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BUILDING ACTIVITY

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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 April 2007.

DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - APRIL 2007

In January - April 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 25.440 building permits, which relate to 6.412,6 thousand m² of surface and 24.195,6 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 24.945 building permits, 6.684,1 thousand m² of surface and 24.880,5 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2006. Therefore in January-April 2007 there was an increase 2,0% in the number of building permits, decrease 4,1% in surface and 2,8% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume In January - April 2007 is 1,6%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - April 2007 / 2006**

| Region | Number of Building Permits | | | Surface (in thousands of m ²) | | | Volume (in thousands of m ³) | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 |
| E. Makedonia and Thraki | 1.258 | 1.269 | -0,9 | 315,9 | 343,6 | -8,1 | 1.168,1 | 1.287,7 | -9,3 |
| Central Macedonia | 3.243 | 3.423 | -5,3 | 1.076,1 | 1.287,4 | -16,4 | 4.668,9 | 5.099,3 | -8,4 |
| Western Macedonia | 393 | 373 | 5,4 | 105,3 | 121,8 | -13,6 | 353,0 | 428,0 | -17,5 |
| Thessalia | 1.611 | 1.423 | 13,2 | 452,0 | 443,1 | 2,0 | 1.682,7 | 1.571,1 | 7,1 |
| Ipiros | 775 | 719 | 7,8 | 216,3 | 214,4 | 0,9 | 771,8 | 781,6 | -1,2 |
| Ionian Islands | 967 | 1.020 | -5,2 | 210,4 | 199,9 | 5,2 | 732,4 | 687,0 | 6,6 |
| Western Greece | 1.680 | 1.615 | 4,0 | 391,2 | 366,4 | 6,8 | 1.514,9 | 1.320,3 | 14,7 |
| Central Greece | 1.913 | 1.648 | 16,1 | 486,6 | 493,5 | -1,4 | 1.848,7 | 2.264,1 | -18,3 |
| Peloponnisos | 2.089 | 1.933 | 8,1 | 499,9 | 454,1 | 10,1 | 1.778,7 | 1.581,0 | 12,5 |
| Attiki | 8.091 | 7.975 | 1,5 | 1.735,5 | 1.921,1 | -9,7 | 6.358,9 | 6.855,5 | -7,2 |
| Northern Egeo | 706 | 719 | -1,8 | 115,4 | 103,4 | 11,7 | 419,0 | 374,3 | 11,9 |
| Southern Egeo | 1.114 | 1.332 | -16,4 | 289,2 | 289,6 | -0,1 | 1.022,4 | 1.024,9 | -0,3 |
| Kriti | 1.600 | 1.496 | 7,0 | 518,9 | 445,8 | 16,4 | 1.876,0 | 1.605,7 | 16,8 |
| Country Total | 25.440 | 24.945 | 2,0 | 6.412,6 | 6.684,1 | -4,1 | 24.195,6 | 24.880,5 | -2,8 |

In April 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 6.173 building permits, which relate to 1.577,7 thousand m² of surface and 5.931,9 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.357 building permits, 1.832,3 thousand m² of surface and 6.896,7 thousand m³ of volume of April 2006.

Therefore in April 2007 there was an annual decrease 2,9% in the number of building permits, 13,9% in surface and 14,0% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 24 building permits, which relate to 14,7 thousand m² of surface and 103,1 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 50 building permits, 27,8 thousand m² of surface and 134,9 thousand m³ of volume, of April 2006. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in April 2007 is 1,7%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
April 2007 / 2006**

| Region | Number of building permits | | | Surface (in thousands of m ²) | | | Volume (in thousands of m ³) | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 |
| E. Makedonia and Thraki | 322 | 310 | 3,9 | 81,4 | 97,7 | -16,7 | 293,8 | 353,8 | -17,0 |
| Central Macedonia | 804 | 886 | -9,3 | 260,6 | 332,7 | -21,7 | 1.176,6 | 1.300,1 | -9,5 |
| Western Macedonia | 119 | 111 | 7,2 | 32,8 | 42,6 | -23,2 | 113,5 | 150,3 | -24,5 |
| Thessalia | 435 | 322 | 35,1 | 133,8 | 104,3 | 28,3 | 480,0 | 383,5 | 25,2 |
| Ipiros | 204 | 157 | 29,9 | 61,3 | 56,3 | 8,9 | 222,6 | 190,1 | 17,1 |
| Ionian Islands | 228 | 206 | 10,7 | 54,7 | 39,1 | 40,2 | 176,9 | 132,9 | 33,1 |
| Western Greece | 426 | 434 | -1,8 | 109,4 | 97,3 | 12,4 | 478,6 | 308,9 | 55,0 |
| Central Greece | 464 | 398 | 16,6 | 115,0 | 153,9 | -25,3 | 411,1 | 851,9 | -51,7 |
| Peloponnisos | 495 | 498 | -0,6 | 110,6 | 111,3 | -0,6 | 426,4 | 375,9 | 13,4 |
| Attiki | 1851 | 2126 | -12,9 | 386,1 | 576,2 | -33,0 | 1.336,5 | 2.049,7 | -34,8 |
| Northern Egeo | 176 | 172 | 2,3 | 27,0 | 21,7 | 24,4 | 101,3 | 82,8 | 22,3 |
| Southern Egeo | 258 | 328 | -21,3 | 81,2 | 65,3 | 24,3 | 282,0 | 237,6 | 18,7 |
| Kriti | 391 | 409 | -4,4 | 123,8 | 133,9 | -7,6 | 432,5 | 479,1 | -9,7 |
| Country Total | 6.173 | 6.357 | -2,9 | 1.577,7 | 1.832,3 | -13,9 | 5.931,9 | 6.896,7 | -14,0 |

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - APRIL 2007

During the period January-April 2007, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was an increase 2,2% in the number of building permits, decrease 3,7% in surface and 2,3% in volume as compared to the same period of 2006.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-April 2007, has come up to 6.353,4 thousand m³, as compared to 6.839,3 thousand m³ of 2006 (decrease of 7,1%).

For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 17.444,1 thousand m³, as compared to 17.508,4 thousand m³, of the same period of 2006 (decrease 0,4%).

The highest decrease was observed in the Regions of Western Macedonia (19,9%) and Central Greece (15,1%). On the contrary a significant increase in Building Activity was observed in the Regions of Northern Egeo (18,4%) and Western Greece (17,2%).

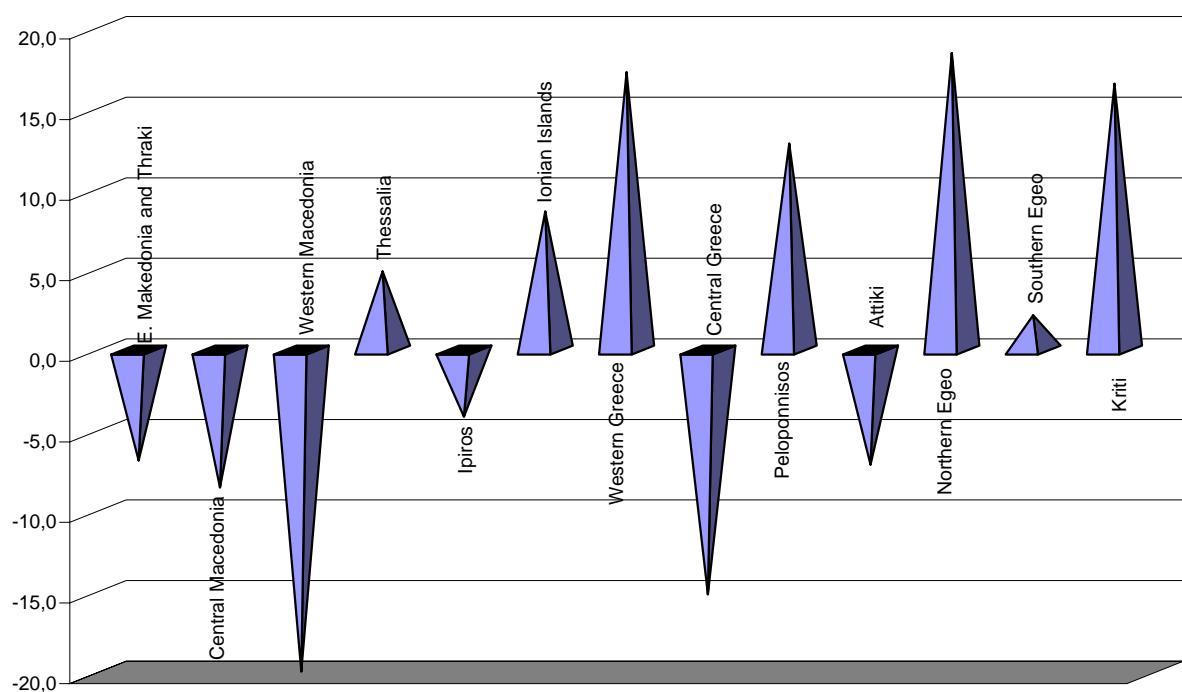
Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - April 2007 / 2006

| Region | Number of building permits | | | Surface (in thousands of m ²) | | | Volume (in thousands of m ³) | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 |
| E. Makedonia and Thraki | 1.246 | 1.254 | -0,6 | 314,6 | 335,0 | -6,1 | 1.161,0 | 1.246,3 | -6,8 |
| Central Macedonia | 3.217 | 3.358 | -4,2 | 1.059,1 | 1.268,3 | -16,5 | 4.590,7 | 5.017,8 | -8,5 |
| Western Macedonia | 389 | 366 | 6,3 | 101,6 | 120,5 | -15,7 | 338,6 | 423,0 | -19,9 |
| Thessalia | 1.587 | 1.409 | 12,6 | 441,2 | 439,4 | 0,4 | 1.633,5 | 1.557,3 | 4,9 |
| Ipiros | 759 | 707 | 7,4 | 206,6 | 207,6 | -0,5 | 720,7 | 751,8 | -4,1 |
| Ionian Islands | 961 | 1.015 | -5,3 | 207,3 | 194,5 | 6,6 | 721,7 | 664,6 | 8,6 |
| Western Greece | 1.678 | 1.603 | 4,7 | 388,9 | 358,8 | 8,4 | 1.507,1 | 1.285,4 | 17,2 |
| Central Greece | 1.907 | 1.621 | 17,6 | 483,2 | 472,8 | 2,2 | 1.834,0 | 2.161,5 | -15,1 |
| Peloponnisos | 2.073 | 1.924 | 7,7 | 488,9 | 437,8 | 11,7 | 1.703,7 | 1.510,2 | 12,8 |
| Attiki | 8.080 | 7.968 | 1,4 | 1.734,1 | 1.917,5 | -9,6 | 6.353,4 | 6.839,3 | -7,1 |
| Northern Egeo | 705 | 711 | -0,8 | 115,3 | 99,5 | 15,9 | 418,3 | 353,2 | 18,4 |
| Southern Egeo | 1.106 | 1.321 | -16,3 | 285,7 | 284,9 | 0,3 | 1.009,9 | 988,4 | 2,2 |
| Kriti | 1.581 | 1.484 | 6,5 | 500,4 | 431,9 | 15,8 | 1.805,0 | 1.549,0 | 16,5 |
| Country Total | 25.289 | 24.741 | 2,2 | 6.326,8 | 6.568,7 | -3,7 | 23.797,5 | 24.347,7 | -2,3 |

Private Building Activity by Region

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% of change of building volume

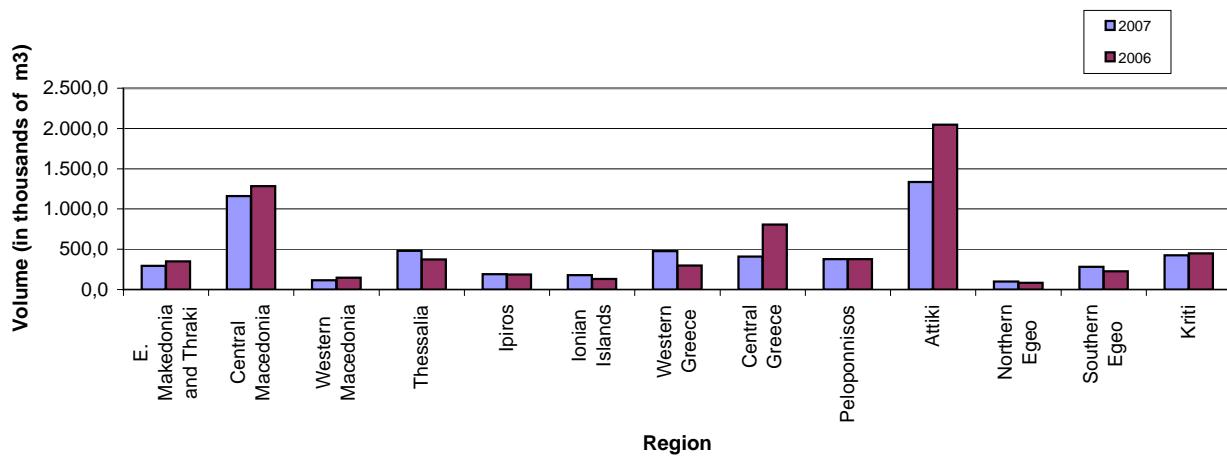


In April 2007 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 6.149 building permits, which relate to 1.563,0 thousand m² of surface and 5.828,7 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.307 building permits, 1.804,5 thousand m² of surface and 6.761,8 thousand m³ of volume of April 2006. There was an annual decrease 2,5% in the number of building permits, 13,4% in surface and 13,8% in volume.

Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
April 2007 / 2006

| Region | Number of building permits | | | Surface (in thousands of m ²) | | | Volume (in thousands of m ³) | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) 2007/2006 |
| E. Makedonia and Thraki | 322 | 309 | 4,2 | 81,4 | 96,6 | -15,8 | 293,8 | 349,4 | -15,9 |
| Central Macedonia | 797 | 866 | -8,0 | 258,3 | 329,6 | -21,6 | 1.161,9 | 1.285,4 | -9,6 |
| Western Macedonia | 119 | 109 | 9,2 | 32,8 | 42,0 | -22,0 | 113,5 | 147,7 | -23,1 |
| Thessalia | 432 | 314 | 37,6 | 133,6 | 102,1 | 30,9 | 479,5 | 374,4 | 28,1 |
| Ipiros | 202 | 155 | 30,3 | 56,0 | 55,7 | 0,7 | 192,4 | 187,0 | 2,9 |
| Ionian Islands | 228 | 206 | 10,7 | 54,7 | 39,1 | 40,2 | 176,9 | 132,9 | 33,1 |
| Western Greece | 426 | 430 | -0,9 | 109,4 | 94,5 | 15,8 | 478,6 | 297,3 | 61,0 |
| Central Greece | 464 | 393 | 18,1 | 115,0 | 147,1 | -21,8 | 411,1 | 807,7 | -49,1 |
| Peloponnisos | 491 | 497 | -1,2 | 106,1 | 111,3 | -4,7 | 377,2 | 375,9 | 0,4 |
| Attiki | 1.850 | 2.123 | -12,9 | 386,1 | 575,9 | -33,0 | 1.336,5 | 2.048,2 | -34,7 |
| Northern Egeo | 176 | 172 | 2,3 | 27,0 | 21,7 | 24,4 | 101,3 | 82,8 | 22,3 |
| Southern Egeo | 256 | 325 | -21,2 | 81,0 | 63,0 | 28,6 | 281,3 | 224,9 | 25,1 |
| Kriti | 386 | 408 | -5,4 | 121,6 | 126,1 | -3,6 | 424,6 | 448,3 | -5,3 |
| Country Total | 6.149 | 6.307 | -2,5 | 1.563,0 | 1.804,5 | -13,4 | 5.828,7 | 6.761,8 | -13,8 |

Private Building Activity by Region
April 2007 / 2006



1Summary metadata: The data above refer to the authorised 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, simultaneously 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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