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Building Activity Survey: August 2012

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, in August 2012 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 1,210 . This figure corresponds to 265.5 thousand m² of surface and 1,186.7 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting respectively a 48.2 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 37.3 % decrease in surface and a 27.5 % decrease in volume, compared to the month of 2011 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 1,201 building permits, corresponding to 254,5 thousand m² of surface and 1,141.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2011, there is a 48.1% decrease in the number of building permits, a 38.8 % decrease in surface and a 28.8 % decrease in volume (Table 2).

Public Building Activity in the whole country in August 2012 amounted to 9 building permits, corresponding to 11.0 thousand m² of surface and 45.6 thousand m³ of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.8 % of the total building volume in August 2012.

In the last twelve months, from September 2011 until August 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 29,463 . This figure corresponds to 5,254.4 thousand m² of surface and 20,028.5 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting a 26.1 % decrease in the number of building permits, 30.9 % decrease in surface and a 29.4 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of September 2010 until August 2011 (Table 3).

In the same period from September 2011 until August 2012 , Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 26.2 % decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 31.2 % decrease in surface and a 30.2 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from September 2010 until August 2011 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 4.0 % of the total building volume.

During the period January- August 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 27.3 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 21.3 % decrease in surface and a 21.0 % decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2011 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- August 2012, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 27.6 % decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 23.2 % decrease in surface and a 23.0 % decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- August 2012 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, in August 2011 and 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	145	80	-44,8	40,4	14,7	-63,5	157,4	53,4	-66,1
Kentriki Makedonia	407	177	-56,5	54,6	66,6	21,9	195,8	402,6	105,7
Dytiki Makedonia	56	28	-50,0	12,7	5,9	-53,6	51,5	22,7	-56,0
Thessalia	127	69	-45,7	29,3	9,4	-68,0	139,9	34,8	-75,1
Ipeiros	84	54	-35,7	14,2	9,2	-35,3	48,4	32,3	-33,2
Ionioi Nisoi	123	49	-60,2	16,3	6,6	-59,5	56,6	27,5	-51,5
Dytiki Ellada	204	123	-39,7	23,8	25,5	7,3	74,9	120,3	60,6
Stereia Ellada	229	98	-57,2	57,8	16,1	-72,2	315,5	80,8	-74,4
Peloponnisos	213	150	-29,6	38,2	27,0	-29,1	137,1	89,5	-34,8
Attiki	321	149	-53,6	34,9	34,3	-1,6	111,4	135,4	21,5
Voreio Aigaio	106	53	-50,0	17,5	6,0	-65,8	63,4	20,6	-67,5
Notio Aigaio	148	85	-42,6	44,4	14,6	-67,1	151,0	46,0	-69,6
Kriti	172	95	-44,8	39,0	29,6	-24,2	133,6	120,9	-9,5
Greece, Total	2.335	1.210	-48,2	423,1	265,5	-37,3	1.636,4	1.186,7	-27,5

* Provisional data

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, in August 2011 and 2012*

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)	August		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	138	80	-42,0	37,5	14,7	-60,7	146,7	53,4	-63,6
Kentriki Makedonia	403	174	-56,8	54,6	63,5	16,2	195,8	391,4	100,0
Dytiki Makedonia	56	28	-50,0	12,7	5,9	-53,6	51,5	22,7	-56,0
Thessalia	127	69	-45,7	29,3	9,4	-68,0	139,9	34,8	-75,1
Ipeiros	83	54	-34,9	14,1	9,2	-34,8	47,9	32,3	-32,6
Ionioi Nisoi	123	49	-60,2	16,3	6,6	-59,5	56,6	27,5	-51,5
Dytiki Ellada	203	123	-39,4	23,8	25,5	7,3	74,9	120,3	60,6
Stereia Ellada	228	97	-57,5	56,4	16,1	-71,5	305,2	80,8	-73,5
Peloponnisos	208	148	-28,8	37,2	26,6	-28,6	133,9	87,1	-34,9
Attiki	321	149	-53,6	34,9	34,3	-1,6	111,4	135,4	21,5
Voreio Aigaio	105	53	-49,5	17,0	6,0	-64,8	59,7	20,6	-65,5
Notio Aigaio	148	85	-42,6	44,4	14,6	-67,1	151,0	46,0	-69,6
Kriti	170	92	-45,9	37,8	22,2	-41,2	128,1	88,8	-30,7
Greece, Total	2.313	1.201	-48,1	416,0	254,5	-38,8	1.602,7	1.141,0	-28,8

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**Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period
September 2010 - August 2011 and September 2011 - August 2012 ***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September - August		Μεταβολή (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.918	1.408	-26,6	410,0	235,9	-42,5	1.469,2	868,8	-40,9
Kentriki Makedonia	5.107	4.048	-20,7	1.087,1	949,4	-12,7	4.397,7	4.186,6	-4,8
Dytiki Makedonia	710	536	-24,5	150,1	115,0	-23,4	573,3	461,7	-19,5
Thessalia	2.389	1.835	-23,2	523,3	323,6	-38,2	1.886,2	1.205,4	-36,1
Ipeiros	1.330	1.067	-19,8	323,4	199,6	-38,3	1.116,3	715,5	-35,9
Ionioi Nisoι	1.794	1.291	-28,0	270,5	211,4	-21,9	922,4	716,1	-22,4
Dytiki Ellada	3.231	2.306	-28,6	534,5	391,4	-26,8	1.964,7	1.436,3	-26,9
Stereα Ellada	3.295	2.320	-29,6	655,4	391,8	-40,2	2.364,6	1.726,4	-27,0
Peloponnisos	3.492	3.038	-13,0	690,7	546,9	-20,8	3.049,5	2.005,9	-34,2
Attiki	10.912	6.888	-36,9	1.729,5	986,8	-42,9	6.433,7	3.645,5	-43,3
Voreio Aigaio	1.178	979	-16,9	143,2	127,3	-11,1	490,4	454,9	-7,2
Notio Aigaio	2.125	2.111	-0,7	474,2	359,7	-24,1	1.587,5	1.193,9	-24,8
Kriti	2.372	1.636	-31,0	610,8	415,7	-31,9	2.115,8	1.411,6	-33,3
Greece, Total	39.853	29.463	-26,1	7.602,7	5.254,4	-30,9	28.371,3	20.028,5	-29,4

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**Table 4. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period
September 2010 - August 2011 and September 2011 - August 2012 ***

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)	September - August		Change (%)
	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012		2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.885	1.390	-26,3	346,0	233,2	-32,6	1.216,7	859,1	-29,4
Kentriki Makedonia	5.023	3.978	-20,8	1.053,4	884,9	-16,0	4.249,4	3.916,7	-7,8
Dytiki Makedonia	696	522	-25,0	144,7	91,7	-36,6	547,7	369,9	-32,5
Thessalia	2.377	1.829	-23,1	515,5	311,2	-39,6	1.855,6	1.157,6	-37,6
Ipeiros	1.316	1.062	-19,3	302,1	198,2	-34,4	1.040,6	710,1	-31,8
Ionioi Nisoι	1.792	1.290	-28,0	270,1	211,4	-21,8	921,0	716,1	-22,3
Dytiki Ellada	3.208	2.281	-28,9	518,8	367,7	-29,1	1.911,9	1.335,9	-30,1
Stereα Ellada	3.280	2.311	-29,5	615,2	390,6	-36,5	2.332,9	1.722,1	-26,2
Peloponnisos	3.472	2.985	-14,0	686,8	528,1	-23,1	3.035,3	1.909,2	-37,1
Attiki	10.902	6.878	-36,9	1.720,9	976,8	-43,2	6.393,0	3.612,8	-43,5
Voreio Aigaio	1.173	976	-16,8	142,2	120,5	-15,2	484,8	414,4	-14,5
Notio Aigaio	2.122	2.109	-0,6	473,7	359,1	-24,2	1.586,0	1.191,8	-24,9
Kriti	2.342	1.623	-30,7	571,5	389,3	-31,9	1.968,0	1.307,8	-33,5
Greece, Total	39.588	29.234	-26,2	7.360,8	5.062,6	-31,2	27.543,0	19.223,3	-30,2

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Table 5. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January- August 2011 and 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.102	792	-28,1	227	130	-42,9	805	486	-39,6
Kentriki Makedonia	3.118	2.341	-24,9	477	540	13,2	1.936	2.397	23,8
Dytiki Makedonia	396	309	-22,0	86	74	-14,2	331	293	-11,5
Thessalia	1.321	1.016	-23,1	258	178	-30,9	972	633	-34,9
Ipeiros	728	672	-7,7	159	122	-23,1	552	396	-28,3
Ionioi Nisoi	1.013	646	-36,2	147	118	-19,8	492	405	-17,6
Dytiki Ellada	1.764	1.326	-24,8	278	221	-20,6	1.060	862	-18,6
Stereia Ellada	1.872	1.301	-30,5	350	227	-35,2	1.356	1.051	-22,5
Peloponnisos	1.904	1.763	-7,4	384	310	-19,3	1.870	1.159	-38,0
Attiki	6.647	3.812	-42,7	932	646	-30,7	3.554	2.437	-31,4
Voreio Aigaio	702	543	-22,6	88	76	-13,3	308	279	-9,6
Notio Aigaio	1.211	1.205	-0,5	254	205	-19,4	864	666	-22,9
Kriti	1.223	992	-18,9	284	242	-14,7	965	842	-12,8
Greece, Total	23.001	16.718	-27,3	3.925,5	3.089,1	-21,3	15.064,3	11.906,5	-21,0

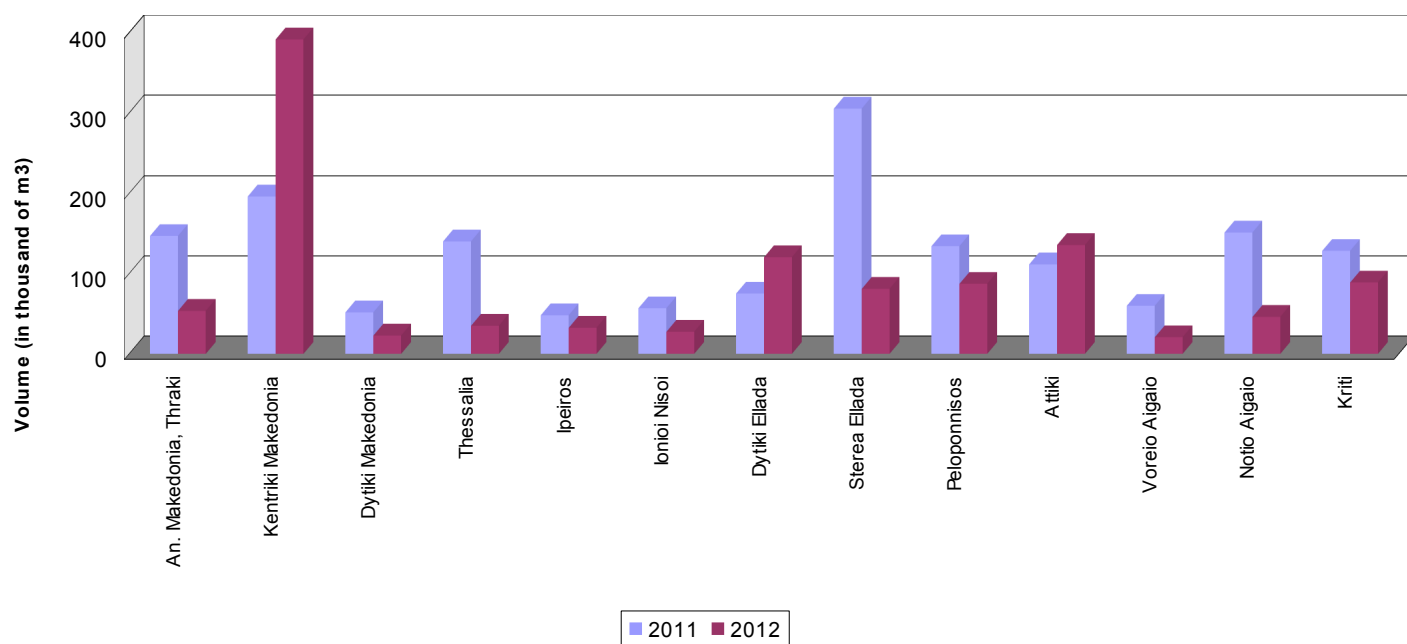
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- August 2011 and 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)	January - August		Change (%)
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1.080	782	-27,6	203	130	-36,3	721	485	-32,7
Kentriki Makedonia	3.077	2.294	-25,4	465	495	6,5	1.881	2.229	18,5
Dytiki Makedonia	390	301	-22,8	83	54	-35,2	315	218	-31,0
Thessalia	1.316	1.012	-23,1	255	172	-32,7	958	607	-36,6
Ipeiros	724	671	-7,3	156	122	-21,6	536	396	-26,1
Ionioi Nisoi	1.012	645	-36,3	147	118	-19,6	491	405	-17,4
Dytiki Ellada	1.753	1.313	-25,1	270	210	-22,3	1.032	812	-21,2
Stereia Ellada	1.870	1.295	-30,7	349	226	-35,0	1.344	1.049	-22,0
Peloponnisos	1.890	1.723	-8,8	380	294	-22,7	1.857	1.074	-42,2
Attiki	6.641	3.803	-42,7	926	636	-31,3	3.522	2.404	-31,7
Voreio Aigaio	699	540	-22,7	87	70	-20,2	303	238	-21,5
Notio Aigaio	1.210	1.204	-0,5	254	205	-19,3	862	666	-22,8
Kriti	1.207	981	-18,7	268	219	-18,2	909	753	-17,2
Greece, Total	22.869	16.564	-27,6	3.843,3	2.950,6	-23,2	14.731,3	11.336,6	-23,0

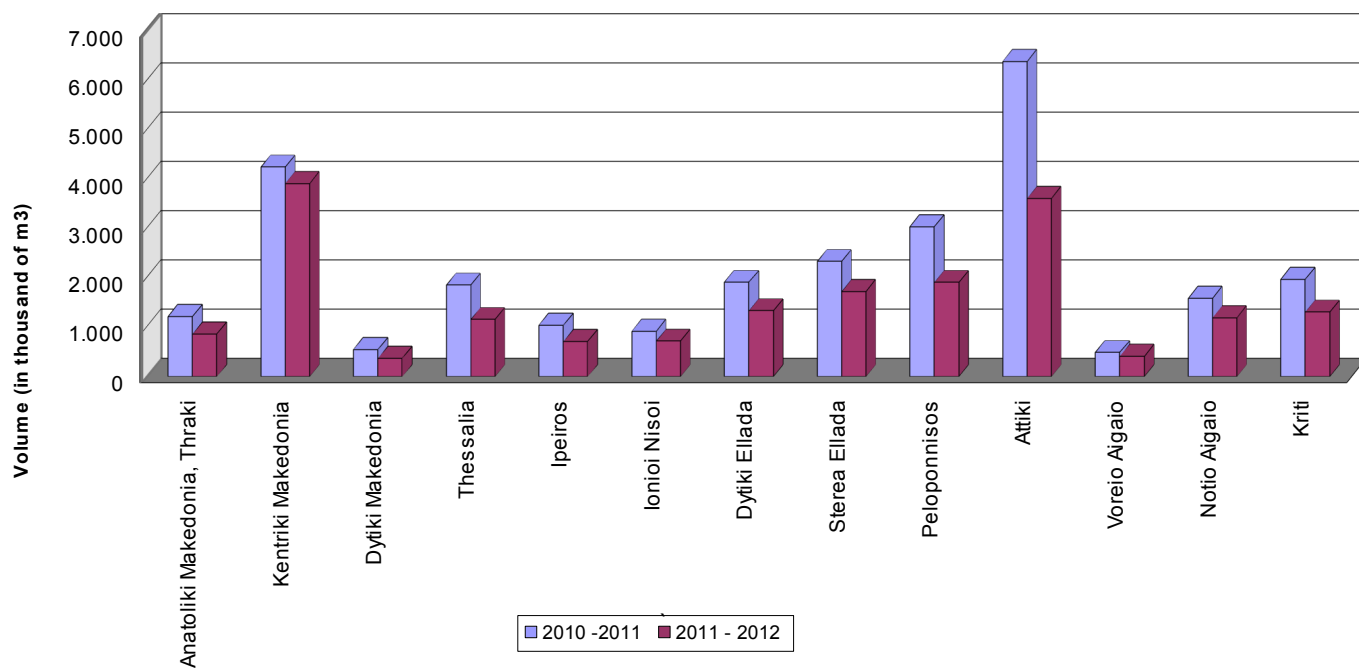
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in August 2011 and 2012*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period September 2010 - August 2011 and September 2011 - August 2012 *



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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	01/8/2012 to 31/8/2012
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 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. 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.