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Building Activity Survey: July 2012

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in July 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 2,150 . This figure corresponds to 434.2 thousand m² of surface and 1,681.8 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 51.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 41.5 % decrease in surface and a 47.7 % decrease in volume, compared to the month of 2011 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 2,132 building permits, corresponding to 413.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,595.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2011, there is a 51.9 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 43.0 % decrease in surface and a 49.2 % decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in July 2012 amounted to 18 building permits, corresponding to 21.1 thousand m² of surface and 86.2 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 5.1% of the total building volume in July 2011.

In the last twelve months, from August 2011 until July 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 30,588 . This figure corresponds to 5,412.0 thousand m² of surface and 20,478.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 24.0 % decrease in the number of building permits, 29.9 % decrease in surface and a 28.4 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of August 2010 until July 2011 (Table 3).

In the same period from August 2011 until July 2012 , Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 24.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 30.1 % decrease in surface and a 29.1 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from August 2010 until July 2011 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.9 % of the total building volume.

During the period January- July 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 25.0 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 19.4 % decrease in surface and a 20.2 % decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2011 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- July 2012, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 25.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 21.3 % decrease in surface and a 22.3 % decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- July 2012 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	176	84	-52,3	28,4	11,3	-60,4	99,9	45,7	-54,2
Kentriki Makedonia	685	357	-47,9	98,4	88,8	-9,8	439,7	369,4	-16,0
Dytiki Makedonia	71	42	-40,8	14,9	13,0	-12,4	63,9	52,1	-18,4
Thessalia	253	111	-56,1	53,1	21,3	-59,9	186,8	76,7	-58,9
Ipeiros	157	89	-43,3	27,1	23,2	-14,1	89,8	72,5	-19,2
Ionioi Nisoi	135	92	-31,9	20,9	31,4	49,8	64,2	96,6	50,6
Dytiki Ellada	323	172	-46,7	51,6	36,2	-29,8	218,7	151,6	-30,7
Stereia Ellada	340	181	-46,8	73,1	31,6	-56,8	249,4	129,4	-48,1
Peloponnisos	378	229	-39,4	108,6	34,2	-68,6	849,1	120,2	-85,8
Attiki	1.500	480	-68,0	191,1	92,0	-51,9	689,9	399,7	-42,1
Voreio Aigaio	101	55	-45,5	10,5	5,8	-44,7	37,0	20,7	-44,1
Notio Aigaio	187	138	-26,2	33,4	14,9	-55,6	113,0	49,3	-56,3
Kriti	149	120	-19,5	31,2	30,6	-2,1	116,4	97,7	-16,1
Greece, Total	4.455	2.150	-51,7	742,4	434,2	-41,5	3.217,8	1.681,8	-47,7

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	173	84	-51,4	25,3	11,3	-55,5	88,4	45,7	-48,2
Kentriki Makedonia	678	351	-48,2	97,3	84,3	-13,4	433,2	350,8	-19,0
Dytiki Makedonia	67	39	-41,8	12,6	6,0	-52,3	51,4	22,5	-56,3
Thessalia	253	110	-56,5	53,1	14,5	-72,6	186,8	51,9	-72,2
Ipeiros	157	89	-43,3	27,1	23,2	-14,1	89,8	72,5	-19,2
Ionioi Nisoi	135	92	-31,9	20,9	31,4	49,8	64,2	96,6	50,6
Dytiki Ellada	322	170	-47,2	47,0	34,1	-27,4	200,7	141,0	-29,8
Stereia Ellada	340	180	-47,1	73,1	31,6	-56,8	249,4	129,3	-48,2
Peloponnisos	375	226	-39,7	108,5	33,5	-69,1	848,6	118,2	-86,1
Attiki	1.497	480	-67,9	188,3	92,0	-51,1	673,4	399,7	-40,6
Voreio Aigaio	101	55	-45,5	10,5	5,8	-44,7	37,0	20,7	-44,1
Notio Aigaio	187	138	-26,2	33,4	14,9	-55,6	113,0	49,3	-56,3
Kriti	148	118	-20,3	28,0	30,5	8,8	102,9	97,4	-5,3
Greece, Total	4.433	2.132	-51,9	725,2	413,1	-43,0	3.138,7	1.595,6	-49,2

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)
	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012		2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012		2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.954	1.473	-24,6	395,1	261,6	-33,8	1.395,5	972,7	-30,3
Kentriki Makedonia	5.081	4.278	-15,8	1.109,8	937,4	-15,5	4.484,9	3.979,8	-11,3
Dytiki Makedonia	707	564	-20,2	149,5	121,8	-18,5	563,9	490,6	-13,0
Thessalia	2.463	1.893	-23,1	533,2	343,5	-35,6	1.870,9	1.310,4	-30,0
Ipeiros	1.383	1.097	-20,7	347,2	204,7	-41,0	1.203,1	731,6	-39,2
Ionioi Nisoi	1.819	1.365	-25,0	273,9	221,1	-19,3	934,9	745,2	-20,3
Dytiki Ellada	3.311	2.387	-27,9	556,2	389,7	-29,9	2.039,3	1.390,9	-31,8
Stereia Ellada	3.278	2.451	-25,2	642,3	433,5	-32,5	2.201,2	1.961,2	-10,9
Peloponnisos	3.545	3.101	-12,5	701,0	558,0	-20,4	3.076,7	2.053,5	-33,3
Attiki	10.926	7.060	-35,4	1.758,7	987,4	-43,9	6.549,3	3.621,5	-44,7
Voreio Aigaio	1.174	1.032	-12,1	137,4	138,8	1,0	467,2	497,7	6,5
Notio Aigaio	2.183	2.174	-0,4	484,6	389,5	-19,6	1.618,2	1.298,9	-19,7
Kriti	2.410	1.713	-28,9	626,3	425,1	-32,1	2.180,3	1.424,3	-34,7
Greece, Total	40.234	30.588	-24,0	7.715,2	5.412,0	-29,9	28.585,4	20.478,2	-28,4

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)
	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012		2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012		2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.924	1.448	-24,7	333,3	256,0	-23,2	1.150,9	952,4	-17,2
Kentriki Makedonia	4.996	4.207	-15,8	1.073,2	876,1	-18,4	4.322,1	3.721,0	-13,9
Dytiki Makedonia	691	550	-20,4	143,8	98,5	-31,5	537,1	398,8	-25,8
Thessalia	2.450	1.887	-23,0	525,2	331,2	-36,9	1.839,3	1.262,6	-31,4
Ipeiros	1.369	1.091	-20,3	324,8	203,2	-37,5	1.123,9	725,7	-35,4
Ionioi Nisoi	1.817	1.364	-24,9	273,5	221,1	-19,2	933,5	745,2	-20,2
Dytiki Ellada	3.288	2.361	-28,2	539,3	365,9	-32,1	1.980,9	1.290,5	-34,9
Stereia Ellada	3.261	2.442	-25,1	600,0	430,9	-28,2	2.167,7	1.946,6	-10,2
Peloponnisos	3.530	3.045	-13,7	698,1	538,7	-22,8	3.065,7	1.955,9	-36,2
Attiki	10.916	7.050	-35,4	1.750,1	977,3	-44,2	6.508,6	3.588,9	-44,9
Voreio Aigaio	1.170	1.028	-12,1	136,8	131,5	-3,9	465,1	453,4	-2,5
Notio Aigaio	2.179	2.172	-0,3	484,2	388,9	-19,7	1.616,7	1.296,8	-19,8
Kriti	2.381	1.701	-28,6	588,0	404,8	-31,2	2.037,2	1.347,2	-33,9
Greece, Total	39.972	30.346	-24,1	7.470,2	5.224,1	-30,1	27.748,6	19.685,0	-29,1

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January- July		Change (%)	January- July		Change (%)	January- July		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	957	712	-25,6	187	115	-38,4	647	433	-33,1
Kentriki Makedonia	2.711	2.164	-20,2	422	473	12,1	1.740	1.994	14,6
Dytiki Makedonia	340	281	-17,4	74	68	-7,4	280	271	-3,3
Thessalia	1.194	947	-20,7	229	169	-26,2	832	598	-28,1
Ipeiros	644	618	-4,0	145	113	-21,9	504	364	-27,8
Ionioi Nisoi	890	597	-32,9	131	111	-14,9	435	378	-13,2
Dytiki Ellada	1.560	1.203	-22,9	254	195	-23,2	985	742	-24,6
Stereia Ellada	1.643	1.203	-26,8	292	211	-27,9	1.041	970	-6,8
Peloponnisos	1.691	1.613	-4,6	346	283	-18,2	1.733	1.070	-38,3
Attiki	6.326	3.663	-42,1	897	611	-31,9	3.442	2.301	-33,1
Voreio Aigaio	596	490	-17,8	71	70	-0,3	245	258	5,4
Notio Aigaio	1.063	1.120	5,4	210	190	-9,3	713	620	-13,0
Kriti	1.051	897	-14,7	245	212	-13,2	831	721	-13,3
Greece, Total	20.666	15.508	-25,0	3.502,3	2.823,6	-19,4	13.427,8	10.719,9	-20,2

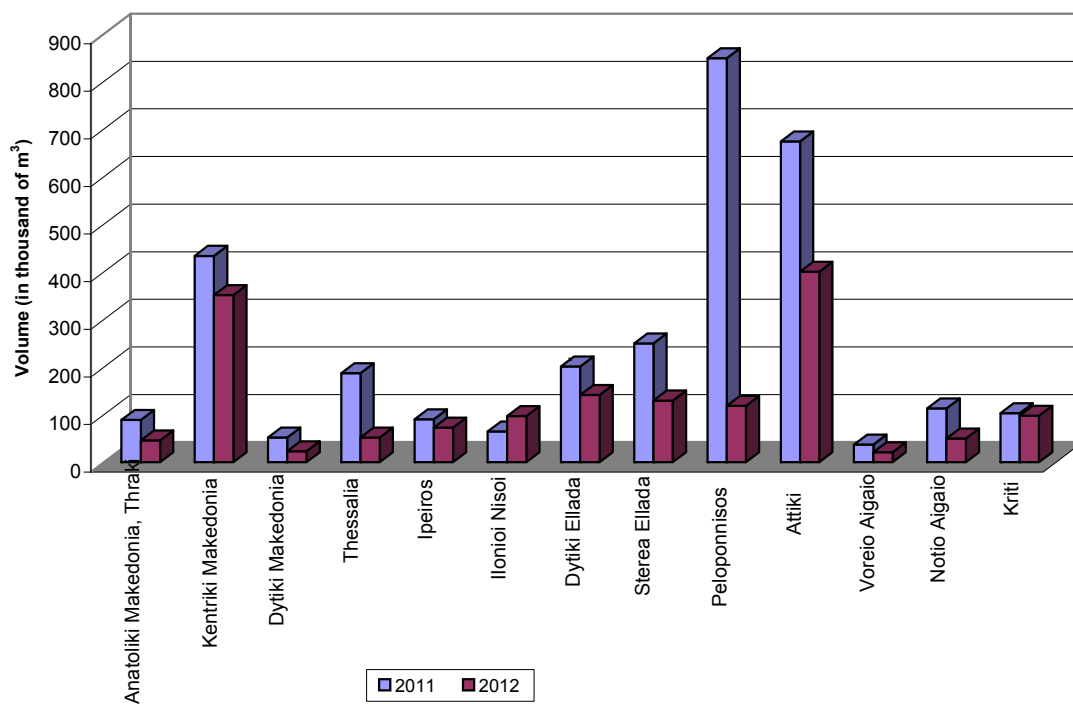
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- July 2011 and 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January- July		Change (%)	January- July		Change (%)	January- July		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	942	702	-25,5	166	115	-30,8	574	432	-24,9
Kentriki Makedonia	2.674	2.120	-20,7	410	432	5,2	1.686	1.838	9,0
Dytiki Makedonia	334	273	-18,3	70	48	-31,8	264	195	-26,1
Thessalia	1.189	943	-20,7	226	162	-28,2	818	572	-30,0
Ipeiros	641	617	-3,7	142	113	-20,2	488	364	-25,5
Ionioi Nisoi	889	596	-33,0	131	111	-14,6	434	378	-12,9
Dytiki Ellada	1.550	1.190	-23,2	247	185	-25,1	957	692	-27,7
Stereia Ellada	1.642	1.198	-27,0	292	210	-28,0	1.039	968	-6,8
Peloponnisos	1.682	1.575	-6,4	343	268	-22,1	1.723	987	-42,7
Attiki	6.320	3.654	-42,2	891	601	-32,5	3.411	2.269	-33,5
Voreio Aigaio	594	487	-18,0	70	64	-9,4	243	218	-10,7
Notio Aigaio	1.062	1.119	5,4	209	190	-9,1	711	620	-12,9
Kriti	1.037	889	-14,3	230	197	-14,4	780	664	-14,9
Greece, Total	20.556	15.363	-25,3	3.427,3	2.696,1	-21,3	13.128,6	10.195,6	-22,3

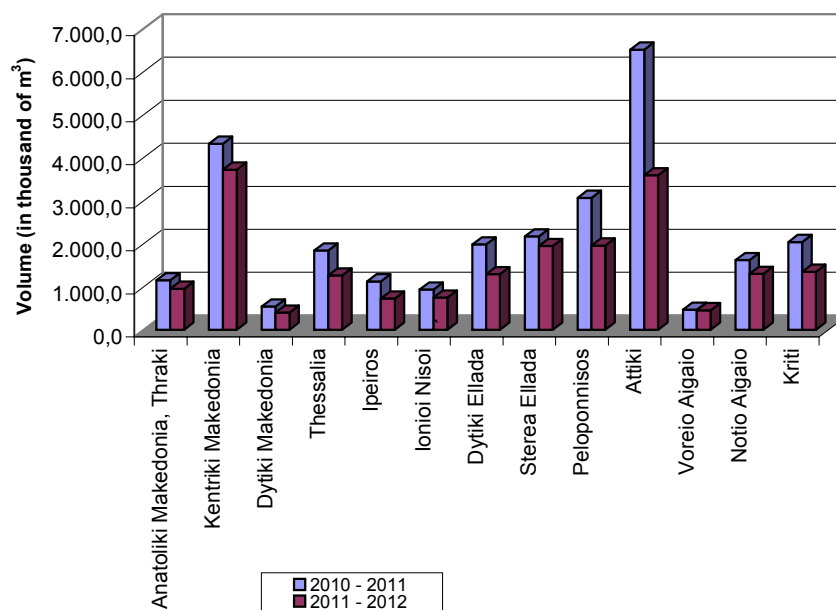
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in July 2011 and 2012*



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



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Building Activity Survey	<p>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.</p>
Legal Framework	<p>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.</p>
Reference Period	<p>01/7/2012 to 31/7/2012</p>
Coverage	<p>The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the</p>
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	<p>Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.</p>
References	<p>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.</p>