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Building Activity Survey: January 2012

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in January 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 2,227. This figure corresponds to 402.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,549.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 36.0 % increase in the number of building permits, a 16.5 % increase in surface and a 20.6 % increase in volume, compared to the month of 2011 (Table 1). Compared with the previous month December 2011, recorded a 25,7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 28,9% decrease in surface and a 29,7% decrease in volume, while in the corresponding period December 2010 - January 2011 recorded a 68,2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 70,5% decrease in surface and a 70,8% decrease in volume.

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 2,182 building permits, corresponding to 371.4 thousand m² of surface and 1,420.4 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2011, there is a 33.9 % increase in the number of building permits, a 8.6 % increase in surface and a 11.7 % increase in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in January 2012 amounted to 45 building permits, corresponding to 30.7 thousand m² of surface and 129.3 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 8.3 % of the total building volume in January 2012.

In the last twelve months, from February 2011 until January 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 36,336 . This figure corresponds to 6,147.8 thousand m² of surface and 23,451.3 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 23.2 % decrease in the number of building permits, 35.7 % decrease in surface and a 31.6 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of February 2010 until January 2011 (Table 3).

In the same period from February 2011 until January 2012 , Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 23.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 35.2 % decrease in surface and a 31.2 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from February 2010 until January 2011 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 2.9 % of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	111	94	-15,3	27,6	17,8	-35,5	91,3	63,6	-30,3
Kentriki Makedonia	159	275	73,0	24,2	61,2	152,9	89,5	330,3	268,8
Dytiki Makedonia	34	35	2,9	13,2	14,7	11,4	42,1	53,6	27,2
Thessalia	123	150	22,0	20,7	26,7	28,7	74,7	86,8	16,3
Ipeiros	45	67	48,9	8,4	16,4	96,3	27,5	52,1	89,6
Ionioi Nisoi	52	98	88,5	10,1	12,3	21,1	36,4	41,3	13,5
Dytiki Ellada	108	171	58,3	16,3	18,5	13,6	56,9	67,5	18,5
Stereia Ellada	114	161	41,2	34,5	26,1	-24,5	126,7	108,4	-14,4
Peloponnisos	139	237	70,5	31,9	52,6	64,8	149,2	201,2	34,9
Attiki	561	609	8,6	108,7	94,9	-12,7	423,2	341,9	-19,2
Voreio Aigaio	33	62	87,9	1,7	6,5	281,3	5,9	22,3	277,0
Notio Aigaio	81	152	87,7	30,8	23,2	-24,8	104,8	76,9	-26,6
Kriti	77	116	50,6	16,9	31,2	85,0	56,3	103,7	84,3
Greece, Total	1.637	2.227	36,0	345,1	402,1	16,5	1.284,5	1.549,7	20,6

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	110	88	-20,0	26,8	17,7	-33,7	87,7	63,2	-27,9
Kentriki Makedonia	157	272	73,2	23,9	60,3	152,0	87,8	325,8	270,9
Dytiki Makedonia	33	33	0,0	13,0	4,3	-66,9	41,2	18,9	-54,1
Thessalia	123	150	22,0	20,7	26,7	28,7	74,7	86,8	16,3
Ipeiros	45	67	48,9	8,4	16,4	96,3	27,5	52,1	89,6
Ionioi Nisoi	52	98	88,5	10,1	12,3	21,1	36,4	41,3	13,5
Dytiki Ellada	106	169	59,4	14,8	18,4	24,2	51,5	67,1	30,1
Stereia Ellada	114	161	41,2	34,5	26,1	-24,5	126,7	108,4	-14,4
Peloponnisos	137	210	53,3	31,7	40,9	29,3	148,2	137,8	-7,0
Attiki	561	606	8,0	108,7	93,7	-13,8	423,2	336,7	-20,4
Voreio Aigaio	33	62	87,9	1,7	6,5	281,3	5,9	22,3	277,0
Notio Aigaio	81	152	87,7	30,8	23,2	-24,8	104,8	76,9	-26,6
Kriti	77	114	48,1	16,9	24,8	47,2	56,3	83,0	47,5
Greece, Total	1.629	2.182	33,9	342,0	371,4	8,6	1.272,0	1.420,4	11,7

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.368	1.701	-28,2	498,6	323,7	-35,1	1.829,5	1.159,7	-36,6
Kentriki Makedonia	5.929	4.941	-16,7	1.612,9	923,4	-42,8	6.114,3	3.966,1	-35,1
Dytiki Makedonia	838	624	-25,5	222,0	128,7	-42,0	790,4	511,3	-35,3
Thessalia	2.945	2.167	-26,4	637,0	409,5	-35,7	2.264,4	1.556,6	-31,3
Ipeiros	1.746	1.145	-34,4	453,6	244,5	-46,1	1.617,0	896,2	-44,6
Ionioi Nisoi	1.950	1.704	-12,6	321,4	242,7	-24,5	1.104,3	807,6	-26,9
Dytiki Ellada	4.160	2.807	-32,5	738,6	450,7	-39,0	2.558,5	1.644,0	-35,7
Stereia Ellada	3.800	2.938	-22,7	792,9	506,6	-36,1	2.810,0	2.013,2	-28,4
Peloponnisos	4.399	3.277	-25,5	824,3	641,6	-22,2	2.937,4	2.769,0	-5,7
Attiki	12.246	9.771	-20,2	1.925,1	1.259,6	-34,6	6.955,0	4.681,0	-32,7
Voreio Aigaio	1.211	1.167	-3,6	135,7	143,7	5,9	450,1	501,0	11,3
Notio Aigaio	2.647	2.188	-17,3	577,8	401,2	-30,6	1.867,7	1.363,4	-27,0
Kriti	3.043	1.906	-37,4	813,7	471,7	-42,0	2.982,7	1.582,1	-47,0
Greece, Total	47.282	36.336	-23,2	9.553,7	6.147,8	-35,7	34.281,3	23.451,3	-31,6

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)	February - January		Change (%)
	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.329	1.666	-28,5	433,4	298,1	-31,2	1.554,9	1.070,6	-31,1
Kentriki Makedonia	5.820	4.876	-16,2	1.554,3	891,0	-42,7	5.861,0	3.807,0	-35,0
Dytiki Makedonia	818	611	-25,3	204,9	112,2	-45,3	712,3	445,3	-37,5
Thessalia	2.920	2.160	-26,0	620,1	400,7	-35,4	2.180,7	1.520,2	-30,3
Ipeiros	1.729	1.137	-34,2	417,9	239,9	-42,6	1.486,9	874,6	-41,2
Ionioi Nisoi	1.947	1.703	-12,5	321,4	242,3	-24,6	1.104,2	806,3	-27,0
Dytiki Ellada	4.133	2.784	-32,6	718,4	431,6	-39,9	2.475,5	1.570,5	-36,6
Stereia Ellada	3.777	2.933	-22,3	750,0	504,2	-32,8	2.774,6	1.999,0	-28,0
Peloponnisos	4.377	3.225	-26,3	821,7	623,7	-24,1	2.929,8	2.681,9	-8,5
Attiki	12.235	9.761	-20,2	1.920,9	1.251,8	-34,8	6.936,1	4.644,4	-33,0
Voreio Aigaio	1.207	1.164	-3,6	134,4	142,9	6,3	444,9	495,8	11,4
Notio Aigaio	2.641	2.186	-17,2	573,7	400,4	-30,2	1.855,8	1.360,6	-26,7
Kriti	3.007	1.886	-37,3	770,1	445,9	-42,1	2.784,8	1.490,4	-46,5
Greece, Total	46.940	36.092	-23,1	9.241,3	5.984,7	-35,2	33.101,5	22.766,4	-31,2

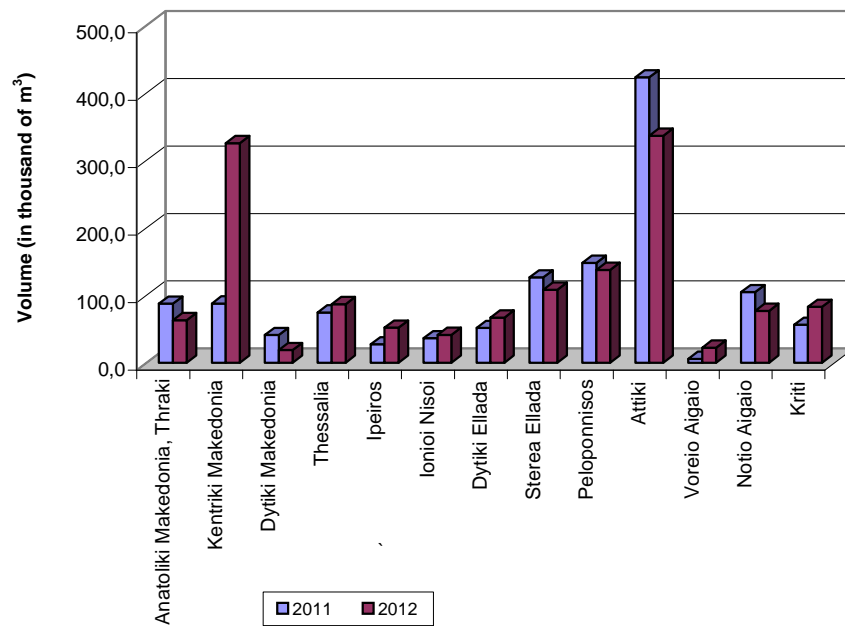
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**Table 5. Number of Building Permits by month
for the period September 2010 - January 2012***

Month	Number of permits
September 2010	3.970
October 2010	3.982
November 2010	3.757
December 2010	5.143
January 2011	1.637
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	2.227

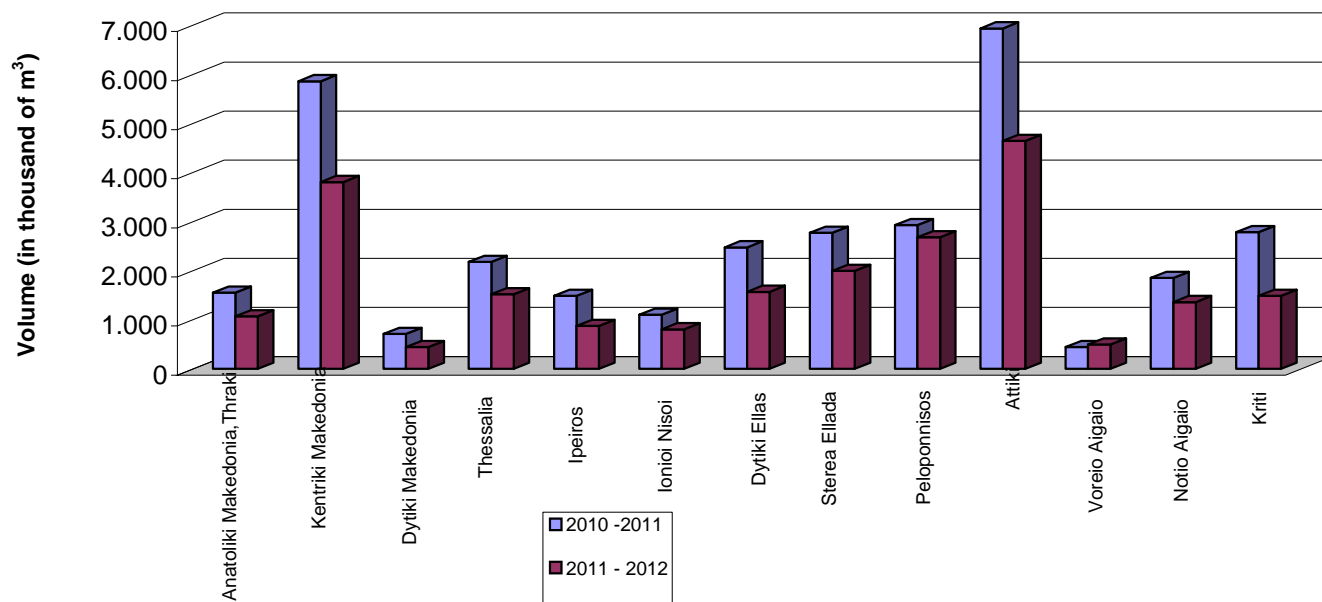
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in January 2011 and 2012*



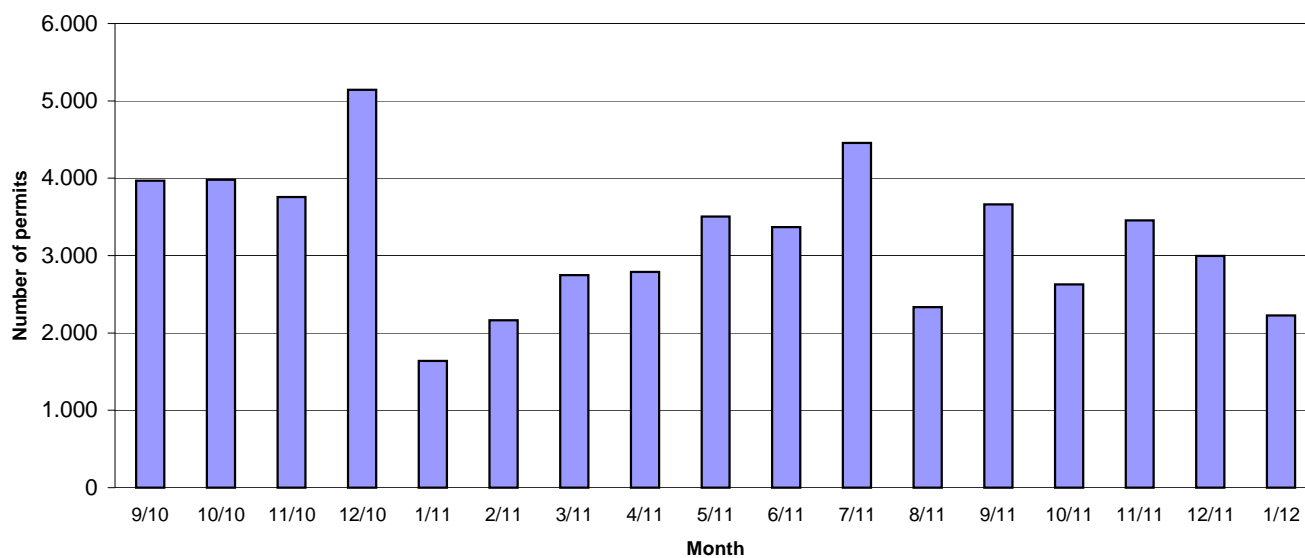
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Graph 2. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period February 2010 - January 2011 and February 2011 - January 2012 *



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Graph3. Number of building permits by month for the period September 2010 - January 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	01/1/2012 to 31/1/2012
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.