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**Building Activity Survey: December 2012**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in December 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 1,798 . This figure corresponds to 387.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,532.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting respectively a 40.0 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 31.6 % decrease in surface and a 30.5 % decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2011 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 1,776 building permits, corresponding to 365.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,421.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2011, there is a 40.2 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 32.9 % decrease in surface and a 32.5 % decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in December 2012 amounted to 22 building permits, corresponding to 21.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 111.1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 7.2 % of the total building volume in December 2012.

In the last twelve months, from January until December 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 22,627. This figure corresponds to 4,236.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 16,491.0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting a 36.7 % decrease in the number of building permits, 30.4 % decrease in surface and a 28.9 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of January until December 2011 (Table 3).

In the same period from January until December 2012, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 36.9 % decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 32.1 % decrease in surface and a 30.6 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from January until December 2011 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.9 % of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December 2011	December 2012	Change (%)	December 2011	December 2012	Change (%)	December 2011	December 2012	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	131	93	-29,0	22,2	17,2	-22,4	78,1	63,4	-18,8
Kentriki Makedonia	389	266	-31,6	114,5	85,6	-25,3	595,0	390,7	-34,3
Dytiki Makedonia	60	34	-43,3	10,2	20,1	97,8	37,3	58,1	55,8
Thessalia	200	108	-46,0	32,1	21,6	-32,6	116,0	88,5	-23,8
Ipeiros	114	41	-64,0	21,9	6,6	-69,8	86,3	23,5	-72,8
Ionioi Nisoi	169	76	-55,0	29,0	12,7	-56,2	97,9	48,0	-51,0
Dytiki Ellada	230	135	-41,3	32,6	26,8	-17,7	113,7	109,5	-3,7
Stereia Ellada	262	130	-50,4	43,1	26,1	-39,4	179,2	119,8	-33,2
Peloponnisos	266	181	-32,0	58,7	30,4	-48,3	217,0	113,8	-47,6
Attiki	687	364	-47,0	89,2	74,8	-16,2	314,7	291,5	-7,4
Voreio Aigaio	112	90	-19,6	13,0	15,3	18,3	43,4	57,8	33,0
Notio Aigaio	218	144	-33,9	31,9	23,1	-27,7	108,7	79,9	-26,5
Kriti	159	136	-14,5	67,6	27,1	-60,0	216,5	88,1	-59,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2.997</b>	<b>1.798</b>	<b>-40,0</b>	<b>565,9</b>	<b>387,3</b>	<b>-31,6</b>	<b>2.203,9</b>	<b>1.532,4</b>	<b>-30,5</b>

\* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December 2011	December 2012	Change (%)	December 2011	December 2012	Change (%)	December 2011	December 2012	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	126	92	-27,0	21,0	17,2	-18,3	73,9	63,2	-14,5
Kentriki Makedonia	381	261	-31,5	103,4	82,2	-20,4	536,4	374,3	-30,2
Dytiki Makedonia	58	33	-43,1	8,5	20,1	137,5	28,8	58,1	102,0
Thessalia	198	106	-46,5	26,6	19,7	-26,2	93,7	79,9	-14,7
Ipeiros	114	41	-64,0	21,9	6,6	-69,8	86,3	23,5	-72,8
Ionioi Nisoi	169	76	-55,0	29,0	12,7	-56,2	97,9	48,0	-51,0
Dytiki Ellada	229	133	-41,9	32,6	19,4	-40,6	113,7	79,7	-29,9
Stereia Ellada	260	130	-50,0	42,4	26,1	-38,4	177,2	119,8	-32,4
Peloponnisos	260	180	-30,8	57,9	30,4	-47,6	214,0	113,8	-46,8
Attiki	687	356	-48,2	89,2	66,2	-25,8	314,7	237,7	-24,5
Voreio Aigaio	112	89	-20,5	13,0	15,0	15,3	43,4	55,4	27,6
Notio Aigaio	218	143	-34,4	31,9	23,1	-27,7	108,7	79,9	-26,5
Kriti	159	136	-14,5	67,6	27,1	-60,0	216,5	88,1	-59,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2.971</b>	<b>1.776</b>	<b>-40,2</b>	<b>545,0</b>	<b>365,5</b>	<b>-32,9</b>	<b>2.105,2</b>	<b>1.421,4</b>	<b>-32,5</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.718	1.097	-36,1	333,5	192,0	-42,4	1.187,3	720,5	-39,3
Kentriki Makedonia	4.825	3.215	-33,4	886,3	767,7	-13,4	3.725,4	3.479,3	-6,6
Dytiki Makedonia	623	437	-29,9	127,2	118,0	-7,3	499,8	433,1	-13,3
Thessalia	2.140	1.372	-35,9	403,6	243,5	-39,7	1.544,4	894,4	-42,1
Ipeiros	1.123	814	-27,5	236,5	144,7	-38,8	871,6	471,3	-45,9
Ionioi Nisoi	1.658	867	-47,7	240,6	161,5	-32,9	802,7	559,6	-30,3
Dytiki Ellada	2.744	1.841	-32,9	448,5	296,1	-34,0	1.633,5	1.146,5	-29,8
Stereia Ellada	2.891	1.696	-41,3	515,1	299,4	-41,9	2.031,5	1.381,7	-32,0
Peloponnisos	3.179	2.412	-24,1	620,9	411,6	-33,7	2.717,0	1.540,2	-43,3
Attiki	9.723	5.077	-47,8	1.273,3	848,1	-33,4	4.762,4	3.177,6	-33,3
Voreio Aigaio	1.138	783	-31,2	139,0	113,2	-18,6	484,5	409,0	-15,6
Notio Aigaio	2.117	1.647	-22,2	408,9	311,1	-23,9	1.391,3	1.140,6	-18,0
Kriti	1.867	1.369	-26,7	457,4	329,5	-28,0	1.534,7	1.137,1	-25,9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>35.746</b>	<b>22.627</b>	<b>-36,7</b>	<b>6.090,8</b>	<b>4.236,3</b>	<b>-30,4</b>	<b>23.186,2</b>	<b>16.491,0</b>	<b>-28,9</b>

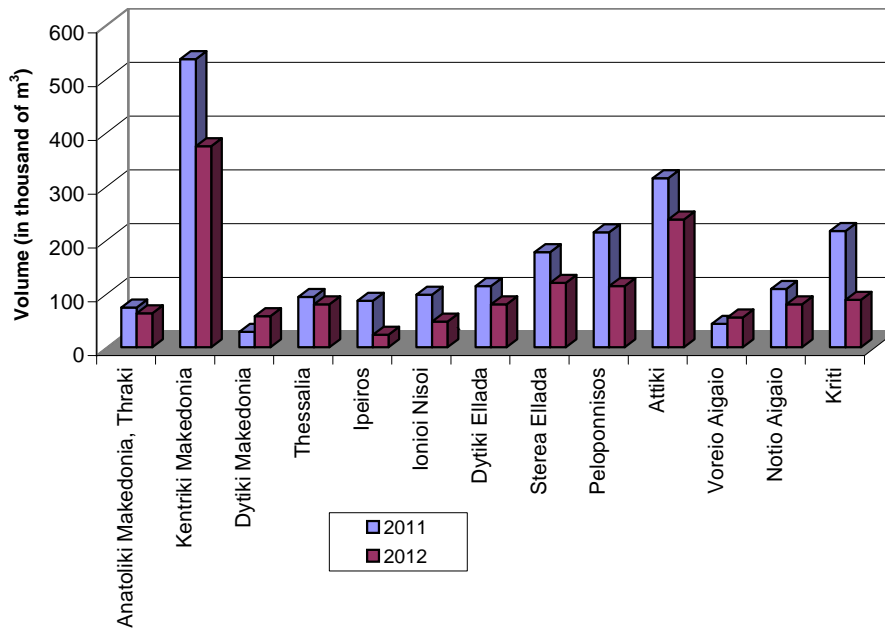
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**Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January - December 2011 and 2012 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.688	1.083	-35,8	307,1	183,1	-40,4	1.095,1	684,5	-37,5
Kentriki Makedonia	4.761	3.154	-33,8	854,7	717,2	-16,1	3.569,1	3.282,3	-8,0
Dytiki Makedonia	611	425	-30,4	120,9	97,0	-19,8	467,6	355,1	-24,0
Thessalia	2.133	1.363	-36,1	394,7	232,0	-41,2	1.508,0	847,8	-43,8
Ipeiros	1.115	810	-27,4	231,9	143,3	-38,2	850,0	467,6	-45,0
Ionioi Nisoi	1.657	866	-47,7	240,2	161,5	-32,8	801,3	559,6	-30,2
Dytiki Ellada	2.721	1.824	-33,0	428,0	277,2	-35,2	1.555,0	1.062,9	-31,6
Stereia Ellada	2.886	1.688	-41,5	512,7	298,9	-41,7	2.017,3	1.379,3	-31,6
Peloponnisos	3.152	2.371	-24,8	614,4	395,8	-35,6	2.692,2	1.455,6	-45,9
Attiki	9.716	5.058	-47,9	1.266,8	828,9	-34,6	4.730,9	3.088,8	-34,7
Voreio Aigaio	1.135	778	-31,5	138,1	105,7	-23,5	479,4	363,0	-24,3
Notio Aigaio	2.115	1.644	-22,3	408,0	311,0	-23,8	1.388,4	1.139,9	-17,9
Kriti	1.849	1.351	-26,9	437,9	294,5	-32,7	1.463,7	999,9	-31,7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>35.539</b>	<b>22.415</b>	<b>-36,9</b>	<b>5.955,3</b>	<b>4.046,1</b>	<b>-32,1</b>	<b>22.618,0</b>	<b>15.686,4</b>	<b>-30,6</b>

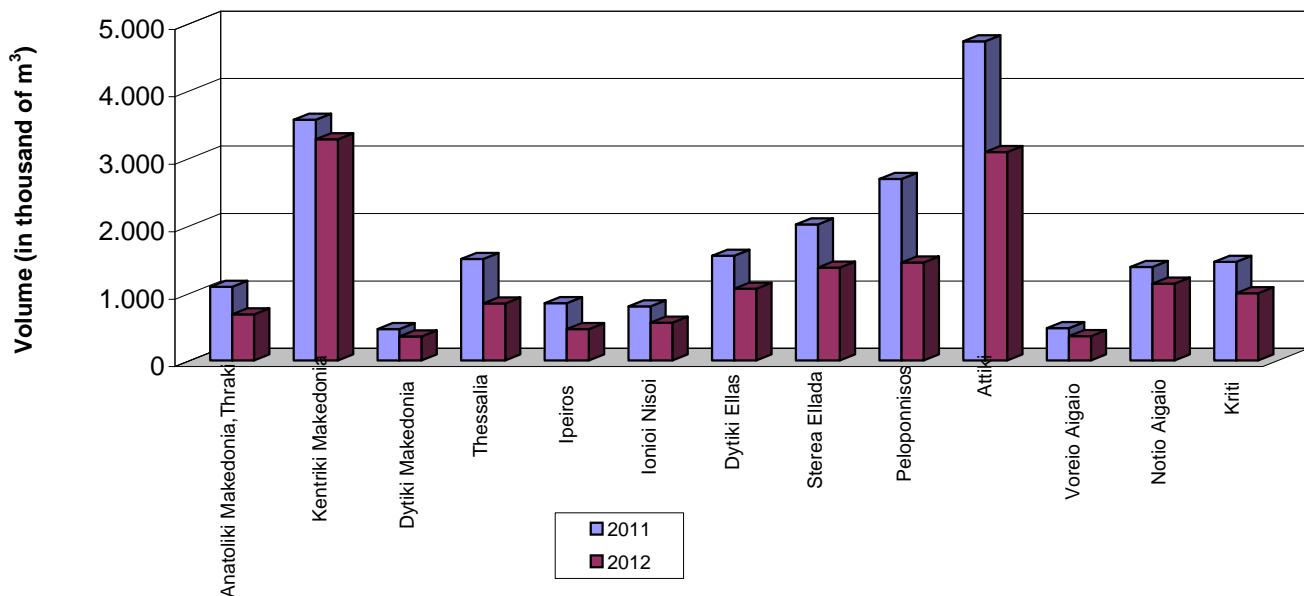
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in December 2011 and 2012\***



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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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.
<b>Reference Period</b>	01/1/2012 to 31/12/2012
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Building Permit</b> 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><b>Building</b> 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><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> 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><b>Building volume</b> (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><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
<b>General Remark</b>	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on EL.STAT's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , under the links: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.