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Building Activity Survey: September 2011

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in September 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 3,663 . This figure corresponds to 653.6 thousand m² of surface and 2,397.6 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 7.7 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 26.9 % decrease in surface and a 22.0 % decrease in volume, compared to the month of 2010 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 3,647 building permits, corresponding to 635.8 thousand m² of surface and 2,330.9 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2010, there is a 7.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 23.8 % decrease in surface and a 21.7 % decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in September 2011 amounted to 16 building permits, corresponding to 17.8 thousand m² of surface and 66.7 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 2.8 % of the total building volume in September 2011.

In the last twelve months, from October 2010 until September 2011, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 39,546. This figure corresponds to 7,362.7 thousand m² of surface and 27,695.5 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 23.4 % decrease in the number of building permits, 33.2 % decrease in surface and a 30.2 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of October 2009 until September 2010 (Table 3).

In the same period from October 2010 until September 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 23.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 33.2 % decrease in surface and a 30.2 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from October 2009 until September 2010 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 2.9 % of the total building volume.

During the period January- September 2011, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 28.1 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 40.6 % decrease in surface and a 36.0 % decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2010 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- September 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 28.0 % decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 40.2 % decrease in surface and a 35.5 % decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- September 2010 (Table 6).

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	221	176	-20,4	37,7	32,7	-13,2	128,9	123,5	-4,2
Kentriki Makedonia	482	544	12,9	188,1	123,9	-34,2	729,0	474,1	-35,0
Dytiki Makedonia	99	74	-25,3	18,1	12,2	-32,9	59,4	48,1	-19,0
Thessalia	301	225	-25,2	104,6	41,8	-60,0	344,0	149,9	-56,4
Ipeiros	135	102	-24,4	29,2	21,6	-26,1	102,9	111,7	8,6
Ionioi Nisoι	159	150	-5,7	26,5	24,5	-7,7	87,0	79,5	-8,6
Dytiki Ellas	374	257	-31,3	61,0	69,6	14,1	202,1	232,3	14,9
Stereia Ellas	321	267	-16,8	107,4	47,2	-56,1	263,5	202,0	-23,3
Peloponnisos	352	399	13,4	68,3	68,7	0,5	248,9	250,6	0,7
Attiki	993	867	-12,7	144,8	98,7	-31,8	543,9	342,5	-37,0
Voreio Aigaio	96	150	56,3	9,3	17,1	84,6	31,1	61,8	98,9
Notio Aigaio	226	269	19,0	42,5	51,6	21,2	141,1	174,3	23,5
Kriti	211	183	-13,3	56,1	44,2	-21,2	191,6	147,3	-23,1
Greece, Total	3.970	3.663	-7,7	893,7	653,6	-26,9	3.073,4	2.397,6	-22,0

* Provisional data

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	217	175	-19,4	36,3	31,7	-12,5	123,6	119,9	-3,0
Kentriki Makedonia	472	542	14,8	180,7	119,2	-34,0	696,3	457,8	-34,2
Dytiki Makedonia	98	72	-26,5	17,4	12,1	-30,7	56,2	47,6	-15,2
Thessalia	297	225	-24,2	103,5	41,8	-59,6	340,2	149,9	-56,0
Ipeiros	131	102	-22,1	28,7	21,6	-25,0	101,3	111,7	10,3
Ionioi Nisoι	159	150	-5,7	26,5	24,5	-7,7	87,0	79,5	-8,6
Dytiki Ellas	369	250	-32,2	57,6	61,9	7,3	191,3	202,8	6,0
Stereia Ellas	316	266	-15,8	69,4	47,2	-32,1	246,2	202,0	-18,0
Peloponnisos	351	398	13,4	68,3	68,6	0,4	248,9	250,2	0,5
Attiki	993	867	-12,7	144,8	98,7	-31,8	543,9	342,5	-37,0
Voreio Aigaio	95	150	57,9	9,1	17,1	87,7	30,6	61,8	102,3
Notio Aigaio	224	268	19,6	42,5	51,1	20,2	141,1	172,8	22,5
Kriti	205	182	-11,2	49,8	40,4	-18,9	172,1	132,3	-23,1
Greece, Total	3.927	3.647	-7,1	834,8	635,8	-23,8	2.978,6	2.330,9	-21,7

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October-September		Change (%)	October-September		Change (%)	October-September		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.668	1.873	-29,8	539,3	405,0	-24,9	1.937,5	1.463,8	-24,5
Kentriki Makedonia	6.738	5.169	-23,3	1.844,0	1.022,8	-44,5	6.965,0	4.142,7	-40,5
Dytiki Makedonia	900	685	-23,9	238,7	144,1	-39,6	870,9	562,0	-35,5
Thessalia	3.126	2.313	-26,0	757,8	460,5	-39,2	2.692,8	1.692,0	-37,2
Ipeiros	1.895	1.297	-31,6	559,0	315,8	-43,5	2.091,2	1.125,2	-46,2
Ionioi Nisoi	1.925	1.785	-7,3	322,6	268,5	-16,8	1.097,5	914,9	-16,6
Dytiki Ellas	4.351	3.114	-28,4	806,8	543,1	-32,7	2.749,6	1.994,9	-27,4
Stereia Ellas	3.936	3.241	-17,7	871,4	595,2	-31,7	3.111,5	2.303,1	-26,0
Peloponnisos	4.592	3.539	-22,9	930,6	691,1	-25,7	3.253,7	3.051,2	-6,2
Attiki	13.925	10.786	-22,5	2.492,5	1.683,4	-32,5	9.085,4	6.232,3	-31,4
Voreio Aigaio	1.346	1.232	-8,5	183,5	151,1	-17,7	608,7	521,2	-14,4
Notio Aigaio	3.084	2.168	-29,7	585,1	483,2	-17,4	1.877,0	1.620,7	-13,7
Kriti	3.166	2.344	-26,0	898,3	598,9	-33,3	3.357,9	2.071,5	-38,3
Greece, Total	51.652	39.546	-23,4	11.029,7	7.362,7	-33,2	39.698,8	27.695,5	-30,2

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October-September		Change (%)	October-September		Change (%)	October-September		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.618	1.843	-29,6	504,2	341,5	-32,3	1.792,9	1.213,0	-32,3
Kentriki Makedonia	6.622	5.093	-23,1	1.785,4	991,9	-44,4	6.712,6	4.011,0	-40,2
Dytiki Makedonia	879	670	-23,8	215,8	139,3	-35,4	764,7	539,2	-29,5
Thessalia	3.095	2.305	-25,5	740,7	453,8	-38,7	2.603,7	1.665,2	-36,0
Ipeiros	1.873	1.287	-31,3	533,4	294,9	-44,7	1.987,4	1.051,0	-47,1
Ionioi Nisoi	1.917	1.783	-7,0	321,3	268,1	-16,6	1.092,9	913,6	-16,4
Dytiki Ellas	4.322	3.089	-28,5	785,7	523,0	-33,4	2.650,7	1.923,3	-27,4
Stereia Ellas	3.914	3.230	-17,5	819,5	592,9	-27,7	3.043,7	2.288,7	-24,8
Peloponnisos	4.565	3.519	-22,9	921,0	687,1	-25,4	3.220,2	3.036,6	-5,7
Attiki	13.915	10.776	-22,6	2.477,5	1.674,8	-32,4	9.022,3	6.191,6	-31,4
Voreio Aigaio	1.337	1.228	-8,2	182,1	150,2	-17,5	603,5	516,0	-14,5
Notio Aigaio	3.078	2.166	-29,6	579,7	482,3	-16,8	1.859,4	1.617,7	-13,0
Kriti	3.123	2.319	-25,7	851,1	562,1	-34,0	3.150,6	1.928,2	-38,8
Greece, Total	51.258	39.308	-23,3	10.717,5	7.161,8	-33,2	38.504,5	26.895,3	-30,2

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January- September		Change (%)	January- September		Change (%)	January- September		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.890	1.278	-32,4	391	260	-33,4	1.427	928	-34,9
Kentriki Makedonia	4.791	3.662	-23,6	1.380	601	-56,5	5.030	2.410	-52,1
Dytiki Makedonia	652	470	-27,9	182	99	-45,9	651	379	-41,7
Thessalia	2.310	1.546	-33,1	541	300	-44,4	1.920	1.122	-41,6
Ipeiros	1.372	830	-39,5	342	181	-47,1	1.235	664	-46,2
Ionioi Nisoι	1.408	1.163	-17,4	240	172	-28,3	813	572	-29,7
Dytiki Ellas	3.187	2.021	-36,6	576	347	-39,7	1.967	1.292	-34,3
Stereia Ellas	2.824	2.139	-24,3	621	397	-36,0	2.167	1.558	-28,1
Peloponnisos	3.398	2.303	-32,2	666	453	-32,0	2.255	2.121	-5,9
Attiki	9.950	7.514	-24,5	1.619	1.031	-36,3	5.759	3.896	-32,3
Voreio Aigaio	964	852	-11,6	119	105	-11,7	395	370	-6,2
Notio Aigaio	2.124	1.480	-30,3	427	306	-28,3	1.368	1.038	-24,1
Kriti	2.222	1.406	-36,7	612	328	-46,4	2.309	1.112	-51,8
Greece, Total	37.092	26.664	-28,1	7.713,7	4.579,1	-40,6	27.294,9	17.461,9	-36,0

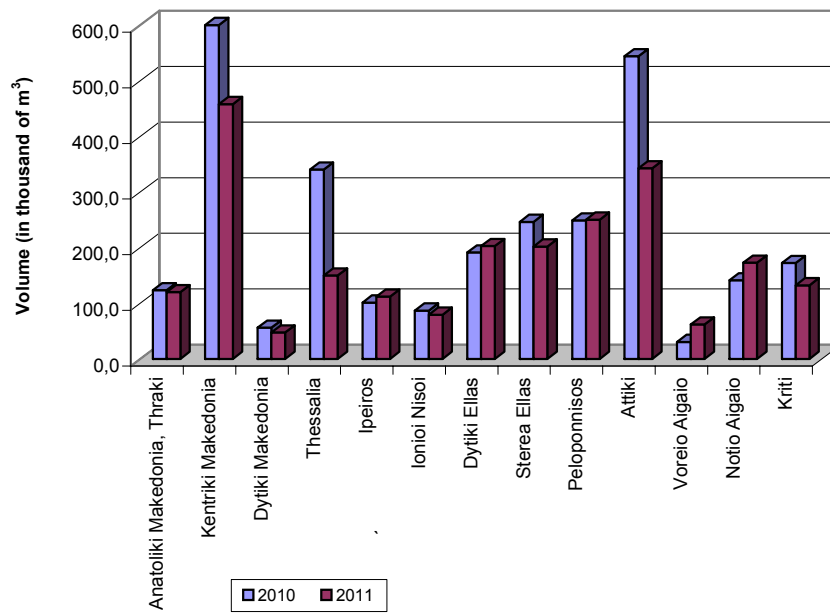
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- September 2010 and 2011 *

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January- September		Change (%)	January- September		Change (%)	January- September		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.856	1.255	-32,4	365	235	-35,5	1.317	841	-36,2
Kentriki Makedonia	4.707	3.619	-23,1	1.334	584	-56,2	4.833	2.339	-51,6
Dytiki Makedonia	639	462	-27,7	164	95	-42,1	572	363	-36,6
Thessalia	2.285	1.541	-32,6	525	297	-43,5	1.843	1.108	-39,9
Ipeiros	1.355	826	-39,0	321	178	-44,7	1.152	648	-43,8
Ionioi Nisoι	1.405	1.162	-17,3	239	171	-28,4	812	570	-29,8
Dytiki Ellas	3.168	2.003	-36,8	562	332	-40,9	1.902	1.234	-35,1
Stereia Ellas	2.808	2.136	-23,9	579	396	-31,6	2.133	1.546	-27,5
Peloponnisos	3.381	2.288	-32,3	663	449	-32,3	2.248	2.108	-6,2
Attiki	9.942	7.508	-24,5	1.611	1.024	-36,4	5.734	3.865	-32,6
Voreio Aigaio	960	849	-11,6	118	104	-11,5	390	365	-6,3
Notio Aigaio	2.118	1.478	-30,2	422	305	-27,9	1.356	1.035	-23,6
Kriti	2.192	1.389	-36,6	582	308	-47,0	2.165	1.041	-51,9
Greece, Total	36.816	26.516	-28,0	7.485,8	4.479,1	-40,2	26.455,5	17.062,2	-35,5

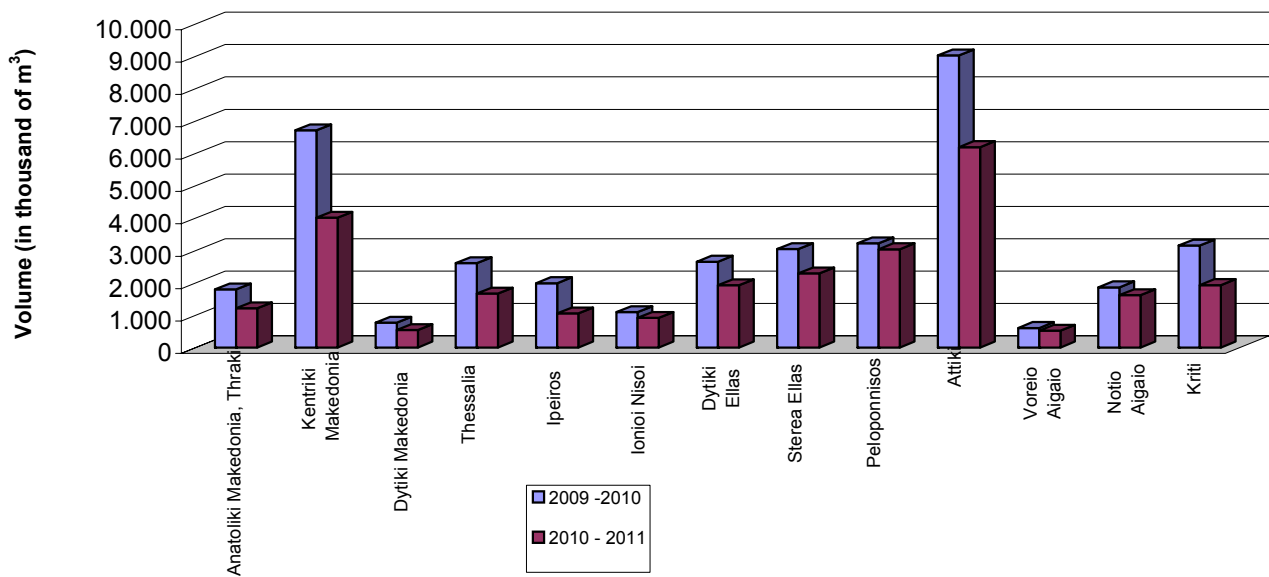
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in September 2010 and 2011*



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



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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	01/09/2011 to 30/09/2011
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.