

PRESS RELEASE

BUILDING ACTIVITY

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The General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece publishes provisional data for Building Activity, based on the building permits issued from the country's Town-Planning Offices during September 2007.

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

In January - September 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 58.272 building permits, which relate to 15.368,2 thousand m² of surface and 58.983,1 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 61.391 building permits, 16.790,7 thousand m² of surface and 62.901,5 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2006. Therefore in January-September 2007 there was a decrease of 5,1% in the number of building permits, 8,5% in surface and 6,2% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - September 2007 is 1,7%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - September 2007 και 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. Macedonia and Thraki	2.947	3.159	-6,7	784,2	890,9	-12,0	3.037,0	3.378,9	-10,1
Central Macedonia	7.198	8.685	-17,1	2.514,0	3.174,0	-20,8	11.256,0	12.849,8	-12,4
Western Macedonia	1.044	1.063	-1,8	347,3	339,5	2,3	1.289,8	1.221,5	5,6
Thessalia	3.657	3.706	-1,3	1.075,9	1.131,2	-4,9	4.256,6	4.093,9	4,0
Ipiros	1.811	1.806	0,3	526,2	552,4	-4,8	1.890,7	1.984,8	-4,7
Ionian Islands	2.170	2.359	-8,0	499,1	473,6	5,4	1.723,9	1.645,7	4,8
Western Greece	3.866	4.107	-5,9	874,6	898,7	-2,7	3.394,0	3.353,8	1,2
Central Greece	4.268	4.178	2,2	1.172,7	1.153,1	1,7	4.745,4	4.787,2	-0,9
Peloponnisos	4.767	5.068	-5,9	1.124,0	1.323,1	-15,0	3.894,4	4.810,5	-19,0
Attiki	18.214	18.902	-3,6	4.192,0	4.796,0	-12,6	15.492,0	17.361,4	-10,8
Northern Egeo	1.665	1.670	-0,3	281,0	255,8	9,8	1.010,4	950,4	6,3
Southern Egeo	2.718	2.997	-9,3	628,6	651,1	-3,5	2.229,7	2.316,0	-3,7
Kriti	3.947	3.691	6,9	1.348,6	1.151,3	17,1	4.763,1	4.147,6	14,8
Country Total	58.272	61.391	-5,1	15.368,2	16.790,7	-8,5	58.983,1	62.901,5	-6,2

In September 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 5.510 building permits, which relate to 1.466,8 thousand m² of surface and 5.855,7 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.171 building permits, 1.723,5 thousand m² of surface and 6.404,3 thousand m³ of volume of September 2006. Therefore in September 2007 there was an annual decrease of 10,7% in the number of building permits, 14,9% in surface and 8,6% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 41 building permits, which relate to 25,5 thousand m² of surface and 176,6 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 47 building permits, 46,3 thousand m² of surface and 222,0 thousand m³ of volume, of September 2006. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in September 2007 is 3,0%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
September 2007 και 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	276	381	-27,6	74,8	99,4	-24,8	276,5	366,7	-24,6
Central Macedonia	751	1006	-25,3	259,5	342,4	-24,2	1.288,2	1.337,2	-3,7
Western Macedonia	125	121	3,3	50,6	32,0	58,0	198,2	120,0	65,2
Thessalia	388	390	-0,5	137,6	140,7	-2,2	554,5	532,8	4,1
Ipiros	213	234	-9,0	52,3	67,3	-22,4	182,2	211,3	-13,8
Ionian Islands	183	245	-25,3	39,6	50,6	-21,7	116,5	198,0	-41,1
Western Greece	336	389	-13,6	76,2	96,5	-21,0	286,7	348,0	-17,6
Central Greece	364	469	-22,4	94,8	113,2	-16,2	400,0	445,0	-10,1
Peloponnisos	424	469	-9,6	96,2	174,3	-44,8	342,0	694,9	-50,8
Attiki	1530	1680	-8,9	359,5	423,1	-15,0	1.405,3	1.466,8	-4,2
Northern Egeo	164	163	0,6	35,4	28,7	23,2	123,2	108,9	13,2
Southern Egeo	280	241	16,2	59,6	39,6	50,2	205,3	137,1	49,8
Kriti	476	383	24,3	130,7	115,6	13,1	477,3	437,6	9,1
Country Total	5.510	6.171	-10,7	1.466,8	1.723,5	-14,9	5.855,7	6.404,3	-8,6

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2007

During the period January-September 2007, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease of 4,9% in the number of building permits, 7,9% in surface and 5,5% in volume as compared to the same period of 2006.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-September 2007, has come up to 15.475,6 thousand m³, as compared to 17.246,5 thousand m³ of 2006 (decrease 10,3%).

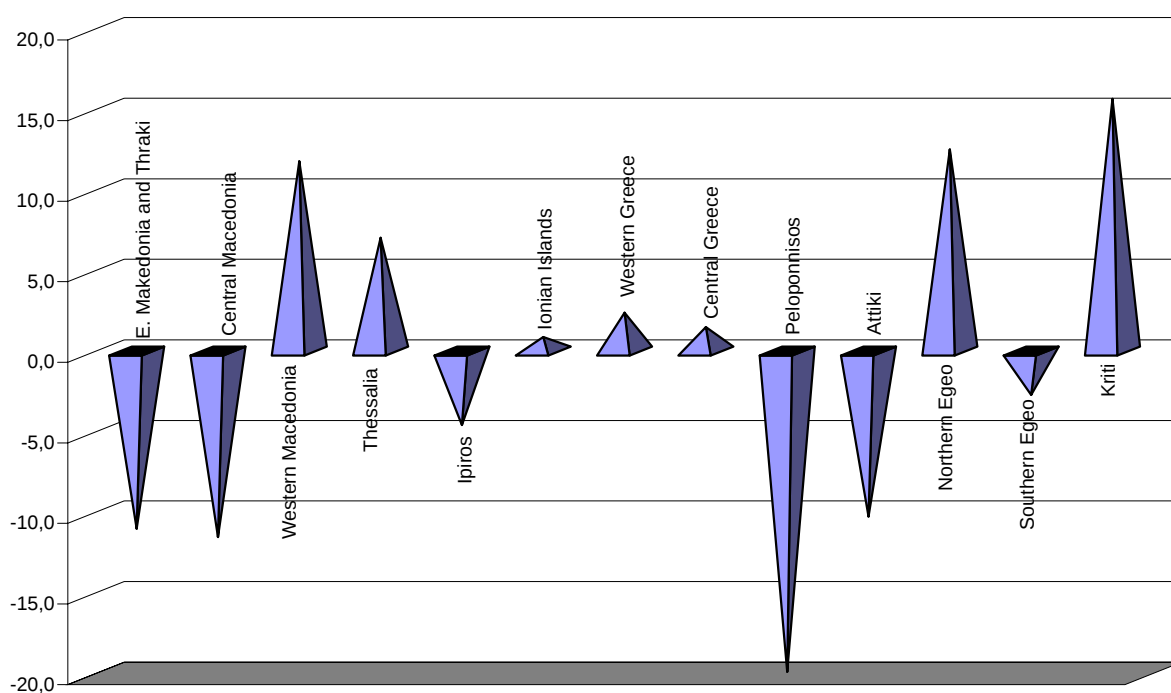
For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 42.500,7 thousand m³, as compared to 44.077,5 thousand m³, of the same period of 2006 (decrease 3,6%).

The biggest decrease was observed in the Regions of Peloponnisos (19,9%), Central Macedonia (11,5%). Eastern Macedonia and Thraki (11,0%) and Attiki (10,3%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - September 2007 και 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	2.896	3.113	-7,0	764,8	869,1	-12,0	2.926,0	3.288,3	-11,0
Central Macedonia	7.114	8.541	-16,7	2.465,3	3.091,9	-20,3	11.020,1	12.456,6	-11,5
Western Macedonia	1.031	1.033	-0,2	336,9	312,6	7,8	1.237,5	1.107,2	11,8
Thessalia	3.625	3.664	-1,1	1.064,0	1.096,5	-3,0	4.202,7	3.926,7	7,0
Ipiros	1.782	1.782	0,0	512,3	537,8	-4,8	1.823,7	1.911,4	-4,6
Ionian Islands	2.157	2.339	-7,8	472,4	464,0	1,8	1.620,3	1.606,1	0,9
Western Greece	3.861	4.083	-5,4	871,9	887,9	-1,8	3.383,9	3.305,1	2,4
Central Greece	4.255	4.133	3,0	1.160,9	1.112,9	4,3	4.657,3	4.589,1	1,5
Peloponnisos	4.728	5.034	-6,1	1.100,1	1.298,2	-15,3	3.768,6	4.705,0	-19,9
Attiki	18.194	18.873	-3,6	4.187,6	4.772,7	-12,3	15.475,6	17.246,5	-10,3
Northern Egeo	1.662	1.657	0,3	280,3	244,5	14,6	1.008,2	896,1	12,5
Southern Egeo	2.703	2.977	-9,2	623,0	644,5	-3,3	2.210,5	2.272,5	-2,7
Kriti	3.917	3.656	7,1	1.317,0	1.121,8	17,4	4.641,8	4.013,4	15,7
Country Total	57.925	60.885	-4,9	15.156,4	16.454,4	-7,9	57.976,3	61.324,0	-5,5

Private Building Activity by Region
January - September 2007 and 2006
% of change of building volume



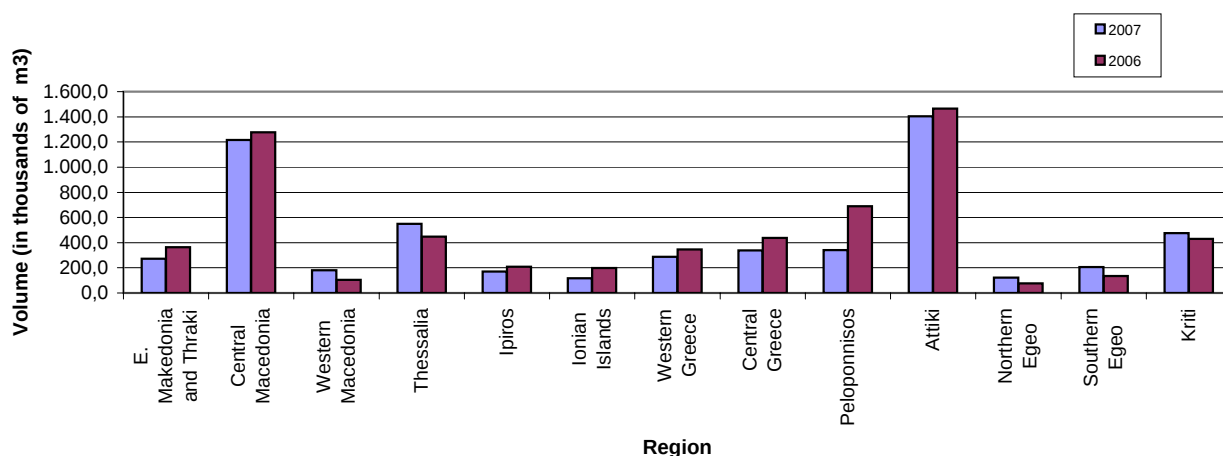
In September 2007 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 5.469 building permits, which relate to 1.441,3 thousand m² of surface and 5.679,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.124 building permits, 1.677,2 thousand m² of surface and 6.182,4 thousand m³ of volume of September 2006.

There was an annual decrease 10,7% in the number of building permits, 14,1% in surface and 8,1% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
September 2007 and 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	270	379	-28,8	73,6	98,7	-25,4	271,8	363,8	-25,3
Central Macedonia	733	995	-26,3	249,1	332,1	-25,0	1.216,5	1.276,0	-4,7
Western Macedonia	122	116	5,2	47,6	27,4	73,4	179,4	105,0	70,9
Thessalia	384	384	0,0	136,7	124,6	9,7	550,7	447,1	23,2
Ipiros	211	230	-8,3	49,4	66,6	-25,9	171,6	209,1	-17,9
Ionian Islands	183	245	-25,3	39,6	50,6	-21,7	116,5	198,0	-41,1
Western Greece	336	386	-13,0	76,2	96,3	-20,8	286,7	347,0	-17,4
Central Greece	363	465	-21,9	89,1	111,0	-19,8	337,7	437,5	-22,8
Peloponnisos	421	467	-9,9	96,0	172,7	-44,4	341,4	690,2	-50,5
Attiki	1.529	1.679	-8,9	358,8	422,9	-15,1	1.403,0	1.466,4	-4,3
Northern Egeo	164	160	2,5	35,4	21,5	64,6	123,2	77,3	59,5
Southern Egeo	280	239	17,2	59,6	39,3	51,7	205,3	135,5	51,5
Kriti	473	379	24,8	130,2	113,7	14,5	475,4	429,5	10,7
Country Total	5.469	6.124	-10,7	1.441,3	1.677,2	-14,1	5.679,2	6.182,4	-8,1

**Private Building Activity by Region
September 2007 and 2006**



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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