.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 45.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 40.5% decrease in surface and a 36.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2011 to July 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period, from August 2012 until July 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 45.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 41.4 % decrease in surface and a 36.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from August 2011 to July 2012 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 5.2% of the total building volume.

During the period January-July 2013, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 37.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 36.0% decrease in surface and a 31.7% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2012 (Table 5).

During the same period, January-July 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 37.8% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 36.5% decrease in surface and a 32.1% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January-July 2012 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in July 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	84	69	-17,9	11,3	35,8	217,5	45,7	151,6	231,5
Kentriki Makedonia	357	216	-39,5	88,8	65,0	-26,7	369,4	311,2	-15,7
Dytiki Makedonia	42	32	-23,8	13,0	4,6	-64,7	52,1	13,6	-74,0
Thessalia	111	103	-7,2	21,3	25,0	17,3	76,7	104,2	35,8
Ipeiros	89	45	-49,4	23,2	4,7	-79,7	72,5	15,7	-78,3
Ionioi Nisoi	92	48	-47,8	31,4	8,1	-74,3	96,6	26,2	-72,9
Dytiki Ellada	172	146	-15,1	36,2	23,5	-35,3	151,6	77,9	-48,6
Stereia Ellada	181	137	-24,3	31,6	37,5	18,7	129,4	223,7	72,9
Peloponnisos	229	188	-17,9	34,2	49,4	44,5	120,2	179,7	49,5
Attiki	480	380	-20,8	92,0	97,3	5,7	399,7	415,7	4,0
Voreio Aigaio	55	46	-16,4	5,8	8,3	43,2	20,7	31,3	51,4
Notio Aigaio	138	136	-1,4	14,9	19,7	32,4	49,3	63,0	27,7
Kriti	120	89	-25,8	30,6	18,1	-40,7	97,7	67,5	-30,9
Greece, Total	2.150	1.635	-24,0	434,2	396,8	-8,6	1.681,8	1.681,3	0,0

* Provisional data

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in July 2012 and 2013*

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	84	66	-21,4	11,3	35,8	217,5	45,7	151,6	231,5
Kentriki Makedonia	351	214	-39,0	84,3	61,8	-26,7	350,8	297,8	-15,1
Dytiki Makedonia	39	32	-17,9	6,0	4,6	-23,5	22,5	13,6	-39,7
Thessalia	110	99	-10,0	14,5	16,2	11,5	51,9	66,0	27,3
Ipeiros	89	45	-49,4	23,2	4,7	-79,7	72,5	15,7	-78,3
Ionioi Nisoi	92	48	-47,8	31,4	8,1	-74,3	96,6	26,2	-72,9
Dytiki Ellada	170	144	-15,3	34,1	23,2	-31,9	141,0	77,2	-45,3
Stereia Ellada	180	137	-23,9	31,6	37,5	18,8	129,3	223,7	73,0
Peloponnisos	226	186	-17,7	33,5	49,4	47,2	118,2	179,7	52,1
Attiki	480	377	-21,5	92,0	75,6	-17,8	399,7	339,9	-15,0
Voreio Aigaio	55	45	-18,2	5,8	4,8	-18,3	20,7	16,4	-20,7
Notio Aigaio	138	134	-2,9	14,9	19,3	29,7	49,3	61,4	24,5
Kriti	118	88	-25,4	30,5	17,0	-44,2	97,4	63,2	-35,2
Greece, Total	2.132	1.615	-24,2	413,1	357,9	-13,4	1.595,6	1.532,4	-4,0

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Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period August 2011 - July 2012 and August 2012 - July 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.473	794	-46,1	261,6	196,5	-24,9	972,7	743,5	-23,6
Kentriki Makedonia	4.278	2.345	-45,2	937,4	584,7	-37,6	3.979,8	2.750,7	-30,9
Dytiki Makedonia	564	317	-43,8	121,8	97,0	-20,4	490,6	388,7	-20,8
Thessalia	1.893	1.053	-44,4	343,5	194,1	-43,5	1.310,4	762,6	-41,8
Ipeiros	1.097	468	-57,3	204,7	74,0	-63,8	731,6	255,1	-65,1
Ionioi Nisoi	1.365	583	-57,3	221,1	103,0	-53,4	745,2	363,7	-51,2
Dytiki Ellada	2.387	1.441	-39,6	389,7	207,4	-46,8	1.390,9	812,0	-41,6
Stereia Ellada	2.451	1.292	-47,3	433,5	252,0	-41,9	1.961,2	1.202,6	-38,7
Peloponnisos	3.101	1.879	-39,4	558,0	342,6	-38,6	2.053,5	1.265,9	-38,4
Attiki	7.060	3.723	-47,3	987,4	621,8	-37,0	3.621,5	2.515,5	-30,5
Voreio Aigaio	1.032	601	-41,8	138,8	79,1	-43,0	497,7	280,8	-43,6
Notio Aigaio	2.174	1.207	-44,5	389,5	221,0	-43,3	1.298,9	851,5	-34,4
Kriti	1.713	1.069	-37,6	425,1	245,4	-42,3	1.424,3	898,3	-36,9
Greece, Total	30.588	16.772	-45,2	5.412,0	3.218,5	-40,5	20.478,2	13.090,9	-36,1

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)	August - July		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.448	782	-46,0	256,0	186,6	-27,1	952,4	703,3	-26,2
Kentriki Makedonia	4.207	2.309	-45,1	876,1	565,2	-35,5	3.721,0	2.667,8	-28,3
Dytiki Makedonia	550	310	-43,6	98,5	92,2	-6,4	398,8	370,0	-7,2
Thessalia	1.887	1.037	-45,0	331,2	172,9	-47,8	1.262,6	664,9	-47,3
Ipeiros	1.091	463	-57,6	203,2	72,7	-64,2	725,7	251,4	-65,4
Ionioi Nisoi	1.364	583	-57,3	221,1	103,0	-53,4	745,2	363,7	-51,2
Dytiki Ellada	2.361	1.431	-39,4	365,9	190,5	-47,9	1.290,5	719,9	-44,2
Stereia Ellada	2.442	1.287	-47,3	430,9	251,7	-41,6	1.946,6	1.201,6	-38,3
Peloponnisos	3.045	1.866	-38,7	538,7	335,8	-37,7	1.955,9	1.240,7	-36,6
Attiki	7.050	3.698	-47,5	977,3	582,0	-40,4	3.588,9	2.345,1	-34,7
Voreio Aigaio	1.028	597	-41,9	131,5	74,7	-43,2	453,4	260,2	-42,6
Notio Aigaio	2.172	1.197	-44,9	388,9	217,8	-44,0	1.296,8	839,0	-35,3
Kriti	1.701	1.047	-38,4	404,8	216,5	-46,5	1.347,2	784,4	-41,8
Greece, Total	30.346	16.607	-45,3	5.224,1	3.061,4	-41,4	19.685,0	12.411,9	-36,9

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	712	409	-42,6	115	120	3,9	433	456	5,3
Kentriki Makedonia	2.164	1.294	-40,2	473	290	-38,7	1.994	1.266	-36,5
Dytiki Makedonia	281	161	-42,7	68	47	-30,8	271	226	-16,4
Thessalia	947	628	-33,7	169	120	-29,2	598	466	-22,0
Ipeiros	618	272	-56,0	113	43	-62,4	364	148	-59,4
Ionioi Nisoi	597	313	-47,6	111	53	-52,5	378	182	-51,8
Dytiki Ellada	1.203	803	-33,3	195	106	-45,5	742	408	-45,1
Stereia Ellada	1.203	799	-33,6	211	164	-22,5	970	791	-18,5
Peloponnisos	1.613	1.080	-33,0	283	214	-24,4	1.070	795	-25,6
Attiki	3.663	2.309	-37,0	611	385	-37,0	2.301	1.639	-28,8
Voreio Aigaio	490	308	-37,1	70	36	-48,3	258	130	-49,7
Notio Aigaio	1.120	680	-39,3	190	100	-47,4	620	331	-46,6
Kriti	897	597	-33,4	212	128	-39,6	721	482	-33,1
Greece, Total	15.508	9.653	-37,8	2.823,6	1.805,8	-36,0	10.719,9	7.319,8	-31,7

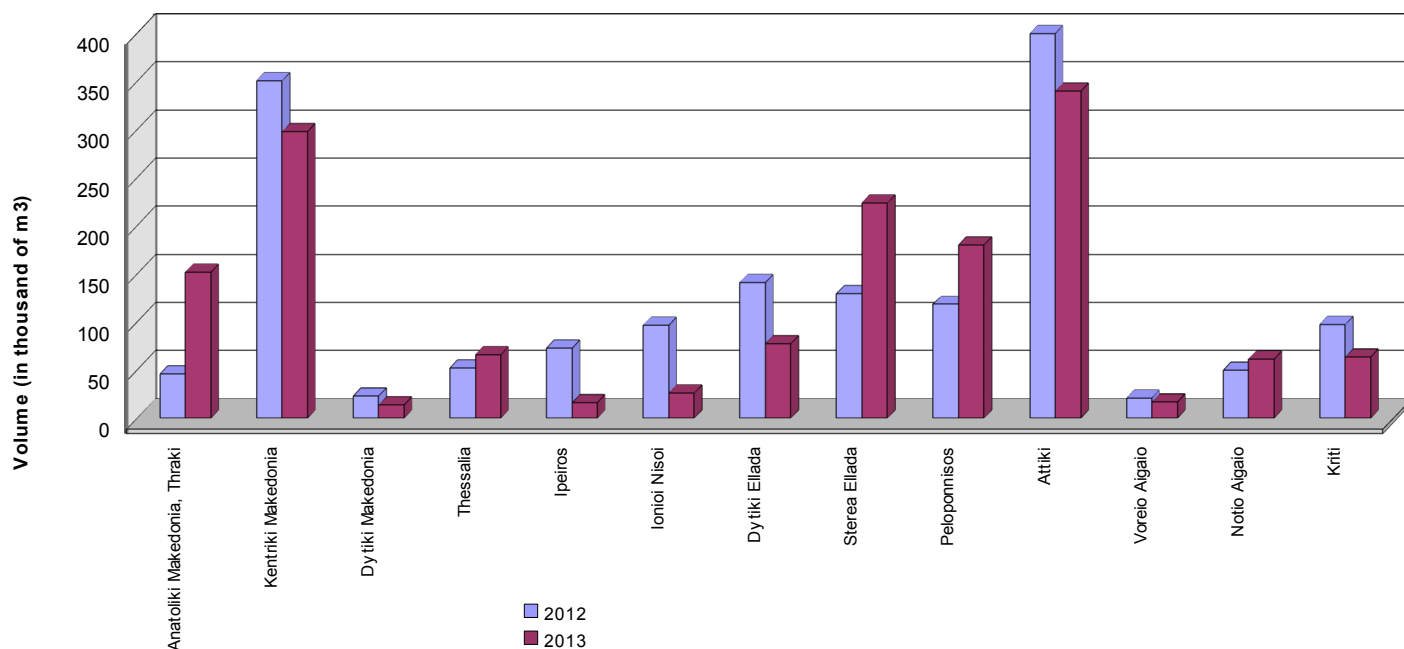
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- July 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)	January - July		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	702	401	-42,9	115	118	3,0	432	450	4,3
Kentriki Makedonia	2.120	1.275	-39,9	432	280	-35,2	1.838	1.223	-33,4
Dytiki Makedonia	273	158	-42,1	48	43	-10,1	195	210	7,6
Thessalia	943	617	-34,6	162	103	-36,5	572	389	-32,0
Ipeiros	617	270	-56,2	113	43	-62,4	364	148	-59,4
Ionioi Nisoi	596	313	-47,5	111	53	-52,5	378	182	-51,8
Dytiki Ellada	1.190	797	-33,0	185	98	-46,9	692	349	-49,6
Stereia Ellada	1.198	797	-33,5	210	163	-22,4	968	790	-18,4
Peloponnisos	1.575	1.070	-32,1	268	208	-22,4	987	772	-21,8
Attiki	3.654	2.294	-37,2	601	354	-41,1	2.269	1.525	-32,8
Voreio Aigaio	487	306	-37,2	64	33	-48,6	218	115	-47,3
Notio Aigaio	1.119	672	-39,9	190	97	-49,0	620	319	-48,6
Kriti	889	585	-34,2	197	119	-39,6	664	448	-32,5
Greece, Total	15.363	9.555	-37,8	2.696,1	1.711,4	-36,5	10.195,6	6.921,0	-32,1

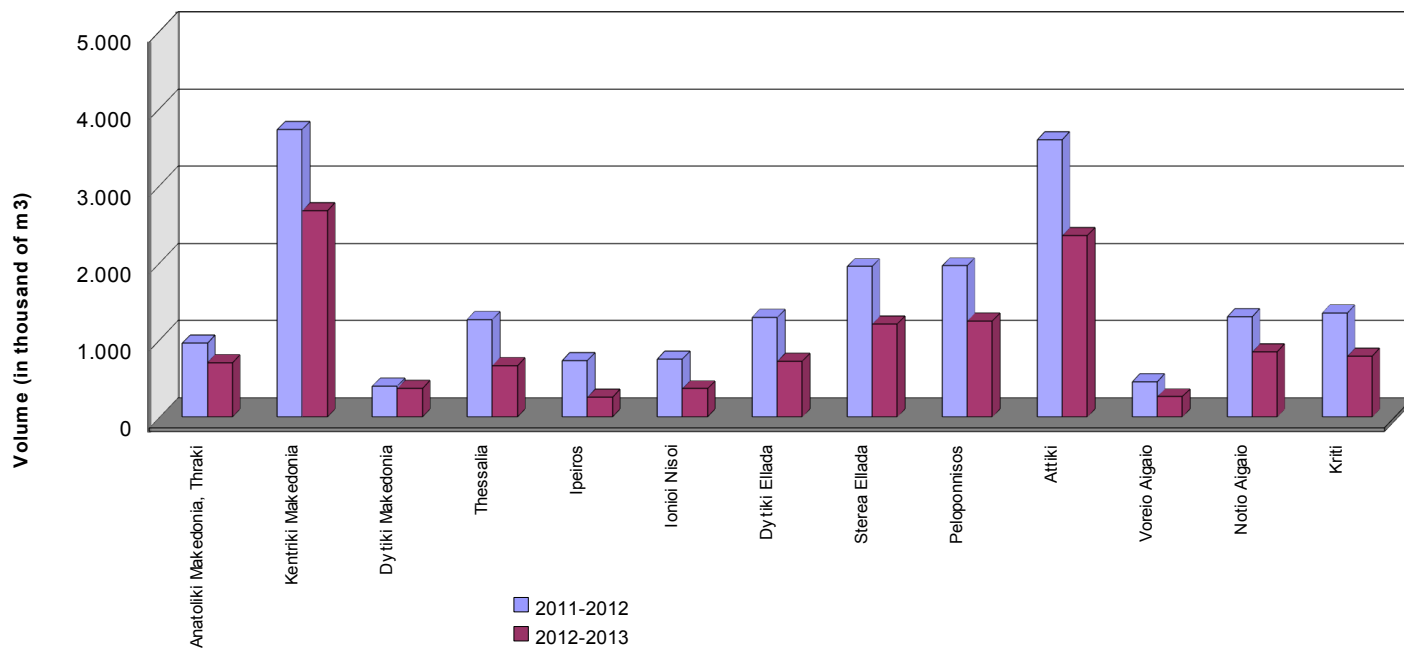
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in July 2012 and 2013*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period August 2011 - July 2012 and August 2012 - July 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	01/7/2013 to 31/7/2013
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.