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Building Activity Survey: December 2013

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in December 2013 the Total Building Activity (private-public), in the country as a whole -which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits in the country- amounted to 1,265. This figure corresponds to 214.4 thousand m² of surface and 831.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 29.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 44.7% decrease in surface and a 45.8% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,250 building permits, corresponding to 203.3 thousand m² of surface and 797.8 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 29.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 44.4% decrease in surface and a 43.9% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in December 2013 amounted to 15 building permits, corresponding to 11.0 thousand m² of surface and 33.4 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 4.0% of the total building volume in December 2013.

In the last twelve months, from January until December 2013, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 16,384. This figure corresponds to 3,042.0 thousand m² of surface and 12,249.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 27.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 28.2% decrease in surface and a 25.7% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January to December 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period, from January until December 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 27.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 28.3% decrease in surface and a 25.6% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from January to December 2012 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.7% of the total building volume.

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in December 2012 and 2013 ^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	93	42	-54,8	17,2	7,6	-55,9	63,4	34,1	-46,3
Kentriki Makedonia	266	150	-43,6	85,6	28,4	-66,8	390,7	109,3	-72,0
Dytiki Makedonia	34	23	-32,4	20,1	3,7	-81,8	58,1	12,4	-78,7
Thessalia	108	76	-29,6	21,6	22,6	4,3	88,5	80,8	-8,6
Ipeiros	41	51	24,4	6,6	7,0	5,6	23,5	27,3	16,2
Ionioi Nisoi	76	32	-57,9	12,7	3,5	-72,2	48,0	11,4	-76,2
Dytiki Ellada	135	123	-8,9	26,8	20,2	-24,8	109,5	80,0	-26,9
Stereia Ellada	130	106	-18,5	26,1	21,0	-19,5	119,8	98,0	-18,2
Peloponnisos	181	113	-37,6	30,4	20,9	-31,2	113,8	78,6	-30,9
Attiki	364	277	-23,9	74,8	27,9	-62,7	291,5	110,6	-62,0
Voreio Aigaio	90	49	-45,6	15,3	6,2	-59,3	57,8	24,1	-58,3
Notio Aigaio	144	125	-13,2	23,1	23,7	2,8	79,9	83,9	5,0
Kriti	136	98	-27,9	27,1	21,7	-19,8	88,1	80,6	-8,5
Greece, Total	1.798	1.265	-29,6	387,3	214,4	-44,7	1.532,4	831,2	-45,8

(1) Provisional data

(2) It should be noted that any differences between the increase/ decrease in the number of the issued building permits and the corresponding increase/decrease in the surface or volume may be on account of individual building permits involving big surface or volume or of building permits that do not concern surface or volume, such as amendments, restorations, demolitions, etc.

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in December 2012 and 2013 ⁽¹⁾

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	92	41	-55,4	17,2	7,6	-55,8	63,2	34,1	-46,1
Kentriki Makedonia	261	150	-42,5	82,2	28,4	-65,4	374,3	109,3	-70,8
Dytiki Makedonia	33	22	-33,3	20,1	3,7	-81,8	58,1	12,4	-78,7
Thessalia	106	71	-33,0	19,7	13,0	-33,7	79,9	54,8	-31,5
Ipeiros	41	51	24,4	6,6	7,0	5,6	23,5	27,3	16,2
Ionioi Nisoi	76	32	-57,9	12,7	3,5	-72,2	48,0	11,4	-76,2
Dytiki Ellada	133	123	-7,5	19,4	20,2	4,2	79,7	80,0	0,4
Stereia Ellada	130	106	-18,5	26,1	21,0	-19,5	119,8	98,0	-18,2
Peloponnisos	180	109	-39,4	30,4	20,4	-33,0	113,8	76,2	-33,0
Attiki	356	276	-22,5	66,2	26,9	-59,4	237,7	105,7	-55,5
Voreio Aigaio	89	49	-44,9	15,0	6,2	-58,3	55,4	24,1	-56,5
Notio Aigaio	143	125	-12,6	23,1	23,7	2,9	79,9	83,9	5,1
Kriti	136	95	-30,1	27,1	21,7	-19,8	88,1	80,6	-8,5
Greece, Total	1.776	1.250	-29,6	365,5	203,3	-44,4	1.421,4	797,8	-43,9

(1) Provisional data

Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January - December 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-December 2012	2013	Change (%)	January-December 2012	2013	Change (%)	January-December 2012	2013	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.097	713	-35,0	192,0	225,1	17,3	720,5	923,0	28,1
Kentriki Makedonia	3.215	2.185	-32,0	767,7	514,6	-33,0	3.479,3	2.226,2	-36,0
Dytiki Makedonia	437	313	-28,4	118,0	91,9	-22,1	433,1	432,1	-0,2
Thessalia	1.372	1.030	-24,9	243,5	196,2	-19,5	894,4	762,3	-14,8
Ipeiros	814	509	-37,5	144,7	65,9	-54,4	471,3	232,6	-50,6
Ionioi Nisoi	867	529	-39,0	161,5	85,7	-46,9	559,6	301,4	-46,1
Dytiki Ellada	1.841	1.452	-21,1	296,1	203,9	-31,2	1.146,5	783,5	-31,7
Sterea Ellada	1.696	1.337	-21,2	299,4	242,9	-18,9	1.381,7	1.154,1	-16,5
Peloponnisos	2.412	1.747	-27,6	411,6	319,5	-22,4	1.540,2	1.199,0	-22,2
Attiki	5.077	3.675	-27,6	848,1	560,9	-33,9	3.177,6	2.298,0	-27,7
Voreio Aigaio	783	556	-29,0	113,2	65,4	-42,2	409,0	236,1	-42,3
Notio Aigaio	1.647	1.269	-23,0	311,1	215,5	-30,7	1.140,6	741,1	-35,0
Kriti	1.369	1.069	-21,9	329,5	254,6	-22,7	1.137,1	959,6	-15,6
Greece, Total	22.627	16.384	-27,6	4.236,3	3.042,0	-28,2	16.491,0	12.249,0	-25,7

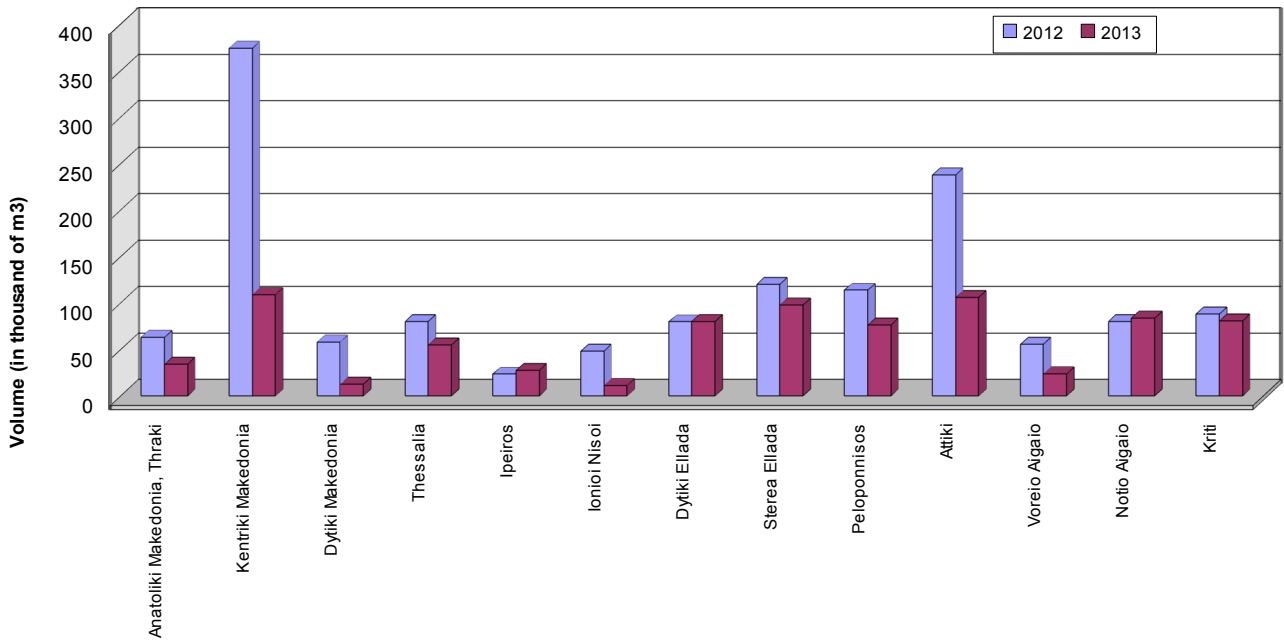
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Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January - December 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-December 2012	2013	Change (%)	January-December 2012	2013	Change (%)	January-December 2012	2013	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.083	697	-35,6	183,1	214,2	17,0	684,5	873,6	27,6
Kentriki Makedonia	3.154	2.153	-31,7	717,2	496,2	-30,8	3.282,3	2.153,5	-34,4
Dytiki Makedonia	425	309	-27,3	97,0	87,8	-9,5	355,1	415,8	17,1
Thessalia	1.363	1.004	-26,3	232,0	166,4	-28,3	847,8	641,4	-24,4
Ipeiros	810	507	-37,4	143,3	65,9	-54,0	467,6	232,6	-50,3
Ionioi Nisoi	866	528	-39,0	161,5	85,5	-47,0	559,6	300,3	-46,3
Dytiki Ellada	1.824	1.443	-20,9	277,2	193,1	-30,3	1.062,9	715,7	-32,7
Sterea Ellada	1.688	1.331	-21,1	298,9	241,9	-19,1	1.379,3	1.151,2	-16,5
Peloponnisos	2.371	1.721	-27,4	395,8	307,8	-22,2	1.455,6	1.152,8	-20,8
Attiki	5.058	3.658	-27,7	828,9	529,3	-36,1	3.088,8	2.178,8	-29,5
Voreio Aigaio	778	553	-28,9	105,7	61,6	-41,7	363,0	220,3	-39,3
Notio Aigaio	1.644	1.260	-23,4	311,0	209,8	-32,5	1.139,9	717,4	-37,1
Kriti	1.351	1.046	-22,6	294,5	243,0	-17,5	999,9	916,8	-8,3
Greece, Total	22.415	16.210	-27,7	4.046,1	2.902,6	-28,3	15.686,4	11.670,3	-25,6

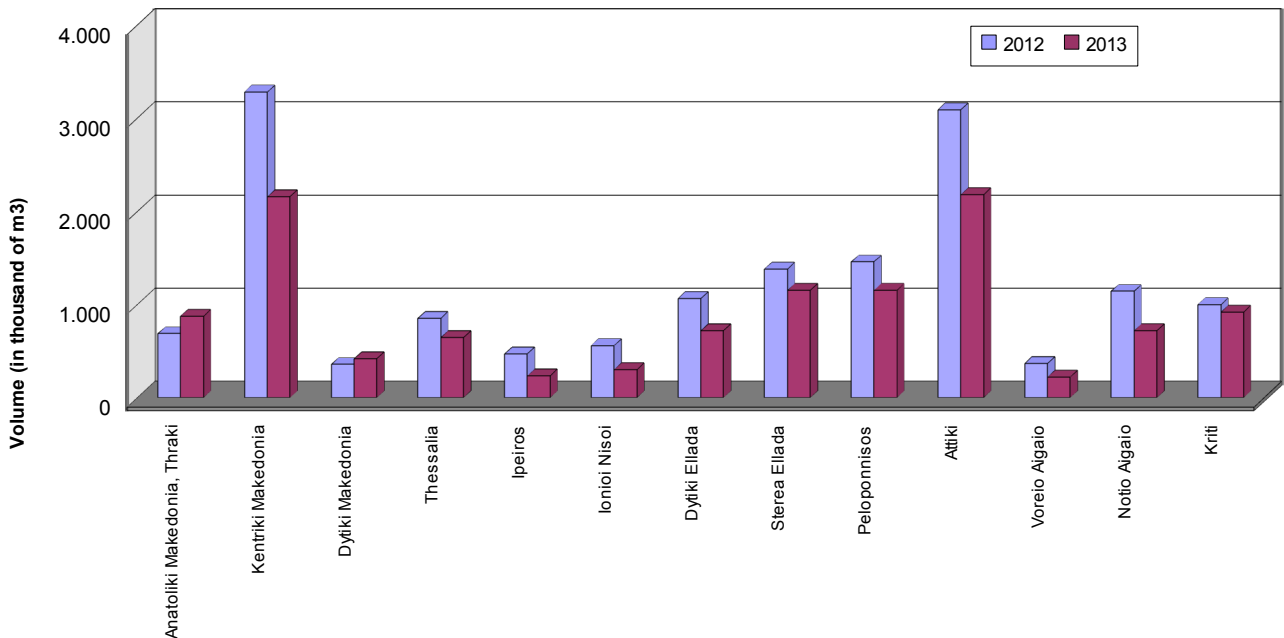
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in December 2012 and 2013*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - December 2012 and 2013 *



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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	01/12/2013 to 31/12/2013
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 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.</p> <p>Surface of new-built property is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
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.