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Building Activity Survey:

December 2010

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in December 2010 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 5.143. This figure corresponds to 1,109.2 thousand m^2 of surface and 4,245.8 thousand m^3 of volume, reflecting respectively a 2.7% increase in the number of building permits, a 6.4% decrease in surface and a 6.8% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2009 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 5,106 building permits, corresponding to 1,070.4 thousand m^2 of surface and 4,072.7 thousand m^3 of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2009 (Table 2), there is a 2.8% increase in the number of building permits, a 7.7% decrease in surface and a 8.6% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in December 2010 amounted to 37 building permits, corresponding to 38.8 thousand m^2 of surface and 173.1 thousand m^3 of volume.

The Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.1% of the total building volume in December 2010.

In the last twelve months, from January until December 2010, the total Building Activity (Private and Public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 49,974. This figure corresponds to 10,437.6 thousand m^2 of surface and 37,363.2 thousand m^3 of volume, reflecting a 11.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 19.9% decrease in surface and a 24.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January until December 2009 (Table 3).

In the same period from January until December 2010, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 10.9% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 19.8% decrease in surface and a 23.7% decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from January until December 2009 (Table 4).

For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.3% of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2009	2010		2009	2010		2009	2010	
Anatoliki Makedonia,	256	201	-21,5	57,0	38,3	-32,8	194,0	168,7	-13,0
Kentriki Makedonia	622	631	1,4	153,5	228,5	48,9	621,0	961,4	54,8
Dytiki Makedonia	74	94	27,0	12,6	16,4	30,1	50,8	63,5	25,1
Thessalia	293	287	-2,0	67,2	66,2	-1,5	235,6	265,3	12,6
Ipeiros	173	172	-0,6	74,1	59,5	-19,7	271,7	196,0	-27,9
Ionioi Nisoi	187	242	29,4	30,4	37,5	23,3	103,4	136,0	31,6
Dytiki Ellas	380	465	22,4	70,7	80,6	14,0	229,0	296,9	29,6
Stereia Ellas	364	447	22,8	68,2	77,5	13,7	245,4	285,5	16,3
Peloponnisos	397	493	24,2	101,8	100,6	-1,2	402,6	446,1	10,8
Attiki	1.438	1.317	-8,4	355,1	204,9	-42,3	1.538,3	731,9	-52,4
Voreio Aigaio	141	158	12,1	34,3	21,8	-36,3	114,5	70,6	-38,3
Notio Aigaio	349	218	-37,5	60,2	59,1	-1,9	195,4	190,5	-2,5
Kriti	333	418	25,5	100,0	118,3	18,4	356,3	433,4	21,7
Greece, Total	5.007	5.143	2,7	1.185,0	1.109,2	-6,4	4.558,0	4.245,8	-6,8

* Provisional data

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in December 2009 and 2010*

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2009	2010		2009	2010		2009	2010	
Anatoliki Makedonia,	252	199	-21,0	54,5	31,7	-41,8	184,3	111,9	-39,3
Kentriki Makedonia	608	621	2,1	145,3	222,0	52,8	588,7	932,9	58,5
Dytiki Makedonia	71	90	26,8	11,2	15,3	36,1	45,3	58,0	28,1
Thessalia	293	287	-2,0	67,2	66,2	-1,5	235,6	265,3	12,6
Ipeiros	171	168	-1,8	73,8	46,3	-37,2	270,5	152,7	-43,6
Ionioi Nisoi	186	241	29,6	30,4	37,5	23,3	103,4	136,0	31,6
Dytiki Ellas	375	462	23,2	70,3	78,9	12,3	227,4	291,5	28,1
Stereia Ellas	364	442	21,4	68,2	77,1	13,1	245,4	283,9	15,7
Peloponnisos	393	491	24,9	97,8	100,4	2,8	388,9	445,5	14,6
Attiki	1.438	1.315	-8,6	355,1	202,8	-42,9	1.538,3	722,6	-53,0
Voreio Aigaio	137	157	14,6	34,3	21,6	-36,9	114,5	69,7	-39,1
Notio Aigaio	349	218	-37,5	60,2	59,1	-1,9	195,4	190,5	-2,5
Kriti	330	415	25,8	90,9	111,5	22,7	319,9	412,3	28,9
Greece, Total	4.967	5.106	2,8	1.159,2	1.070,4	-7,7	4.457,5	4.072,7	-8,6

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)
	2009	2010		2009	2010		2009	2010	
Anatoliki Makedonia,	2.958	2.485	-16,0	643,9	535,5	-16,8	2.357,9	1.969,3	-16,5
Kentriki Makedonia	7.343	6.298	-14,2	1.938,4	1.798,2	-7,2	8.376,9	6.755,9	-19,4
Dytiki Makedonia	1.055	867	-17,8	271,1	227,5	-16,1	1.070,6	833,3	-22,2
Thessalia	3.327	3.077	-7,5	832,5	698,9	-16,0	3.085,7	2.503,7	-18,9
Ipeiros	2.040	1.839	-9,9	649,3	477,6	-26,5	2.442,9	1.699,8	-30,4
Ionioi Nisoι	2.037	2.030	-0,3	359,2	335,3	-6,6	1.258,7	1.161,5	-7,7
Dytiki Ellas	4.427	4.280	-3,3	941,2	767,2	-18,5	3.518,8	2.641,4	-24,9
Stereia Ellas	4.373	3.926	-10,2	1.049,3	819,4	-21,9	4.319,4	2.909,1	-32,7
Peloponnisos	4.642	4.634	-0,2	1.045,8	903,0	-13,7	3.684,1	3.161,4	-14,2
Attiki	15.347	13.222	-13,8	3.364,3	2.237,0	-33,5	12.415,8	8.004,8	-35,5
Voreio Aigaio	1.569	1.344	-14,3	213,5	162,4	-23,9	706,0	540,7	-23,4
Notio Aigaio	3.383	2.812	-16,9	608,7	595,1	-2,2	2.025,5	1.914,3	-5,5
Kriti	3.704	3.160	-14,7	1.109,5	880,5	-20,6	3.960,7	3.268,0	-17,5
Greece, Total	56.205	49.974	-11,1	13.026,6	10.437,6	-19,9	49.222,8	37.363,2	-24,1

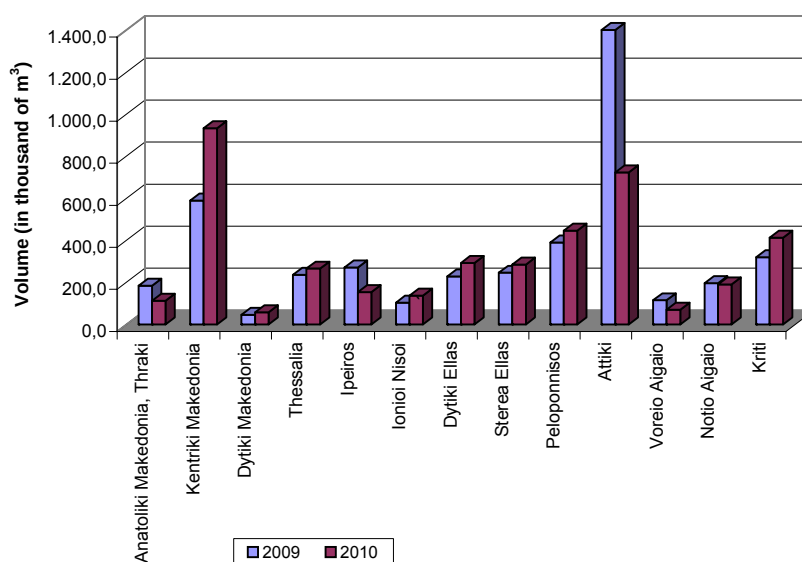
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Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January - December 2009 and January - December 2010 *

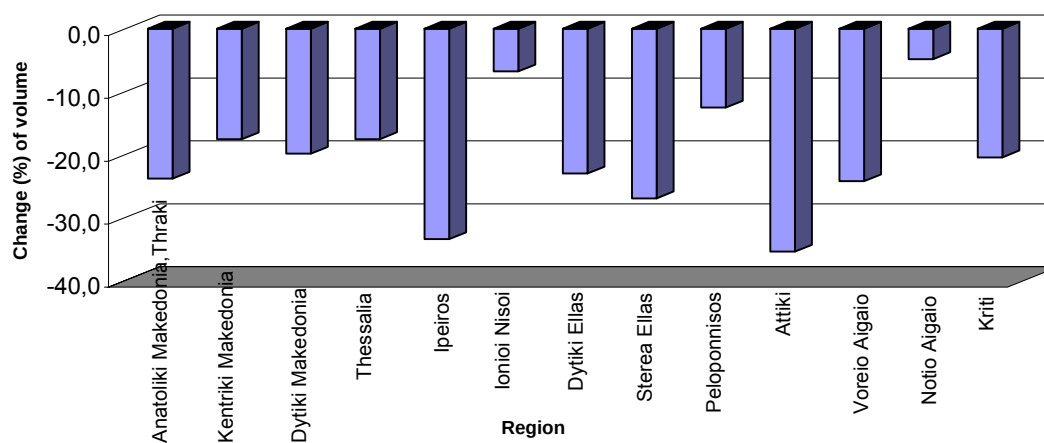
Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)
	2009	2010		2009	2010		2009	2010	
Anatoliki Makedonia,	2.898	2.444	-15,7	612,5	470,6	-23,2	2.227,6	1.696,6	-23,8
Kentriki Makedonia	7.202	6.181	-14,2	1.827,9	1.738,2	-4,9	7.885,6	6.498,4	-17,6
Dytiki Makedonia	1.022	847	-17,1	244,1	208,5	-14,6	934,0	748,5	-19,9
Thessalia	3.286	3.049	-7,2	796,0	680,1	-14,6	2.927,9	2.413,6	-17,6
Ipeiros	2.007	1.816	-9,5	623,6	439,5	-29,5	2.342,2	1.558,3	-33,5
Ionioi Nisoι	2.020	2.026	0,3	355,6	334,8	-5,8	1.244,5	1.159,8	-6,8
Dytiki Ellas	4.397	4.254	-3,3	897,3	748,3	-16,6	3.329,9	2.562,9	-23,0
Stereia Ellas	4.326	3.902	-9,8	979,6	776,4	-20,7	3.933,6	2.872,8	-27,0
Peloponnisos	4.595	4.612	0,4	1.025,4	900,2	-12,2	3.605,4	3.153,0	-12,5
Attiki	15.327	13.210	-13,8	3.352,5	2.226,9	-33,6	12.348,7	7.970,5	-35,5
Voreio Aigaio	1.552	1.339	-13,7	213,4	160,9	-24,6	705,7	534,5	-24,3
Notio Aigaio	3.372	2.806	-16,8	601,9	591,0	-1,8	1.999,0	1.902,4	-4,8
Kriti	3.675	3.122	-15,0	1.081,0	833,2	-22,9	3.835,6	3.051,1	-20,5
Greece, Total	55.679	49.608	-10,9	12.610,6	10.108,7	-19,8	47.319,6	36.122,3	-23,7

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



Graph 2. Private Building activity. Change (%) of building volume, by Region, for the period January until December 2009 and January until December 2010 *



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	01/12/2010 to 31/12/2010
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.