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Building Activity Survey: September 2013

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in September 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 1,241. This figure corresponds to 212.3 thousand m² of surface and 804.3 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 14.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 25.9% decrease in surface and a 36.6% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,230 building permits, corresponding to 206.5 thousand m² of surface and 783.2 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 14.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 26.4% decrease in surface and a 37.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in September 2013 amounted to 11 building permits, corresponding to 5.7 thousand m² of surface and 21.1 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 2.6% of the total building volume in September 2013.

In the last twelve months, from October 2012 until September 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 16,437. This figure corresponds to 3,088.5 thousand m² of surface and 12,259.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 39.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 36.8% decrease in surface and a 35.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from October 2011 to September 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period, from October 2012 until September 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 39.8% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 37.6% decrease in surface and a 36.0% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from October 2011 to September 2012 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 5.4% of the total building volume.

During the period January-September 2013, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 34.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 34.0% decrease in surface and a 32.1% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2012 (Table 5).

During the same period, January-September 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 34.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 34.3% decrease in surface and a 32.5% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January-September 2012 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia,Thraki	74	69	-6,8	16,0	35,3	120,6	66,4	139,5	110,0
Kentriki Makedonia	247	185	-25,1	73,9	48,7	-34,1	383,7	192,0	-50,0
Dytiki Makedonia	30	27	-10,0	4,3	5,7	31,6	14,9	24,0	61,3
Thessalia	84	71	-15,5	15,6	8,0	-48,6	66,7	31,4	-53,0
Ipeiros	34	42	23,5	6,5	2,7	-57,6	24,5	10,5	-57,0
Ionioi Nisoi	58	55	-5,2	8,0	4,6	-41,5	28,2	16,4	-41,8
Dytiki Ellada	131	113	-13,7	13,2	13,5	2,0	43,3	45,9	5,9
Stereia Ellada	100	100	0,0	18,3	11,9	-34,8	75,4	47,7	-36,8
Peloponnisos	170	110	-35,3	28,0	15,4	-44,9	94,1	54,2	-42,4
Attiki	291	251	-13,7	33,2	33,0	-0,5	121,9	123,8	1,6
Voreio Aigaio	53	46	-13,2	8,4	3,7	-55,6	27,5	13,4	-51,2
Notio Aigaio	94	99	5,3	42,5	16,8	-60,5	261,2	61,1	-76,6
Kriti	83	73	-12,0	18,4	12,8	-30,4	59,9	44,3	-26,1
Greece, Total	1.449	1.241	-14,4	286,3	212,3	-25,9	1.267,8	804,3	-36,6

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia,Thraki	73	68	-6,8	16,0	34,9	118,6	66,4	138,5	108,5
Kentriki Makedonia	244	183	-25,0	73,2	46,1	-37,1	378,7	182,7	-51,8
Dytiki Makedonia	28	27	-3,6	3,7	5,7	55,0	12,5	24,0	92,0
Thessalia	83	71	-14,5	15,6	8,0	-48,6	66,7	31,4	-53,0
Ipeiros	33	42	27,3	5,2	2,7	-46,9	20,9	10,5	-49,6
Ionioi Nisoi	58	55	-5,2	8,0	4,6	-41,5	28,2	16,4	-41,8
Dytiki Ellada	131	112	-14,5	13,2	13,4	1,3	43,3	45,6	5,2
Stereia Ellada	100	98	-2,0	18,3	11,4	-37,8	75,4	46,1	-38,9
Peloponnisos	170	108	-36,5	28,0	14,9	-47,0	94,1	52,3	-44,5
Attiki	291	251	-13,7	33,2	33,0	-0,5	121,9	123,8	1,6
Voreio Aigaio	52	46	-11,5	8,1	3,7	-53,5	24,5	13,4	-45,2
Notio Aigaio	94	99	5,3	42,5	16,8	-60,5	261,2	61,1	-76,6
Kriti	81	70	-13,6	15,8	11,3	-28,5	51,7	37,3	-27,8
Greece, Total	1.438	1.230	-14,5	280,5	206,5	-26,4	1.245,6	783,2	-37,1

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Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period October 2011 - September 2012 and October 2012 - September 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia,Thraki	1.306	763	-41,6	219,2	218,8	-0,1	811,7	832,5	2,6
Kentriki Makedonia	3.751	2.272	-39,4	899,5	522,0	-42,0	4.096,2	2.276,1	-44,4
Dytiki Makedonia	492	316	-35,8	107,1	99,8	-6,8	428,5	411,4	-4,0
Thessalia	1.694	1.046	-38,3	297,4	189,5	-36,3	1.122,2	738,8	-34,2
Ipeiros	999	468	-53,2	184,5	65,1	-64,7	628,3	221,4	-64,8
Ionioi Nisoi	1.199	578	-51,8	194,8	99,3	-49,0	664,8	345,2	-48,1
Dytiki Ellada	2.180	1.405	-35,6	335,0	199,7	-40,4	1.247,3	756,5	-39,3
Stereia Ellada	2.153	1.295	-39,9	363,0	246,4	-32,1	1.599,8	1.182,1	-26,1
Peloponnisos	2.809	1.796	-36,1	506,2	319,5	-36,9	1.849,4	1.194,5	-35,4
Attiki	6.312	3.678	-41,7	921,3	614,1	-33,3	3.424,9	2.475,6	-27,7
Voreio Aigaio	882	583	-33,9	118,6	73,0	-38,4	420,6	264,6	-37,1
Notio Aigaio	1.936	1.207	-37,7	350,6	198,1	-43,5	1.280,8	672,2	-47,5
Kriti	1.536	1.030	-32,9	389,9	243,0	-37,7	1.324,2	888,1	-32,9
Greece, Total	27.249	16.437	-39,7	4.887,1	3.088,5	-36,8	18.898,7	12.259,2	-35,1

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)	October - September		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia,Thraki	1.288	750	-41,8	217,5	206,4	-5,1	805,6	782,5	-2,9
Kentriki Makedonia	3.680	2.237	-39,2	838,9	503,7	-40,0	3.837,6	2.199,9	-42,7
Dytiki Makedonia	478	311	-34,9	83,3	95,7	14,9	334,8	395,1	18,0
Thessalia	1.687	1.029	-39,0	285,0	166,1	-41,7	1.074,4	631,2	-41,2
Ipeiros	993	464	-53,3	181,8	65,0	-64,2	619,2	221,3	-64,3
Ionioi Nisoi	1.198	578	-51,8	194,8	99,3	-49,0	664,8	345,2	-48,1
Dytiki Ellada	2.162	1.393	-35,6	319,1	182,8	-42,7	1.176,4	664,2	-43,5
Stereia Ellada	2.145	1.288	-40,0	361,8	245,5	-32,1	1.595,4	1.179,3	-26,1
Peloponnisos	2.757	1.781	-35,4	487,6	311,2	-36,2	1.753,1	1.164,1	-33,6
Attiki	6.302	3.653	-42,0	911,2	574,3	-37,0	3.392,3	2.305,2	-32,0
Voreio Aigaio	878	580	-33,9	111,4	69,0	-38,1	377,0	247,1	-34,5
Notio Aigaio	1.935	1.197	-38,1	350,5	194,9	-44,4	1.280,2	659,7	-48,5
Kriti	1.522	1.010	-33,6	364,6	222,5	-39,0	1.227,2	807,6	-34,2
Greece, Total	27.025	16.271	-39,8	4.707,4	2.936,4	-37,6	18.138,0	11.602,4	-36,0

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia,Thraki	866	532	-38,6	145,9	172,8	18,4	552,6	664,6	20,3
Kentriki Makedonia	2.588	1.645	-36,4	613,7	368,0	-40,0	2.780,7	1.577,5	-43,3
Dytiki Makedonia	339	218	-35,7	78,5	60,3	-23,1	308,1	286,4	-7,0
Thessalia	1.100	774	-29,6	194,0	140,0	-27,9	699,3	543,7	-22,3
Ipeiros	706	360	-49,0	128,9	49,3	-61,8	420,6	170,7	-59,4
Ionioi Nisoi	704	415	-41,1	126,0	63,8	-49,4	433,6	219,3	-49,4
Dytiki Ellada	1.457	1.021	-29,9	233,9	137,5	-41,2	905,7	515,8	-43,1
Stereia Ellada	1.401	1.000	-28,6	245,3	192,3	-21,6	1.126,6	927,0	-17,7
Peloponnisos	1.933	1.317	-31,9	337,9	245,9	-27,2	1.253,1	907,4	-27,6
Attiki	4.103	2.704	-34,1	678,9	444,8	-34,5	2.558,7	1.856,7	-27,4
Voreio Aigaio	596	396	-33,6	84,8	44,7	-47,3	306,2	161,9	-47,1
Notio Aigaio	1.299	859	-33,9	247,4	134,4	-45,7	927,6	459,3	-50,5
Kriti	1.075	736	-31,5	260,3	173,8	-33,2	901,4	652,4	-27,6
Greece, Total	18.167	11.977	-34,1	3.375,4	2.227,6	-34,0	13.174,4	8.942,6	-32,1

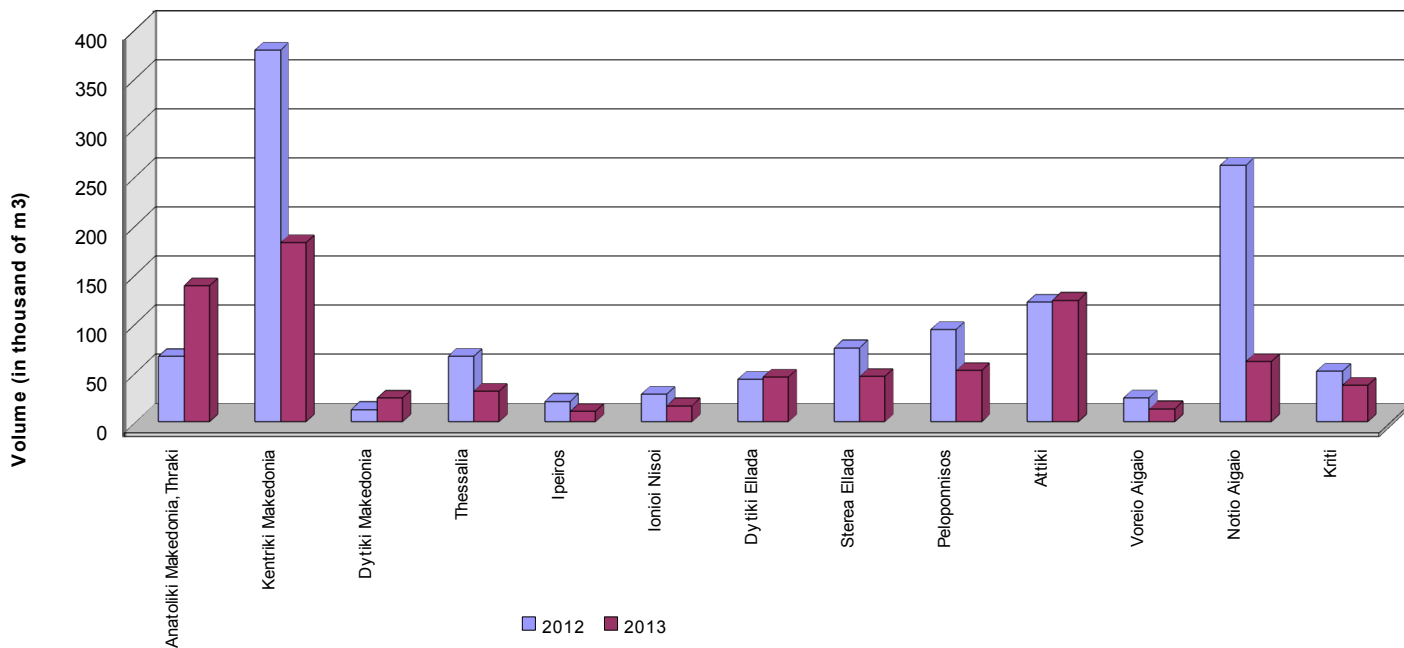
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- September 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)	January - September		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia,Thraki	855	522	-38,9	145,6	168,8	16,0	551,4	649,4	17,8
Kentriki Makedonia	2.538	1.621	-36,1	568,2	354,7	-37,6	2.607,7	1.525,3	-41,5
Dytiki Makedonia	329	215	-34,7	57,5	56,2	-2,3	230,1	270,1	17,4
Thessalia	1.095	761	-30,5	187,1	121,2	-35,2	673,9	457,3	-32,1
Ipeiros	704	358	-49,1	127,5	49,3	-61,4	417,0	170,7	-59,1
Ionioi Nisoi	703	415	-41,0	126,0	63,8	-49,4	433,6	219,3	-49,4
Dytiki Ellada	1.444	1.013	-29,8	223,4	129,0	-42,3	855,7	457,0	-46,6
Stereia Ellada	1.395	995	-28,7	244,8	191,4	-21,8	1.124,2	924,2	-17,8
Peloponnisos	1.893	1.303	-31,2	322,1	237,6	-26,3	1.168,5	876,9	-24,9
Attiki	4.094	2.689	-34,3	668,8	414,3	-38,1	2.526,1	1.742,5	-31,0
Voreio Aigaio	592	394	-33,4	77,7	41,0	-47,2	262,6	146,7	-44,1
Notio Aigaio	1.298	851	-34,4	247,2	131,2	-46,9	927,0	446,8	-51,8
Kriti	1.062	721	-32,1	235,0	163,0	-30,6	804,4	612,2	-23,9
Greece, Total	18.002	11.858	-34,1	3.231,1	2.121,5	-34,3	12.582,2	8.498,2	-32,5

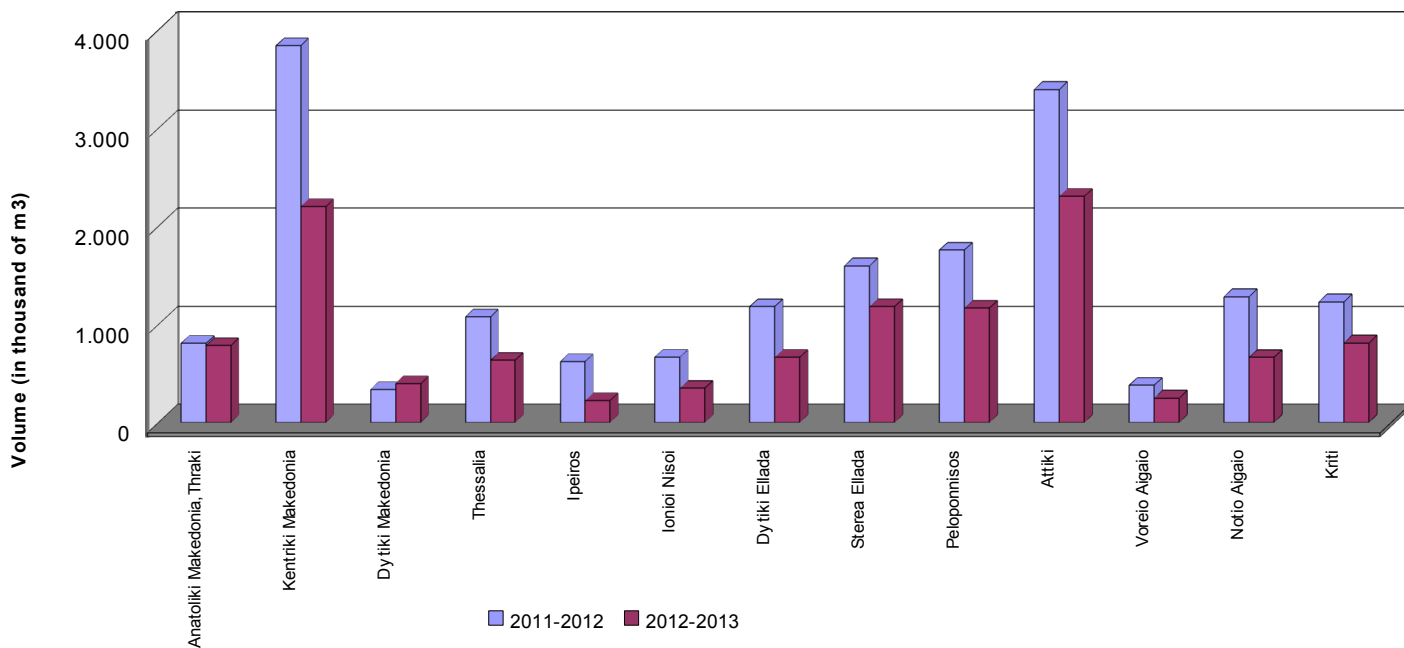
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in September 2012 and 2013*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period October 2011 - September 2012 and October 2012 - September 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	01/9/2013 to 30/9/2013
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.