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**Building Activity Survey: October 2011**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in October 2011 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 2,628 . This figure corresponds to 409.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,475.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting respectively a 34.0 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 52.7 % decrease in surface and a 51.4 % decrease in volume, compared to the month of 2010 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 2,615 building permits, corresponding to 404.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,454.5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2010, there is a 33.8 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 51.1% decrease in surface and a 49.9 % decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in October 2011 amounted to 13 building permits, corresponding to 5.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 21.3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 1.4% of the total building volume in October 2011.

In the last twelve months, from November 2010 until October 2011, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 38,192 . This figure corresponds to 6,907.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 26,134.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting a 24.9 % decrease in the number of building permits, 36.4 % decrease in surface and a 32.8 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of November 2009 until October 2010 (Table 3).

In the same period from November 2010 until October 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 24.8 % decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 36.1% decrease in surface and a 32.5 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from November 2009 until October 2010 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 2.6 % of the total building volume.

During the period January- October 2011, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 28.7 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 41.9 % decrease in surface and a 37.6 % decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2010 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- October 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 28.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 41.3 % decrease in surface and a 36.9 % decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- October 2010 (Table 6).

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	189	140	-25,9	72,3	17,6	-75,7	260,6	57,3	-78,0
Kentriki Makedonia	494	374	-24,3	118,1	90,4	-23,5	456,0	356,8	-21,8
Dytiki Makedonia	61	40	-34,4	19,2	8,5	-55,8	73,7	37,9	-48,6
Thessalia	252	178	-29,4	48,0	27,1	-43,6	161,9	105,9	-34,6
Ipeiros	151	66	-56,3	51,8	10,2	-80,3	182,0	30,2	-83,4
Ionioi Nisoi	216	145	-32,9	34,4	13,1	-61,9	119,1	45,6	-61,8
Dytiki Ellada	323	213	-34,1	56,4	33,6	-40,4	193,4	110,0	-43,1
Stereia Ellada	338	195	-42,3	53,3	27,4	-48,6	172,1	101,3	-41,1
Peloponnisos	350	248	-29,1	68,7	44,7	-35,0	229,1	157,8	-31,1
Attiki	995	584	-41,3	204,2	56,0	-72,6	737,3	191,6	-74,0
Voreio Aigaio	120	73	-39,2	12,0	9,2	-23,9	42,4	34,2	-19,4
Notio Aigaio	233	228	-2,1	50,3	38,7	-23,1	165,6	134,7	-18,7
Kriti	260	144	-44,6	76,0	32,9	-56,7	243,6	112,5	-53,8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>3.982</b>	<b>2.628</b>	<b>-34,0</b>	<b>864,9</b>	<b>409,3</b>	<b>-52,7</b>	<b>3.036,8</b>	<b>1.475,7</b>	<b>-51,4</b>

\* Provisional data

**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in October 2010 and 2011\***

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)	October		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	187	140	-25,1	48,7	17,6	-63,9	180,5	57,3	-68,2
Kentriki Makedonia	479	368	-23,2	111,6	89,7	-19,6	429,3	353,4	-17,7
Dytiki Makedonia	60	39	-35,0	19,1	8,1	-57,8	73,4	35,4	-51,8
Thessalia	250	178	-28,8	46,0	27,1	-41,2	154,2	105,9	-31,4
Ipeiros	149	64	-57,0	47,3	10,2	-78,5	167,2	30,1	-82,0
Ionioi Nisoi	216	145	-32,9	34,4	13,1	-61,9	119,1	45,6	-61,8
Dytiki Ellada	320	210	-34,4	55,4	29,6	-46,5	190,3	95,2	-50,0
Stereia Ellada	336	195	-42,0	53,1	27,4	-48,4	171,5	101,3	-40,9
Peloponnisos	348	247	-29,0	68,6	44,5	-35,1	228,8	157,4	-31,2
Attiki	993	584	-41,2	204,2	56,0	-72,6	737,3	191,6	-74,0
Voreio Aigaio	120	73	-39,2	12,0	9,2	-23,9	42,4	34,2	-19,4
Notio Aigaio	233	228	-2,1	50,3	38,7	-23,1	165,6	134,7	-18,7
Kriti	260	144	-44,6	76,0	32,9	-56,7	243,6	112,5	-53,8
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>3.951</b>	<b>2.615</b>	<b>-33,8</b>	<b>826,9</b>	<b>404,0</b>	<b>-51,1</b>	<b>2.903,2</b>	<b>1.454,5</b>	<b>-49,9</b>

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	November-October		Change (%)	November-October		Change (%)	November-October		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.602	1.824	-29,9	568,3	350,3	-38,4	2.048,2	1.260,5	-38,5
Kentriki Makedonia	6.576	5.049	-23,2	1.790,0	995,2	-44,4	6.703,7	4.043,5	-39,7
Dytiki Makedonia	864	664	-23,1	230,9	133,4	-42,2	842,8	526,2	-37,6
Thessalia	3.110	2.239	-28,0	726,2	439,5	-39,5	2.566,5	1.636,0	-36,3
Ipeiros	1.882	1.212	-35,6	568,9	274,2	-51,8	2.116,9	973,4	-54,0
Ionioi Nisoi	1.969	1.714	-13,0	330,7	247,2	-25,3	1.128,8	841,3	-25,5
Dytiki Ellada	4.247	3.004	-29,3	773,5	520,4	-32,7	2.647,6	1.911,5	-27,8
Stereia Ellada	3.933	3.098	-21,2	830,2	569,3	-31,4	2.932,7	2.232,3	-23,9
Peloponnisos	4.532	3.437	-24,2	922,2	667,0	-27,7	3.194,1	2.979,9	-6,7
Attiki	13.743	10.375	-24,5	2.475,0	1.535,1	-38,0	9.020,6	5.686,5	-37,0
Voreio Aigaio	1.338	1.185	-11,4	180,7	148,2	-18,0	601,5	513,0	-14,7
Notio Aigaio	2.995	2.163	-27,8	591,3	471,5	-20,3	1.899,7	1.589,8	-16,3
Kriti	3.091	2.228	-27,9	868,4	555,8	-36,0	3.193,3	1.940,4	-39,2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>50.882</b>	<b>38.192</b>	<b>-24,9</b>	<b>10.856,2</b>	<b>6.907,0</b>	<b>-36,4</b>	<b>38.896,2</b>	<b>26.134,4</b>	<b>-32,8</b>

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period November 2009 - October 2010 and November 2010 - October 2011 \***

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	November-October		Change (%)	November-October		Change (%)	November-October		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.557	1.796	-29,8	514,2	310,4	-39,6	1.842,0	1.089,9	-40,8
Kentriki Makedonia	6.458	4.982	-22,9	1.729,1	970,0	-43,9	6.442,8	3.935,1	-38,9
Dytiki Makedonia	844	649	-23,1	210,2	128,3	-39,0	750,7	501,2	-33,2
Thessalia	3.079	2.233	-27,5	707,4	434,8	-38,5	2.470,6	1.616,9	-34,6
Ipeiros	1.859	1.202	-35,3	538,7	257,8	-52,2	1.998,3	913,9	-54,3
Ionioi Nisoi	1.961	1.712	-12,7	329,5	246,8	-25,1	1.124,1	840,0	-25,3
Dytiki Ellada	4.218	2.979	-29,4	754,7	497,3	-34,1	2.561,3	1.828,3	-28,6
Stereia Ellada	3.913	3.089	-21,1	787,5	567,2	-28,0	2.897,9	2.218,5	-23,4
Peloponnisos	4.508	3.418	-24,2	913,5	663,0	-27,4	3.164,0	2.965,2	-6,3
Attiki	13.732	10.367	-24,5	2.465,2	1.526,5	-38,1	8.983,3	5.645,8	-37,2
Voreio Aigaio	1.329	1.181	-11,1	179,3	147,3	-17,9	596,3	507,8	-14,8
Notio Aigaio	2.989	2.161	-27,7	586,4	470,7	-19,7	1.883,5	1.586,8	-15,8
Kriti	3.054	2.203	-27,9	828,9	518,9	-37,4	3.010,4	1.797,2	-40,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>50.501</b>	<b>37.972</b>	<b>-24,8</b>	<b>10.544,5</b>	<b>6.738,9</b>	<b>-36,1</b>	<b>37.725,2</b>	<b>25.446,6</b>	<b>-32,5</b>

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January- October		Change (%)	January- October		Change (%)	January- October		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.079	1.418	-31,8	463	278	-40,0	1.687	986	-41,6
Kentriki Makedonia	5.285	4.036	-23,6	1.498	691	-53,9	5.486	2.767	-49,6
Dytiki Makedonia	713	510	-28,5	201	107	-46,8	724	417	-42,4
Thessalia	2.562	1.724	-32,7	589	327	-44,4	2.082	1.227	-41,0
Ipeiros	1.523	896	-41,2	394	191	-51,5	1.417	694	-51,0
Ionioi Nisoi	1.624	1.308	-19,5	274	185	-32,5	933	617	-33,8
Dytiki Ellada	3.510	2.234	-36,4	633	381	-39,8	2.160	1.402	-35,1
Stereia Ellada	3.162	2.334	-26,2	674	425	-37,0	2.339	1.660	-29,0
Peloponnisos	3.748	2.551	-31,9	734	497	-32,3	2.484	2.278	-8,3
Attiki	10.945	8.098	-26,0	1.823	1.087	-40,4	6.496	4.088	-37,1
Voreio Aigaio	1.084	925	-14,7	131	114	-12,8	437	404	-7,5
Notio Aigaio	2.357	1.708	-27,5	477	344	-27,8	1.533	1.173	-23,5
Kriti	2.482	1.550	-37,6	688	361	-47,6	2.553	1.224	-52,0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>41.074</b>	<b>29.292</b>	<b>-28,7</b>	<b>8.578,6</b>	<b>4.988,4</b>	<b>-41,9</b>	<b>30.331,8</b>	<b>18.937,6</b>	<b>-37,6</b>

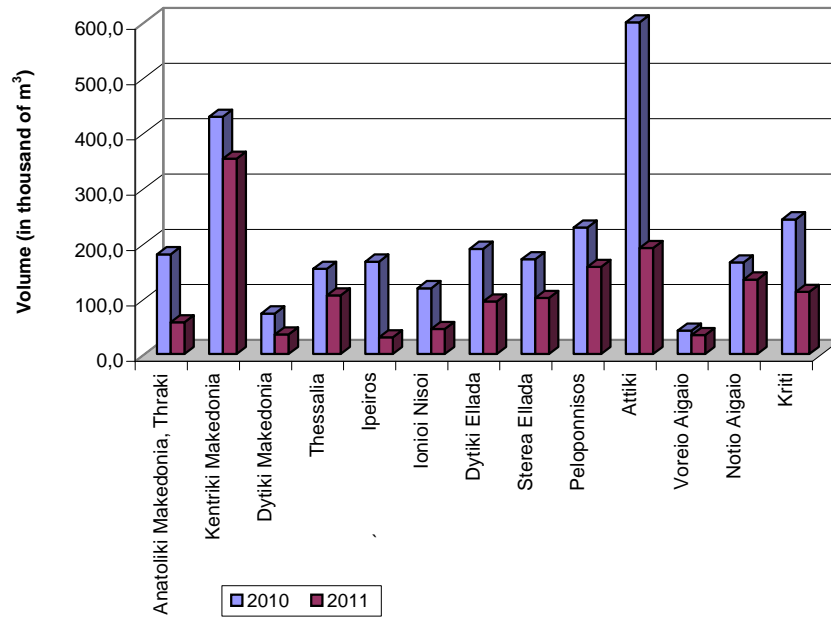
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**Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- October 2010 and 2011 \***

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January- October		Change (%)	January- October		Change (%)	January- October		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.043	1.395	-31,7	413	253	-38,9	1.498	898	-40,0
Kentriki Makedonia	5.186	3.987	-23,1	1.446	674	-53,4	5.262	2.693	-48,8
Dytiki Makedonia	699	501	-28,3	184	103	-43,8	645	398	-38,3
Thessalia	2.535	1.719	-32,2	571	324	-43,3	1.997	1.213	-39,2
Ipeiros	1.504	890	-40,8	369	188	-49,1	1.319	678	-48,6
Ionioi Nisoi	1.621	1.307	-19,4	274	184	-32,6	931	616	-33,9
Dytiki Ellada	3.488	2.213	-36,6	618	362	-41,4	2.092	1.330	-36,5
Stereia Ellada	3.144	2.331	-25,9	632	423	-33,0	2.304	1.647	-28,5
Peloponnisos	3.729	2.535	-32,0	732	494	-32,6	2.477	2.265	-8,5
Attiki	10.935	8.092	-26,0	1.815	1.080	-40,5	6.471	4.056	-37,3
Voreio Aigaio	1.080	922	-14,6	130	114	-12,6	432	399	-7,6
Notio Aigaio	2.351	1.706	-27,4	473	343	-27,4	1.521	1.170	-23,1
Kriti	2.452	1.533	-37,5	658	341	-48,1	2.408	1.153	-52,1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>40.767</b>	<b>29.131</b>	<b>-28,5</b>	<b>8.312,7</b>	<b>4.883,1</b>	<b>-41,3</b>	<b>29.358,7</b>	<b>18.516,7</b>	<b>-36,9</b>

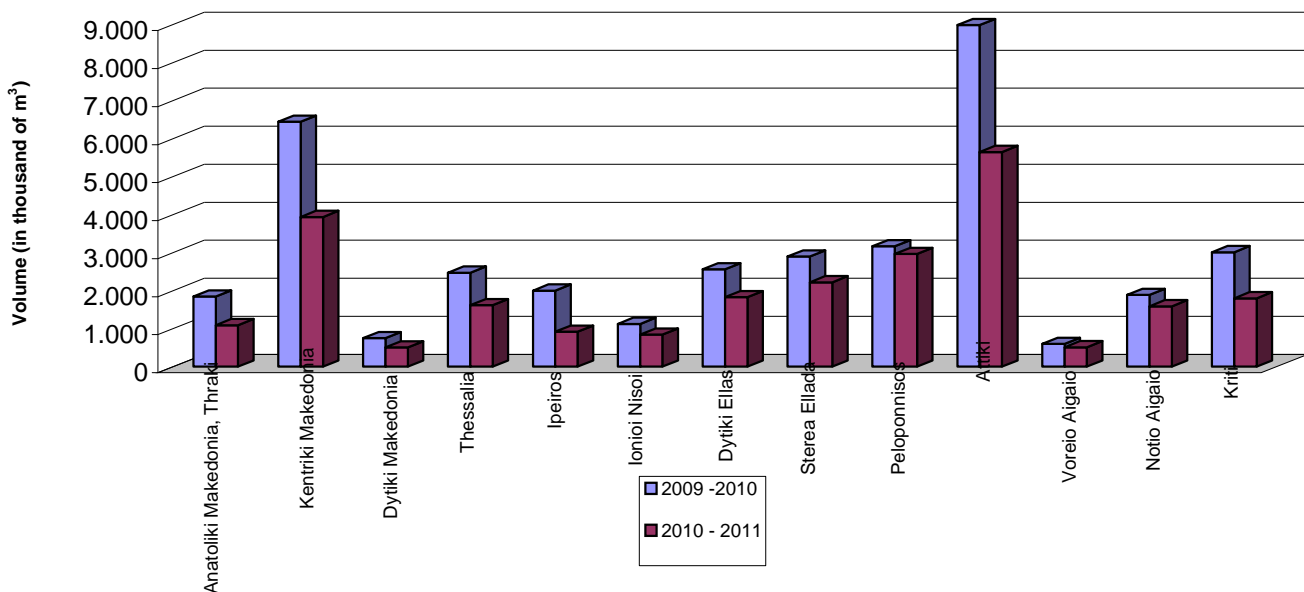
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in October 2010 and 2011\***



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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period November 2009 - October 2010 and November 2010 - October 2011 \***



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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>	01/10/2011 to 31/10/2011
<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.