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Building Activity Survey: June 2011

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in June 2011 the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole country - which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits - amounted to 3,369. This figure corresponds to 524.2 thousand m^2 of surface and 1,871.4 thousand m^3 of volume, reflecting respectively a 27.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 35.9% decrease in surface and a 37.5% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2010 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 3,343 building permits, corresponding to 514.1 thousand m^2 of surface and 1,827.4 thousand m^3 of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2010 , there is a 27.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 35.4% decrease in surface and a 36.7 % decrease in volume (Table 2). Public Building Activity in the whole country in June 2011 amounted to 26 building permits, corresponding to 10.1 thousand m^2 of surface and 44.0 thousand m^3 of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 2.4 % of the total building volume in June 2011.

In the last twelve months, from July 2010 until June 2011, the total Building Activity (Private and Public) in the whole country , calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 40,963 . This figure corresponds to 7,993.6 thousand m^2 of surface and 29,165.9 thousand m^3 of volume, reflecting a 23.9 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 32.4 % decrease in surface and a 32.4 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of July 2009 until June 2010 (Table 3).

In the same period from July 2010 until June 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 23.8 % decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 32.7 % decrease in surface and a 32.0 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from July 2009 until June 2010 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.1 % of the total building volume.

During the period January-June 2011, the total Building Activity(private-public) in the whole country recorded a 35.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 47.6 decrease in surface and a 45.0% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2010 (Table 5).
During the same period, January-June 2011, private building activity in the whole country recorded a 35.6% decrease in the number of issued building permits,a 47.4% decrease in surface and a 44.6% decrease in volume in comparison with the same period of January-June 2010 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in June 2010 and 2011 *

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	June		Change	June		Change	June		Change
	2010	2011	(%)	2010	2011	(%)	2010	2011	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia,	223	164	-26,5	31,1	23,4	-24,7	123,2	86,8	-29,5
Kentriki Makedonia	604	507	-16,1	143,1	73,4	-48,7	524,6	279,9	-46,6
Dytiki Makedonia	90	70	-22,2	16,2	10,1	-37,2	58,8	31,7	-46,0
Thessalia	282	197	-30,1	58,1	30,4	-47,7	216,2	118,5	-45,2
Ipeiros	187	101	-46,0	35,8	34,7	-3,1	138,5	135,0	-2,6
Ionioi Nisoi	138	144	4,3	18,7	19,6	4,5	63,8	70,1	9,8
Dytiki Ellas	437	255	-41,6	79,2	40,5	-48,9	282,0	138,0	-51,1
Sterea Ellas	353	277	-21,5	60,9	43,2	-29,0	215,4	154,3	-28,4
Peloponnisos	421	310	-26,4	73,4	47,2	-35,6	279,5	150,8	-46,0
Attiki	1.337	938	-29,8	180,8	129,7	-28,3	654,1	460,4	-29,6
Voreio Aigaio	90	90	0,0	12,7	9,4	-25,6	39,5	31,4	-20,4
Notio Aigaio	222	143	-35,6	37,8	21,3	-43,5	125,1	70,8	-43,4
Kriti	282	173	-38,7	70,6	41,2	-41,6	275,4	143,6	-47,8
Greece, Total	**4.666**	**3.369**	**-27,8**	**818,3**	**524,2**	**-35,9**	**2.996,2**	**1.871,4**	**-37,5**

* Provisional data

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in June 2010 and 2011*

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	June		Change	June		Change	June		Change
	2010	2011	(%)	2010	2011	(%)	2010	2011	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia,	221	162	-26,7	31,1	22,6	-27,5	123,1	83,6	-32,1
Kentriki Makedonia	591	497	-15,9	134,7	72,5	-46,2	498,0	276,7	-44,4
Dytiki Makedonia	86	70	-18,6	13,2	10,1	-23,1	41,1	31,7	-22,8
Thessalia	276	195	-29,3	54,8	27,9	-49,1	196,1	107,5	-45,1
Ipeiros	187	98	-47,6	35,8	31,6	-11,6	138,5	119,3	-13,9
Ionioi Nisoi	138	144	4,3	18,7	19,6	4,5	63,8	70,1	9,8
Dytiki Ellas	435	253	-41,8	78,7	39,9	-49,2	280,3	135,3	-51,7
Sterea Ellas	349	277	-20,6	60,4	43,2	-28,5	214,0	154,3	-27,9
Peloponnisos	418	309	-26,1	73,3	47,1	-35,7	279,3	150,5	-46,1
Attiki	1.336	937	-29,9	180,8	129,7	-28,3	654,1	460,4	-29,6
Voreio Aigaio	90	90	0,0	12,7	9,4	-25,6	39,5	31,4	-20,4
Notio Aigaio	222	143	-35,6	37,8	21,3	-43,5	125,1	70,8	-43,4
Kriti	274	168	-38,7	64,4	39,1	-39,3	231,8	135,7	-41,5
Greece, Total	**4.623**	**3.343**	**-27,7**	**796,4**	**514,1**	**-35,4**	**2.884,8**	**1.827,4**	**-36,7**

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Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period July 2009 - June 2010 and July 2010 - June 2011 *

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	July-June		Change	July-June		Change	July-June		Change
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	(%)	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	(%)	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia,	2.798	2.010	-28,2	616,1	407,3	-33,9	2.261,6	1.430,7	-36,7
Kentriki Makedonia	7.002	5.022	-28,3	1.844,6	1.209,1	-34,5	6.904,4	4.882,7	-29,3
Dytiki Makedonia	969	715	-26,2	283,9	152,4	-46,3	1.089,0	580,1	-46,7
Thessalia	3.138	2.493	-20,6	721,7	546,2	-24,3	2.582,3	1.954,8	-24,3
Ipeiros	1.979	1.396	-29,5	597,7	378,1	-36,7	2.273,8	1.308,5	-42,5
Ionioi Nisoi	1.993	1.874	-6,0	352,0	281,8	-20,0	1.213,7	965,3	-20,5
Dytiki Ellas	4.453	3.433	-22,9	859,1	578,5	-32,7	3.057,7	2.068,1	-32,4
Sterea Ellas	4.105	3.339	-18,7	886,4	664,0	-25,1	3.461,8	2.335,9	-32,5
Peloponnisos	4.679	3.612	-22,8	983,8	661,5	-32,8	3.442,8	2.462,9	-28,5
Attiki	14.589	11.090	-24,0	2.873,4	1.812,2	-36,9	10.499,2	6.732,0	-35,9
Voreio Aigaio	1.435	1.166	-18,7	197,2	140,9	-28,6	654,0	477,9	-26,9
Notio Aigaio	3.348	2.257	-32,6	624,6	496,8	-20,4	2.025,4	1.657,4	-18,2
Kriti	3.357	2.556	-23,9	987,0	664,9	-32,6	3.668,3	2.309,7	-37,0
Greece, Total	**53.845**	**40.963**	**-23,9**	**11.827,5**	**7.993,6**	**-32,4**	**43.134,0**	**29.165,9**	**-32,4**

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Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period July 2009 - June 2010 and July 2010 - June 2011 *

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	July-June		Change	July-June		Change	July-June		Change
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	(%)	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	(%)	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia,	2.736	1.983	-27,5	569,5	348,6	-38,8	2.074,8	1.197,6	-42,3
Kentriki Makedonia	6.883	4.932	-28,3	1.770,7	1.162,5	-34,3	6.593,7	4.669,3	-29,2
Dytiki Makedonia	942	703	-25,4	253,1	149,0	-41,1	942,5	565,7	-40,0
Thessalia	3.103	2.478	-20,1	693,2	535,6	-22,7	2.451,8	1.906,4	-22,2
Ipeiros	1.953	1.378	-29,4	575,1	345,3	-40,0	2.171,1	1.195,3	-44,9
Ionioi Nisoi	1.978	1.872	-5,4	349,3	281,4	-19,5	1.203,8	963,9	-19,9
Dytiki Ellas	4.425	3.410	-22,9	842,4	564,7	-33,0	2.977,5	2.014,8	-32,3
Sterea Ellas	4.079	3.321	-18,6	848,7	621,4	-26,8	3.193,8	2.300,8	-28,0
Peloponnisos	4.641	3.597	-22,5	968,5	658,4	-32,0	3.386,2	2.451,1	-27,6
Attiki	14.573	11.081	-24,0	2.854,8	1.805,9	-36,7	10.411,5	6.706,3	-35,6
Voreio Aigaio	1.424	1.162	-18,4	196,0	140,3	-28,4	649,2	475,8	-26,7
Notio Aigaio	3.341	2.252	-32,6	619,0	496,4	-19,8	2.007,2	1.655,9	-17,5
Kriti	3.319	2.526	-23,9	947,9	624,0	-34,2	3.472,2	2.156,6	-37,9
Greece, Total	**53.397**	**40.695**	**-23,8**	**11.488,2**	**7.733,5**	**-32,7**	**41.535,4**	**28.259,5**	**-32,0**

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	January-June		Change	January-June		Change	January-June		Change
	2010	2011	(%)	2010	2011	(%)	2010	2011	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia,	1.256	781	-37,8	287	159	-44,8	1.079	547	-49,3
Kentriki Makedonia	3.302	2.026	-38,6	917	324	-64,7	3.180	1.300	-59,1
Dytiki Makedonia	421	269	-36,1	134	59	-56,1	469	216	-54,0
Thessalia	1.525	941	-38,3	331	176	-46,7	1.181	645	-45,4
Ipeiros	930	487	-47,6	217	118	-45,6	802	414	-48,4
Ionioi Nisoi	911	755	-17,1	165	110	-33,2	563	371	-34,0
Dytiki Ellas	2.084	1.237	-40,6	396	202	-48,9	1.367	766	-44,0
Sterea Ellas	1.890	1.303	-31,1	374	219	-41,4	1.367	791	-42,1
Peloponnisos	2.335	1.313	-43,8	480	237	-50,6	1.606	884	-45,0
Attiki	6.958	4.826	-30,6	1.165	706	-39,4	4.116	2.752	-33,1
Voreio Aigaio	673	495	-26,4	84	60	-28,7	276	208	-24,6
Notio Aigaio	1.431	876	-38,8	284	176	-37,8	893	600	-32,8
Kriti	1.506	902	-40,1	431	213	-50,5	1.674	715	-57,3
Greece, Total	**25.222**	**16.211**	**-35,7**	**5.263,6**	**2.760,0**	**-47,6**	**18.572,6**	**10.210,0**	**-45,0**

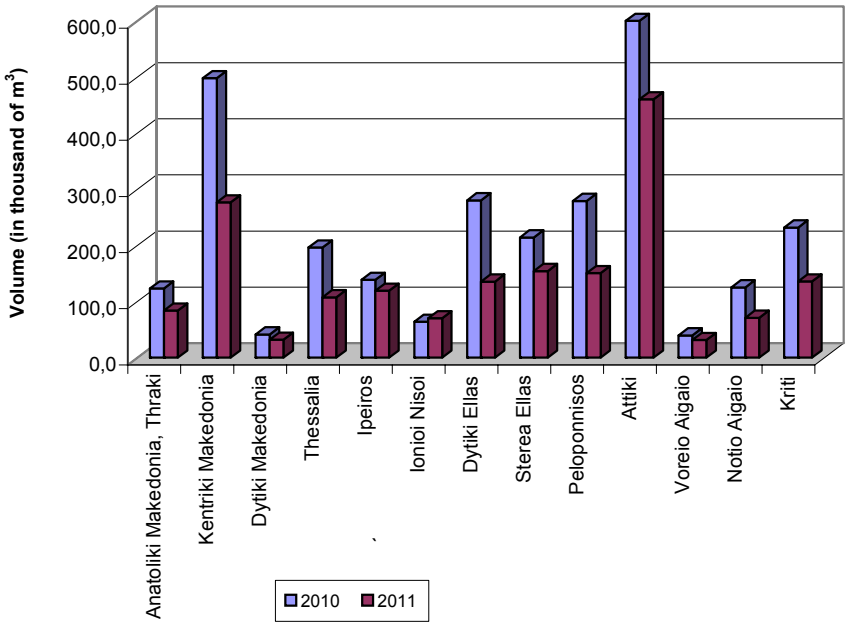
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- June 2010 and 2011 *

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	January-June		Change	January-June		Change	January-June		Change
	2010	2011	(%)	2010	2011	(%)	2010	2011	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia,	1.230	769	-37,5	263	141	-46,5	978	486	-50,3
Kentriki Makedonia	3.245	1.996	-38,5	893	313	-65,0	3.088	1.252	-59,4
Dytiki Makedonia	411	267	-35,0	117	58	-50,8	395	212	-46,3
Thessalia	1.507	936	-37,9	319	173	-45,9	1.125	631	-43,9
Ipeiros	922	484	-47,5	208	115	-44,9	758	398	-47,4
Ionioi Nisoi	908	754	-17,0	164	110	-33,2	561	370	-34,1
Dytiki Ellas	2.072	1.228	-40,7	388	200	-48,5	1.332	756	-43,3
Sterea Ellas	1.883	1.302	-30,9	373	219	-41,3	1.364	789	-42,1
Peloponnisos	2.322	1.307	-43,7	478	235	-50,8	1.601	875	-45,3
Attiki	6.952	4.823	-30,6	1.158	702	-39,3	4.092	2.737	-33,1
Voreio Aigaio	670	493	-26,4	83	60	-28,1	271	206	-23,9
Notio Aigaio	1.429	875	-38,8	279	176	-37,1	881	598	-32,1
Kriti	1.485	889	-40,1	414	202	-51,1	1.573	678	-56,9
Greece, Total	**25.036**	**16.123**	**-35,6**	**5.137,1**	**2.702,1**	**-47,4**	**18.018,9**	**9.989,9**	**-44,6**

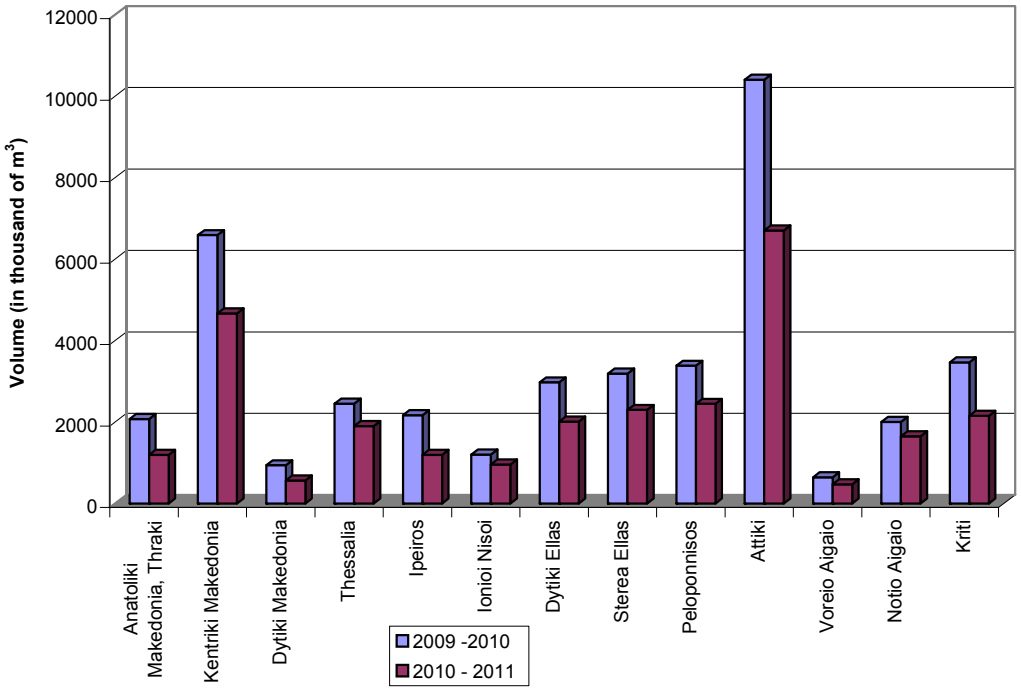
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in June 2010 and 2011*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period July 2009 - June 2010 and July 2010 - June 2011 *



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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

01/06/2011 to 30/06/2011

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.