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**P R E S S   R E L E A S E****BUILDING ACTIVITY****JUNE 2007**

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 June 2007.

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

In January - June 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 40.054 building permits, which relate to 10.159,8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 38.577,7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 41.291 building permits, 11.027,7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 40.882,6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, of the same period 2006. Therefore in January-June 2007 there was a decrease 3,0% in the number of building permits, 7,9% in surface and 5,6% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume In January - June 2007 is 1,9%.

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

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousands of m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousands of m <sup>3</sup> )		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Macedonia and Thraki	1.999	2.069	-3,4	520,2	572,2	-9,1	1.985,9	2.108,1	-5,8
Central Macedonia	4.931	5.743	-14,1	1.689,9	2.129,0	-20,6	7.420,9	8.491,6	-12,6
Western Macedonia	662	675	-1,9	206,8	215,4	-4,0	756,3	743,9	1,7
Thessalia	2.544	2.520	1,0	709,2	780,7	-9,2	2.724,6	2.768,2	-1,6
Ipiros	1.200	1.194	0,5	336,3	355,9	-5,5	1.222,7	1.325,0	-7,7
Ionian Islands	1.473	1.599	-7,9	327,0	314,0	4,1	1.138,5	1.077,2	5,7
Western Greece	2.693	2.699	-0,2	614,5	583,7	5,3	2.425,8	2.126,3	14,1
Central Greece	3.003	2.764	8,6	788,9	797,5	-1,1	3.021,6	3.458,3	-12,6
Peloponnisos	3.315	3.386	-2,1	779,6	778,9	0,1	2.706,5	2.730,1	-0,9
Attiki	12.746	12.967	-1,7	2.752,9	3.140,9	-12,4	9.994,1	11.193,6	-10,7
Northern Egeo	1.135	1.104	2,8	179,5	161,8	11,0	657,1	605,0	8,6
Southern Egeo	1.773	2.085	-15,0	427,6	444,2	-3,7	1.516,3	1.593,2	-4,8
Kriti	2.580	2.486	3,8	827,3	753,4	9,8	3.007,1	2.662,3	13,0
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>40.054</b>	<b>41.291</b>	<b>-3,0</b>	<b>10.159,8</b>	<b>11.027,7</b>	<b>-7,9</b>	<b>38.577,7</b>	<b>40.882,6</b>	<b>-5,6</b>

In June 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 7.495 building permits, which relate to 1.880,8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 7.289,9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 8.120 building permits, 2.173,9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 7.913,1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume of June 2006. Therefore in June 2007 there was an annual decrease 7,7% in the number of building permits, 13,5% in surface and 7,9% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 53 building permits, which relate to 49,6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 214,3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, as compared to 62 building permits, 47,3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 228,1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, of June 2006. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in June 2007 is 2,9%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousands of m <sup>3</sup> )		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Macedonia and Thraki	366	372	-1,6	104,7	110,5	-5,3	420,7	403,2	4,3
Central Macedonia	919	1174	-21,7	301,8	425,6	-29,1	1.349,1	1.644,1	-17,9
Western Macedonia	132	128	3,1	62,0	35,7	73,5	250,1	130,3	92,0
Thessalia	496	551	-10,0	133,9	177,7	-24,6	560,1	628,5	-10,9
Ipiros	222	201	10,4	54,4	58,8	-7,6	197,0	208,0	-5,3
Ionian Islands	253	283	-10,6	66,5	62,2	6,8	230,6	214,6	7,5
Western Greece	495	548	-9,7	108,4	108,2	0,1	453,1	403,1	12,4
Central Greece	536	616	-13,0	142,2	153,1	-7,1	544,3	562,5	-3,2
Peloponnisos	619	731	-15,3	138,7	172,2	-19,4	458,9	586,8	-21,8
Attiki	2402	2479	-3,1	509,9	609,8	-16,4	1.851,5	2.219,2	-16,6
Northern Egeo	195	189	3,2	29,6	24,2	22,3	115,7	90,7	27,7
Southern Egeo	331	350	-5,4	73,4	70,3	4,5	257,1	254,8	0,9
Kriti	529	498	6,2	155,4	165,6	-6,2	601,6	567,3	6,0
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>7.495</b>	<b>8.120</b>	<b>-7,7</b>	<b>1.880,8</b>	<b>2.173,9</b>	<b>-13,5</b>	<b>7.289,9</b>	<b>7.913,1</b>	<b>-7,9</b>

### DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - JUNE 2007

During the period January-June 2007, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease 2,8% in the number of building permits, 7,6% in surface and 5,2% in volume as compared to the same period of 2006.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-June 2007, has come up to 9.980,0 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 11.087,0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of 2006 (decrease 10,0%).

For the rest of the country the building activity volume has come up to 27.848,5 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 28.803,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, of the same period of 2006 (decrease 3,3%).

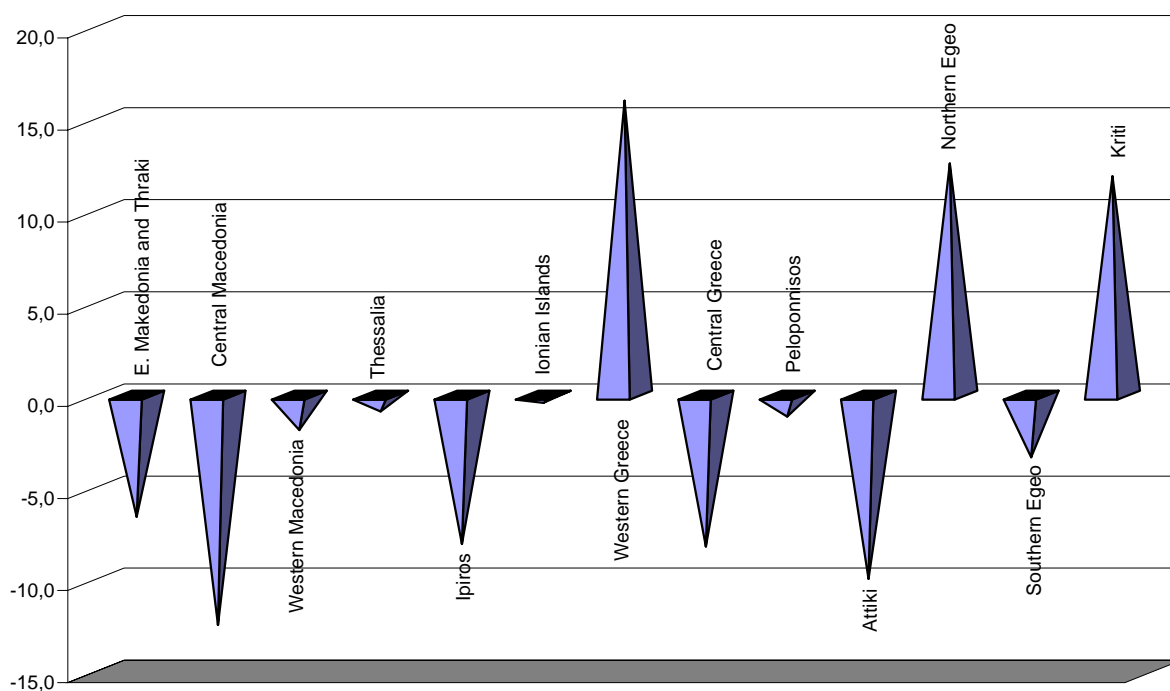
The highest decrease was observed in the Regions of Central Macedonia (12,5%) and Attiki (10,0%).

On the contrary, the highest increase in Building Activity was observed in the Regions of Western Greece (16,0%), Northern Egeo (12,6%) and Kriti (11,9%).

**Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region**  
**January - June 2007 και 2006**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousands of m <sup>3</sup> )		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Macedonia and Thraki	1.962	2.045	-4,1	504,8	553,2	-8,8	1.896,0	2.030,2	-6,6
Central Macedonia	4.877	5.641	-13,5	1.653,1	2.086,6	-20,8	7.267,1	8.304,2	-12,5
Western Macedonia	652	665	-2,0	199,5	213,5	-6,6	722,8	736,8	-1,9
Thessalia	2.518	2.497	0,8	698,4	765,1	-8,7	2.675,4	2.699,3	-0,9
Ipiros	1.179	1.178	0,1	325,7	345,8	-5,8	1.168,3	1.271,1	-8,1
Ionian Islands	1.463	1.586	-7,8	302,8	306,7	-1,3	1.042,7	1.047,1	-0,4
Western Greece	2.690	2.682	0,3	612,2	574,8	6,5	2.418,0	2.084,7	16,0
Central Greece	2.995	2.728	9,8	785,3	761,6	3,1	3.006,0	3.275,4	-8,2
Peloponnisos	3.290	3.363	-2,2	762,5	757,2	0,7	2.603,8	2.634,8	-1,2
Attiki	12.727	12.945	-1,7	2.749,2	3.119,5	-11,9	9.980,0	11.087,0	-10,0
Northern Egeo	1.133	1.095	3,5	179,1	157,7	13,6	655,7	582,4	12,6
Southern Egeo	1.762	2.068	-14,8	422,6	438,0	-3,5	1.499,0	1.551,3	-3,4
Kriti	2.554	2.467	3,5	798,0	735,1	8,6	2.893,9	2.586,5	11,9
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>39.802</b>	<b>40.960</b>	<b>-2,8</b>	<b>9.993,2</b>	<b>10.814,8</b>	<b>-7,6</b>	<b>37.828,5</b>	<b>39.890,8</b>	<b>-5,2</b>

**Private Building Activity by Region**  
**January - June 2007 and 2006**  
**% of change of building volume**

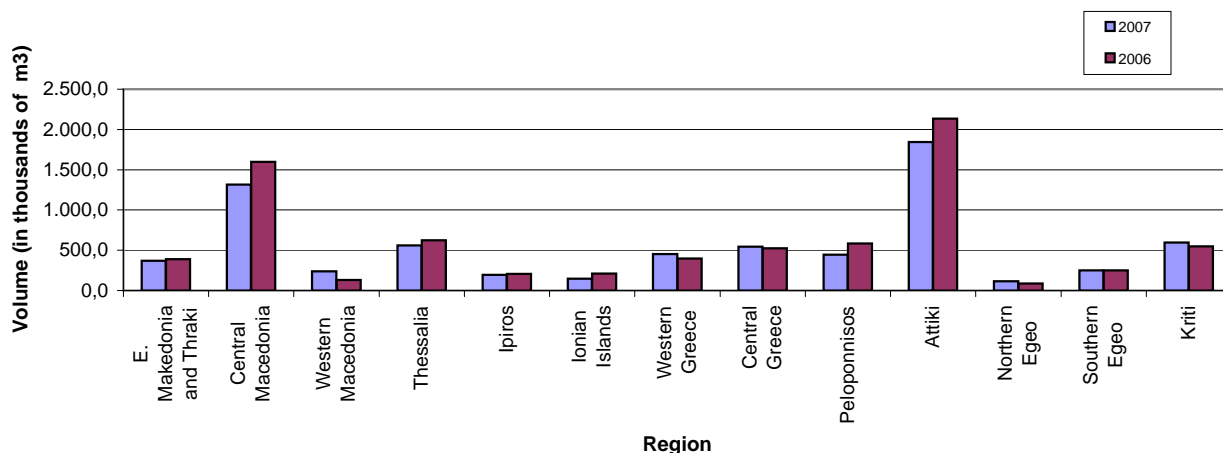


In June 2007 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 7.442 building permits, which relate to 1.831,3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 7.075,6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 8.058 building permits, 2.126,6 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 7.685,0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume of June 2006. There was an annual decrease 7,6% in the number of building permits, 13,9% in surface and 7,9% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region  
June 2007 and 2006**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousands of m <sup>3</sup> )		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Makedonia and Thraki	356	368	-3,3	95,6	107,3	-10,8	369,3	388,8	-5,0
Central Macedonia	907	1.154	-21,4	293,2	414,2	-29,2	1.315,8	1.598,3	-17,7
Western Macedonia	128	128	0,0	59,6	35,7	66,8	239,7	130,3	84,0
Thessalia	496	548	-9,5	133,9	176,9	-24,3	560,1	626,0	-10,5
Ipiros	218	199	9,5	54,2	58,5	-7,5	196,4	205,8	-4,5
Ionian Islands	249	279	-10,8	45,4	61,3	-25,9	145,5	209,8	-30,6
Western Greece	494	546	-9,5	108,4	107,3	1,0	453,1	398,4	13,7
Central Greece	535	613	-12,7	141,9	146,7	-3,3	543,3	523,6	3,8
Peloponnisos	615	725	-15,2	136,0	171,1	-20,5	445,5	582,4	-23,5
Attiki	2.396	2.470	-3,0	508,2	593,0	-14,3	1.845,1	2.132,4	-13,5
Northern Egeo	194	188	3,2	29,4	24,0	22,3	115,0	89,2	29,0
Southern Egeo	328	346	-5,2	72,0	69,3	3,9	252,2	251,0	0,4
Kriti	526	494	6,5	153,5	161,4	-4,9	594,7	549,2	8,3
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>7.442</b>	<b>8.058</b>	<b>-7,6</b>	<b>1.831,3</b>	<b>2.126,6</b>	<b>-13,9</b>	<b>7.075,6</b>	<b>7.685,0</b>	<b>-7,9</b>

**Private Building Activity by Region  
June 2007 and 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, 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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