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Building Activity Survey: February 2013

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in February 2013 the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole country-which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits in the whole country amounted to 1,240. This figure corresponds to 191,5 thousand m² of surface, and 761,3 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 45.3 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 48.0 % decrease in surface and a 47,0 % decrease in volume, compared to the month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 1,230 building permits, corresponding to 189.0 thousand m² of surface and 748.8 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 45.4 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 46.2% decrease in surface and a 44.8 % decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in February 2013 amounted to 10 building permits, corresponding to 2.4 thousand m² of surface and 12.5 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 1.6% of the total building volume in February 2013.

In the last twelve months, from March 2012 until February 2013, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 20,791. This figure corresponds to 3,917.4 thousand m² of surface and 15,311.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 42.9 % decrease in the number of building permits, 36.1 % decrease in surface and a 34.7 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of March 2011 until February 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period from March 2012 until February 2013, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 43.0 % decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 36.7% decrease in surface and a 35.3 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from March 2011 until February 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- February 2013, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 40.9 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 41.4 % decrease in surface and a 39.5 % decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2012 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- February 2013, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 40.6% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 38.5 % decrease in surface and a 36.2 % decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- February 2012 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	106	40	-62,3	16,5	6,6	-60,0	56,6	24,5	-56,7
Kentriki Makedonia	293	158	-46,1	52,8	37,3	-29,4	203,6	176,6	-13,3
Dytiki Makedonia	49	23	-53,1	7,8	2,6	-66,5	27,8	8,5	-69,6
Thessalia	142	82	-42,3	26,3	12,4	-53,0	103,5	48,2	-53,5
Ipeiros	75	32	-57,3	13,0	4,2	-67,6	46,4	13,4	-71,1
Ionioi Nisoi	96	31	-67,7	13,4	9,4	-29,7	46,3	29,6	-36,0
Dytiki Ellada	184	92	-50,0	30,5	11,4	-62,7	133,0	42,9	-67,7
Stereia Ellada	183	99	-45,9	30,0	20,0	-33,3	158,8	80,9	-49,1
Peloponnisos	251	147	-41,4	48,7	20,3	-58,3	180,0	78,2	-56,5
Attiki	524	321	-38,7	67,8	40,1	-40,8	253,0	160,4	-36,6
Voreio Aigaio	84	37	-56,0	14,7	2,7	-81,5	65,8	9,5	-85,6
Notio Aigaio	165	97	-41,2	25,2	11,2	-55,5	82,2	38,4	-53,3
Kriti	115	81	-29,6	21,8	13,2	-39,4	78,4	50,2	-36,0
Greece, Total	2.267	1.240	-45,3	368,5	191,5	-48,0	1.435,4	761,3	-47,0

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	106	40	-62,3	16,5	6,6	-60,0	56,6	24,5	-56,7
Kentriki Makedonia	290	157	-45,9	49,7	37,3	-25,0	192,8	176,6	-8,4
Dytiki Makedonia	48	23	-52,1	6,7	2,6	-61,3	23,4	8,5	-63,9
Thessalia	141	79	-44,0	26,2	10,6	-59,6	102,9	38,4	-62,7
Ipeiros	75	30	-60,0	13,0	4,2	-67,6	46,4	13,4	-71,1
Ionioi Nisoi	96	31	-67,7	13,4	9,4	-29,7	46,3	29,6	-36,0
Dytiki Ellada	182	92	-49,5	26,0	11,4	-56,2	114,2	42,9	-62,4
Stereia Ellada	181	99	-45,3	29,6	20,0	-32,2	156,6	80,9	-48,4
Peloponnisos	250	147	-41,2	47,7	20,3	-57,4	176,2	78,2	-55,6
Attiki	523	319	-39,0	67,1	39,6	-41,0	250,2	158,0	-36,9
Voreio Aigaio	83	37	-55,4	9,1	2,7	-70,1	33,6	9,5	-71,8
Notio Aigaio	164	96	-41,5	25,0	11,2	-55,3	81,6	38,4	-52,9
Kriti	113	80	-29,2	21,1	13,1	-37,8	75,9	49,9	-34,3
Greece, Total	2.252	1.230	-45,4	351,2	189,0	-46,2	1.356,7	748,8	-44,8

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)
	2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.716	988	-42,4	323,5	174,8	-46,0	1.155,5	670,5	-42,0
Kentriki Makedonia	4.990	3.014	-39,6	931,1	736,1	-20,9	3.997,2	3.291,1	-17,7
Dytiki Makedonia	641	400	-37,6	130,1	115,1	-11,5	519,7	473,8	-8,8
Thessalia	2.180	1.261	-42,2	400,9	228,4	-43,0	1.525,4	857,1	-43,8
Ipeiros	1.149	747	-35,0	245,3	124,7	-49,2	902,3	404,8	-55,1
Ionioi Nisoi	1.706	760	-55,5	241,0	155,3	-35,5	804,3	540,2	-32,8
Dytiki Ellada	2.855	1.683	-41,1	452,1	271,2	-40,0	1.631,2	1.033,4	-36,6
Stereia Ellada	2.944	1.550	-47,4	507,0	284,0	-44,0	2.068,6	1.304,3	-36,9
Peloponnisos	3.372	2.229	-33,9	670,2	361,9	-46,0	2.881,9	1.347,2	-53,3
Attiki	9.602	4.571	-52,4	1.230,9	759,6	-38,3	4.561,4	2.869,2	-37,1
Voreio Aigaio	1.165	735	-36,9	144,3	103,0	-28,6	513,2	358,0	-30,2
Notio Aigaio	2.238	1.513	-32,4	403,2	289,4	-28,2	1.363,4	1.069,8	-21,5
Kriti	1.879	1.340	-28,7	448,9	314,0	-30,1	1.512,8	1.092,7	-27,8
Greece, Total	36.437	20.791	-42,9	6.128,6	3.917,4	-36,1	23.436,9	15.311,9	-34,7

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)
	2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.681	980	-41,7	298,0	166,0	-44,3	1.066,5	634,9	-40,5
Kentriki Makedonia	4.926	2.954	-40,0	897,2	687,6	-23,4	3.833,7	3.099,8	-19,1
Dytiki Makedonia	627	391	-37,6	112,5	105,6	-6,1	449,3	434,8	-3,2
Thessalia	2.172	1.249	-42,5	391,9	214,1	-45,4	1.488,4	797,1	-46,4
Ipeiros	1.141	741	-35,1	240,7	123,4	-48,8	880,7	401,1	-54,5
Ionioi Nisoi	1.705	759	-55,5	240,6	155,3	-35,4	803,0	540,2	-32,7
Dytiki Ellada	2.830	1.669	-41,0	428,4	256,7	-40,1	1.538,8	968,7	-37,0
Stereia Ellada	2.937	1.544	-47,4	504,2	284,0	-43,7	2.052,1	1.304,2	-36,4
Peloponnisos	3.319	2.214	-33,3	651,3	358,0	-45,0	2.791,0	1.326,0	-52,5
Attiki	9.591	4.553	-52,5	1.222,5	740,6	-39,4	4.521,9	2.781,9	-38,5
Voreio Aigaio	1.162	731	-37,1	138,1	101,1	-26,8	476,9	344,3	-27,8
Notio Aigaio	2.236	1.510	-32,5	402,6	289,4	-28,1	1.361,3	1.069,8	-21,4
Kriti	1.860	1.322	-28,9	423,7	285,8	-32,5	1.424,8	977,4	-31,4
Greece, Total	36.187	20.617	-43,0	5.951,7	3.767,6	-36,7	22.688,3	14.680,0	-35,3

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	200	91	-54,5	34	17	-50,0	120	70	-41,6
Kentriki Makedonia	568	367	-35,4	114	82	-27,7	534	346	-35,3
Dytiki Makedonia	84	47	-44,0	22	20	-12,6	81	122	50,0
Thessalia	292	181	-38,0	53	38	-28,6	190	153	-19,6
Ipeiros	142	75	-47,2	29	9	-67,8	98	32	-67,6
Ionioi Nisoi	194	87	-55,2	26	19	-24,1	88	68	-22,2
Dytiki Ellada	355	197	-44,5	49	24	-50,8	201	87	-56,4
Stereia Ellada	344	198	-42,4	56	41	-27,5	267	190	-29,0
Peloponnisos	488	305	-37,5	101	52	-49,0	381	188	-50,6
Attiki	1.133	627	-44,7	163	74	-54,4	595	287	-51,8
Voreio Aigaio	146	98	-32,9	21	11	-48,1	88	37	-57,8
Notio Aigaio	317	183	-42,3	48	27	-45,0	159	88	-44,5
Kriti	231	202	-12,6	53	37	-29,3	182	138	-24,4
Greece, Total	4.494	2.658	-40,9	770,6	451,7	-41,4	2.985,1	1.806,0	-39,5

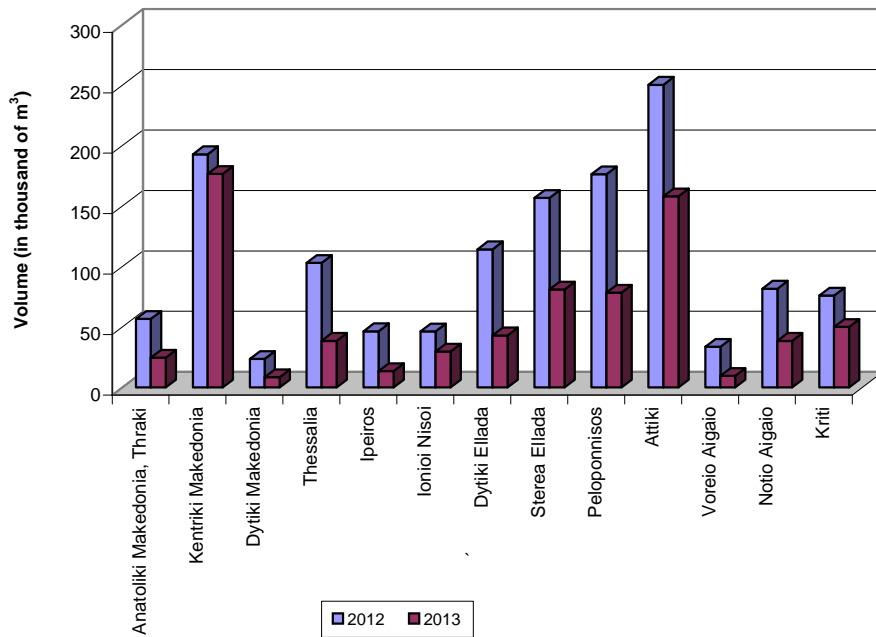
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- February 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	194	91	-53,1	34	17	-49,9	120	70	-41,4
Kentriki Makedonia	562	362	-35,6	110	80	-26,9	519	336	-35,2
Dytiki Makedonia	81	47	-42,0	11	20	78,4	42	122	188,4
Thessalia	291	177	-39,2	53	35	-33,8	190	139	-26,8
Ipeiros	142	73	-48,6	29	9	-67,8	98	32	-67,6
Ionioi Nisoi	194	87	-55,2	26	19	-24,1	88	68	-22,2
Dytiki Ellada	351	196	-44,2	44	24	-46,0	181	87	-52,0
Stereia Ellada	342	198	-42,1	56	41	-26,9	265	190	-28,4
Peloponnisos	460	303	-34,1	89	51	-42,6	314	185	-41,3
Attiki	1.129	624	-44,7	161	73	-54,9	587	280	-52,3
Voreio Aigaio	145	98	-32,4	16	11	-29,6	56	37	-33,5
Notio Aigaio	316	182	-42,4	48	27	-44,8	158	88	-44,3
Kriti	227	198	-12,8	46	37	-19,0	159	136	-14,1
Greece, Total	4.434	2.636	-40,6	722,6	444,1	-38,5	2.777,1	1.770,7	-36,2

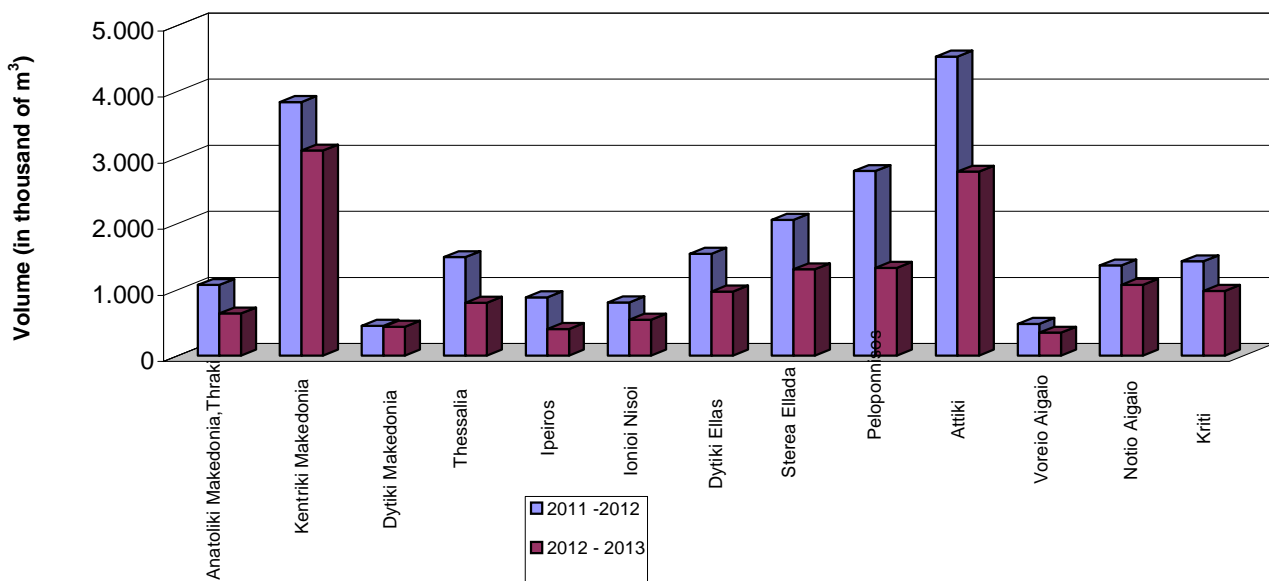
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in February 2012 and 2013*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period March 2011 - February 2012 and March 2012 - February 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	01/2/2013 to 28/2/2013
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.