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Building Activity Survey: October 2013

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in October 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 1,567. This figure corresponds to 279.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,139.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 4.1% increase in the number of building permits, an 1.0% increase in surface and a 5.7% increase in volume, compared to the same month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,548 building permits, corresponding to 269.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,093.9 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 4.1% increase in the number of building permits, a 3.6% increase in surface and an 8.7% increase in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in October 2013 amounted to 19 building permits, corresponding to 10.3 thousand m² of surface and 45.3 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 4.0% of the total building volume in October 2013.

In the last twelve months, from November 2012 until October 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 16,498. This figure corresponds to 3,091.3 thousand m² of surface and 12,321.1 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 36.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 35.0% decrease in surface and a 33.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from November 2011 to October 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period, from November 2012 until October 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 36.9% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 35.4 % decrease in surface and a 33.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from November 2011 to October 2012 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 5.1% of the total building volume.

During the period January-October 2013, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 31.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 31.4% decrease in surface and a 29.3% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2012 (Table 5).

During the same period, January-October 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 31.2% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 31.5% decrease in surface and a 29.4% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January-October 2012 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in October 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	58	71	22,4	9,1	16,5	80,9	30,7	71,1	131,5
Kentriki Makedonia	224	208	-7,1	46,8	66,2	41,4	214,0	315,6	47,5
Dytiki Makedonia	41	31	-24,4	14,2	10,7	-24,1	50,0	51,5	3,0
Thessalia	100	106	6,0	17,9	19,6	9,7	66,7	79,6	19,3
Ipeiros	47	43	-8,5	6,1	2,6	-56,7	17,8	8,8	-50,5
Ionioi Nisoi	52	39	-25,0	12,0	9,1	-24,2	44,1	29,2	-33,7
Dytiki Ellada	127	147	15,7	18,7	22,3	19,2	68,8	87,0	26,3
Stereia Ellada	95	124	30,5	20,5	16,0	-21,7	109,4	71,9	-34,3
Peloponnisos	168	152	-9,5	22,7	23,1	1,9	94,8	84,7	-10,7
Attiki	322	346	7,5	48,2	37,1	-23,0	173,6	131,1	-24,5
Voreio Aigaio	57	53	-7,0	6,5	6,0	-7,3	23,6	21,8	-7,8
Notio Aigaio	118	122	3,4	26,4	24,0	-9,3	83,4	87,9	5,4
Kriti	97	125	28,9	27,5	26,0	-5,5	100,2	99,0	-1,2
Greece, Total	1.506	1.567	4,1	276,5	279,4	1,0	1.077,3	1.139,2	5,7

* Provisional data

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in October 2012 and 2013* **

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	57	70	22,8	8,0	16,4	105,5	26,1	70,8	171,0
Kentriki Makedonia	218	205	-6,0	45,1	65,1	44,5	206,4	310,8	50,6
Dytiki Makedonia	40	31	-22,5	14,2	10,7	-24,1	50,0	51,5	3,0
Thessalia	98	103	5,1	15,2	18,6	22,1	54,2	73,7	36,1
Ipeiros	47	43	-8,5	6,1	2,6	-56,7	17,8	8,8	-50,5
Ionioi Nisoi	52	39	-25,0	12,0	9,1	-24,2	44,1	29,2	-33,7
Dytiki Ellada	125	146	16,8	17,7	20,1	13,3	65,0	78,0	19,9
Stereia Ellada	95	123	29,5	20,5	16,0	-21,8	109,4	71,8	-34,4
Peloponnisos	168	148	-11,9	22,7	20,7	-9,0	94,8	73,5	-22,5
Attiki	321	346	7,8	47,6	37,1	-22,0	171,2	131,1	-23,4
Voreio Aigaio	57	52	-8,8	6,5	5,8	-10,4	23,6	21,2	-10,3
Notio Aigaio	117	121	3,4	26,4	21,5	-18,7	83,4	76,7	-8,1
Kriti	92	121	31,5	17,9	25,3	41,8	59,9	96,8	61,5
Greece, Total	1.487	1.548	4,1	259,7	269,1	3,6	1.006,0	1.093,9	8,7

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** It should be noticed 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 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period November 2011 - October 2012 and November 2012 - October 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.224	776	-36,6	210,7	226,2	7,4	785,1	873,0	11,2
Kentriki Makedonia	3.601	2.256	-37,4	855,9	541,4	-36,7	3.953,4	2.377,8	-39,9
Dytiki Makedonia	493	306	-37,9	112,8	96,4	-14,5	440,6	412,9	-6,3
Thessalia	1.616	1.052	-34,9	288,2	191,2	-33,6	1.083,1	751,7	-30,6
Ipeiros	980	464	-52,7	180,4	61,6	-65,8	615,8	212,4	-65,5
Ionioi Nisoi	1.106	565	-48,9	193,7	96,4	-50,2	663,3	330,4	-50,2
Dytiki Ellada	2.094	1.425	-31,9	320,1	203,3	-36,5	1.206,1	774,7	-35,8
Stereia Ellada	2.053	1.324	-35,5	356,0	242,0	-32,0	1.607,9	1.144,5	-28,8
Peloponnisos	2.729	1.780	-34,8	484,3	320,0	-33,9	1.786,4	1.184,3	-33,7
Attiki	6.050	3.702	-38,8	913,5	603,0	-34,0	3.407,0	2.433,0	-28,6
Voreio Aigaio	866	579	-33,1	115,9	72,6	-37,4	410,0	262,8	-35,9
Notio Aigaio	1.826	1.211	-33,7	338,4	195,7	-42,2	1.229,5	676,7	-45,0
Kriti	1.489	1.058	-28,9	384,5	241,4	-37,2	1.311,9	886,9	-32,4
Greece, Total	26.127	16.498	-36,9	4.754,3	3.091,3	-35,0	18.500,3	12.321,1	-33,4

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Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period November 2011 - October 2012 and November 2012 - October 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)	November - October		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.205	763	-36,7	207,9	214,8	3,3	774,5	827,2	6,8
Kentriki Makedonia	3.530	2.224	-37,0	794,3	523,7	-34,1	3.690,6	2.304,3	-37,6
Dytiki Makedonia	479	302	-37,0	89,4	92,3	3,2	349,5	396,6	13,5
Thessalia	1.607	1.034	-35,7	273,1	169,4	-38,0	1.022,7	650,8	-36,4
Ipeiros	976	460	-52,9	177,7	61,6	-65,3	606,9	212,3	-65,0
Ionioi Nisoi	1.105	565	-48,9	193,7	96,4	-50,2	663,3	330,4	-50,2
Dytiki Ellada	2.077	1.414	-31,9	307,1	185,1	-39,7	1.146,2	677,1	-40,9
Stereia Ellada	2.045	1.316	-35,6	354,8	241,0	-32,1	1.603,6	1.141,7	-28,8
Peloponnisos	2.678	1.761	-34,2	465,7	309,2	-33,6	1.690,5	1.142,7	-32,4
Attiki	6.039	3.678	-39,1	902,8	563,9	-37,5	3.371,9	2.265,1	-32,8
Voreio Aigaio	862	575	-33,3	108,8	68,3	-37,2	366,4	244,7	-33,2
Notio Aigaio	1.824	1.201	-34,2	338,2	190,0	-43,8	1.228,9	652,9	-46,9
Kriti	1.470	1.039	-29,3	349,5	230,0	-34,2	1.174,7	844,5	-28,1
Greece, Total	25.897	16.332	-36,9	4.563,1	2.945,7	-35,4	17.689,5	11.690,4	-33,9

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January- October 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	924	603	-34,7	155,0	189,3	22,1	583,3	735,8	26,1
Kentriki Makedonia	2.812	1.853	-34,1	660,5	434,2	-34,3	2.994,6	1.893,1	-36,8
Dytiki Makedonia	380	249	-34,5	92,6	71,1	-23,3	358,1	337,9	-5,6
Thessalia	1.200	880	-26,7	211,9	159,6	-24,7	766,1	623,4	-18,6
Ipeiros	753	403	-46,5	134,9	51,9	-61,5	438,4	179,5	-59,1
Ionioi Nisoi	756	454	-39,9	138,0	72,9	-47,2	477,7	248,5	-48,0
Dytiki Ellada	1.584	1.168	-26,3	252,6	159,8	-36,7	974,6	602,7	-38,2
Stereia Ellada	1.496	1.124	-24,9	265,8	208,4	-21,6	1.236,0	998,9	-19,2
Peloponnisos	2.101	1.469	-30,1	360,6	269,0	-25,4	1.347,9	992,0	-26,4
Attiki	4.425	3.050	-31,1	727,1	481,9	-33,7	2.732,4	1.987,8	-27,3
Voreio Aigaio	653	449	-31,2	91,3	50,7	-44,5	329,8	183,6	-44,3
Notio Aigaio	1.417	981	-30,8	273,8	158,4	-42,2	1.011,1	547,2	-45,9
Kriti	1.172	861	-26,5	287,8	199,8	-30,6	1.001,6	751,4	-25,0
Greece, Total	19.673	13.544	-31,2	3.652,0	2.506,9	-31,4	14.251,7	10.081,8	-29,3

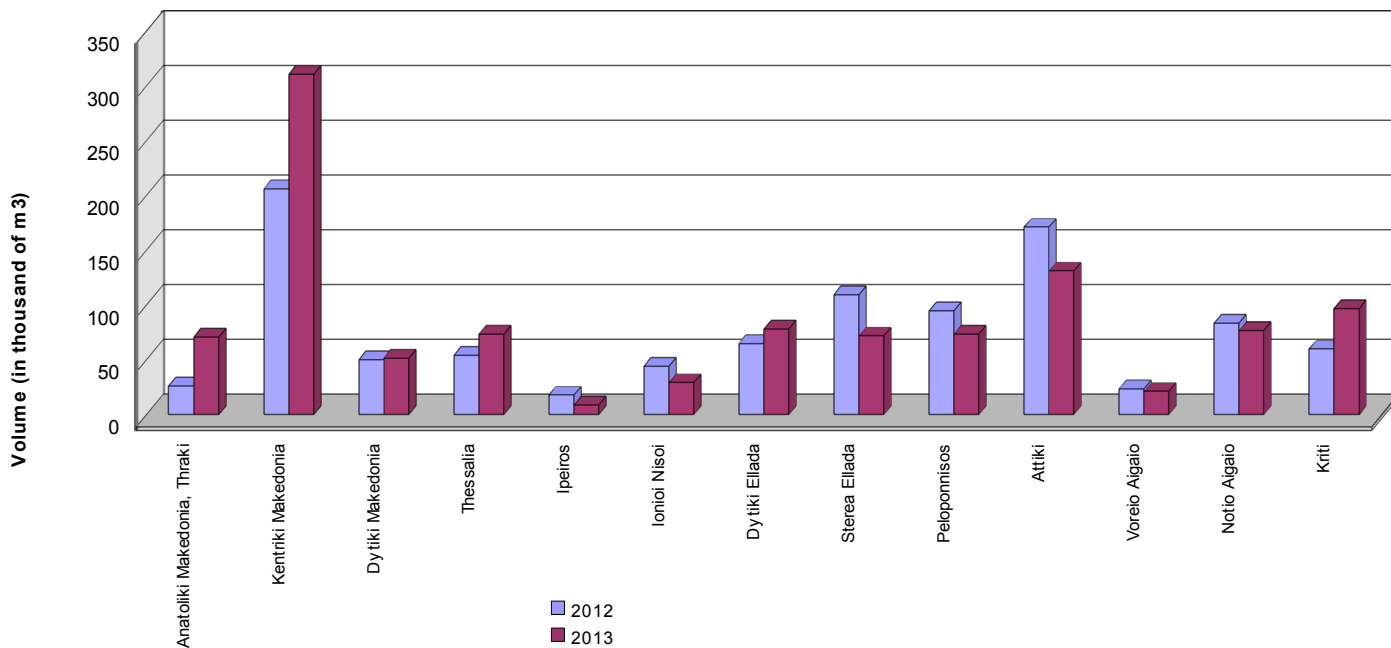
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- October 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)	January - October		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	912	592	-35,1	153,5	185,2	20,6	577,5	720,2	24,7
Kentriki Makedonia	2.756	1.826	-33,7	613,3	419,8	-31,5	2.814,0	1.836,0	-34,8
Dytiki Makedonia	369	246	-33,3	71,7	67,0	-6,6	280,1	321,6	14,8
Thessalia	1.193	864	-27,6	202,3	139,8	-30,9	728,1	531,0	-27,1
Ipeiros	751	401	-46,6	133,6	51,9	-61,2	434,8	179,5	-58,7
Ionioi Nisoi	755	454	-39,9	138,0	72,9	-47,2	477,7	248,5	-48,0
Dytiki Ellada	1.569	1.159	-26,1	241,2	149,1	-38,2	920,8	535,0	-41,9
Stereia Ellada	1.490	1.118	-25,0	265,3	207,4	-21,8	1.233,6	996,0	-19,3
Peloponnisos	2.061	1.451	-29,6	344,9	258,2	-25,1	1.263,3	950,5	-24,8
Attiki	4.415	3.035	-31,3	716,4	451,4	-37,0	2.697,3	1.873,6	-30,5
Voreio Aigaio	649	446	-31,3	84,2	46,8	-44,4	286,2	167,8	-41,4
Notio Aigaio	1.415	972	-31,3	273,7	152,7	-44,2	1.010,5	523,5	-48,2
Kriti	1.154	842	-27,0	252,9	188,3	-25,5	864,4	709,0	-18,0
Greece, Total	19.489	13.406	-31,2	3.490,9	2.390,5	-31,5	13.588,2	9.592,1	-29,4

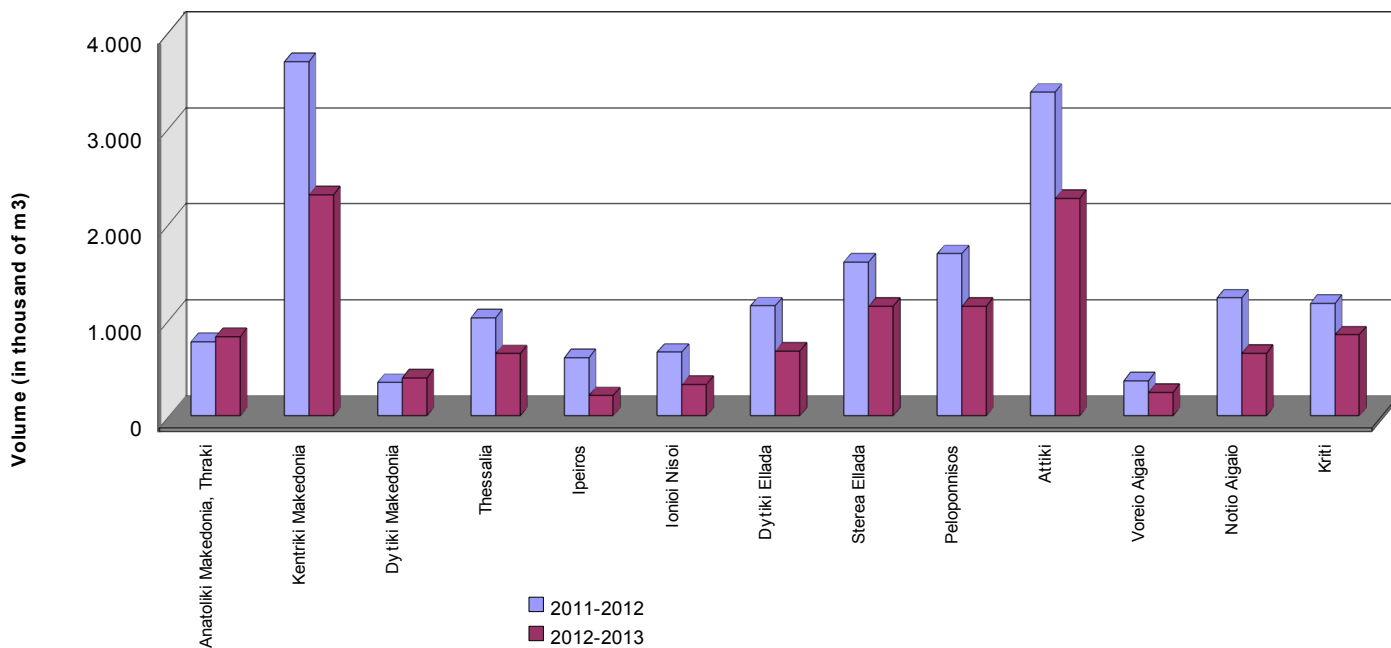
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in October 2012 and 2013*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period November 2011 - October 2012 and November 2012 - October 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	01/10/2013 to 31/10/2013
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.