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Building Activity Survey: February 2012

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in February 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 2,267 . This figure corresponds to 368.5 thousand m² of surface and 1,435.4 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 4.7 % increase in the number of building permits, a 5.0 % decrease in surface and a 1.0 % decrease in volume, compared to the month of 2011 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 2,252 building permits, corresponding to 351.2 thousand m² of surface and 1,356.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2011, there is a 4.4 % increase in the number of building permits, a 8.6% decrease in surface and a 5.4 % decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in February 2012 amounted to 15 building permits, corresponding to 17.3 thousand m² of surface and 78.7 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 5.5% of the total building volume in February 2012.

In the last twelve months, from March 2011 until February 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 36,437 . This figure corresponds to 6,128.6 thousand m² of surface and 23,436.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 20.8 % decrease in the number of building permits, 34.1 % decrease in surface and a 29.8 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of March 2010 until February 2011 (Table 3).

In the same period from March 2011 until February 2012, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 20.7 % decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 33.9% decrease in surface and a 29.6 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from March 2010 until February 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- February 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 18.2 % increase in the number of building permits, a 5.2 % increase in surface and a 9.2 % increase in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2011 (Table 5). In comparison with the period of November-December 2011 the total Building Activity reflects a 32.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 30.1% decrease in surface and a 29.7% decrease in volume.

During the same period, January- February 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 17.1% increase in the number of issued building permits, a 0.5 % decrease in surface and a 2.6 % increase in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- February 2011 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	91	106	16,5	16,6	16,5	-0,7	60,8	56,6	-6,8
Kentriki Makedonia	244	293	20,1	45,0	52,8	17,2	172,5	203,6	18,0
Dytiki Makedonia	32	49	53,1	6,4	7,8	20,7	19,4	27,8	43,2
Thessalia	129	142	10,1	34,9	26,3	-24,6	134,7	103,5	-23,1
Ipeiros	71	75	5,6	12,2	13,0	6,6	40,2	46,4	15,2
Ionioi Nisoi	94	96	2,1	15,1	13,4	-11,4	49,6	46,3	-6,6
Dytiki Ellada	136	184	35,3	29,1	30,5	4,7	145,9	133,0	-8,8
Stereia Ellada	177	183	3,4	29,6	30,0	1,4	103,4	158,8	53,5
Peloponnisos	156	251	60,9	20,1	48,7	142,2	67,1	180,0	168,1
Attiki	693	524	-24,4	96,4	67,8	-29,7	372,7	253,0	-32,1
Voreio Aigaio	86	84	-2,3	14,1	14,7	3,7	53,5	65,8	23,0
Notio Aigaio	115	165	43,5	23,3	25,2	8,2	82,3	82,2	-0,1
Kriti	142	115	-19,0	44,7	21,8	-51,1	147,7	78,4	-46,9
Greece, Total	2.166	2.267	4,7	387,7	368,5	-5,0	1.449,8	1.435,4	-1,0

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	91	106	16,5	16,6	16,5	-0,7	60,8	56,6	-6,8
Kentriki Makedonia	240	290	20,8	43,6	49,7	14,0	166,1	192,8	16,1
Dytiki Makedonia	32	48	50,0	6,4	6,7	4,3	19,4	23,4	20,6
Thessalia	129	141	9,3	34,9	26,2	-25,1	134,7	102,9	-23,6
Ipeiros	71	75	5,6	12,2	13,0	6,6	40,2	46,4	15,2
Ionioi Nisoi	94	96	2,1	15,1	13,4	-11,4	49,6	46,3	-6,6
Dytiki Ellada	136	182	33,8	29,1	26,0	-10,7	145,9	114,2	-21,7
Stereia Ellada	177	181	2,3	29,6	29,6	-0,2	103,4	156,6	51,4
Peloponnisos	156	250	60,3	20,1	47,7	137,2	67,1	176,2	162,6
Attiki	693	523	-24,5	96,4	67,1	-30,4	372,7	250,2	-32,9
Voreio Aigaio	85	83	-2,4	13,9	9,1	-34,4	52,5	33,6	-36,0
Notio Aigaio	114	164	43,9	22,8	25,0	9,6	80,9	81,6	0,9
Kriti	139	113	-18,7	43,3	21,1	-51,2	141,6	75,9	-46,4
Greece, Total	2.157	2.252	4,4	384,2	351,2	-8,6	1.434,9	1.356,7	-5,4

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)
	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.279	1.716	-24,7	466,8	323,5	-30,7	1.697,0	1.155,5	-31,9
Kentriki Makedonia	5.748	4.990	-13,2	1.574,9	931,1	-40,9	5.975,3	3.997,2	-33,1
Dytiki Makedonia	815	641	-21,3	217,5	130,1	-40,2	763,0	519,7	-31,9
Thessalia	2.856	2.180	-23,7	628,1	400,9	-36,2	2.232,4	1.525,4	-31,7
Ipeiros	1.671	1.149	-31,2	439,5	245,3	-44,2	1.565,8	902,3	-42,4
Ionioi Nisoi	1.900	1.706	-10,2	307,7	241,0	-21,7	1.052,1	804,3	-23,6
Dytiki Ellada	3.998	2.855	-28,6	707,6	452,1	-36,1	2.494,1	1.631,2	-34,6
Stereia Ellada	3.731	2.944	-21,1	769,5	507,0	-34,1	2.726,7	2.068,6	-24,1
Peloponnisos	4.276	3.372	-21,1	787,7	670,2	-14,9	2.809,0	2.881,9	2,6
Attiki	12.035	9.602	-20,2	1.913,2	1.230,9	-35,7	6.923,6	4.561,4	-34,1
Voreio Aigaio	1.184	1.165	-1,6	138,4	144,3	4,2	466,4	513,2	10,1
Notio Aigaio	2.525	2.238	-11,4	562,6	403,2	-28,3	1.849,5	1.363,4	-26,3
Kriti	2.965	1.879	-36,6	792,9	448,9	-43,4	2.827,7	1.512,8	-46,5
Greece, Total	45.983	36.437	-20,8	9.306,4	6.128,6	-34,1	33.382,8	23.436,9	-29,8

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)
	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.245	1.681	-25,1	408,2	298,0	-27,0	1.447,0	1.066,5	-26,3
Kentriki Makedonia	5.640	4.926	-12,7	1.514,9	897,2	-40,8	5.715,8	3.833,7	-32,9
Dytiki Makedonia	796	627	-21,2	200,5	112,5	-43,9	685,2	449,3	-34,4
Thessalia	2.832	2.172	-23,3	611,8	391,9	-35,9	2.150,7	1.488,4	-30,8
Ipeiros	1.655	1.141	-31,1	403,8	240,7	-40,4	1.435,6	880,7	-38,7
Ionioi Nisoi	1.898	1.705	-10,2	307,7	240,6	-21,8	1.052,1	803,0	-23,7
Dytiki Ellada	3.974	2.830	-28,8	689,1	428,4	-37,8	2.417,7	1.538,8	-36,4
Stereia Ellada	3.709	2.937	-20,8	726,6	504,2	-30,6	2.691,4	2.052,1	-23,8
Peloponnisos	4.255	3.319	-22,0	785,3	651,3	-17,1	2.801,8	2.791,0	-0,4
Attiki	12.027	9.591	-20,3	1.910,0	1.222,5	-36,0	6.909,5	4.521,9	-34,6
Voreio Aigaio	1.181	1.162	-1,6	136,8	138,1	0,9	460,1	476,9	3,6
Notio Aigaio	2.519	2.236	-11,2	558,2	402,6	-27,9	1.836,6	1.361,3	-25,9
Kriti	2.927	1.860	-36,5	751,4	423,7	-43,6	2.640,6	1.424,8	-46,0
Greece, Total	45.658	36.187	-20,7	9.004,3	5.951,7	-33,9	32.243,9	22.688,3	-29,6

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	202	200	-1,0	44	34	-22,4	152	120	-20,9
Kentriki Makedonia	403	568	40,9	69	114	64,6	262	534	103,7
Dytiki Makedonia	66	84	27,3	20	22	14,4	62	81	32,3
Thessalia	252	292	15,9	56	53	-4,8	209	190	-9,1
Ipeiros	116	142	22,4	21	29	43,1	68	98	45,4
Ionioi Nisoi	146	194	32,9	25	26	1,6	86	88	1,9
Dytiki Ellada	244	355	45,5	45	49	7,9	203	201	-1,1
Stereia Ellada	291	344	18,2	64	56	-12,5	230	267	16,1
Peloponnisos	295	488	65,4	52	101	94,8	216	381	76,2
Attiki	1.254	1.133	-9,6	205	163	-20,7	796	595	-25,3
Voreio Aigaio	119	146	22,7	16	21	33,5	59	88	48,3
Notio Aigaio	196	317	61,7	54	48	-10,6	187	159	-15,0
Kriti	219	231	5,5	62	53	-13,8	204	182	-10,7
Greece, Total	3.803	4.494	18,2	732,8	770,6	5,2	2.734,3	2.985,1	9,2

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)	January - February		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	201	194	-3,5	43	34	-21,0	148	120	-19,3
Kentriki Makedonia	397	562	41,6	68	110	62,9	254	519	104,2
Dytiki Makedonia	65	81	24,6	19	11	-43,3	61	42	-30,2
Thessalia	252	291	15,5	56	53	-5,1	209	190	-9,4
Ipeiros	116	142	22,4	21	29	43,1	68	98	45,4
Ionioi Nisoi	146	194	32,9	25	26	1,6	86	88	1,9
Dytiki Ellada	242	351	45,0	44	44	1,1	197	181	-8,2
Stereia Ellada	291	342	17,5	64	56	-13,3	230	265	15,1
Peloponnisos	293	460	57,0	52	89	71,2	215	314	45,9
Attiki	1.254	1.129	-10,0	205	161	-21,6	796	587	-26,3
Voreio Aigaio	118	145	22,9	16	16	0,1	58	56	-4,3
Notio Aigaio	195	316	62,1	54	48	-10,2	186	158	-14,6
Kriti	216	227	5,1	60	46	-23,7	198	159	-19,7
Greece, Total	3.786	4.434	17,1	726,2	722,6	-0,5	2.706,8	2.777,1	2,6

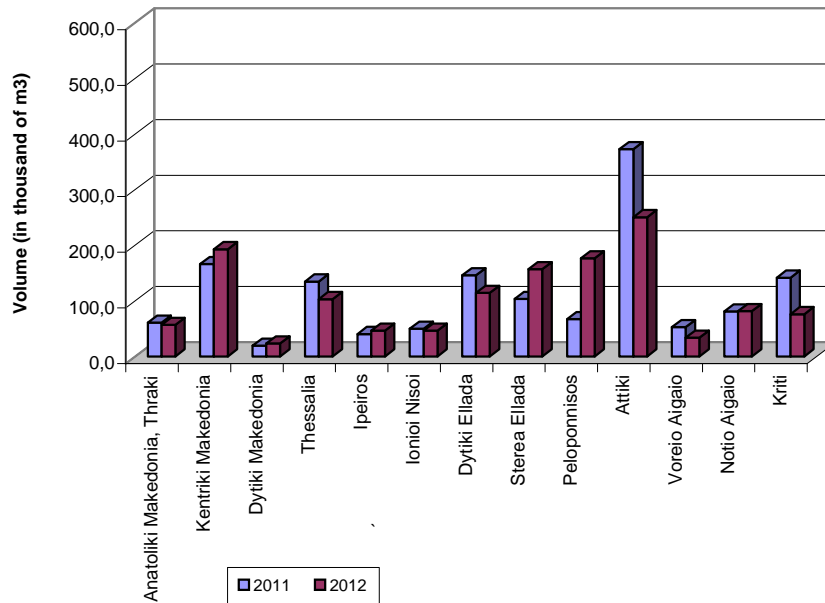
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Table 5. Number of Building Permits by month for the period September 2010 - February 2012*

Month	Number of permits
September 2010	3.970
October 2010	3.982
November 2010	3.757
December 2010	5.143
January 2011	1.520
February 2011	2.166
March 2011	2.747
April 2011	2.789
May 2011	3.503
June 2011	3.369
July 2011	4.455
August 2011	2.335
September 2011	3.663
October 2011	2.628
November 2011	3.457
December 2011	2.997
January 2012	2.067
February 2012	2.267

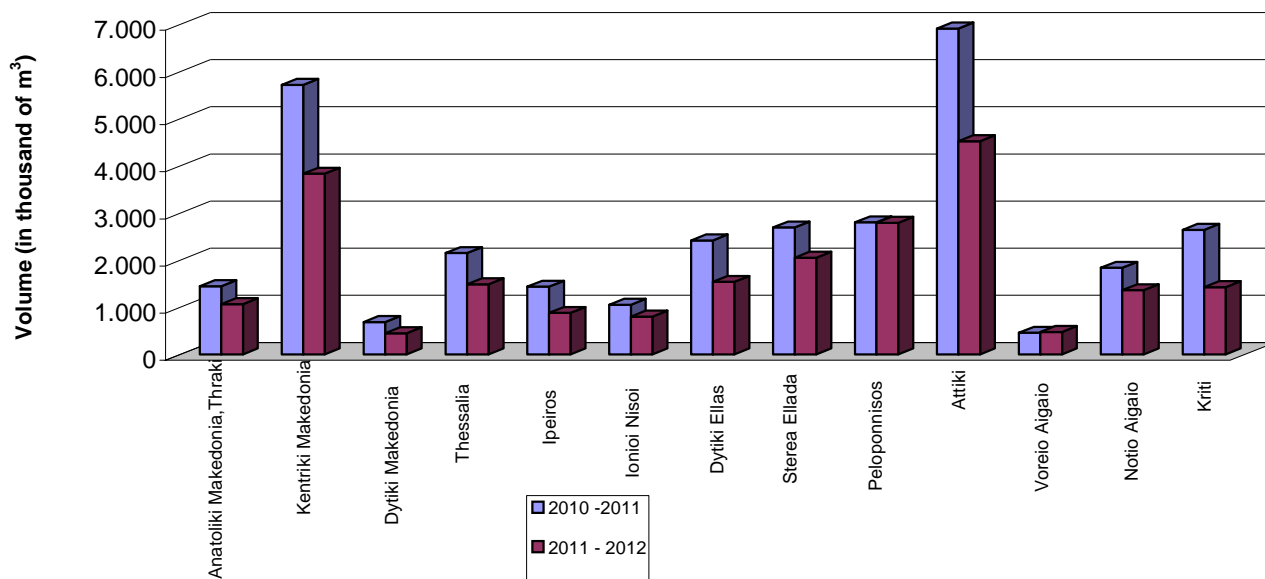
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in February 2011 and 2012*



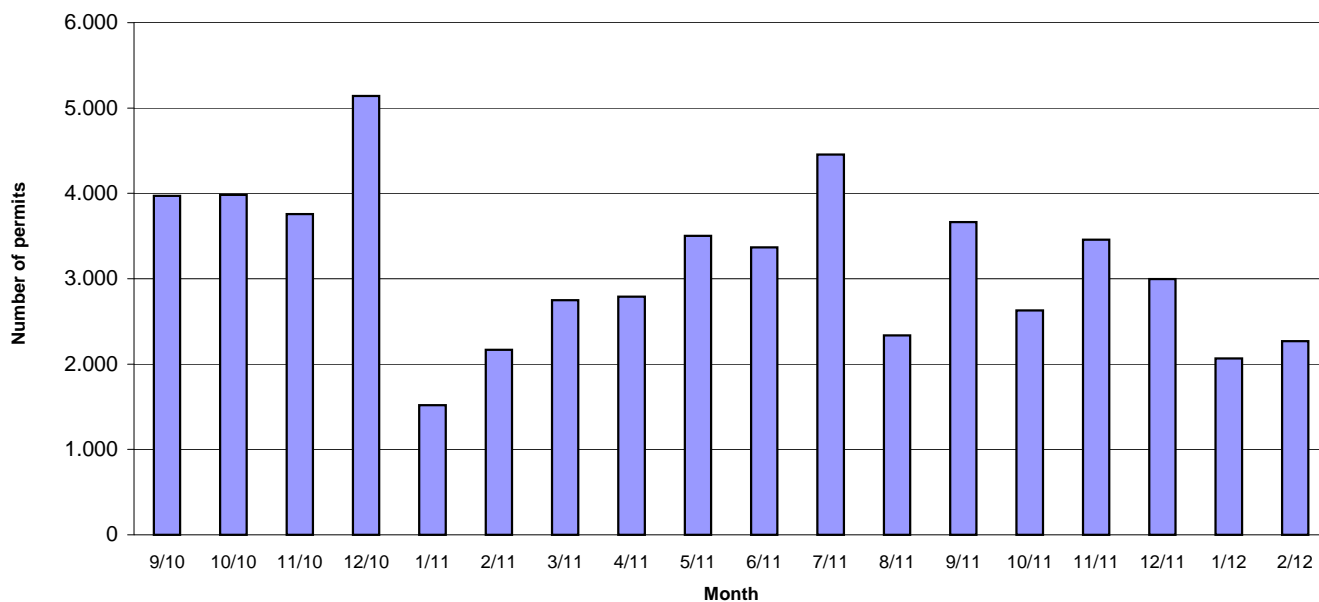
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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period
March 2010 - February 2011 and March 2011 - February 2012 ***



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Graph3. Number of building permits by month for the period September 2010 - February 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	01/2/2012 to 29/2/2012
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.