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Building Activity Survey: March 2011

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in March 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 2,747. This figure corresponds to 471.9 thousand m² of surface and 1,740.2 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 43.9% decrease in the number of building permits, a 44.5% decrease in surface and a 40.4% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2010 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 2,733 building permits, corresponding to 453.1 thousand m² of surface and 1,665.6 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2010 (Table 2), there is a 43.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 45.0% decrease in surface and a 40.5 % decrease in volume (Table 2). Public Building Activity in the whole country in March 2011 amounted to 14 building permits, corresponding to 18.8 thousand m² of surface and 74.6 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.3 % of the total building volume in March 2011.

In the last twelve months, from April 2010 until March 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 43,834. This figure corresponds to 8,927.6 thousand m² of surface and 32,204.9 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a decrease 21.5 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 29.4 % decrease in surface and a 30.8 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of April 2009 until March 2010 (Table 3).

In the same period from April 2010 until March 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 21.3 % decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 29.6 % decrease in surface and a 30.6 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from April 2009 until March 2010 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.4 % of the total building volume.

During the period January-March 2011, the total Building Activity(private-public) in the whole country recorded a 48.4% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 56.6 decrease in surface and a 54.3% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2010 (Table 5).

During the same period, January-March 2011, private building activity in the whole country recorded a 48.2% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 56.5% decrease in surface and a 54.2% decrease in volume in comparison with the same period of January-March 2010 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in March 2010 and 2011¹

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	213	148	-30,5	53,2	30,1	-43,3	194,3	104,1	-46,4
Kentriki Makedonia	570	299	-47,5	96,3	55,0	-42,9	369,7	231,7	-37,3
Dytiki Makedonia	83	28	-66,3	26,5	5,0	-81,3	103,0	26,1	-74,7
Thessalia	313	147	-53,0	57,4	25,2	-56,2	201,2	76,5	-62,0
Ipeiros	171	77	-55,0	39,6	15,6	-60,6	129,6	50,3	-61,2
Ionioi Nisoi	180	154	-14,4	34,1	26,9	-21,1	109,3	85,2	-22,0
Dytiki Ellas	438	228	-47,9	87,9	32,8	-62,7	312,6	103,5	-66,9
Stereia Ellas	427	233	-45,4	72,2	32,5	-55,0	242,5	121,2	-50,0
Peloponnisos	548	195	-64,4	95,9	38,7	-59,6	241,7	158,9	-34,3
Attiki	1.249	755	-39,6	152,4	110,9	-27,2	538,6	450,4	-16,4
Voreio Aigaio	115	132	14,8	12,8	20,1	56,6	44,8	69,3	54,6
Notio Aigaio	268	146	-45,5	39,4	26,9	-31,7	128,6	90,9	-29,3
Kriti	321	205	-36,1	83,0	52,2	-37,0	302,4	172,1	-43,1
Greece, Total	4.896	2.747	-43,9	850,7	471,9	-44,5	2.918,1	1.740,2	-40,4

* Provisional data

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in March 2010 and 2011¹

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	204	144	-29,4	37,4	25,0	-33,2	125,8	84,6	-32,7
Kentriki Makedonia	557	297	-46,7	94,4	51,6	-45,4	362,0	214,2	-40,8
Dytiki Makedonia	82	28	-65,9	26,1	5,0	-81,0	101,5	26,1	-74,3
Thessalia	308	145	-52,9	52,5	24,3	-53,7	177,9	73,4	-58,7
Ipeiros	171	77	-55,0	39,6	15,6	-60,6	129,6	50,3	-61,2
Ionioi Nisoi	180	154	-14,4	34,1	26,9	-21,1	109,3	85,2	-22,0
Dytiki Ellas	436	226	-48,2	86,7	32,1	-62,9	306,9	101,5	-66,9
Stereia Ellas	427	233	-45,4	72,2	32,5	-55,0	242,5	121,2	-50,0
Peloponnisos	544	193	-64,5	94,5	37,2	-60,6	238,5	153,7	-35,6
Attiki	1.249	754	-39,6	152,4	107,1	-29,7	538,6	435,5	-19,1
Voreio Aigaio	115	132	14,8	12,8	20,1	56,6	44,8	69,3	54,6
Notio Aigaio	268	146	-45,5	39,3	26,9	-31,6	128,3	90,9	-29,1
Kriti	315	204	-35,2	81,2	48,9	-39,8	295,5	159,8	-45,9
Greece, Total	4.856	2.733	-43,7	823,2	453,1	-45,0	2.801,0	1.665,6	-40,5

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April-March		Change (%)	April-March		Change (%)	April-March		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki	2.871	2.214	-22,9	648,3	443,8	-31,6	2.353,9	1.606,8	-31,7
Kentriki Makedonia	7.170	5.477	-23,6	1.866,3	1.533,6	-17,8	7.420,7	5.837,3	-21,3
Dytiki Makedonia	1.036	760	-26,6	281,6	195,9	-30,4	1.145,2	686,1	-40,1
Thessalia	3.335	2.690	-19,3	803,0	595,8	-25,8	2.983,3	2.107,7	-29,4
Ipeiros	2.033	1.577	-22,4	625,7	415,5	-33,6	2.325,2	1.486,5	-36,1
Ionioi Nisoi	2.066	1.874	-9,3	374,9	300,5	-19,8	1.312,6	1.028,0	-21,7
Dytiki Ellas	4.433	3.788	-14,5	884,9	652,5	-26,3	3.183,1	2.285,0	-28,2
Stereia Ellas	4.296	3.537	-17,7	1.024,3	729,7	-28,8	4.022,6	2.605,5	-35,2
Peloponnisos	4.803	3.923	-18,3	1.025,2	730,5	-28,7	3.534,1	2.726,2	-22,9
Attiki	15.206	11.541	-24,1	3.212,3	1.871,7	-41,7	11.652,4	6.835,4	-41,3
Voreio Aigaio	1.591	1.201	-24,5	220,2	145,7	-33,8	731,8	490,8	-32,9
Notio Aigaio	3.451	2.403	-30,4	611,9	550,1	-10,1	1.998,3	1.811,8	-9,3
Kriti	3.542	2.849	-19,6	1.067,6	762,2	-28,6	3.899,0	2.697,5	-30,8
Greece, Total	55.833	43.834	-21,5	12.646,1	8.927,6	-29,4	46.562,3	32.204,9	-30,8

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April-March		Change (%)	April-March		Change (%)	April-March		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki	2.800	2.185	-22,0	597,5	395,8	-33,8	2.145,1	1.405,8	-34,5
Kentriki Makedonia	7.037	5.380	-23,5	1.780,9	1.472,1	-17,3	7.051,2	5.567,9	-21,0
Dytiki Makedonia	1.008	742	-26,4	255,5	179,3	-29,8	1.012,0	609,8	-39,7
Thessalia	3.299	2.669	-19,1	774,0	583,6	-24,6	2.844,3	2.046,2	-28,1
Ipeiros	1.999	1.561	-21,9	599,6	379,8	-36,7	2.221,7	1.356,4	-38,9
Ionioi Nisoi	2.050	1.872	-8,7	372,2	300,5	-19,3	1.302,7	1.028,0	-21,1
Dytiki Ellas	4.403	3.764	-14,5	871,1	634,6	-27,1	3.117,7	2.212,3	-29,0
Stereia Ellas	4.249	3.515	-17,3	959,6	686,9	-28,4	3.663,6	2.570,2	-29,8
Peloponnisos	4.761	3.904	-18,0	1.007,3	728,0	-27,7	3.468,6	2.717,0	-21,7
Attiki	15.186	11.532	-24,1	3.193,9	1.864,8	-41,6	11.566,9	6.806,4	-41,2
Voreio Aigaio	1.578	1.198	-24,1	220,1	144,1	-34,5	731,5	484,6	-33,8
Notio Aigaio	3.443	2.397	-30,4	607,8	545,8	-10,2	1.980,6	1.799,2	-9,2
Kriti	3.505	2.816	-19,7	1.030,1	719,1	-30,2	3.731,1	2.504,9	-32,9
Greece, Total	55.318	43.535	-21,3	12.269,5	8.634,3	-29,6	44.836,9	31.108,5	-30,6

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	621	350	-43,6	166	74	-55,3	612	256	-58,1
Kentriki Makedonia	1.523	702	-53,9	393	124	-68,4	1.419	494	-65,2
Dytiki Makedonia	201	94	-53,2	56	25	-56,4	235	88	-62,7
Thessalia	786	399	-49,2	186	81	-56,5	669	286	-57,3
Ipeiros	455	193	-57,6	97	36	-62,8	328	118	-64,0
Ionioi Nisoι	456	300	-34,2	88	52	-40,8	300	171	-42,9
Dytiki Ellas	964	472	-51,0	198	78	-60,4	691	306	-55,7
Stereα Ellas	913	524	-42,6	186	97	-48,0	658	351	-46,6
Peloponnisos	1.201	490	-59,2	264	91	-65,7	834	375	-55,0
Attiki	3.690	2.009	-45,6	715	316	-55,8	2.506	1.246	-50,3
Voreio Aigaio	394	251	-36,3	55	36	-35,0	184	129	-29,9
Notio Aigaio	751	342	-54,5	135	81	-40,0	416	278	-33,2
Kriti	735	424	-42,3	234	114	-51,5	947	376	-60,3
Greece, Total	12.690	6.550	-48,4	2.774,3	1.204,7	-56,6	9.798,2	4.474,5	-54,3

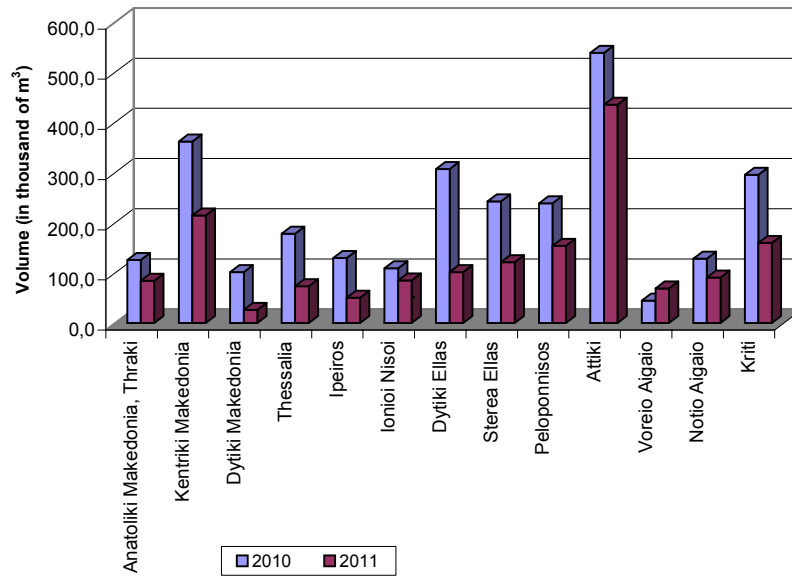
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- March 2010 and 2011 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)	January-March		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	604	345	-42,9	143	68	-52,4	517	233	-54,9
Kentriki Makedonia	1.495	694	-53,6	389	119	-69,4	1.405	468	-66,7
Dytiki Makedonia	198	93	-53,0	54	24	-54,6	225	87	-61,5
Thessalia	777	397	-48,9	178	80	-55,1	637	283	-55,6
Ipeiros	448	193	-56,9	95	36	-61,9	316	118	-62,7
Ionioi Nisoι	454	300	-33,9	88	52	-40,4	298	171	-42,6
Dytiki Ellas	958	468	-51,1	195	76	-60,9	678	299	-55,9
Stereα Ellas	911	524	-42,5	185	97	-47,9	657	351	-46,5
Peloponnisos	1.194	486	-59,3	262	89	-66,1	829	369	-55,5
Attiki	3.686	2.008	-45,5	708	312	-55,9	2.486	1.231	-50,5
Voreio Aigaio	391	250	-36,1	55	36	-35,5	184	128	-30,5
Notio Aigaio	750	341	-54,5	135	81	-40,2	416	277	-33,5
Kriti	726	420	-42,1	225	109	-51,7	905	358	-60,5
Greece, Total	12.592	6.519	-48,2	2.713,6	1.179,4	-56,5	9.552,4	4.372,4	-54,2

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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in March 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	01/03/2011 to 31/03/2011
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.