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Building Activity Survey:

January 2011

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in January 2011 the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole country - which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits - amounted to 1.520. This figure corresponds to 310.8 thousand m² of surface and 1,168.4 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 62.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 74.8% decrease in surface and a 73.1% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2010 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 1,512 building permits, corresponding to 307.7 thousand m² of surface and 1,155.8 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2010 (Table 2), there is a 62.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 74.6% decrease in surface and a 72.6% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in January 2011 amounted to 8 building permits, corresponding to 3.1 thousand m² of surface and 12.6 thousand m³ of volume.

The Public Building Activity accounted for the 1.1% of the total building volume in January 2011.

In the last twelve months, from February 2010 until January 2011, the total Building Activity (Private and Public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 47,165. This figure corresponds to 9,459.8 thousand m² of surface and 33,999.8 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 16.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 29.6% decrease in surface and a 32.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from February 2009 until January 2010 (Table 3).

In the same period from February 2010 until January 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 16.6% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 29.8% decrease in surface and a 32.0% decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from February 2009 until January 2010 (Table 4).

For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.5% of the total building volume.

It should be noted that since 1/01/2011, when the " Kallikratis plan " was implemented (concerning the administrative reform of local government) there were several problems in the operation of the Town-Planning Offices all over the country, which had a negative impact on the normal flow of the issuing of building permits.

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in January 2010 and 2011

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	228	100	-56,1	64,7	25,7	-60,4	224,1	85,4	-61,9
Kentriki Makedonia	528	159	-69,9	213,5	24,2	-88,7	737,7	89,5	-87,9
Dytiki Makedonia	63	34	-46,0	18,8	13,2	-29,8	85,1	42,1	-50,5
Thessalia	255	123	-51,8	84,5	20,7	-75,4	301,0	74,7	-75,2
Ipeiros	138	35	-74,6	31,5	7,5	-76,1	106,8	24,0	-77,5
Ionioi Nisoi	132	52	-60,6	25,1	10,1	-59,6	88,9	36,4	-59,1
Dytiki Ellas	228	108	-52,6	49,6	16,3	-67,1	167,9	56,9	-66,1
Stereia Ellas	240	114	-52,5	60,4	34,5	-42,8	228,5	126,7	-44,5
Peloponnisos	374	139	-62,8	111,7	31,9	-71,4	397,0	149,2	-62,4
Attiki	1.537	561	-63,5	454,7	108,7	-76,1	1.563,4	423,2	-72,9
Voreio Aigaio	166	18	-89,2	31,0	1,0	-96,8	101,7	3,7	-96,3
Notio Aigaio**									
Kriti	194	77	-60,3	86,0	16,9	-80,3	342,4	56,5	-83,5
Greece, Total	4.083	1.520	-62,8	1.231,5	310,8	-74,8	4.344,5	1.168,4	-73,1

* Provisional data

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Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in January 2010 and 2011

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)	January		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	225	99	-56,0	64,2	24,8	-61,4	222,4	81,9	-63,2
Kentriki Makedonia	518	157	-69,7	212,0	23,9	-88,7	731,9	87,8	-88,0
Dytiki Makedonia	62	33	-46,8	16,6	13,0	-22,0	77,3	41,2	-46,7
Thessalia	252	123	-51,2	82,5	20,7	-74,9	294,6	74,7	-74,6
Ipeiros	132	35	-73,5	29,1	7,5	-74,2	95,4	24,0	-74,9
Ionioi Nisoi	131	52	-60,3	24,6	10,1	-58,9	87,3	36,4	-58,3
Dytiki Ellas	227	106	-53,3	49,4	14,8	-70,0	167,1	51,5	-69,2
Stereia Ellas	239	114	-52,3	60,2	34,5	-42,7	227,5	126,7	-44,3
Peloponnisos	372	137	-63,2	111,2	31,7	-71,5	395,2	148,2	-62,5
Attiki	1.536	561	-63,5	448,8	108,7	-75,8	1.548,0	423,2	-72,7
Voreio Aigaio	165	18	-89,1	31,0	1,0	-96,8	101,7	3,7	-96,3
Notio Aigaio**									
Kriti	192	77	-59,9	82,3	16,9	-79,5	323,4	56,5	-82,5
Greece, Total	4.051	1.512	-62,7	1.212,1	307,7	-74,6	4.271,8	1.155,8	-72,9

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Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period February 2009 - January 2010 and February 2010 - January 2011 *

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February-January		Change (%)	February-January		Change (%)	February-January		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki	2.980	2.357	-20,9	658,5	496,4	-24,6	2.399,7	1.830,6	-23,7
Kentriki Makedonia	7.378	5.929	-19,6	1.992,0	1.608,9	-19,2	8.027,3	6.107,7	-23,9
Dytiki Makedonia	1.056	838	-20,6	279,1	221,9	-20,5	1.121,8	790,3	-29,5
Thessalia	3.373	2.945	-12,7	863,0	635,2	-26,4	3.201,9	2.277,4	-28,9
Ipeiros	2.061	1.736	-15,8	647,2	453,6	-29,9	2.431,3	1.617,0	-33,5
Ionioi Nisoi	2.056	1.950	-5,2	365,4	320,4	-12,3	1.284,5	1.109,0	-13,7
Dytiki Ellas	4.358	4.160	-4,5	918,0	733,9	-20,1	3.400,1	2.530,4	-25,6
Sterea Ellas	4.302	3.800	-11,7	1.054,7	793,5	-24,8	4.352,0	2.807,3	-35,5
Peloponnisos	4.701	4.399	-6,4	1.089,5	823,3	-24,4	3.847,7	2.913,6	-24,3
Attiki	15.787	12.246	-22,4	3.614,5	1.891,0	-47,7	13.269,6	6.864,6	-48,3
Voreio Aigaio	1.624	1.196	-26,4	232,7	132,4	-43,1	767,6	442,7	-42,3
Notio Aigaio**	3.406	2.566	-24,7	622,4	538,0	-13,6	2.064,3	1.727,0	-16,3
Kriti	3.617	3.043	-15,9	1.107,0	811,3	-26,7	3.987,6	2.982,0	-25,2
Greece, Total	56.699	47.165	-16,8	13.444,0	9.459,8	-29,6	50.155,5	33.999,8	-32,2

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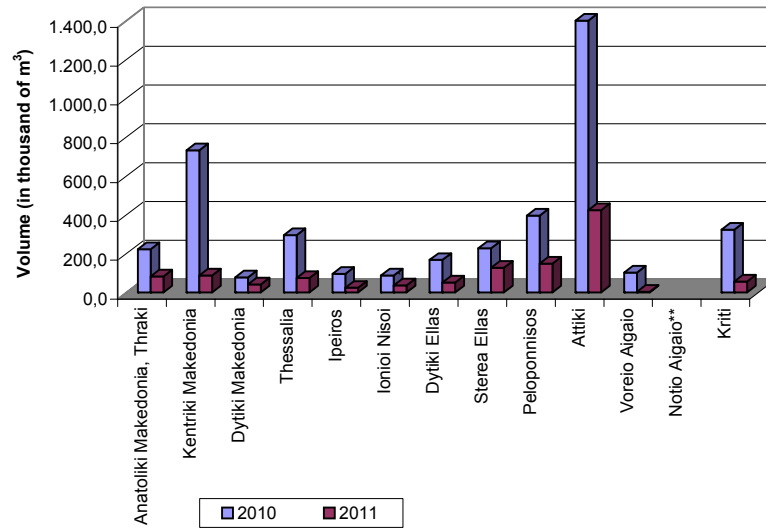
Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period February 2009 - January 2010 and February 2010 - January 2011 *

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February-January		Change (%)	February-January		Change (%)	February-January		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki	2.921	2.318	-20,6	630,1	431,2	-31,6	2.283,9	1.556,1	-31,9
Kentriki Makedonia	7.235	5.820	-19,6	1.889,4	1.550,2	-18,0	7.569,2	5.854,4	-22,7
Dytiki Makedonia	1.023	818	-20,0	250,9	204,9	-18,3	979,7	712,4	-27,3
Thessalia	3.333	2.920	-12,4	826,0	618,3	-25,1	3.042,8	2.193,7	-27,9
Ipeiros	2.022	1.719	-15,0	619,1	417,9	-32,5	2.319,4	1.486,8	-35,9
Ionioi Nisoi	2.039	1.947	-4,5	361,5	320,3	-11,4	1.269,2	1.109,0	-12,6
Dytiki Ellas	4.327	4.133	-4,5	873,9	713,8	-18,3	3.210,4	2.447,3	-23,8
Sterea Ellas	4.254	3.777	-11,2	984,8	750,7	-23,8	3.965,3	2.771,9	-30,1
Peloponnisos	4.658	4.377	-6,0	1.068,6	820,7	-23,2	3.767,4	2.905,9	-22,9
Attiki	15.768	12.235	-22,4	3.597,2	1.886,8	-47,5	13.188,8	6.845,8	-48,1
Voreio Aigaio	1.607	1.192	-25,8	232,6	130,9	-43,7	767,4	436,6	-43,1
Notio Aigaio**	3.398	2.560	-24,7	615,9	533,9	-13,3	2.038,9	1.715,1	-15,9
Kriti	3.586	3.007	-16,1	1.074,8	767,7	-28,6	3.843,6	2.784,1	-27,6
Greece, Total	56.171	46.823	-16,6	13.024,8	9.147,2	-29,8	48.246,0	32.819,1	-32,0

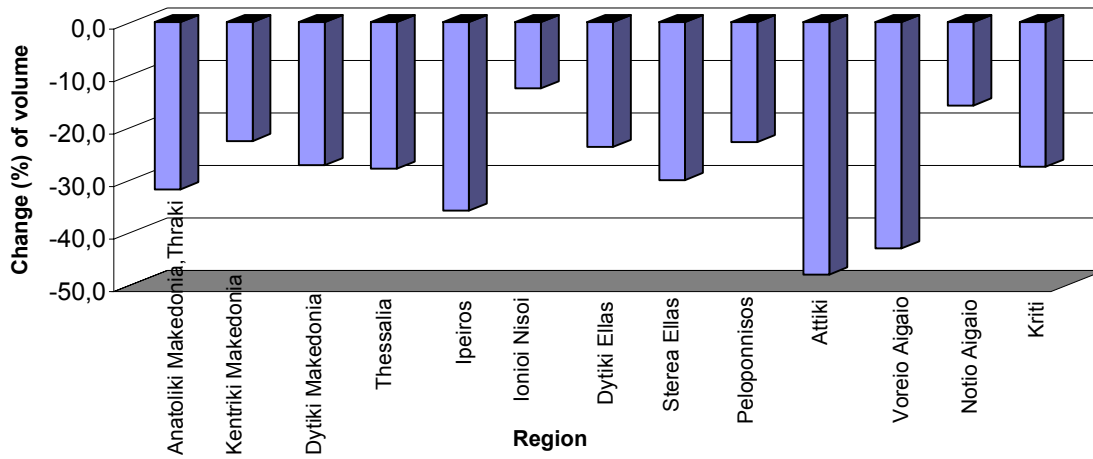
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in January 2009 and 2010



Graph 2. Private Building activity. Change (%) of building volume, by Region, for the period February 2009 - January 2010 and February 2010 - January 2011 *



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** 01/1/2011 to 31/1/2011
- Coverage** The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
- Definitions**
- 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.
- The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".
- 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.
- New building** is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.
- 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.
- 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.
- Surface of new-built property** is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.
- 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.