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Building Activity Survey: May 2011

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in May 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 3,503. This figure corresponds to 536.8 thousand m² of surface and 1,960.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 15.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 36.6% decrease in surface and a 29.5% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2010 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 3,489 building permits, corresponding to 532.0 thousand m² of surface and 1,942.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2010, there is a 15.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 36.7% decrease in surface and a 29.3% decrease in volume (Table 2). Public Building Activity in the whole country in May 2011 amounted to 14 building permits, corresponding to 4.8 thousand m² of surface and 18.0 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 0.9% of the total building volume in May 2011.

In the last twelve months, from June 2010 until May 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 42,260. This figure corresponds to 8,287.6 thousand m² of surface and 30,290.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 22.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 32.0% decrease in surface and a 31.9% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of June 2009 until May 2010 (Table 3).

In the same period from June 2010 until May 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 22.4% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 32.4% decrease in surface and a 31.7% decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from June 2009 until May 2010 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.2% of the total building volume.

During the period January-May 2011, the total Building Activity(private-public) in the whole country recorded a 37.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 49.7 decrease in surface and a 46.5% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2010 (Table 5).

During the same period, January-May 2011, private building activity in the whole country recorded a 37.4% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 49.6% decrease in surface and a 46.1% decrease in volume in comparison with the same period of January-May 2010 (Table 6).

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia,	228	130	-43,0	38,1	23,0	-39,7	123,6	80,1	-35,2
Kentriki Makedonia	596	467	-21,6	200,5	70,8	-64,7	496,6	290,8	-41,4
Dytiki Makedonia	71	61	-14,1	12,9	11,5	-10,4	47,5	49,5	4,2
Thessalia	234	177	-24,4	43,0	33,1	-23,1	151,3	121,1	-20,0
Ipeiros	162	99	-38,9	55,0	22,1	-59,8	224,0	80,2	-64,2
Ionioi Nisoi	176	159	-9,7	33,8	20,1	-40,5	108,6	67,0	-38,3
Dytiki Ellas	360	284	-21,1	60,8	46,0	-24,3	199,7	166,0	-16,9
Stereia Ellas	325	288	-11,4	71,0	49,1	-30,8	265,3	178,2	-32,8
Peloponnisos	379	285	-24,8	74,4	55,0	-26,0	264,7	204,7	-22,7
Attiki	1.011	1.063	5,1	137,2	128,4	-6,4	501,6	458,0	-8,7
Voreio Aigaio	98	100	2,0	9,7	8,8	-9,0	29,7	28,5	-4,2
Notio Aigaio	237	214	-9,7	41,3	37,2	-9,8	130,3	128,0	-1,8
Kriti	257	176	-31,5	69,7	31,6	-54,7	238,8	108,5	-54,5
Greece, Total	4.134	3.503	-15,3	847,3	536,8	-36,6	2.781,6	1.960,7	-29,5

* Provisional data

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)	May		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia,	225	129	-42,7	38,1	22,6	-40,8	123,6	78,3	-36,6
Kentriki Makedonia	590	459	-22,2	200,1	67,8	-66,1	495,4	279,7	-43,5
Dytiki Makedonia	70	60	-14,3	12,9	10,7	-17,2	47,5	46,8	-1,6
Thessalia	231	176	-23,8	42,2	33,1	-21,6	147,2	121,1	-17,7
Ipeiros	162	99	-38,9	55,0	22,1	-59,8	224,0	80,2	-64,2
Ionioi Nisoi	175	159	-9,1	33,8	20,1	-40,5	108,6	67,0	-38,3
Dytiki Ellas	360	282	-21,7	59,3	46,0	-22,4	187,5	166,0	-11,5
Stereia Ellas	324	288	-11,1	70,9	49,1	-30,7	264,5	178,2	-32,6
Peloponnisos	377	284	-24,7	74,4	54,5	-26,7	264,7	202,2	-23,6
Attiki	1.010	1.063	5,2	136,6	128,4	-6,0	498,2	458,0	-8,1
Voreio Aigaio	98	100	2,0	9,7	8,8	-9,0	29,7	28,5	-4,2
Notio Aigaio	236	214	-9,3	37,4	37,2	-0,5	119,3	128,0	7,3
Kriti	256	176	-31,3	69,6	31,6	-54,6	238,3	108,5	-54,5
Greece, Total	4.114	3.489	-15,2	839,8	532,0	-36,7	2.748,6	1.942,6	-29,3

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia,	2.841	2.069	-27,2	639,5	414,9	-35,1	2.343,7	1.467,0	-37,4
Kentriki Makedonia	7.129	5.119	-28,2	1.917,9	1.278,7	-33,3	7.228,4	5.127,4	-29,1
Dytiki Makedonia	991	735	-25,8	290,5	158,4	-45,5	1.105,4	607,1	-45,1
Thessalia	3.174	2.578	-18,8	751,3	573,9	-23,6	2.761,0	2.052,4	-25,7
Ipeiros	1.985	1.482	-25,3	622,6	379,2	-39,1	2.339,8	1.312,1	-43,9
Ionioi Nisoi	2.080	1.868	-10,2	369,7	280,9	-24,0	1.277,6	959,0	-24,9
Dytiki Ellas	4.387	3.615	-17,6	861,4	617,3	-28,3	3.067,6	2.212,1	-27,9
Stereia Ellas	4.201	3.415	-18,7	929,6	681,6	-26,7	3.661,9	2.397,0	-34,5
Peloponnisos	4.709	3.723	-20,9	995,8	687,6	-30,9	3.463,2	2.591,6	-25,2
Attiki	14.657	11.489	-21,6	2.952,6	1.863,4	-36,9	10.736,3	6.925,8	-35,5
Voreio Aigaio	1.529	1.166	-23,7	204,9	144,1	-29,7	680,9	486,0	-28,6
Notio Aigaio	3.427	2.336	-31,8	647,6	513,3	-20,7	2.095,0	1.711,7	-18,3
Kriti	3.435	2.665	-22,4	1.010,1	694,2	-31,3	3.710,9	2.441,5	-34,2
Greece, Total	54.545	42.260	-22,5	12.193,3	8.287,6	-32,0	44.471,9	30.290,7	-31,9

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)	June-May		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia,	2.773	2.042	-26,4	591,6	357,1	-39,6	2.151,6	1.237,1	-42,5
Kentriki Makedonia	7.015	5.026	-28,4	1.849,1	1.224,7	-33,8	6.921,6	4.890,6	-29,3
Dytiki Makedonia	966	719	-25,6	261,0	152,0	-41,7	970,6	575,0	-40,8
Thessalia	3.141	2.559	-18,5	724,9	562,5	-22,4	2.644,9	1.994,9	-24,6
Ipeiros	1.956	1.467	-25,0	597,5	349,5	-41,5	2.228,2	1.214,6	-45,5
Ionioi Nisoi	2.065	1.866	-9,6	367,0	280,5	-23,6	1.267,7	957,7	-24,5
Dytiki Ellas	4.359	3.592	-17,6	844,6	603,4	-28,6	2.986,1	2.159,8	-27,7
Stereia Ellas	4.175	3.393	-18,7	890,5	638,6	-28,3	3.387,2	2.360,5	-30,3
Peloponnisos	4.670	3.706	-20,6	979,8	684,6	-30,1	3.404,1	2.579,9	-24,2
Attiki	14.640	11.480	-21,6	2.933,6	1.857,1	-36,7	10.647,5	6.900,1	-35,2
Voreio Aigaio	1.517	1.162	-23,4	203,7	143,6	-29,5	676,0	483,8	-28,4
Notio Aigaio	3.418	2.331	-31,8	642,0	512,8	-20,1	2.076,9	1.710,1	-17,7
Kriti	3.398	2.632	-22,5	971,7	649,3	-33,2	3.538,2	2.252,8	-36,3
Greece, Total	54.093	41.975	-22,4	11.856,7	8.015,7	-32,4	42.900,7	29.317,0	-31,7

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

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia,	1.033	617	-40,3	256	135	-47,2	956	461	-51,8
Kentriki Makedonia	2.698	1.519	-43,7	774	250	-67,7	2.655	1.020	-61,6
Dytiki Makedonia	331	199	-39,9	118	49	-58,7	410	184	-55,1
Thessalia	1.243	744	-40,1	272	146	-46,5	965	527	-45,4
Ipeiros	743	386	-48,0	181	83	-54,0	663	279	-57,9
Ionioi Nisoi	773	611	-21,0	146	90	-38,0	499	301	-39,6
Dytiki Ellas	1.647	982	-40,4	317	162	-48,8	1.085	628	-42,1
Stereia Ellas	1.537	1.026	-33,2	313	176	-43,8	1.152	637	-44,7
Peloponnisos	1.914	1.003	-47,6	406	190	-53,3	1.327	733	-44,7
Attiki	5.621	3.888	-30,8	984	577	-41,4	3.461	2.292	-33,8
Voreio Aigaio	583	405	-30,5	72	51	-29,2	236	177	-25,3
Notio Aigaio	1.209	733	-39,4	246	155	-37,0	768	529	-31,1
Kriti	1.224	729	-40,4	361	172	-52,3	1.398	571	-59,2
Greece, Total	20.556	12.842	-37,5	4.445,3	2.235,8	-49,7	15.576,5	8.338,6	-46,5

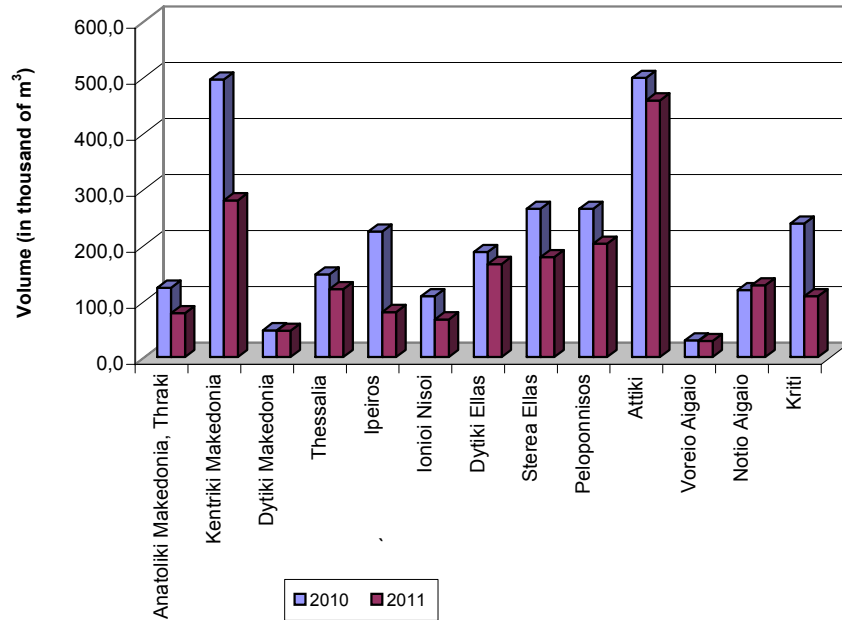
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- May 2010 and 2011 *

Περιφέρεια	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)	January-May		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia,	1.009	607	-39,8	232	118	-49,1	855	402	-52,9
Kentriki Makedonia	2.654	1.499	-43,5	758	240	-68,3	2.590	976	-62,3
Dytiki Makedonia	325	197	-39,4	104	48	-54,3	354	180	-49,0
Thessalia	1.231	741	-39,8	264	145	-45,2	929	523	-43,7
Ipeiros	735	386	-47,5	172	83	-51,8	619	279	-54,9
Ionioi Nisoi	770	610	-20,8	145	90	-38,1	497	300	-39,7
Dytiki Ellas	1.637	975	-40,4	309	160	-48,3	1.052	621	-41,0
Stereia Ellas	1.534	1.025	-33,2	313	176	-43,8	1.150	635	-44,8
Peloponnisos	1.904	998	-47,6	404	188	-53,6	1.321	724	-45,2
Attiki	5.616	3.886	-30,8	977	573	-41,4	3.438	2.277	-33,8
Voreio Aigaio	580	403	-30,5	70	50	-28,6	232	175	-24,5
Notio Aigaio	1.207	732	-39,4	242	155	-36,1	756	528	-30,2
Kriti	1.211	721	-40,5	349	163	-53,3	1.341	542	-59,6
Greece, Total	20.413	12.780	-37,4	4.340,8	2.188,0	-49,6	15.134,1	8.162,6	-46,1

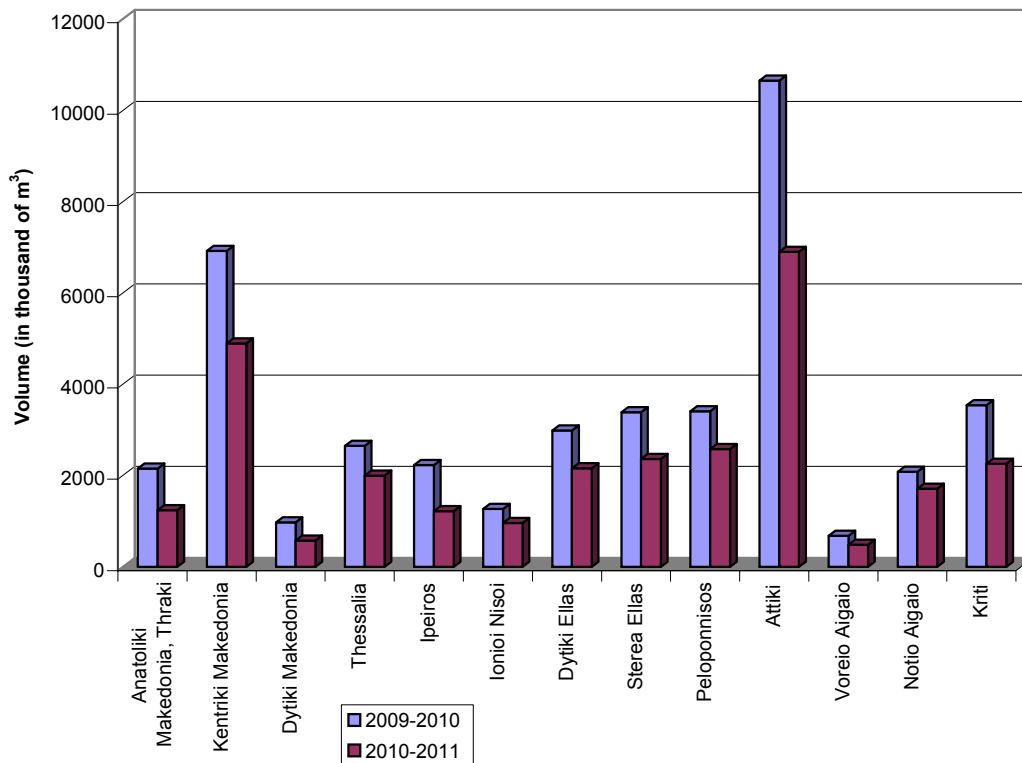
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in May 2010 and 2011*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period June 2009 - May 2010 and June 2010 - May 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	01/05/2011 to 31/05/2011
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.