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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 February 2006.

INCREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2006

In January - February 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 10.737 building permits, which relate to 2.773,6 thousand m² of surface and 10.375,0 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 10.889 building permits, 2.693,9 thousand m² of surface and 9.871,9 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2005. Therefore in January-February 2006 there was a decrease of 1,4% in the number of building permits, increase of 3,0% in surface and increase of 5,1% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - February 2006 is 3%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - February 2006 και 2005**

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Macedonia and Thraki	526	561	-6,2	127,0	147,4	-13,9	512,3	540,6	-5,2
Central Macedonia	1.520	1.597	-4,8	554,7	604,3	-8,2	2.175,7	2.391,3	-9,0
Western Macedonia	150	170	-11,8	46,3	41,3	12,3	148,0	125,5	17,9
Thessalia	649	702	-7,5	212,5	175,9	20,8	751,8	668,5	12,5
Ipiros	327	327	0,0	99,2	91,2	8,8	373,8	327,9	14,0
Ionian Islands	483	405	19,3	90,5	77,4	16,9	325,3	263,6	23,4
Western Greece	680	745	-8,7	156,8	177,2	-11,5	609,7	695,4	-12,3
Central Greece	688	641	7,3	207,4	149,7	38,5	909,2	560,7	62,2
Peloponnisos	823	922	-10,7	198,3	168,5	17,7	697,2	597,6	16,7
Attiki	3.355	3.243	3,5	749,3	721,4	3,9	2.691,0	2.492,6	8,0
Northern Egeo	316	320	-1,3	43,7	46,8	-6,7	151,6	165,4	-8,3
Southern Egeo	586	542	8,1	117,5	104,6	12,3	425,3	357,8	18,8
Kriti	634	714	-11,2	170,5	188,2	-9,4	604,1	684,9	-11,8
Country Total	10.737	10.889	-1,4	2.773,6	2.693,9	3,0	10.375,0	9.871,9	5,1

In February 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 6.317 building permits, which relate to 1.673,3 thousand m² of surface and 6.344,7 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 5.980 building permits, 1.464,0 thousand m² of surface and 5.267,5 thousand m³ of volume of February 2005.

Therefore in February 2006 there was an annual increase of 5,6% in the number of building permits, increase of 14,3% in surface and increase of 20,4% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 49 building permits, which relate to 36,3 thousand m² of surface and 183,5 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 71 building permits, 24,1 thousand m² of surface and 106,0 thousand m³ of volume, of February 2005. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in February 2006 is 2,9%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
February 2006 και 2005**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Macedonia and Thraki	318	292	8,9	71,9	74,6	-3,6	312,1	282,6	10,5
Central Macedonia	890	853	4,3	321,5	305,7	5,2	1.295,0	1.154,2	12,2
Western Macedonia	87	75	16,0	32,3	19,3	66,9	103,1	60,6	70,1
Thessalia	364	392	-7,1	133,8	100,4	33,3	474,8	339,3	39,9
Ipiros	188	199	-5,5	53,1	49,6	6,9	201,9	169,0	19,5
Ionian Islands	275	215	27,9	50,4	40,5	24,5	173,1	140,7	23,0
Western Greece	419	414	1,2	102,3	120,2	-14,9	407,1	484,8	-16,0
Central Greece	409	359	13,9	141,9	88,5	60,4	668,3	318,7	109,7
Peloponnisos	495	471	5,1	116,6	92,1	26,6	401,5	331,4	21,1
Attiki	1991	1791	11,2	459,1	383,5	19,7	1.619,6	1.320,1	22,7
Northern Egeio	162	178	-9,0	23,6	28,2	-16,3	86,1	99,9	-13,9
Southern Egeio	354	335	5,7	72,9	60,1	21,3	277,8	204,8	35,6
Kriti	365	406	-10,1	94,1	101,5	-7,2	324,4	361,2	-10,2
Country Total	6.317	5.980	5,6	1.673,3	1.464,0	14,3	6.344,7	5.267,5	20,4

INCREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2006

During the period January-February 2006, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease of 1,4% in the number of building permits, increase of 1,9% in surface and 3,9% in volume as compared to the same period of 2005.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-February 2006, has come up to 2.691,0 thousand m³, as compared to 2.472,4 thousand m³ of 2005 (increase of 8,8%).

For the rest of the country the building activity volume has come up to 7.372,7 thousand m³, as compared to 7.210,8 thousand m³, of the same period of 2005 (increase of 2,2%).

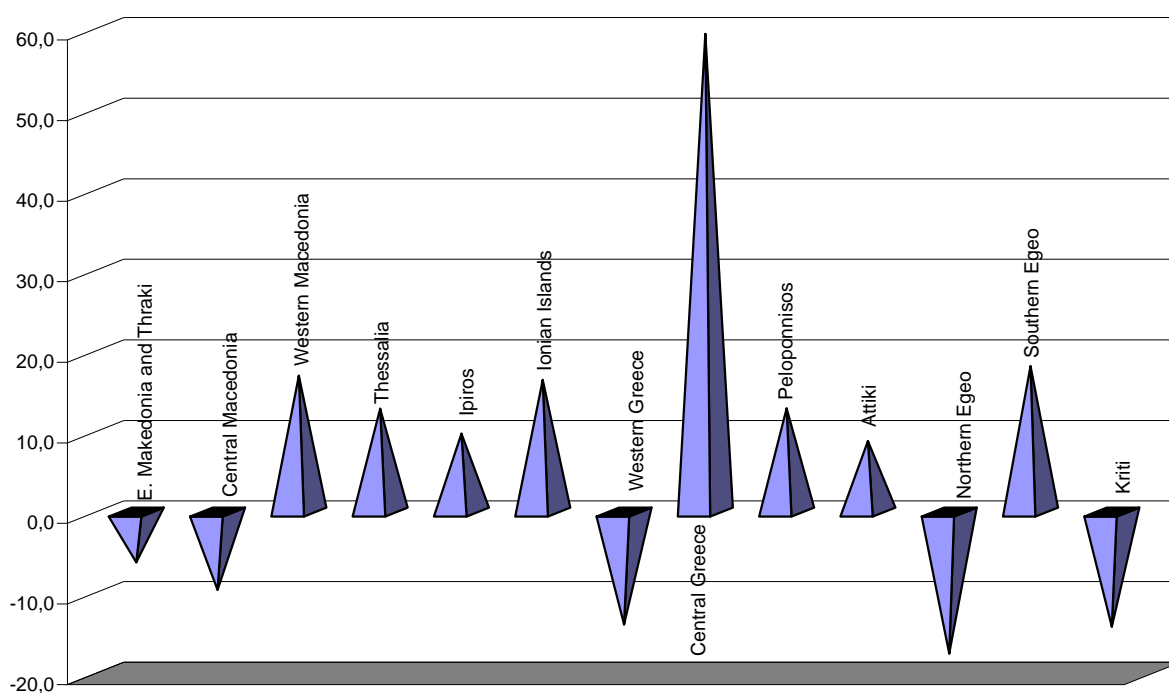
The highest decrease was observed in the Region of Northern Egeio (17,5%).

On the contrary the highest increase in Building Activity was observed in the Region of Central Greece (59,4%) which is caused due to the issue of a permit concerning the building of a big factory in the Prefecture of Viotia.

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - February 2006 και 2005

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Macedonia and Thraki	518	550	-5,8	121,0	140,6	-14,0	480,0	511,9	-6,2
Central Macedonia	1.491	1.555	-4,1	544,1	597,7	-9,0	2.131,7	2.358,8	-9,6
Western Macedonia	147	169	-13,0	45,7	41,1	11,3	145,9	124,8	16,9
Thessalia	646	696	-7,2	211,7	174,8	21,1	749,5	664,1	12,9
Ipiros	321	323	-0,6	93,9	88,9	5,6	351,2	320,0	9,8
Ionian Islands	480	405	18,5	86,1	77,4	11,2	306,9	263,6	16,4
Western Greece	675	743	-9,2	152,2	173,5	-12,3	586,7	681,7	-13,9
Central Greece	676	634	6,6	197,3	148,1	33,3	874,6	548,8	59,4
Peloponnisos	816	917	-11,0	182,3	164,3	11,0	627,7	556,0	12,9
Attiki	3.354	3.237	3,6	749,3	715,9	4,7	2.691,0	2.472,4	8,8
Northern Egeio	311	317	-1,9	40,3	45,9	-12,2	132,6	160,8	-17,5
Southern Egeio	581	538	8,0	115,5	99,8	15,7	402,8	341,0	18,1
Kriti	627	710	-11,7	165,8	186,8	-11,3	583,0	679,5	-14,2
Country Total	10.643	10.794	-1,4	2.705,2	2.654,7	1,9	10.063,7	9.683,2	3,9

Private Building Activity by Region
January - February 2006 and 2005
% of change of building volume

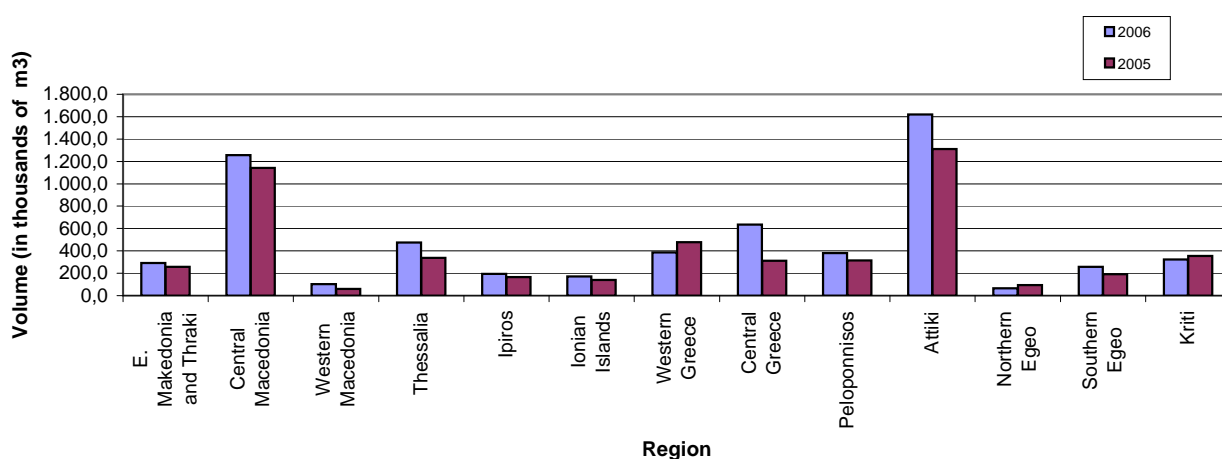


In February 2006 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 6.268 building permits, which relate to 1.637,0 thousand m² of surface and 6.161,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 5.909 building permits, 1.440,0 thousand m² of surface and 5.161,5 thousand m³ of volume of February 2005. There was an annual increase of 6,1% in the number of building permits, 13,7% in surface and 19,4% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
February 2006 and 2005**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Makedonia and Thraki	316	283	11,7	69,9	68,9	1,6	292,3	258,0	13,3
Central Macedonia	872	819	6,5	312,8	302,4	3,4	1.257,6	1.141,1	10,2
Western Macedonia	87	75	16,0	32,3	19,3	66,9	103,1	60,6	70,1
Thessalia	364	389	-6,4	133,8	99,8	34,1	474,8	337,0	40,9
Ipiros	185	196	-5,6	51,8	49,0	5,8	195,5	167,3	16,9
Ionian Islands	275	215	27,9	50,4	40,5	24,5	173,1	140,7	23,0
Western Greece	415	413	0,5	97,9	118,8	-17,6	385,0	477,9	-19,4
Central Greece	400	353	13,3	132,4	87,6	51,2	635,4	312,2	103,5
Peloponnisos	492	468	5,1	111,6	89,6	24,6	379,4	314,4	20,7
Attiki	1.990	1.788	11,3	459,1	380,3	20,7	1.619,6	1.309,2	23,7
Northern Egeo	158	175	-9,7	20,2	27,2	-26,0	67,1	95,3	-29,6
Southern Egeo	352	332	6,0	71,2	56,6	25,8	256,5	191,8	33,7
Kriti	362	403	-10,2	93,6	100,1	-6,4	322,0	355,9	-9,5
Country Total	6.268	5.909	6,1	1.637,0	1.440,0	13,7	6.161,2	5.161,5	19,4

**Private Building Activity by Region
February 2006 and 2005**



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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