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Building Activity Survey: April 2011

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in April 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 2,789. This figure corresponds to 494.3 thousand m² of surface and 1,903.4 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 25.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 36.4% decrease in surface and a 32.3% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2010 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 2,772 building permits, corresponding to 476.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,847.5 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2010 (Table 2), there is a 25.2% decrease in the number of building permits, a 35.7% decrease in surface and a 30.3 % decrease in volume (Table 2). Public Building Activity in the whole country in April 2011 amounted to 17 building permits, corresponding to 17.7 thousand m² of surface and 55.9 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 2.9 % of the total building volume in April 2011.

In the last twelve months, from May 2010 until April 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 42,891. This figure corresponds to 8,644.9 thousand m² of surface and 31,296.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a decrease 22.2 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 29.7 % decrease in surface and a 30.7 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of May 2009 until April 2010 (Table 3).

In the same period from May 2010 until April 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 22.0 % decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 29.9 % decrease in surface and a 30.6 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from May 2009 until April 2010 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.5 % of the total building volume.

During the period January-April 2011, the total Building Activity(private-public) in the whole country recorded a 43.1% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 52.0 decrease in surface and a 49.7% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2010 (Table 5).

During the same period, January-April 2011, private building activity in the whole country recorded a 43.0% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 52.0% decrease in surface and a 49.2% decrease in volume in comparison with the same period of January-April 2010 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	184	137	-25,5	42,7	37,8	-11,5	154,2	124,4	-19,3
Kentriki Makedonia	579	350	-39,6	178,6	55,1	-69,1	638,6	235,9	-63,1
Dytiki Makedonia	59	44	-25,4	26,2	12,6	-51,9	113,1	47,0	-58,4
Thessalia	223	168	-24,7	43,7	31,7	-27,3	146,4	119,6	-18,3
Ipeiros	126	94	-25,4	28,9	24,9	-13,9	110,8	80,8	-27,1
Ionioi Nisoi	141	152	7,8	24,4	18,2	-25,4	93,3	63,0	-32,5
Dytiki Ellas	323	226	-30,0	57,7	37,7	-34,7	195,4	155,7	-20,3
Stereia Ellas	299	214	-28,4	65,6	30,5	-53,5	267,4	107,4	-59,8
Peloponnisos	334	228	-31,7	71,9	44,1	-38,6	243,4	153,2	-37,0
Attiki	920	816	-11,3	126,4	132,2	4,6	456,7	587,7	28,7
Voreio Aigaio	91	54	-40,7	11,6	5,9	-48,9	42,1	19,3	-54,0
Notio Aigaio	221	177	-19,9	40,7	36,7	-9,8	136,1	123,0	-9,6
Kriti	232	129	-44,4	58,4	26,8	-54,1	213,8	86,4	-59,6
Greece, Total	3.732	2.789	-25,3	776,7	494,3	-36,4	2.811,1	1.903,4	-32,3

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)	April		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	180	133	-26,1	40,9	27,0	-34,0	145,4	90,9	-37,5
Kentriki Makedonia	569	346	-39,2	166,6	53,3	-68,0	588,0	227,8	-61,3
Dytiki Makedonia	57	44	-22,8	15,1	12,6	-16,5	66,1	47,0	-28,9
Thessalia	223	168	-24,7	43,7	31,7	-27,4	146,4	119,6	-18,3
Ipeiros	125	94	-24,8	22,9	24,9	8,7	78,1	80,8	3,5
Ionioi Nisoi	141	151	7,1	24,4	17,8	-27,1	93,3	61,6	-34,0
Dytiki Ellas	319	225	-29,5	54,9	37,7	-31,3	187,2	155,7	-16,8
Stereia Ellas	299	213	-28,8	65,6	30,2	-54,0	267,4	105,5	-60,6
Peloponnisos	333	228	-31,5	71,9	44,1	-38,6	243,4	153,2	-37,1
Attiki	920	815	-11,4	126,4	132,2	4,6	456,7	587,7	28,7
Voreio Aigaio	91	53	-41,8	11,6	5,8	-49,8	42,1	18,9	-55,1
Notio Aigaio	221	177	-19,9	40,7	36,7	-9,8	136,1	123,0	-9,6
Kriti	229	125	-45,4	55,9	22,4	-60,0	200,7	75,8	-62,2
Greece, Total	3.707	2.772	-25,2	740,5	476,4	-35,7	2.650,9	1.847,5	-30,3

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)
	2009-2010	2010-2011		2009-2010	2010-2011		2009-2010	2010-2011	
Anatoliki	2.822	2.167	-23,2	637,5	438,9	-31,1	2.324,2	1.577,0	-32,1
Kentriki Makedonia	7.192	5.248	-27,0	1.865,5	1.410,1	-24,4	7.300,2	5.434,6	-25,6
Dytiki Makedonia	1.006	745	-25,9	281,5	182,3	-35,3	1.148,0	620,0	-46,0
Thessalia	3.238	2.635	-18,6	771,0	583,8	-24,3	2.852,8	2.080,9	-27,1
Ipeiros	1.998	1.545	-22,7	614,0	411,5	-33,0	2.281,5	1.456,5	-36,2
Ionioi Nisoi	2.060	1.885	-8,5	362,1	294,3	-18,7	1.271,1	997,7	-21,5
Dytiki Ellas	4.418	3.691	-16,5	873,2	632,5	-27,6	3.115,9	2.245,3	-27,9
Stereia Ellas	4.242	3.452	-18,6	950,5	694,6	-26,9	3.750,7	2.445,5	-34,8
Peloponnisos	4.752	3.817	-19,7	983,1	702,7	-28,5	3.476,6	2.636,0	-24,2
Attiki	14.927	11.437	-23,4	3.112,4	1.877,5	-39,7	11.180,1	6.966,4	-37,7
Voreio Aigaio	1.569	1.164	-25,8	225,5	140,0	-37,9	753,5	468,0	-37,9
Notio Aigaio	3.441	2.359	-31,4	611,8	546,1	-10,7	2.016,4	1.798,7	-10,8
Kriti	3.467	2.746	-20,8	1.011,0	730,6	-27,7	3.716,3	2.570,1	-30,8
Greece, Total	55.132	42.891	-22,2	12.299,0	8.644,9	-29,7	45.187,4	31.296,7	-30,7

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)	May-April		Change (%)
	2009-2010	2010-2011		2009-2010	2010-2011		2009-2010	2010-2011	
Anatoliki	2.749	2.138	-22,2	583,0	381,9	-34,5	2.098,5	1.376,0	-34,4
Kentriki Makedonia	7.067	5.157	-27,0	1.792,7	1.358,8	-24,2	6.976,1	5.165,2	-26,0
Dytiki Makedonia	980	729	-25,6	248,7	176,8	-28,9	986,6	543,7	-44,9
Thessalia	3.203	2.614	-18,4	744,2	571,3	-23,2	2.735,3	2.019,4	-26,2
Ipeiros	1.965	1.530	-22,1	582,6	381,8	-34,5	2.147,1	1.326,2	-38,2
Ionioi Nisoi	2.044	1.882	-7,9	359,4	293,9	-18,2	1.261,2	997,7	-20,9
Dytiki Ellas	4.385	3.670	-16,3	856,4	617,4	-27,9	3.042,4	2.172,6	-28,6
Stereia Ellas	4.207	3.429	-18,5	904,8	651,5	-28,0	3.449,3	2.410,2	-30,1
Peloponnisos	4.713	3.799	-19,4	966,9	700,2	-27,6	3.415,6	2.626,8	-23,1
Attiki	14.909	11.427	-23,4	3.094,0	1.870,6	-39,5	11.094,7	6.937,4	-37,5
Voreio Aigaio	1.557	1.160	-25,5	225,4	138,3	-38,6	753,2	461,8	-38,7
Notio Aigaio	3.433	2.353	-31,5	607,7	541,8	-10,8	1.999,0	1.786,1	-10,7
Kriti	3.429	2.712	-20,9	971,4	685,6	-29,4	3.536,5	2.377,5	-32,8
Greece, Total	54.641	42.600	-22,0	11.937,3	8.369,9	-29,9	43.495,5	30.200,6	-30,6

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	805	487	-39,5	209	112	-46,4	765	380	-50,3
Kentriki Makedonia	2.102	1.052	-50,0	571	179	-68,7	2.060	730	-64,6
Dytiki Makedonia	260	138	-46,9	83	38	-54,4	349	135	-61,4
Thessalia	1.009	567	-43,8	231	113	-51,0	828	406	-51,0
Ipeiros	581	287	-50,6	125	61	-51,2	438	199	-54,6
Ionioi Nisoï	597	452	-24,3	111	70	-36,7	395	234	-40,7
Dytiki Ellas	1.287	698	-45,8	255	116	-54,5	884	462	-47,7
Sterea Ellas	1.212	738	-39,1	255	128	-49,8	933	458	-50,9
Peloponnisos	1.535	718	-53,2	315	135	-57,2	1.081	528	-51,2
Attiki	4.610	2.825	-38,7	859	448	-47,8	2.990	1.834	-38,7
Voreio Aigaio	485	305	-37,1	71	42	-40,7	240	148	-38,3
Notio Aigaio	972	519	-46,6	171	118	-31,0	552	401	-27,3
Kriti	967	553	-42,8	292	141	-51,7	1.153	462	-59,9
Greece, Total	16.422	9.339	-43,1	3.547,0	1.701,0	-52,0	12.669,9	6.377,0	-49,7

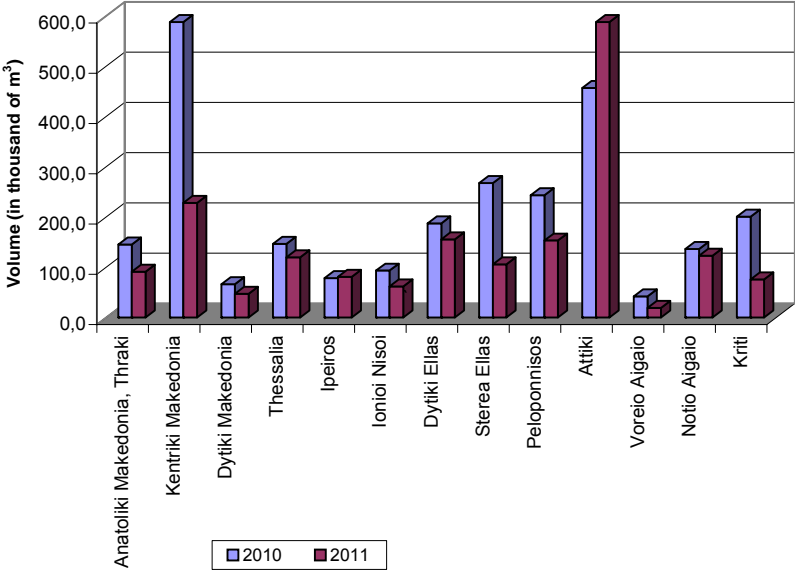
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- April 2010 and 2011 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)	January-April		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	784	478	-39,0	182	95	-47,8	653	324	-50,3
Kentriki Makedonia	2.064	1.040	-49,6	556	172	-69,1	1.996	696	-65,1
Dytiki Makedonia	255	137	-46,3	70	37	-46,8	293	134	-54,3
Thessalia	1.000	565	-43,5	223	111	-50,3	796	403	-49,4
Ipeiros	573	287	-49,9	117	61	-47,8	394	199	-49,5
Ionioi Nisoï	595	451	-24,2	110	70	-36,4	393	233	-40,7
Dytiki Ellas	1.277	693	-45,7	249	114	-54,2	863	455	-47,3
Sterea Ellas	1.210	737	-39,1	255	127	-50,1	932	457	-51,0
Peloponnisos	1.527	714	-53,2	314	133	-57,6	1.076	522	-51,5
Attiki	4.606	2.823	-38,7	852	444	-47,9	2.970	1.819	-38,8
Voreio Aigaio	482	303	-37,1	71	42	-40,7	240	147	-38,8
Notio Aigaio	971	518	-46,7	171	118	-30,9	551	400	-27,5
Kriti	955	545	-42,9	280	131	-53,3	1.098	434	-60,5
Greece, Total	16.299	9.291	-43,0	3.448,8	1.655,0	-52,0	12.255,4	6.223,0	-49,2

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



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	01/04/2011 to 30/04/2011
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.