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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 August 2007.

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

In January - August 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 52.762 building permits, which relate to 13.901,5 thousand m² of surface and 53.127,4 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 55.220 building permits, 15.067,1 thousand m² of surface and 56.497,2 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2006. Therefore in January-August 2007 there was an decrease of 4,5% in the number of building permits, 7,7% in surface and 6,0% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - August 2007 is 1,6%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - August 2007 και 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	2.671	2.778	-3,9	709,4	791,4	-10,4	2.760,5	3.012,2	-8,4
Central Macedonia	6.447	7.679	-16,0	2.254,6	2.831,6	-20,4	9.967,8	11.512,6	-13,4
Western Macedonia	919	942	-2,4	296,7	307,5	-3,5	1.091,7	1.101,5	-0,9
Thessalia	3.269	3.316	-1,4	938,2	990,5	-5,3	3.702,1	3.561,1	4,0
Ipiros	1.598	1.572	1,7	473,9	485,1	-2,3	1.708,5	1.773,6	-3,7
Ionian Islands	1.987	2.114	-6,0	459,5	423,0	8,6	1.607,4	1.447,7	11,0
Western Greece	3.530	3.718	-5,1	798,4	802,1	-0,5	3.107,3	3.005,8	3,4
Central Greece	3.904	3.709	5,3	1.077,9	1.039,9	3,7	4.345,4	4.342,2	0,1
Peloponnisos	4.343	4.599	-5,6	1.027,8	1.148,8	-10,5	3.552,5	4.115,6	-13,7
Attiki	16.684	17.222	-3,1	3.832,5	4.372,9	-12,4	14.086,8	15.894,6	-11,4
Northern Egeo	1.501	1.507	-0,4	245,6	227,1	8,1	887,2	841,5	5,4
Southern Egeo	2.438	2.756	-11,5	569,0	611,5	-6,9	2.024,4	2.178,9	-7,1
Kriti	3.471	3.308	4,9	1.217,9	1.035,8	17,6	4.285,8	3.710,0	15,5
Country Total	52.762	55.220	-4,5	13.901,5	15.067,1	-7,7	53.127,4	56.497,2	-6,0

In August 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 4.056 building permits, which relate to 1.353,5 thousand m² of surface and 5.165,3 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 4.720 building permits, 1.369,0 thousand m² of surface and 5.232,4 thousand m³ of volume of August 2006.

Therefore in August 2007 there was an annual decrease of 14,1% in the number of building permits, 1,1% in surface and 1,3% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 19 building permits, which relate to 6,4 thousand m² of surface and 31,6 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 54 building permits, 33,5 thousand m² of surface and 153,7 thousand m³ of volume, of August 2006. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in August 2007 is 0,6%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
August 2007 και 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	289	318	-9,1	88,5	75,1	17,8	359,8	280,8	28,1
Central Macedonia	547	781	-30,0	176,0	268,6	-34,5	729,1	1.009,2	-27,8
Western Macedonia	90	118	-23,7	27,7	45,8	-39,6	104,2	172,7	-39,7
Thessalia	293	312	-6,1	96,0	91,2	5,3	439,9	387,0	13,7
Ipiros	161	124	29,8	48,4	67,4	-28,1	185,3	232,4	-20,3
Ionian Islands	236	213	10,8	74,4	43,1	72,8	266,3	140,4	89,6
Western Greece	300	444	-32,4	79,2	97,2	-18,6	318,1	407,0	-21,8
Central Greece	263	314	-16,2	73,8	80,8	-8,6	260,2	282,1	-7,7
Peloponnisos	318	425	-25,2	71,9	94,2	-23,6	232,2	338,7	-31,4
Attiki	711	806	-11,8	304,8	280,7	8,6	1.182,2	1.157,0	2,2
Northern Egeo	168	197	-14,7	35,4	29,3	20,9	125,9	108,0	16,5
Southern Egeo	278	295	-5,8	68,6	68,0	0,9	256,5	231,9	10,6
Kriti	402	373	7,8	208,7	127,8	63,3	705,6	485,2	45,4
Country Total	4.056	4.720	-14,1	1.353,5	1.369,0	-1,1	5.165,3	5.232,4	-1,3

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - AUGUST 2007

During the period January-August 2007, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease 4,2% in the number of building permits, 7,2% in surface and 5,2% in volume as compared to the same period of 2006.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-August 2007, has come up to 14.072,6 thousand m³, as compared to 15.780,1 thousand m³ of 2006 (decrease 10,8%).

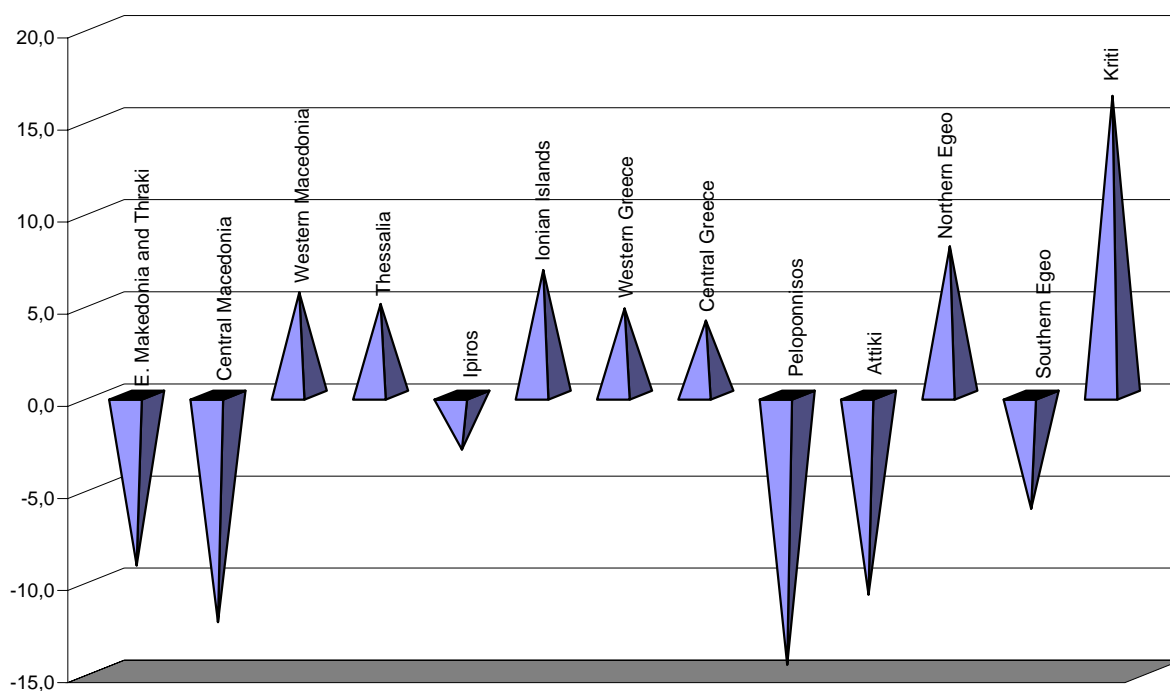
For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 38.224,5 thousand m³, as compared to 39.361,6 thousand m³, of the same period of 2006 (decrease 2,9%).

The biggest decrease was observed in the Regions of Peloponnisos (14,6%), Central Macedonia (12,3%) and Attiki (10,8%).

**Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - August 2007 και 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	2.626	2.734	-4,0	691,1	770,4	-10,3	2.654,2	2.924,5	-9,2
Central Macedonia	6.381	7.546	-15,4	2.216,1	2.759,9	-19,7	9.803,6	11.180,6	-12,3
Western Macedonia	909	917	-0,9	289,3	285,2	1,5	1.058,1	1.002,2	5,6
Thessalia	3.241	3.280	-1,2	927,3	971,9	-4,6	3.652,1	3.479,5	5,0
Ipiros	1.571	1.552	1,2	462,8	471,2	-1,8	1.652,1	1.702,3	-3,0
Ionian Islands	1.974	2.094	-5,7	432,7	413,4	4,7	1.503,8	1.408,2	6,8
Western Greece	3.525	3.697	-4,7	795,7	791,6	0,5	3.097,2	2.958,1	4,7
Central Greece	3.892	3.668	6,1	1.071,8	1.001,9	7,0	4.319,7	4.151,6	4,0
Peloponnisos	4.307	4.567	-5,7	1.004,1	1.125,5	-10,8	3.427,2	4.014,8	-14,6
Attiki	16.665	17.194	-3,1	3.828,8	4.349,8	-12,0	14.072,6	15.780,1	-10,8
Northern Egeio	1.498	1.497	0,1	245,0	223,0	9,8	885,0	818,9	8,1
Southern Egeio	2.423	2.738	-11,5	563,5	605,3	-6,9	2.005,1	2.137,0	-6,2
Kriti	3.444	3.277	5,1	1.186,9	1.008,1	17,7	4.166,4	3.584,0	16,3
Country Total	52.456	54.761	-4,2	13.715,1	14.777,1	-7,2	52.297,2	55.141,7	-5,2

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



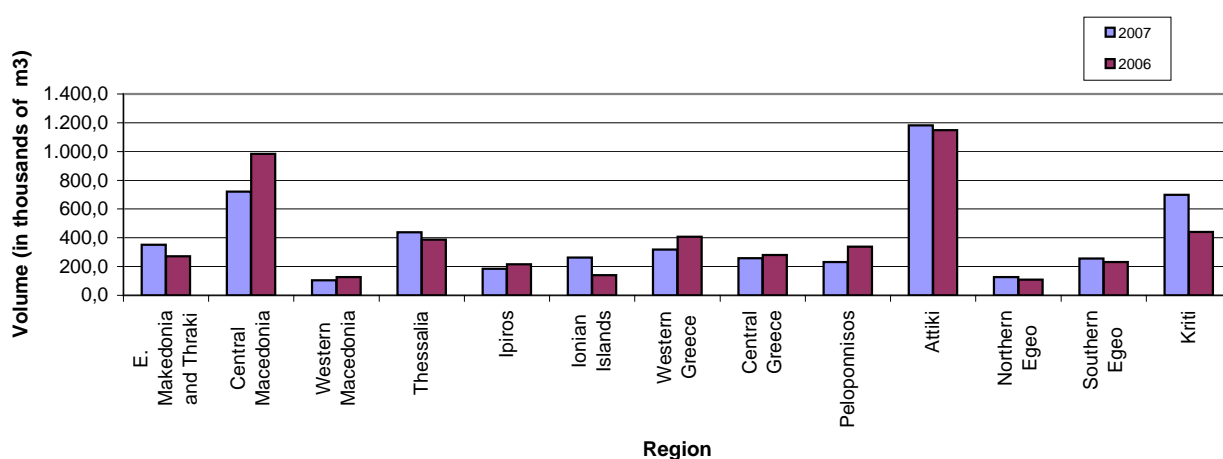
In August 2007 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 4.037 building permits, which relate to 1.347,1 thousand m² of surface and 5.133,7 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 4.666 building permits, 1.335,5 thousand m² of surface and 5.078,7 thousand m³ of volume of August 2006.

There was an annual decrease 13,5% in the number of building permits, 0,9% in surface and 1,1% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
August 2007 and 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	285	301	-5,3	87,3	73,3	19,1	351,3	271,9	29,2
Central Macedonia	541	770	-29,7	174,8	263,0	-33,5	720,3	983,0	-26,7
Western Macedonia	90	113	-20,4	27,7	33,5	-17,4	104,2	126,6	-17,7
Thessalia	292	309	-5,5	95,9	91,2	5,1	439,3	387,0	13,5
Ipiros	159	121	31,4	48,2	63,7	-24,2	184,2	215,1	-14,4
Ionian Islands	235	212	10,8	73,4	43,0	70,6	263,1	140,2	87,6
Western Greece	299	444	-32,7	79,0	97,2	-18,8	317,4	407,0	-22,0
Central Greece	261	312	-16,3	73,3	80,2	-8,7	258,4	280,5	-7,9
Peloponnisos	318	423	-24,8	71,9	94,0	-23,5	232,2	338,0	-31,3
Attiki	711	804	-11,6	304,8	279,0	9,3	1.182,2	1.149,1	2,9
Northern Egeo	168	197	-14,7	35,4	29,3	20,9	125,9	108,0	16,5
Southern Egeo	277	295	-6,1	68,4	68,0	0,6	255,9	231,9	10,3
Kriti	401	365	9,9	207,0	120,2	72,3	699,4	440,4	58,8
Country Total	4.037	4.666	-13,5	1.347,1	1.335,5	0,9	5.133,7	5.078,7	1,1

**Private Building Activity by Region
August 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, 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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