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**Building Activity Survey: December 2011**

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in December 2011 the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole country-which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued in the whole country -amounted to 2,997 . This figure corresponds to 565.9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,203.9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting respectively a 41.7 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 51.6 % decrease in surface and a 50.0 % decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2010 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 2,971 building permits, corresponding to 545.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 2,105.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2010, there is a 41.8 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 51.8 % decrease in surface and a 50.3 % decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in December 2011 amounted to 26 building permits, corresponding to 21.0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 98.7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.5 % of the total building volume in December 2011.

In the last twelve months, from January until December 2011, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 35,746 . This figure corresponds to 6,090.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 23,186.2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, reflecting a 28.5 % decrease in the number of building permits, 42.0 % decrease in surface and a 38.2 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of January until December 2010 (Table 3).

In the same period from January until December 2011, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 28.4 % decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 41.4 % decrease in surface and a 37.7 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from January until December 2010 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 2.5 % of the total building volume.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
	201	131	-34,8	38,6	22,2	-42,5	161,7	78,1	-51,7
Kentriki Makedonia	631	389	-38,4	232,5	114,5	-50,8	968,0	595,0	-38,5
Dytiki Makedonia	94	60	-36,2	16,6	10,2	-38,7	63,6	37,3	-41,3
Thessalia	287	200	-30,3	68,0	32,1	-52,8	252,2	116,0	-54,0
Ipeiros	172	114	-33,7	58,7	21,9	-62,8	192,5	86,3	-55,2
Ionioi Nisoi	242	169	-30,2	38,5	29,0	-24,7	131,3	97,9	-25,5
Dytiki Ellada	465	230	-50,5	85,3	32,6	-61,7	325,0	113,7	-65,0
Stereia Ellada	447	262	-41,4	76,8	43,1	-43,9	288,1	179,2	-37,8
Peloponnisos	493	266	-46,0	101,6	58,7	-42,2	470,0	217,0	-53,8
Attiki	1.317	687	-47,8	238,9	89,2	-62,7	822,2	314,7	-61,7
Voreio Aigaio	158	112	-29,1	24,4	13,0	-46,9	75,8	43,4	-42,7
Notio Aigaio	218	218	0,0	68,1	31,9	-53,1	226,4	108,7	-52,0
Kriti	418	159	-62,0	120,8	67,6	-44,0	434,3	216,5	-50,1
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>5.143</b>	<b>2.997</b>	<b>-41,7</b>	<b>1.168,9</b>	<b>565,9</b>	<b>-51,6</b>	<b>4.411,1</b>	<b>2.203,9</b>	<b>-50,0</b>

\* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)	December		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	199	126	-36,7	32,0	21,0	-34,4	104,9	73,9	-29,5
Kentriki Makedonia	621	381	-38,6	226,1	103,4	-54,3	939,5	536,4	-42,9
Dytiki Makedonia	90	58	-35,6	15,3	8,5	-44,9	57,9	28,8	-50,3
Thessalia	287	198	-31,0	68,0	26,6	-60,8	252,2	93,7	-62,9
Ipeiros	168	114	-32,1	45,5	21,9	-52,0	149,3	86,3	-42,2
Ionioi Nisoi	241	169	-29,9	38,5	29,0	-24,7	131,3	97,9	-25,5
Dytiki Ellada	462	229	-50,4	83,6	32,6	-61,0	319,6	113,7	-64,4
Stereia Ellada	442	260	-41,2	76,5	42,4	-44,5	286,6	177,2	-38,2
Peloponnisos	491	260	-47,0	101,5	57,9	-42,9	469,4	214,0	-54,4
Attiki	1.315	687	-47,8	236,8	89,2	-62,3	813,0	314,7	-61,3
Voreio Aigaio	157	112	-28,7	24,4	13,0	-46,9	75,8	43,4	-42,7
Notio Aigaio	218	218	0,0	68,1	31,9	-53,1	226,4	108,7	-52,0
Kriti	415	159	-61,7	113,9	67,6	-40,6	413,1	216,5	-47,6
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>5.106</b>	<b>2.971</b>	<b>-41,8</b>	<b>1.130,3</b>	<b>545,0</b>	<b>-51,8</b>	<b>4.238,9</b>	<b>2.105,2</b>	<b>-50,3</b>

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January - December 2010 and January - December 2011 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.485	1.718	-30,9	535,7	333,5	-37,8	1.962,3	1.187,3	-39,5
Kentriki Makedonia	6.298	4.825	-23,4	1.802,2	886,3	-50,8	6.762,5	3.725,4	-44,9
Dytiki Makedonia	867	623	-28,1	227,6	127,2	-44,1	833,3	499,8	-40,0
Thessalia	3.077	2.140	-30,5	700,7	403,6	-42,4	2.490,7	1.544,4	-38,0
Ipeiros	1.839	1.123	-38,9	476,7	236,5	-50,4	1.696,3	871,6	-48,6
Ionioi Nisoi	2.030	1.658	-18,3	336,4	240,6	-28,5	1.156,8	802,7	-30,6
Dytiki Ellada	4.280	2.744	-35,9	771,9	448,5	-41,9	2.669,5	1.633,5	-38,8
Stereia Ellada	3.926	2.891	-26,4	818,8	515,1	-37,1	2.911,8	2.031,5	-30,2
Peloponnisos	4.634	3.179	-31,4	904,1	620,9	-31,3	3.185,2	2.717,0	-14,7
Attiki	13.222	9.723	-26,5	2.271,1	1.273,3	-43,9	8.095,2	4.762,4	-41,2
Voreio Aigaio	1.344	1.138	-15,3	165,0	139,0	-15,8	545,8	484,5	-11,2
Notio Aigaio	2.812	2.117	-24,7	604,1	408,9	-32,3	1.950,2	1.391,3	-28,7
Kriti	3.160	1.867	-40,9	882,9	457,4	-48,2	3.268,8	1.534,7	-53,0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>49.974</b>	<b>35.746</b>	<b>-28,5</b>	<b>10.497,2</b>	<b>6.090,8</b>	<b>-42,0</b>	<b>37.528,5</b>	<b>23.186,2</b>	<b>-38,2</b>

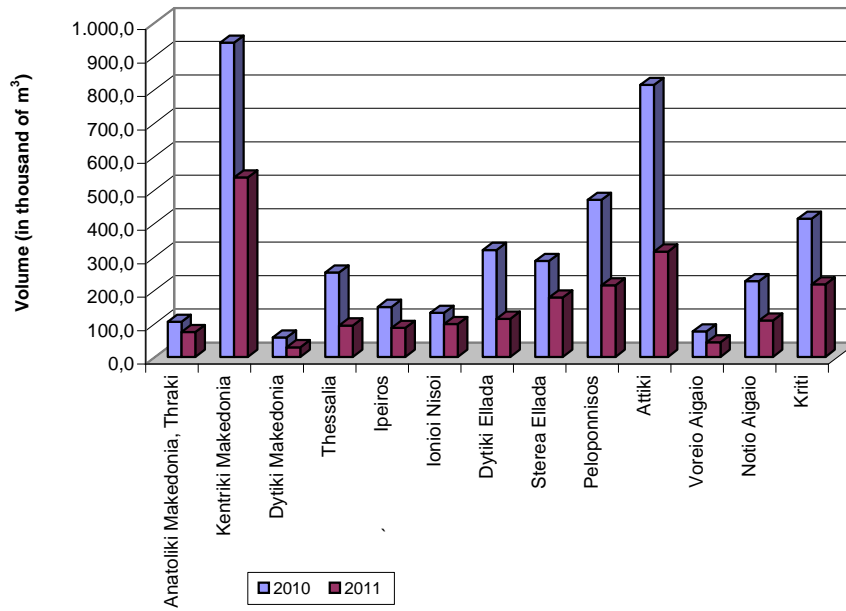
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**Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January - December 2010 and January - December 2011 \***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)	January-December		Change (%)
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.444	1.688	-30,9	470,9	307,1	-34,8	1.689,6	1.095,1	-35,2
Kentriki Makedonia	6.181	4.761	-23,0	1.742,3	854,7	-50,9	6.505,0	3.569,1	-45,1
Dytiki Makedonia	847	611	-27,9	208,6	120,9	-42,1	748,4	467,6	-37,5
Thessalia	3.049	2.133	-30,0	681,9	394,7	-42,1	2.400,6	1.508,0	-37,2
Ipeiros	1.816	1.115	-38,6	438,7	231,9	-47,1	1.554,9	850,0	-45,3
Ionioi Nisoi	2.026	1.657	-18,2	335,9	240,2	-28,5	1.155,1	801,3	-30,6
Dytiki Ellada	4.254	2.721	-36,0	753,0	428,0	-43,2	2.591,1	1.555,0	-40,0
Stereia Ellada	3.902	2.886	-26,0	775,7	512,7	-33,9	2.875,4	2.017,3	-29,8
Peloponnisos	4.612	3.152	-31,7	901,2	614,4	-31,8	3.176,8	2.692,2	-15,3
Attiki	13.210	9.716	-26,4	2.261,0	1.266,8	-44,0	8.060,9	4.730,9	-41,3
Voreio Aigaio	1.339	1.135	-15,2	163,7	138,1	-15,6	540,6	479,4	-11,3
Notio Aigaio	2.806	2.115	-24,6	600,0	408,0	-32,0	1.938,3	1.388,4	-28,4
Kriti	3.122	1.849	-40,8	835,6	437,9	-47,6	3.051,9	1.463,7	-52,0
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>49.608</b>	<b>35.539</b>	<b>-28,4</b>	<b>10.168,5</b>	<b>5.955,3</b>	<b>-41,4</b>	<b>36.288,5</b>	<b>22.618,0</b>	<b>-37,7</b>

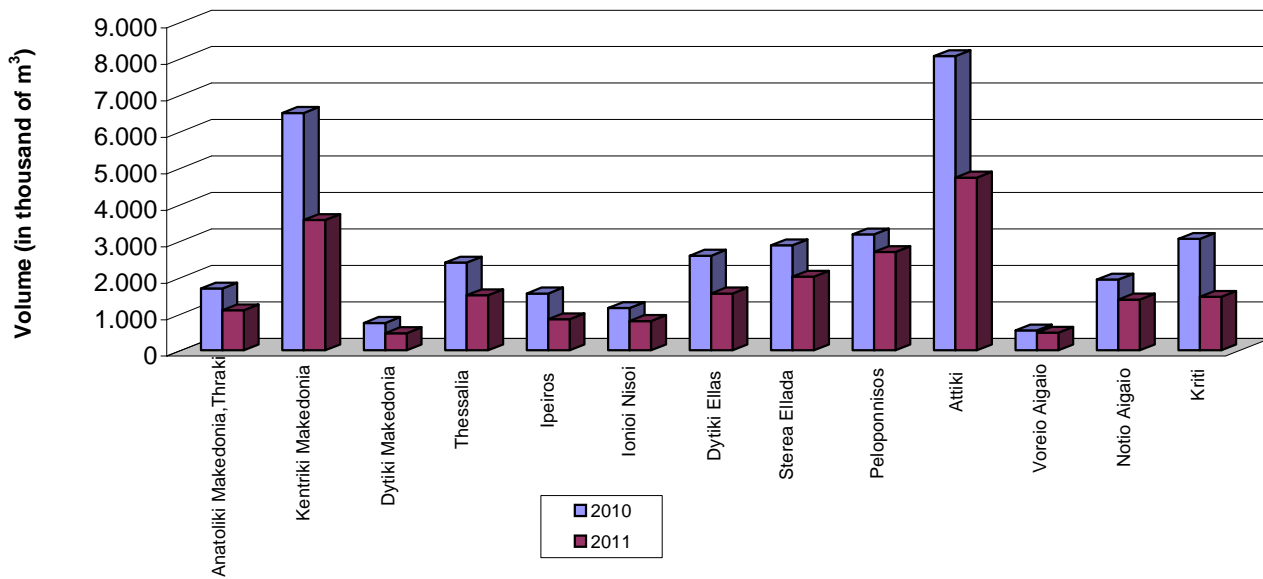
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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.
<b>Reference Period</b>	01/12/2011 to 31/12/2011
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Building Permit</b> 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><b>Building</b> 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><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> 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><b>Building volume</b> (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><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
<b>General Remark</b>	Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.
<b>References</b>	More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on EL.STAT's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , under the links: Statistical Themes > Building and Constructions > Building Activity or Constructions.