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**Building Activity Survey: January 2013**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in January 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 1,418. This figure corresponds to 260.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,044.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting respectively a 36.3 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 35.3 % decrease in surface and a 32.6 % decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 1,406 building permits, corresponding to 255.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,021.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 35.6 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 31.3 % decrease in surface and a 28.1 % decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in January 2013 amounted to 12 building permits, corresponding to 5.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 22.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 2.2 % of the total building volume in January 2012.

In the last twelve months, from February 2012 until January 2013, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 21,818 . This figure corresponds to 4,094.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 15,986.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting a 40.0 % decrease in the number of building permits, 33.4 % decrease in surface and a 31.8 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of February 2011 until January 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period from February 2012 until January 2013 , Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 40.0% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 34.3 % decrease in surface and a 32.8 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from February 2011 until January 2012 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.4 % of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Thraki	94	51	-45,7	17,8	10,6	-40,8	63,6	45,7	-28,2
Kentriki Makedonia	275	209	-24,0	61,2	45,1	-26,3	330,3	169,0	-48,8
Dytiki Makedonia	35	24	-31,4	14,7	17,0	16,0	53,6	113,6	111,9
Thessalia	150	99	-34,0	26,7	25,5	-4,4	86,8	104,8	20,7
Ipeiros	67	43	-35,8	16,4	5,3	-67,9	52,1	18,5	-64,5
Ionioi Nisoi	98	56	-42,9	12,3	10,1	-18,0	41,3	38,6	-6,6
Dytiki Ellada	171	105	-38,6	18,5	12,7	-31,2	67,5	44,4	-34,1
Sterea Ellada	161	99	-38,5	26,1	20,7	-20,8	108,4	109,0	0,5
Peloponnisos	237	158	-33,3	52,6	31,4	-40,4	201,2	109,9	-45,4
Attiki	609	306	-49,8	94,9	34,0	-64,2	341,9	126,1	-63,1
Voreio Aigaio	62	61	-1,6	6,5	8,3	27,4	22,3	27,7	24,0
Notio Aigaio	152	86	-43,4	23,2	15,4	-33,6	76,9	49,9	-35,1
Kriti	116	121	4,3	31,2	24,3	-22,2	103,7	87,5	-15,6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2.227</b>	<b>1.418</b>	<b>-36,3</b>	<b>402,1</b>	<b>260,2</b>	<b>-35,3</b>	<b>1.549,7</b>	<b>1.044,7</b>	<b>-32,6</b>

\* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2012	2013		2012	2013		2012	2013	
Thraki	88	51	-42,0	17,7	10,6	-40,5	63,2	45,7	-27,8
Kentriki Makedonia	272	205	-24,6	60,3	43,2	-28,4	325,8	159,4	-51,1
Dytiki Makedonia	33	24	-27,3	4,3	17,0	296,3	18,9	113,6	500,5
Thessalia	150	98	-34,7	26,7	24,4	-8,4	86,8	100,6	15,8
Ipeiros	67	43	-35,8	16,4	5,3	-67,9	52,1	18,5	-64,5
Ionioi Nisoi	98	56	-42,9	12,3	10,1	-18,0	41,3	38,6	-6,6
Dytiki Ellada	169	104	-38,5	18,4	12,6	-31,6	67,1	44,1	-34,3
Sterea Ellada	161	99	-38,5	26,1	20,7	-20,8	108,4	109,0	0,5
Peloponnisos	210	156	-25,7	40,9	30,6	-25,4	137,8	106,3	-22,9
Attiki	606	305	-49,7	93,7	33,0	-64,8	336,7	122,1	-63,7
Voreio Aigaio	62	61	-1,6	6,5	8,3	27,4	22,3	27,7	24,0
Notio Aigaio	152	86	-43,4	23,2	15,4	-33,6	76,9	49,9	-35,1
Kriti	114	118	3,5	24,8	24,1	-3,0	83,0	86,6	4,4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2.182</b>	<b>1.406</b>	<b>-35,6</b>	<b>371,4</b>	<b>255,1</b>	<b>-31,3</b>	<b>1.420,4</b>	<b>1.021,9</b>	<b>-28,1</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013	
Thraki	1.701	1.054	-38,0	323,7	184,7	-42,9	1.159,7	702,6	-39,4
Kentriki Makedonia	4.941	3.149	-36,3	923,4	751,6	-18,6	3.966,1	3.318,1	-16,3
Dytiki Makedonia	624	426	-31,7	128,7	120,3	-6,6	511,3	493,1	-3,6
Thessalia	2.167	1.321	-39,0	409,5	242,4	-40,8	1.556,6	912,4	-41,4
Ipeiros	1.145	790	-31,0	244,5	133,5	-45,4	896,2	437,7	-51,2
Ionioi Nisoi	1.704	825	-51,6	242,7	159,3	-34,4	807,6	556,9	-31,0
Dytiki Ellada	2.807	1.775	-36,8	450,7	290,3	-35,6	1.644,0	1.123,5	-31,7
Stereia Ellada	2.938	1.634	-44,4	506,6	294,0	-42,0	2.013,2	1.382,2	-31,3
Peloponnisos	3.277	2.333	-28,8	641,6	390,3	-39,2	2.769,0	1.448,9	-47,7
Attiki	9.771	4.774	-51,1	1.259,6	787,2	-37,5	4.681,0	2.961,8	-36,7
Voreio Aigaio	1.167	782	-33,0	143,7	115,0	-20,0	501,0	414,3	-17,3
Notio Aigaio	2.188	1.581	-27,7	401,2	303,4	-24,4	1.363,4	1.113,6	-18,3
Kriti	1.906	1.374	-27,9	471,7	322,6	-31,6	1.582,1	1.120,9	-29,2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>36.336</b>	<b>21.818</b>	<b>-40,0</b>	<b>6.147,8</b>	<b>4.094,5</b>	<b>-33,4</b>	<b>23.451,3</b>	<b>15.986,1</b>	<b>-31,8</b>

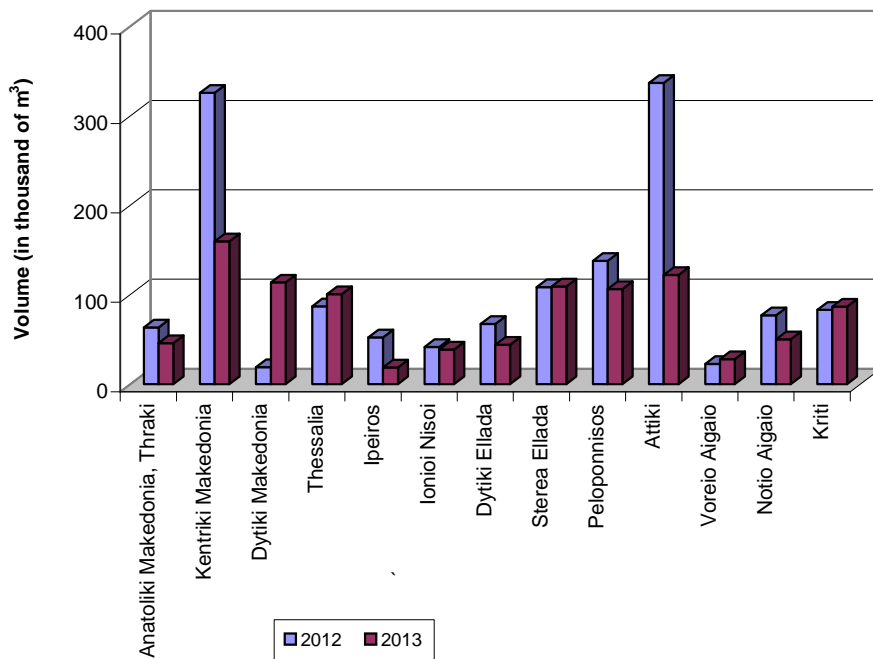
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**Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period February 2011 - January 2012 and February 2012 - January 2013 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013		2011 -2012	2012 - 2013	
Thraki	1.666	1.046	-37,2	298,1	175,9	-41,0	1.070,6	667,0	-37,7
Kentriki Makedonia	4.876	3.087	-36,7	891,0	700,1	-21,4	3.807,0	3.116,0	-18,2
Dytiki Makedonia	611	416	-31,9	112,2	109,7	-2,2	445,3	449,8	1,0
Thessalia	2.160	1.311	-39,3	400,7	229,7	-42,7	1.520,2	861,6	-43,3
Ipeiros	1.137	786	-30,9	239,9	132,2	-44,9	874,6	434,0	-50,4
Ionioi Nisoi	1.703	824	-51,6	242,3	159,3	-34,3	806,3	556,9	-30,9
Dytiki Ellada	2.784	1.759	-36,8	431,6	271,4	-37,1	1.570,5	1.039,9	-33,8
Stereia Ellada	2.933	1.626	-44,6	504,2	293,5	-41,8	1.999,0	1.379,9	-31,0
Peloponnisos	3.225	2.317	-28,2	623,7	385,4	-38,2	2.681,9	1.424,0	-46,9
Attiki	9.761	4.757	-51,3	1.251,8	768,1	-38,6	4.644,4	2.874,1	-38,1
Voreio Aigaio	1.164	777	-33,2	142,9	107,4	-24,8	495,8	368,4	-25,7
Notio Aigaio	2.186	1.578	-27,8	400,4	303,2	-24,3	1.360,6	1.112,9	-18,2
Kriti	1.886	1.355	-28,2	445,9	293,8	-34,1	1.490,4	1.003,5	-32,7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>36.092</b>	<b>21.639</b>	<b>-40,0</b>	<b>5.984,7</b>	<b>3.929,7</b>	<b>-34,3</b>	<b>22.766,4</b>	<b>15.287,9</b>	<b>-32,8</b>

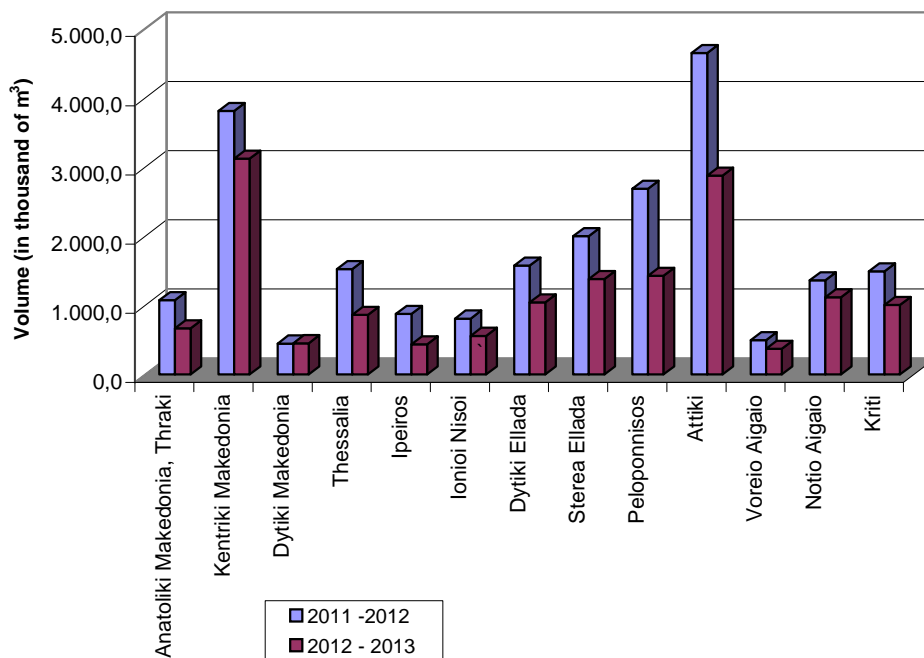
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in January 2012 and 2013\***



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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>	01/1/2013 to 31/1/2013
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the
<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.