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Building Activity Survey: March 2012

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in March 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 2,483 . This figure corresponds to 423.0 thousand m² of surface and 1,743.0 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 9.6 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 10.4 % decrease in surface and a 0.2 % increase in volume, compared to the month of 2011 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 2,456 building permits, corresponding to 404.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,676.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2011, there is a 10.1 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 10.7 % decrease in surface and a 0.7 % increase in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in March 2012 amounted to 27 building permits, corresponding to 18.6 thousand m² of surface and 66.5 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.8 % of the total building volume in March 2012.

In the last twelve months, from April 2011 until March 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 36,173 . This figure corresponds to 6,079.7 thousand m² of surface and 23,439.8 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 17.5 % decrease in the number of building permits, 31.9 % decrease in surface and a 27.2 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of April 2010 until March 2011 (Table 3).

In the same period from April 2011 until March 2012 , Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 17.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 31.6 % decrease in surface and a 27.0 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from April 2010 until March 2011 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.2 % of the total building volume.

During the period January- March 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 6.5 % increase in the number of building permits, a 0.9 % decrease in surface and a 5.7 % increase in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2011 (Table 5). In comparison with the period of October-December 2011 the total Building Activity reflects a 24.9% decrease in the number of building permits , a 21.0% decrease in surface and a 17.4% decrease in volume.

During the same period, January- March 2012, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 5.7% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 4.4 % decrease in surface and a 1.9 % increase in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- March 2011 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	148	135	-8,8	30,1	28,0	-7,1	104,1	123,3	18,5
Kentriki Makedonia	299	340	13,7	55,0	65,9	19,7	231,7	272,0	17,4
Dytiki Makedonia	28	43	53,6	5,0	8,4	70,2	26,1	35,6	36,5
Thessalia	147	131	-10,9	25,2	25,1	-0,1	76,5	92,2	20,6
Ipeiros	77	113	46,8	15,6	14,0	-10,4	50,3	43,3	-13,9
Ionioi Niso	154	76	-50,6	26,9	19,2	-28,8	85,2	72,0	-15,5
Dytiki Ellada	228	187	-18,0	32,8	30,4	-7,4	103,5	102,4	-1,1
Stereia Ellada	233	176	-24,5	32,5	42,6	31,3	121,2	261,4	115,6
Peloponnisos	195	245	25,6	38,7	37,0	-4,5	158,9	160,0	0,7
Attiki	755	688	-8,9	110,9	83,8	-24,4	450,4	345,6	-23,3
Voreio Aigaio	132	52	-60,6	20,1	9,8	-51,1	69,3	32,2	-53,5
Notio Aigaio	146	152	4,1	26,9	26,0	-3,4	90,9	86,4	-4,9
Kriti	205	145	-29,3	52,2	32,9	-37,0	172,1	116,5	-32,3
Greece, Total	2.747	2.483	-9,6	471,9	423,0	-10,4	1.740,2	1.743,0	0,2

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	144	131	-9,0	25,0	27,7	11,1	84,6	122,5	44,9
Kentriki Makedonia	297	329	10,8	51,6	65,4	26,7	214,2	270,2	26,1
Dytiki Makedonia	28	42	50,0	5,0	8,3	67,5	26,1	35,0	34,1
Thessalia	145	131	-9,7	24,3	25,1	3,3	73,4	92,2	25,7
Ipeiros	77	113	46,8	15,6	14,0	-10,4	50,3	43,3	-13,9
Ionioi Niso	154	76	-50,6	26,9	19,2	-28,8	85,2	72,0	-15,5
Dytiki Ellada	226	183	-19,0	32,1	28,8	-10,4	101,5	95,9	-5,5
Stereia Ellada	233	176	-24,5	32,5	42,6	31,3	121,2	261,4	115,6
Peloponnisos	193	242	25,4	37,2	37,0	-0,7	153,7	160,0	4,1
Attiki	754	685	-9,2	107,1	75,6	-29,4	435,5	321,0	-26,3
Voreio Aigaio	132	52	-60,6	20,1	9,8	-51,1	69,3	32,2	-53,5
Notio Aigaio	146	152	4,1	26,9	26,0	-3,4	90,9	86,4	-4,9
Kriti	204	144	-29,4	48,9	25,0	-48,8	159,8	84,4	-47,2
Greece, Total	2.733	2.456	-10,1	453,1	404,4	-10,7	1.665,6	1.676,5	0,7

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2010-2011	2011-2012		2010-2011	2011-2012		2010-2011	2011-2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.214	1.703	-23,1	443,8	321,4	-27,6	1.606,8	1.174,8	-26,9
Kentriki Makedonia	5.477	5.031	-8,1	1.533,6	941,9	-38,6	5.837,3	4.037,5	-30,8
Dytiki Makedonia	760	656	-13,7	195,9	133,5	-31,8	686,1	529,2	-22,9
Thessalia	2.690	2.164	-19,6	595,8	400,9	-32,7	2.107,7	1.541,2	-26,9
Ipeiros	1.577	1.185	-24,9	415,5	243,7	-41,4	1.486,5	895,3	-39,8
Ionioi Nisoι	1.874	1.628	-13,1	300,5	233,3	-22,4	1.028,0	791,1	-23,0
Dytiki Ellada	3.788	2.814	-25,7	652,5	449,7	-31,1	2.285,0	1.630,0	-28,7
Stereα Ellada	3.537	2.887	-18,4	729,7	517,2	-29,1	2.605,5	2.208,7	-15,2
Peloponnisos	3.923	3.422	-12,8	730,5	668,5	-8,5	2.726,2	2.883,0	5,8
Attiki	11.541	9.535	-17,4	1.871,7	1.203,8	-35,7	6.835,4	4.456,6	-34,8
Voreio Aigaio	1.201	1.085	-9,7	145,7	134,0	-8,0	490,8	476,2	-3,0
Notio Aigaio	2.403	2.244	-6,6	550,1	402,2	-26,9	1.811,8	1.358,9	-25,0
Kriti	2.849	1.819	-36,2	762,2	429,6	-43,6	2.697,5	1.457,2	-46,0
Greece, Total	43.834	36.173	-17,5	8.927,6	6.079,7	-31,9	32.204,9	23.439,8	-27,2

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)	April - March		Change (%)
	2010-2011	2011-2012		2010-2011	2011-2012		2010-2011	2011-2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.185	1.668	-23,7	395,8	300,7	-24,0	1.405,8	1.104,4	-21,4
Kentriki Makedonia	5.380	4.958	-7,8	1.472,1	910,9	-38,1	5.567,9	3.889,7	-30,1
Dytiki Makedonia	742	641	-13,6	179,3	115,8	-35,4	609,8	458,1	-24,9
Thessalia	2.669	2.158	-19,1	583,6	392,7	-32,7	2.046,2	1.507,3	-26,3
Ipeiros	1.561	1.177	-24,6	379,8	239,1	-37,0	1.356,4	873,8	-35,6
Ionioi Nisoι	1.872	1.627	-13,1	300,5	232,9	-22,5	1.028,0	789,8	-23,2
Dytiki Ellada	3.764	2.787	-26,0	634,6	425,1	-33,0	2.212,3	1.533,2	-30,7
Stereα Ellada	3.515	2.880	-18,1	686,9	514,3	-25,1	2.570,2	2.192,2	-14,7
Peloponnisos	3.904	3.368	-13,7	728,0	651,0	-10,6	2.717,0	2.797,3	3,0
Attiki	11.532	9.522	-17,4	1.864,8	1.191,0	-36,1	6.806,4	4.407,4	-35,2
Voreio Aigaio	1.198	1.082	-9,7	144,1	127,9	-11,3	484,6	439,8	-9,2
Notio Aigaio	2.397	2.242	-6,5	545,8	401,6	-26,4	1.799,2	1.356,8	-24,6
Kriti	2.816	1.800	-36,1	719,1	399,9	-44,4	2.504,9	1.349,4	-46,1
Greece, Total	43.535	35.910	-17,5	8.634,3	5.903,0	-31,6	31.108,5	22.699,2	-27,0

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January- March 2010 and 2011 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	350	335	-4,3	74	62	-16,2	256	244	-4,9
Kentriki Makedonia	702	908	29,3	124	180	44,7	494	806	63,2
Dytiki Makedonia	94	127	35,1	25	31	25,7	88	117	33,5
Thessalia	399	423	6,0	81	78	-3,3	286	283	-1,1
Ipeiros	193	255	32,1	36	43	20,0	118	142	20,1
Ionioi Nisoι	300	270	-10,0	52	45	-14,1	171	160	-6,8
Dytiki Ellada	472	542	14,8	78	79	1,5	306	303	-1,1
Stereia Ellada	524	520	-0,8	97	99	2,2	351	529	50,4
Peloponnisos	490	733	49,6	91	138	52,4	375	541	44,2
Attiki	2.009	1.821	-9,4	316	246	-22,0	1.246	941	-24,5
Voreio Aigaio	251	198	-21,1	36	31	-13,8	129	120	-6,5
Notio Aigaio	342	469	37,1	81	74	-8,2	278	246	-11,7
Kriti	424	376	-11,3	114	86	-24,5	376	299	-20,6
Greece, Total	6.550	6.977	6,5	1.204,7	1.193,6	-0,9	4.474,5	4.728,1	5,7

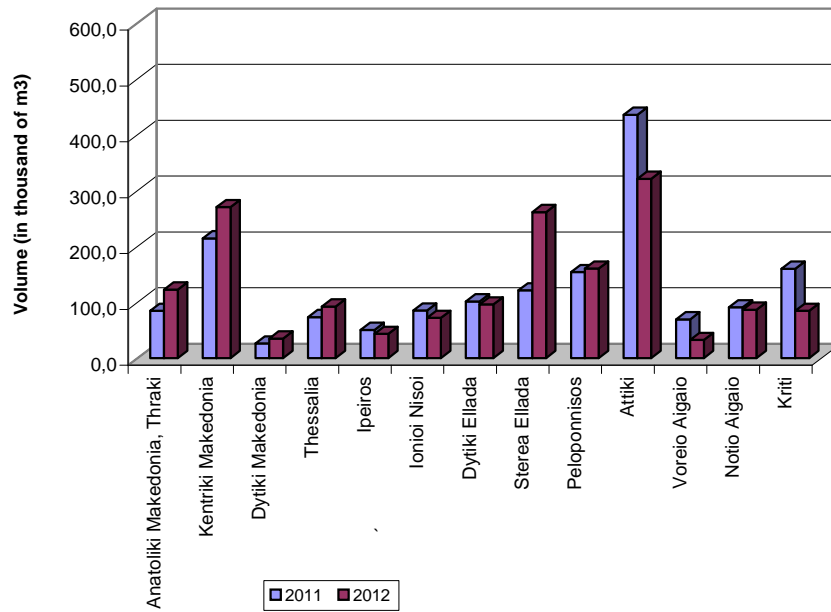
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- March 2010 and 2011 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)	January - March		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	345	325	-5,8	68	62	-9,3	233	242	4,0
Kentriki Makedonia	694	891	28,4	119	175	47,2	468	789	68,5
Dytiki Makedonia	93	123	32,3	24	19	-20,8	87	77	-10,9
Thessalia	397	422	6,3	80	78	-2,5	283	282	-0,3
Ipeiros	193	255	32,1	36	43	20,0	118	142	20,1
Ionioi Nisoι	300	270	-10,0	52	45	-14,1	171	160	-6,8
Dytiki Ellada	468	534	14,1	76	73	-3,7	299	277	-7,3
Stereia Ellada	524	518	-1,1	97	98	1,7	351	526	49,8
Peloponnisos	486	702	44,4	89	126	41,1	369	474	28,5
Attiki	2.008	1.814	-9,7	312	236	-24,3	1.231	908	-26,3
Voreio Aigaio	250	197	-21,2	36	25	-28,8	128	88	-31,0
Notio Aigaio	341	468	37,2	81	74	-7,9	277	245	-11,4
Kriti	420	371	-11,7	109	71	-34,9	358	243	-32,0
Greece, Total	6.519	6.890	5,7	1.179,4	1.127,0	-4,4	4.372,4	4.453,6	1,9

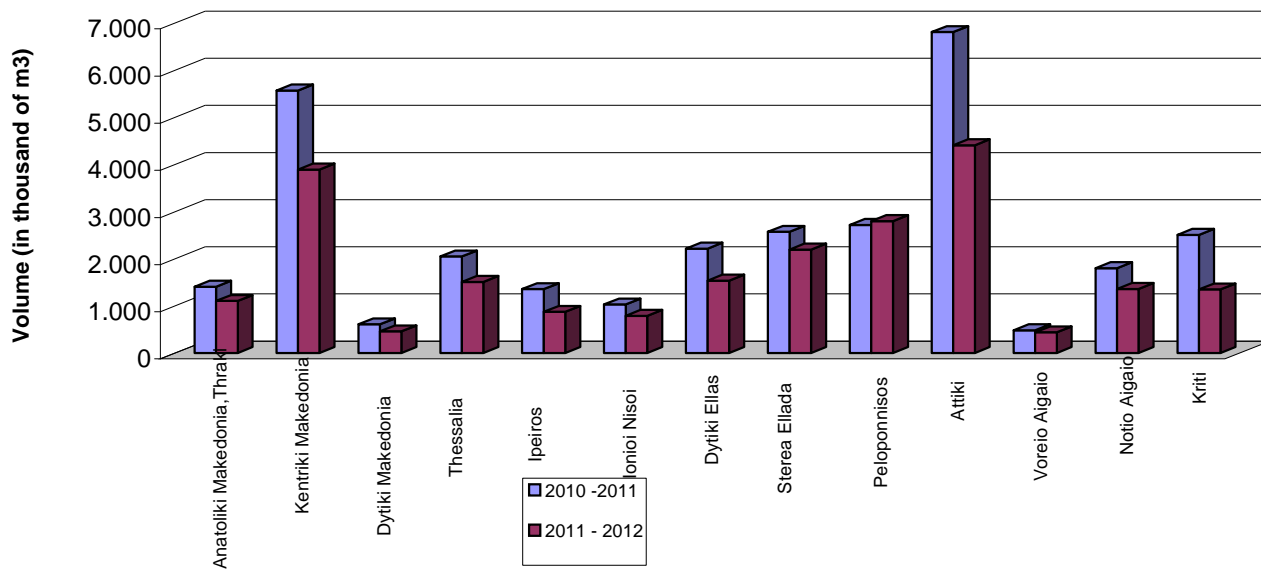
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in March 2011 and 2012*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period April 2010 - March 2011 and April 2011 - March 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	01/3/2012 to 31/3/2012
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.