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BUILDING ACTIVITY

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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 November 2007.

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

In January - November 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 72.013 building permits, which relate to 18.986,9 thousand m² of surface and 72.950,3 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 74.912 building permits, 20.357,3 thousand m² of surface and 76.576,9 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2006. Therefore in January-November 2007 there was a decrease of 3,9% in the number of building permits, 6,7% in surface and 4,7% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - November 2007 is 1,5%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - November 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	3.626	3.868	-6,3	971,1	1.050,1	-7,5	3.818,7	3.961,4	-3,6
Central Macedonia	8.977	10.590	-15,2	3.116,1	3.800,8	-18,0	13.972,5	15.514,8	-9,9
Western Macedonia	1.260	1.281	-1,6	423,8	410,5	3,2	1.629,8	1.468,8	11,0
Thessalia	4.530	4.501	0,6	1.316,9	1.351,6	-2,6	5.144,1	4.955,3	3,8
Ipiros	2.232	2.223	0,4	674,7	657,9	2,5	2.446,3	2.379,6	2,8
Ionian Islands	2.712	2.930	-7,4	623,0	649,3	-4,1	2.139,5	2.246,4	-4,8
Western Greece	4.800	4.923	-2,5	1.086,1	1.082,7	0,3	4.211,8	4.044,0	4,1
Central Greece	5.129	5.121	0,2	1.409,5	1.445,2	-2,5	5.679,7	6.004,9	-5,4
Peloponnisos	5.932	6.195	-4,2	1.389,8	1.584,9	-12,3	4.820,2	5.718,6	-15,7
Attiki	22.540	23.074	-2,3	5.170,3	5.787,3	-10,7	19.172,0	21.011,0	-8,8
Northern Egeo	2.003	2.051	-2,3	343,9	314,6	9,3	1.232,5	1.175,2	4,9
Southern Egeo	3.415	3.578	-4,6	805,7	761,3	5,8	2.845,2	2.696,2	5,5
Kriti	4.857	4.577	6,1	1.656,1	1.461,0	13,4	5.838,1	5.400,8	8,1
Country Total	72.013	74.912	-3,9	18.986,9	20.357,3	-6,7	72.950,3	76.576,9	-4,7

In November 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 6.746 building permits, which relate to 1.857,1 thousand m² of surface and 7.248,1 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.837 building permits, 1.763,2 thousand m² of surface and 6.820,2 thousand m³ of volume of November 2006. Therefore in November 2007 there was an annual decrease of 1,3% in the number of building permits, increase of 5,3% in surface and 6,3% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 37 building permits, which relate to 10,7 thousand m² of surface and 49,9 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 41 building permits, 40,9 thousand m² of surface and 282,9 thousand m³ of volume, of November 2006. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in November 2007 is 0,7%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
November 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	339	353	-4,0	95,5	78,8	21,3	424,9	290,1	46,5
Central Macedonia	900	943	-4,6	327,0	290,9	12,4	1.430,7	1.129,6	26,7
Western Macedonia	101	103	-1,9	46,3	26,8	72,6	224,2	102,8	118,1
Thessalia	441	396	11,4	125,3	105,8	18,4	451,1	398,3	13,3
Ipiros	195	218	-10,6	91,7	53,6	71,3	364,4	183,9	98,1
Ionian Islands	282	301	-6,3	77,1	67,5	14,2	260,7	224,9	15,9
Western Greece	453	411	10,2	108,2	77,5	39,7	436,3	272,2	60,3
Central Greece	434	480	-9,6	112,8	145,0	-22,2	457,6	611,1	-25,1
Peloponnisos	540	598	-9,7	119,6	134,5	-11,1	426,8	475,7	-10,3
Attiki	2102	2114	-0,6	506,1	526,8	-3,9	1.894,2	2.056,2	-7,9
Northern Egeo	183	186	-1,6	25,9	31,6	-18,0	96,9	115,7	-16,3
Southern Egeo	338	337	0,3	88,3	57,2	54,3	309,8	202,8	52,7
Kriti	438	397	10,3	133,1	167,2	-20,4	470,5	756,9	-37,8
Country Total	6.746	6.837	-1,3	1.857,1	1.763,2	5,3	7.248,1	6.820,2	6,3

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2007

During the period January-November 2007, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease of 3,7% in the number of building permits, 6,1% in surface and 3,7% in volume as compared to the same period of 2006.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-November 2007, has come up to 19.150,1 thousand m³, as compared to 20.859,7 thousand m³ of 2006 (decrease 8,2%).

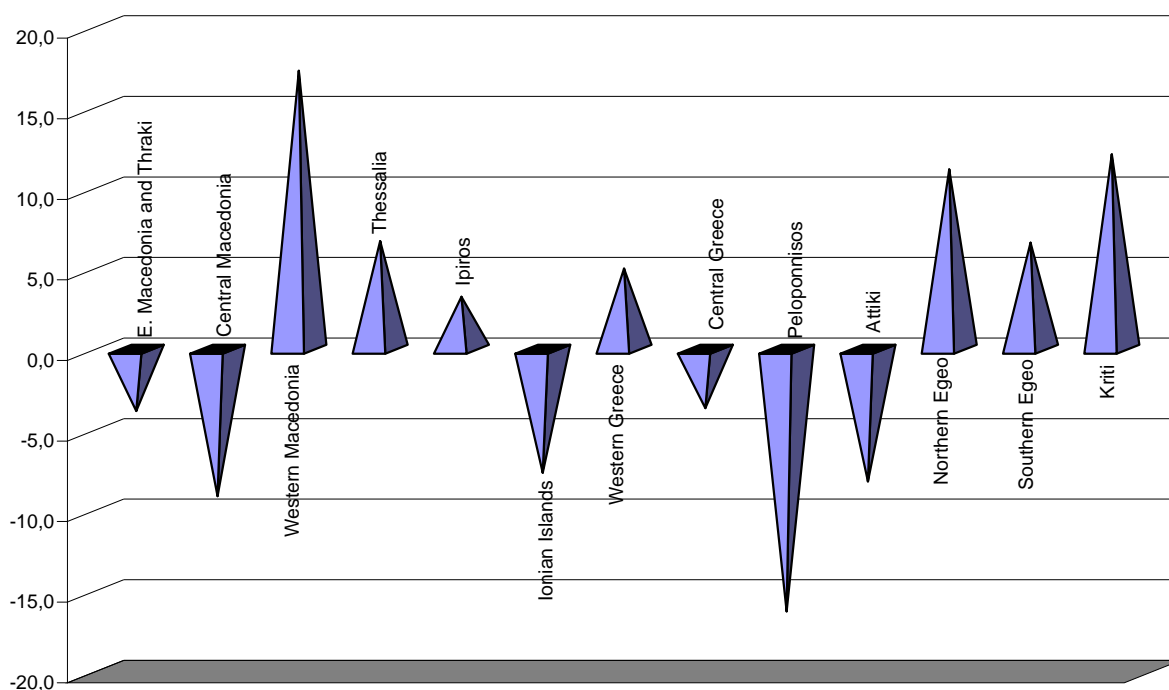
For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 52.706,4 thousand m³, as compared to 53.777,1 thousand m³, of the same period of 2006 (decrease 2%).

The biggest decrease was observed in the Regions of Peloponnisos (16,3%), Central Macedonia (9,1%) and Attiki (8,2%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - November 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	3.560	3.807	-6,5	948,3	1.021,4	-7,2	3.692,9	3.840,2	-3,8
Central Macedonia	8.872	10.422	-14,9	3.061,1	3.711,0	-17,5	13.712,1	15.086,1	-9,1
Western Macedonia	1.245	1.245	0,0	412,8	379,7	8,7	1.574,5	1.342,5	17,3
Thessalia	4.495	4.454	0,9	1.304,7	1.313,0	-0,6	5.089,3	4.768,7	6,7
Ipiros	2.202	2.194	0,4	659,9	641,8	2,8	2.375,2	2.300,4	3,3
Ionian Islands	2.697	2.906	-7,2	596,1	639,3	-6,8	2.035,5	2.204,4	-7,7
Western Greece	4.790	4.897	-2,2	1.081,9	1.071,9	0,9	4.195,4	3.995,2	5,0
Central Greece	5.113	5.072	0,8	1.396,1	1.401,8	-0,4	5.584,5	5.795,8	-3,6
Peloponnisos	5.884	6.152	-4,4	1.364,3	1.555,8	-12,3	4.688,1	5.598,9	-16,3
Attiki	22.517	23.036	-2,3	5.163,8	5.755,3	-10,3	19.150,1	20.859,7	-8,2
Northern Egeo	2.000	2.037	-1,8	343,2	300,9	14,1	1.230,3	1.106,8	11,2
Southern Egeo	3.398	3.554	-4,4	800,1	754,2	6,1	2.825,8	2.650,7	6,6
Kriti	4.821	4.536	6,3	1.621,5	1.416,1	14,5	5.702,7	5.087,4	12,1
Country Total	71.594	74.312	-3,7	18.753,8	19.962,2	-6,1	71.856,4	74.636,8	-3,7

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



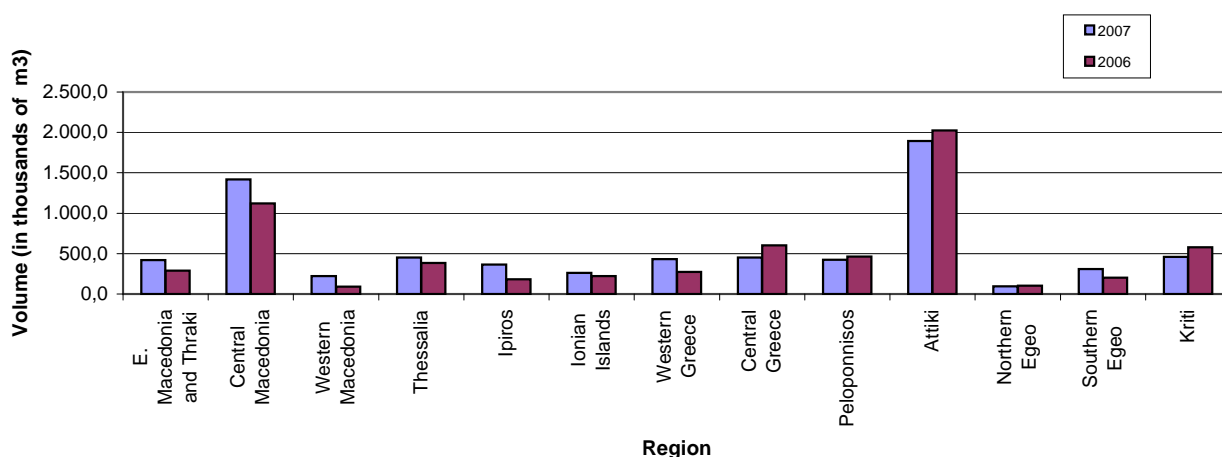
In November 2007 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 6.709 building permits, which relate to 1.846,4 thousand m² of surface and 7.198,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.796 building permits, 1.722,3 thousand m² of surface and 6.537,3 thousand m³ of volume of November 2006.

There was an annual decrease 1,3% in the number of building permits, increase 7,2% in surface and 10,1% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
November 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. Macedonia and Thraki	334	348	-4,0	94,2	78,5	20,0	418,2	288,7	44,9
Central Macedonia	888	935	-5,0	324,0	289,2	12,0	1.416,7	1.122,7	26,2
Western Macedonia	99	99	0,0	45,7	23,5	94,5	221,3	93,0	138,1
Thessalia	439	394	11,4	125,0	103,0	21,3	450,2	384,7	17,0
Ipiros	195	217	-10,1	91,7	53,4	71,7	364,4	183,5	98,5
Ionian Islands	280	299	-6,4	77,0	67,3	14,5	260,3	223,8	16,3
Western Greece	451	410	10,0	107,4	77,5	38,6	431,9	272,2	58,7
Central Greece	432	478	-9,6	111,5	142,1	-21,6	451,5	601,0	-24,9
Peloponnisos	535	591	-9,5	118,6	131,1	-9,5	423,2	463,8	-8,8
Attiki	2.101	2.111	-0,5	506,1	518,7	-2,4	1.894,0	2.022,8	-6,4
Northern Egeio	183	185	-1,1	25,9	29,3	-11,4	96,9	101,6	-4,7
Southern Egeio	338	335	0,9	88,3	56,7	55,8	309,8	200,9	54,2
Kriti	434	394	10,2	131,0	152,1	-13,9	459,8	578,6	-20,5
Country Total	6.709	6.796	-1,3	1.846,4	1.722,3	7,2	7.198,2	6.537,3	10,1

**Private Building Activity by Region
November 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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