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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 September 2006.

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

In January - September 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 61.391 building permits, which relate to 16.790,7 thousand m² of surface and 62.901,5 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 62.012 building permits, 16.554,9 thousand m² of surface and 60.332,3 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2005. Therefore in January-September 2006 there was a decrease 1,0% in the number of building permits, increase 1,4% in surface and 4,3% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - September 2006 is 2,5%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - September 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	3.159	3.206	-1,5	890,9	907,9	-1,9	3.378,9	3.268,3	3,4
Central Macedonia	8.685	8.972	-3,2	3.174,0	3.223,0	-1,5	12.849,8	12.178,9	5,5
Western Macedonia	1.063	1.181	-10,0	339,5	461,1	-26,4	1.221,5	1.565,5	-22,0
Thessalia	3.706	3.793	-2,3	1.131,2	1.118,8	1,1	4.093,9	4.135,4	-1,0
Ipiros	1.806	1.934	-6,6	552,4	613,9	-10,0	1.984,8	2.333,5	-14,9
Ionian Islands	2.359	2.058	14,6	473,6	406,5	16,5	1.645,7	1.412,0	16,5
Western Greece	4.107	4.214	-2,5	898,7	1.015,5	-11,5	3.353,8	3.733,6	-10,2
Central Greece	4.178	4.225	-1,1	1.153,1	1.087,9	6,0	4.787,2	4.173,0	14,7
Peloponnisos	5.068	5.138	-1,4	1.323,1	1.079,7	22,5	4.810,5	3.955,9	21,6
Attiki	18.902	18.713	1,0	4.796,0	4.563,6	5,1	17.361,4	16.159,3	7,4
Northern Egeo	1.670	1.871	-10,7	255,8	299,9	-14,7	950,4	1.061,4	-10,5
Southern Egeo	2.997	2.814	6,5	651,1	596,4	9,2	2.316,0	2.022,6	14,5
Kriti	3.691	3.893	-5,2	1.151,3	1.180,5	-2,5	4.147,6	4.333,0	-4,3
Country Total	61.391	62.012	-1,0	16.790,7	16.554,9	1,4	62.901,5	60.332,3	4,3

In September 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 6.171 building permits, which relate to 1.723,5 thousand m² of surface and 6.404,3 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 7.532 building permits, 2.008,5 thousand m² of surface and 7.193,9 thousand m³ of volume of September 2005. Therefore in September 2006 there was an annual decrease of 18,1% in the number of building permits, 14,2% in surface and 11,0% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 47 building permits, which relate to 46,3 thousand m² of surface and 222,0 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 61 building permits, 31,0 thousand m² of surface and 126,2 thousand m³ of volume, of September 2005. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in September 2006 is 3,5%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
September 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	381	490	-22,2	99,4	151,1	-34,2	366,7	582,1	-37,0
Central Macedonia	1006	1208	-16,7	342,4	404,5	-15,3	1.337,2	1.422,7	-6,0
Western Macedonia	121	182	-33,5	32,0	73,9	-56,7	120,0	237,3	-49,4
Thessalia	390	449	-13,1	140,7	132,4	6,3	532,8	479,0	11,2
Ipiros	234	270	-13,3	67,3	84,0	-19,8	211,3	289,9	-27,1
Ionian Islands	245	263	-6,8	50,6	50,9	-0,6	198,0	173,4	14,2
Western Greece	389	525	-25,9	96,5	124,0	-22,1	348,0	451,3	-22,9
Central Greece	469	511	-8,2	113,2	143,4	-21,1	445,0	646,3	-31,1
Peloponnisos	469	577	-18,7	174,3	130,0	34,1	694,9	447,1	55,4
Attiki	1680	1950	-13,8	423,1	445,7	-5,1	1.466,8	1.545,1	-5,1
Northern Egeo	163	231	-29,4	28,7	34,3	-16,3	108,9	119,5	-8,9
Southern Egeo	241	429	-43,8	39,6	105,5	-62,4	137,1	348,1	-60,6
Kriti	383	447	-14,3	115,6	128,9	-10,3	437,6	452,2	-3,2
Country Total	6.171	7.532	-18,1	1.723,5	2.008,5	-14,2	6.404,3	7.193,9	-11,0

INCREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2006

During the period January-September 2006, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease 1,0% in the number of building permits, increase 1,5% in surface and 4,6% in volume as compared to the same period of 2005.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-September 2006, has come up to 17.246,5 thousand m³, as compared to 16.034,4 thousand m³ of 2005 (increase 7,6%).

For the rest of the country the building activity volume has come up to 44.077,5 thousand m³, as compared to 42.580,0 thousand m³, of the same period of 2005 (increase 3,5%).

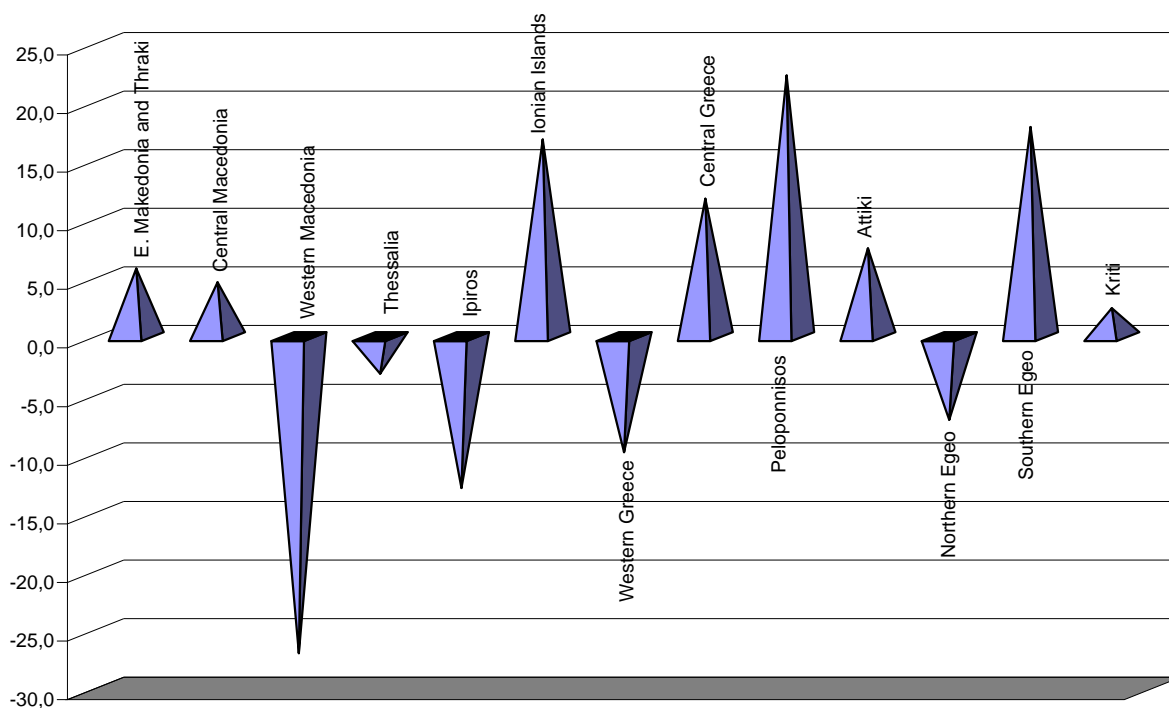
The biggest increase was observed in the Regions of Peloponnisos (22,3%), Southern Egeo (17,9%) and Ionian Islands (16,8%).

On the contrary, great decrease in Building Activity was observed in the Region of Western Macedonia (27,0%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - September 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	3.113	3.163	-1,6	869,1	869,8	-0,1	3.288,3	3.107,0	5,8
Central Macedonia	8.541	8.795	-2,9	3.091,9	3.171,2	-2,5	12.456,6	11.903,5	4,6
Western Macedonia	1.033	1.152	-10,3	312,6	448,6	-30,3	1.107,2	1.516,7	-27,0
Thessalia	3.664	3.768	-2,8	1.096,5	1.097,8	-0,1	3.926,7	4.055,1	-3,2
Ipiros	1.782	1.902	-6,3	537,8	582,9	-7,7	1.911,4	2.194,9	-12,9
Ionian Islands	2.339	2.045	14,4	464,0	400,5	15,9	1.606,1	1.374,7	16,8
Western Greece	4.083	4.185	-2,4	887,9	999,1	-11,1	3.305,1	3.666,4	-9,9
Central Greece	4.133	4.193	-1,4	1.112,9	1.075,3	3,5	4.589,1	4.105,3	11,8
Peloponnisos	5.034	5.104	-1,4	1.298,2	1.061,3	22,3	4.705,0	3.847,3	22,3
Attiki	18.873	18.680	1,0	4.772,7	4.535,3	5,2	17.246,5	16.034,4	7,6
Northern Egeio	1.657	1.856	-10,7	244,5	279,3	-12,4	896,1	964,4	-7,1
Southern Egeio	2.977	2.779	7,1	644,5	574,9	12,1	2.272,5	1.927,4	17,9
Kriti	3.656	3.854	-5,1	1.121,8	1.107,4	1,3	4.013,4	3.917,4	2,5
Country Total	60.885	61.476	-1,0	16.454,4	16.203,3	1,5	61.324,0	58.614,4	4,6

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

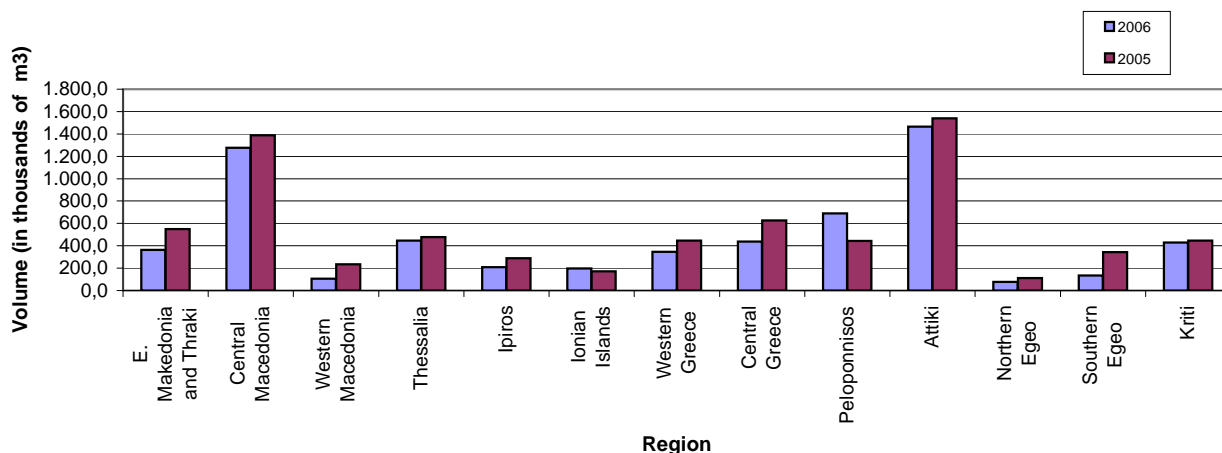


In September 2006 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 6.124 building permits, which relate to 1.677,2 thousand m² of surface and 6.182,4 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 7.471 building permits, 1.977,5 thousand m² of surface and 7.067,7 thousand m³ of volume of September 2005. There was an annual decrease 18,0% in the number of building permits, 15,2% in surface and 12,5% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
September 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	379	483	-21,5	98,7	141,3	-30,2	363,8	548,7	-33,7
Central Macedonia	995	1.190	-16,4	332,1	396,7	-16,3	1.276,0	1.387,9	-8,1
Western Macedonia	116	179	-35,2	27,4	73,2	-62,5	105,0	235,8	-55,5
Thessalia	384	448	-14,3	124,6	132,0	-5,7	447,1	477,8	-6,4
Ipiros	230	268	-14,2	66,6	83,9	-20,6	209,1	289,6	-27,8
Ionian Islands	245	262	-6,5	50,6	50,4	0,3	198,0	171,8	15,3
Western Greece	386	520	-25,8	96,3	122,4	-21,4	347,0	446,2	-22,2
Central Greece	465	508	-8,5	111,0	141,0	-21,3	437,5	625,9	-30,1
Peloponnisos	467	564	-17,2	172,7	128,7	34,2	690,2	442,4	56,0
Attiki	1.679	1.947	-13,8	422,9	444,5	-4,9	1.466,4	1.540,0	-4,8
Northern Egeo	160	229	-30,1	21,5	32,0	-32,9	77,3	111,2	-30,5
Southern Egeo	239	428	-44,2	39,3	103,9	-62,2	135,5	343,1	-60,5
Kriti	379	445	-14,8	113,7	127,3	-10,7	429,5	447,2	-4,0
Country Total	6.124	7.471	-18,0	1.677,2	1.977,5	-15,2	6.182,4	7.067,7	-12,5

**Private Building Activity by Region
September 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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