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Building Activity Survey: February 2011

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in February 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 2,166. This figure corresponds to 387.7 thousand m² of surface and 1,449.8 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 37.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 38.9% decrease in surface and a 38.3% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2010 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 2,157 building permits, corresponding to 384.2 thousand m² of surface and 1,434.9 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2009 (Table 2), there is a 37.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 38.2% decrease in surface and a 37.4% decrease in volume (Table 2). Public Building Activity in the whole country in February 2011 amounted to 9 building permits, corresponding to 3.5 thousand m² of surface and 15.0 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 1.0% of the total building volume in February 2011.

In the last twelve months, from March 2010 until February 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 45,983. This figure corresponds to 9,306.4 thousand m² of surface and 33,382.8 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 17.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 28.4% decrease in surface and a 30.8% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of March 2010 until February 2011 (Table 3).

In the same period from March 2010 until February 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 17.2% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 28.7% decrease in surface and a 30.7% decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from March 2009 until February 2010 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.4% of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	180	91	-49,4	48,4	16,6	-65,7	193,2	60,8	-68,5
Kentriki Makedonia	425	244	-42,6	83,1	45,0	-45,8	311,5	172,5	-44,6
Dytiki Makedonia	55	32	-41,8	11,0	6,4	-41,3	46,7	19,4	-58,5
Thessalia	218	129	-40,8	43,8	34,9	-20,3	166,6	134,7	-19,2
Ipeiros	146	71	-51,4	26,3	12,2	-53,6	91,5	40,2	-56,0
Ionioi Nisoi	144	94	-34,7	28,8	15,1	-47,6	101,8	49,6	-51,3
Dytiki Ellas	298	136	-54,4	60,1	29,1	-51,5	210,3	145,9	-30,6
Stereia Ellas	246	177	-28,0	53,1	29,6	-44,2	186,7	103,4	-44,6
Peloponnisos	279	156	-44,1	56,7	20,1	-64,5	195,5	67,1	-65,7
Attiki	904	693	-23,3	108,4	96,4	-11,0	404,1	372,7	-7,8
Voreio Aigaio	113	86	-23,9	11,4	14,1	23,9	37,2	53,5	43,7
Notio Aigaio	237	115	-51,5	38,5	23,3	-39,5	100,5	82,3	-18,1
Kriti	220	142	-35,5	65,4	44,7	-31,7	302,7	147,7	-51,2
Greece, Total	3.465	2.166	-37,5	635,0	387,7	-38,9	2.348,3	1.449,8	-38,3

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)	February		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	175	91	-48,0	41,9	16,6	-60,3	168,7	60,8	-64,0
Kentriki Makedonia	420	240	-42,9	83,0	43,6	-47,5	311,4	166,1	-46,7
Dytiki Makedonia	54	32	-40,7	10,9	6,4	-41,1	46,5	19,4	-58,3
Thessalia	217	129	-40,6	43,3	34,9	-19,2	164,7	134,7	-18,2
Ipeiros	145	71	-51,0	26,3	12,2	-53,6	91,5	40,2	-56,0
Ionioi Nisoi	143	94	-34,3	28,8	15,1	-47,6	101,8	49,6	-51,2
Dytiki Ellas	295	136	-53,9	58,4	29,1	-50,2	203,7	145,9	-28,4
Stereia Ellas	245	177	-27,8	53,1	29,6	-44,2	186,7	103,4	-44,6
Peloponnisos	278	156	-43,9	56,6	20,1	-64,5	195,1	67,1	-65,6
Attiki	901	693	-23,1	107,3	96,4	-10,1	399,4	372,7	-6,7
Voreio Aigaio	111	85	-23,4	11,4	13,9	21,5	37,2	52,5	41,0
Notio Aigaio	236	114	-51,7	38,3	22,8	-40,4	100,1	80,9	-19,2
Kriti	219	139	-36,5	61,9	43,3	-30,1	285,8	141,6	-50,5
Greece, Total	3.439	2.157	-37,3	621,2	384,2	-38,2	2.292,4	1.434,9	-37,4

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki	2.907	2.279	-21,6	650,8	466,8	-28,3	2.379,3	1.697,0	-28,7
Kentriki Makedonia	7.242	5.748	-20,6	1.942,1	1.574,9	-18,9	7.762,0	5.975,3	-23,0
Dytiki Makedonia	1.035	815	-21,3	273,1	217,5	-20,4	1.101,8	763,0	-30,7
Thessalia	3.336	2.856	-14,4	837,2	628,1	-25,0	3.125,2	2.232,4	-28,6
Ipeiros	2.052	1.671	-18,6	631,2	439,5	-30,4	2.369,6	1.565,8	-33,9
Ionioi Nisoi	2.046	1.900	-7,1	367,2	307,7	-16,2	1.293,0	1.052,1	-18,6
Dytiki Ellas	4.327	3.998	-7,6	863,9	707,6	-18,1	3.115,3	2.494,1	-19,9
Stereia Ellas	4.190	3.731	-11,0	1.026,3	769,5	-25,0	4.039,8	2.726,7	-32,5
Peloponnisos	4.648	4.276	-8,0	1.065,4	787,7	-26,1	3.745,3	2.809,0	-25,0
Attiki	15.343	12.035	-21,6	3.425,6	1.913,2	-44,2	12.567,0	6.923,6	-44,9
Voreio Aigaio	1.604	1.184	-26,2	229,9	138,4	-39,8	758,4	466,4	-38,5
Notio Aigaio	3.364	2.525	-24,9	608,2	562,6	-7,5	1.988,3	1.849,5	-7,0
Kriti	3.562	2.965	-16,8	1.078,8	792,9	-26,5	3.984,1	2.827,7	-29,0
Greece, Total	55.656	45.983	-17,4	12.999,6	9.306,4	-28,4	48.229,1	33.382,8	-30,8

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)	March-February		Change (%)
	2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011		2009 -2010	2010 - 2011	
Anatoliki	2.844	2.245	-21,1	615,8	408,2	-33,7	2.239,0	1.447,0	-35,4
Kentriki Makedonia	7.111	5.640	-20,7	1.847,7	1.514,9	-18,0	7.350,7	5.715,8	-22,2
Dytiki Makedonia	1.004	796	-20,7	246,9	200,5	-18,8	968,0	685,2	-29,2
Thessalia	3.301	2.832	-14,2	801,6	611,8	-23,7	2.972,7	2.150,7	-27,7
Ipeiros	2.015	1.655	-17,9	603,5	403,8	-33,1	2.259,2	1.435,6	-36,5
Ionioi Nisoi	2.029	1.898	-6,5	363,5	307,7	-15,3	1.279,5	1.052,1	-17,8
Dytiki Ellas	4.297	3.974	-7,5	851,2	689,1	-19,0	3.055,7	2.417,7	-20,9
Stereia Ellas	4.142	3.709	-10,5	960,3	726,6	-24,3	3.674,4	2.691,4	-26,8
Peloponnisos	4.606	4.255	-7,6	1.047,7	785,3	-25,1	3.678,7	2.801,8	-23,8
Attiki	15.322	12.027	-21,5	3.407,2	1.910,0	-43,9	12.481,5	6.909,5	-44,6
Voreio Aigaio	1.591	1.181	-25,8	229,8	136,8	-40,5	758,1	460,1	-39,3
Notio Aigaio	3.356	2.519	-24,9	604,1	558,2	-7,6	1.970,9	1.836,6	-6,8
Kriti	3.530	2.927	-17,1	1.043,1	751,4	-28,0	3.823,1	2.640,6	-30,9
Greece, Total	55.148	45.658	-17,2	12.622,4	9.004,3	-28,7	46.511,6	32.243,9	-30,7

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	408	202	-50,5	113	44	-60,9	417	152	-63,6
Kentriki Makedonia	953	403	-57,7	297	69	-76,6	1.049	262	-75,0
Dytiki Makedonia	118	66	-44,1	30	20	-34,1	132	62	-53,3
Thessalia	473	252	-46,7	128	56	-56,6	468	209	-55,2
Ipeiros	284	116	-59,2	58	21	-64,4	198	68	-65,8
Ionioi Nisoι	276	146	-47,1	54	25	-53,2	191	86	-54,9
Dytiki Ellas	526	244	-53,6	110	45	-58,6	378	203	-46,4
Stereα Ellas	486	291	-40,1	113	64	-43,5	415	230	-44,6
Peloponnisos	653	295	-54,8	168	52	-69,1	593	216	-63,5
Attiki	2.441	1.254	-48,6	563	205	-63,6	1.968	796	-59,5
Voreio Aigaio	279	119	-57,3	42	16	-62,7	139	59	-57,2
Notio Aigaio	483	196	-59,4	96	54	-43,4	288	187	-35,0
Kriti	414	219	-47,1	151	62	-59,4	645	204	-68,4
Greece, Total	7.794	3.803	-51,2	1.923,6	732,8	-61,9	6.880,1	2.734,3	-60,3

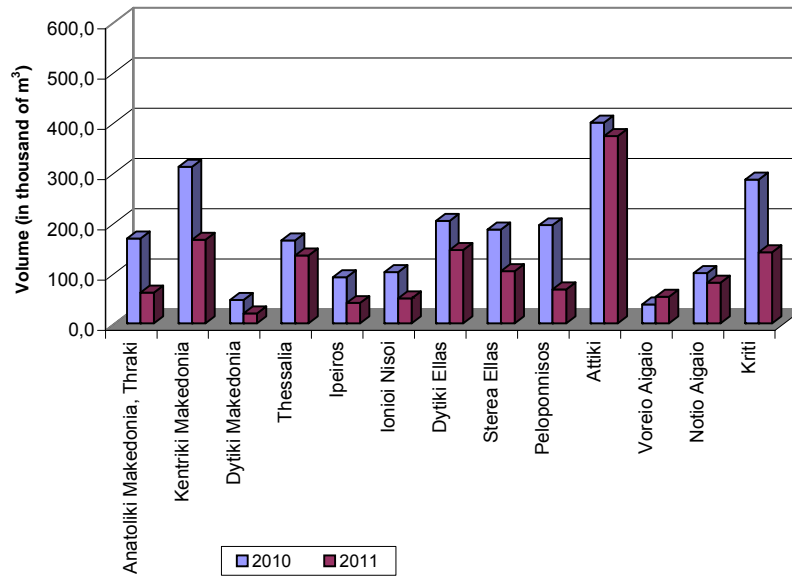
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- February 2010 and 2011 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)	January-February		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki	400	201	-49,8	106	43	-59,1	391	148	-62,0
Kentriki Makedonia	938	397	-57,7	295	68	-77,1	1.043	254	-75,7
Dytiki Makedonia	116	65	-44,0	28	19	-29,6	124	61	-51,1
Thessalia	469	252	-46,3	126	56	-55,7	459	209	-54,4
Ipeiros	277	116	-58,1	55	21	-62,9	187	68	-63,8
Ionioi Nisoι	274	146	-46,7	53	25	-52,8	189	86	-54,5
Dytiki Ellas	522	242	-53,6	108	44	-59,2	371	197	-46,8
Stereα Ellas	484	291	-39,9	113	64	-43,4	414	230	-44,4
Peloponnisos	650	293	-54,9	168	52	-69,1	590	215	-63,5
Attiki	2.437	1.254	-48,5	556	205	-63,1	1.947	796	-59,1
Voreio Aigaio	276	118	-57,2	42	16	-63,3	139	58	-58,0
Notio Aigaio	482	195	-59,5	95	54	-43,8	287	186	-35,4
Kriti	411	216	-47,4	144	60	-58,3	609	198	-67,5
Greece, Total	7.736	3.786	-51,1	1.890,4	726,2	-61,6	6.751,4	2.706,8	-59,9

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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in February 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	01/02/2011 to 28/02/2011
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.