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The General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece publishes provisional data for the Building Activity, based on the building permits issued from the country's Town-Planning Offices during November 2006.

DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2006

In January - November 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 74.912 building permits, which relate to 20.357,3 thousand m² of surface and 76.576,9 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 79.208 building permits, 21.668,4 thousand m² of surface and 78.596,1 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2005. Therefore in January-November 2006 there was a decrease 5,4% in the number of building permits, 6,1% in surface and 2,6% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - November 2006 is 2,5%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - November 2006 και 2005**

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Makedonia and Thraki	3.868	4.111	-5,9	1.050,1	1.197,9	-12,3	3.961,4	4.266,6	-7,2
Central Macedonia	10.590	11.282	-6,1	3.800,8	4.139,6	-8,2	15.514,8	15.678,2	-1,0
Western Macedonia	1.281	1.479	-13,4	410,5	578,5	-29,0	1.468,8	1.926,6	-23,8
Thessalia	4.501	4.885	-7,9	1.351,6	1.446,0	-6,5	4.955,3	5.308,7	-6,7
Ipiros	2.223	2.497	-11,0	657,9	829,1	-20,6	2.379,6	3.075,9	-22,6
Ionian Islands	2.930	2.632	11,3	649,3	543,4	19,5	2.246,4	1.872,2	20,0
Western Greece	4.923	5.352	-8,0	1.082,7	1.313,2	-17,6	4.044,0	4.808,3	-15,9
Central Greece	5.121	5.436	-5,8	1.445,2	1.456,0	-0,7	6.004,9	5.570,0	7,8
Peloponnisos	6.195	6.431	-3,7	1.584,9	1.405,1	12,8	5.718,6	5.074,6	12,7
Attiki	23.074	24.240	-4,8	5.787,3	6.087,9	-4,9	21.011,0	21.513,3	-2,3
Northern Egeo	2.051	2.297	-10,7	314,6	366,1	-14,0	1.175,2	1.306,3	-10,0
Southern Egeo	3.578	3.637	-1,6	761,3	766,1	-0,6	2.696,2	2.636,2	2,3
Kriti	4.577	4.929	-7,1	1.461,0	1.539,7	-5,1	5.400,8	5.559,3	-2,9
Country Total	74.912	79.208	-5,4	20.357,3	21.668,4	-6,1	76.576,9	78.596,1	-2,6

In November 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 6.837 building permits, which relate to 1.763,2 thousand m² of surface and 6.820,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 9.535 building permits, 2.899,8 thousand m² of surface and 10.312,8 thousand m³ of volume of November 2005. Therefore in November 2006 there was an annual decrease 28,3% in the number of building permits, 39,2% in surface and 33,9% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 41 building permits, which relate to 40,9 thousand m² of surface and 282,9 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 63 building permits, 56,5 thousand m² of surface and 264,5 thousand m³ of volume, of November 2005. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in November 2006 is 4,1%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
November 2006 και 2005**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Makedonia and Thraki	353	469	-24,7	78,8	161,8	-51,3	290,1	551,7	-47,4
Central Macedonia	943	1257	-25,0	290,9	496,3	-41,4	1.129,6	1.838,3	-38,6
Western Macedonia	103	137	-24,8	26,8	52,9	-49,3	102,8	156,8	-34,4
Thessalia	396	576	-31,3	105,8	179,1	-40,9	398,3	657,1	-39,4
Ipiros	218	315	-30,8	53,6	131,3	-59,2	183,9	458,7	-59,9
Ionian Islands	301	338	-10,9	67,5	77,8	-13,2	224,9	252,9	-11,1
Western Greece	411	609	-32,5	77,5	174,4	-55,6	272,2	662,3	-58,9
Central Greece	480	661	-27,4	145,0	201,6	-28,1	611,1	734,4	-16,8
Peloponnisos	598	743	-19,5	134,5	174,9	-23,1	475,7	579,0	-17,8
Attiki	2114	3165	-33,2	526,8	908,3	-42,0	2.056,2	3.219,9	-36,1
Northern Egeo	186	228	-18,4	31,6	39,8	-20,6	115,7	151,4	-23,6
Southern Egeo	337	456	-26,1	57,2	93,5	-38,7	202,8	361,3	-43,9
Kriti	397	581	-31,7	167,2	208,2	-19,7	756,9	688,8	9,9
Country Total	6.837	9.535	-28,3	1.763,2	2.899,8	-39,2	6.820,2	10.312,8	-33,9

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2006

During the period January-November 2006, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease 5,4% in the number of building permits, 6,0% in surface and 2,5% in volume as compared to the same period of 2005.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-November 2006, has come up to 20.859,7 thousand m³, as compared to 21.341,4 thousand m³ of 2005 (decrease 2,3%).

For the rest of the country the building activity volume has come up to 53.777,1 thousand m³, as compared to 55.192,8 thousand m³, of the same period of 2005 (decrease 2,6%).

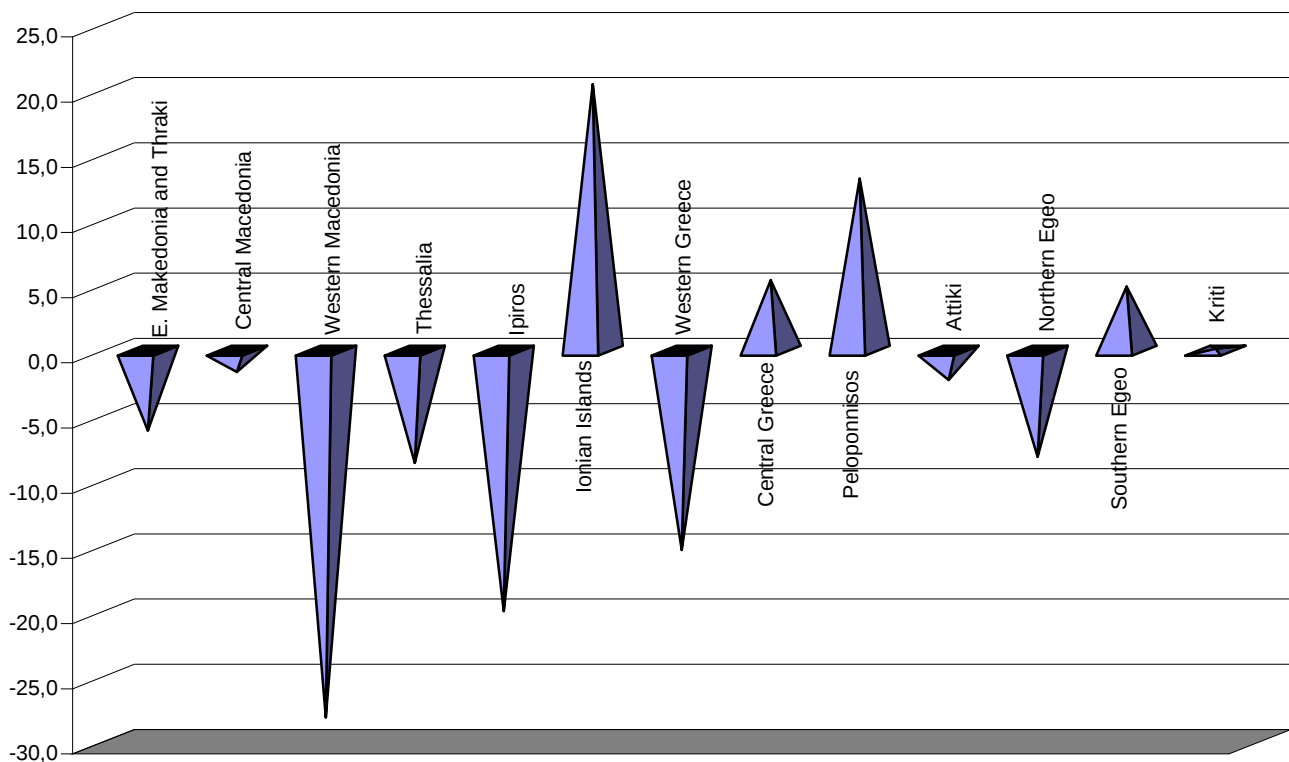
The biggest decrease was observed in the Regions of Western Macedonia (28,1%), Ipiros (20,0%) and Western Greece (15,3%).

On the contrary great increase in Building Activity was observed in the Region of Ionian Islands (20,4%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - November 2006 και 2005

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Makedonia and Thraki	3.807	4.060	-6,2	1.021,4	1.156,5	-11,7	3.840,2	4.090,7	-6,1
Central Macedonia	10.422	11.082	-6,0	3.711,0	4.078,4	-9,0	15.086,1	15.338,6	-1,6
Western Macedonia	1.245	1.444	-13,8	379,7	562,2	-32,5	1.342,5	1.867,7	-28,1
Thessalia	4.454	4.853	-8,2	1.313,0	1.422,2	-7,7	4.768,7	5.218,1	-8,6
Ipiros	2.194	2.458	-10,7	641,8	780,6	-17,8	2.300,4	2.875,3	-20,0
Ionian Islands	2.906	2.613	11,2	639,3	536,2	19,2	2.204,4	1.830,2	20,4
Western Greece	4.897	5.313	-7,8	1.071,9	1.290,3	-16,9	3.995,2	4.717,0	-15,3
Central Greece	5.072	5.401	-6,1	1.401,8	1.442,9	-2,8	5.795,8	5.498,5	5,4
Peloponnisos	6.152	6.385	-3,6	1.555,8	1.382,1	12,6	5.598,9	4.946,2	13,2
Attiki	23.036	24.196	-4,8	5.755,3	6.051,4	-4,9	20.859,7	21.341,4	-2,3
Northern Egeo	2.037	2.278	-10,6	300,9	344,1	-12,5	1.106,8	1.204,8	-8,1
Southern Egeo	3.554	3.594	-1,1	754,2	741,6	1,7	2.650,7	2.526,4	4,9
Kriti	4.536	4.883	-7,1	1.416,1	1.453,0	-2,5	5.087,4	5.079,2	0,2
Country Total	74.312	78.560	-5,4	19.962,2	21.241,3	-6,0	74.636,8	76.534,2	-2,5

Private Building Activity by Region
January - November 2006 and 2005
% of change of building volume



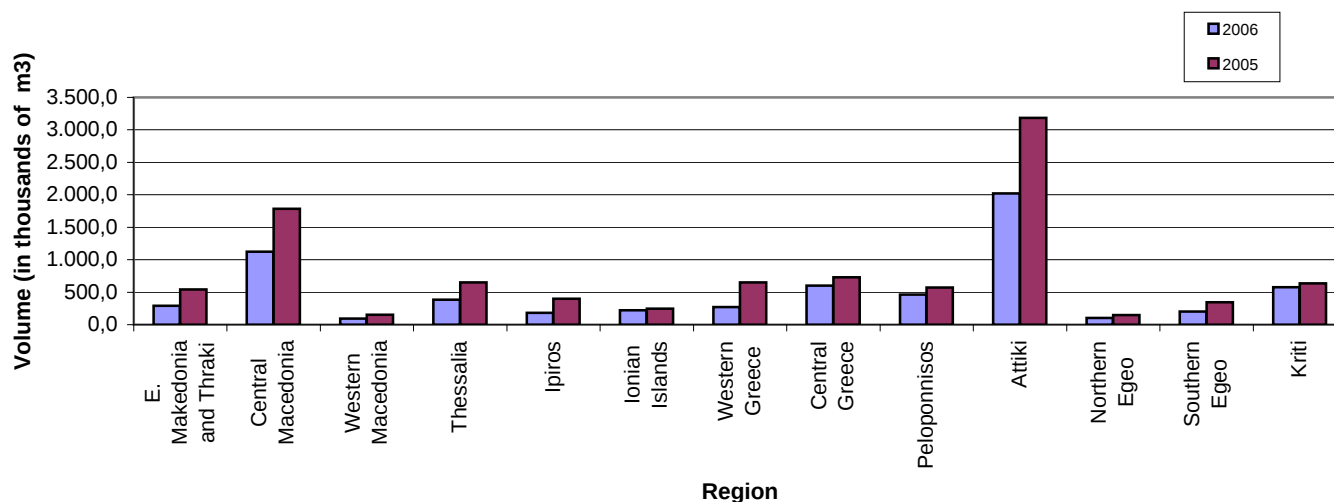
In November 2006 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 6.796 building permits, which relate to 1.722,3 thousand m² of surface and 6.537,3 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 9.472 building permits, 2.843,4 thousand m² of surface and 10.048,3 thousand m³ of volume of November 2005.

There was an annual decrease 28,3% in the number of building permits, 39,4% in surface and 34,9% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
November 2006 and 2005**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Makedonia and Thraki	348	465	-25,2	78,5	160,2	-51,0	288,7	543,3	-46,9
Central Macedonia	935	1.246	-25,0	289,2	489,0	-40,9	1.122,7	1.783,8	-37,1
Western Macedonia	99	135	-26,7	23,5	51,8	-54,7	93,0	154,1	-39,7
Thessalia	394	572	-31,1	103,0	177,5	-42,0	384,7	651,5	-40,9
Ipiros	217	309	-29,8	53,4	114,3	-53,2	183,5	398,7	-54,0
Ionian Islands	299	334	-10,5	67,3	76,7	-12,3	223,8	248,9	-10,1
Western Greece	410	604	-32,1	77,5	171,1	-54,7	272,2	650,7	-58,2
Central Greece	478	659	-27,5	142,1	201,1	-29,3	601,0	730,6	-17,7
Peloponnisos	591	737	-19,8	131,1	173,4	-24,4	463,8	573,0	-19,1
Attiki	2.111	3.160	-33,2	518,7	903,1	-42,6	2.022,8	3.185,9	-36,5
Northern Egeo	185	225	-17,8	29,3	38,5	-24,1	101,6	147,0	-30,9
Southern Egeo	335	449	-25,4	56,7	90,8	-37,6	200,9	347,4	-42,2
Kriti	394	577	-31,7	152,1	195,7	-22,3	578,6	633,6	-8,7
Country Total	6.796	9.472	-28,3	1.722,3	2.843,4	-39,4	6.537,3	10.048,3	-34,9

**Private Building Activity by Region
November 2006 and 2005**



1Summary metadata: The data above refer to the authorized building activity(public and private).

Specifically the results above refer to data on building permits totally issued by the competent authorities. Such data are collected through a special monthly survey , the building permit survey. The data are collected from administrative sources(Town Planning Offices).External engineers, simulataneously with the issue of the building permit, fill in the questionnaires, properly designed for the survey.

A building permit is an authorization to start work on a building project. As such a permit is the final stage of planning and building authorizations, prior to the start of work.

The legal basis of the survey is :- L. 2396/96 (concerning the access of the General Secretary of National Statistical Service of Greece to administrative sources and archives and the regulation of issues regarding census surveys and statistical works) and the following STS Regulations:

- EU Regulation 1165/98 (concerning short-term statistics)
- EU Regulation 1158/2005 (amending EU Regulation 1165/98).

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