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## 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 March 2006.

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

In January - March 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 18.588 building permits, which relate to 4.851,8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 17.983,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 17.658 building permits, 4.388,9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 16.017,7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, of the same period 2005. Therefore in January-March 2006 there was an increase of 5,3% in the number of building permits, 10,5% in surface and 12,3% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - March 2006 is 2,2%.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousands of m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousands of m <sup>3</sup> )		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Macedonia and Thraki	959	945	1,5	245,9	252,4	-2,6	933,9	913,9	2,2
Central Macedonia	2.537	2.525	0,5	954,7	891,5	7,1	3.799,2	3.468,4	9,5
Western Macedonia	262	272	-3,7	79,2	82,8	-4,3	277,7	252,8	9,8
Thessalia	1.101	1.119	-1,6	338,8	292,1	16,0	1.187,6	1.082,6	9,7
Ipiros	562	500	12,4	158,1	147,9	6,9	591,5	543,0	8,9
Ionian Islands	814	613	32,8	160,9	122,0	31,8	554,1	422,0	31,3
Western Greece	1.181	1.235	-4,4	269,1	287,7	-6,5	1.011,5	1.084,6	-6,7
Central Greece	1.250	1.130	10,6	339,6	269,5	26,0	1.412,2	1.005,4	40,5
Peloponnisos	1.435	1.501	-4,4	342,8	276,8	23,9	1.205,0	975,5	23,5
Attiki	5.849	5.400	8,3	1.345,0	1.202,5	11,8	4.805,8	4.146,1	15,9
Northern Egeo	547	487	12,3	81,7	75,6	8,1	291,5	263,2	10,7
Southern Egeo	1.004	774	29,7	224,3	150,9	48,7	787,3	510,6	54,2
Kriti	1.087	1.157	-6,1	311,8	337,3	-7,5	1.126,6	1.349,4	-16,5
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>18.588</b>	<b>17.658</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>4.851,8</b>	<b>4.388,9</b>	<b>10,5</b>	<b>17.983,8</b>	<b>16.017,7</b>	<b>12,3</b>

In March 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 7.851 building permits, which relate to 2.078,3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 7.608,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 6.769 building permits, 1.695,0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 6.145,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume of March 2005.

Therefore in March 2006 there was an annual increase 16,0% in the number of building permits, 22,6% in surface and 23,8% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 60 building permits, which relate to 19,3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 86,6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, as compared to 50 building permits, 49,9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 351,2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, of March 2005. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in March 2006 is 1,1%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousands of m <sup>3</sup> )		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Macedonia and Thraki	433	384	12,8	119,0	105,0	13,3	421,6	373,3	13,0
Central Macedonia	1017	928	9,6	400,0	287,2	39,3	1.623,5	1.077,1	50,7
Western Macedonia	112	102	9,8	32,9	41,5	-20,8	129,7	127,3	1,9
Thessalia	452	417	8,4	126,3	116,1	8,8	435,8	414,1	5,2
Ipiros	235	173	35,8	58,9	56,7	3,8	217,7	215,0	1,2
Ionian Islands	331	208	59,1	70,4	44,6	57,8	228,8	158,5	44,4
Western Greece	501	490	2,2	112,3	110,6	1,5	401,7	389,2	3,2
Central Greece	562	489	14,9	132,2	119,8	10,4	502,9	444,7	13,1
Peloponnisos	612	579	5,7	144,5	108,3	33,5	507,8	377,9	34,4
Attiki	2494	2157	15,6	595,7	481,2	23,8	2.114,8	1.653,5	27,9
Northern Egeo	231	167	38,3	38,0	28,7	32,1	139,9	97,9	42,9
Southern Egeo	418	232	80,2	106,8	46,3	130,8	362,0	152,8	136,9
Kriti	453	443	2,3	141,4	149,0	-5,1	522,5	664,5	-21,4
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>7.851</b>	<b>6.769</b>	<b>16,0</b>	<b>2.078,3</b>	<b>1.695,0</b>	<b>22,6</b>	<b>7.608,8</b>	<b>6.145,8</b>	<b>23,8</b>

#### INCREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - MARCH 2006

During the period January-March 2006, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was an increase 5,3% in the number of building permits, 10,8% in surface and 13,6% in volume as compared to the same period of 2005.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-March 2006, has come up to 4.791,2 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 4.122,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of 2005 (increase of 16,2%).

For the rest of the country the building activity volume has come up to 12.794,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 11.355,0 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, of the same period of 2005 (increase of 12,7%).

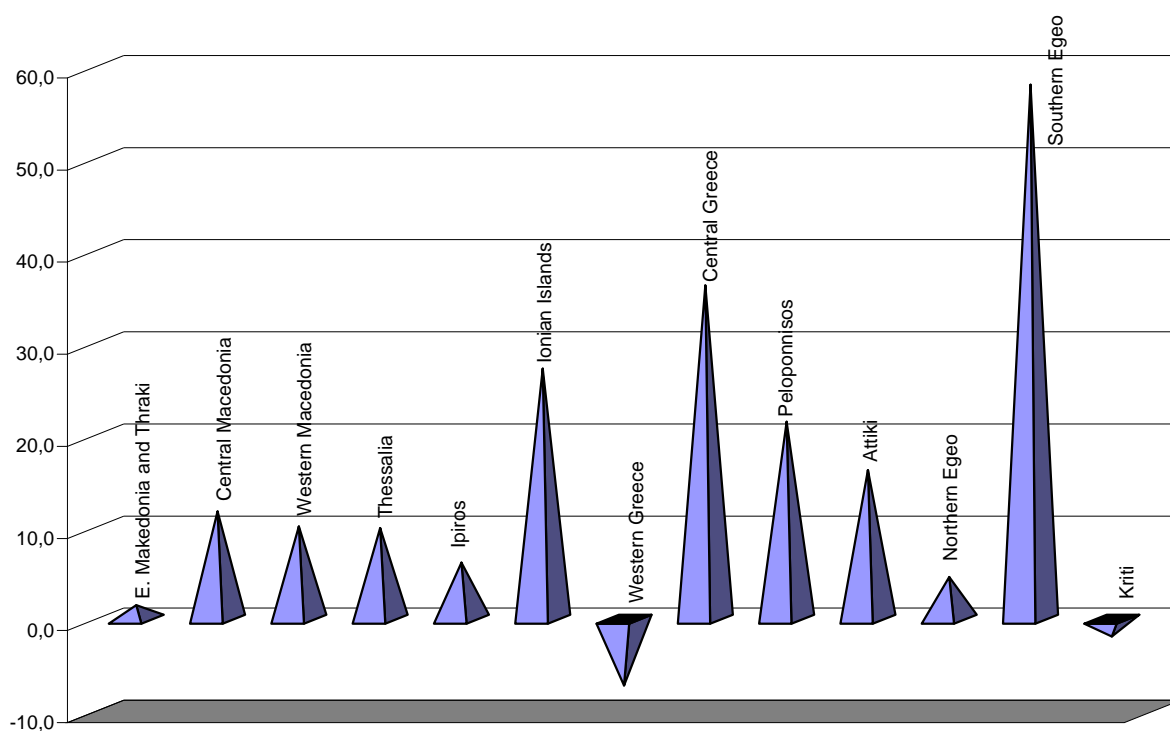
The highest increase was observed in the Regions of Southern Egeo (58,1%), Central Greece (36,3%) and Ionian Islands (27,2%).

From the thirteen (13) Regions of the Country decrease was observed only in the Regions of Western Greece (7,2%) and Kriti (1,9%).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousands of m <sup>3</sup> )		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Macedonia and Thraki	945	930	1,6	238,5	245,2	-2,7	896,9	883,4	1,5
Central Macedonia	2.492	2.465	1,1	938,8	871,6	7,7	3.732,4	3.340,5	11,7
Western Macedonia	257	268	-4,1	78,5	82,0	-4,3	275,3	250,1	10,1
Thessalia	1.095	1.111	-1,4	337,3	290,4	16,2	1.182,9	1.076,3	9,9
Ipiros	552	493	12,0	152,0	144,9	4,9	564,8	532,0	6,2
Ionian Islands	809	612	32,2	155,5	121,2	28,3	531,7	417,9	27,2
Western Greece	1.173	1.230	-4,6	264,4	282,6	-6,4	988,1	1.064,4	-7,2
Central Greece	1.228	1.119	9,7	325,6	267,8	21,6	1.353,8	993,5	36,3
Peloponnisos	1.427	1.496	-4,6	326,5	272,6	19,8	1.134,3	933,8	21,5
Attiki	5.845	5.391	8,4	1.341,6	1.196,3	12,1	4.791,2	4.122,8	16,2
Northern Egeio	539	483	11,6	77,7	74,6	4,2	270,3	258,5	4,6
Southern Egeio	996	766	30,0	221,9	143,3	54,9	763,5	483,0	58,1
Kriti	1.076	1.149	-6,4	305,9	307,5	-0,5	1.100,7	1.121,5	-1,9
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>18.434</b>	<b>17.513</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>4.764,1</b>	<b>4.299,8</b>	<b>10,8</b>	<b>17.585,9</b>	<b>15.477,8</b>	<b>13,6</b>

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

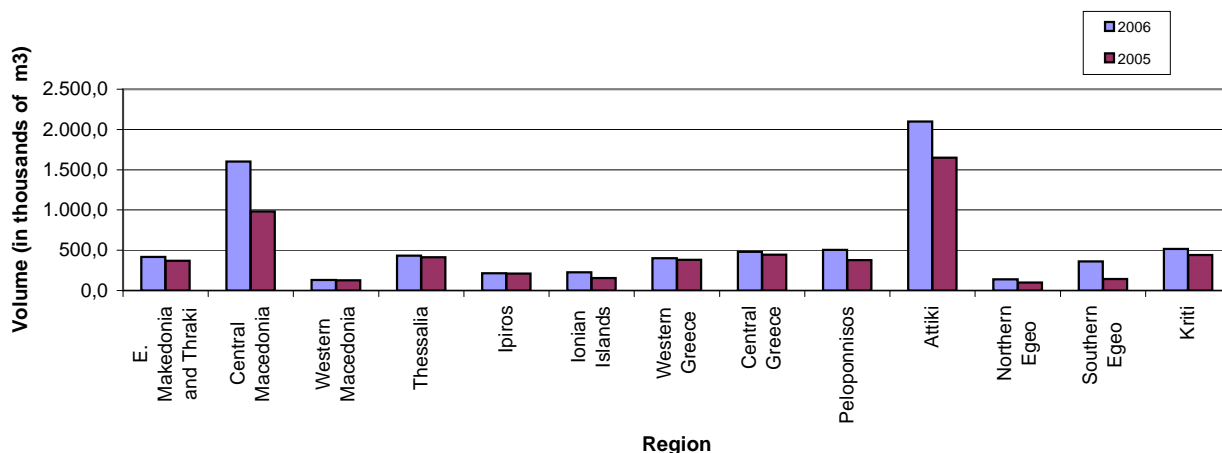


In March 2006 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 7.791 building permits, which relate to 2.059,0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 7.522,2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 6.719 building permits, 1.645,1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 5.794,6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume of March 2005. There was an annual increase of 16,0% in the number of building permits, 25,2% in surface and 29,8% in volume.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousands of m <sup>3</sup> )		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Makedonia and Thraki	427	380	12,4	117,5	104,5	12,4	417,0	371,5	12,2
Central Macedonia	1.001	910	10,0	394,7	273,9	44,1	1.600,7	981,7	63,0
Western Macedonia	110	99	11,1	32,8	40,9	-19,9	129,4	125,3	3,3
Thessalia	449	415	8,2	125,6	115,6	8,7	433,4	412,2	5,1
Ipiros	231	170	35,9	58,0	56,0	3,6	213,6	212,0	0,8
Ionian Islands	329	207	58,9	69,4	43,8	58,4	224,8	154,4	45,6
Western Greece	498	487	2,3	112,2	109,1	2,8	401,4	382,8	4,9
Central Greece	552	485	13,8	128,3	119,8	7,1	479,2	444,7	7,8
Peloponnisos	611	579	5,5	144,1	108,3	33,1	506,5	377,9	34,0
Attiki	2.491	2.154	15,6	592,3	480,4	23,3	2.100,1	1.650,4	27,3
Northern Egeio	228	166	37,3	37,5	28,7	30,6	137,7	97,7	41,0
Southern Egeio	415	228	82,0	106,4	43,4	145,2	360,7	142,1	153,9
Kriti	449	439	2,3	140,1	120,7	16,1	517,7	442,0	17,1
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>7.791</b>	<b>6.719</b>	<b>16,0</b>	<b>2.059,0</b>	<b>1.645,1</b>	<b>25,2</b>	<b>7.522,2</b>	<b>5.794,6</b>	<b>29,8</b>

**Private Building Activity by Region  
March 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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