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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 April 2008.

**DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC)
DURING JANUARY - APRIL 2008**

In January - April 2008, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 20.229 building permits, which relate to 5.435,6 thousand m² of surface and 21.207,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 25.440 building permits, 6.412,6 thousand m² of surface and 24.195,6 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period of 2007. Therefore in January-April 2008 there was a decrease of 20,5% in the number of building permits, 15,2% in surface and 12,4% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - April 2008 is 1,7%.

This decrease happened due to the strike of the engineers of the <<Committee of Architecture Control>> during the previous months, that led in suspension of issue of building permits for this period.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - April 2008 και 2007**

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007
E. Macedonia and Thraki	935	1.258	-25,7	237,0	315,9	-25,0	925,3	1.168,1	-20,8
Central Macedonia	2.672	3.243	-17,6	966,5	1.076,1	-10,2	4.479,2	4.668,9	-4,1
Western Macedonia	303	393	-22,9	99,0	105,3	-6,0	389,0	353,0	10,2
Thessalia	1.121	1.611	-30,4	338,0	452,0	-25,2	1.292,4	1.682,7	-23,2
Ipiros	699	775	-9,8	197,2	216,3	-8,8	707,2	771,8	-8,4
Ionian Islands	796	967	-17,7	165,3	210,4	-21,4	571,0	732,4	-22,0
Western Greece	1.389	1.680	-17,3	319,3	391,2	-18,4	1.175,6	1.514,9	-22,4
Central Greece	1.476	1.913	-22,8	407,1	486,6	-16,3	1.965,2	1.848,7	6,3
Peloponnisos	1.662	2.089	-20,4	472,3	499,9	-5,5	1.659,0	1.778,7	-6,7
Attiki	5.900	8.091	-27,1	1.324,6	1.735,5	-23,7	4.817,6	6.358,9	-24,2
Northern Egeo	613	706	-13,2	109,9	115,4	-4,8	408,2	419,0	-2,6
Southern Egeo	1.221	1.114	9,6	307,3	289,2	6,3	1.064,5	1.022,4	4,1
Kriti	1.442	1.600	-9,9	491,9	518,9	-5,2	1.752,9	1.876,0	-6,6
Country Total	20.229	25.440	-20,5	5.435,6	6.412,6	-15,2	21.207,2	24.195,6	-12,4

In April 2008, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 6.013 building permits, which relate to 1.674,7 thousand m² of surface and 6.911,3 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.173 building permits, 1.577,7 thousand m² of surface and 5.931,9 thousand m³ of volume of April 2007.

Therefore in April 2008 there was an annual decrease of 2,6% in the number of building permits, increase of 6,2% in surface and 16,5% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 32 building permits, which relate to 27,3 thousand m² of surface and 133,4 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 24 building permits, 14,7 thousand m² of surface and 103,1 thousand m³ of volume, of April 2007. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in April 2008 is 1,9%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
April 2008 και 2007**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007
E. Macedonia and Thraki	292	322	-9,3	82,4	81,4	1,3	309,7	293,8	5,4
Central Macedonia	793	804	-1,4	345,0	260,6	32,4	1.836,3	1.176,6	56,1
Western Macedonia	96	119	-19,3	29,2	32,8	-10,9	120,6	113,5	6,2
Thessalia	319	435	-26,7	107,7	133,8	-19,5	413,9	480,0	-13,8
Ipiros	230	204	12,7	58,7	61,3	-4,2	197,6	222,6	-11,3
Ionian Islands	213	228	-6,6	47,0	54,7	-14,1	163,0	176,9	-7,9
Western Greece	437	426	2,6	101,6	109,4	-7,1	417,0	478,6	-12,9
Central Greece	496	464	6,9	126,4	115,0	9,9	533,5	411,1	29,8
Peloponnisos	490	495	-1,0	112,2	110,6	1,4	402,6	426,4	-5,6
Attiki	1777	1851	-4,0	410,3	386,1	6,3	1.602,7	1.336,5	19,9
Northern Egeo	156	176	-11,4	29,6	27,0	9,3	98,1	101,3	-3,2
Southern Egeo	370	258	43,4	106,2	81,2	30,7	382,1	282,0	35,5
Kriti	344	391	-12,0	118,4	123,8	-4,3	434,3	432,5	0,4
Country Total	6.013	6.173	-2,6	1.674,7	1.577,7	6,2	6.911,3	5.931,9	16,5

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - APRIL 2008

During the period January-April 2008, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease of 20,6% in the number of building permits, 15,3% in surface and 12,4% in volume as compared to the same period of 2007.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-April 2008, has come up to 4.753,8 thousand m³, as compared to 6.353,4 thousand m³ of 2007 (decrease 25,2%).

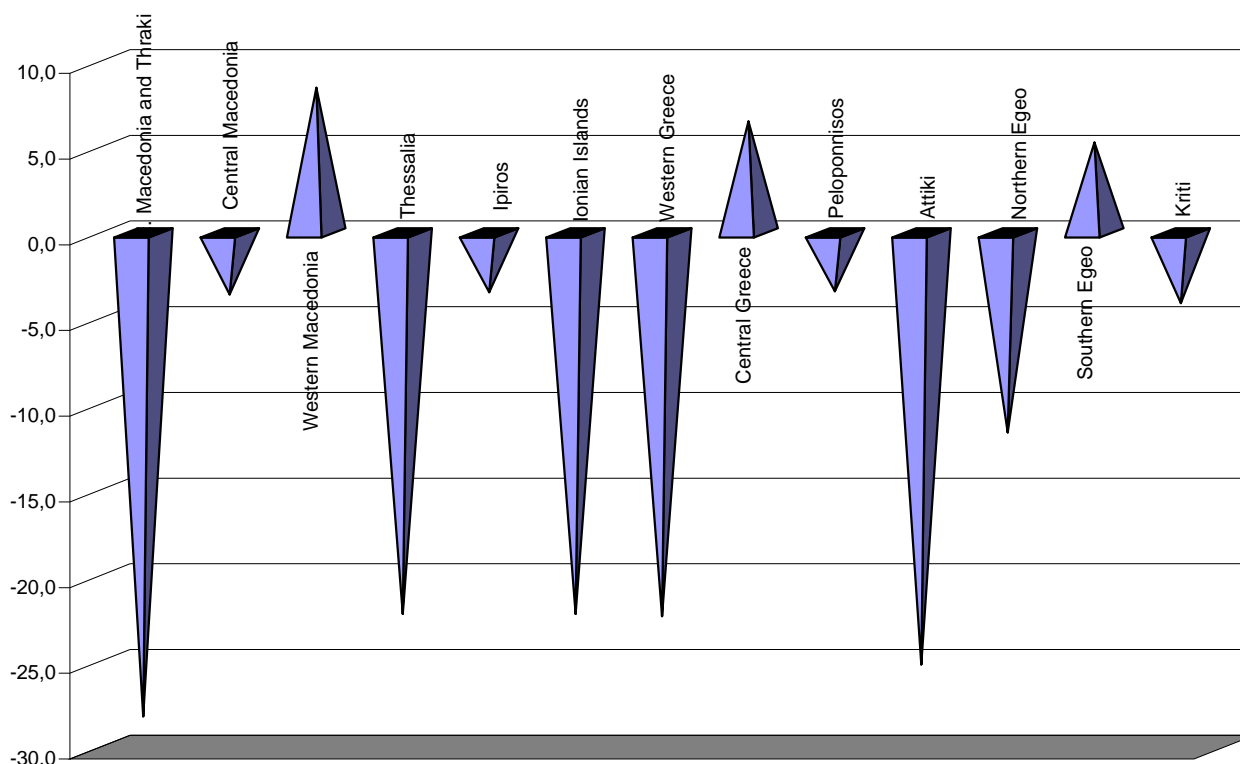
For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 16.086,2 thousand m³, as compared to 17.444,1 thousand m³, of the same period of 2007 (decrease 7,8%).

The biggest decrease was observed in the Regions of E.Macedonia and Thraki (28,2%), Attiki (25,2%), Western Greece (22,4%), Thessalia (22,2%) and Ionian Islands (22,2%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - April 2008 και 2007

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007
E. Macedonia and Thraki	913	1.246	-26,7	221,5	314,6	-29,6	833,4	1.161,0	-28,2
Central Macedonia	2.642	3.217	-17,9	952,1	1.059,1	-10,1	4.425,3	4.590,7	-3,6
Western Macedonia	299	389	-23,1	97,4	101,6	-4,2	367,3	338,6	8,5
Thessalia	1.085	1.587	-31,6	333,0	441,2	-24,5	1.270,3	1.633,5	-22,2
Ipiros	696	759	-8,3	194,4	206,6	-5,9	695,8	720,7	-3,5
Ionian Islands	793	961	-17,5	163,6	207,3	-21,1	561,3	721,7	-22,2
Western Greece	1.384	1.678	-17,5	317,9	388,9	-18,3	1.170,0	1.507,1	-22,4
Central Greece	1.470	1.907	-22,9	404,1	483,2	-16,4	1.953,3	1.834,0	6,5
Peloponnisos	1.651	2.073	-20,4	468,8	488,9	-4,1	1.645,6	1.703,7	-3,4
Attiki	5.881	8.080	-27,2	1.309,7	1.734,1	-24,5	4.753,8	6.353,4	-25,2
Northern Egeo	610	705	-13,5	100,8	115,3	-12,5	369,6	418,3	-11,6
Southern Egeo	1.218	1.106	10,1	307,0	285,7	7,5	1.063,2	1.009,9	5,3
Kriti	1.436	1.581	-9,2	486,4	500,4	-2,8	1.731,2	1.805,0	-4,1
Country Total	20.078	25.289	-20,6	5.356,6	6.326,8	-15,3	20.840,1	23.797,5	-12,4

Private Building Activity by Region
January - April 2008 and 2007
% of change of building volume



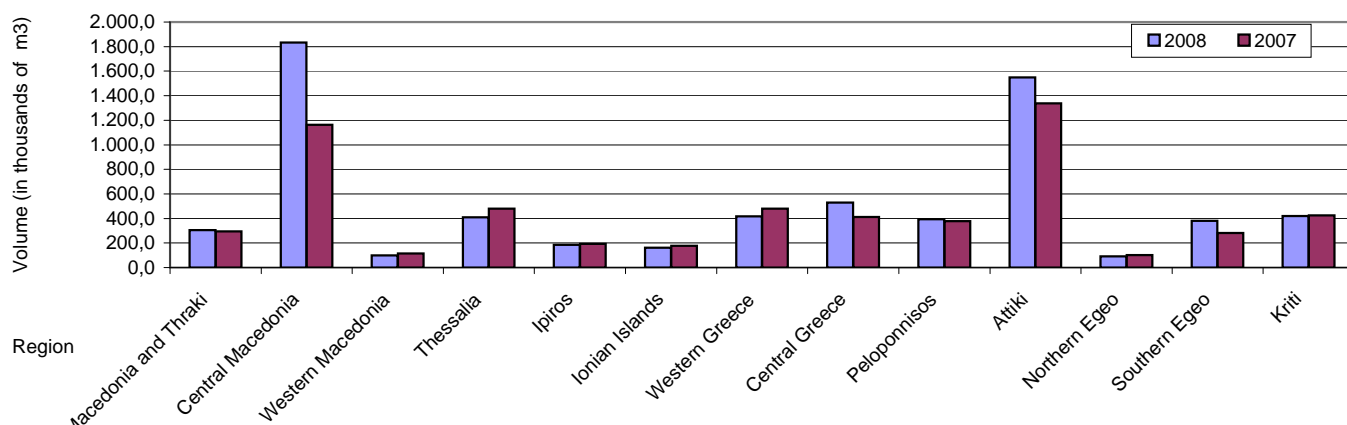
In April 2008 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 5.981 building permits, which relate to 1.647,4 thousand m² of surface and 6.777,9 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.149 building permits, 1.563,0 thousand m² of surface and 5.828,7 thousand m³ of volume of April 2007.

There was an annual decrease of 2,7% in the number of building permits, increase of 5,4% in surface and 16,3% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
April 2008 and 2007**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007
E. Macedonia and Thraki	288	322	-10,6	81,5	81,4	0,2	306,0	293,8	4,2
Central Macedonia	786	797	-1,4	344,3	258,3	33,3	1.833,0	1.161,9	57,8
Western Macedonia	94	119	-21,0	28,1	32,8	-14,2	100,0	113,5	-11,9
Thessalia	318	432	-26,4	106,9	133,6	-20,0	409,4	479,5	-14,6
Ipiros	228	202	12,9	55,9	56,0	-0,1	186,2	192,4	-3,2
Ionian Islands	213	228	-6,6	47,0	54,7	-14,1	163,0	176,9	-7,9
Western Greece	437	426	2,6	101,6	109,4	-7,1	417,0	478,6	-12,9
Central Greece	493	464	6,3	125,5	115,0	9,1	529,0	411,1	28,7
Peloponnisos	486	491	-1,0	110,0	106,1	3,7	394,5	377,2	4,6
Attiki	1.772	1.850	-4,2	398,2	386,1	3,1	1.549,3	1.336,5	15,9
Northern Egeo	155	176	-11,9	27,7	27,0	2,6	90,0	101,3	-11,1
Southern Egeo	369	256	44,1	105,8	81,0	30,6	380,8	281,3	35,4
Kriti	342	386	-11,4	114,7	121,6	-5,6	419,7	424,6	-1,2
Country Total	5.981	6.149	-2,7	1.647,4	1.563,0	5,4	6.777,9	5.828,7	16,3

**Private Building Activity by Region
April 2008 and 2007**



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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