

PRESS RELEASE

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 October 2007.

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

In January - October 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 65.267 building permits, which relate to 17.129,8 thousand m² of surface and 65.702,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 68.075 building permits, 18.594,1 thousand m² of surface and 69.756,7 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2006. Therefore in January-October 2007 there was a decrease of 4,1% in the number of building permits, 7,9% in surface and 5,8% in volume.

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

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - October 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	3.287	3.515	-6,5	875,5	971,4	-9,9	3.393,9	3.671,3	-7,6
Central Macedonia	8.077	9.647	-16,3	2.789,1	3.509,9	-20,5	12.541,9	14.385,3	-12,8
Western Macedonia	1.159	1.178	-1,6	377,5	383,6	-1,6	1.405,5	1.366,0	2,9
Thessalia	4.089	4.105	-0,4	1.191,6	1.245,8	-4,3	4.692,9	4.556,9	3,0
Ipiros	2.037	2.005	1,6	583,0	604,4	-3,5	2.082,0	2.195,7	-5,2
Ionian Islands	2.430	2.629	-7,6	545,9	581,8	-6,2	1.878,8	2.021,5	-7,1
Western Greece	4.347	4.512	-3,7	977,8	1.005,2	-2,7	3.775,4	3.771,8	0,1
Central Greece	4.695	4.641	1,2	1.296,7	1.300,2	-0,3	5.222,1	5.393,8	-3,2
Peloponnisos	5.392	5.597	-3,7	1.270,2	1.450,3	-12,4	4.393,5	5.242,8	-16,2
Attiki	20.438	20.960	-2,5	4.664,1	5.260,5	-11,3	17.277,8	18.954,8	-8,8
Northern Egeo	1.820	1.865	-2,4	318,0	283,0	12,4	1.135,6	1.059,5	7,2
Southern Egeo	3.077	3.241	-5,1	717,4	704,1	1,9	2.535,4	2.493,3	1,7
Kriti	4.419	4.180	5,7	1.523,0	1.293,8	17,7	5.367,6	4.643,9	15,6
Country Total	65.267	68.075	-4,1	17.129,8	18.594,1	-7,9	65.702,2	69.756,7	-5,8

In October 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 6.995 building permits, which relate to 1.761,6 thousand m² of surface and 6.719,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.684 building permits, 1.803,4 thousand m² of surface and 6.855,2 thousand m³ of volume of October 2006. Therefore in October 2007 there was an annual increase of 4,7% in the number of building permits, decrease of 2,3% in surface and 2,0% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 35 building permits, which relate to 10,6 thousand m² of surface and 37,2 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 53 building permits, 17,8 thousand m² of surface and 79,8 thousand m³ of volume, of October 2006. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in October 2007 is 0,6%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
October 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	340	356	-4,5	91,3	80,5	13,4	356,8	292,5	22,0
Central Macedonia	879	962	-8,6	275,1	335,9	-18,1	1.285,9	1.535,5	-16,3
Western Macedonia	115	115	0,0	30,2	44,1	-31,6	115,7	144,5	-20,0
Thessalia	432	399	8,3	115,7	114,6	1,0	436,4	463,0	-5,8
Ipiros	226	199	13,6	56,8	51,9	9,4	191,3	210,9	-9,3
Ionian Islands	260	270	-3,7	46,7	108,2	-56,8	154,9	375,8	-58,8
Western Greece	481	405	18,8	103,2	106,6	-3,2	381,4	418,0	-8,7
Central Greece	427	463	-7,8	124,0	147,1	-15,7	476,7	606,6	-21,4
Peloponnisos	625	529	18,1	146,2	127,2	14,9	499,0	432,3	15,4
Attiki	2224	2058	8,1	472,1	464,5	1,6	1.785,7	1.593,4	12,1
Northern Egeo	155	195	-20,5	37,0	27,2	36,2	125,2	109,1	14,8
Southern Egeo	359	244	47,1	88,8	53,0	67,6	305,7	177,3	72,4
Kriti	472	489	-3,5	174,4	142,5	22,4	604,5	496,3	21,8
Country Total	6.995	6.684	4,7	1.761,6	1.803,4	-2,3	6.719,2	6.855,2	-2,0

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - OCTOBER 2007

During the period January-October 2007, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease of 3,9% in the number of building permits, 7,3% in surface and 5,1% in volume as compared to the same period of 2006.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-October 2007, has come up to 17.256,0 thousand m³, as compared to 18.836,9 thousand m³ of 2006 (decrease 8,4%).

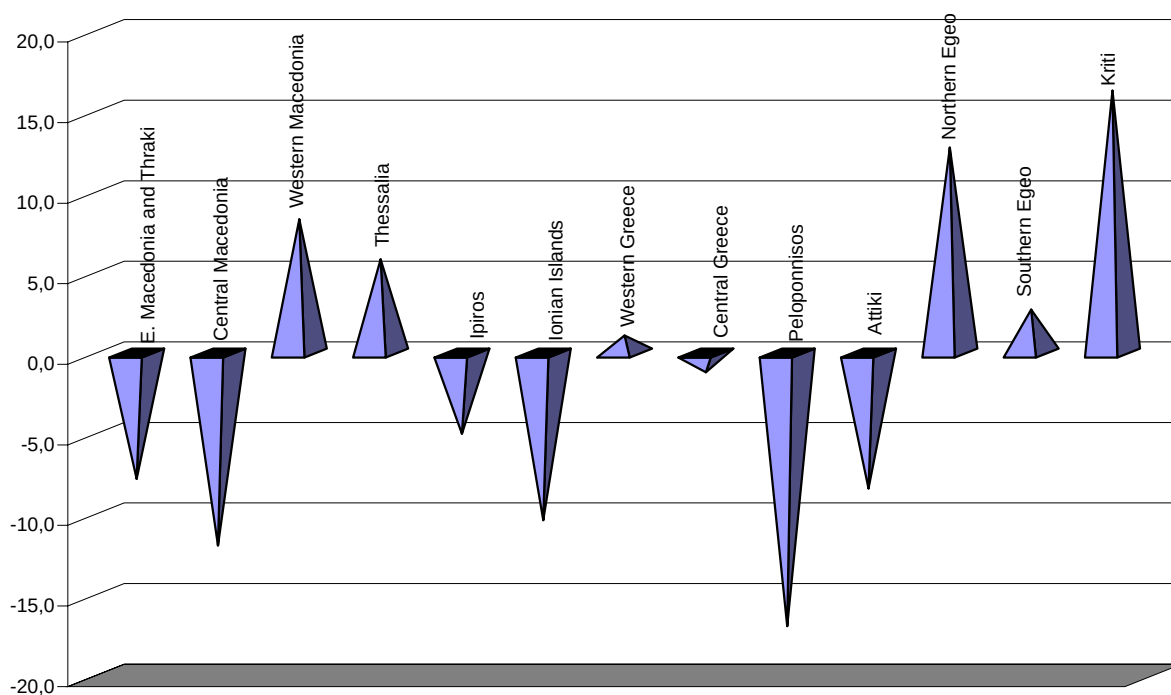
For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 47.402,2 thousand m³, as compared to 49.262,6 thousand m³, of the same period of 2006 (decrease 3,8%).

The biggest decrease was observed in the Regions of Peloponnisos (16,9%), Central Macedonia (11,9%) and Ionian Islands (10,4%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - October 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	3.226	3.459	-6,7	854,1	942,9	-9,4	3.274,6	3.551,5	-7,8
Central Macedonia	7.984	9.487	-15,8	2.737,1	3.421,8	-20,0	12.295,4	13.963,3	-11,9
Western Macedonia	1.146	1.146	0,0	367,1	356,2	3,0	1.353,2	1.249,5	8,3
Thessalia	4.056	4.060	-0,1	1.179,7	1.209,9	-2,5	4.639,1	4.384,0	5,8
Ipiros	2.007	1.977	1,5	568,2	588,4	-3,4	2.010,9	2.116,9	-5,0
Ionian Islands	2.417	2.607	-7,3	519,1	572,0	-9,2	1.775,2	1.980,6	-10,4
Western Greece	4.339	4.487	-3,3	974,5	994,4	-2,0	3.763,5	3.722,9	1,1
Central Greece	4.681	4.594	1,9	1.284,6	1.259,7	2,0	5.133,0	5.194,8	-1,2
Peloponnisos	5.349	5.561	-3,8	1.245,6	1.424,7	-12,6	4.264,9	5.135,2	-16,9
Attiki	20.416	20.925	-2,4	4.657,7	5.236,5	-11,1	17.256,0	18.836,9	-8,4
Northern Egeo	1.817	1.852	-1,9	317,3	271,7	16,8	1.133,4	1.005,2	12,8
Southern Egeo	3.060	3.219	-4,9	711,8	697,5	2,0	2.516,0	2.449,8	2,7
Kriti	4.387	4.142	5,9	1.490,5	1.264,0	17,9	5.242,9	4.508,8	16,3
Country Total	64.885	67.516	-3,9	16.907,4	18.240,0	-7,3	64.658,3	68.099,5	-5,1

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



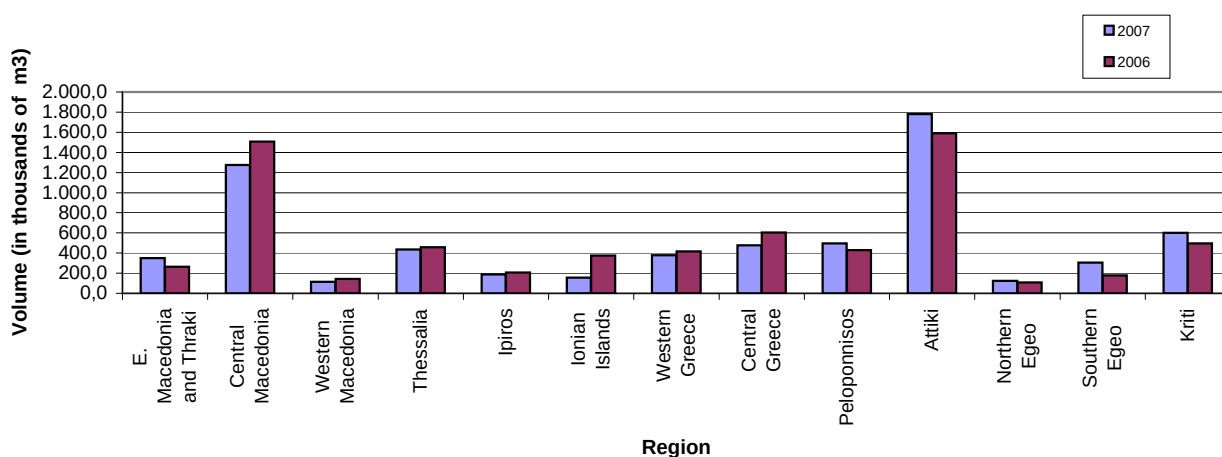
In October 2007 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 6.960 building permits, which relate to 1.751,0 thousand m² of surface and 6.681,9 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.631 building permits, 1.785,6 thousand m² of surface and 6.775,4 thousand m³ of volume of October 2006.

There was an annual increase 5,0% in the number of building permits, decrease 1,9% in surface and 1,4% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
October 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. Macedonia and Thraki	330	346	-4,6	89,3	73,9	20,9	348,6	263,2	32,5
Central Macedonia	870	946	-8,0	271,9	329,9	-17,6	1.275,4	1.506,8	-15,4
Western Macedonia	115	113	1,8	30,2	43,6	-30,8	115,7	142,3	-18,7
Thessalia	431	396	8,8	115,7	113,5	2,0	436,4	457,3	-4,6
Ipiros	225	195	15,4	55,9	50,6	10,6	187,2	205,5	-8,9
Ionian Islands	260	268	-3,0	46,7	108,0	-56,7	154,9	374,5	-58,6
Western Greece	478	404	18,3	102,7	106,5	-3,6	379,6	417,8	-9,1
Central Greece	426	461	-7,6	123,7	146,8	-15,7	475,7	605,7	-21,5
Peloponnisos	621	527	17,8	145,5	126,6	15,0	496,3	430,2	15,3
Attiki	2.222	2.052	8,3	470,1	463,9	1,3	1.780,4	1.590,3	12,0
Northern Egeo	155	195	-20,5	37,0	27,2	36,2	125,2	109,1	14,8
Southern Egeo	357	242	47,5	88,8	53,0	67,6	305,6	177,3	72,3
Kriti	470	486	-3,3	173,5	142,3	21,9	601,1	495,4	21,3
Country Total	6.960	6.631	5,0	1.751,0	1.785,6	-1,9	6.681,9	6.775,4	-1,4

**Private Building Activity by Region
October 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, 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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