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BUILDING ACTIVITY

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The General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece publishes provisional data on the Building Activity, on the basis of the building permits issued from the Greek Town-Planning Offices during May 2008.

DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - MAY 2008 IN COMPARISON WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 2007

During the period January - May 2008, the total Building Activity (Private-Public), in the whole Country, is summarized to the issue of 26.373 building permits, which correspond to 7.006,9 thousand m² of surface and 27.145,6 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 32.559 building permits that were issued during the same period of 2007 and corresponded to 8.279,0 thousand m² of surface and 31.287,8 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 19,0%, in surface by 15,4% and in volume by 13,2%.

The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building volume, for the above period of 2008, is 1,6%.

Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period January - May of 2007 and 2008

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-May		Rate of change (%)	January-May		Rate of change (%)	January-May		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	1.633	1.217	-25,5	415,5	321,2	-22,7	1.565,2	1.300,8	-16,9
Central Makedonia	4.012	3.558	-11,3	1.388,1	1.233,1	-11,2	6.071,8	5.539,1	-8,8
Western Makedonia	530	430	-18,9	144,9	141,1	-2,6	506,2	553,3	9,3
Thessalia	2.048	1.532	-25,2	575,3	465,0	-19,2	2.164,6	1.777,9	-17,9
Ipiros	978	933	-4,6	282,0	257,3	-8,8	1.025,6	908,5	-11,4
Ionian Islands	1.220	1.007	-17,5	260,5	203,8	-21,8	907,9	699,3	-23,0
Western Greece	2.198	1.836	-16,5	506,1	434,3	-14,2	1.972,7	1.607,2	-18,5
Central Greece	2.467	1.937	-21,5	646,8	525,5	-18,7	2.477,4	2.420,6	-2,3
Peloponnissos	2.696	2.113	-21,6	640,9	568,5	-11,3	2.247,6	1.979,9	-11,9
Attiki	10.344	7.620	-26,3	2.242,9	1.702,8	-24,1	8.142,6	6.187,0	-24,0
Northern Egeo	940	779	-17,1	149,9	134,8	-10,1	541,4	496,2	-8,3
Southern Egeo	1.442	1.554	7,8	354,2	369,3	4,3	1.259,3	1.276,5	1,4
Kriti	2.051	1.857	-9,5	671,9	650,0	-3,3	2.405,6	2.399,1	-0,3
Greece, Total	32.559	26.373	-19,0	8.279,0	7.006,9	-15,4	31.287,8	27.145,6	-13,2

In May 2008 the total Building Activity (Private-Public), in the whole Country, is summarized to 6.144 building permits, which correspond to 1.571,2 thousand m² of surface and 5.938,4 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 7.119 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to 1.866,3 thousand m² of surface and 7.092,2 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 13,7%, in surface by 15,8 and in volume by 16,3%.

The Public Building Activity in May 2008, in the whole Country, is summarized to 33 building permits, which correspond to 16,5 thousand m² of surface and 61,2 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 48 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to 31,2 thousand m² of surface and 136,8 thousand m³ of volume. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building volume, in May 2008, is 1,0%.

Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the month of May of 2007 and 2008

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Rate of change (%)	May		Rate of change (%)	May		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	375	282	-24,8	99,6	84,1	-15,5	397,1	375,5	-5,4
Central Makedonia	769	886	15,2	312,0	266,6	-14,6	1.402,9	1.059,9	-24,5
Western Makedonia	137	127	-7,3	39,6	42,1	6,4	153,2	164,3	7,2
Thessalia	437	411	-5,9	123,3	127,0	3,0	481,9	485,5	0,8
Ipiros	203	234	15,3	65,6	60,1	-8,4	253,8	201,3	-20,7
Ionian Islands	253	211	-16,6	50,1	38,5	-23,2	175,5	128,3	-26,9
Western Greece	518	447	-13,7	114,9	115,0	0,1	457,7	431,6	-5,7
Central Greece	554	461	-16,8	160,2	118,4	-26,1	628,7	455,3	-27,6
Peloponnissos	607	451	-25,7	141,0	96,2	-31,8	468,9	320,9	-31,6
Attiki	2253	1720	-23,7	507,5	378,2	-25,5	1.783,8	1.369,4	-23,2
Northern Egeo	234	166	-29,1	34,5	24,9	-27,7	122,4	88,0	-28,1
Southern Egeo	328	333	1,5	65,0	62,0	-4,7	236,9	212,0	-10,5
Kriti	451	415	-8,0	153,0	158,2	3,3	529,5	646,2	22,0
Greece, Total	7.119	6.144	-13,7	1.866,3	1.571,2	-15,8	7.092,2	5.938,4	-16,3

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - MAY 2008 IN COMPARISON WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 2007

As concerns the Private Building Activity in the whole Country, during the period January-May 2008, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 19,1%, in surface by 15,3% and in volume by 13,1%, as compared to the same period of 2007.

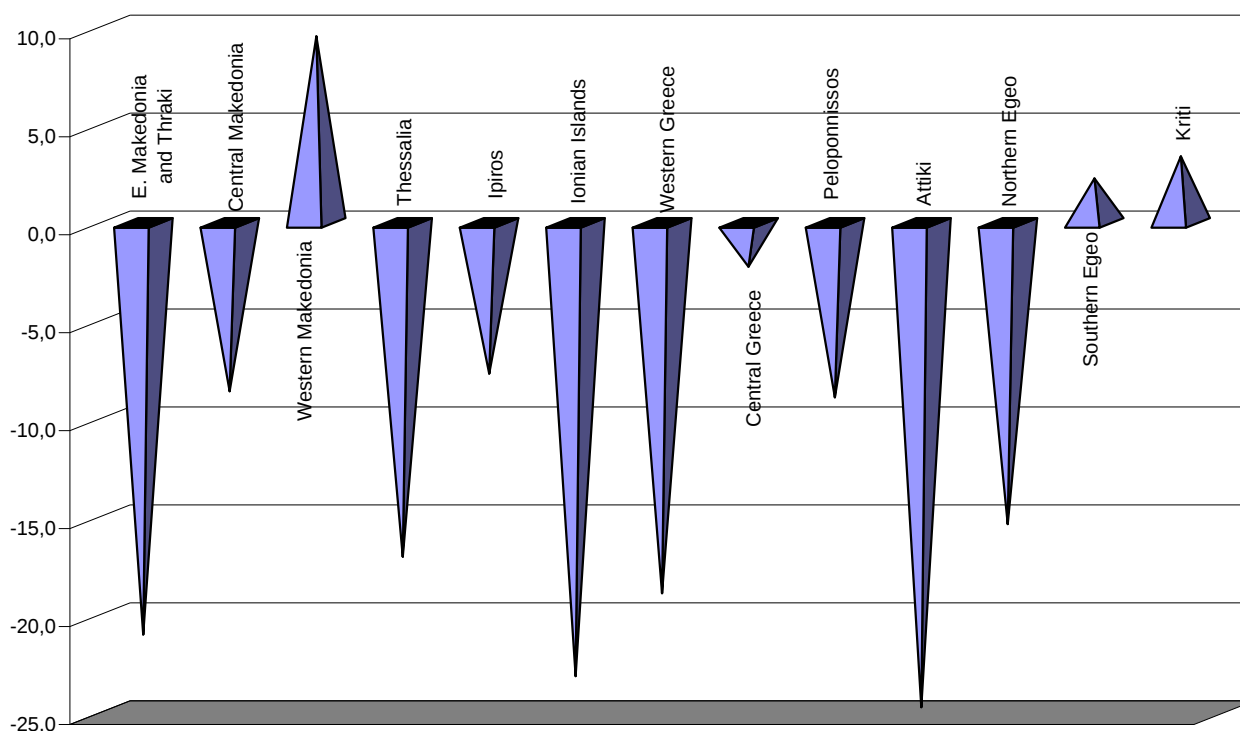
The building volume in the Region of Attiki, during January-May 2008, has come up to 6.123,2 thousand m³, as compared to 8.134,9 thousand m³ of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 24,7%).

The building volume in the rest of the Country, during January-May 2008, has come up to 20.594,0 thousand m³, as compared to 22.618,1 thousand m³, of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 8,9%).

**Table 3. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period
January - May of 2007 and 2008**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-May		Rate of change (%)	January-May		Rate of change (%)	January-May		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	1.606	1.191	-25,8	409,2	305,1	-25,4	1.526,7	1.205,9	-21,0
Central Makedonia	3.970	3.514	-11,5	1.359,9	1.204,8	-11,4	5.951,3	5.440,1	-8,6
Western Makedonia	524	423	-19,3	139,9	139,0	-0,7	483,1	529,1	9,5
Thessalia	2.022	1.495	-26,1	564,5	459,7	-18,6	2.115,3	1.755,0	-17,0
Ipiros	961	930	-3,2	271,5	254,5	-6,3	971,9	897,1	-7,7
Ionian Islands	1.214	1.003	-17,4	257,4	202,1	-21,5	897,2	689,6	-23,1
Western Greece	2.196	1.829	-16,7	503,8	432,0	-14,3	1.964,8	1.593,3	-18,9
Central Greece	2.460	1.927	-21,7	643,4	522,1	-18,9	2.462,7	2.407,5	-2,2
Peloponnisos	2.675	2.101	-21,5	626,5	564,9	-9,8	2.158,4	1.966,3	-8,9
Attiki	10.331	7.598	-26,5	2.241,0	1.687,9	-24,7	8.134,9	6.123,2	-24,7
Northern Egeo	939	776	-17,4	149,7	125,8	-16,0	540,7	457,6	-15,4
Southern Egeo	1.434	1.551	8,2	350,7	368,9	5,2	1.246,8	1.275,2	2,3
Kriti	2.028	1.851	-8,7	644,5	644,5	0,0	2.299,2	2.377,4	3,4
Greece, Total	32.360	26.189	-19,1	8.161,9	6.911,3	-15,3	30.752,9	26.717,3	-13,1

Private Building Activity by Region
Rate of change (%) of building volume, by Region, for the period January - May,
between 2007 and 2008

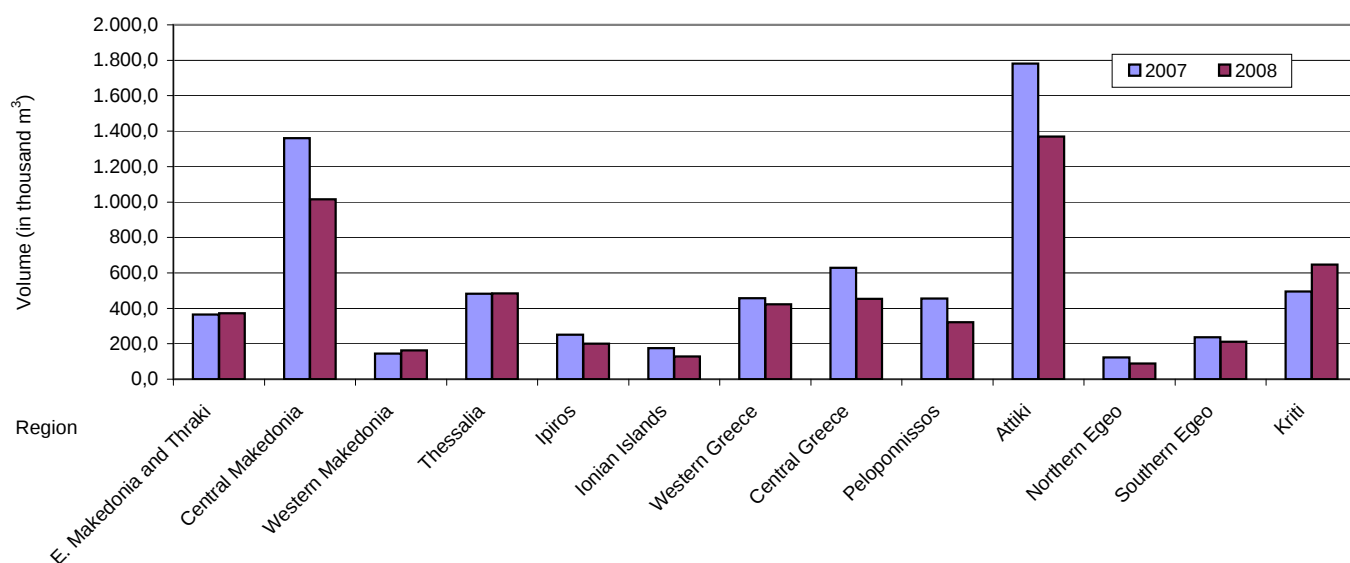


In May 2008 the Private Building Activity, in the whole Country is summarized to the issue of 6.111 building permits, which correspond to 1.554,7 thousand m² of surface and 5.877,2 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 7.071 building permits that were issued during May 2007 and corresponded to 1.835,1 thousand m² of surface and 6.955,4 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 13,6%, in surface by 15,3% and in volume by 15,5%.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of
May of 2007 and 2008**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	May		Rate of change (%)	May		Rate of change (%)	May		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	360	278	-22,8	94,6	83,6	-11,6	365,7	372,5	1,9
Central Makedonia	753	872	15,8	300,8	252,7	-16,0	1.360,7	1.014,8	-25,4
Western Makedonia	135	124	-8,1	38,3	41,6	8,7	144,5	161,8	12,0
Thessalia	435	410	-5,7	123,3	126,7	2,8	481,9	484,7	0,6
Ipiros	202	234	15,8	65,0	60,1	-7,5	251,2	201,3	-19,8
Ionian Islands	253	210	-17,0	50,1	38,5	-23,2	175,5	128,3	-26,9
Western Greece	518	445	-14,1	114,9	114,1	-0,7	457,7	423,2	-7,5
Central Greece	553	457	-17,4	160,2	118,0	-26,3	628,7	454,2	-27,8
Peloponnissos	602	450	-25,2	137,6	96,1	-30,1	454,7	320,7	-29,5
Attiki	2.251	1.717	-23,7	506,9	378,2	-25,4	1.781,5	1.369,4	-23,1
Northern Egeo	234	166	-29,1	34,5	24,9	-27,7	122,4	88,0	-28,1
Southern Egeo	328	333	1,5	65,0	62,0	-4,7	236,9	212,0	-10,5
Kriti	447	415	-7,2	144,1	158,2	9,8	494,2	646,2	30,8
Greece, Total	7.071	6.111	-13,6	1.835,1	1.554,7	-15,3	6.955,4	5.877,2	-15,5

**Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of
May of 2007 and 2008**



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

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

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

The legal basis of the survey is the Law 2396/96 (concerning the access of the General Secretariat of the 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:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 (concerning short-term statistics)
- Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council No 1158/05 (amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98).

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