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Building Activity Survey: November 2012

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in November 2012 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 1,156. This figure corresponds to 197.0 thousand m² of surface and 706.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 66.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 63.3% decrease in surface and a 65.4% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2011 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 1,150 building permits, corresponding to 189.7 thousand m² of surface and 676.9 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2011, there is a 66.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 64.0% decrease in surface and a 66.1% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in November 2012 amounted to 6 building permits, corresponding to 7.3 thousand m² of surface and 30.0 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.3 % of the total building volume in November 2012.

In the last twelve months, from December 2011 until November 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 23,826 . This figure corresponds to 4,414.9 thousand m² of surface and 17,162.5 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 37.1% decrease in the number of building permits, 34.0% decrease in surface and a 32.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of December 2010 until November 2011 (Table 3).

In the same period from December 2011 until November 2012 , Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 37.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 35.4% decrease in surface and a 33.9% decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from December 2010 until November 2011 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.6% of the total building volume.

During the period January- November 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 36.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 30.3% decrease in surface and a 28.7% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2011 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- November 2012, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 36.6% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 32.0% decrease in surface and a 30.5% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- November 2011 (Table 6). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.6% of the total building volume.

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in November 2011 and 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	169	80	-52,7	33,5	19,8	-41,1	123,6	73,8	-40,3
Kentriki Makedonia	400	137	-65,8	80,9	21,7	-73,2	363,8	94,0	-74,2
Dytiki Makedonia	53	23	-56,6	10,0	5,2	-47,7	45,2	16,9	-62,7
Thessalia	216	64	-70,4	44,2	10,0	-77,4	201,0	39,9	-80,1
Ipeiros	113	20	-82,3	23,6	3,1	-86,7	91,1	9,5	-89,6
Ionioi Nisoi	181	35	-80,7	26,7	10,9	-59,4	87,7	33,9	-61,3
Dytiki Ellada	280	122	-56,4	34,9	16,6	-52,3	117,8	62,4	-47,0
Stereia Ellada	295	70	-76,3	47,2	7,5	-84,1	192,7	25,9	-86,6
Peloponnisos	362	130	-64,1	64,9	20,6	-68,3	221,5	78,5	-64,6
Attiki	938	288	-69,3	97,3	46,3	-52,4	359,9	153,8	-57,3
Voreio Aigaio	101	40	-60,4	11,6	6,5	-43,7	36,8	21,4	-41,8
Notio Aigaio	191	86	-55,0	32,6	14,2	-56,4	109,8	49,6	-54,8
Kriti	158	61	-61,4	29,0	14,6	-49,7	93,7	47,4	-49,5
Greece, Total	3.457	1.156	-66,6	536,4	197,0	-63,3	2.044,7	706,9	-65,4

* Provisional data

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in November 2011 and 2012*

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)	November		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	167	79	-52,7	33,4	12,4	-62,7	123,0	43,8	-64,4
Kentriki Makedonia	393	137	-65,1	77,6	21,7	-72,1	340,2	94,0	-72,4
Dytiki Makedonia	52	23	-55,8	9,3	5,2	-43,4	40,6	16,9	-58,5
Thessalia	216	64	-70,4	44,2	10,0	-77,4	201,0	39,9	-80,1
Ipeiros	111	18	-83,8	22,3	3,1	-86,0	85,8	9,4	-89,0
Ionioi Nisoi	181	35	-80,7	26,7	10,9	-59,4	87,7	33,9	-61,3
Dytiki Ellada	279	122	-56,3	33,4	16,6	-50,1	111,7	62,4	-44,1
Stereia Ellada	295	68	-76,9	47,2	7,5	-84,1	192,7	25,9	-86,6
Peloponnisos	357	130	-63,6	63,0	20,6	-67,3	213,2	78,5	-63,2
Attiki	937	287	-69,4	97,3	46,3	-52,4	359,9	153,8	-57,3
Voreio Aigaio	101	40	-60,4	11,6	6,5	-43,7	36,8	21,4	-41,8
Notio Aigaio	191	86	-55,0	32,6	14,2	-56,4	109,8	49,6	-54,8
Kriti	157	61	-61,1	29,0	14,6	-49,7	93,7	47,4	-49,5
Greece, Total	3.437	1.150	-66,5	527,3	189,7	-64,0	1.996,1	676,9	-66,1

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Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period December 2010 - November 2011 and December 2011 - November 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December- November		Change (%)	December- November		Change (%)	December- November		Change (%)
	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.788	1.135	-36,5	349,9	196,9	-43,7	1.270,9	735,2	-42,1
Kentriki Makedonia	5.067	3.338	-34,1	1.004,4	796,6	-20,7	4.098,5	3.683,6	-10,1
Dytiki Makedonia	657	463	-29,5	133,6	108,0	-19,2	526,0	412,3	-21,6
Thessalia	2.227	1.464	-34,3	439,5	254,0	-42,2	1.680,6	922,0	-45,1
Ipeiros	1.181	887	-24,9	273,3	159,9	-41,5	977,8	534,2	-45,4
Ionioi Nisoi	1.731	960	-44,5	250,1	177,8	-28,9	836,2	609,5	-27,1
Dytiki Ellada	2.979	1.936	-35,0	501,1	301,9	-39,8	1.844,8	1.150,7	-37,6
Stereia Ellada	3.076	1.828	-40,6	548,8	316,4	-42,4	2.140,4	1.441,1	-32,7
Peloponnisos	3.406	2.497	-26,7	663,8	439,9	-33,7	2.969,9	1.643,4	-44,7
Attiki	10.353	5.400	-47,8	1.423,1	862,5	-39,4	5.269,9	3.200,9	-39,3
Voreio Aigaio	1.184	805	-32,0	150,4	110,8	-26,3	516,9	394,6	-23,7
Notio Aigaio	2.117	1.721	-18,7	445,1	320,0	-28,1	1.509,1	1.169,3	-22,5
Kriti	2.126	1.392	-34,5	510,5	370,1	-27,5	1.752,5	1.265,5	-27,8
Greece, Total	37.892	23.826	-37,1	6.693,7	4.414,9	-34,0	25.393,4	17.162,5	-32,4

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Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period December 2010 - November 2011 and December 2011 - November 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December- November		Change (%)	December- November		Change (%)	December- November		Change (%)
	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.761	1.117	-36,6	318,1	187,0	-41,2	1.126,0	695,2	-38,3
Kentriki Makedonia	5.001	3.274	-34,5	977,4	738,3	-24,5	3.972,2	3.444,4	-13,3
Dytiki Makedonia	643	450	-30,0	127,8	85,4	-33,2	496,6	325,7	-34,4
Thessalia	2.222	1.455	-34,5	436,1	239,0	-45,2	1.666,6	861,6	-48,3
Ipeiros	1.169	883	-24,5	255,5	158,6	-37,9	913,0	530,5	-41,9
Ionioi Nisoi	1.729	959	-44,5	249,7	177,8	-28,8	834,8	609,5	-27,0
Dytiki Ellada	2.954	1.920	-35,0	478,9	290,4	-39,4	1.760,9	1.096,9	-37,7
Stereia Ellada	3.068	1.818	-40,7	546,7	315,2	-42,4	2.126,6	1.436,8	-32,4
Peloponnisos	3.383	2.451	-27,5	658,0	423,3	-35,7	2.947,6	1.555,8	-47,2
Attiki	10.344	5.389	-47,9	1.414,5	851,9	-39,8	5.229,2	3.165,8	-39,5
Voreio Aigaio	1.180	801	-32,1	149,6	103,7	-30,7	511,7	351,0	-31,4
Notio Aigaio	2.115	1.719	-18,7	444,2	319,8	-28,0	1.506,2	1.168,7	-22,4
Kriti	2.105	1.374	-34,7	484,1	335,1	-30,8	1.660,3	1.128,3	-32,0
Greece, Total	37.674	23.610	-37,3	6.540,7	4.225,5	-35,4	24.751,7	16.370,3	-33,9

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January- November 2011 and 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January- November		Change (%)	January- November		Change (%)	January- November		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.587	1.004	-36,7	311	175	-43,9	1.109	657	-40,8
Kentriki Makedonia	4.436	2.949	-33,5	772	682	-11,6	3.130	3.089	-1,3
Dytiki Makedonia	563	403	-28,4	117	98	-16,4	462	375	-18,9
Thessalia	1.940	1.264	-34,8	372	222	-40,3	1.428	806	-43,6
Ipeiros	1.009	773	-23,4	215	138	-35,7	785	448	-43,0
Ionioi Nisoi	1.489	791	-46,9	212	149	-29,7	705	512	-27,4
Dytiki Ellada	2.514	1.706	-32,1	416	269	-35,3	1.520	1.037	-31,8
Stereia Ellada	2.629	1.566	-40,4	472	273	-42,1	1.852	1.262	-31,9
Peloponnisos	2.913	2.231	-23,4	562	381	-32,2	2.500	1.426	-42,9
Attiki	9.036	4.713	-47,8	1.184	773	-34,7	4.448	2.886	-35,1
Voreio Aigaio	1.026	693	-32,5	126	98	-22,4	441	351	-20,4
Notio Aigaio	1.899	1.503	-20,9	377	288	-23,6	1.283	1.061	-17,3
Kriti	1.708	1.233	-27,8	390	302	-22,4	1.318	1.049	-20,4
Greece, Total	32.749	20.829	-36,4	5.524,8	3.849,0	-30,3	20.982,3	14.958,6	-28,7

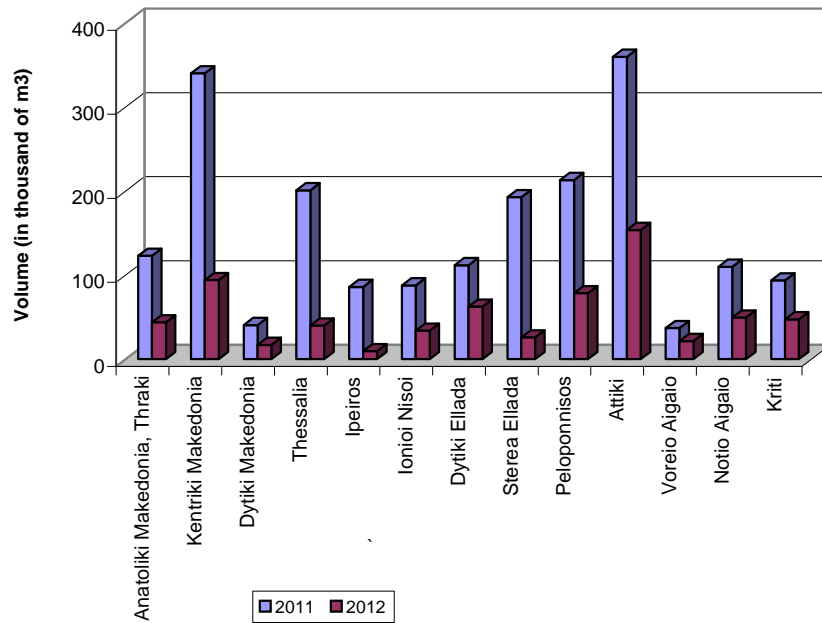
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- November 2011 and 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January- November		Change (%)	January- November		Change (%)	January- November		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.562	991	-36,6	286	166	-42,0	1.021	621	-39,2
Kentriki Makedonia	4.380	2.893	-33,9	751	635	-15,5	3.033	2.908	-4,1
Dytiki Makedonia	553	392	-29,1	112	77	-31,6	439	297	-32,3
Thessalia	1.935	1.257	-35,0	368	212	-42,3	1.414	768	-45,7
Ipeiros	1.001	769	-23,2	210	137	-34,9	764	444	-41,8
Ionioi Nisoi	1.488	790	-46,9	211	149	-29,5	703	512	-27,3
Dytiki Ellada	2.492	1.691	-32,1	395	258	-34,8	1.441	983	-31,8
Stereia Ellada	2.626	1.558	-40,7	470	273	-42,0	1.840	1.260	-31,5
Peloponnisos	2.892	2.191	-24,2	557	365	-34,3	2.478	1.342	-45,9
Attiki	9.029	4.702	-47,9	1.178	763	-35,2	4.416	2.851	-35,4
Voreio Aigaio	1.023	689	-32,6	125	91	-27,5	436	308	-29,4
Notio Aigaio	1.897	1.501	-20,9	376	288	-23,4	1.280	1.060	-17,2
Kriti	1.690	1.215	-28,1	370	267	-27,8	1.247	912	-26,9
Greece, Total	32.568	20.639	-36,6	5.410,4	3.680,6	-32,0	20.512,8	14.265,0	-30,5

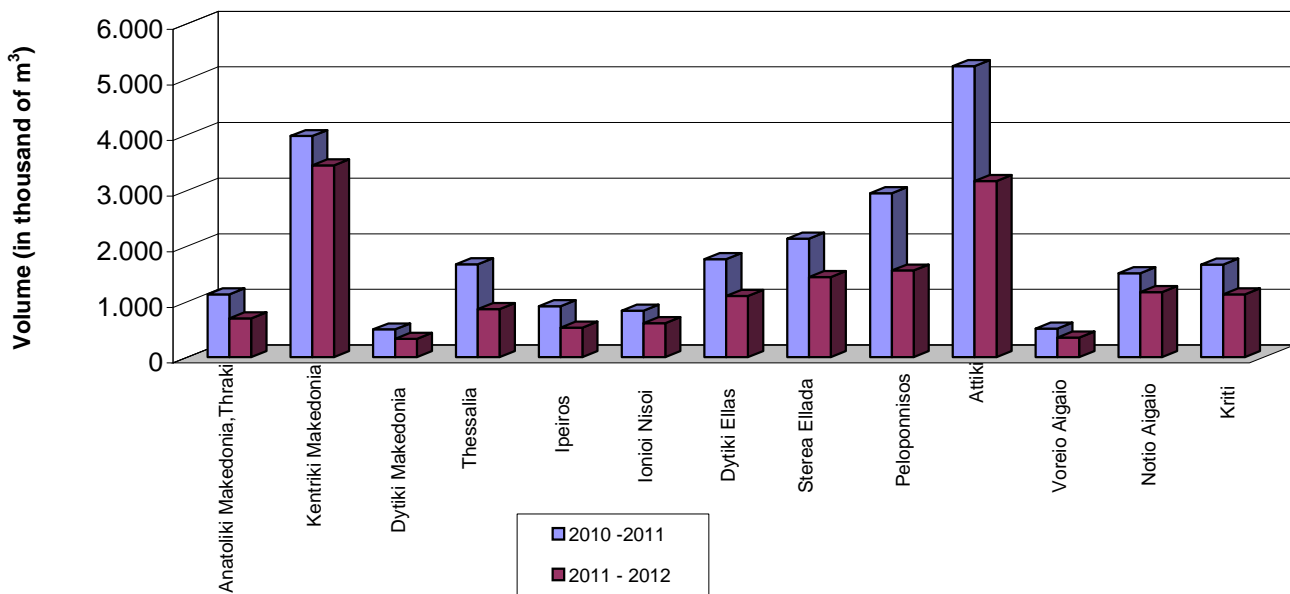
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in November 2011 and 2012*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period December 2010 - November 2011 and December 2011 - November 2012 *



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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	01/11/2012 to 30/11/2012
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.