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**Building Activity Survey: August 2011**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in August 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 2,335 . This figure corresponds to 423.1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,636.4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting respectively a 14.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 21.0% decrease in surface and a 11.6% decrease in volume, compared to the month of 2010 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 2,313 building permits, corresponding to 416.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 1,602.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2010, there is a 14.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 20.8% decrease in surface and a 11.4% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in August 2011 amounted to 22 building permits, corresponding to 7.2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 33.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 2.1% of the total building volume in August 2011.

In the last twelve months, from September 2010 until August 2011, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 39,853 . This figure corresponds to 7,602.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 28,371.3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting a 23.9% decrease in the number of building permits, 32.1% decrease in surface and a 30.3% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of September 2009 until August 2010 (Table 3).

In the same period from September 2010 until August 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 23.8% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 32.5% decrease in surface and a 30.1% decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from September 2009 until August 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- August 2011, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 30.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 42.4% decrease in surface and a 37.8% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2010 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- August 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 30.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 42.2% decrease in surface and a 37.3% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- August 2010 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	181	145	-19,9	25,5	40,4	58,6	83,6	157,4	88,2
Kentriki Makedonia	381	407	6,8	77,4	54,6	-29,4	283,0	195,8	-30,8
Dytiki Makedonia	53	56	5,7	12,1	12,7	5,3	42,2	51,5	22,1
Thessalia	201	127	-36,8	39,2	29,3	-25,3	124,6	139,9	12,3
Ipeiros	137	84	-38,7	38,0	14,2	-62,5	135,2	48,4	-64,2
Ionioi Nisoi	148	123	-16,9	19,7	16,3	-17,2	69,1	56,6	-18,1
Dytiki Ellas	284	204	-28,2	45,4	23,8	-47,7	149,4	74,9	-49,9
Stereia Ellas	212	229	8,0	44,7	57,8	29,3	152,1	315,5	107,4
Peloponnisos	266	213	-19,9	48,5	38,2	-21,3	164,3	137,1	-16,6
Attiki	335	321	-4,2	64,1	34,9	-45,6	227,0	111,4	-50,9
Voreio Aigaio	102	106	3,9	11,7	17,5	50,2	40,1	63,4	57,9
Notio Aigaio	206	148	-28,2	54,8	44,4	-19,0	181,7	151,0	-16,9
Kriti	210	172	-18,1	54,5	39,0	-28,5	198,0	133,6	-32,6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2.716</b>	<b>2.335</b>	<b>-14,0</b>	<b>535,6</b>	<b>423,1</b>	<b>-21,0</b>	<b>1.850,5</b>	<b>1.636,4</b>	<b>-11,6</b>

\* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	177	138	-22,0	24,8	37,5	51,2	80,8	146,7	81,5
Kentriki Makedonia	376	403	7,2	74,4	54,6	-26,5	268,4	195,8	-27,1
Dytiki Makedonia	51	56	9,8	11,8	12,7	7,5	40,9	51,5	26,0
Thessalia	200	127	-36,5	39,0	29,3	-24,8	123,6	139,9	13,2
Ipeiros	136	83	-39,0	36,9	14,1	-61,7	131,3	47,9	-63,5
Ionioi Nisoi	148	123	-16,9	19,7	16,3	-17,2	69,1	56,6	-18,1
Dytiki Ellas	283	203	-28,3	44,2	23,8	-46,3	143,9	74,9	-47,9
Stereia Ellas	209	228	9,1	41,2	56,4	36,9	140,0	305,2	118,1
Peloponnisos	266	208	-21,8	48,5	37,2	-23,3	164,3	133,9	-18,5
Attiki	335	321	-4,2	64,1	34,9	-45,6	227,0	111,4	-50,9
Voreio Aigaio	102	105	2,9	11,6	17,0	46,3	40,0	59,7	49,1
Notio Aigaio	205	148	-27,8	54,8	44,4	-19,0	181,7	151,0	-16,9
Kriti	209	170	-18,7	54,3	37,8	-30,5	197,3	128,1	-35,1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>2.697</b>	<b>2.313</b>	<b>-14,2</b>	<b>525,4</b>	<b>416,0</b>	<b>-20,8</b>	<b>1.808,3</b>	<b>1.602,7</b>	<b>-11,4</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	September-August		Change (%)	September-August		Change (%)	September-August		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.691	1.918	-28,7	571,4	410,0	-28,2	2.086,9	1.469,2	-29,6
Kentriki Makedonia	6.870	5.107	-25,7	1.833,3	1.087,1	-40,7	6.941,6	4.397,7	-36,6
Dytiki Makedonia	913	710	-22,2	256,2	150,1	-41,4	962,2	573,3	-40,4
Thessalia	3.130	2.389	-23,7	714,6	523,3	-26,8	2.578,9	1.886,2	-26,9
Ipeiros	1.922	1.330	-30,8	582,1	323,4	-44,4	2.193,2	1.116,3	-49,1
Ionioi Nisoi	1.955	1.794	-8,2	330,4	270,5	-18,1	1.131,0	922,4	-18,4
Dytiki Ellas	4.360	3.231	-25,9	813,0	534,5	-34,2	2.841,7	1.964,7	-30,9
Stereia Ellas	3.952	3.295	-16,6	827,1	655,4	-20,8	3.057,0	2.364,6	-22,7
Peloponnisos	4.634	3.492	-24,6	939,8	690,7	-26,5	3.301,7	3.049,5	-7,6
Attiki	14.043	10.912	-22,3	2.601,8	1.729,5	-33,5	9.503,0	6.433,7	-32,3
Voreio Aigaio	1.368	1.178	-13,9	193,4	143,2	-25,9	643,2	490,4	-23,7
Notio Aigaio	3.239	2.125	-34,4	601,6	474,2	-21,2	1.966,8	1.587,5	-19,3
Kriti	3.275	2.372	-27,6	935,3	610,8	-34,7	3.492,9	2.115,8	-39,4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>52.352</b>	<b>39.853</b>	<b>-23,9</b>	<b>11.199,7</b>	<b>7.602,7</b>	<b>-32,1</b>	<b>40.700,0</b>	<b>28.371,3</b>	<b>-30,3</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	September-August		Change (%)	September-August		Change (%)	September-August		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.642	1.885	-28,7	536,4	346,0	-35,5	1.942,2	1.216,7	-37,4
Kentriki Makedonia	6.749	5.023	-25,6	1.754,8	1.053,4	-40,0	6.601,2	4.249,4	-35,6
Dytiki Makedonia	891	696	-21,9	233,2	144,7	-38,0	855,8	547,7	-36,0
Thessalia	3.098	2.377	-23,3	696,0	515,5	-25,9	2.483,1	1.855,6	-25,3
Ipeiros	1.900	1.316	-30,7	551,2	302,1	-45,2	2.065,4	1.040,6	-49,6
Ionioi Nisoi	1.945	1.792	-7,9	328,6	270,1	-17,8	1.124,3	921,0	-18,1
Dytiki Ellas	4.333	3.208	-26,0	794,6	518,8	-34,7	2.751,7	1.911,9	-30,5
Stereia Ellas	3.932	3.280	-16,6	811,1	615,2	-24,2	2.993,8	2.332,9	-22,1
Peloponnisos	4.605	3.472	-24,6	929,4	686,8	-26,1	3.264,4	3.035,3	-7,0
Attiki	14.031	10.902	-22,3	2.585,9	1.720,9	-33,5	9.436,1	6.393,0	-32,2
Voreio Aigaio	1.359	1.173	-13,7	192,2	142,2	-26,0	638,5	484,8	-24,1
Notio Aigaio	3.232	2.122	-34,3	595,9	473,7	-20,5	1.948,5	1.586,0	-18,6
Kriti	3.238	2.342	-27,7	894,3	571,5	-36,1	3.305,1	1.968,0	-40,5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>51.955</b>	<b>39.588</b>	<b>-23,8</b>	<b>10.903,7</b>	<b>7.360,8</b>	<b>-32,5</b>	<b>39.409,8</b>	<b>27.543,0</b>	<b>-30,1</b>

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January- August		Change (%)	January- August		Change (%)	January- August		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.669	1.102	-34,0	353	227	-35,6	1.298	805	-38,0
Kentriki Makedonia	4.309	3.118	-27,6	1.192	477	-60,0	4.301	1.936	-55,0
Dytiki Makedonia	553	396	-28,4	164	86	-47,3	591	331	-44,0
Thessalia	2.009	1.321	-34,2	436	258	-40,7	1.576	972	-38,4
Ipeiros	1.237	728	-41,1	313	159	-49,1	1.132	552	-51,2
Ionioi Nisoi	1.249	1.013	-18,9	213	147	-30,9	727	492	-32,3
Dytiki Ellas	2.813	1.764	-37,3	515	278	-46,1	1.764	1.060	-39,9
Stereia Ellas	2.503	1.872	-25,2	514	350	-31,8	1.903	1.356	-28,7
Peloponnisos	3.046	1.904	-37,5	597	384	-35,7	2.006	1.870	-6,8
Attiki	8.957	6.647	-25,8	1.474	932	-36,7	5.215	3.554	-31,9
Voreio Aigaio	868	702	-19,1	110	88	-19,9	364	308	-15,2
Notio Aigaio	1.898	1.211	-36,2	384	254	-33,8	1.227	864	-29,6
Kriti	2.011	1.223	-39,2	556	284	-49,0	2.118	965	-54,4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>33.122</b>	<b>23.001</b>	<b>-30,6</b>	<b>6.820,0</b>	<b>3.925,5</b>	<b>-42,4</b>	<b>24.221,5</b>	<b>15.064,3</b>	<b>-37,8</b>

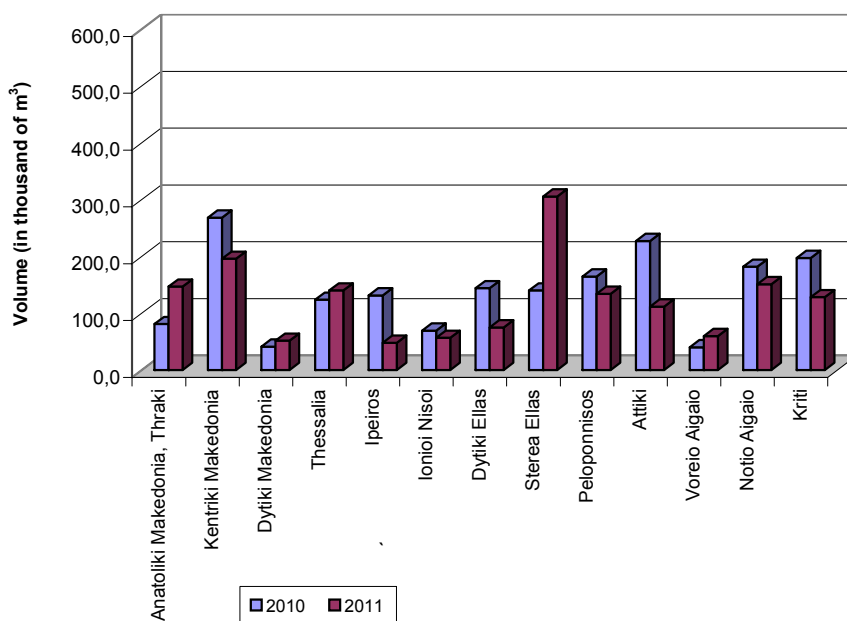
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**Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- August 2010 and 2011 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January- August		Change (%)	January- August		Change (%)	January- August		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.639	1.080	-34,1	328	203	-38,0	1.194	721	-39,6
Kentriki Makedonia	4.235	3.077	-27,3	1.154	465	-59,7	4.137	1.881	-54,5
Dytiki Makedonia	541	390	-27,9	147	83	-43,5	516	315	-38,9
Thessalia	1.988	1.316	-33,8	421	255	-39,5	1.503	958	-36,3
Ipeiros	1.224	724	-40,8	293	156	-46,7	1.050	536	-49,0
Ionioi Nisoi	1.246	1.012	-18,8	213	147	-30,9	725	491	-32,3
Dytiki Ellas	2.799	1.753	-37,4	505	270	-46,4	1.711	1.032	-39,7
Stereia Ellas	2.492	1.870	-25,0	509	349	-31,5	1.886	1.344	-28,8
Peloponnisos	3.030	1.890	-37,6	595	380	-36,0	1.999	1.857	-7,1
Attiki	8.949	6.641	-25,8	1.466	926	-36,8	5.190	3.522	-32,1
Voreio Aigaio	865	699	-19,2	109	87	-19,8	359	303	-15,6
Notio Aigaio	1.894	1.210	-36,1	380	254	-33,2	1.215	862	-29,0
Kriti	1.987	1.207	-39,3	532	268	-49,6	1.993	909	-54,4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>32.889</b>	<b>22.869</b>	<b>-30,5</b>	<b>6.651,0</b>	<b>3.843,3</b>	<b>-42,2</b>	<b>23.476,8</b>	<b>14.731,3</b>	<b>-37,3</b>

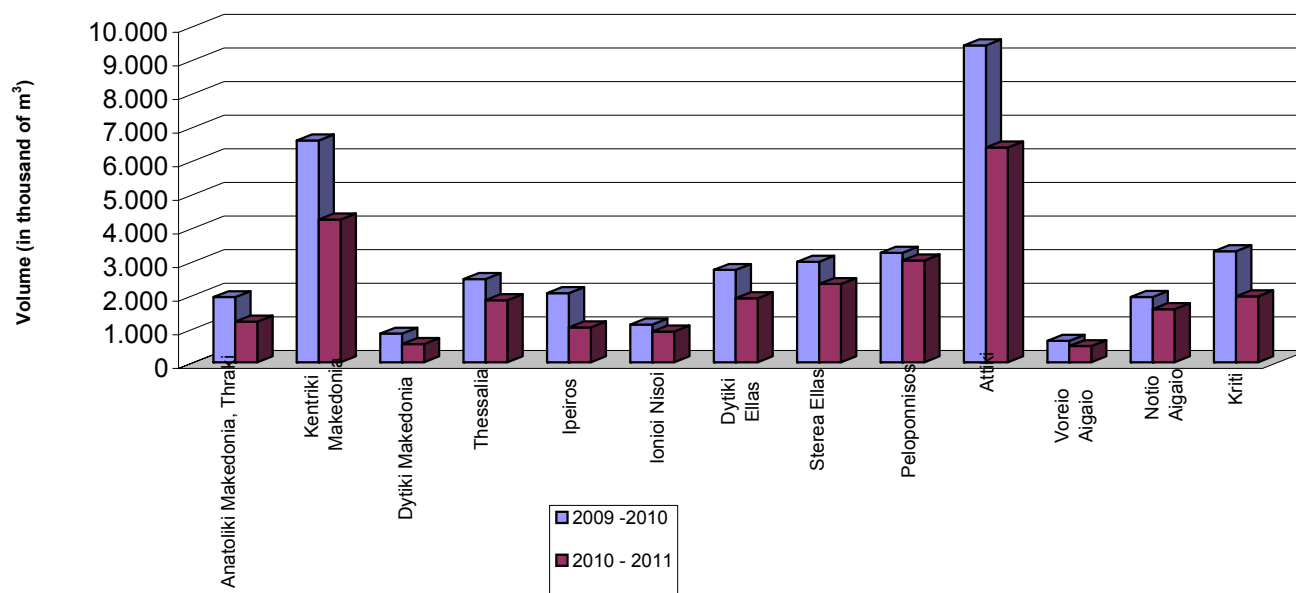
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**Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in August 2010 and 2011\***



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**Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period September 2009 - August 2010 and September 2010 - August 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>	01/08/2011 to 31/08/2011
<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.