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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 May 2006.

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

In January - May 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 33.171 building permits, which relate to 8.853,8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 32.969,5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 32.228 building permits, 8.157,1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 29.605,7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, of the same period 2005. Therefore in January-May 2006 there was an increase of 2,9% in the number of building permits, 8,5% in surface and 11,4% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - May 2006 is 2,3%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region  
January - May 2006 / 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	1.697	1.632	4,0	461,7	443,7	4,1	1.704,9	1.596,8	6,8
Central Macedonia	4.569	4.635	-1,4	1.703,4	1.647,2	3,4	6.847,5	6.273,5	9,1
Western Macedonia	547	586	-6,7	179,7	197,7	-9,1	613,6	631,8	-2,9
Thessalia	1.969	2.049	-3,9	603,1	553,8	8,9	2.139,7	2.011,0	6,4
Ipiros	993	921	7,8	297,1	263,3	12,9	1.116,9	968,4	15,3
Ionian Islands	1.316	1.056	24,6	251,8	215,2	17,0	862,6	743,0	16,1
Western Greece	2.151	2.182	-1,4	475,5	534,5	-11,0	1.723,1	2.025,0	-14,9
Central Greece	2.148	2.184	-1,6	644,4	538,3	19,7	2.895,8	1.999,0	44,9
Peloponnisos	2.655	2.672	-0,6	606,8	500,5	21,2	2.143,3	1.821,0	17,7
Attiki	10.488	9.979	5,1	2.531,2	2.250,3	12,5	8.974,4	7.861,1	14,2
Northern Egeo	915	904	1,2	137,6	145,9	-5,7	514,3	513,4	0,2
Southern Egeo	1.735	1.398	24,1	373,9	265,4	40,9	1.338,5	903,7	48,1
Kriti	1.988	2.030	-2,1	587,8	601,4	-2,3	2.095,0	2.258,1	-7,2
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>33.171</b>	<b>32.228</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>8.853,8</b>	<b>8.157,1</b>	<b>8,5</b>	<b>32.969,5</b>	<b>29.605,7</b>	<b>11,4</b>

In May 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 8.226 building permits, which relate to 2.169,7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 8.089,0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 6.492 building permits, 1.696,0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 6.060,4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume of May 2005.

Therefore in May 2006 there was an annual increase of 26,7% in the number of building permits, 27,9% in surface and 33,5% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 65 building permits, which relate to 50,1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 231,0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, as compared to 42 building permits, 22,6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 93,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, of May 2005. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in May 2006 is 2,9%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region  
May 2006 / 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	428	341	25,5	118,1	93,8	25,8	417,2	321,1	29,9
Central Macedonia	1146	964	18,9	416,0	353,7	17,6	1.748,1	1.325,2	31,9
Western Macedonia	174	161	8,1	57,8	65,0	-11,1	185,7	217,6	-14,7
Thessalia	546	394	38,6	160,0	118,4	35,1	568,5	425,6	33,6
Ipiros	274	194	41,2	82,8	57,3	44,3	335,4	205,2	63,4
Ionian Islands	296	210	41,0	51,8	52,1	-0,5	175,6	180,2	-2,5
Western Greece	536	431	24,4	109,1	101,5	7,5	402,8	346,6	16,2
Central Greece	500	503	-0,6	150,9	134,9	11,9	631,7	492,0	28,4
Peloponnisos	722	539	34,0	152,6	95,5	59,9	562,3	369,0	52,4
Attiki	2513	1902	32,1	610,0	407,2	49,8	2.118,9	1.430,9	48,1
Northern Egeo	196	171	14,6	34,2	32,9	4,0	140,0	122,7	14,1
Southern Egeo	403	275	46,5	84,3	47,1	78,8	313,5	157,8	98,6
Kriti	492	407	20,9	142,0	136,5	4,0	489,3	466,3	4,9
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>8.226</b>	<b>6.492</b>	<b>26,7</b>	<b>2.169,7</b>	<b>1.696,0</b>	<b>27,9</b>	<b>8.089,0</b>	<b>6.060,4</b>	<b>33,5</b>

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

During the period January-May 2006, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was an increase of 2,9% in the number of building permits, 8,5% in surface and 11,9% in volume as compared to the same period of 2005.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-May 2006, has come up to 8.954,6 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 7.814,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of 2005 (increase 14,6%).

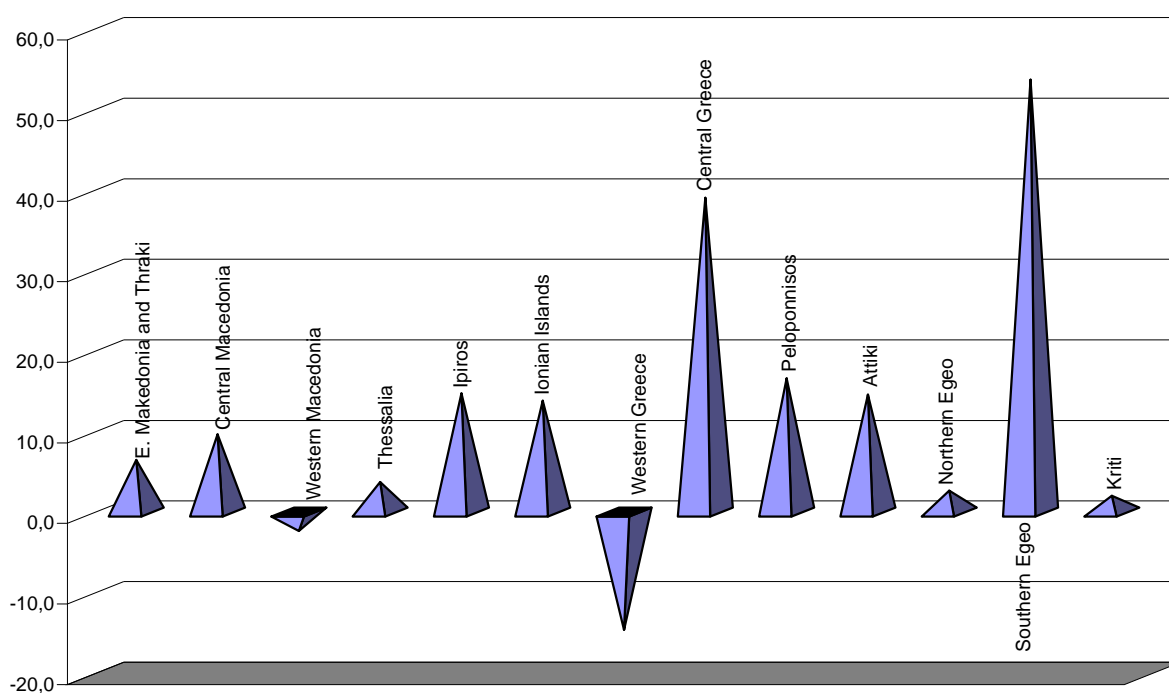
For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 23.251,1 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 20.976,7 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, of the same period of 2005 (increase 10,8%).

The biggest increase was observed in the Regions of Southern Egeo (53,7%) and Central Greece (39,0%). From the thirteen Regions of the country only in the following two was observed decrease in the building activity: in Western Greece (14,6%) and in Western Macedonia (2,3%).

**Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region**  
January - May 2006 / 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	1.677	1.614	3,9	446,0	430,1	3,7	1.641,4	1.541,5	6,5
Central Macedonia	4.487	4.551	-1,4	1.672,3	1.620,1	3,2	6.705,9	6.115,3	9,7
Western Macedonia	537	576	-6,8	177,8	195,1	-8,9	606,5	620,9	-2,3
Thessalia	1.949	2.036	-4,3	588,2	550,4	6,9	2.073,4	1.998,1	3,8
Ipiros	979	904	8,3	287,2	255,3	12,5	1.065,3	928,5	14,7
Ionian Islands	1.307	1.051	24,4	245,4	213,8	14,8	837,3	735,5	13,8
Western Greece	2.136	2.166	-1,4	467,5	522,5	-10,5	1.686,3	1.974,3	-14,6
Central Greece	2.115	2.167	-2,4	614,9	534,9	14,9	2.751,9	1.979,4	39,0
Peloponnisos	2.638	2.659	-0,8	586,2	493,8	18,7	2.052,4	1.759,9	16,6
Attiki	10.475	9.963	5,1	2.526,6	2.241,0	12,7	8.954,6	7.814,8	14,6
Northern Egeio	907	898	1,0	133,6	139,0	-3,8	493,2	480,4	2,7
Southern Egeio	1.722	1.378	25,0	368,8	249,9	47,6	1.300,3	846,2	53,7
Kriti	1.973	2.013	-2,0	573,7	561,4	2,2	2.037,3	1.996,7	2,0
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>32.902</b>	<b>31.976</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>8.688,2</b>	<b>8.007,3</b>	<b>8,5</b>	<b>32.205,8</b>	<b>28.791,5</b>	<b>11,9</b>

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

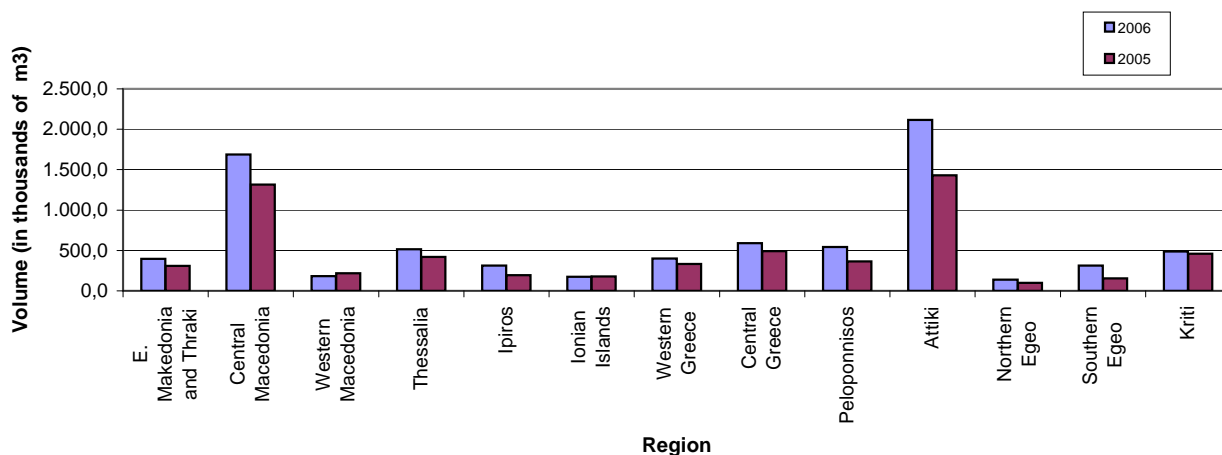


In May 2006 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 8.161 building permits, which relate to 2.119,5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 7.858,1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 6.450 building permits, 1.673,4 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 5.966,5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume of May 2005. There was an annual increase of 26,5% in the number of building permits, 26,7% in surface and 31,7% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region  
May 2006 / 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	423	340	24,4	110,9	89,8	23,6	395,1	309,0	27,9
Central Macedonia	1.129	955	18,2	404,0	351,1	15,0	1.688,1	1.315,3	28,3
Western Macedonia	171	160	6,9	57,2	64,7	-11,6	183,6	216,4	-15,2
Thessalia	540	391	38,1	148,8	117,0	27,3	516,1	420,3	22,8
Ipiros	272	191	42,4	79,6	55,5	43,5	313,6	194,4	61,3
Ionian Islands	292	208	40,4	50,9	51,6	-1,4	172,8	177,3	-2,6
Western Greece	533	427	24,8	108,7	98,8	9,9	400,9	332,7	20,5
Central Greece	494	500	-1,2	142,1	134,8	5,4	590,4	491,7	20,1
Peloponnisos	714	534	33,7	148,4	94,6	56,9	542,2	366,3	48,0
Attiki	2.507	1.899	32,0	609,1	407,0	49,7	2.115,3	1.429,9	47,9
Northern Egeo	196	170	15,3	34,2	28,0	22,0	140,0	100,9	38,8
Southern Egeo	401	270	48,5	83,8	45,3	84,9	311,9	152,8	104,1
Kriti	489	405	20,7	141,8	135,1	5,0	488,3	459,4	6,3
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>8.161</b>	<b>6.450</b>	<b>26,5</b>	<b>2.119,5</b>	<b>1.673,4</b>	<b>26,7</b>	<b>7.858,1</b>	<b>5.966,5</b>	<b>31,7</b>

**Private Building Activity by Region  
May 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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