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Building Activity Survey: March 2013

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in March 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 1,218 . This figure corresponds to 203.9 thousand m² of surface and 797.1 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 50.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 51.8% decrease in surface and a 54.3% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 1,206 building permits, corresponding to 191.9 thousand m² of surface and 745.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 50.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 52.5% decrease in surface and a 55.5% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in March 2013 amounted to 12 building permits, corresponding to 12.0 thousand m² of surface and 51.3 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 6.4% of the total building volume in March 2013.

In the last twelve months, from April 2012 until March 2013, the Total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 19,526. This figure corresponds to 3,698.3 thousand m² of surface and 14,366.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 46.0% decrease in the number of building permits, 39.2% decrease in surface and a 38.7% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of April 2011 until March 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period from April 2012 until March 2013 , Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 46.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 39.8 % decrease in surface and a 39.4% decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from April 2011 until March 2012 (Table 4).

For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.3% of the total building volume.

During the period January- March 2013, the Total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 44.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 45.1% decrease in surface and a 44.9% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2012 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- March 2013, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 44.2% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 43.6% decrease in surface and a 43.5% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- March 2012 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	135	52	-61,5	28,0	10,8	-61,4	123,3	45,2	-63,4
Kentriki Makedonia	340	165	-51,5	65,9	33,0	-49,9	272,0	138,8	-49,0
Dytiki Makedonia	43	20	-53,5	8,4	7,9	-5,9	35,6	30,3	-14,8
Thessalia	131	104	-20,6	25,1	20,2	-19,7	92,2	81,1	-12,1
Ipeiros	113	34	-69,9	14,0	6,0	-57,0	43,3	18,7	-56,9
Ionioi Nisoi	76	40	-47,4	19,2	5,9	-69,1	72,0	20,1	-72,1
Dytiki Ellada	187	77	-58,8	30,4	6,9	-77,2	102,4	23,9	-76,6
Stereia Ellada	176	109	-38,1	42,6	18,3	-57,0	261,4	81,4	-68,9
Peloponnisos	245	128	-47,8	37,0	25,1	-32,2	160,0	108,7	-32,0
Attiki	688	293	-57,4	83,8	37,7	-55,0	345,6	131,3	-62,0
Voreio Aigaio	52	32	-38,5	9,8	2,2	-77,4	32,2	8,0	-75,0
Notio Aigaio	152	83	-45,4	26,0	11,1	-57,3	86,4	38,0	-56,1
Kriti	145	81	-44,1	32,9	18,7	-43,0	116,5	71,5	-38,6
Greece, Total	2.483	1.218	-50,9	423,0	203,9	-51,8	1.743,0	797,1	-54,3

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	131	51	-61,1	27,7	10,4	-62,3	122,5	43,8	-64,3
Kentriki Makedonia	329	161	-51,1	65,4	30,4	-53,5	270,2	129,9	-51,9
Dytiki Makedonia	42	20	-52,4	8,3	7,9	-4,4	35,0	30,3	-13,3
Thessalia	131	102	-22,1	25,1	15,8	-37,0	92,2	58,6	-36,5
Ipeiros	113	34	-69,9	14,0	6,0	-57,0	43,3	18,7	-56,9
Ionioi Nisoi	76	40	-47,4	19,2	5,9	-69,1	72,0	20,1	-72,1
Dytiki Ellada	183	76	-58,5	28,8	6,9	-76,0	95,9	23,9	-75,1
Stereia Ellada	176	109	-38,1	42,6	18,3	-57,0	261,4	81,4	-68,9
Peloponnisos	242	127	-47,5	37,0	23,5	-36,5	160,0	101,9	-36,3
Attiki	685	293	-57,2	75,6	37,7	-50,1	321,0	131,3	-59,1
Voreio Aigaio	52	31	-40,4	9,8	2,1	-78,2	32,2	7,7	-76,0
Notio Aigaio	152	82	-46,1	26,0	9,6	-63,0	86,4	32,7	-62,2
Kriti	144	80	-44,4	25,0	17,2	-31,3	84,4	65,4	-22,5
Greece, Total	2.456	1.206	-50,9	404,4	191,9	-52,5	1.676,5	745,7	-55,5

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April-March		Change (%)	April-March		Change (%)	April-March		Change (%)
	2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.703	905	-46,9	321,4	157,6	-51,0	1.174,8	592,3	-49,6
Kentriki Makedonia	5.031	2.839	-43,6	941,9	703,2	-25,3	4.037,5	3.157,9	-21,8
Dytiki Makedonia	656	377	-42,5	133,5	114,6	-14,2	529,2	468,5	-11,5
Thessalia	2.164	1.234	-43,0	400,9	223,5	-44,3	1.541,2	845,9	-45,1
Ipeiros	1.185	668	-43,6	243,7	116,7	-52,1	895,3	380,1	-57,5
Ionioi Nisoi	1.628	724	-55,5	233,3	142,1	-39,1	791,1	488,3	-38,3
Dytiki Ellada	2.814	1.573	-44,1	449,7	247,7	-44,9	1.630,0	954,9	-41,4
Stereia Ellada	2.887	1.483	-48,6	517,2	259,7	-49,8	2.208,7	1.124,3	-49,1
Peloponnisos	3.422	2.112	-38,3	668,5	350,0	-47,6	2.883,0	1.295,9	-55,1
Attiki	9.535	4.176	-56,2	1.203,8	713,5	-40,7	4.456,6	2.654,9	-40,4
Voreio Aigaio	1.085	715	-34,1	134,0	95,4	-28,8	476,2	333,8	-29,9
Notio Aigaio	2.244	1.444	-35,7	402,2	274,5	-31,8	1.358,9	1.021,4	-24,8
Kriti	1.819	1.276	-29,9	429,6	299,8	-30,2	1.457,2	1.047,7	-28,1
Greece, Total	36.173	19.526	-46,0	6.079,7	3.698,3	-39,2	23.439,8	14.366,0	-38,7

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April-March		Change (%)	April-March		Change (%)	April-March		Change (%)
	2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.668	900	-46,0	300,7	148,7	-50,5	1.104,4	556,1	-49,6
Kentriki Makedonia	4.958	2.786	-43,8	910,9	652,7	-28,3	3.889,7	2.959,5	-23,9
Dytiki Makedonia	641	369	-42,4	115,8	105,2	-9,1	458,1	430,2	-6,1
Thessalia	2.158	1.220	-43,5	392,7	204,9	-47,8	1.507,3	763,4	-49,4
Ipeiros	1.177	662	-43,8	239,1	115,4	-51,7	873,8	376,4	-56,9
Ionioi Nisoi	1.627	723	-55,6	232,9	142,1	-39,0	789,8	488,3	-38,2
Dytiki Ellada	2.787	1.562	-44,0	425,1	234,9	-44,8	1.533,2	896,7	-41,5
Stereia Ellada	2.880	1.477	-48,7	514,3	259,7	-49,5	2.192,2	1.124,2	-48,7
Peloponnisos	3.368	2.099	-37,7	651,0	344,5	-47,1	2.797,3	1.268,0	-54,7
Attiki	9.522	4.161	-56,3	1.191,0	702,7	-41,0	4.407,4	2.592,2	-41,2
Voreio Aigaio	1.082	710	-34,4	127,9	93,4	-26,9	439,8	319,8	-27,3
Notio Aigaio	2.242	1.440	-35,8	401,6	273,0	-32,0	1.356,8	1.016,0	-25,1
Kriti	1.800	1.258	-30,1	399,9	278,0	-30,5	1.349,4	958,5	-29,0
Greece, Total	35.910	19.367	-46,1	5.903,0	3.555,1	-39,8	22.699,2	13.749,2	-39,4

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	335	143	-57,3	62	28	-55,1	244	115	-52,6
Kentriki Makedonia	908	532	-41,4	180	115	-35,9	806	484	-39,9
Dytiki Makedonia	127	67	-47,2	31	28	-10,7	117	152	30,3
Thessalia	423	285	-32,6	78	58	-25,7	283	234	-17,2
Ipeiros	255	109	-57,3	43	16	-64,3	142	51	-64,4
Ionioi Nisoï	270	127	-53,0	45	25	-43,4	160	88	-44,7
Dytiki Ellada	542	274	-49,4	79	31	-60,9	303	111	-63,3
Stereia Ellada	520	307	-41,0	99	59	-40,2	529	271	-48,7
Peloponnisos	733	433	-40,9	138	77	-44,5	541	297	-45,1
Attiki	1.821	920	-49,5	246	112	-54,6	941	418	-55,6
Voreio Aigaio	198	130	-34,3	31	13	-57,4	120	45	-62,4
Notio Aigaio	469	266	-43,3	74	38	-49,3	246	126	-48,6
Kriti	376	283	-24,7	86	56	-34,6	299	209	-29,9
Greece, Total	6.977	3.876	-44,4	1.193,6	655,6	-45,1	4.728,1	2.603,1	-44,9

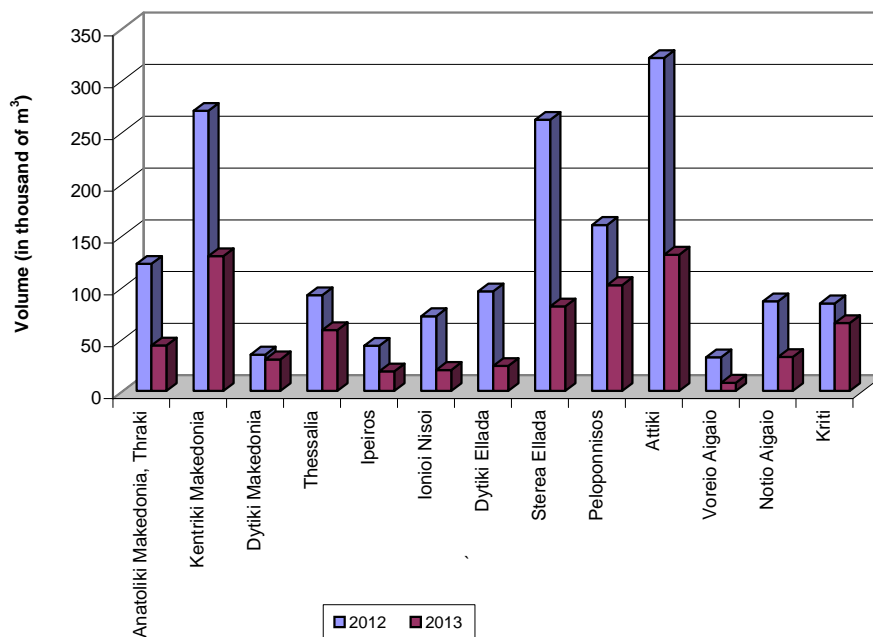
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- March 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	325	142	-56,3	62	28	-55,5	242	114	-53,0
Kentriki Makedonia	891	523	-41,3	175	111	-36,8	789	466	-40,9
Dytiki Makedonia	123	67	-45,5	19	28	42,7	77	152	97,2
Thessalia	422	279	-33,9	78	51	-34,8	282	198	-29,9
Ipeiros	255	107	-58,0	43	16	-64,3	142	51	-64,4
Ionioi Nisoï	270	127	-53,0	45	25	-43,4	160	88	-44,7
Dytiki Ellada	534	272	-49,1	73	31	-57,8	277	111	-60,0
Stereia Ellada	518	307	-40,7	98	59	-39,9	526	271	-48,5
Peloponnisos	702	430	-38,7	126	74	-40,8	474	286	-39,6
Attiki	1.814	917	-49,4	236	110	-53,4	908	411	-54,7
Voreio Aigaio	197	129	-34,5	25	13	-48,4	88	45	-49,1
Notio Aigaio	468	264	-43,6	74	36	-51,2	245	121	-50,6
Kriti	371	278	-25,1	71	54	-23,3	243	202	-17,0
Greece, Total	6.890	3.842	-44,2	1.127,0	636,0	-43,6	4.453,6	2.516,4	-43,5

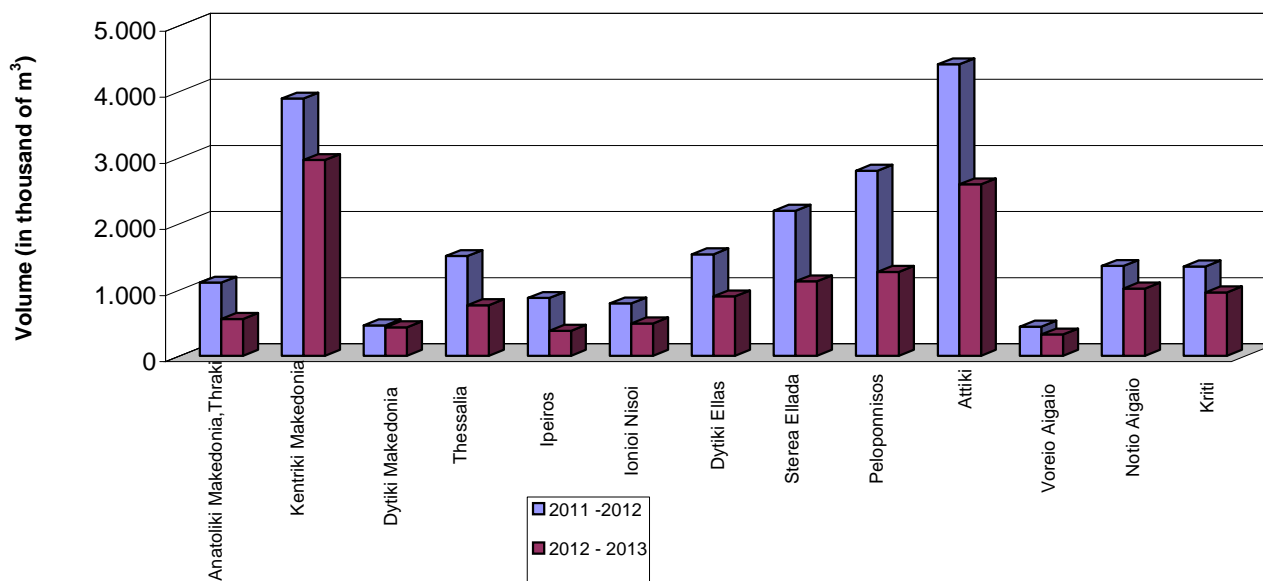
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in March 2012 and 2013*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period April 2011 - March 2012 and April 2012 - March 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

01/3/2013 to 31/3/2013

Coverage

The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.

Definitions

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.

The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".

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.

New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.

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.

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.

Surface of new-built property is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.

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.