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Building Activity Survey: September 2012

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in September 2012 the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole country-which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued in the whole country -amounted to 1,449 . This figure corresponds to 286.3 thousand m² of surface and 1,267.8 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 60.4 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 56.2 % decrease in surface and a 47.1 % decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2011 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 1,438 building permits, corresponding to 280.5 thousand m² of surface and 1,245.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2011, there is a 60.6 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 55.9 % decrease in surface and a 46.6 % decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in September 2012 amounted to 11 building permits, corresponding to 5.8 thousand m² of surface and 22.2 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 1.8 % of the total building volume in September 2012.

In the last twelve months, from October 2011 until September 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 27,249 . This figure corresponds to 4,887.1 thousand m² of surface and 18,898.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 31.1 % decrease in the number of building permits, 33.6 % decrease in surface and a 31.8 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of October 2010 until September 2011 (Table 3).

In the same period from October 2011 until September 2012 , Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 31.2% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 34.3 % decrease in surface and a 32.6 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from October 2010 until September 2011 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.0 % of the total building volume.

During the period January- September 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 31.9 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 26.3 % decrease in surface and a 24.6 % decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2011 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- September 2012, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 32.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 27.9 % decrease in surface and a 26.3 % decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- March 2011 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in September 2011 and 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	176	74	-58,0	32,7	16,0	-51,1	123,5	66,4	-46,2
Kentriki Makedonia	544	247	-54,6	123,9	73,9	-40,3	474,1	383,7	-19,1
Dytiki Makedonia	74	30	-59,5	12,2	4,3	-64,4	48,1	14,9	-69,1
Thessalia	225	84	-62,7	41,8	15,6	-62,8	149,9	66,7	-55,5
Ipeiros	102	34	-66,7	21,6	6,5	-70,0	111,7	24,5	-78,0
Ionioi Nisoi	150	58	-61,3	24,5	8,0	-67,5	79,5	28,2	-64,5
Dytiki Ellada	257	131	-49,0	69,6	13,2	-81,0	232,3	43,3	-81,3
Stereia Ellada	267	100	-62,5	47,2	18,3	-61,2	202,0	75,4	-62,7
Peloponnisos	399	170	-57,4	68,7	28,0	-59,2	250,6	94,1	-62,4
Attiki	867	291	-66,4	98,7	33,2	-66,4	342,5	121,9	-64,4
Voreio Aigaio	150	53	-64,7	17,1	8,4	-50,8	61,8	27,5	-55,5
Notio Aigaio	269	94	-65,1	51,6	42,5	-17,6	174,3	261,2	49,9
Kriti	183	83	-54,6	44,2	18,4	-58,3	147,3	59,9	-59,4
Greece, Total	3.663	1.449	-60,4	653,6	286,3	-56,2	2.397,6	1.267,8	-47,1

* Provisional data

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in September 2011 and 2012*

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	175	73	-58,3	31,7	16,0	-49,6	119,9	66,4	-44,6
Kentriki Makedonia	542	244	-55,0	119,2	73,2	-38,6	457,8	378,7	-17,3
Dytiki Makedonia	72	28	-61,1	12,1	3,7	-69,5	47,6	12,5	-73,7
Thessalia	225	83	-63,1	41,8	15,6	-62,8	149,9	66,7	-55,5
Ipeiros	102	33	-67,6	21,6	5,2	-76,1	111,7	20,9	-81,3
Ionioi Nisoi	150	58	-61,3	24,5	8,0	-67,5	79,5	28,2	-64,5
Dytiki Ellada	250	131	-47,6	61,9	13,2	-78,6	202,8	43,3	-78,6
Stereia Ellada	266	100	-62,4	47,2	18,3	-61,2	202,0	75,4	-62,7
Peloponnisos	398	170	-57,3	68,6	28,0	-59,1	250,2	94,1	-62,4
Attiki	867	291	-66,4	98,7	33,2	-66,4	342,5	121,9	-64,4
Voreio Aigaio	150	52	-65,3	17,1	8,1	-52,9	61,8	24,5	-60,4
Notio Aigaio	268	94	-64,9	51,1	42,5	-16,9	172,8	261,2	51,2
Kriti	182	81	-55,5	40,4	15,8	-61,0	132,3	51,7	-60,9
Greece, Total	3.647	1.438	-60,6	635,8	280,5	-55,9	2.330,9	1.245,6	-46,6

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period
October 2010 - September 2011 and October 2011 - September 2012 ***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012		2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012		2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.873	1.306	-30,3	405,0	219,2	-45,9	1.463,8	811,7	-44,5
Kentriki Makedonia	5.169	3.751	-27,4	1.022,8	899,5	-12,1	4.142,7	4.096,2	-1,1
Dytiki Makedonia	685	492	-28,2	144,1	107,1	-25,7	562,0	428,5	-23,8
Thessalia	2.313	1.694	-26,8	460,5	297,4	-35,4	1.692,0	1.122,2	-33,7
Ipeiros	1.297	999	-23,0	315,8	184,5	-41,6	1.125,2	628,3	-44,2
Ionioi Nisoi	1.785	1.199	-32,8	268,5	194,8	-27,4	914,9	664,8	-27,3
Dytiki Ellada	3.114	2.180	-30,0	543,1	335,0	-38,3	1.994,9	1.247,3	-37,5
Stereia Ellada	3.241	2.153	-33,6	595,2	363,0	-39,0	2.303,1	1.599,8	-30,5
Peloponnisos	3.539	2.809	-20,6	691,1	506,2	-26,7	3.051,2	1.849,4	-39,4
Attiki	10.786	6.312	-41,5	1.683,4	921,3	-45,3	6.232,3	3.424,9	-45,0
Voreio Aigaio	1.232	882	-28,4	151,1	118,6	-21,5	521,2	420,6	-19,3
Notio Aigaio	2.168	1.936	-10,7	483,2	350,6	-27,4	1.620,7	1.280,8	-21,0
Kriti	2.344	1.536	-34,5	598,9	389,9	-34,9	2.071,5	1.324,2	-36,1
Greece, Total	39.546	27.249	-31,1	7.362,7	4.887,1	-33,6	27.695,5	18.898,7	-31,8

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period
October 2010 - September 2011 and October 2011 - September 2012 ***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012		2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012		2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.843	1.288	-30,1	341,5	217,5	-36,3	1.213,0	805,6	-33,6
Kentriki Makedonia	5.093	3.680	-27,7	991,9	838,9	-15,4	4.011,0	3.837,6	-4,3
Dytiki Makedonia	670	478	-28,7	139,3	83,3	-40,2	539,2	334,8	-37,9
Thessalia	2.305	1.687	-26,8	453,8	285,0	-37,2	1.665,2	1.074,4	-35,5
Ipeiros	1.287	993	-22,8	294,9	181,8	-38,3	1.051,0	619,2	-41,1
Ionioi Nisoi	1.783	1.198	-32,8	268,1	194,8	-27,3	913,6	664,8	-27,2
Dytiki Ellada	3.089	2.162	-30,0	523,0	319,1	-39,0	1.923,3	1.176,4	-38,8
Stereia Ellada	3.230	2.145	-33,6	592,9	361,8	-39,0	2.288,7	1.595,4	-30,3
Peloponnisos	3.519	2.757	-21,7	687,1	487,6	-29,0	3.036,6	1.753,1	-42,3
Attiki	10.776	6.302	-41,5	1.674,8	911,2	-45,6	6.191,6	3.392,3	-45,2
Voreio Aigaio	1.228	878	-28,5	150,2	111,4	-25,8	516,0	377,0	-26,9
Notio Aigaio	2.166	1.935	-10,7	482,3	350,5	-27,3	1.617,7	1.280,2	-20,9
Kriti	2.319	1.522	-34,4	562,1	364,6	-35,1	1.928,2	1.227,2	-36,4
Greece, Total	39.308	27.025	-31,2	7.161,8	4.707,4	-34,3	26.895,3	18.138,0	-32,6

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January- September 2010 and 2011 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.278	866	-32,2	260	146	-43,9	928	553	-40,5
Kentriki Makedonia	3.662	2.588	-29,3	601	614	2,2	2.410	2.781	15,4
Dytiki Makedonia	470	339	-27,9	99	78	-20,4	379	308	-18,8
Thessalia	1.546	1.100	-28,8	300	194	-35,4	1.122	699	-37,6
Ipeiros	830	706	-14,9	181	129	-28,7	664	421	-36,6
Ionioi Nisoi	1.163	704	-39,5	172	126	-26,6	572	434	-24,1
Dytiki Ellada	2.021	1.457	-27,9	347	234	-32,7	1.292	906	-29,9
Stereia Ellada	2.139	1.401	-34,5	397	245	-38,3	1.558	1.127	-27,7
Peloponnisos	2.303	1.933	-16,1	453	338	-25,3	2.121	1.253	-40,9
Attiki	7.514	4.103	-45,4	1.031	679	-34,1	3.896	2.559	-34,3
Voreio Aigaio	852	596	-30,0	105	85	-19,4	370	306	-17,3
Notio Aigaio	1.480	1.299	-12,2	306	247	-19,1	1.038	928	-10,6
Kriti	1.406	1.075	-23,5	328	260	-20,6	1.112	901	-18,9
Greece, Total	26.664	18.167	-31,9	4.579,1	3.375,4	-26,3	17.461,9	13.174,4	-24,6

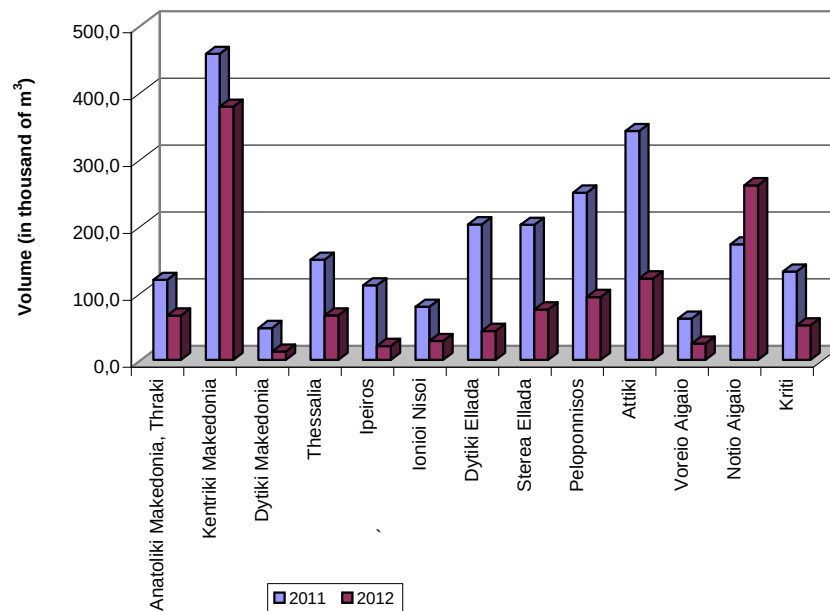
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- September 2010 and 2011 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.255	855	-31,9	235	146	-38,1	841	551	-34,4
Kentriki Makedonia	3.619	2.538	-29,9	584	568	-2,7	2.339	2.608	11,5
Dytiki Makedonia	462	329	-28,8	95	58	-39,5	363	230	-36,6
Thessalia	1.541	1.095	-28,9	297	187	-37,0	1.108	674	-39,2
Ipeiros	826	704	-14,8	178	128	-28,2	648	417	-35,6
Ionioi Nisoi	1.162	703	-39,5	171	126	-26,5	570	434	-24,0
Dytiki Ellada	2.003	1.444	-27,9	332	223	-32,8	1.234	856	-30,7
Stereia Ellada	2.136	1.395	-34,7	396	245	-38,1	1.546	1.124	-27,3
Peloponnisos	2.288	1.893	-17,3	449	322	-28,3	2.108	1.168	-44,6
Attiki	7.508	4.094	-45,5	1.024	669	-34,7	3.865	2.526	-34,6
Voreio Aigaio	849	592	-30,3	104	78	-25,5	365	263	-28,1
Notio Aigaio	1.478	1.298	-12,2	305	247	-18,9	1.035	927	-10,5
Kriti	1.389	1.062	-23,5	308	235	-23,8	1.041	804	-22,7
Greece, Total	26.516	18.002	-32,1	4.479,1	3.231,1	-27,9	17.062,2	12.582,2	-26,3

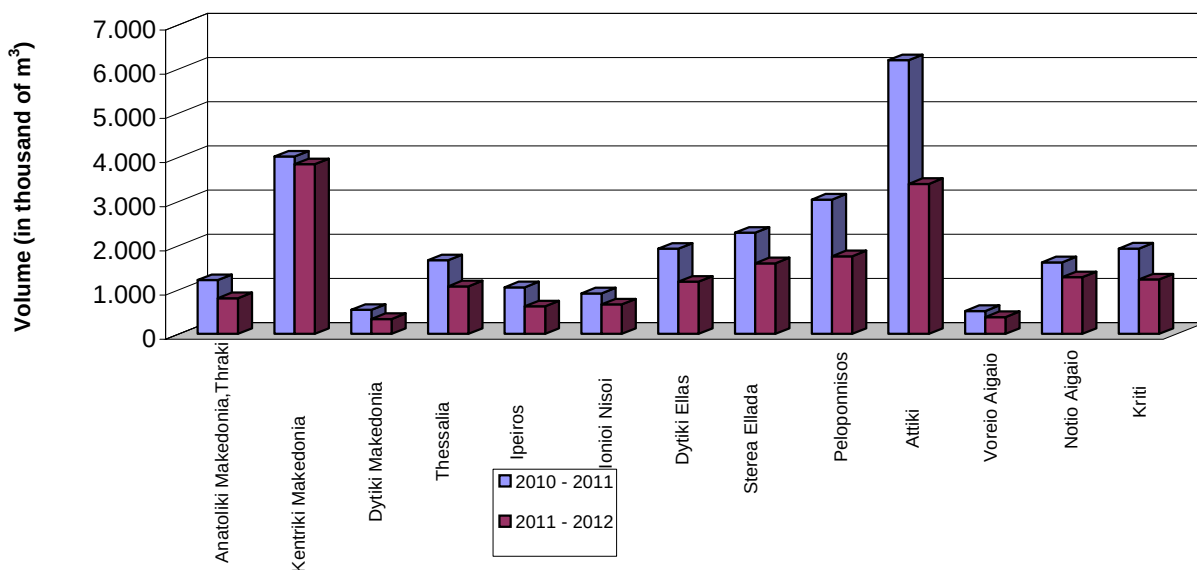
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in September 2011 and 2012*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period October 2010 - September 2011 and October 2011 - September 2012 *



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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	01/9/2012 to 30/9/2012
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the
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.