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Building Activity Survey: May 2013

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in May 2013 the Total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole country-which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued in the whole country -amounted to 1,203 . This figure corresponds to 212.7 thousand m² of surface and 906.1 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 50.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 57.9% decrease in surface and a 50.1% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 1,190 building permits, corresponding to 206.8 thousand m² of surface and 884.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 50.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 58.6% decrease in surface and a 50.6% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in May 2013 amounted to 13 building permits, corresponding to 5.9 thousand m² of surface and 21.5 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 2.4% of the total building volume in May 2013.

In the last twelve months, from June 2012 until May 2013, the Total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 17,902. This figure corresponds to 3,309.5 thousand m² of surface and 13,181.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 47.8% decrease in the number of building permits, 44.3% decrease in surface and a 42.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of June 2011 until May 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period from June 2012 until May 2013, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 47.9% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 44.7 % decrease in surface and a 42.4% decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from June 2011 until May 2012 (Table 4).

For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.1% of the total building volume.

During the period January- May 2013, the Total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 41.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 44.3% decrease in surface and a 41.7% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2012 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- May 2013, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 41.4% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 43.4% decrease in surface and a 40.6% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- May 2012 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	121	65	-46,3	17,6	8,6	-51,2	60,4	29,0	-52,0
Kentriki Makedonia	339	169	-50,1	72,8	33,4	-54,1	300,0	151,8	-49,4
Dytiki Makedonia	45	21	-53,3	8,5	5,2	-38,6	35,0	24,0	-31,2
Thessalia	148	75	-49,3	34,9	13,8	-60,4	121,6	48,2	-60,4
Ipeiros	100	40	-60,0	17,7	4,3	-75,6	58,3	17,5	-70,0
Ionioi Nisoi	92	35	-62,0	14,9	5,9	-60,7	50,1	21,4	-57,2
Dytiki Ellada	181	101	-44,2	26,7	10,2	-61,7	98,1	32,8	-66,6
Stereia Ellada	185	95	-48,6	27,4	21,1	-23,0	104,1	90,9	-12,7
Peloponnisos	252	138	-45,2	43,9	17,1	-61,1	162,1	60,5	-62,7
Attiki	482	279	-42,1	150,4	63,3	-57,9	528,3	315,4	-40,3
Voreio Aigaio	110	36	-67,3	13,9	3,3	-76,0	46,7	12,1	-74,1
Notio Aigaio	198	67	-66,2	37,7	6,6	-82,6	123,5	22,9	-81,5
Kriti	157	82	-47,8	39,2	19,8	-49,5	127,0	79,6	-37,3
Greece, Total	2.410	1.203	-50,1	505,8	212,7	-57,9	1.815,1	906,1	-50,1

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	121	63	-47,9	17,6	7,9	-54,9	60,4	26,3	-56,5
Kentriki Makedonia	335	168	-49,9	67,2	33,0	-50,8	278,0	150,5	-45,9
Dytiki Makedonia	45	20	-55,6	8,5	5,1	-39,8	35,0	23,1	-33,9
Thessalia	148	75	-49,3	34,9	13,8	-60,4	121,6	48,2	-60,4
Ipeiros	100	40	-60,0	17,7	4,3	-75,6	58,3	17,5	-70,0
Ionioi Nisoi	92	35	-62,0	14,9	5,9	-60,7	50,1	21,4	-57,2
Dytiki Ellada	180	100	-44,4	26,3	10,2	-61,1	96,4	32,8	-66,0
Stereia Ellada	185	95	-48,6	27,4	21,1	-23,0	104,1	90,9	-12,7
Peloponnisos	251	136	-45,8	43,6	17,1	-60,8	160,8	60,5	-62,4
Attiki	481	276	-42,6	150,4	61,5	-59,1	528,3	309,5	-41,4
Voreio Aigaio	110	36	-67,3	13,9	3,3	-76,0	46,7	12,1	-74,1
Notio Aigaio	198	67	-66,2	37,7	6,6	-82,6	123,5	22,9	-81,5
Kriti	157	79	-49,7	39,2	16,8	-57,0	127,0	68,9	-45,7
Greece, Total	2.403	1.190	-50,5	499,4	206,8	-58,6	1.790,0	884,6	-50,6

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.640	841	-48,7	290,4	175,1	-39,7	1.071,9	649,0	-39,5
Kentriki Makedonia	4.840	2.585	-46,6	957,5	633,7	-33,8	4.076,0	2.886,1	-29,2
Dytiki Makedonia	630	339	-46,2	126,2	109,8	-13,0	503,9	447,0	-11,3
Thessalia	2.081	1.122	-46,1	388,2	193,8	-50,1	1.476,6	748,8	-49,3
Ipeiros	1.170	576	-50,8	227,5	101,7	-55,3	832,4	339,5	-59,2
Ionioi Nisoi	1.492	635	-57,4	220,8	129,7	-41,2	749,2	449,3	-40,0
Dytiki Ellada	2.631	1.495	-43,2	419,4	221,6	-47,2	1.499,1	862,1	-42,5
Stereia Ellada	2.777	1.321	-52,4	502,2	245,2	-51,2	2.173,5	1.110,3	-48,9
Peloponnisos	3.344	1.974	-41,0	646,9	320,2	-50,5	2.811,4	1.187,4	-57,8
Attiki	8.596	3.920	-54,4	1.167,3	613,4	-47,5	4.186,6	2.416,0	-42,3
Voreio Aigaio	1.109	634	-42,8	145,8	78,6	-46,1	520,7	278,0	-46,6
Notio Aigaio	2.205	1.295	-41,3	405,6	223,6	-44,9	1.358,5	859,8	-36,7
Kriti	1.785	1.165	-34,7	447,1	263,2	-41,1	1.514,9	948,3	-37,4
Greece, Total	34.300	17.902	-47,8	5.944,9	3.309,5	-44,3	22.774,6	13.181,7	-42,1

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)
	2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013		2011-2012	2012-2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.610	834	-48,2	280,9	165,5	-41,1	1.036,8	610,1	-41,2
Kentriki Makedonia	4.764	2.544	-46,6	902,1	609,8	-32,4	3.839,6	2.786,2	-27,4
Dytiki Makedonia	615	329	-46,5	107,6	97,9	-9,0	429,3	398,7	-7,1
Thessalia	2.076	1.108	-46,6	380,0	175,2	-53,9	1.442,7	666,3	-53,8
Ipeiros	1.162	570	-50,9	222,9	100,4	-55,0	810,8	335,8	-58,6
Ionioi Nisoi	1.492	634	-57,5	220,8	129,7	-41,2	749,2	449,3	-40,0
Dytiki Ellada	2.604	1.486	-42,9	392,7	210,9	-46,3	1.388,6	817,6	-41,1
Stereia Ellada	2.769	1.317	-52,4	499,6	245,1	-50,9	2.159,0	1.110,2	-48,6
Peloponnisos	3.289	1.959	-40,4	628,2	313,3	-50,1	2.715,6	1.161,9	-57,2
Attiki	8.582	3.900	-54,6	1.154,5	598,9	-48,1	4.137,4	2.338,7	-43,5
Voreio Aigaio	1.105	631	-42,9	138,6	77,8	-43,9	476,4	272,3	-42,9
Notio Aigaio	2.203	1.287	-41,6	405,0	220,8	-45,5	1.356,4	848,8	-37,4
Kriti	1.769	1.144	-35,3	421,5	237,6	-43,6	1.416,5	846,1	-40,3
Greece, Total	34.040	17.743	-47,9	5.754,4	3.183,0	-44,7	21.958,4	12.641,8	-42,4

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	539	283	-47,5	92,1	75,2	-18,3	345,1	273,6	-20,7
Kentriki Makedonia	1.534	904	-41,1	321,4	187,3	-41,7	1.371,0	777,8	-43,3
Dytiki Makedonia	206	108	-47,6	47,6	39,4	-17,2	188,3	202,1	7,4
Thessalia	685	435	-36,5	130,2	80,5	-38,2	458,7	313,1	-31,7
Ipeiros	433	195	-55,0	74,3	31,3	-57,8	239,8	108,0	-55,0
Ionioi Nisoi	445	213	-52,1	70,6	38,8	-45,0	247,7	137,4	-44,5
Dytiki Ellada	869	523	-39,8	132,8	58,3	-56,1	493,6	209,3	-57,6
Stereia Ellada	912	537	-41,1	163,3	109,0	-33,2	779,0	507,7	-34,8
Peloponnisos	1.168	730	-37,5	216,0	124,6	-42,3	827,5	474,7	-42,6
Attiki	2.761	1.604	-41,9	470,6	235,9	-49,9	1.716,2	954,6	-44,4
Voreio Aigaio	376	227	-39,6	57,5	22,9	-60,1	212,7	81,7	-61,6
Notio Aigaio	821	469	-42,9	151,7	64,1	-57,7	496,2	215,4	-56,6
Kriti	647	443	-31,5	161,8	95,6	-40,9	551,2	362,4	-34,3
Greece, Total	11.396	6.671	-41,5	2.089,9	1.163,1	-44,3	7.927,1	4.617,7	-41,7

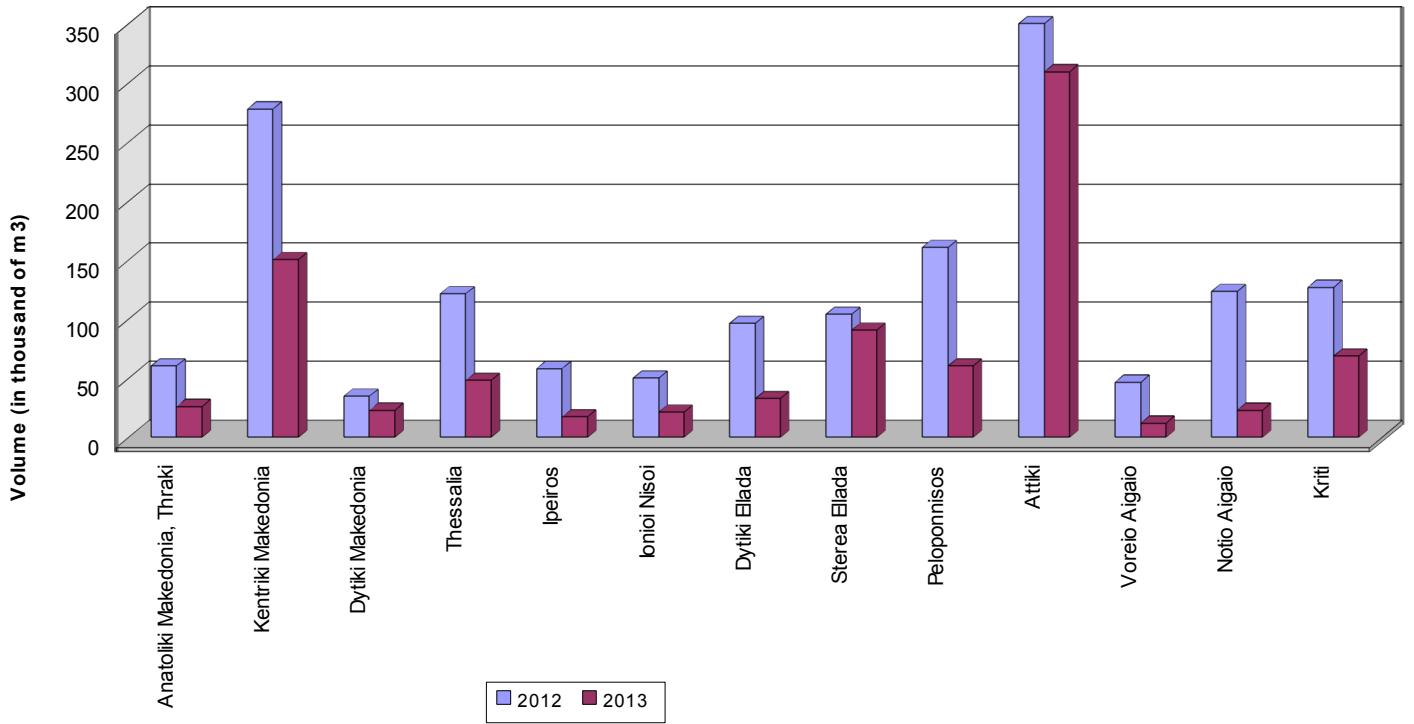
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- May 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)	January - May		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	529	280	-47,1	91,8	74,2	-19,2	343,9	269,5	-21,6
Kentriki Makedonia	1.502	892	-40,6	287,7	180,3	-37,3	1.246,2	750,1	-39,8
Dytiki Makedonia	201	105	-47,8	34,4	35,3	2,8	142,2	185,8	30,6
Thessalia	684	429	-37,3	130,0	73,2	-43,7	458,1	276,6	-39,6
Ipeiros	433	193	-55,4	74,3	31,3	-57,8	239,8	108,0	-55,0
Ionioi Nisoi	445	213	-52,1	70,6	38,8	-45,0	247,7	137,4	-44,5
Dytiki Ellada	858	520	-39,4	124,5	58,2	-53,3	454,2	208,9	-54,0
Stereia Ellada	908	537	-40,9	162,8	109,0	-33,0	776,8	507,7	-34,6
Peloponnisos	1.135	723	-36,3	201,5	118,9	-41,0	747,8	454,1	-39,3
Attiki	2.752	1.594	-42,1	460,6	230,6	-49,9	1.683,6	933,5	-44,6
Voreio Aigaio	373	226	-39,4	50,8	22,9	-55,0	172,1	81,4	-52,7
Notio Aigaio	820	463	-43,5	151,5	61,3	-59,5	495,6	204,5	-58,7
Kriti	641	434	-32,3	146,6	89,8	-38,8	494,7	340,9	-31,1
Greece, Total	11.281	6.609	-41,4	1.987,1	1.124,0	-43,4	7.502,9	4.458,3	-40,6

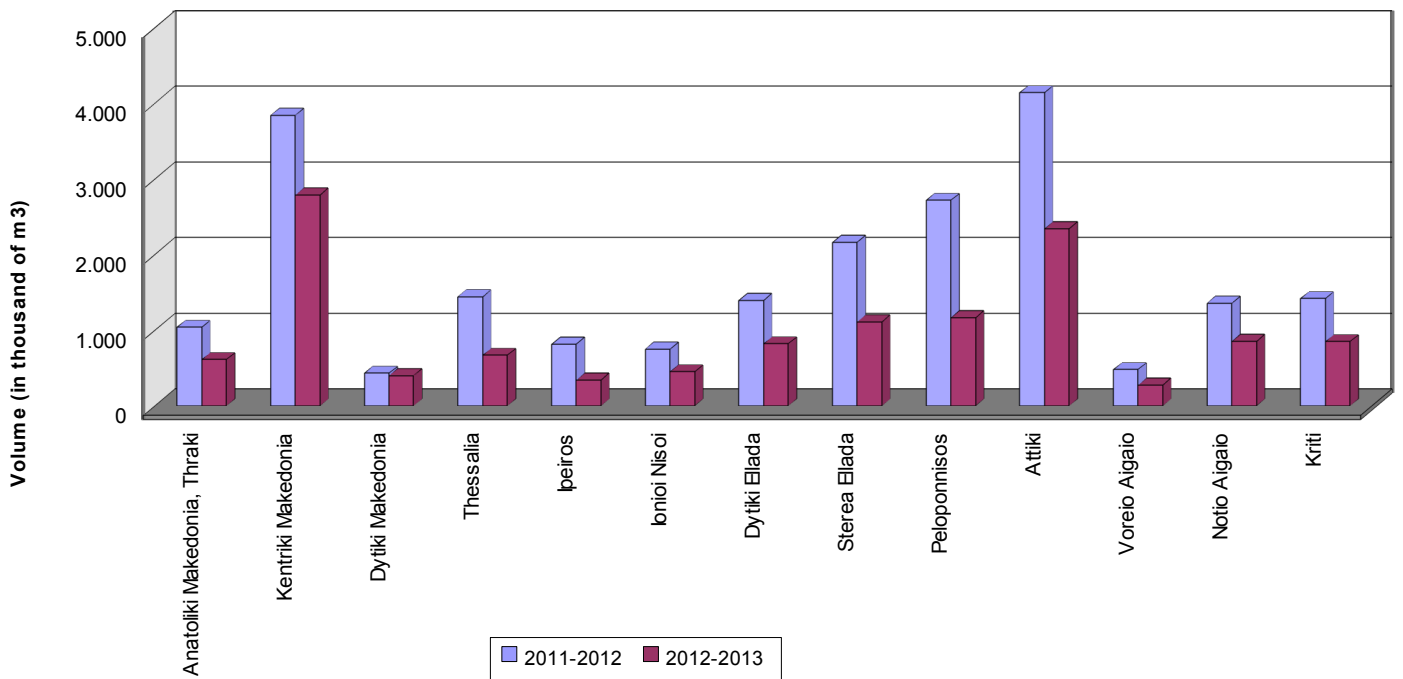
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in May 2012 and 2013*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period June 2011 - May 2012 and June 2012 - May 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	01/5/2013 to 31/5/2013
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.