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### BUILDING ACTIVITY

JULY 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 July 2007.

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

In January - July 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 48.706 building permits, which relate to 12.548,0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 47.962,1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 50.500 building permits, 13.698,1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 51.264,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, of the same period 2006. Therefore in January-July 2007 there was a decrease 3,6% in the number of building permits, 8,4% in surface and 6,4% in volume.

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

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region  
January - July 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 (%)<br>2007/2006 | 2007                                      | 2006            | Change (%)<br>2007/2006 | 2007                                     | 2006            | Change (%)<br>2007/2006 |
| E. Macedonia and Thraki | 2.382                      | 2.460         | -3,2                    | 620,9                                     | 716,3           | -13,3                   | 2.400,7                                  | 2.731,3         | -12,1                   |
| Central Macedonia       | 5.900                      | 6.898         | -14,5                   | 2.078,6                                   | 2.563,0         | -18,9                   | 9.238,7                                  | 10.503,3        | -12,0                   |
| Western Macedonia       | 829                        | 824           | 0,6                     | 269,0                                     | 261,7           | 2,8                     | 987,5                                    | 928,8           | 6,3                     |
| Thessalia               | 2.976                      | 3.004         | -0,9                    | 842,2                                     | 899,3           | -6,3                    | 3.262,1                                  | 3.174,1         | 2,8                     |
| Ipiros                  | 1.437                      | 1.448         | -0,8                    | 425,5                                     | 417,7           | 1,9                     | 1.523,3                                  | 1.541,2         | -1,2                    |
| Ionian Islands          | 1.751                      | 1.901         | -7,9                    | 385,0                                     | 379,9           | 1,4                     | 1.341,1                                  | 1.307,3         | 2,6                     |
| Western Greece          | 3.230                      | 3.274         | -1,3                    | 719,3                                     | 704,9           | 2,0                     | 2.789,2                                  | 2.598,8         | 7,3                     |
| Central Greece          | 3.641                      | 3.395         | 7,2                     | 1.004,1                                   | 959,1           | 4,7                     | 4.085,2                                  | 4.060,1         | 0,6                     |
| Peloponnisos            | 4.025                      | 4.174         | -3,6                    | 955,9                                     | 1.054,7         | -9,4                    | 3.320,3                                  | 3.776,9         | -12,1                   |
| Attiki                  | 15.973                     | 16.416        | -2,7                    | 3.527,6                                   | 4.092,3         | -13,8                   | 12.904,5                                 | 14.737,6        | -12,4                   |
| Northern Egeo           | 1.333                      | 1.310         | 1,8                     | 210,2                                     | 197,9           | 6,2                     | 761,3                                    | 733,5           | 3,8                     |
| Southern Egeo           | 2.160                      | 2.461         | -12,2                   | 500,5                                     | 543,5           | -7,9                    | 1.767,9                                  | 1.947,0         | -9,2                    |
| Kriti                   | 3.069                      | 2.935         | 4,6                     | 1.009,2                                   | 908,0           | 11,1                    | 3.580,2                                  | 3.224,8         | 11,0                    |
| <b>Country Total</b>    | <b>48.706</b>              | <b>50.500</b> | <b>-3,6</b>             | <b>12.548,0</b>                           | <b>13.698,1</b> | <b>-8,4</b>             | <b>47.962,1</b>                          | <b>51.264,8</b> | <b>-6,4</b>             |

In July 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 8.652 building permits, which relate to 2.388,2 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 9.384,3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 9.209 building permits, 2.670,4 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 10.382,2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume of July 2006.

Therefore in July 2007 there was an annual decrease 6,0% in the number of building permits, 10,6% in surface and 9,6% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 35 building permits, which relate to 13,4 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 49,4 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, as compared to 74 building permits, 43,5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 210,0 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, of July 2006. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in July 2007 is 0,5%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region  
July 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 (%)<br>2007/2006 | 2007                                      | 2006           | Change (%)<br>2007/2006 | 2007                                     | 2006            | Change (%)<br>2007/2006 |
| E. Makedonia and Thraki | 383                        | 391          | -2,0                    | 100,7                                     | 144,1          | -30,1                   | 414,8                                    | 623,2           | -33,4                   |
| Central Macedonia       | 969                        | 1155         | -16,1                   | 388,6                                     | 434,0          | -10,5                   | 1.817,8                                  | 2.011,8         | -9,6                    |
| Western Macedonia       | 167                        | 149          | 12,1                    | 62,2                                      | 46,3           | 34,4                    | 231,2                                    | 184,9           | 25,0                    |
| Thessalia               | 432                        | 484          | -10,7                   | 133,0                                     | 118,5          | 12,2                    | 537,5                                    | 405,9           | 32,4                    |
| Ipiros                  | 237                        | 254          | -6,7                    | 89,2                                      | 61,8           | 44,3                    | 300,6                                    | 216,2           | 39,0                    |
| Ionian Islands          | 278                        | 302          | -7,9                    | 58,1                                      | 65,9           | -11,9                   | 202,6                                    | 230,1           | -12,0                   |
| Western Greece          | 537                        | 575          | -6,6                    | 104,8                                     | 121,2          | -13,5                   | 363,4                                    | 472,6           | -23,1                   |
| Central Greece          | 638                        | 631          | 1,1                     | 215,2                                     | 161,6          | 33,1                    | 1.063,5                                  | 601,9           | 76,7                    |
| Peloponnisos            | 710                        | 788          | -9,9                    | 176,3                                     | 275,7          | -36,1                   | 613,7                                    | 1.046,9         | -41,4                   |
| Attiki                  | 3227                       | 3449         | -6,4                    | 774,8                                     | 951,3          | -18,6                   | 2.910,4                                  | 3.544,1         | -17,9                   |
| Northern Egeo           | 198                        | 206          | -3,9                    | 30,7                                      | 36,1           | -14,9                   | 104,1                                    | 128,5           | -19,0                   |
| Southern Egeo           | 387                        | 376          | 2,9                     | 72,9                                      | 99,3           | -26,6                   | 251,5                                    | 353,7           | -28,9                   |
| Kriti                   | 489                        | 449          | 8,9                     | 181,9                                     | 154,6          | 17,7                    | 573,1                                    | 562,5           | 1,9                     |
| <b>Country Total</b>    | <b>8.652</b>               | <b>9.209</b> | <b>-6,0</b>             | <b>2.388,2</b>                            | <b>2.670,4</b> | <b>-10,6</b>            | <b>9.384,3</b>                           | <b>10.382,2</b> | <b>-9,6</b>             |

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

During the period January-July 2007, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease 3,3% in the number of building permits, 8,0% in surface and 5,8% in volume as compared to the same period of 2006.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-July 2007, has come up to 12.890,4 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 14.631,1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of 2006 (decrease 11,9%).

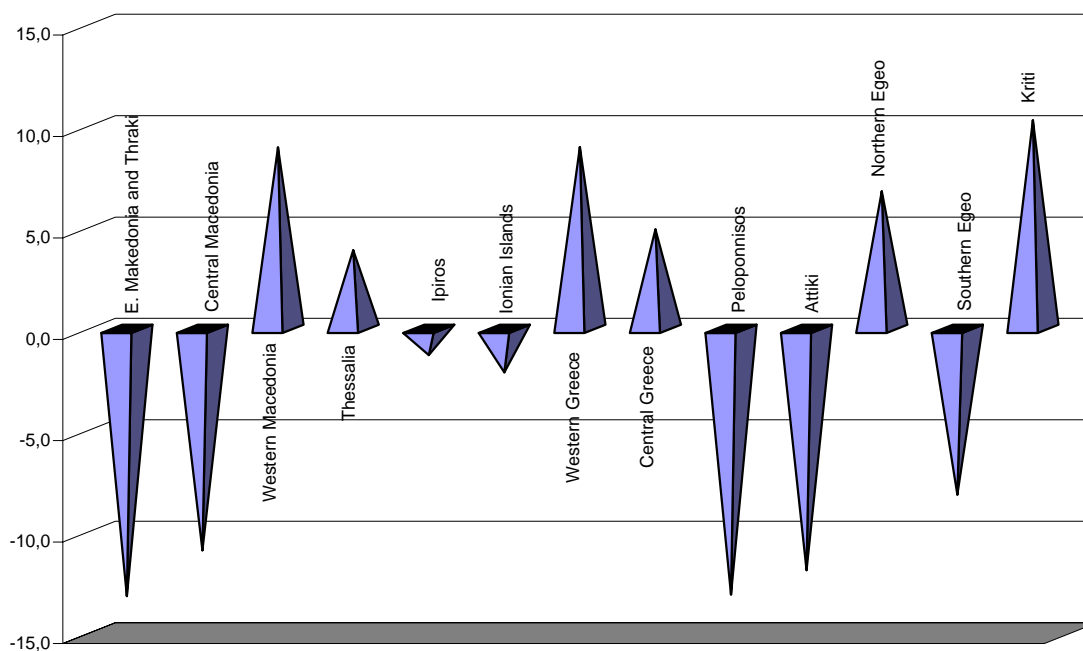
For the rest of the country the building activity volume has come up to 34.273,0 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 35.431,9 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, of the same period of 2006 (decrease 3,3%).

The biggest decrease was observed in the Regions of Eastern Macedonia and Thraki (13,2%), Peloponnisos (13,1%), Attiki (11,9%) and Central Macedonia (10,9%).

**Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region**  
January - July 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. Makedonia and Thraki | 2.341                      | 2.433         | -3,8                 | 603,8                                     | 697,1           | -13,4                | 2.303,0                                  | 2.652,6         | -13,2                |
| Central Macedonia       | 5.840                      | 6.776         | -13,8                | 2.041,3                                   | 2.496,9         | -18,2                | 9.083,2                                  | 10.197,6        | -10,9                |
| Western Macedonia       | 819                        | 804           | 1,9                  | 261,6                                     | 251,7           | 4,0                  | 954,0                                    | 875,6           | 9,0                  |
| Thessalia               | 2.949                      | 2.971         | -0,7                 | 831,4                                     | 880,7           | -5,6                 | 3.212,8                                  | 3.092,5         | 3,9                  |
| Ipiros                  | 1.412                      | 1.431         | -1,3                 | 414,6                                     | 407,5           | 1,7                  | 1.467,9                                  | 1.487,2         | -1,3                 |
| Ionian Islands          | 1.739                      | 1.882         | -7,6                 | 359,4                                     | 370,4           | -3,0                 | 1.240,7                                  | 1.268,0         | -2,1                 |
| Western Greece          | 3.226                      | 3.253         | -0,8                 | 716,7                                     | 694,4           | 3,2                  | 2.779,8                                  | 2.551,1         | 9,0                  |
| Central Greece          | 3.631                      | 3.356         | 8,2                  | 998,6                                     | 921,7           | 8,3                  | 4.061,3                                  | 3.871,1         | 4,9                  |
| Peloponnisos            | 3.989                      | 4.144         | -3,7                 | 932,2                                     | 1.031,5         | -9,6                 | 3.195,0                                  | 3.676,7         | -13,1                |
| Attiki                  | 15.954                     | 16.390        | -2,7                 | 3.524,0                                   | 4.070,8         | -13,4                | 12.890,4                                 | 14.631,1        | -11,9                |
| Northern Egeio          | 1.330                      | 1.300         | 2,3                  | 209,6                                     | 193,7           | 8,2                  | 759,1                                    | 710,9           | 6,8                  |
| Southern Egeio          | 2.146                      | 2.443         | -12,2                | 495,1                                     | 537,3           | -7,9                 | 1.749,2                                  | 1.905,0         | -8,2                 |
| Kriti                   | 3.043                      | 2.912         | 4,5                  | 979,8                                     | 887,9           | 10,3                 | 3.467,0                                  | 3.143,6         | 10,3                 |
| <b>Country Total</b>    | <b>48.419</b>              | <b>50.095</b> | <b>-3,3</b>          | <b>12.368,0</b>                           | <b>13.441,7</b> | <b>-8,0</b>          | <b>47.163,4</b>                          | <b>50.063,0</b> | <b>-5,8</b>          |

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

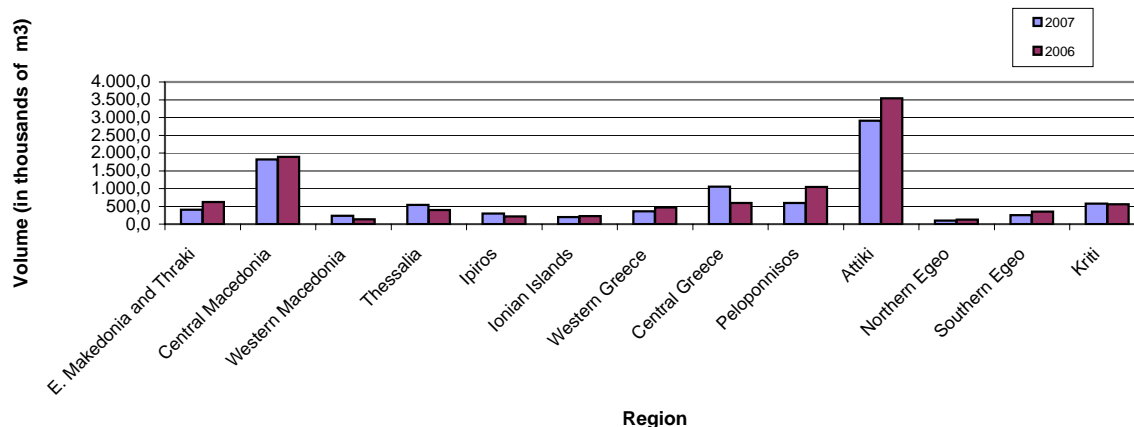


In July 2007 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 8.617 building permits, which relate to 2.374,8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 9.334,9 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 9.135 building permits, 2.626,9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 10.172,2 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume of July 2006. There was an annual decrease 5,7% in the number of building permits, 9,6% in surface and 8,2% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region  
July 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 (%)<br>2007/2006 | 2007                                      | 2006           | Change (%)<br>2007/2006 | 2007                                     | 2006            | Change (%)<br>2007/2006 |
| E. Makedonia and Thraki | 379                        | 388          | -2,3                    | 99,0                                      | 143,8          | -31,2                   | 407,0                                    | 622,4           | -34,6                   |
| Central Macedonia       | 963                        | 1.135        | -15,2                   | 388,2                                     | 410,3          | -5,4                    | 1.816,1                                  | 1.893,4         | -4,1                    |
| Western Macedonia       | 167                        | 139          | 20,1                    | 62,2                                      | 38,2           | 62,9                    | 231,2                                    | 138,8           | 66,6                    |
| Thessalia               | 431                        | 474          | -9,1                    | 133,0                                     | 115,6          | 15,1                    | 537,4                                    | 393,2           | 36,7                    |
| Ipiros                  | 233                        | 253          | -7,9                    | 88,9                                      | 61,8           | 43,9                    | 299,6                                    | 216,1           | 38,6                    |
| Ionian Islands          | 276                        | 296          | -6,8                    | 56,6                                      | 63,6           | -11,1                   | 198,1                                    | 220,9           | -10,3                   |
| Western Greece          | 536                        | 571          | -6,1                    | 104,5                                     | 119,6          | -12,7                   | 361,9                                    | 466,4           | -22,4                   |
| Central Greece          | 636                        | 628          | 1,3                     | 213,3                                     | 160,1          | 33,2                    | 1.055,3                                  | 595,7           | 77,2                    |
| Peloponnisos            | 699                        | 781          | -10,5                   | 169,7                                     | 274,3          | -38,1                   | 591,2                                    | 1.042,0         | -43,3                   |
| Attiki                  | 3.227                      | 3.445        | -6,3                    | 774,8                                     | 951,3          | -18,6                   | 2.910,4                                  | 3.544,1         | -17,9                   |
| Northern Egeio          | 197                        | 205          | -3,9                    | 30,5                                      | 36,1           | -15,6                   | 103,5                                    | 128,5           | -19,5                   |
| Southern Egeio          | 384                        | 375          | 2,4                     | 72,5                                      | 99,3           | -27,0                   | 250,3                                    | 353,7           | -29,2                   |
| Kriti                   | 489                        | 445          | 9,9                     | 181,9                                     | 152,9          | 19,0                    | 573,1                                    | 557,1           | 2,9                     |
| <b>Country Total</b>    | <b>8.617</b>               | <b>9.135</b> | <b>-5,7</b>             | <b>2.374,8</b>                            | <b>2.626,9</b> | <b>-9,6</b>             | <b>9.334,9</b>                           | <b>10.172,2</b> | <b>-8,2</b>             |

**Private Building Activity by Region  
July 2007 and 2006**



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, 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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