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Building Activity Survey: April 2013

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in April 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 1,592. This figure corresponds to 295.3 thousand m² of surface and 1,111.6 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 20.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 24.4% decrease in surface and a 19.7% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 1,577 building permits, corresponding to 281.6 thousand m² of surface and 1,060.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 20.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 21.9% decrease in surface and a 15.8% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in April 2013 amounted to 15 building permits, corresponding to 13.7 thousand m² of surface and 51.2 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.6% of the total building volume in April 2013.

In the last twelve months, from May 2012 until April 2013, the Total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 19,109. This figure corresponds to 3,603.1 thousand m² of surface and 14,093.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 46.0% decrease in the number of building permits, 39.7% decrease in surface and a 38.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of May 2011 until April 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period from May 2012 until April 2013, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 46.0% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 39.9% decrease in surface and a 38.7% decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from May 2011 until April 2012 (Table 4).

For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.9% of the total building volume.

During the period January- April 2013, the Total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 39.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 40.0% decrease in surface and a 39.2% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2012 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- April 2013, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 39.0% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 38.3% decrease in surface and a 37.4% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- April 2012 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	83	75	-9,6	12,2	38,6	217,8	41,2	129,3	214,1
Kentriki Makedonia	287	203	-29,3	68,7	38,5	-43,9	265,2	141,5	-46,6
Dytiki Makedonia	34	20	-41,2	8,2	6,6	-19,3	36,4	25,8	-29,1
Thessalia	114	75	-34,2	17,1	8,6	-49,9	54,5	30,8	-43,4
Ipeiros	78	46	-41,0	13,1	11,5	-12,0	39,8	40,0	0,5
Ionioi Nisoi	83	51	-38,6	10,9	8,1	-25,7	38,0	30,7	-19,3
Dytiki Ellada	146	148	1,4	26,7	17,0	-36,1	92,6	65,2	-29,6
Stereia Ellada	207	135	-34,8	37,2	28,9	-22,1	146,3	145,5	-0,5
Peloponnisos	183	159	-13,1	33,7	30,7	-8,8	124,2	117,3	-5,5
Attiki	458	405	-11,6	73,7	60,7	-17,6	247,3	221,3	-10,5
Voreio Aigaio	68	61	-10,3	12,7	6,4	-49,3	45,6	24,4	-46,6
Notio Aigaio	154	136	-11,7	39,7	19,9	-49,8	127,2	66,2	-47,9
Kriti	114	78	-31,6	36,8	19,6	-46,8	125,6	73,6	-41,4
Greece, Total	2.009	1.592	-20,8	390,5	295,3	-24,4	1.383,8	1.111,6	-19,7

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	83	75	-9,6	12,2	38,6	217,8	41,2	129,3	214,1
Kentriki Makedonia	276	201	-27,2	45,1	36,4	-19,4	179,5	133,7	-25,5
Dytiki Makedonia	33	18	-45,5	6,5	2,6	-60,0	30,0	10,4	-65,4
Thessalia	114	75	-34,2	17,1	8,6	-49,9	54,5	30,8	-43,4
Ipeiros	78	46	-41,0	13,1	11,5	-12,0	39,8	40,0	0,5
Ionioi Nisoi	83	51	-38,6	10,9	8,1	-25,7	38,0	30,7	-19,3
Dytiki Ellada	144	148	2,8	25,0	17,0	-31,8	80,8	65,2	-19,3
Stereia Ellada	205	135	-34,1	37,2	28,9	-22,1	146,3	145,5	-0,5
Peloponnisos	182	157	-13,7	32,2	27,5	-14,6	113,0	107,2	-5,1
Attiki	457	401	-12,3	73,7	58,8	-20,3	247,3	212,6	-14,1
Voreio Aigaio	66	61	-7,6	11,5	6,4	-44,1	37,3	24,4	-34,6
Notio Aigaio	154	132	-14,3	39,7	18,6	-53,2	127,2	60,6	-52,4
Kriti	113	77	-31,9	36,5	18,6	-49,2	124,5	70,2	-43,6
Greece, Total	1.988	1.577	-20,7	360,6	281,6	-21,9	1.259,3	1.060,4	-15,8

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)
	2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.649	897	-45,6	295,8	184,1	-37,8	1.091,5	680,4	-37,7
Kentriki Makedonia	4.968	2.755	-44,5	955,5	673,0	-29,6	4.066,8	3.034,3	-25,4
Dytiki Makedonia	646	363	-43,8	129,2	113,1	-12,5	518,5	457,9	-11,7
Thessalia	2.110	1.195	-43,4	386,3	214,9	-44,4	1.476,1	822,2	-44,3
Ipeiros	1.169	636	-45,6	231,9	115,2	-50,3	854,3	380,3	-55,5
Ionioi Nisoi	1.559	692	-55,6	225,9	139,3	-38,4	766,2	481,0	-37,2
Dytiki Ellada	2.734	1.575	-42,4	438,7	238,1	-45,7	1.567,0	927,5	-40,8
Stereia Ellada	2.880	1.411	-51,0	523,9	251,5	-52,0	2.247,6	1.123,5	-50,0
Peloponnisos	3.377	2.088	-38,2	658,1	347,0	-47,3	2.853,9	1.289,0	-54,8
Attiki	9.177	4.123	-55,1	1.145,3	700,5	-38,8	4.116,3	2.628,9	-36,1
Voreio Aigaio	1.099	708	-35,6	140,8	89,2	-36,7	502,5	312,5	-37,8
Notio Aigaio	2.221	1.426	-35,8	405,2	254,7	-37,1	1.363,0	960,4	-29,5
Kriti	1.804	1.240	-31,3	439,6	282,6	-35,7	1.496,4	995,8	-33,5
Greece, Total	35.393	19.109	-46,0	5.975,9	3.603,1	-39,7	22.920,2	14.093,7	-38,5

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)
	2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.618	892	-44,9	285,8	175,2	-38,7	1.054,7	644,2	-38,9
Kentriki Makedonia	4.888	2.711	-44,5	902,7	643,9	-28,7	3.841,3	2.913,7	-24,1
Dytiki Makedonia	630	354	-43,8	109,7	101,3	-7,7	441,1	410,5	-6,9
Thessalia	2.104	1.181	-43,9	378,1	196,3	-48,1	1.442,3	739,7	-48,7
Ipeiros	1.161	630	-45,7	227,3	113,8	-49,9	832,7	376,6	-54,8
Ionioi Nisoi	1.559	691	-55,7	225,9	139,3	-38,4	766,2	481,0	-37,2
Dytiki Ellada	2.706	1.566	-42,1	412,4	226,9	-45,0	1.458,2	881,1	-39,6
Stereia Ellada	2.872	1.407	-51,0	521,3	251,4	-51,8	2.233,1	1.123,4	-49,7
Peloponnisos	3.322	2.074	-37,6	639,1	339,8	-46,8	2.757,0	1.262,2	-54,2
Attiki	9.164	4.105	-55,2	1.132,5	687,8	-39,3	4.067,1	2.557,5	-37,1
Voreio Aigaio	1.095	705	-35,6	133,5	88,3	-33,8	458,2	306,9	-33,0
Notio Aigaio	2.219	1.418	-36,1	404,6	251,9	-37,7	1.361,0	949,4	-30,2
Kriti	1.788	1.222	-31,7	414,0	260,0	-37,2	1.398,0	904,2	-35,3
Greece, Total	35.126	18.956	-46,0	5.787,0	3.476,1	-39,9	22.111,0	13.550,3	-38,7

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	418	218	-47,8	75	67	-10,6	285	245	-14,1
Kentriki Makedonia	1.195	735	-38,5	249	154	-38,1	1.071	626	-41,6
Dytiki Makedonia	161	87	-46,0	39	34	-12,5	153	178	16,2
Thessalia	537	360	-33,0	95	67	-30,1	337	265	-21,4
Ipeiros	333	155	-53,5	57	27	-52,2	182	91	-50,1
Ionioi Nisoi	353	178	-49,6	56	33	-39,9	198	119	-39,8
Dytiki Ellada	688	422	-38,7	106	48	-54,7	396	176	-55,4
Stereia Ellada	727	442	-39,2	136	88	-35,3	675	417	-38,2
Peloponnisos	916	592	-35,4	172	108	-37,5	665	414	-37,7
Attiki	2.279	1.325	-41,9	320	173	-46,1	1.188	639	-46,2
Voreio Aigaio	266	191	-28,2	44	20	-55,0	166	70	-58,1
Notio Aigaio	623	402	-35,5	114	58	-49,5	373	193	-48,3
Kriti	490	361	-26,3	123	76	-38,2	424	283	-33,3
Greece, Total	8.986	5.468	-39,1	1.584,2	950,9	-40,0	6.111,9	3.714,7	-39,2

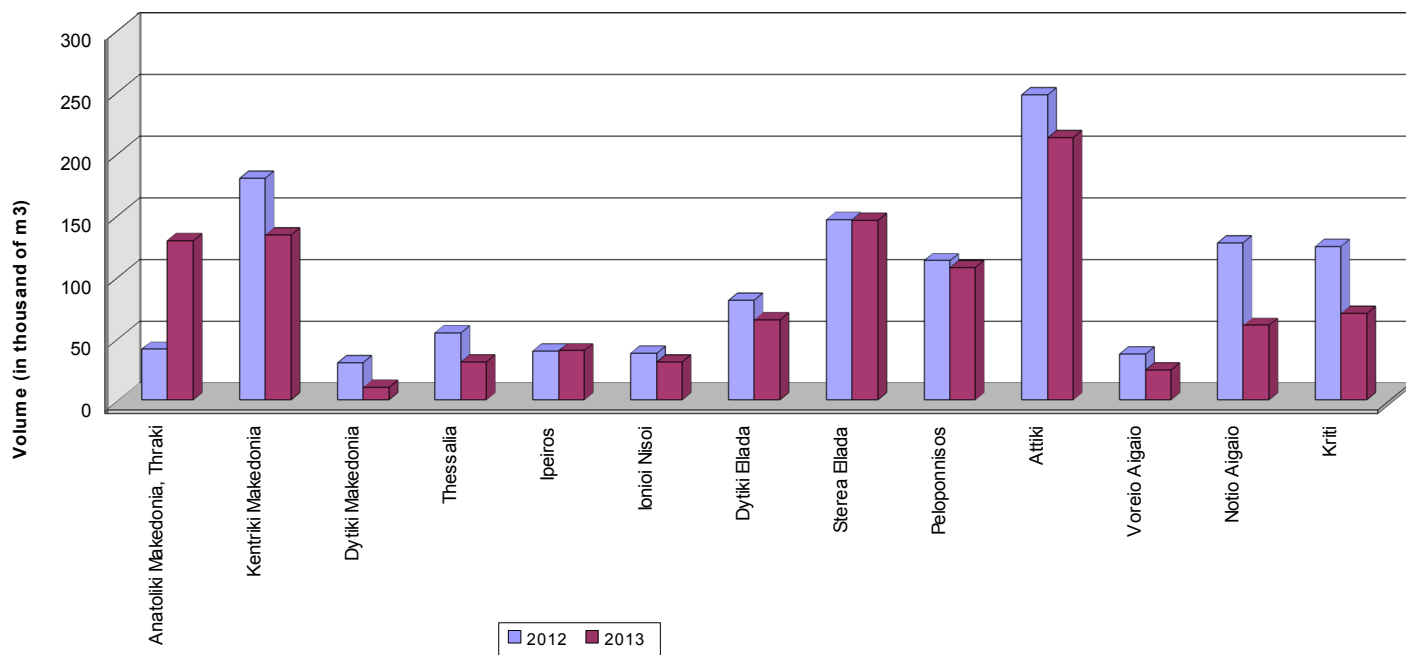
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- April 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)	January - April		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	408	217	-46,8	74	66	-10,7	284	243	-14,2
Kentriki Makedonia	1.167	724	-38,0	221	147	-33,2	968	600	-38,1
Dytiki Makedonia	156	85	-45,5	26	30	16,9	107	163	51,7
Thessalia	536	354	-34,0	95	59	-37,5	337	228	-32,1
Ipeiros	333	153	-54,1	57	27	-52,2	182	91	-50,1
Ionioi Nisoi	353	178	-49,6	56	33	-39,9	198	119	-39,8
Dytiki Ellada	678	420	-38,1	98	48	-51,2	358	176	-50,8
Stereia Ellada	723	442	-38,9	135	88	-35,1	673	417	-38,0
Peloponnisos	884	587	-33,6	158	102	-35,5	587	394	-32,9
Attiki	2.271	1.318	-42,0	310	169	-45,5	1.155	624	-46,0
Voreio Aigaio	263	190	-27,8	37	20	-47,0	125	69	-44,8
Notio Aigaio	622	396	-36,3	114	55	-51,9	372	182	-51,2
Kriti	484	355	-26,7	107	73	-32,1	368	272	-26,0
Greece, Total	8.878	5.419	-39,0	1.487,6	917,6	-38,3	5.712,9	3.576,8	-37,4

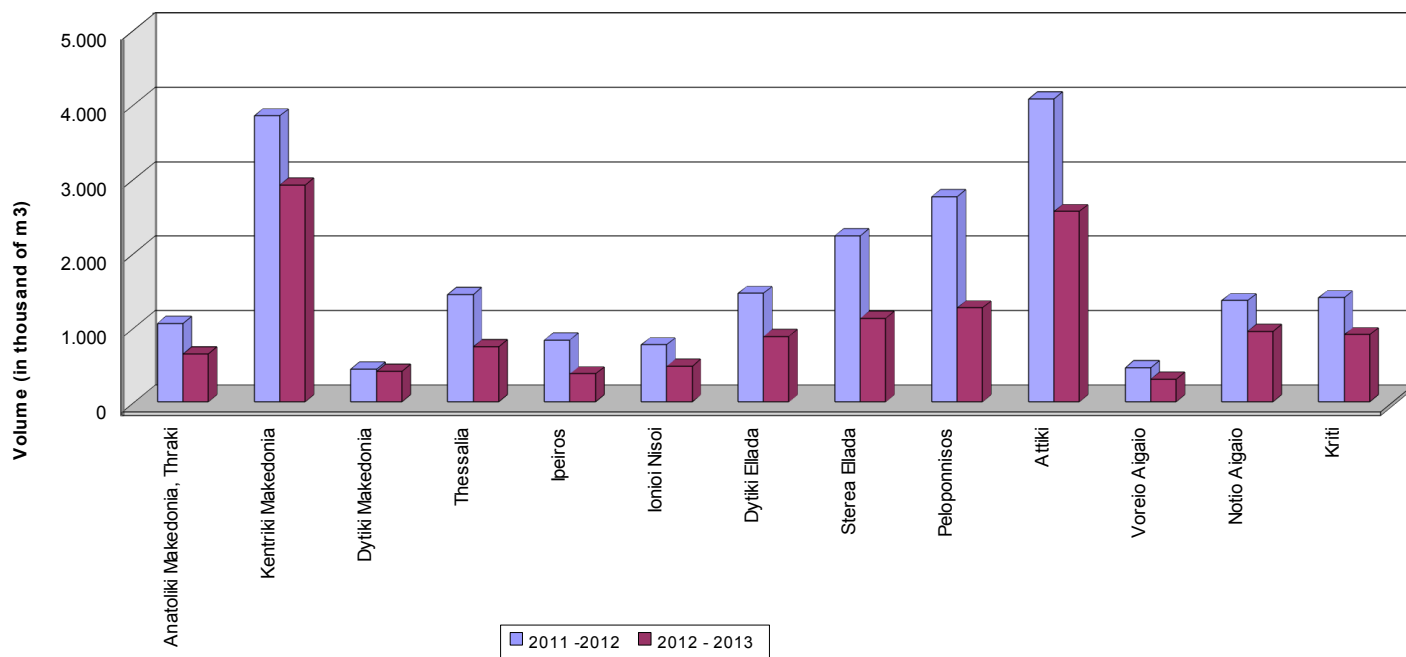
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in April 2012 and 2013*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period May 2011 - April 2012 and May 2012 - April 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	01/4/2013 to 30/4/2013
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.