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**Building Activity Survey: August 2013**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in August 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 1,083. This figure corresponds to 209.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 818.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting respectively a 10.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 21.1% decrease in surface and a 31.0% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,073 building permits, corresponding to 203.6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 793.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 10.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 20.0% decrease in surface and a 30.4% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in August 2013 amounted to 10 building permits, corresponding to 6.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 24.6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 3.0% of the total building volume in August 2013.

In the last twelve months, from September 2012 until August 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 16,645. This figure corresponds to 3,162.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 12,722.8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting a 43.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 39.8% decrease in surface and a 36.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2011 to August 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period, from September 2012 until August 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 43.6% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 40.5 % decrease in surface and a 37.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from September 2011 to August 2012 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 5.2% of the total building volume.

During the period January-August 2013, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 35.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 34.8% decrease in surface and a 31.6% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2012 (Table 5).

During the same period, January-August 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 35.8% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 35.1% decrease in surface and a 31.9% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January-August 2012 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	80	54	-32,5	14,7	17,8	20,9	53,4	69,4	30,0
Kentriki Makedonia	177	166	-6,2	66,6	29,2	-56,2	402,6	119,7	-70,3
Dytiki Makedonia	28	30	7,1	5,9	7,4	25,2	22,7	36,3	59,8
Thessalia	69	75	8,7	9,4	12,3	31,5	34,8	46,4	33,1
Ipeiros	54	46	-14,8	9,2	4,0	-56,7	32,3	12,5	-61,2
Ionioi Nisoi	49	47	-4,1	6,6	6,3	-5,4	27,5	20,8	-24,1
Dytiki Ellada	123	105	-14,6	25,5	17,6	-31,0	120,3	62,3	-48,2
Stereia Ellada	98	101	3,1	16,1	16,9	5,1	80,8	88,0	8,9
Peloponnisos	150	127	-15,3	27,0	16,6	-38,7	89,5	57,9	-35,2
Attiki	149	144	-3,4	34,3	26,8	-22,0	135,4	93,6	-30,9
Voreio Aigaio	53	42	-20,8	6,0	4,6	-23,5	20,6	18,5	-10,0
Notio Aigaio	85	80	-5,9	14,6	17,4	19,5	46,0	66,8	45,3
Kriti	95	66	-30,5	29,6	32,7	10,7	120,9	126,4	4,5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1.210</b>	<b>1.083</b>	<b>-10,5</b>	<b>265,5</b>	<b>209,5</b>	<b>-21,1</b>	<b>1.186,7</b>	<b>818,5</b>	<b>-31,0</b>

\* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	80	53	-33,8	14,7	15,6	6,0	53,4	60,6	13,6
Kentriki Makedonia	174	163	-6,3	63,5	29,1	-54,1	391,4	119,6	-69,5
Dytiki Makedonia	28	30	7,1	5,9	7,4	25,2	22,7	36,3	59,8
Thessalia	69	73	5,8	9,4	10,2	8,5	34,8	36,5	4,7
Ipeiros	54	46	-14,8	9,2	4,0	-56,7	32,3	12,5	-61,2
Ionioi Nisoi	49	47	-4,1	6,6	6,3	-5,4	27,5	20,8	-24,1
Dytiki Ellada	123	104	-15,4	25,5	17,6	-31,0	120,3	62,3	-48,2
Stereia Ellada	97	100	3,1	16,1	16,8	4,7	80,8	87,8	8,7
Peloponnisos	148	125	-15,5	26,6	15,1	-43,3	87,1	52,3	-39,9
Attiki	149	144	-3,4	34,3	26,8	-22,0	135,4	93,6	-30,9
Voreio Aigaio	53	42	-20,8	6,0	4,6	-23,5	20,6	18,5	-10,0
Notio Aigaio	85	80	-5,9	14,6	17,4	19,5	46,0	66,8	45,3
Kriti	92	66	-28,3	22,2	32,7	47,4	88,8	126,4	42,4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>1.201</b>	<b>1.073</b>	<b>-10,7</b>	<b>254,5</b>	<b>203,6</b>	<b>-20,0</b>	<b>1.141,0</b>	<b>793,9</b>	<b>-30,4</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.408	768	-45,5	235,9	199,6	-15,4	868,8	759,5	-12,6
Kentriki Makedonia	4.048	2.334	-42,3	949,4	547,3	-42,4	4.186,6	2.467,8	-41,1
Dytiki Makedonia	536	319	-40,5	115,0	98,4	-14,4	461,7	402,3	-12,9
Thessalia	1.835	1.059	-42,3	323,6	197,1	-39,1	1.205,4	774,2	-35,8
Ipeiros	1.067	460	-56,9	199,6	68,8	-65,6	715,5	235,4	-67,1
Ionioi Nisoi	1.291	581	-55,0	211,4	102,6	-51,5	716,1	357,0	-50,1
Dytiki Ellada	2.306	1.423	-38,3	391,4	199,5	-49,0	1.436,3	754,0	-47,5
Stereia Ellada	2.320	1.295	-44,2	391,8	252,8	-35,5	1.726,4	1.209,8	-29,9
Peloponnisos	3.038	1.856	-38,9	546,9	332,1	-39,3	2.005,9	1.234,4	-38,5
Attiki	6.888	3.718	-46,0	986,8	614,2	-37,8	3.645,5	2.473,7	-32,1
Voreio Aigaio	979	590	-39,7	127,3	77,7	-38,9	454,9	278,7	-38,7
Notio Aigaio	2.111	1.202	-43,1	359,7	223,9	-37,8	1.193,9	872,3	-26,9
Kriti	1.636	1.040	-36,4	415,7	248,5	-40,2	1.411,6	903,7	-36,0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>29.463</b>	<b>16.645</b>	<b>-43,5</b>	<b>5.254,4</b>	<b>3.162,5</b>	<b>-39,8</b>	<b>20.028,5</b>	<b>12.722,8</b>	<b>-36,5</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.390	755	-45,7	233,2	187,4	-19,6	859,1	710,5	-17,3
Kentriki Makedonia	3.978	2.298	-42,2	884,9	530,8	-40,0	3.916,7	2.395,9	-38,8
Dytiki Makedonia	522	312	-40,2	91,7	93,7	2,2	369,9	383,6	3,7
Thessalia	1.829	1.041	-43,1	311,2	173,6	-44,2	1.157,6	666,6	-42,4
Ipeiros	1.062	455	-57,2	198,2	67,5	-66,0	710,1	231,7	-67,4
Ionioi Nisoi	1.290	581	-55,0	211,4	102,6	-51,5	716,1	357,0	-50,1
Dytiki Ellada	2.281	1.412	-38,1	367,7	182,6	-50,3	1.335,9	661,9	-50,4
Stereia Ellada	2.311	1.290	-44,2	390,6	252,4	-35,4	1.722,1	1.208,6	-29,8
Peloponnisos	2.985	1.843	-38,3	528,1	324,4	-38,6	1.909,2	1.205,9	-36,8
Attiki	6.878	3.693	-46,3	976,8	574,5	-41,2	3.612,8	2.303,2	-36,2
Voreio Aigaio	976	586	-40,0	120,5	73,3	-39,2	414,4	258,1	-37,7
Notio Aigaio	2.109	1.192	-43,5	359,1	220,6	-38,6	1.191,8	859,8	-27,9
Kriti	1.623	1.021	-37,1	389,3	227,0	-41,7	1.307,8	822,0	-37,1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>29.234</b>	<b>16.479</b>	<b>-43,6</b>	<b>5.062,6</b>	<b>3.010,4</b>	<b>-40,5</b>	<b>19.223,3</b>	<b>12.064,8</b>	<b>-37,2</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	792	463	-41,5	130	137	5,8	486	525	8,0
Kentriki Makedonia	2.341	1.460	-37,6	540	319	-40,8	2.397	1.385	-42,2
Dytiki Makedonia	309	191	-38,2	74	55	-26,3	293	262	-10,5
Thessalia	1.016	703	-30,8	178	132	-26,0	633	512	-19,0
Ipeiros	672	318	-52,7	122	47	-62,0	396	160	-59,6
Ionioi Nisoi	646	360	-44,3	118	59	-49,9	405	203	-50,0
Dytiki Ellada	1.326	908	-31,5	221	124	-43,8	862	470	-45,5
Stereia Ellada	1.301	900	-30,8	227	180	-20,5	1.051	879	-16,3
Peloponnisos	1.763	1.207	-31,5	310	230	-25,6	1.159	853	-26,4
Attiki	3.812	2.453	-35,7	646	412	-36,2	2.437	1.733	-28,9
Voreio Aigaio	543	350	-35,5	76	41	-46,4	279	148	-46,7
Notio Aigaio	1.205	760	-36,9	205	118	-42,6	666	398	-40,3
Kriti	992	663	-33,2	242	161	-33,5	842	608	-27,7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>16.718</b>	<b>10.736</b>	<b>-35,8</b>	<b>3.089,1</b>	<b>2.015,3</b>	<b>-34,8</b>	<b>11.906,5</b>	<b>8.138,3</b>	<b>-31,6</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	782	454	-41,9	130	134	3,3	485	511	5,4
Kentriki Makedonia	2.294	1.438	-37,3	495	309	-37,6	2.229	1.343	-39,8
Dytiki Makedonia	301	188	-37,5	54	51	-6,2	218	246	13,1
Thessalia	1.012	690	-31,8	172	113	-34,0	607	426	-29,9
Ipeiros	671	316	-52,9	122	47	-62,0	396	160	-59,6
Ionioi Nisoi	645	360	-44,2	118	59	-49,9	405	203	-50,0
Dytiki Ellada	1.313	901	-31,4	210	116	-45,0	812	411	-49,4
Stereia Ellada	1.295	897	-30,7	226	180	-20,5	1.049	878	-16,3
Peloponnisos	1.723	1.195	-30,6	294	223	-24,3	1.074	825	-23,2
Attiki	3.803	2.438	-35,9	636	381	-40,0	2.404	1.619	-32,7
Voreio Aigaio	540	348	-35,6	70	37	-46,5	238	133	-44,0
Notio Aigaio	1.204	752	-37,5	205	114	-44,1	666	386	-42,1
Kriti	981	651	-33,6	219	152	-30,8	753	575	-23,6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>16.564</b>	<b>10.628</b>	<b>-35,8</b>	<b>2.950,6</b>	<b>1.914,9</b>	<b>-35,1</b>	<b>11.336,6</b>	<b>7.715,0</b>	<b>-31,9</b>

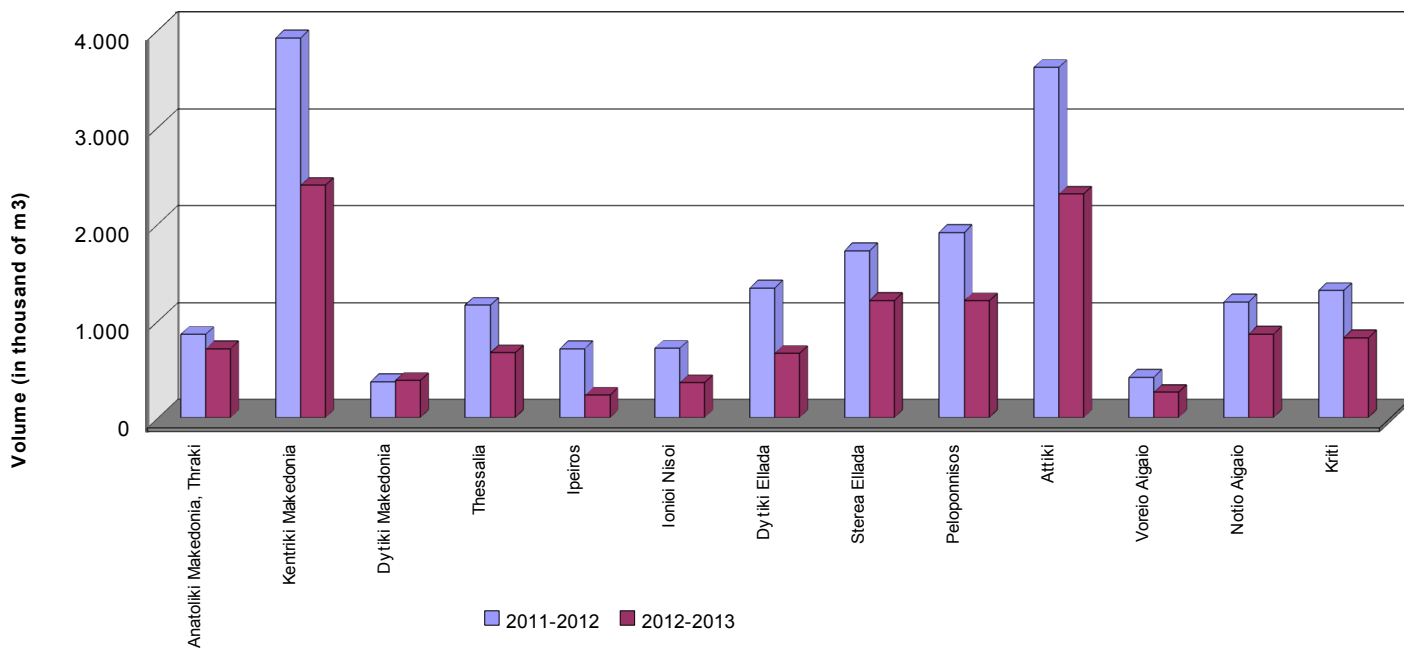
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in August 2012 and 2013\***



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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period September 2011 - August 2012 and September 2012 - August 2013 \***



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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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.
<b>Reference Period</b>	01/8/2013 to 31/8/2013
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number 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 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><b>Building</b> 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><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> 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><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 (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on EL.STAT's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , under the links: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.