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Building Activity Survey: May 2012

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, May 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 2,410 . This figure corresponds to 505.8 thousand m^2 of surface and 1,815.1 thousand m^3 of volume, reflecting respectively a 31.2 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 5.8 % decrease in surface and a 7.4 % decrease in volume, compared to the month of 2011 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole country, summed to 2,403 building permits, corresponding to 499.4 thousand m^2 of surface and 1,790.0 thousand m^3 of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2011, there is a 31.1 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 6.1 % decrease in surface and a 7.9 % decrease in volume (Table 2).
Public Building Activity in the whole country in May 2012 amounted to 7 building permits, corresponding to 6.3 thousand m^2 of surface and 25.1 thousand m^3 of volume. The Public Building Activity accounted for the 1.4 % of the total building volume in May 2012.

In the last twelve months, from June 2011 until May 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 34,300 . This figure corresponds to 5,944.9 thousand m^2 of surface and 22,774.6 thousand m^3 of volume, reflecting a 18.8 % decrease in the number of building permits, 28.3 % decrease in surface and a 24.8 % decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of June 2010 until May 2011 (Table 3).

In the same period from June 2011 until May 2012 , Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 18.9% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 28.2% decrease in surface and a 25.1 % decrease in volume, compared with the respective period from June 2010 until May 2011 (Table 4). For the same period, the Public Building Activity accounted for the 3.6 % of the total building volume.

During the period January- May 2012, the total Building Activity (private-public) in the whole country recorded a 11.3 % decrease in the number of building permits, a 6.5 % decrease in surface and a 4.9 % decrease in volume, compared with the same period of the year 2011 (Table 5).

During the same period, January- May 2012, Private Building Activity in the whole country recorded a 11.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 9.2 % decrease in surface and a 8.1 % decrease in volume, in comparison with the same period of January- May 2011 (Table 6).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	May		Change	May		Change	May		Change
	2011	2012	(%)	2011	2012	(%)	2011	2012	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	130	121	-6,9	23,0	17,6	-23,4	80,1	60,4	-24,5
Kentriki Makedonia	467	339	-27,4	70,8	72,8	2,8	290,8	300,0	3,2
Dytiki Makedonia	61	45	-26,2	11,5	8,5	-25,9	49,5	35,0	-29,4
Thessalia	177	148	-16,4	33,1	34,9	5,7	121,1	121,6	0,4
Ipeiros	99	100	1,0	22,1	17,7	-19,6	80,2	58,3	-27,3
Ionioi Nisoi	159	92	-42,1	20,1	14,9	-25,8	67,0	50,1	-25,3
Dytiki Ellada	284	181	-36,3	46,0	26,7	-41,9	166,0	98,1	-40,9
Sterea Ellada	288	185	-35,8	49,1	27,4	-44,2	178,2	104,1	-41,6
Peloponnisos	285	252	-11,6	55,0	43,9	-20,2	204,7	162,1	-20,8
Attiki	1.063	482	-54,7	128,4	150,4	17,2	458,0	528,3	15,4
Voreio Aigaio	100	110	10,0	8,8	13,9	57,3	28,5	46,7	64,0
Notio Aigaio	214	198	-7,5	37,2	37,7	1,3	128,0	123,5	-3,6
Kriti	176	157	-10,8	31,6	39,2	23,8	108,5	127,0	17,0
Greece, Total	**3.503**	**2.410**	**-31,2**	**536,8**	**505,8**	**-5,8**	**1.960,7**	**1.815,1**	**-7,4**

* Provisional data

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	May		Change	May		Change	May		Change
	2011	2012	(%)	2011	2012	(%)	2011	2012	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	129	121	-6,2	22,6	17,6	-22,1	78,3	60,4	-22,8
Kentriki Makedonia	459	335	-27,0	67,8	67,2	-0,9	279,7	278,0	-0,6
Dytiki Makedonia	60	45	-25,0	10,7	8,5	-19,9	46,8	35,0	-25,2
Thessalia	176	148	-15,9	33,1	34,9	5,7	121,1	121,6	0,4
Ipeiros	99	100	1,0	22,1	17,7	-19,6	80,2	58,3	-27,3
Ionioi Nisoi	159	92	-42,1	20,1	14,9	-25,8	67,0	50,1	-25,3
Dytiki Ellada	282	180	-36,2	46,0	26,3	-42,9	166,0	96,4	-42,0
Sterea Ellada	288	185	-35,8	49,1	27,4	-44,2	178,2	104,1	-41,6
Peloponnisos	284	251	-11,6	54,5	43,6	-20,0	202,2	160,8	-20,5
Attiki	1.063	481	-54,8	128,4	150,4	17,2	458,0	528,3	15,4
Voreio Aigaio	100	110	10,0	8,8	13,9	57,3	28,5	46,7	64,0
Notio Aigaio	214	198	-7,5	37,2	37,7	1,3	128,0	123,5	-3,6
Kriti	176	157	-10,8	31,6	39,2	23,8	108,5	127,0	17,0
Greece, Total	**3.489**	**2.403**	**-31,1**	**532,0**	**499,4**	**-6,1**	**1.942,6**	**1.790,0**	**-7,9**

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	June-May		Change	June-May		Change	June-May		Change
	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	(%)	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	(%)	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.069	1.640	-20,7	414,9	290,4	-30,0	1.467,0	1.071,9	-26,9
Kentriki Makedonia	5.119	4.840	-5,5	1.278,7	957,5	-25,1	5.127,4	4.076,0	-20,5
Dytiki Makedonia	735	630	-14,3	158,4	126,2	-20,3	607,1	503,9	-17,0
Thessalia	2.578	2.081	-19,3	573,9	388,2	-32,4	2.052,4	1.476,6	-28,1
Ipeiros	1.482	1.170	-21,1	379,2	227,5	-40,0	1.312,1	832,4	-36,6
Ionioi Nisoi	1.868	1.492	-20,1	280,9	220,8	-21,4	959,0	749,2	-21,9
Dytiki Ellada	3.615	2.631	-27,2	617,3	419,4	-32,1	2.212,1	1.499,1	-32,2
Sterea Ellada	3.415	2.777	-18,7	681,6	502,2	-26,3	2.397,0	2.173,5	-9,3
Peloponnisos	3.723	3.344	-10,2	687,6	646,9	-5,9	2.591,6	2.811,4	8,5
Attiki	11.489	8.596	-25,2	1.863,4	1.167,3	-37,4	6.925,8	4.186,6	-39,6
Voreio Aigaio	1.166	1.109	-4,9	144,1	145,8	1,2	486,0	520,7	7,2
Notio Aigaio	2.336	2.205	-5,6	513,3	405,6	-21,0	1.711,7	1.358,5	-20,6
Kriti	2.665	1.785	-33,0	694,2	447,1	-35,6	2.441,5	1.514,9	-38,0
Greece, Total	**42.260**	**34.300**	**-18,8**	**8.287,6**	**5.944,9**	**-28,3**	**30.290,7**	**22.774,6**	**-24,8**

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	June-May		Change	June-May		Change	June-May		Change
	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	(%)	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	(%)	2010 -2011	2011 - 2012	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	2.042	1.610	-21,2	357,1	280,9	-21,4	1.237,1	1.036,8	-16,2
Kentriki Makedonia	5.026	4.764	-5,2	1.224,7	902,1	-26,3	4.890,6	3.839,6	-21,5
Dytiki Makedonia	719	615	-14,5	152,0	107,6	-29,2	575,0	429,3	-25,3
Thessalia	2.559	2.076	-18,9	562,5	380,0	-32,5	1.994,9	1.442,7	-27,7
Ipeiros	1.467	1.162	-20,8	349,5	222,9	-36,2	1.214,6	810,8	-33,2
Ionioi Nisoi	1.866	1.492	-20,0	280,5	220,8	-21,3	957,7	749,2	-21,8
Dytiki Ellada	3.592	2.604	-27,5	603,4	392,7	-34,9	2.159,8	1.388,6	-35,7
Sterea Ellada	3.393	2.769	-18,4	638,6	499,6	-21,8	2.360,5	2.159,0	-8,5
Peloponnisos	3.706	3.289	-11,3	684,6	628,2	-8,2	2.579,9	2.715,6	5,3
Attiki	11.480	8.582	-25,2	1.857,1	1.154,5	-37,8	6.900,1	4.137,4	-40,0
Voreio Aigaio	1.162	1.105	-4,9	143,6	138,6	-3,5	483,8	476,4	-1,5
Notio Aigaio	2.331	2.203	-5,5	512,8	405,0	-21,0	1.710,1	1.356,4	-20,7
Kriti	2.632	1.769	-32,8	649,3	421,5	-35,1	2.252,8	1.416,5	-37,1
Greece, Total	**41.975**	**34.040**	**-18,9**	**8.015,7**	**5.754,4**	**-28,2**	**29.317,0**	**21.958,4**	**-25,1**

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	January- May		Change	January- May		Change	January- May		Change
	2011	2012	(%)	2011	2012	(%)	2011	2012	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	617	539	-12,6	135	92	-31,9	461	345	-25,1
Kentriki Makedonia	1.519	1.534	1,0	250	321	28,4	1.020	1.371	34,4
Dytiki Makedonia	199	206	3,5	49	48	-2,1	184	188	2,2
Thessalia	744	685	-7,9	146	130	-10,6	527	459	-12,9
Ipeiros	386	433	12,2	83	74	-10,7	279	240	-14,1
Ionioi Nisoi	611	445	-27,2	90	71	-21,9	301	248	-17,8
Dytiki Ellada	982	869	-11,5	162	133	-18,0	628	494	-21,4
Sterea Ellada	1.026	912	-11,1	176	163	-7,3	637	779	22,3
Peloponnisos	1.003	1.168	16,5	190	216	13,7	733	828	12,9
Attiki	3.888	2.761	-29,0	577	471	-18,4	2.292	1.716	-25,1
Voreio Aigaio	405	376	-7,2	51	58	13,6	177	213	20,5
Notio Aigaio	733	821	12,0	155	152	-2,1	529	496	-6,2
Kriti	729	647	-11,2	172	162	-6,0	571	551	-3,5
Greece, Total	**12.842**	**11.396**	**-11,3**	**2.235,8**	**2.089,9**	**-6,5**	**8.338,6**	**7.927,1**	**-4,9**

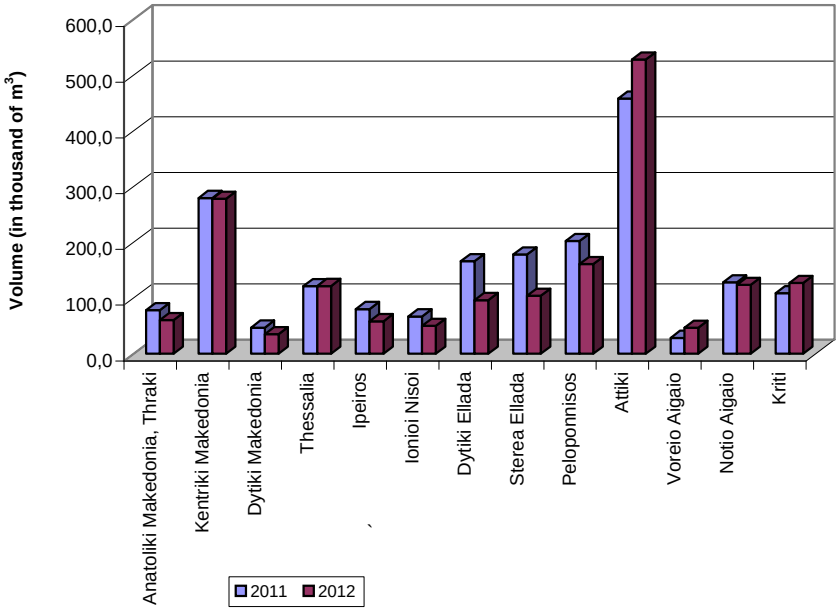
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Table 6. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period January- May 2011 and 2012 *

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m^2)			Volume (in thousand m^3)		
	January- May		Change	January- May		Change	January- May		Change
	2011	2012	(%)	2011	2012	(%)	2011	2012	(%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	607	529	-12,9	118	92	-22,2	402	344	-14,5
Kentriki Makedonia	1.499	1.502	0,2	240	288	19,7	976	1.246	27,7
Dytiki Makedonia	197	201	2,0	48	34	-27,8	180	142	-21,2
Thessalia	741	684	-7,7	145	130	-10,2	523	458	-12,5
Ipeiros	386	433	12,2	83	74	-10,7	279	240	-14,1
Ionioi Nisoi	610	445	-27,0	90	71	-21,6	300	248	-17,4
Dytiki Ellada	975	858	-12,0	160	125	-22,1	621	454	-26,8
Sterea Ellada	1.025	908	-11,4	176	163	-7,4	635	777	22,3
Peloponnisos	998	1.135	13,7	188	201	7,3	724	748	3,2
Attiki	3.886	2.752	-29,2	573	461	-19,6	2.277	1.684	-26,1
Voreio Aigaio	403	373	-7,4	50	51	1,0	175	172	-1,7
Notio Aigaio	732	820	12,0	155	152	-1,9	528	496	-6,1
Kriti	721	641	-11,1	163	147	-10,1	542	495	-8,7
Greece, Total	**12.780**	**11.281**	**-11,7**	**2.188,0**	**1.987,1**	**-9,2**	**8.162,6**	**7.502,9**	**-8,1**

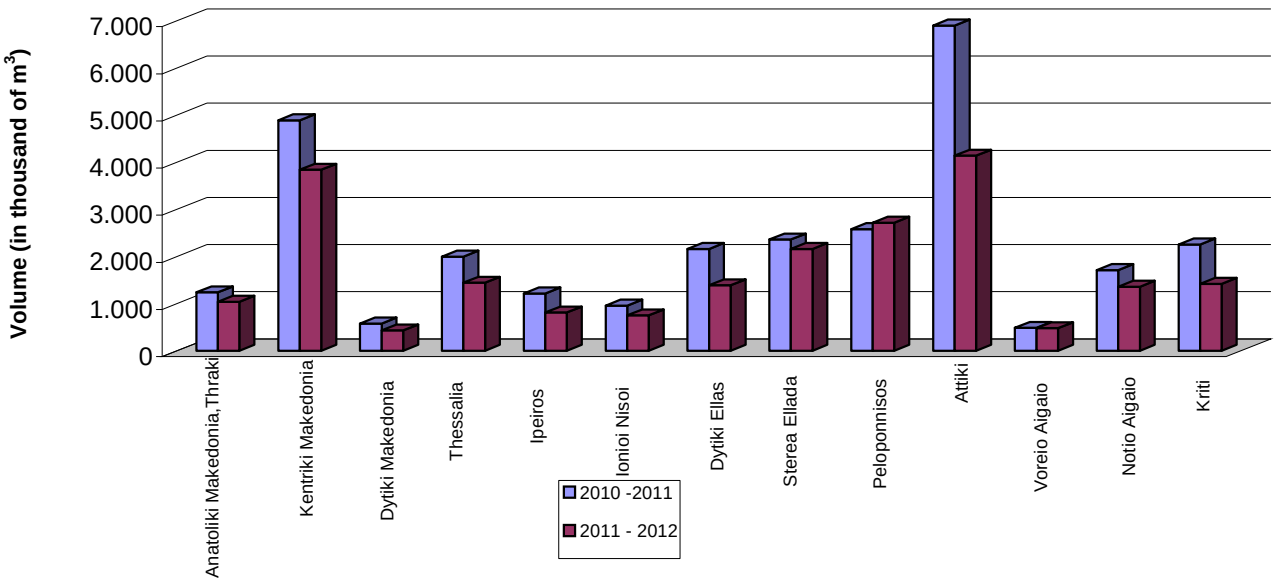
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity, by Region, in May 2011 and 2012*



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Graph 2. Private Building Activity , by Region, for the period June 2010 - May 2011 and June 2011 - May 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 01/5/2012 to 31/5/2012

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 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.