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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 June 2008.

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

During the period January - June 2008, the total Building Activity (Private-Public), in the whole Country, is summarized to the issue of 32.666 building permits, which correspond to 8.567,1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 33.066,3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, as compared to 40.054 building permits that were issued during the same period of 2007 and corresponded to 10.159,8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 38.577,7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 18,4%, in surface by 15,7% and in volume by 14,3%.

The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building volume, for the above period of 2008, is 1,5%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-June		Rate of change (%)	January-June		Rate of change (%)	January-June		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	1.999	1.524	-23,8	520,2	401,0	-22,9	1.985,9	1.621,5	-18,4
Central Makedonia	4.931	4.362	-11,5	1.689,9	1.473,7	-12,8	7.420,9	6.584,6	-11,3
Western Makedonia	662	540	-18,4	206,8	173,1	-16,3	756,3	691,0	-8,6
Thessalia	2.544	1.933	-24,0	709,2	581,1	-18,1	2.724,6	2.246,7	-17,5
Ipiros	1.200	1.167	-2,8	336,3	311,0	-7,5	1.222,7	1.100,0	-10,0
Ionian Islands	1.473	1.268	-13,9	327,0	257,5	-21,2	1.138,5	882,7	-22,5
Western Greece	2.693	2.273	-15,6	614,5	527,6	-14,1	2.425,8	1.961,7	-19,1
Central Greece	3.003	2.351	-21,7	788,9	631,4	-20,0	3.021,6	2.871,2	-5,0
Peloponnissos	3.315	2.657	-19,8	779,6	741,1	-4,9	2.706,5	2.593,2	-4,2
Attiki	12.746	9.524	-25,3	2.752,9	2.096,6	-23,8	9.994,1	7.591,0	-24,0
Northern Egeo	1.135	965	-15,0	179,5	156,8	-12,7	657,1	573,5	-12,7
Southern Egeo	1.773	1.871	5,5	427,6	447,3	4,6	1.516,3	1.530,8	1,0
Kriti	2.580	2.231	-13,5	827,3	769,0	-7,1	3.007,1	2.818,6	-6,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>40.054</b>	<b>32.666</b>	<b>-18,4</b>	<b>10.159,8</b>	<b>8.567,1</b>	<b>-15,7</b>	<b>38.577,7</b>	<b>33.066,3</b>	<b>-14,3</b>

In June 2008 the total Building Activity (Private-Public), in the whole Country, is summarized to the issue of 6.293 building permits, which correspond to 1.560,2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 5.920,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, as compared to 7.495 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to 1.880,8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 7.289,9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 16,0%, in surface by 17,0% and in volume by 18,8%.

The Public Building Activity in June 2008, in the whole Country, is summarized to the issue of 37 building permits, which correspond to 15,5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 71,9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, as compared to 53 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to 49,6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 214,3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building volume, in June 2008, is 1,2%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June		Rate of change (%)	June		Rate of change (%)	June		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	366	307	-16,1	104,7	79,9	-23,7	420,7	320,7	-23,8
Central Makedonia	919	804	-12,5	301,8	240,6	-20,3	1.349,1	1.045,5	-22,5
Western Makedonia	132	110	-16,7	62,0	32,0	-48,4	250,1	137,7	-44,9
Thessalia	496	401	-19,2	133,9	116,1	-13,3	560,1	468,7	-16,3
Ipiros	222	234	5,4	54,4	53,7	-1,1	197,0	191,5	-2,8
Ionian Islands	253	261	3,2	66,5	53,7	-19,2	230,6	183,3	-20,5
Western Greece	495	437	-11,7	108,4	93,3	-13,9	453,1	354,4	-21,8
Central Greece	536	414	-22,8	142,2	105,8	-25,5	544,3	450,6	-17,2
Peloponnissos	619	544	-12,1	138,7	172,5	24,4	458,9	613,3	33,6
Attiki	2402	1904	-20,7	509,9	393,8	-22,8	1.851,5	1.404,0	-24,2
Northern Egeo	195	186	-4,6	29,6	21,9	-26,0	115,7	77,3	-33,2
Southern Egeo	331	317	-4,2	73,4	78,0	6,2	257,1	254,3	-1,1
Kriti	529	374	-29,3	155,4	118,9	-23,5	601,6	419,4	-30,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>7.495</b>	<b>6.293</b>	<b>-16,0</b>	<b>1.880,8</b>	<b>1.560,2</b>	<b>-17,0</b>	<b>7.289,9</b>	<b>5.920,8</b>	<b>-18,8</b>

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

As concerns the Private Building Activity in the whole Country, during the period January-June 2008, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 18,5%, in surface by 15,4% and in volume by 13,9%, as compared to the same period of 2007.

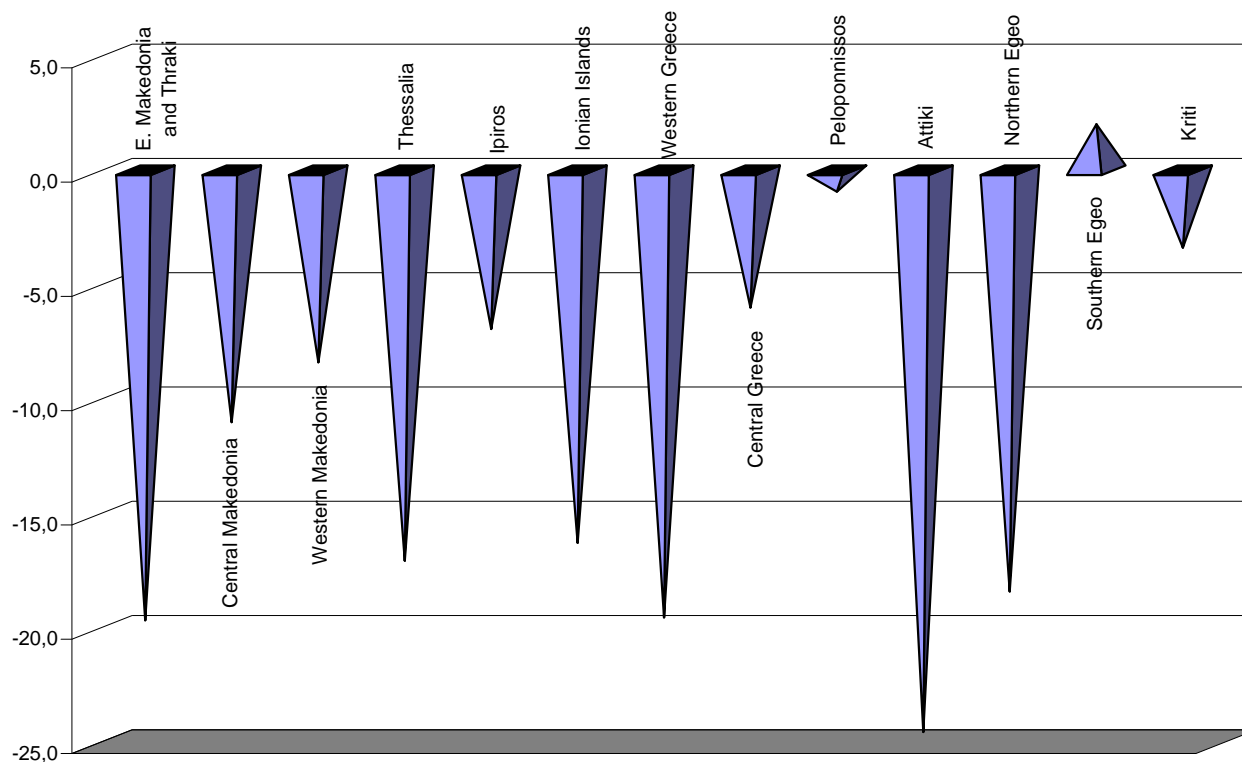
The building volume in the Region of Attiki, during January-June 2008, has come up to 7.527,2 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 9.980,0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 24,6%).

The building volume in the rest of the Country, during January-June 2008, has come up to 25.039,0 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 27.848,5 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 10,1%).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-June		Rate of change (%)	January-June		Rate of change (%)	January-June		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	1.962	1.493	-23,9	504,8	383,9	-24,0	1.896,0	1.522,6	-19,7
Central Makedonia	4.877	4.307	-11,7	1.653,1	1.442,1	-12,8	7.267,1	6.466,5	-11,0
Western Makedonia	652	530	-18,7	199,5	170,0	-14,8	722,8	662,1	-8,4
Thessalia	2.518	1.892	-24,9	698,4	574,7	-17,7	2.675,4	2.218,4	-17,1
Ipiros	1.179	1.162	-1,4	325,7	307,8	-5,5	1.168,3	1.087,2	-6,9
Ionian Islands	1.463	1.263	-13,7	302,8	255,7	-15,5	1.042,7	872,6	-16,3
Western Greece	2.690	2.265	-15,8	612,2	524,4	-14,4	2.418,0	1.944,8	-19,6
Central Greece	2.995	2.337	-22,0	785,3	620,7	-21,0	3.006,0	2.825,6	-6,0
Peloponnissos	3.290	2.642	-19,7	762,5	737,4	-3,3	2.603,8	2.579,5	-0,9
Attiki	12.727	9.502	-25,3	2.749,2	2.081,7	-24,3	9.980,0	7.527,2	-24,6
Northern Egeo	1.133	961	-15,2	179,1	147,7	-17,5	655,7	534,8	-18,4
Southern Egeo	1.762	1.867	6,0	422,6	446,8	5,7	1.499,0	1.529,2	2,0
Kriti	2.554	2.224	-12,9	798,0	763,2	-4,4	2.893,9	2.795,7	-3,4
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>39.802</b>	<b>32.445</b>	<b>-18,5</b>	<b>9.993,2</b>	<b>8.456,0</b>	<b>-15,4</b>	<b>37.828,5</b>	<b>32.566,2</b>	<b>-13,9</b>

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

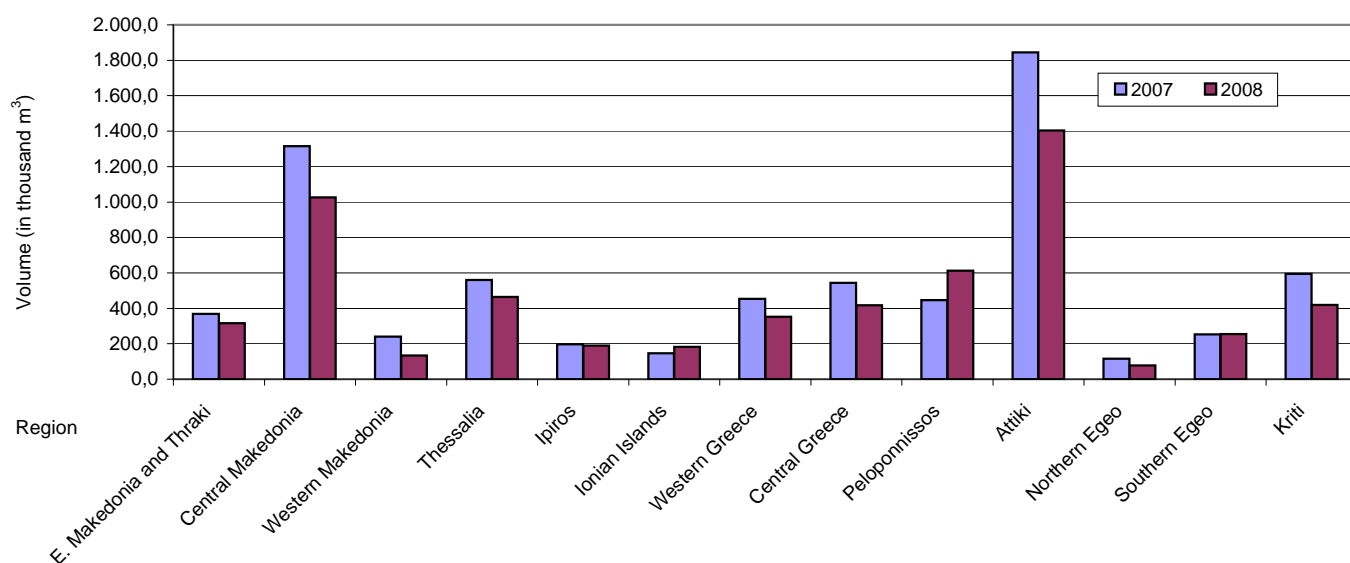


In June 2008 the Private Building Activity, in the whole Country is summarized to the issue of 6.256 building permits, which correspond to 1.544,7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 5.848,9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, as compared to 7.442 building permits that were issued during June 2007 and corresponded to 1.831,3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 7.075,6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 15,9%, in surface by 15,6% and in volume by 17,3%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	June		Rate of change (%)	June		Rate of change (%)	June		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	356	302	-15,2	95,6	78,8	-17,6	369,3	316,7	-14,2
Central Makedonia	907	793	-12,6	293,2	237,2	-19,1	1.315,8	1.026,4	-22,0
Western Makedonia	128	107	-16,4	59,6	31,0	-48,0	239,7	133,0	-44,5
Thessalia	496	397	-20,0	133,9	115,0	-14,2	560,1	463,5	-17,2
Ipiros	218	232	6,4	54,2	53,3	-1,6	196,4	190,1	-3,2
Ionian Islands	249	260	4,4	45,4	53,7	18,2	145,5	183,0	25,8
Western Greece	494	436	-11,7	108,4	92,4	-14,8	453,1	351,5	-22,4
Central Greece	535	410	-23,4	141,9	98,6	-30,5	543,3	418,1	-23,0
Peloponnissos	615	541	-12,0	136,0	172,5	26,8	445,5	613,2	37,7
Attiki	2.396	1.904	-20,5	508,2	393,8	-22,5	1.845,1	1.404,0	-23,9
Northern Egeo	194	185	-4,6	29,4	21,9	-25,4	115,0	77,3	-32,8
Southern Egeo	328	316	-3,7	72,0	77,9	8,2	252,2	253,9	0,7
Kriti	526	373	-29,1	153,5	118,7	-22,7	594,7	418,3	-29,7
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>7.442</b>	<b>6.256</b>	<b>-15,9</b>	<b>1.831,3</b>	<b>1.544,7</b>	<b>-15,6</b>	<b>7.075,6</b>	<b>5.848,9</b>	<b>-17,3</b>

**Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of June 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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