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23.2% decrease in the volume of Total Building Activity

Building Activity Survey:

September 2010

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in September 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 3.970. This figure corresponds to 880.4 thousand m² of surface and 3,128.6 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 15.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 17.2% decrease in surface and a 23.2% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2009 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 3,927 building permits, corresponding to 854.7 thousand m² of surface and 3,032.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2009 (Table 2), there is a 15.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 16.3% decrease in surface and a 21.9% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in September 2010 amounted to 43 building permits, corresponding to 25.7 thousand m² of surface and 96.2 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.1% of the total building volume in September 2010.

In the last twelve months, from October 2009 until September 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 51,652. This figure corresponds to 11,016.4 thousand m² of surface and 39,753.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 10.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 19.7% decrease in surface and a 24.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of October 2008 - September 2009 (Table 3).

In the same period from October 2009 until September 2010, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 10.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 19.3% decrease in surface and a 23.6% decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from October 2008 to September 2009 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.0% of the total building volume.

During the period January-September 2010, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 10.9% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 20.7% decrease in surface and a 25.7% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2009 (Table 5).

During the same period, January-September 2010, private building activity in the whole country recorded a 10.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 20.0% decrease in surface and a 24.8% decrease in volume in comparison with the same period of January-September 2009 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2009	2010		2009	2010		2009	2010	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	244	221	-9,4	69,7	38,7	-44,5	278,3	131,5	-52,8
Kentriki Makedonia	614	482	-21,5	177,4	187,5	5,7	705,6	729,0	3,3
Dytiki Makedonia	112	99	-11,6	35,6	17,5	-50,8	150,7	61,9	-58,9
Thessalia	305	301	-1,3	61,5	107,5	74,7	230,1	351,2	52,7
Ipeiros	162	135	-16,7	52,2	29,1	-44,2	204,9	106,3	-48,1
Ionioi Nisoi	189	159	-15,9	34,3	25,9	-24,4	120,4	87,5	-27,4
Dytiki Ellas	383	374	-2,3	67,1	59,5	-11,4	294,2	198,8	-32,4
Stereia Ellas	337	321	-4,7	63,1	93,8	48,6	208,9	318,1	52,2
Peloponnisos	394	352	-10,7	77,4	73,9	-4,5	296,8	254,3	-14,3
Attiki	1.111	993	-10,6	254,1	145,2	-42,9	961,5	546,5	-43,2
Voreio Aigaio	118	96	-18,6	19,2	8,7	-54,5	65,6	29,3	-55,4
Notio Aigaio	381	226	-40,7	59,0	38,2	-35,3	230,9	122,3	-47,0
Kriti	320	211	-34,1	93,1	54,9	-41,0	326,6	192,0	-41,2
Greece, Total	4.670	3.970	-15,0	1.063,7	880,4	-17,2	4.074,6	3.128,6	-23,2

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2009	2010		2009	2010		2009	2010	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	241	217	-10,0	68,4	36,7	-46,4	272,8	123,2	-54,9
Kentriki Makedonia	599	472	-21,2	150,1	180,1	20,0	584,9	696,2	19,0
Dytiki Makedonia	110	98	-10,9	34,8	16,9	-51,3	147,2	59,2	-59,8
Thessalia	300	297	-1,0	58,8	106,4	81,0	219,6	347,9	58,4
Ipeiros	158	131	-17,1	46,5	28,6	-38,4	179,3	104,4	-41,8
Ionioi Nisoi	187	159	-15,0	33,8	25,9	-23,4	118,4	87,5	-26,1
Dytiki Ellas	380	369	-2,9	66,6	56,1	-15,7	292,4	188,0	-35,7
Stereia Ellas	334	316	-5,4	61,0	91,7	50,3	196,3	310,9	58,4
Peloponnisos	391	351	-10,2	76,7	73,5	-4,2	293,0	251,3	-14,2
Attiki	1.109	993	-10,5	253,2	145,2	-42,7	957,7	546,5	-42,9
Voreio Aigaio	117	95	-18,8	19,2	8,6	-55,3	65,6	28,7	-56,2
Notio Aigaio	378	224	-40,7	58,8	36,3	-38,2	230,2	116,1	-49,6
Kriti	320	205	-35,9	93,1	48,6	-47,8	326,6	172,5	-47,2
Greece, Total	4.624	3.927	-15,1	1.021,0	854,7	-16,3	3.884,0	3.032,4	-21,9

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October-September		Change (%)	October-September		Change (%)	October-September		Change (%)
	2008 -2009	2009 - 2010		2008 -2009	2009 - 2010		2008 -2009	2009 - 2010	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	3.007	2.668	-11,3	664,4	540,3	-18,7	2.441,1	1.940,1	-20,5
Kentriki Makedonia	7.446	6.738	-9,5	2.056,7	1.843,4	-10,4	8.851,1	6.965,0	-21,3
Dytiki Makedonia	1.160	900	-22,4	340,8	238,1	-30,1	1.400,3	873,4	-37,6
Thessalia	3.467	3.126	-9,8	882,8	760,6	-13,8	3.462,1	2.700,0	-22,0
Ipeiros	2.028	1.895	-6,6	575,0	559,0	-2,8	2.157,1	2.094,6	-2,9
Ionioi Nisoi	2.111	1.925	-8,8	408,5	322,0	-21,2	1.406,9	1.098,0	-22,0
Dytiki Ellas	4.341	4.351	0,2	994,6	805,3	-19,0	3.717,6	2.746,3	-26,1
Stereia Ellas	4.488	3.936	-12,3	1.065,7	857,8	-19,5	4.519,4	3.166,1	-29,9
Peloponnisos	4.850	4.592	-5,3	1.140,0	936,3	-17,9	4.128,7	3.259,2	-21,1
Attiki	15.940	13.925	-12,6	3.489,5	2.492,9	-28,6	12.890,5	9.088,0	-29,5
Voreio Aigaio	1.670	1.346	-19,4	220,5	182,9	-17,1	748,5	606,9	-18,9
Notio Aigaio	3.508	3.084	-12,1	698,8	580,7	-16,9	2.399,5	1.858,1	-22,6
Kriti	3.875	3.166	-18,3	1.174,3	897,1	-23,6	4.190,1	3.358,3	-19,9
Greece, Total	57.891	51.652	-10,8	13.711,8	11.016,4	-19,7	52.312,7	39.753,9	-24,0

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Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period October 2008 - September 2009 and October 2009 -September 2010 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October-September		Change (%)	October-September		Change (%)	October-September		Change (%)
	2008 -2009	2009 - 2010		2008 -2009	2009 - 2010		2008 -2009	2009 - 2010	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.957	2.618	-11,5	641,1	504,6	-21,3	2.343,1	1.792,5	-23,5
Kentriki Makedonia	7.302	6.622	-9,3	1.928,8	1.784,8	-7,5	8.325,5	6.712,6	-19,4
Dytiki Makedonia	1.129	879	-22,1	314,5	215,3	-31,5	1.271,3	767,7	-39,6
Thessalia	3.424	3.095	-9,6	837,6	743,6	-11,2	3.233,3	2.611,4	-19,2
Ipeiros	1.993	1.873	-6,0	548,9	533,3	-2,8	2.050,5	1.990,5	-2,9
Ionioi Nisoi	2.095	1.917	-8,5	404,7	320,7	-20,7	1.392,0	1.093,4	-21,5
Dytiki Ellas	4.315	4.322	0,2	956,8	784,1	-18,0	3.558,3	2.647,3	-25,6
Stereia Ellas	4.444	3.914	-11,9	1.005,3	841,8	-16,3	4.166,7	3.108,4	-25,4
Peloponnisos	4.798	4.565	-4,9	1.117,4	926,2	-17,1	4.041,2	3.222,7	-20,3
Attiki	15.917	13.915	-12,6	3.484,7	2.477,9	-28,9	12.861,5	9.024,9	-29,8
Voreio Aigaio	1.657	1.337	-19,3	220,4	181,6	-17,6	748,2	601,6	-19,6
Notio Aigaio	3.495	3.078	-11,9	690,8	573,5	-17,0	2.364,9	1.834,4	-22,4
Kriti	3.853	3.123	-18,9	1.159,4	849,9	-26,7	4.114,4	3.151,0	-23,4
Greece, Total	57.379	51.258	-10,7	13.310,5	10.737,4	-19,3	50.470,8	38.558,2	-23,6

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-September		Change (%)	January-September		Change (%)	January-September		Change (%)
	2009	2010		2009	2010		2009	2010	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.180	1.890	-13,3	495	392	-20,9	1.847	1.429	-22,6
Kentriki Makedonia	5.396	4.791	-11,2	1.474	1.379	-6,4	6.442	5.030	-21,9
Dytiki Makedonia	807	652	-19,2	214	181	-15,4	850	653	-23,2
Thessalia	2.511	2.310	-8,0	615	543	-11,7	2.313	1.927	-16,7
Ipeiros	1.517	1.372	-9,6	432	342	-20,9	1.587	1.239	-21,9
Ionioi Nisoi	1.520	1.408	-7,4	276	239	-13,5	975	814	-16,5
Dytiki Ellas	3.263	3.187	-2,3	710	575	-19,1	2.736	1.963	-28,2
Stereia Ellas	3.261	2.824	-13,4	799	607	-24,0	3.375	2.221	-34,2
Peloponnisos	3.448	3.398	-1,5	781	671	-14,0	2.685	2.260	-15,8
Attiki	11.372	9.950	-12,5	2.490	1.619	-35,0	9.089	5.762	-36,6
Voreio Aigaio	1.187	964	-18,8	149	119	-20,5	492	393	-20,1
Notio Aigaio	2.423	2.124	-12,3	450	422	-6,2	1.516	1.349	-11,0
Kriti	2.760	2.222	-19,5	823	611	-25,8	2.912	2.310	-20,7
Greece, Total	41.645	37.092	-10,9	9.710,6	7.700,4	-20,7	36.819,0	27.350,1	-25,7

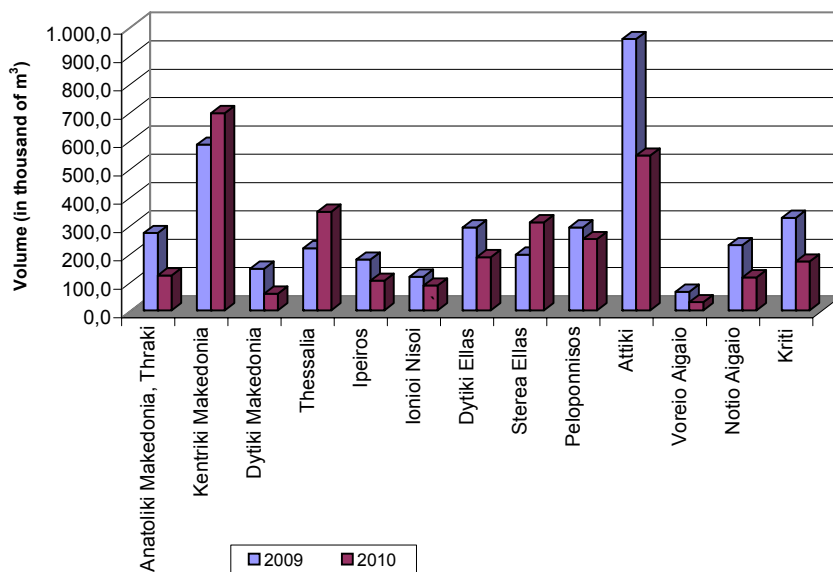
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- September in 2009 and 2010 *

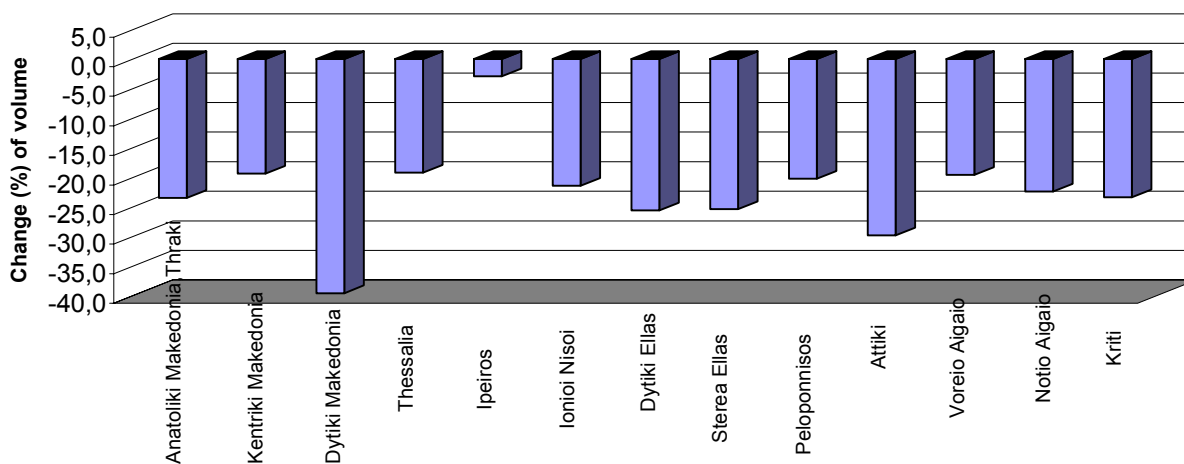
Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-September		Change (%)	January-September		Change (%)	January-September		Change (%)
	2009	2010		2009	2010		2009	2010	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.136	1.856	-13,1	473	365	-22,8	1.752	1.317	-24,8
Kentriki Makedonia	5.287	4.707	-11,0	1.377	1.334	-3,1	6.006	4.833	-19,5
Dytiki Makedonia	782	639	-18,3	193	164	-14,9	741	575	-22,4
Thessalia	2.476	2.285	-7,7	580	528	-9,0	2.167	1.851	-14,6
Ipeiros	1.489	1.355	-9,0	412	321	-21,9	1.506	1.155	-23,3
Ionioi Nisoi	1.508	1.405	-6,8	273	239	-12,7	963	812	-15,7
Dytiki Ellas	3.243	3.168	-2,3	674	561	-16,8	2.581	1.899	-26,4
Stereia Ellas	3.220	2.808	-12,8	739	601	-18,7	3.023	2.197	-27,3
Peloponnisos	3.411	3.381	-0,9	768	668	-12,9	2.633	2.250	-14,5
Attiki	11.354	9.942	-12,4	2.486	1.611	-35,2	9.060	5.737	-36,7
Voreio Aigaio	1.175	960	-18,3	149	117	-21,3	492	388	-21,2
Notio Aigaio	2.412	2.118	-12,2	445	416	-6,4	1.495	1.331	-11,0
Kriti	2.744	2.192	-20,1	812	581	-28,5	2.850	2.165	-24,0
Greece, Total	41.237	36.816	-10,7	9.379,0	7.505,7	-20,0	35.270,6	26.509,2	-24,8

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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, on September 2009 and 2010



Graph 2. Private Building activity. Change (%) of building volume, by Region, for the period October 2008 - September 2009 and October 2009 -September 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	01/9/2010 to 30/9/2010
Coverage	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
Definitions	<p>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.</p> <p>The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".</p> <p>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.</p> <p>New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p>
General Remark	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.
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.