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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 2007.

INCREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2007

In January - February 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 11.847 building permits, which relate to 2.929,8 thousand m² of surface and 11.016,0 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 10.737 building permits, 2.773,6 thousand m² of surface and 10.375,0 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2006. Therefore in January-February 2007 there was an increase 10,3% in the number of building permits, 5,6% in surface and 6,2% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - February 2007 is 1,7%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - February 2007 / 2006**

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Macedonia and Thraki	545	526	3,6	130,2	127,0	2,6	470,6	512,3	-8,1
Central Macedonia	1.473	1.520	-3,1	473,1	554,7	-14,7	2.040,2	2.175,7	-6,2
Western Macedonia	174	150	16,0	41,5	46,3	-10,4	137,5	148,0	-7,1
Thessalia	697	649	7,4	188,6	212,5	-11,3	727,5	751,8	-3,2
Ipiros	339	327	3,7	89,1	99,2	-10,2	320,1	373,8	-14,4
Ionian Islands	428	483	-11,4	91,8	90,5	1,4	342,2	325,3	5,2
Western Greece	788	680	15,9	177,0	156,8	12,9	652,1	609,7	7,0
Central Greece	836	688	21,5	227,0	207,4	9,4	901,1	909,2	-0,9
Peloponnisos	916	823	11,3	225,4	198,3	13,7	805,7	697,2	15,6
Attiki	4.035	3.355	20,3	864,0	749,3	15,3	3.116,8	2.691,0	15,8
Northern Egeo	325	316	2,8	56,8	43,7	30,1	203,3	151,6	34,1
Southern Egeo	522	586	-10,9	129,5	117,5	10,2	457,8	425,3	7,6
Kriti	769	634	21,3	235,8	170,5	38,3	841,1	604,1	39,2
Country Total	11.847	10.737	10,3	2.929,8	2.773,6	5,6	11.016,0	10.375,0	6,2

In February 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 6.131 building permits, which relate to 1.533,8 thousand m² of surface and 5.816,3 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.317 building permits, 1.673,3 thousand m² of surface and 6.344,7 thousand m³ of volume of February 2006. Therefore in February 2007 there was an annual decrease 2,9% in the number of building permits, 8,3% in surface and 8,3% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 53 building permits, which relate to 35,3 thousand m² of surface and 144,2 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 49 building permits, 36,3 thousand m² of surface and 183,5 thousand m³ of volume, of February 2006. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in February 2007 is 2,5%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
February 2007 / 2006**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Macedonia and Thraki	278	318	-12,6	67,2	71,9	-6,6	239,1	312,1	-23,4
Central Macedonia	768	890	-13,7	227,5	321,5	-29,2	1.017,3	1.295,0	-21,4
Western Macedonia	95	87	9,2	25,4	32,3	-21,2	84,6	103,1	-18,0
Thessalia	406	364	11,5	103,3	133,8	-22,8	398,1	474,8	-16,1
Ipiros	184	188	-2,1	43,7	53,1	-17,6	151,7	201,9	-24,8
Ionian Islands	204	275	-25,8	52,5	50,4	4,1	203,5	173,1	17,6
Western Greece	406	419	-3,1	81,6	102,3	-20,2	287,0	407,1	-29,5
Central Greece	422	409	3,2	114,3	141,9	-19,4	455,5	668,3	-31,8
Peloponnisos	502	495	1,4	117,3	116,6	0,7	395,7	401,5	-1,4
Attiki	2021	1991	1,5	475,5	459,1	3,6	1.778,9	1.619,6	9,8
Northern Egeio	147	162	-9,3	27,8	23,6	17,8	102,4	86,1	19,0
Southern Egeio	286	354	-19,2	68,7	72,9	-5,7	244,7	277,8	-11,9
Kriti	412	365	12,9	129,0	94,1	37,0	457,6	324,4	41,1
Country Total	6.131	6.317	-2,9	1.533,8	1.673,3	-8,3	5.816,3	6.344,7	-8,3

INCREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2007

During the period January-February 2007, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was an increase 10,6% in the number of building permits, 6,7% in surface and 7,6% in volume as compared to the same period of 2006.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-February 2007, has come up to 3.111,3 thousand m³, as compared to 2.691,0 thousand m³ of 2006 (increase 15,6%).

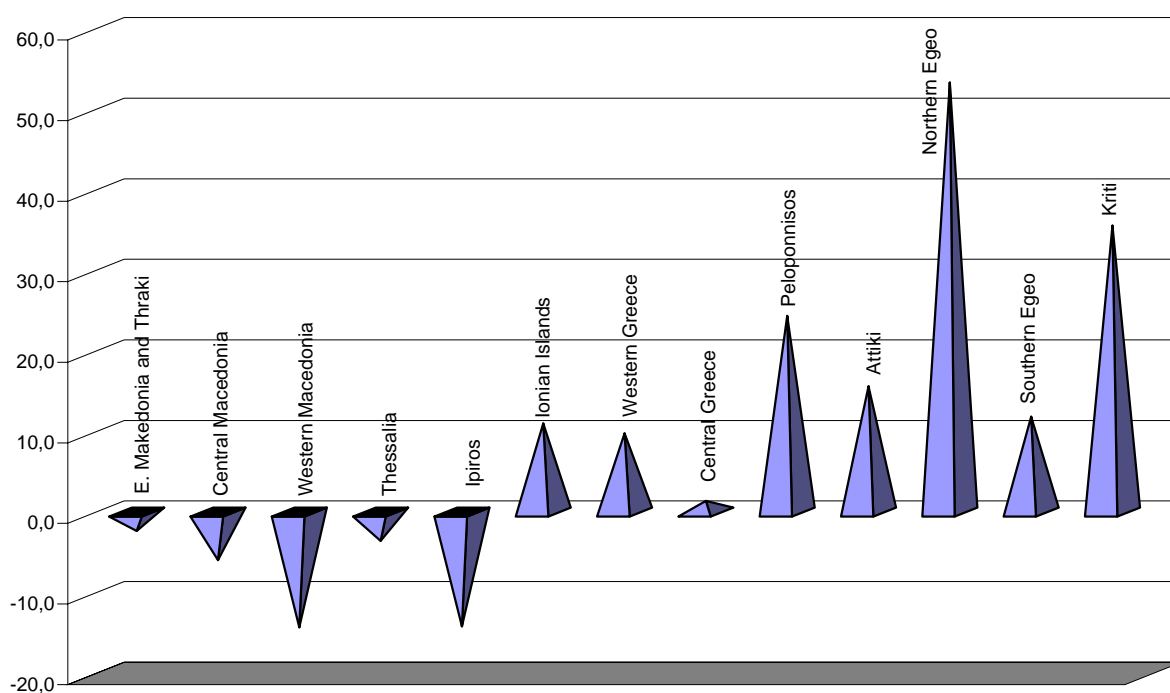
For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 7.719,9 thousand m³, as compared to 7.372,7 thousand m³, of the same period of 2006 (increase 4,7%).

The highest increase was observed in the region of Northern Egeio (53,3%) , Kriti (35,6%) and Peloponnisos (24,4%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - February 2007 / 2006

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Macedonia and Thraki	536	518	3,5	129,8	121,0	7,3	468,9	480,0	-2,3
Central Macedonia	1.464	1.491	-1,8	465,7	544,1	-14,4	2.004,7	2.131,7	-6,0
Western Macedonia	172	147	17,0	38,5	45,7	-15,8	125,1	145,9	-14,3
Thessalia	687	646	6,3	187,5	211,7	-11,4	723,0	749,5	-3,5
Ipiros	330	321	2,8	85,4	93,9	-9,1	301,6	351,2	-14,1
Ionian Islands	426	480	-11,3	91,4	86,1	6,2	340,7	306,9	11,0
Western Greece	786	675	16,4	174,7	152,2	14,8	644,3	586,7	9,8
Central Greece	831	676	22,9	223,7	197,3	13,4	886,8	874,6	1,4
Peloponnisos	907	816	11,2	219,2	182,3	20,2	780,7	627,7	24,4
Attiki	4.027	3.354	20,1	862,7	749,3	15,1	3.111,3	2.691,0	15,6
Northern Egeo	325	311	4,5	56,8	40,3	41,1	203,3	132,6	53,3
Southern Egeo	518	581	-10,8	127,7	115,5	10,6	450,7	402,8	11,9
Kriti	759	627	21,1	222,5	165,8	34,2	790,3	583,0	35,6
Country Total	11.768	10.643	10,6	2.885,7	2.705,2	6,7	10.831,2	10.063,7	7,6

Private Building Activity by Region
January - February 2007 / 2006
% of change of building volume

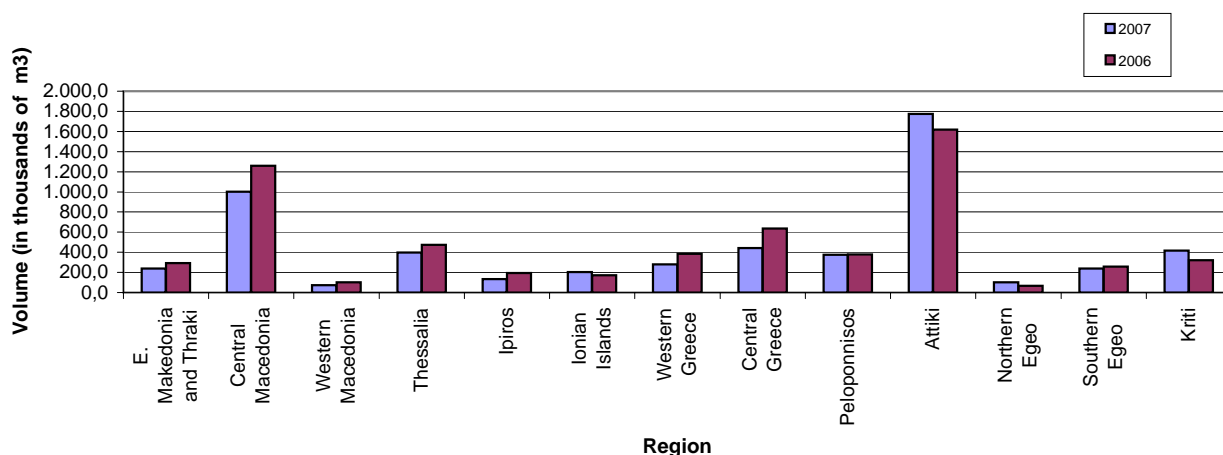


In February 2007 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 6.078 building permits, which relate to 1.498,5 thousand m² of surface and 5.672,1 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.268 building permits, 1.637,0 thousand m² surface and 6.161,2 thousand m³ of volume of February 2006. There was an annual decrease 3,0% in the number of building permits, 8,5% in surface and 7,9% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
February 2007 / 2006**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Macedonia and Thraki	271	316	-14,2	66,7	69,9	-4,6	237,4	292,3	-18,8
Central Macedonia	763	872	-12,5	222,9	312,8	-28,7	1.001,3	1.257,6	-20,4
Western Macedonia	93	87	6,9	22,4	32,3	-30,6	72,1	103,1	-30,0
Thessalia	398	364	9,3	102,7	133,8	-23,2	396,1	474,8	-16,6
Ipiros	177	185	-4,3	40,3	51,8	-22,3	134,3	195,5	-31,3
Ionian Islands	203	275	-26,2	52,2	50,4	3,5	202,2	173,1	16,8
Western Greece	404	415	-2,7	79,3	97,9	-19,0	279,1	385,0	-27,5
Central Greece	419	400	4,8	111,5	132,4	-15,8	442,6	635,4	-30,3
Peloponnisos	498	492	1,2	112,0	111,6	0,4	374,5	379,4	-1,3
Attiki	2.016	1.990	1,3	474,5	459,1	3,4	1.775,1	1.619,6	9,6
Northern Egeo	147	158	-7,0	27,8	20,2	37,8	102,4	67,1	52,7
Southern Egeo	284	352	-19,3	67,5	71,2	-5,2	239,4	256,5	-6,7
Kriti	405	362	11,9	118,8	93,6	26,9	415,6	322,0	29,1
Country Total	6.078	6.268	-3,0	1.498,5	1.637,0	-8,5	5.672,1	6.161,2	-7,9

**Private Building Activity by Region
February 2007 / 2006**



1Summary metadata: The data above refer to the authorised 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, simultaneously 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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