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SURVEY OF BUILDING ACTIVITY: OCTOBER 2009

PRESS RELEASE

DECREASE OF THE VOLUME OF TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY BY 19.2%.

According to temporary data produced by the National Statistical Service of Greece, the volume of total Building Activity (Private and Public) measured by the number of issued building permits amounted to 4,752 in October. This figure corresponds to 1,053.0 thousand m² of surface and 3,960.2 thousands m³ of volume, which shows a decrease of 17.7% in the number of building permits, 19.8% in surface and 19.2% in volume as compared to the same month in 2008 (Table 1).

Private Building Activity, in the whole Country, summed to 4,708 building permits, which correspond to 1,013.3 thousand m² of surface and 3,803.2 thousands m³ of volume. As compared to the same month in 2008 (Table 2), there is a decrease in the number of building permits by 17.9%, in surface by 22.0% and in volume by 21.5%.

Public Building Activity in the whole country in October 2009, amounted to 44 building permits, which correspond to 39.8 thousand m² of surface and 156.9 thousand m³ of volume. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity, in October 2009 is 4,0%.

For the period January-October 2009, the total amount of Building Activity (private-public) amounted to 46,397 building permits, which correspond to 10,601.1 thousand m² of surface and 40,352.0 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison to the same period in 2008 (Table 3), there was a decrease of 15.6% in the number of building permits, 25.5% in surface and 26.9% in volume.

For the period January-October 2009, the Private Building Activity in the whole country, indicated a decrease in the number of building permits by 15.8 %, in surface by 27.1% and in volume by 28.8%, as compared to the same period of 2008 (Table 4).

The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity, in the total building volume for the same period in 2009, is 4.3%.

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Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by region, for the period January-October in 2008 and 2009*

| Region | Number of building permits | | | Surface (in thousand m ²) | | | Volume (in thousand m ³) | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) | October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) | October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) |
| E. Makedonia and Thraki | 274 | 255 | -6,9 | 50,5 | 42,6 | -15,6 | 193,3 | 151,3 | -21,7 |
| Central Makedonia | 708 | 656 | -7,3 | 200,5 | 168,3 | -16,1 | 829,0 | 719,2 | -13,3 |
| Western Makedonia | 125 | 97 | -22,4 | 48,6 | 27,0 | -44,4 | 216,2 | 105,8 | -51,1 |
| Thessalia | 343 | 268 | -21,9 | 95,1 | 92,4 | -2,9 | 387,1 | 343,6 | -11,3 |
| Ipiros | 164 | 164 | 0,0 | 50,8 | 42,5 | -16,4 | 193,2 | 160,3 | -17,0 |
| Ionian Islands | 210 | 172 | -18,1 | 36,2 | 29,0 | -19,8 | 124,5 | 98,9 | -20,6 |
| Western Greece | 380 | 427 | 12,4 | 74,4 | 90,2 | 21,2 | 263,6 | 301,8 | 14,5 |
| Central Greece | 451 | 341 | -24,4 | 100,5 | 91,3 | -9,2 | 362,0 | 352,7 | -2,6 |
| Peloponnissos | 524 | 410 | -21,8 | 117,0 | 81,5 | -30,4 | 420,8 | 318,7 | -24,3 |
| Attiki | 1.626 | 1.177 | -27,6 | 303,8 | 220,6 | -27,4 | 1.088,6 | 787,3 | -27,7 |
| Northern Egeo | 169 | 128 | -24,3 | 22,8 | 14,6 | -36,0 | 88,0 | 51,5 | -41,5 |
| Southern Egeo | 389 | 322 | -17,2 | 91,3 | 46,8 | -48,8 | 305,0 | 160,7 | -47,3 |
| Kriti | 412 | 335 | -18,7 | 121,5 | 106,3 | -12,5 | 427,7 | 408,5 | -4,5 |
| Greece, Total | 5.775 | 4.752 | -17,7 | 1.312,9 | 1.053,0 | -19,8 | 4.899,1 | 3.960,2 | -19,2 |

* Temporary Data

Table 2. Private Building Activity per Region, in October of 2008 and 2009*

| Region | Number of building permits | | | Surface (in thousand m ²) | | | Volume (in thousand m ³) | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) | October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) | October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) |
| E. Makedonia and Thraki | 271 | 248 | -8,5 | 50,5 | 38,0 | -24,8 | 193,3 | 132,8 | -31,3 |
| Central Makedonia | 692 | 643 | -7,1 | 195,3 | 163,9 | -16,1 | 809,6 | 700,2 | -13,5 |
| Western Makedonia | 124 | 95 | -23,4 | 48,5 | 25,5 | -47,3 | 216,0 | 95,4 | -55,8 |
| Thessalia | 341 | 266 | -22,0 | 94,7 | 92,1 | -2,7 | 385,8 | 342,7 | -11,2 |
| Ipiros | 163 | 163 | 0,0 | 50,6 | 41,8 | -17,3 | 192,0 | 157,7 | -17,9 |
| Ionian Islands | 206 | 172 | -16,5 | 35,1 | 29,0 | -17,4 | 121,0 | 98,9 | -18,2 |
| Western Greece | 379 | 424 | 11,9 | 74,4 | 86,8 | 16,7 | 263,6 | 286,0 | 8,5 |
| Central Greece | 450 | 337 | -25,1 | 100,4 | 80,9 | -19,4 | 361,6 | 319,1 | -11,7 |
| Peloponnissos | 515 | 405 | -21,4 | 113,7 | 80,7 | -29,0 | 408,5 | 316,4 | -22,5 |
| Attiki | 1.625 | 1.176 | -27,6 | 303,8 | 215,4 | -29,1 | 1.088,6 | 761,4 | -30,1 |
| Northern Egeo | 168 | 128 | -23,8 | 21,4 | 14,6 | -31,6 | 77,4 | 51,5 | -33,5 |
| Southern Egeo | 387 | 322 | -16,8 | 90,8 | 46,8 | -48,5 | 303,4 | 160,7 | -47,0 |
| Kriti | 410 | 329 | -19,8 | 119,9 | 97,6 | -18,5 | 422,7 | 380,6 | -10,0 |
| Greece, Total | 5.731 | 4.708 | -17,9 | 1.299,0 | 1.013,3 | -22,0 | 4.843,3 | 3.803,2 | -21,5 |

* Temporary Data

Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), per region, for the period January-October in 2008 and 2009*

| Region | Number of building permits | | | Surface (in thousand m ²) | | | Volume (in thousand m ³) | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | January-October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) | January- October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) | January- October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) |
| E. Makedonia and Thraki | 2.637 | 2.435 | -7,7 | 659,2 | 537,3 | -18,5 | 2.613,4 | 1.998,1 | -23,5 |
| Central Makedonia | 7.353 | 6.052 | -17,7 | 2.430,4 | 1.611,0 | -33,7 | 10.771,1 | 6.887,8 | -36,1 |
| Western Makedonia | 980 | 904 | -7,8 | 331,5 | 242,7 | -26,8 | 1.369,6 | 955,0 | -30,3 |
| Thessalia | 3.437 | 2.779 | -19,1 | 1.037,3 | 715,2 | -31,0 | 4.002,9 | 2.715,1 | -32,2 |
| Ipiros | 1.882 | 1.681 | -10,7 | 527,1 | 468,3 | -11,1 | 1.983,4 | 1.758,6 | -11,3 |
| Ionian Islands | 2.170 | 1.692 | -22,0 | 418,4 | 302,6 | -27,7 | 1.448,2 | 1.048,9 | -27,6 |
| Western Greece | 3.735 | 3.690 | -1,2 | 903,6 | 777,3 | -14,0 | 3.562,8 | 2.931,1 | -17,7 |
| Central Greece | 4.088 | 3.602 | -11,9 | 1.027,2 | 891,2 | -13,2 | 4.454,3 | 3.835,9 | -13,9 |
| Peloponnissos | 4.607 | 3.858 | -16,3 | 1.213,6 | 859,6 | -29,2 | 4.289,1 | 3.042,7 | -29,1 |
| Attiki | 15.609 | 12.549 | -19,6 | 3.493,7 | 2.612,7 | -25,2 | 12.828,0 | 9.742,5 | -24,1 |
| Northern Egeo | 1.589 | 1.315 | -17,2 | 264,9 | 159,9 | -39,7 | 994,8 | 549,4 | -44,8 |
| Southern Egeo | 3.196 | 2.745 | -14,1 | 728,7 | 478,2 | -34,4 | 2.488,3 | 1.560,3 | -37,3 |
| Kriti | 3.720 | 3.095 | -16,8 | 1.196,8 | 945,0 | -21,0 | 4.366,6 | 3.326,4 | -23,8 |
| Greece, Total | 55.003 | 46.397 | -15,6 | 14.232,4 | 10.601,1 | -25,5 | 55.172,5 | 40.352,0 | -26,9 |

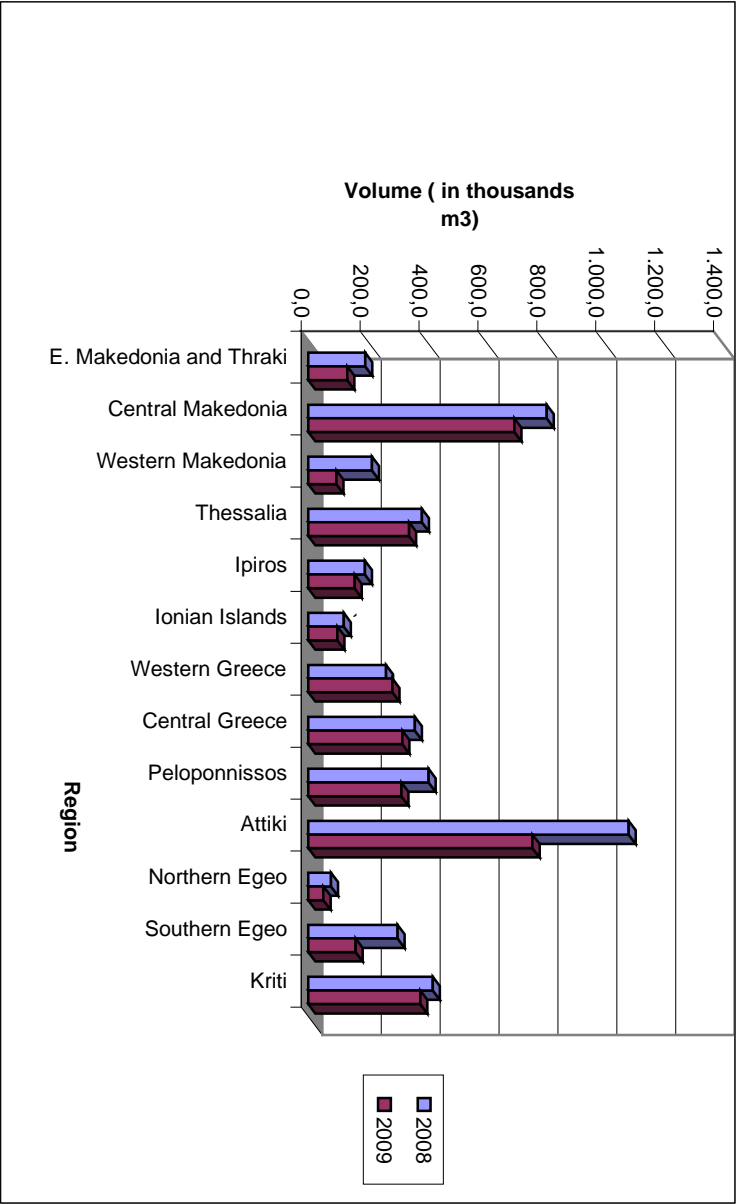
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Table 4. Private Building Activity, per region, for the period January-October in 2008 and 2009 *

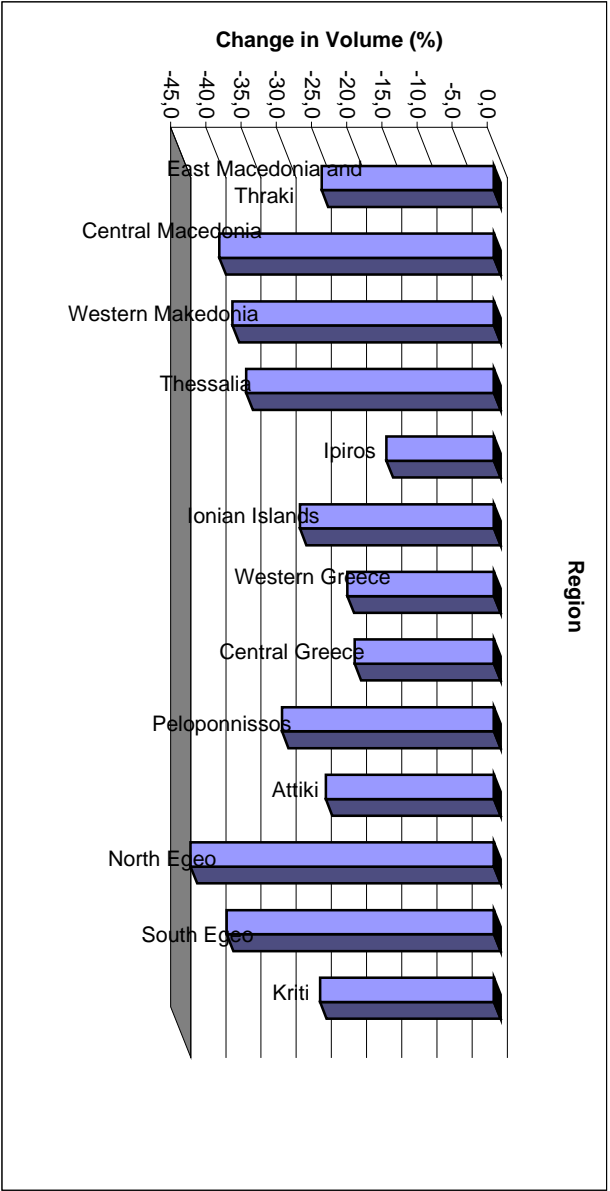
| Region | Number of building permits | | | Surface (in thousand m ²) | | | Volume (in thousand m ³) | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | January-October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) | January- October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) | January- October 2008 | 2009 | Change (%) |
| E. Makedonia and Thraki | 2.590 | 2.384 | -8,0 | 636,2 | 509,7 | -19,9 | 2.493,9 | 1.882,9 | -24,5 |
| Central Makedonia | 7.244 | 5.930 | -18,1 | 2.380,9 | 1.512,3 | -36,5 | 10.577,4 | 6.449,6 | -39,0 |
| Western Makedonia | 965 | 877 | -9,1 | 326,0 | 221,0 | -32,2 | 1.331,2 | 836,6 | -37,2 |
| Thessalia | 3.318 | 2.742 | -17,4 | 1.023,7 | 677,7 | -33,8 | 3.947,9 | 2.558,1 | -35,2 |
| Ipiros | 1.867 | 1.652 | -11,5 | 518,8 | 443,2 | -14,6 | 1.954,1 | 1.655,2 | -15,3 |
| Ionian Islands | 2.160 | 1.680 | -22,2 | 415,6 | 299,6 | -27,9 | 1.434,6 | 1.038,8 | -27,6 |
| Western Greece | 3.721 | 3.667 | -1,5 | 886,4 | 737,3 | -16,8 | 3.485,6 | 2.759,8 | -20,8 |
| Central Greece | 4.069 | 3.557 | -12,6 | 1.006,4 | 830,1 | -17,5 | 4.339,8 | 3.479,8 | -19,8 |
| Peloponnissos | 4.577 | 3.816 | -16,6 | 1.203,7 | 842,8 | -30,0 | 4.251,5 | 2.969,8 | -30,1 |
| Attiki | 15.575 | 12.530 | -19,6 | 3.470,1 | 2.602,7 | -25,0 | 12.731,1 | 9.687,5 | -23,9 |
| Northern Egeo | 1.583 | 1.303 | -17,7 | 253,4 | 154,4 | -39,1 | 932,6 | 530,3 | -43,1 |
| Southern Egeo | 3.185 | 2.734 | -14,2 | 723,1 | 471,0 | -34,9 | 2.467,2 | 1.529,6 | -38,0 |
| Kriti | 3.701 | 3.073 | -17,0 | 1.180,6 | 925,0 | -21,6 | 4.299,2 | 3.236,2 | -24,7 |
| Greece, Total | 54.555 | 45.945 | -15,8 | 14.024,7 | 10.226,8 | -27,1 | 54.246,1 | 38.614,2 | -28,8 |

* Temporary Data

Graph 1. Private Building Activity, per region, in October of 2008 and 2009



Graph 2. Private Building Activity, Rate of Change (%) of building volume, per region, for the period January-October in 2008 and 2009



EXPLANATORY NOTES

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| Building Activity Survey | The Building Activity Survey provides data on monthly and yearly basis, since 1964. The purpose of this survey is to register the total amount of building permits issued by the relevant administrative authorities, which are devolved to complete the questionnaire. The survey covers all the features of building activity such as the type of building permit, the type of construction, the type and the characteristics of the building and its complementary areas, as well as building usage, surface, volume and value. |
| Legal Framework | The survey is totally harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005. |
| Reference Period | From 01/10/2009 to 31/10/2009. |
| Coverage | The survey is exhaustive and covers the total amount of issued building permits across the country. |
| Definitions | <p>Building Permit refers to all types of building permits. These are permits for new building or addition, repair, renovation, demolition, legalization, amendment and modification of a building. The denotation of <i>built-property</i> is equal to <i>the building</i>.</p> <p>Building is regarded as every permanent and independent structure, which has walls and a roof and consists of one or more rooms and complementary areas. As a rule, buildings feature four walls. However, a construction that is open from one or even two sides will be considered a building, as long as it has a roof.</p> <p>New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in place of an old building that was demolished.</p> <p>Building Addition is considered to be every construction that adds building volume (space) to an existing building, be it in surface, height or a combination of both and creates a residence, a shop or both.</p> <p>Building volume (the <i>net</i> building volume) refers to the area that is included between the external surface of the external walls, the lowest level (the basement or the sub-basement, if it exists) and the roof of the building. If there is an open ground floor not enclosed within walls between the lower floor and the roof, its volume is taken into account. The relevant authorities calculate the volume of the building during the issuing of the building permit.</p> <p>Surface of new-built property is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p> |
| General Remark | Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding. |
| References | More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey can be found in the NSSG's web-site: www.statistics.gr , under the links: Statistical Themes → Building and Constructions → Building Activity or Constructions. |