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Building Activity Survey: July 2011

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in July 2011 the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole country -which is calculated on the basis of the number of building permits issued in the whole country- amounted to 4,455. This figure corresponds to 742.4 thousand m² of surface and 3,217.4 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 14.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 27.3% decrease in surface and a 15.3% decrease in volume, compared to the month of 2010 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 4,433 building permits, corresponding to 725.2 thousand m² of surface and 3,138.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2010, there is a 14.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 26.6% decrease in surface and a 14.0% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in July 2011 amounted to 22 building permits, corresponding to 17.1 thousand m² of surface and 79.1 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 2.5% of the total building volume in July 2011.

In the last twelve months, from August 2010 until July 2011, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 40,234. This figure corresponds to 7,715.2 thousand m² of surface and 28,585.4 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 23.4% decrease in the number of building permits, 32.0% decrease in surface and a 30.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of August 2009 until July 2010 (Table 3).

In the same period from August 2010 until July 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 23.3% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 32.4% decrease in surface and a 30.6% decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from August 2009 until July 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-July 2011, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 32.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 44.3% decrease in surface and a 40.0% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2010 (Table 5).

During the same period, January-July 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 31.9% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 44.0% decrease in surface and a 39.4% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January-July 2010 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	232	176	-24,1	40,6	28,4	-30,0	135,2	99,9	-26,1
Kentriki Makedonia	626	685	9,4	197,6	98,4	-50,2	837,5	439,7	-47,5
Dytiki Makedonia	79	71	-10,1	17,8	14,9	-16,4	80,0	63,9	-20,2
Thessalia	283	253	-10,6	66,1	53,1	-19,7	270,6	186,8	-31,0
Ipeiros	170	157	-7,6	57,9	27,1	-53,3	195,2	89,8	-54,0
Ionioi Nisoi	190	135	-28,9	28,8	20,9	-27,3	94,6	64,2	-32,1
Dytiki Ellas	445	323	-27,4	74,0	51,6	-30,2	247,5	218,7	-11,7
Stereia Ellas	401	340	-15,2	94,7	73,1	-22,9	384,1	249,4	-35,1
Peloponnisos	445	378	-15,1	69,1	108,6	57,2	235,3	849,1	260,9
Attiki	1.664	1.500	-9,9	244,6	191,1	-21,9	872,6	689,9	-20,9
Voreio Aigaio	93	101	8,6	14,1	10,5	-25,1	47,7	37,0	-22,4
Notio Aigaio	261	187	-28,4	45,7	33,4	-26,8	152,2	113,0	-25,8
Kriti	295	149	-49,5	69,8	31,2	-55,2	245,8	116,4	-52,6
Greece, Total	5.184	4.455	-14,1	1.020,7	742,4	-27,3	3.798,4	3.217,8	-15,3

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)	July		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	232	173	-25,4	40,6	25,3	-37,6	135,2	88,4	-34,6
Kentriki Makedonia	614	678	10,4	186,6	97,3	-47,9	780,4	433,2	-44,5
Dytiki Makedonia	79	67	-15,2	17,8	12,6	-29,2	80,0	51,4	-35,7
Thessalia	281	253	-10,0	63,6	53,1	-16,4	253,9	186,8	-26,4
Ipeiros	166	157	-5,4	47,6	27,1	-43,1	161,2	89,8	-44,3
Ionioi Nisoi	190	135	-28,9	28,8	20,9	-27,3	94,6	64,2	-32,1
Dytiki Ellas	444	322	-27,5	72,4	47,0	-35,1	234,6	200,7	-14,5
Stereia Ellas	400	340	-15,0	94,5	73,1	-22,7	382,5	249,4	-34,8
Peloponnisos	442	375	-15,2	68,8	108,5	57,7	234,0	848,6	262,6
Attiki	1.662	1.497	-9,9	244,1	188,3	-22,9	871,1	673,4	-22,7
Voreio Aigaio	93	101	8,6	14,1	10,5	-25,1	47,7	37,0	-22,4
Notio Aigaio	260	187	-28,1	45,7	33,4	-26,7	152,1	113,0	-25,7
Kriti	293	148	-49,5	64,0	28,0	-56,2	222,3	102,9	-53,7
Greece, Total	5.156	4.433	-14,0	988,5	725,2	-26,6	3.649,6	3.138,7	-14,0

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)
	2009-2010	2010-2011		2009-2010	2010-2011		2009-2010	2010-2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.740	1.954	-28,7	593,7	395,1	-33,5	2.166,1	1.395,5	-35,6
Kentriki Makedonia	6.849	5.081	-25,8	1.835,3	1.109,8	-39,5	6.956,0	4.484,9	-35,5
Dytiki Makedonia	929	707	-23,9	260,7	149,5	-42,7	983,1	563,9	-42,6
Thessalia	3.084	2.463	-20,1	705,9	533,2	-24,5	2.565,9	1.870,9	-27,1
Ipeiros	1.958	1.383	-29,4	603,2	347,2	-42,4	2.281,7	1.203,1	-47,3
Ionioi Nisoi	1.932	1.819	-5,8	334,6	273,9	-18,1	1.143,5	934,9	-18,2
Dytiki Ellas	4.373	3.311	-24,3	829,9	556,2	-33,0	2.921,4	2.039,3	-30,2
Stereia Ellas	3.996	3.278	-18,0	832,9	642,3	-22,9	3.115,1	2.201,2	-29,3
Peloponnisos	4.594	3.545	-22,8	943,9	701,0	-25,7	3.297,0	3.076,7	-6,7
Attiki	14.107	10.926	-22,5	2.652,6	1.758,7	-33,7	9.660,4	6.549,3	-32,2
Voreio Aigaio	1.346	1.174	-12,8	193,8	137,4	-29,1	646,9	467,2	-27,8
Notio Aigaio	3.278	2.183	-33,4	594,6	484,6	-18,5	1.941,2	1.618,2	-16,6
Kriti	3.324	2.410	-27,5	971,7	626,3	-35,5	3.630,6	2.180,3	-39,9
Greece, Total	52.510	40.234	-23,4	11.352,7	7.715,2	-32,0	41.308,8	28.585,4	-30,8

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)	August-July		Change (%)
	2009-2010	2010-2011		2009-2010	2010-2011		2009-2010	2010-2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.690	1.924	-28,5	557,6	333,3	-40,2	2.016,8	1.150,9	-42,9
Kentriki Makedonia	6.728	4.996	-25,7	1.758,6	1.073,2	-39,0	6.623,6	4.322,1	-34,7
Dytiki Makedonia	907	691	-23,8	236,9	143,8	-39,3	874,0	537,1	-38,6
Thessalia	3.052	2.450	-19,7	687,2	525,2	-23,6	2.469,4	1.839,3	-25,5
Ipeiros	1.934	1.369	-29,2	573,3	324,8	-43,3	2.157,4	1.123,9	-47,9
Ionioi Nisoi	1.921	1.817	-5,4	332,9	273,5	-17,8	1.136,8	933,5	-17,9
Dytiki Ellas	4.346	3.288	-24,3	812,7	539,3	-33,6	2.836,9	1.980,9	-30,2
Stereia Ellas	3.975	3.261	-18,0	819,3	600,0	-26,8	3.057,6	2.167,7	-29,1
Peloponnisos	4.563	3.530	-22,6	933,5	698,1	-25,2	3.259,7	3.065,7	-6,0
Attiki	14.095	10.916	-22,6	2.636,7	1.750,1	-33,6	9.593,5	6.508,6	-32,2
Voreio Aigaio	1.336	1.170	-12,4	192,6	136,8	-29,0	642,3	465,1	-27,6
Notio Aigaio	3.271	2.179	-33,4	589,0	484,2	-17,8	1.922,9	1.616,7	-15,9
Kriti	3.285	2.381	-27,5	926,8	588,0	-36,6	3.410,9	2.037,2	-40,3
Greece, Total	52.103	39.972	-23,3	11.057,1	7.470,2	-32,4	40.001,8	27.748,6	-30,6

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.488	957	-35,7	328	187	-42,9	1.214	647	-46,7
Kentriki Makedonia	3.928	2.711	-31,0	1.114	422	-62,1	4.018	1.740	-56,7
Dytiki Makedonia	500	340	-32,0	152	74	-51,5	549	280	-49,1
Thessalia	1.808	1.194	-34,0	397	229	-42,2	1.452	832	-42,7
Ipeiros	1.100	644	-41,5	274	145	-47,2	997	504	-49,5
Ionioi Nisoi	1.101	890	-19,2	193	131	-32,3	657	435	-33,8
Dytiki Ellas	2.529	1.560	-38,3	470	254	-45,9	1.615	985	-39,0
Stereia Ellas	2.291	1.643	-28,3	469	292	-37,6	1.751	1.041	-40,6
Peloponnisos	2.780	1.691	-39,2	549	346	-37,0	1.842	1.733	-5,9
Attiki	8.622	6.326	-26,6	1.410	897	-36,3	4.988	3.442	-31,0
Voreio Aigaio	766	596	-22,2	98	71	-28,2	324	245	-24,3
Notio Aigaio	1.692	1.063	-37,2	329	210	-36,3	1.045	713	-31,8
Kriti	1.801	1.051	-41,6	501	245	-51,2	1.920	831	-56,7
Greece, Total	30.406	20.666	-32,0	6.284,3	3.502,3	-44,3	22.371,0	13.427,8	-40,0

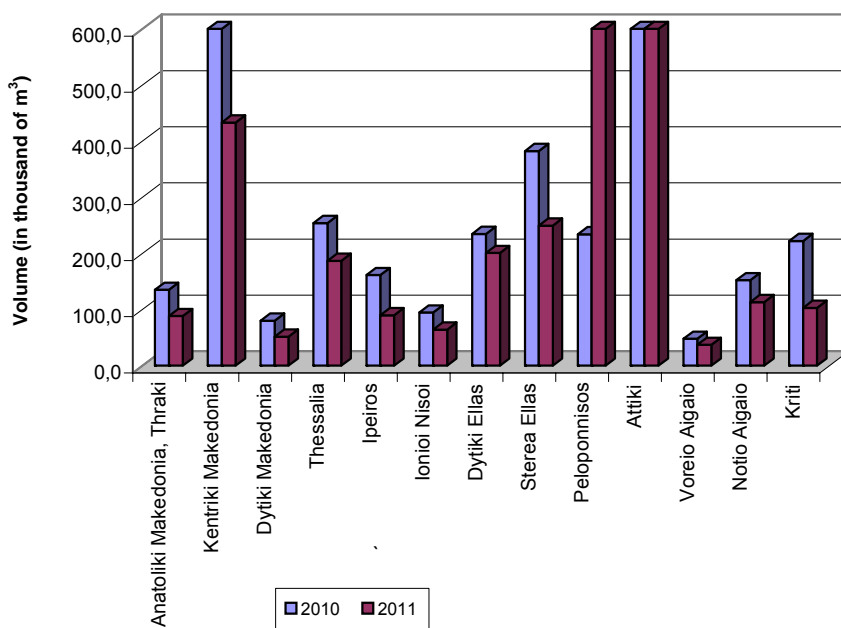
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- July 2010 and 2011 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)	January-July		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.462	942	-35,6	304	166	-45,3	1.113	574	-48,4
Kentriki Makedonia	3.859	2.674	-30,7	1.079	410	-62,0	3.869	1.686	-56,4
Dytiki Makedonia	490	334	-31,8	135	70	-48,0	475	264	-44,5
Thessalia	1.788	1.189	-33,5	382	226	-41,0	1.379	818	-40,7
Ipeiros	1.088	641	-41,1	256	142	-44,5	919	488	-46,9
Ionioi Nisoi	1.098	889	-19,0	193	131	-32,3	656	434	-33,8
Dytiki Ellas	2.516	1.550	-38,4	460	247	-46,4	1.567	957	-38,9
Stereia Ellas	2.283	1.642	-28,1	468	292	-37,6	1.747	1.039	-40,5
Peloponnisos	2.764	1.682	-39,1	546	343	-37,2	1.835	1.723	-6,1
Attiki	8.614	6.320	-26,6	1.402	891	-36,4	4.963	3.411	-31,3
Voreio Aigaio	763	594	-22,1	97	70	-27,7	319	243	-23,7
Notio Aigaio	1.689	1.062	-37,1	325	209	-35,6	1.033	711	-31,1
Kriti	1.778	1.037	-41,7	478	230	-51,8	1.795	780	-56,5
Greece, Total	30.192	20.556	-31,9	6.125,6	3.427,3	-44,0	21.668,5	13.128,6	-39,4

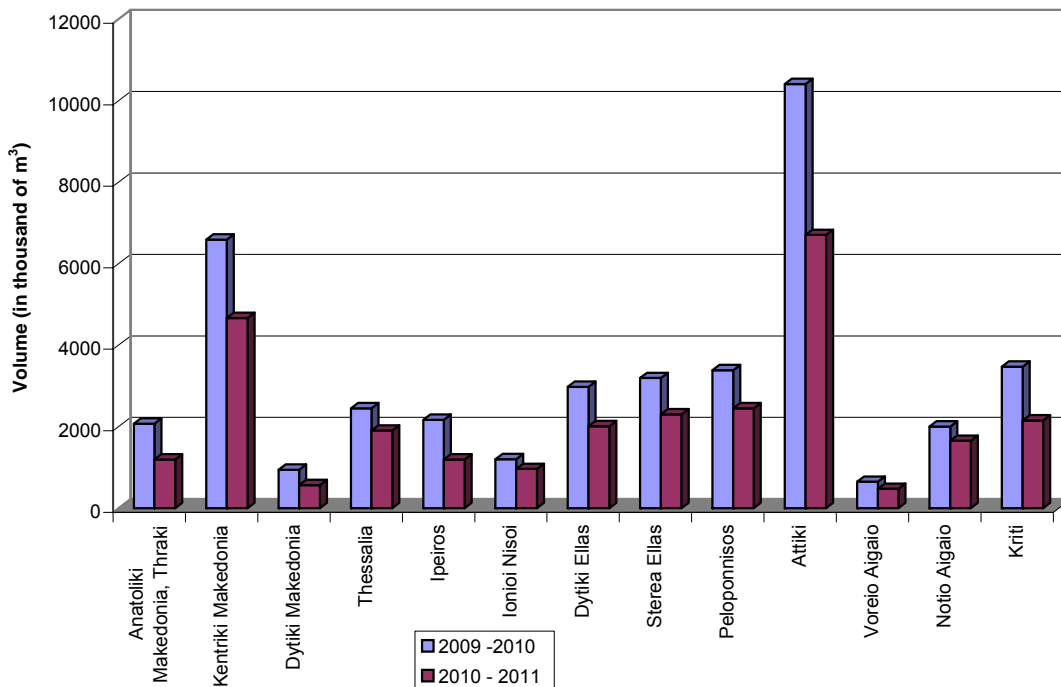
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in July 2010 and 2011*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period August 2009 - July 2010 and August 2010 - July 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	01/07/2011 to 31/07/2011
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.