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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 2007.

DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - MAY 2007

In January - May 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 32.559 building permits, which relate to 8.279,0 thousand m² of surface and 31.287,8 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 33.171 building permits, 8.853,8 thousand m² of surface and 32.969,5 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2006. Therefore in January-May 2007 there was a decrease 1,8% in the number of building permits, 6,5% in surface and 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 - May 2007 is 1,7%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - May 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	1.633	1.697	-3,8	415,5	461,7	-10,0	1.565,2	1.704,9	-8,2
Central Macedonia	4.012	4.569	-12,2	1.388,1	1.703,4	-18,5	6.071,8	6.847,5	-11,3
Western Macedonia	530	547	-3,1	144,9	179,7	-19,4	506,2	613,6	-17,5
Thessalia	2.048	1.969	4,0	575,3	603,1	-4,6	2.164,6	2.139,7	1,2
Ipiros	978	993	-1,5	282,0	297,1	-5,1	1.025,6	1.116,9	-8,2
Ionian Islands	1.220	1.316	-7,3	260,5	251,8	3,5	907,9	862,6	5,2
Western Greece	2.198	2.151	2,2	506,1	475,5	6,4	1.972,7	1.723,1	14,5
Central Greece	2.467	2.148	14,9	646,8	644,4	0,4	2.477,4	2.895,8	-14,4
Peloponnisos	2.696	2.655	1,5	640,9	606,8	5,6	2.247,6	2.143,3	4,9
Attiki	10.344	10.488	-1,4	2.242,9	2.531,2	-11,4	8.142,6	8.974,4	-9,3
Northern Egeo	940	915	2,7	149,9	137,6	9,0	541,4	514,3	5,3
Southern Egeo	1.442	1.735	-16,9	354,2	373,9	-5,3	1.259,3	1.338,5	-5,9
Kriti	2.051	1.988	3,2	671,9	587,8	14,3	2.405,6	2.095,0	14,8
Country Total	32.559	33.171	-1,8	8.279,0	8.853,8	-6,5	31.287,8	32.969,5	-5,1

In May 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 7.119 building permits, which relate to 1.866,3 thousand m² of surface and 7.092,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 8.226 building permits, 2.169,7 thousand m² of surface and 8.089,0 thousand m³ of volume of May 2006. Therefore in May 2007 there was an annual decrease 13,5% in the number of building permits, 14,0% in surface and 12,3% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 48 building permits, which relate to 31,2 thousand m² of surface and 136,8 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 65 building permits, 50,1 thousand m² of surface and 231,0 thousand m³ of volume, of May 2006. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in May 2007 is 1,9%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
May 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	375	428	-12,4	99,6	118,1	-15,6	397,1	417,2	-4,8
Central Macedonia	769	1146	-32,9	312,0	416,0	-25,0	1.402,9	1.748,1	-19,7
Western Macedonia	137	174	-21,3	39,6	57,8	-31,6	153,2	185,7	-17,5
Thessalia	437	546	-20,0	123,3	160,0	-22,9	481,9	568,5	-15,2
Ipiros	203	274	-25,9	65,6	82,8	-20,7	253,8	335,4	-24,3
Ionian Islands	253	296	-14,5	50,1	51,8	-3,4	175,5	175,6	-0,1
Western Greece	518	536	-3,4	114,9	109,1	5,4	457,7	402,8	13,6
Central Greece	554	500	10,8	160,2	150,9	6,1	628,7	631,7	-0,5
Peloponnisos	607	722	-15,9	141,0	152,6	-7,6	468,9	562,3	-16,6
Attiki	2253	2513	-10,3	507,5	610,0	-16,8	1.783,8	2.118,9	-15,8
Northern Egeo	234	196	19,4	34,5	34,2	0,8	122,4	140,0	-12,6
Southern Egeo	328	403	-18,6	65,0	84,3	-22,9	236,9	313,5	-24,4
Kriti	451	492	-8,3	153,0	142,0	7,7	529,5	489,3	8,2
Country Total	7.119	8.226	-13,5	1.866,3	2.169,7	-14,0	7.092,2	8.089,0	-12,3

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - MAY 2007

During the period January-May 2007, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease 1,6% in the number of building permits, 6,1% in surface and 4,5% in volume as compared to the same period of 2006.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-May 2007, has come up to 8.134,9 thousand m³, as compared to 8.954,6 thousand m³ of 2006 (decrease 9,2%).

For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 22.618,1 thousand m³, as compared to 23.251,1 thousand m³, of the same period of 2006 (decrease 2,7%).

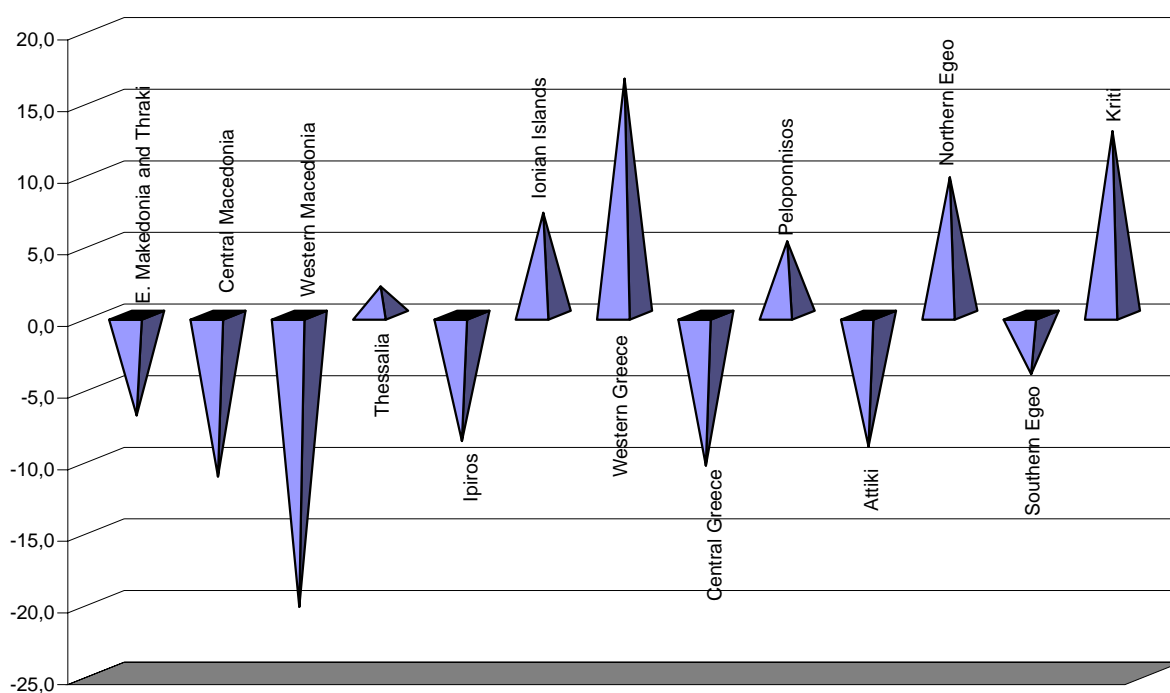
The highest decrease was observed in the Regions of Western Macedonia (20,3%), Central Macedonia (11,3%) and Central Greece (10,5%).

On the contrary, the highest increase in Building Activity was observed in the Regions of Western Greece (16,5%) and Kriti (12,9%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - May 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	1.606	1.677	-4,2	409,2	446,0	-8,2	1.526,7	1.641,4	-7,0
Central Macedonia	3.970	4.487	-11,5	1.359,9	1.672,3	-18,7	5.951,3	6.705,9	-11,3
Western Macedonia	524	537	-2,4	139,9	177,8	-21,3	483,1	606,5	-20,3
Thessalia	2.022	1.949	3,7	564,5	588,2	-4,0	2.115,3	2.073,4	2,0
Ipiros	961	979	-1,8	271,5	287,2	-5,5	971,9	1.065,3	-8,8
Ionian Islands	1.214	1.307	-7,1	257,4	245,4	4,9	897,2	837,3	7,1
Western Greece	2.196	2.136	2,8	503,8	467,5	7,8	1.964,8	1.686,3	16,5
Central Greece	2.460	2.115	16,3	643,4	614,9	4,6	2.462,7	2.751,9	-10,5
Peloponnisos	2.675	2.638	1,4	626,5	586,2	6,9	2.158,4	2.052,4	5,2
Attiki	10.331	10.475	-1,4	2.241,0	2.526,6	-11,3	8.134,9	8.954,6	-9,2
Northern Egeo	939	907	3,5	149,7	133,6	12,0	540,7	493,2	9,6
Southern Egeo	1.434	1.722	-16,7	350,7	368,8	-4,9	1.246,8	1.300,3	-4,1
Kriti	2.028	1.973	2,8	644,5	573,7	12,3	2.299,2	2.037,3	12,9
Country Total	32.360	32.902	-1,6	8.161,9	8.688,2	-6,1	30.752,9	32.205,8	-4,5

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

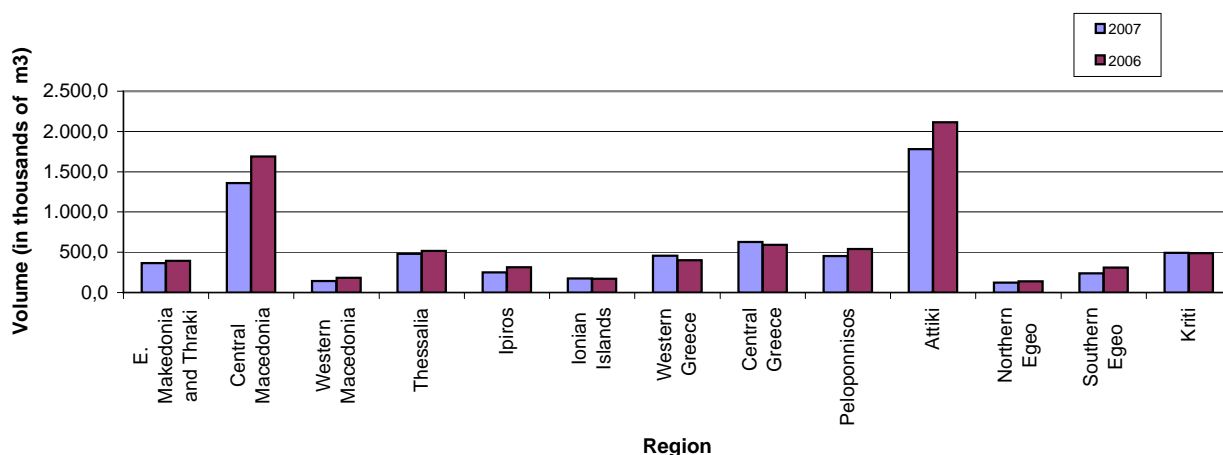


In May 2007 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 7.071 building permits, which relate to 1.835,1 thousand m² of surface and 6.955,4 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 8.161 building permits, 2.119,5 thousand m² of surface and 7.858,1 thousand m³ of volume of May 2006. There was an annual decrease 13,4% in the number of building permits, 13,4% in surface and 11,5% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
May 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. Makedonia and Thraki	360	423	-14,9	94,6	110,9	-14,7	365,7	395,1	-7,4
Central Macedonia	753	1.129	-33,3	300,8	404,0	-25,5	1.360,7	1.688,1	-19,4
Western Macedonia	135	171	-21,1	38,3	57,2	-33,1	144,5	183,6	-21,3
Thessalia	435	540	-19,4	123,3	148,8	-17,2	481,9	516,1	-6,6
Ipiros	202	272	-25,7	65,0	79,6	-18,4	251,2	313,6	-19,9
Ionian Islands	253	292	-13,4	50,1	50,9	-1,6	175,5	172,8	1,6
Western Greece	518	533	-2,8	114,9	108,7	5,8	457,7	400,9	14,2
Central Greece	553	494	11,9	160,2	142,1	12,7	628,7	590,4	6,5
Peloponnisos	602	714	-15,7	137,6	148,4	-7,3	454,7	542,2	-16,1
Attiki	2.251	2.507	-10,2	506,9	609,1	-16,8	1.781,5	2.115,3	-15,8
Northern Egeo	234	196	19,4	34,5	34,2	0,8	122,4	140,0	-12,6
Southern Egeo	328	401	-18,2	65,0	83,8	-22,5	236,9	311,9	-24,0
Kriti	447	489	-8,6	144,1	141,8	1,6	494,2	488,3	1,2
Country Total	7.071	8.161	-13,4	1.835,1	2.119,5	-13,4	6.955,4	7.858,1	-11,5

**Private Building Activity by Region
May 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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