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Building Activity Survey: April 2012

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, April 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 2,009 . This figure corresponds to 390.5 thousand m² of surface and 1,383.8 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 28.0 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 21.0 % decrease in surface and a 27.3 % decrease in volume, compared to the month of 2011 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 1,988 building permits, corresponding to 360.6 thousand m² of surface and 1,259.3 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2011, there is a 28.3 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 24.3 % decrease in surface and a 31.8 % decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in April 2012 amounted to 21 building permits, corresponding to 29.9 thousand m² of surface and 124.5 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 9.0 % of the total building volume in April 2012.

In the last twelve months, from May 2011 until April 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 35,393 . This figure corresponds to 5,975.9 thousand m² of surface and 22,920.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 17.5 % decrease in the number of building permits, 30.5 % decrease in surface and a 26.3 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of May 2010 until April 2011 (Table 3).

In the same period from May 2011 until April 2012 , Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 17.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 30.5 % decrease in surface and a 26.6 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from May 2010 until April 2011 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.5 % of the total building volume.

During the period January- April 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 3,8 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 6.8 % decrease in surface and a 4.2 % decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2011 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- April 2012, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 4.4% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 10.2 % decrease in surface and a 8.2 % decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- April 2011 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	137	83	-39,4	37,8	12,2	-67,8	124,4	41,2	-66,9
Kentriki Makedonia	350	287	-18,0	55,1	68,7	24,5	235,9	265,2	12,4
Dytiki Makedonia	44	34	-22,7	12,6	8,2	-34,7	47,0	36,4	-22,7
Thessalia	168	114	-32,1	31,7	17,1	-46,0	119,6	54,5	-54,4
Ipeiros	94	78	-17,0	24,9	13,1	-47,6	80,8	39,8	-50,8
Ionioi Nisoi	152	83	-45,4	18,2	10,9	-40,2	63,0	38,0	-39,7
Dytiki Ellada	226	146	-35,4	37,7	26,7	-29,2	155,7	92,6	-40,5
Stereia Ellada	214	207	-3,3	30,5	37,2	22,0	107,4	146,3	36,2
Peloponnisos	228	183	-19,7	44,1	33,7	-23,6	153,2	124,2	-19,0
Attiki	816	458	-43,9	132,2	73,7	-44,3	587,7	247,3	-57,9
Voreio Aigaio	54	68	25,9	5,9	12,7	114,5	19,3	45,6	136,0
Notio Aigaio	177	154	-13,0	36,7	39,7	8,0	123,0	127,2	3,4
Kriti	129	114	-11,6	26,8	36,8	37,4	86,4	125,6	45,3
Greece, Total	2.789	2.009	-28,0	494,3	390,5	-21,0	1.903,4	1.383,8	-27,3

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	133	83	-37,6	27,0	12,2	-55,0	90,9	41,2	-54,7
Kentriki Makedonia	346	276	-20,2	53,3	45,1	-15,4	227,8	179,5	-21,2
Dytiki Makedonia	44	33	-25,0	12,6	6,5	-48,3	47,0	30,0	-36,2
Thessalia	168	114	-32,1	31,7	17,1	-46,0	119,6	54,5	-54,4
Ipeiros	94	78	-17,0	24,9	13,1	-47,6	80,8	39,8	-50,8
Ionioi Nisoi	151	83	-45,0	17,8	10,9	-38,9	61,6	38,0	-38,3
Dytiki Ellada	225	144	-36,0	37,7	25,0	-33,7	155,7	80,8	-48,1
Stereia Ellada	213	205	-3,8	30,2	37,2	23,2	105,5	146,3	38,8
Peloponnisos	228	182	-20,2	44,1	32,2	-27,1	153,2	113,0	-26,3
Attiki	815	457	-43,9	132,2	73,7	-44,3	587,7	247,3	-57,9
Voreio Aigaio	53	66	24,5	5,8	11,5	97,5	18,9	37,3	97,3
Notio Aigaio	177	154	-13,0	36,7	39,7	8,0	123,0	127,2	3,4
Kriti	125	113	-9,6	22,4	36,5	62,9	75,8	124,5	64,1
Greece, Total	2.772	1.988	-28,3	476,6	360,6	-24,3	1.847,5	1.259,3	-31,8

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)
	2010-2011	2011-2012		2010-2011	2011-2012		2010-2011	2011-2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.167	1.649	-23,9	430,1	295,8	-31,2	1.510,5	1.091,5	-27,7
Kentriki Makedonia	5.248	4.968	-5,3	1.408,4	955,5	-32,2	5.333,2	4.066,8	-23,7
Dytiki Makedonia	745	646	-13,3	159,7	129,2	-19,1	605,1	518,5	-14,3
Thessalia	2.635	2.110	-19,9	583,9	386,3	-33,8	2.082,6	1.476,1	-29,1
Ipeiros	1.545	1.169	-24,3	412,1	231,9	-43,7	1.455,8	854,3	-41,3
Ionioi Nisoi	1.885	1.559	-17,3	294,6	225,9	-23,3	1.000,6	766,2	-23,4
Dytiki Ellada	3.691	2.734	-25,9	632,1	438,7	-30,6	2.245,8	1.567,0	-30,2
Stereia Ellada	3.452	2.880	-16,6	703,5	523,9	-25,5	2.484,1	2.247,6	-9,5
Peloponnisos	3.817	3.377	-11,5	707,0	658,1	-6,9	2.651,6	2.853,9	7,6
Attiki	11.437	9.177	-19,8	1.872,2	1.145,3	-38,8	6.969,3	4.116,3	-40,9
Voreio Aigaio	1.164	1.099	-5,6	145,0	140,8	-2,9	487,2	502,5	3,1
Notio Aigaio	2.359	2.221	-5,8	517,4	405,2	-21,7	1.714,0	1.363,0	-20,5
Kriti	2.746	1.804	-34,3	732,3	439,6	-40,0	2.571,7	1.496,4	-41,8
Greece, Total	42.891	35.393	-17,5	8.598,1	5.975,9	-30,5	31.111,6	22.920,2	-26,3

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)
	2010-2011	2011-2012		2010-2011	2011-2012		2010-2011	2011-2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.138	1.618	-24,3	372,7	285,8	-23,3	1.282,4	1.054,7	-17,8
Kentriki Makedonia	5.157	4.888	-5,2	1.357,0	902,7	-33,5	5.106,4	3.841,3	-24,8
Dytiki Makedonia	729	630	-13,6	154,2	109,7	-28,8	575,8	441,1	-23,4
Thessalia	2.614	2.104	-19,5	571,7	378,1	-33,9	2.021,1	1.442,3	-28,6
Ipeiros	1.530	1.161	-24,1	382,4	227,3	-40,6	1.358,3	832,7	-38,7
Ionioi Nisoi	1.882	1.559	-17,2	294,2	225,9	-23,2	999,2	766,2	-23,3
Dytiki Ellada	3.670	2.706	-26,3	616,7	412,4	-33,1	2.181,3	1.458,2	-33,1
Stereia Ellada	3.429	2.872	-16,2	660,3	521,3	-21,0	2.446,8	2.233,1	-8,7
Peloponnisos	3.799	3.322	-12,6	704,4	639,1	-9,3	2.642,4	2.757,0	4,3
Attiki	11.427	9.164	-19,8	1.865,3	1.132,5	-39,3	6.940,3	4.067,1	-41,4
Voreio Aigaio	1.160	1.095	-5,6	144,5	133,5	-7,6	485,1	458,2	-5,5
Notio Aigaio	2.353	2.219	-5,7	513,0	404,6	-21,1	1.701,4	1.361,0	-20,0
Kriti	2.712	1.788	-34,1	687,3	414,0	-39,8	2.382,6	1.398,0	-41,3
Greece, Total	42.600	35.126	-17,5	8.323,6	5.787,0	-30,5	30.122,9	22.111,0	-26,6

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	487	418	-14,2	112	75	-33,6	381	285	-25,2
Kentriki Makedonia	1.052	1.195	13,6	179	249	38,5	730	1.071	46,8
Dytiki Makedonia	138	161	16,7	37	39	5,2	135	153	13,9
Thessalia	567	537	-5,3	113	95	-15,4	405	337	-16,8
Ipeiros	287	333	16,0	61	57	-7,5	199	182	-8,7
Ionioi Nisoi	452	353	-21,9	70	56	-20,8	234	198	-15,6
Dytiki Ellada	698	688	-1,4	116	106	-8,5	462	396	-14,4
Stereia Ellada	738	727	-1,5	127	136	6,9	459	675	47,1
Peloponnisos	718	916	27,6	135	172	27,5	528	665	25,9
Attiki	2.825	2.279	-19,3	448	320	-28,6	1.834	1.188	-35,2
Voreio Aigaio	305	266	-12,8	42	44	4,3	148	166	12,1
Notio Aigaio	519	623	20,0	118	114	-3,2	401	373	-7,1
Kriti	553	490	-11,4	141	123	-12,7	463	424	-8,3
Greece, Total	9.339	8.986	-3,8	1.699,0	1.584,2	-6,8	6.378,0	6.111,9	-4,2

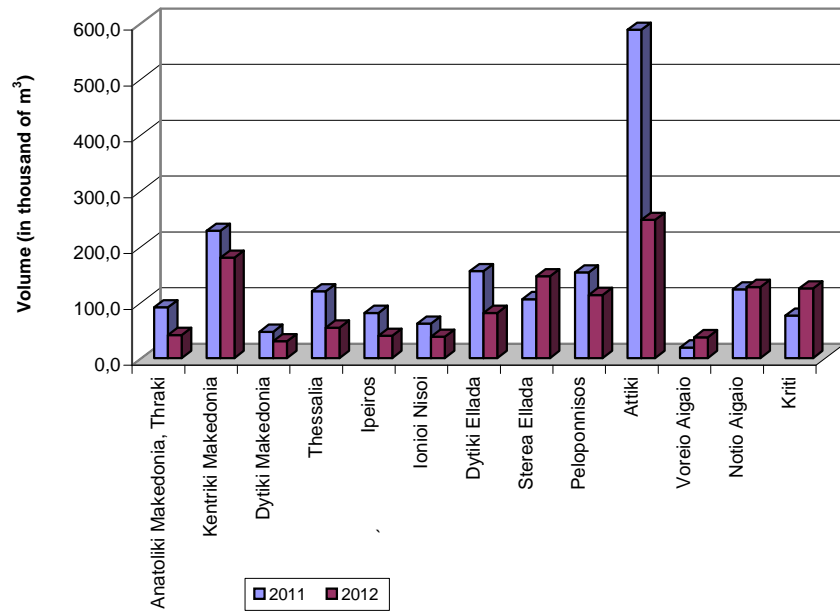
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- April 2011 and 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	478	408	-14,6	95	74	-22,3	324	284	-12,5
Kentriki Makedonia	1.040	1.167	12,2	172	221	27,9	696	968	39,1
Dytiki Makedonia	137	156	13,9	37	26	-30,2	134	107	-19,8
Thessalia	565	536	-5,1	112	95	-14,9	402	337	-16,3
Ipeiros	287	333	16,0	61	57	-7,5	199	182	-8,7
Ionioi Nisoi	451	353	-21,7	70	56	-20,4	233	198	-15,1
Dytiki Ellada	693	678	-2,2	114	98	-13,7	455	358	-21,3
Stereia Ellada	737	723	-1,9	127	135	6,8	457	673	47,2
Peloponnisos	714	884	23,8	133	158	18,5	522	587	12,4
Attiki	2.823	2.271	-19,6	444	310	-30,2	1.819	1.155	-36,5
Voreio Aigaio	303	263	-13,2	41	37	-11,1	147	125	-14,4
Notio Aigaio	518	622	20,1	117	114	-2,9	400	372	-6,9
Kriti	545	484	-11,2	131	107	-18,2	433	368	-15,2
Greece, Total	9.291	8.878	-4,4	1.656,0	1.487,6	-10,2	6.219,9	5.712,9	-8,2

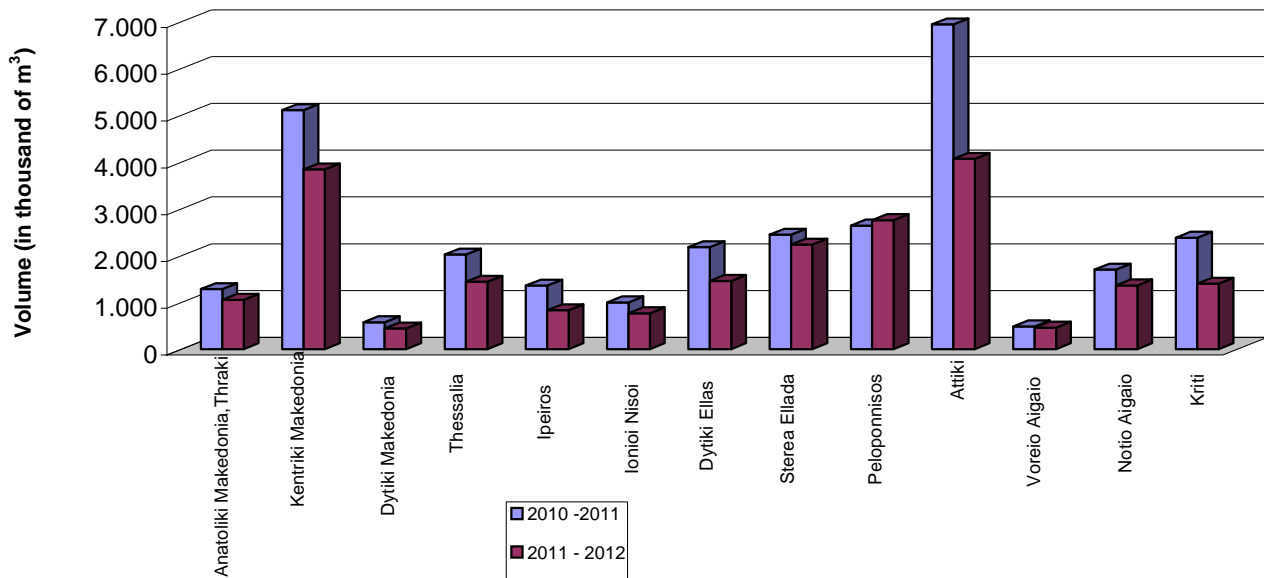
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in April 2011 and 2012*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period May 2010 - April 2011 and May 2011 - April 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	01/4/2012 to 30/4/2012
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.