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Decrease in the volume of Total building Activity by 32.3 %

**Survey of Building Activity :**

July 2010

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in July 2010 the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole country, which is calculated by the number of issued building permits, amounted to 5.184. This figure corresponds to 1,015.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 3,809.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, which shows a decrease of 20.5%, in the number of building permits, of 32.1% in surface and of 32.3% in volume as compared to the same month of 2009 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 5,156 building permits, which corresponds to 986.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 3,675.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. As compared to the same month of 2009 (Table 2), there is a decrease in the number of building permits of 20.1%, in surface of 30.5% and in volume of 29.1% (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in June 2010, amounted to 28 building permits, which corresponds to 28.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 133.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. The contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building volume, in July 2010, is 3.5%.

In the last twelve months, from August 2009 until July 2010, the total Building Activity (Private and Public) in Country Total, measured by the number of issued building permits, amounted to 52,510. This figure corresponds to 11,338.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 41,403.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, which shows a decrease of 11.1% in the number of building permits, 20.8% in surface and 25.2% in volume compared to the respective period of August 2008 - July 2009 (Table 3). In the same period from August 2009 until July 2010, Private Building Activity shows in Country Total, a reduction by 10.9% in the number of issued building permits, 20.8% in surface and 25.2% in volume, compared to the respective period August 2008 - July 2009 (Table 4). The contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building volume, for the same period, is 3.1%.

During the period January-July 2010, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, indicated a decrease of 10.8% in the number of issued building permits, 21.2% in surface and 25.8% in volume compared to the same period of the year 2009 (Table 5).

During the same period January-July 2010, private building activity in the whole country, indicated a decrease of 10.6% in the number of issued building permits, 20.4% in surface and 24.8% in volume in comparison with the same period of January-July 2009 (Table 6).

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, on July 2009 and 2010 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July 2009	July 2010	Change (%)	July 2009	July 2010	Change (%)	July 2009	July 2010	Change (%)
E. Makedonia and Thraki	290	232	-20,0	63,0	40,5	-35,7	230,7	134,5	-41,7
Central Makedonia	779	626	-19,6	206,9	195,8	-5,4	785,9	837,4	6,5
Western Makedonia	119	79	-33,6	40,9	17,4	-57,4	185,9	77,3	-58,4
Thessalia	337	283	-16,0	82,0	68,4	-16,5	287,0	275,7	-3,9
Ipiros	191	170	-11,0	52,4	57,3	9,3	187,3	198,0	5,7
Ionian Islands	251	190	-24,3	46,2	27,8	-39,9	164,7	94,4	-42,7
Western Greece	525	445	-15,2	103,2	73,1	-29,1	383,8	244,9	-36,2
Central Greece	510	401	-21,4	148,2	94,4	-36,3	730,8	381,1	-47,8
Peloponissos	530	445	-16,0	109,0	70,6	-35,3	381,1	239,9	-37,0
Attiki	2.146	1.664	-22,5	465,3	242,5	-47,9	1.711,4	879,5	-48,6
North Egeo	182	93	-48,9	17,5	13,4	-23,4	54,9	43,8	-20,1
South Egeo	331	261	-21,1	75,6	44,8	-40,8	236,5	153,8	-35,0
Kriti	328	295	-10,1	85,1	69,3	-18,5	283,5	249,4	-12,0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>6.519</b>	<b>5.184</b>	<b>-20,5</b>	<b>1.495,6</b>	<b>1.015,5</b>	<b>-32,1</b>	<b>5.623,6</b>	<b>3.809,8</b>	<b>-32,3</b>

\* Provisional data

**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, on July 2009 and 2010\***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	July 2009	July 2010	Change (%)	July 2009	July 2010	Change (%)	July 2009	July 2010	Change (%)
E. Makedonia and Thraki	278	232	-16,5	52,5	40,5	-22,8	193,1	134,5	-30,3
Central Makedonia	769	614	-20,2	198,8	184,8	-7,0	750,5	780,3	4,0
Western Makedonia	114	79	-30,7	34,0	17,4	-48,7	148,5	77,3	-47,9
Thessalia	332	281	-15,4	69,5	65,9	-5,3	236,4	259,0	9,6
Ipiros	185	166	-10,3	49,3	46,9	-4,9	174,9	164,0	-6,2
Ionian Islands	247	190	-23,1	45,3	27,8	-38,6	161,6	94,4	-41,6
Western Greece	523	444	-15,1	102,1	71,5	-29,9	375,2	232,0	-38,2
Central Greece	504	400	-20,6	123,8	94,2	-24,0	518,7	379,5	-26,8
Peloponissos	520	442	-15,0	103,8	70,3	-32,2	360,5	238,6	-33,8
Attiki	2.140	1.662	-22,3	462,2	242,1	-47,6	1.689,1	877,9	-48,0
North Egeo	181	93	-48,6	17,4	13,4	-23,0	54,6	43,8	-19,7
South Egeo	330	260	-21,2	75,6	44,8	-40,8	236,5	153,7	-35,0
Kriti	327	293	-10,4	85,1	67,3	-21,0	283,5	240,7	-15,1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>6.450</b>	<b>5.156</b>	<b>-20,1</b>	<b>1.419,6</b>	<b>986,9</b>	<b>-30,5</b>	<b>5.183,1</b>	<b>3.675,9</b>	<b>-29,1</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period August 2008 - July 2009 and August 2009 - July 2010 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)
	2008/2009	2009/2010		2008/2009	2009/2010		2008/2009	2009/2010	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	3.027	2.740	-9,5	684,5	595,5	-13,0	2.530,3	2.165,4	-14,4
Central Makedonia	7.820	6.849	-12,4	2.260,7	1.829,0	-19,1	9.824,0	7.036,9	-28,4
Western Makedonia	1.166	929	-20,3	361,2	260,7	-27,8	1.484,9	979,8	-34,0
Thessalia	3.698	3.084	-16,6	1.026,5	708,9	-30,9	4.007,2	2.573,4	-35,8
Ipiros	2.015	1.958	-2,8	564,4	602,8	6,8	2.150,7	2.284,3	6,2
Ionian Islands	2.190	1.932	-11,8	427,4	332,5	-22,2	1.466,6	1.140,4	-22,2
Western Greece	4.276	4.373	2,3	1.050,7	826,8	-21,3	4.087,9	2.916,0	-28,7
Central Greece	4.576	3.996	-12,7	1.094,7	834,6	-23,8	4.716,7	3.125,3	-33,7
Peloponissos	4.943	4.594	-7,1	1.192,5	946,2	-20,7	4.330,5	3.304,1	-23,7
Attiki	16.315	14.107	-13,5	3.570,7	2.648,9	-25,8	13.401,0	9.668,7	-27,9
North Egeo	1.739	1.346	-22,6	245,5	192,7	-21,5	848,0	639,7	-24,6
South Egeo	3.396	3.278	-3,5	689,9	592,6	-14,1	2.351,8	1.943,7	-17,4
Kriti	3.902	3.324	-14,8	1.155,1	967,3	-16,3	4.133,4	3.625,9	-12,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>59.063</b>	<b>52.510</b>	<b>-11,1</b>	<b>14.323,9</b>	<b>11.338,5</b>	<b>-20,8</b>	<b>55.333,0</b>	<b>41.403,7</b>	<b>-25,2</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period August 2008 - July 2009 and August 2009 - July 2010 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)
	2008/2009	2009/2010		2008/2009	2009/2010		2008/2009	2009/2010	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	2.978	2.690	-9,7	661,8	559,4	-15,5	2.434,6	2.016,2	-17,2
Central Makedonia	7.674	6.728	-12,3	2.157,3	1.752,2	-18,8	9.406,5	6.703,5	-28,7
Western Makedonia	1.136	907	-20,2	336,1	237,7	-29,3	1.360,5	873,9	-35,8
Thessalia	3.591	3.052	-15,0	979,3	690,2	-29,5	3.772,7	2.476,9	-34,3
Ipiros	1.982	1.934	-2,4	543,6	572,9	5,4	2.068,8	2.160,1	4,4
Ionian Islands	2.177	1.921	-11,8	424,0	330,8	-22,0	1.453,7	1.133,8	-22,0
Western Greece	4.250	4.346	2,3	1.008,0	809,9	-19,7	3.911,4	2.832,3	-27,6
Central Greece	4.536	3.975	-12,4	1.036,5	821,1	-20,8	4.378,2	3.067,9	-29,9
Peloponissos	4.895	4.563	-6,8	1.169,5	935,6	-20,0	4.241,5	3.265,9	-23,0
Attiki	16.287	14.095	-13,5	3.562,2	2.633,0	-26,1	13.357,9	9.601,8	-28,1
North Egeo	1.727	1.336	-22,6	245,4	191,5	-22,0	847,7	635,1	-25,1
South Egeo	3.385	3.271	-3,4	682,1	587,0	-13,9	2.317,9	1.925,4	-16,9
Kriti	3.875	3.285	-15,2	1.139,4	926,0	-18,7	4.063,7	3.424,7	-15,7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>58.493</b>	<b>52.103</b>	<b>-10,9</b>	<b>13.945,3</b>	<b>11.047,3</b>	<b>-20,8</b>	<b>53.615,3</b>	<b>40.117,3</b>	<b>-25,2</b>

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January- July in 2009 and 2010 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January- 2009	July 2010	Change (%)	January- 2009	July 2010	Change (%)	January- 2009	July 2010	Change (%)
E. Makedonia and Thraki	1.706	1.488	-12,8	378	330	-12,8	1.406	1.214	-13,7
Central Makedonia	4.422	3.928	-11,2	1.217	1.108	-9,0	5.439	4.099	-24,6
Western Makedonia	626	500	-20,1	162	152	-6,4	637	546	-14,3
Thessalia	2.051	1.808	-11,8	523	400	-23,6	1.971	1.459	-26,0
Ipiros	1.182	1.100	-6,9	321	274	-14,5	1.158	1.000	-13,7
Ionian Islands	1.206	1.101	-8,7	218	191	-12,2	773	654	-15,3
Western Greece	2.583	2.529	-2,1	581	467	-19,7	2.212	1.610	-27,2
Central Greece	2.668	2.291	-14,1	685	471	-31,3	2.956	1.762	-40,4
Peloponissos	2.828	2.780	-1,7	651	551	-15,3	2.229	1.849	-17,0
Attiki	9.862	8.622	-12,6	2.121	1.406	-33,7	7.744	4.997	-35,5
North Egeo	989	766	-22,5	118	97	-17,7	383	316	-17,3
South Egeo	1.797	1.692	-5,8	343	327	-4,7	1.129	1.047	-7,2
Kriti	2.181	1.801	-17,4	639	497	-22,3	2.250	1.915	-14,9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>34.101</b>	<b>30.406</b>	<b>-10,8</b>	<b>7.958,3</b>	<b>6.270,2</b>	<b>-21,2</b>	<b>30.285,1</b>	<b>22.465,9</b>	<b>-25,8</b>

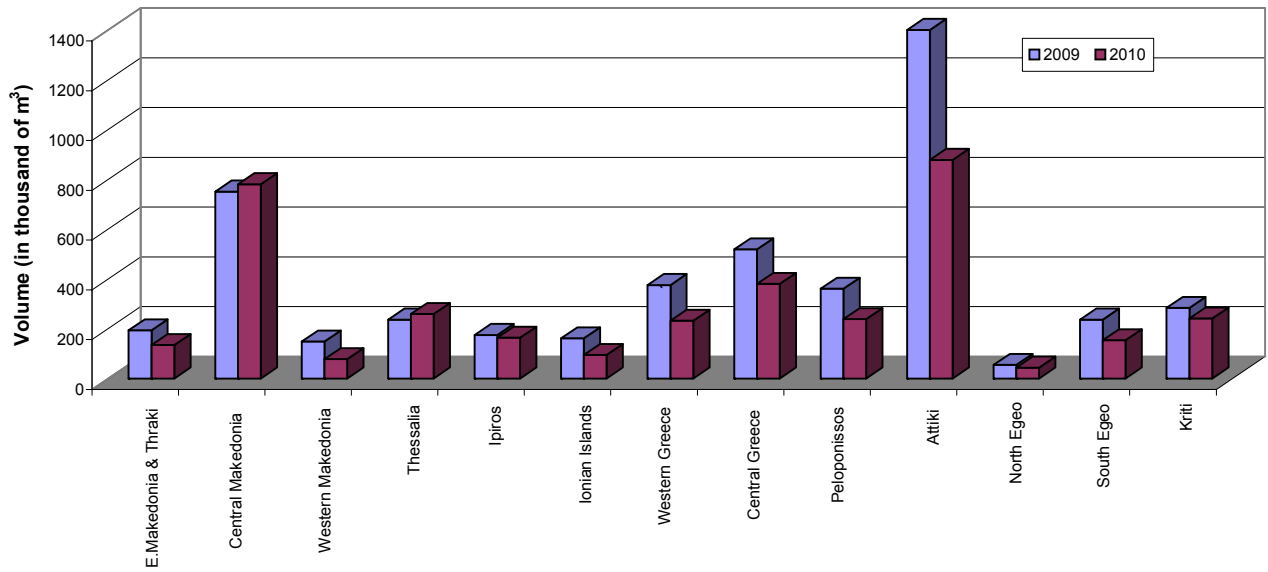
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**Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- July in 2009 and 2010 \***

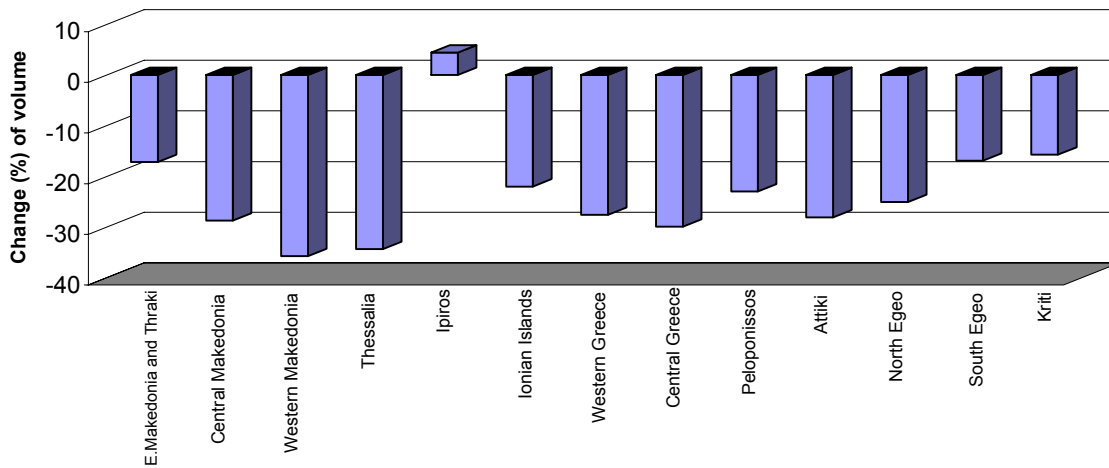
Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January- 2009	July 2010	Change (%)	January- 2009	July 2010	Change (%)	January- 2009	July 2010	Change (%)
E. Makedonia and Thraki	1.670	1.462	-12,5	358	305	-14,8	1.324	1.112	-16,0
Central Makedonia	4.333	3.859	-10,9	1.149	1.073	-6,6	5.131	3.948	-23,0
Western Makedonia	605	490	-19,0	142	136	-4,5	535	475	-11,2
Thessalia	2.022	1.788	-11,6	491	385	-21,5	1.838	1.387	-24,5
Ipiros	1.161	1.088	-6,3	306	255	-16,6	1.104	922	-16,5
Ionian Islands	1.197	1.098	-8,3	216	191	-11,5	763	653	-14,5
Western Greece	2.567	2.516	-2,0	545	458	-16,0	2.060	1.562	-24,2
Central Greece	2.634	2.283	-13,3	628	470	-25,2	2.623	1.757	-33,0
Peloponissos	2.796	2.764	-1,1	638	548	-14,1	2.180	1.841	-15,6
Attiki	9.846	8.614	-12,5	2.117	1.398	-34,0	7.718	4.971	-35,6
North Egeo	979	763	-22,1	118	96	-18,6	382	312	-18,5
South Egeo	1.790	1.689	-5,6	338	323	-4,4	1.109	1.036	-6,6
Kriti	2.168	1.778	-18,0	632	477	-24,5	2.220	1.809	-18,5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>33.768</b>	<b>30.192</b>	<b>-10,6</b>	<b>7.679,1</b>	<b>6.115,8</b>	<b>-20,4</b>	<b>28.986,3</b>	<b>21.784,0</b>	<b>-24,8</b>

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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, on July 2009 and 2010\***



**Graph 2. Private Building activity. Change (%) of building volume, by Region, for the period August 2008-July 2009 and August 2009-July 2010**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	The Building Activity Survey provides data on monthly and yearly basis, since 1964. The purpose of this survey is to register the total amount of building permits issued by the relevant 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 complementary areas, as well as building usage, surface, volume and value.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	The survey is totally harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
<b>Reference Period</b>	01/7/2010 to 31/7/2010
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total amount of issued building permits across the country.
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Building Permit</b> refers to all types of building permits. These are permits for new building or addition, repair, renovation, demolition, legalization, amendment and modification of a building.</p> <p>The denotation of <b>built-property</b> is equal to the building.</p> <p><b>Building</b> is regarded as every permanent and independent structure, which has walls and a roof and consists of one or more rooms and complementary areas. As a rule, buildings feature four walls. However, a construction that is open from one or even two sides will be considered a building, as long as it has a roof.</p> <p><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in place of an old building that was demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> is considered to be every construction that adds building volume (space) to an existing building, be it in surface, height or a combination of both and creates a residence, a shop or both.</p> <p><b>Building volume</b> (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.</p> <p><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
<b>General Remark</b>	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey can be found in EL.STAT's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , under the links: Statistical Themes à Building and Constructions à Building Activity or Constructions.