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Building Activity Survey: June 2013

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in June 2013 the Total Building Activity (private-public), in the country as a whole -which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits in the country- amounted to 1,347. This figure corresponds to 245.8 thousand m^2 of surface and 1,020.7 thousand m^3 of volume, reflecting respectively a 31.3% decrease in the number of building permits, a 17.9% decrease in surface and a 8.1% decrease in volume, compared to the same month of 2012 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity in the country as a whole, amounted to 1,331 building permits, corresponding to 229.5 thousand m^2 of surface and 930.3 thousand m^3 of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2012, there is a 31.7% decrease in the number of building permits, a 22.5% decrease in surface and a 15.2% decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the country as a whole in June 2013 amounted to 16 building permits, corresponding to 16.3 thousand m^2 of surface and 90.4 thousand m^3 of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 8.9% of the total building volume in June 2013.

In the last twelve months, from July 2012 until June 2013, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 17,287. This figure corresponds to 3,255.8 thousand m^2 of surface and 13,091.3 thousand m^3 of volume, reflecting a 47.4% decrease in the number of building permits, a 43.1% decrease in surface and a 40.5% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from July 2011 to June 2012 (Table 3).

In the same period, from July 2012 until June 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 47.5% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 43.7 % decrease in surface and a 41.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from July 2011 to June 2012 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 4.7% of the total building volume.

During the period January-June 2013, Total Building Activity (private-public) in the country as a whole recorded a 40.0% decrease in the number of building permits, a 41.0% decrease in surface and a 37.6% decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2012 (Table 5).

During the same period, January-June 2013, Private Building Activity in the country as a whole recorded a 40.0% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 40.7% decrease in surface and a 37.3% decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January-June 2012 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in June 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	June		Change	June		Change	June		Change
	2012	2013	(%)	2012	2013	(%)	2012	2013	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	89	57	-36,0	11,8	8,7	-26,3	41,9	30,5	-27,2
Kentriki Makedonia	273	174	-36,3	63,0	37,7	-40,1	254,0	176,8	-30,4
Dytiki Makedonia	33	21	-36,4	7,6	3,2	-57,4	30,1	10,4	-65,6
Thessalia	151	90	-40,4	17,6	14,3	-19,1	62,4	48,7	-21,9
Ipeiros	96	32	-66,7	15,7	6,5	-58,7	51,4	23,9	-53,6
Ionioi Nisoi	60	52	-13,3	9,5	6,0	-37,0	33,6	18,4	-45,2
Dytiki Ellada	162	134	-17,3	26,1	24,6	-5,6	96,9	120,4	24,3
Sterea Ellada	110	125	13,6	16,0	17,0	5,8	62,0	60,0	-3,2
Peloponnisos	216	162	-25,0	32,7	39,9	22,0	121,8	140,8	15,6
Attiki	422	325	-23,0	48,8	51,9	6,4	185,5	269,0	45,0
Voreio Aigaio	59	35	-40,7	7,1	5,1	-28,1	24,7	16,9	-31,6
Notio Aigaio	161	75	-53,4	23,8	16,4	-31,0	74,9	53,0	-29,3
Kriti	130	65	-50,0	19,9	14,6	-27,0	71,8	51,9	-27,7
Greece, Total	**1.962**	**1.347**	**-31,3**	**299,5**	**245,8**	**-17,9**	**1.111,1**	**1.020,7**	**-8,1**

* Provisional data

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in June 2012 and 2013*

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	June		Change	June		Change	June		Change
	2012	2013	(%)	2012	2013	(%)	2012	2013	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	89	55	-38,2	11,8	8,3	-29,7	41,9	29,1	-30,4
Kentriki Makedonia	267	169	-36,7	59,6	37,4	-37,2	240,5	175,1	-27,2
Dytiki Makedonia	33	21	-36,4	7,6	3,2	-57,4	30,1	10,4	-65,6
Thessalia	149	89	-40,3	17,6	13,6	-22,9	62,4	46,8	-25,0
Ipeiros	95	32	-66,3	15,7	6,5	-58,7	51,4	23,9	-53,6
Ionioi Nisoi	59	52	-11,9	9,5	6,0	-37,0	33,6	18,4	-45,2
Dytiki Ellada	162	133	-17,9	26,1	16,6	-36,4	96,9	63,1	-34,9
Sterea Ellada	110	123	11,8	16,0	16,6	3,7	62,0	59,0	-4,9
Peloponnisos	214	161	-24,8	32,6	39,3	20,8	121,3	138,5	14,2
Attiki	422	323	-23,5	48,8	48,3	-1,1	185,5	251,7	35,7
Voreio Aigaio	59	35	-40,7	7,1	5,1	-28,1	24,7	16,9	-31,6
Notio Aigaio	161	75	-53,4	23,8	16,4	-31,0	74,9	53,0	-29,3
Kriti	130	63	-51,5	19,9	12,3	-38,5	71,8	44,4	-38,2
Greece, Total	**1.950**	**1.331**	**-31,7**	**295,9**	**229,5**	**-22,5**	**1.097,0**	**930,3**	**-15,2**

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Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period July 2011 - June 2012 and July 2012 - June 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m²)			Volume (in thousand m³)		
	July - June		Change	July - June		Change	July - June		Change
	2011-2012	2012-2013	(%)	2011-2012	2012-2013	(%)	2011-2012	2012-2013	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.565	809	-48,3	278,7	172,0	-38,3	1.026,9	637,6	-37,9
Kentriki Makedonia	4.606	2.486	-46,0	947,0	608,4	-35,8	4.050,1	2.808,9	-30,6
Dytiki Makedonia	593	327	-44,9	123,6	105,4	-14,8	502,3	427,3	-14,9
Thessalia	2.035	1.061	-47,9	375,4	190,4	-49,3	1.420,5	735,2	-48,2
Ipeiros	1.165	512	-56,1	208,5	92,5	-55,6	748,8	311,9	-58,3
Ionioi Nisoi	1.408	627	-55,5	210,7	126,2	-40,1	712,8	434,1	-39,1
Dytiki Ellada	2.538	1.467	-42,2	405,0	220,2	-45,6	1.458,0	885,7	-39,3
Sterea Ellada	2.610	1.336	-48,8	475,0	246,1	-48,2	2.081,2	1.108,3	-46,7
Peloponnisos	3.250	1.920	-40,9	632,4	327,4	-48,2	2.782,4	1.206,4	-56,6
Attiki	8.080	3.823	-52,7	1.086,5	616,5	-43,3	3.911,7	2.499,5	-36,1
Voreio Aigaio	1.078	610	-43,4	143,5	76,6	-46,6	514,0	270,1	-47,4
Notio Aigaio	2.223	1.209	-45,6	408,1	216,2	-47,0	1.362,6	837,9	-38,5
Kriti	1.742	1.100	-36,9	425,8	257,8	-39,4	1.443,1	928,5	-35,7
Greece, Total	**32.893**	**17.287**	**-47,4**	**5.720,2**	**3.255,8**	**-43,1**	**22.014,3**	**13.091,3**	**-40,5**

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Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period July 2011 - June 2012 and July 2012 - June 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m²)			Volume (in thousand m³)		
	July - June		Change	July - June		Change	July - June		Change
	2011-2012	2012-2013	(%)	2011-2012	2012-2013	(%)	2011-2012	2012-2013	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.537	800	-48,0	270,1	162,0	-40,0	995,0	597,4	-40,0
Kentriki Makedonia	4.534	2.446	-46,1	889,1	587,6	-33,9	3.803,4	2.720,8	-28,5
Dytiki Makedonia	578	317	-45,2	105,1	93,6	-10,9	427,7	378,9	-11,4
Thessalia	2.030	1.048	-48,4	369,7	171,2	-53,7	1.397,6	650,7	-53,4
Ipeiros	1.159	507	-56,3	207,0	91,2	-55,9	743,0	308,2	-58,5
Ionioi Nisoi	1.407	627	-55,4	210,7	126,2	-40,1	712,8	434,1	-39,1
Dytiki Ellada	2.513	1.457	-42,0	378,8	201,4	-46,8	1.350,2	783,8	-42,0
Sterea Ellada	2.602	1.330	-48,9	472,4	245,7	-48,0	2.066,6	1.107,2	-46,4
Peloponnisos	3.194	1.906	-40,3	613,6	320,0	-47,8	2.686,3	1.179,2	-56,1
Attiki	8.067	3.801	-52,9	1.073,7	598,4	-44,3	3.862,5	2.404,9	-37,7
Voreio Aigaio	1.074	607	-43,5	136,2	75,8	-44,4	469,7	264,5	-43,7
Notio Aigaio	2.221	1.201	-45,9	407,5	213,4	-47,6	1.360,5	826,9	-39,2
Kriti	1.731	1.077	-37,8	402,4	230,0	-42,8	1.352,7	818,6	-39,5
Greece, Total	**32.647**	**17.124**	**-47,5**	**5.536,3**	**3.116,5**	**-43,7**	**21.228,1**	**12.475,1**	**-41,2**

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January- June 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m²)			Volume (in thousand m³)		
	January - June		Change	January - June		Change	January - June		Change
	2012	2013	(%)	2012	2013	(%)	2012	2013	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	628	340	-45,9	103,9	83,9	-19,2	387,0	304,1	-21,4
Kentriki Makedonia	1.807	1.078	-40,3	384,3	225,1	-41,4	1.625,0	954,6	-41,3
Dytiki Makedonia	239	129	-46,0	55,2	42,7	-22,7	218,4	212,5	-2,7
Thessalia	836	525	-37,2	147,8	94,7	-35,9	521,1	361,8	-30,6
Ipeiros	529	227	-57,1	89,9	37,8	-58,0	291,3	131,9	-54,7
Ionioi Nisoi	505	265	-47,5	80,1	44,8	-44,0	281,4	155,8	-44,6
Dytiki Ellada	1.031	657	-36,3	158,9	82,9	-47,8	590,5	329,7	-44,2
Sterea Ellada	1.022	662	-35,2	179,3	126,0	-29,7	841,0	567,7	-32,5
Peloponnisos	1.384	892	-35,5	248,7	164,5	-33,8	949,3	615,5	-35,2
Attiki	3.183	1.929	-39,4	519,4	287,8	-44,6	1.901,7	1.223,6	-35,7
Voreio Aigaio	435	262	-39,8	64,6	28,0	-56,6	237,4	98,6	-58,5
Notio Aigaio	982	544	-44,6	175,5	80,5	-54,1	571,1	268,4	-53,0
Kriti	777	508	-34,6	181,8	110,1	-39,4	623,0	414,3	-33,5
Greece, Total	**13.358**	**8.018**	**-40,0**	**2.389,4**	**1.408,9**	**-41,0**	**9.038,1**	**5.638,4**	**-37,6**

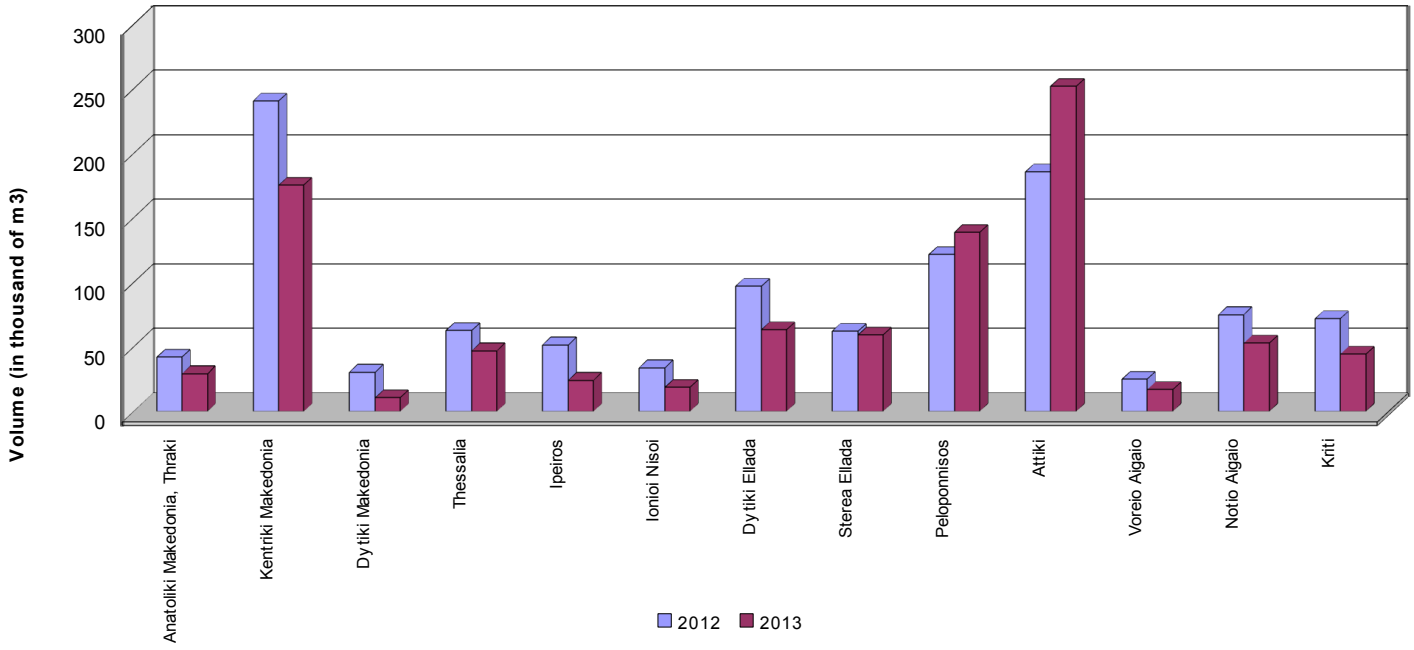
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- June 2012 and 2013 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m²)			Volume (in thousand m³)		
	January - June		Change	January - June		Change	January - June		Change
	2012	2013	(%)	2012	2013	(%)	2012	2013	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	618	335	-45,8	103,6	82,5	-20,4	385,8	298,7	-22,6
Kentriki Makedonia	1.769	1.061	-40,0	347,3	217,7	-37,3	1486,8	925,2	-37,8
Dytiki Makedonia	234	126	-46,2	41,9	38,5	-8,1	172,4	196,2	13,8
Thessalia	833	518	-37,8	147,7	86,8	-41,2	520,5	323,4	-37,9
Ipeiros	528	225	-57,4	89,9	37,8	-58,0	291,3	131,9	-54,7
Ionioi Nisoi	504	265	-47,4	80,1	44,8	-44,0	281,4	155,8	-44,6
Dytiki Ellada	1.020	653	-36,0	150,6	74,8	-50,4	551,1	272,0	-50,7
Sterea Ellada	1.018	660	-35,2	178,9	125,7	-29,7	838,8	566,7	-32,4
Peloponnisos	1.349	884	-34,5	234,0	158,3	-32,4	869,1	592,6	-31,8
Attiki	3.174	1.917	-39,6	509,4	278,9	-45,3	1869,1	1185,2	-36,6
Voreio Aigaio	432	261	-39,6	57,8	27,9	-51,7	196,8	98,3	-50,1
Notio Aigaio	981	538	-45,2	175,3	77,7	-55,7	570,5	257,4	-54,9
Kriti	771	497	-35,5	166,6	102,0	-38,8	566,6	385,3	-32,0
Greece, Total	**13.231**	**7.940**	**-40,0**	**2.283,0**	**1.353,4**	**-40,7**	**8.600,0**	**5.388,6**	**-37,3**

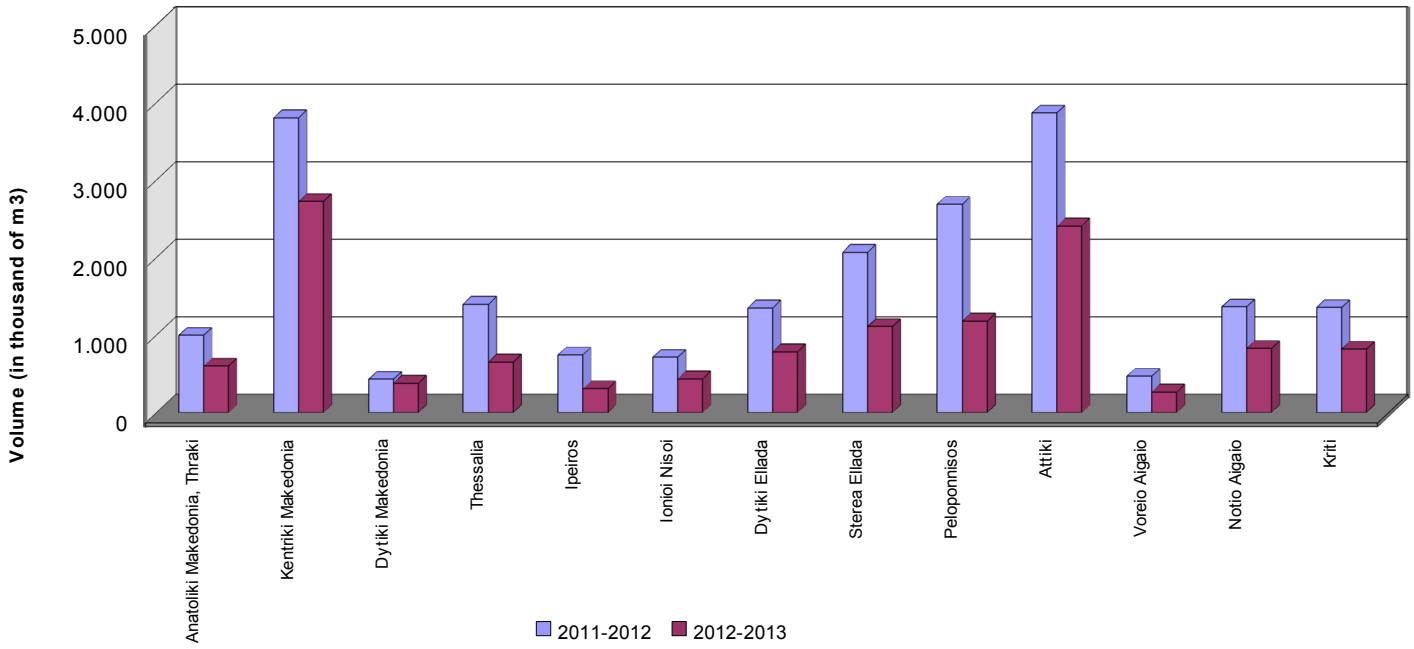
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in June 2012 and 2013*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period July 2011 - June 2012 and July 2012 - June 2013 *



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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 01/6/2013 to 30/6/2013

Coverage The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.

Definitions

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.

The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".

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.

New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.

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.

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.

Surface of new-built property is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.

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.