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BUILDING ACTIVITY

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The General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece publishes provisional data on the Building Activity, on the basis of the building permits issued from the Greek Town-Planning Offices during October 2008.

DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - OCTOBER 2008 IN COMPARISON WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 2007

During the period January - October 2008, the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country, measured on the basis of building permits issued, amounted to 55.003 building permits, which correspond to 14.232,4 thousand m² of surface and 55.172,5 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 65.267 building permits that were issued during the same period of 2007 and corresponded to 17.129,8 thousand m² of surface and 65.702,2 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 15,7%, in surface by 16,9% and in volume by 16,0%. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building volume, for the above period of 2008, is 1,7%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period
January - October of 2007 and 2008**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-October		Rate of change (%)	January-October		Rate of change (%)	January-October		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	3.287	2.637	-19,8	875,5	659,2	-24,7	3.393,9	2.613,4	-23,0
Central Makedonia	8.077	7.353	-9,0	2.789,1	2.430,4	-12,9	12.541,9	10.771,1	-14,1
Western Makedonia	1.159	980	-15,4	377,5	331,5	-12,2	1.405,5	1.369,6	-2,6
Thessalia	4.089	3.437	-15,9	1.191,6	1.037,3	-12,9	4.692,9	4.002,9	-14,7
Ipiros	2.037	1.882	-7,6	583,0	527,1	-9,6	2.082,0	1.983,4	-4,7
Ionian Islands	2.430	2.170	-10,7	545,9	418,4	-23,3	1.878,8	1.448,2	-22,9
Western Greece	4.347	3.735	-14,1	977,8	903,6	-7,6	3.775,4	3.562,8	-5,6
Central Greece	4.695	4.088	-12,9	1.296,7	1.027,2	-20,8	5.222,1	4.454,3	-14,7
Peloponnissos	5.392	4.607	-14,6	1.270,2	1.213,6	-4,5	4.393,5	4.289,1	-2,4
Attiki	20.438	15.609	-23,6	4.664,1	3.493,7	-25,1	17.277,8	12.828,0	-25,8
Northern Egeo	1.820	1.589	-12,7	318,0	264,9	-16,7	1.135,6	994,8	-12,4
Southern Egeo	3.077	3.196	3,9	717,4	728,7	1,6	2.535,4	2.488,3	-1,9
Kriti	4.419	3.720	-15,8	1.523,0	1.196,8	-21,4	5.367,6	4.366,6	-18,6
Greece, Total	65.267	55.003	-15,7	17.129,8	14.232,4	-16,9	65.702,2	55.172,5	-16,0

In October 2008 the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country, amounted to 5.775 building permits, which correspond to 1.312,9 thousand m² of surface and 4.899,1 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 6.995 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to, 1.761,6 thousand m² of surface and 6.719,2 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 17,4%, in surface by 25,5% and in volume by 27,1%.

The magnitude of the Public Building Activity in October 2008, in the whole Country, amounted to 44 building permits, which correspond to 14,0 thousand m² of surface and 55,8 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 35 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to 10,6 thousand m² of surface and 37,2 thousand m³ of volume. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building activity, in October 2008, is 1,1%.

Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the month of October of 2007 and 2008

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Rate of change (%)	October		Rate of change (%)	October		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	340	274	-19,4	91,3	50,5	-44,7	356,8	193,3	-45,8
Central Makedonia	879	708	-19,5	275,1	200,5	-27,1	1.285,9	829,0	-35,5
Western Makedonia	115	125	8,7	30,2	48,6	60,9	115,7	216,2	86,9
Thessalia	432	343	-20,6	115,7	95,1	-17,9	436,4	387,1	-11,3
Ipiros	226	164	-27,4	56,8	50,8	-10,6	191,3	193,2	1,0
Ionian Islands	260	210	-19,2	46,7	36,2	-22,6	154,9	124,5	-19,6
Western Greece	481	380	-21,0	103,2	74,4	-27,9	381,4	263,6	-30,9
Central Greece	427	451	5,6	124,0	100,5	-18,9	476,7	362,0	-24,1
Peloponnissos	625	524	-16,2	146,2	117,0	-20,0	499,0	420,8	-15,7
Attiki	2224	1626	-26,9	472,1	303,8	-35,6	1.785,7	1.088,6	-39,0
Northern Egeo	155	169	9,0	37,0	22,8	-38,2	125,2	88,0	-29,7
Southern Egeo	359	389	8,4	88,8	91,3	2,8	305,7	305,0	-0,2
Kriti	472	412	-12,7	174,4	121,5	-30,3	604,5	427,7	-29,2
Greece, Total	6.995	5.775	-17,4	1.761,6	1.312,9	-25,5	6.719,2	4.899,1	-27,1

**DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - OCTOBER 2008
IN COMPARISON WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 2007**

As concerns the Private Building Activity in the whole Country, during the period January - October 2008, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 15,9%, in surface by 17,0% and in volume by 16,1%, as compared to the same period of 2007.

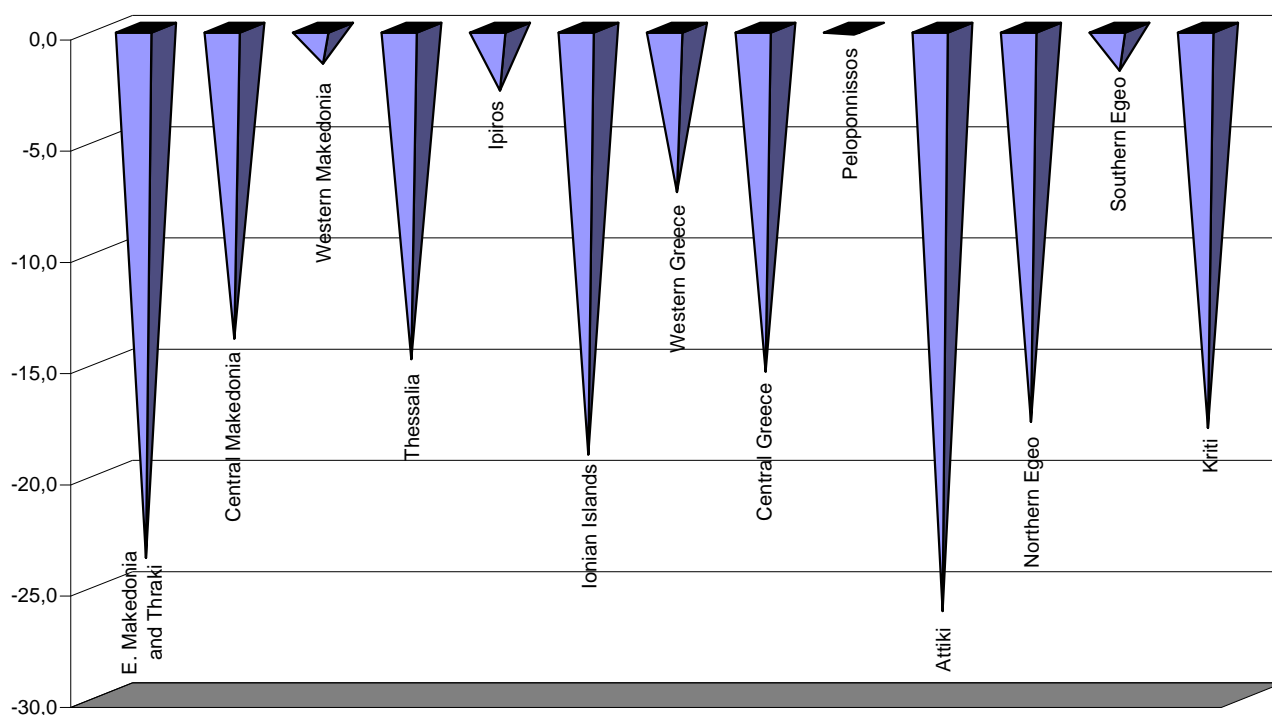
The building volume in the region of Attiki, during January - October 2008, has come up to 12.731,1 thousand m³, as compared to 17.256,0 thousand m³, of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 26,2%).

The building volume in rest of the Country, during January - October 2008, has come up to 41.515,0 thousand m³, as compared to 47.402,2 thousand m³, of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 12,4%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - October of 2007 and 2008

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-October		Rate of change (%)	January-October		Rate of change (%)	January-October		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	3.226	2.590	-19,7	854,1	636,2	-25,5	3.274,6	2.493,9	-23,8
Central Makedonia	7.984	7.244	-9,3	2.737,1	2.380,9	-13,0	12.295,4	10.577,4	-14,0
Western Makedonia	1.146	965	-15,8	367,1	326,0	-11,2	1.353,2	1.331,2	-1,6
Thessalia	4.056	3.318	-18,2	1.179,7	1.023,7	-13,2	4.639,1	3.947,9	-14,9
Ipiros	2.007	1.867	-7,0	568,2	518,8	-8,7	2.010,9	1.954,1	-2,8
Ionian Islands	2.417	2.160	-10,6	519,1	415,6	-19,9	1.775,2	1.434,6	-19,2
Western Greece	4.339	3.721	-14,2	974,5	886,4	-9,0	3.763,5	3.485,6	-7,4
Central Greece	4.681	4.069	-13,1	1.284,6	1.006,4	-21,7	5.133,0	4.339,8	-15,5
Peloponnissos	5.349	4.577	-14,4	1.245,6	1.203,7	-3,4	4.264,9	4.251,5	-0,3
Attiki	20.416	15.575	-23,7	4.657,7	3.470,1	-25,5	17.256,0	12.731,1	-26,2
Northern Egeo	1.817	1.583	-12,9	317,3	253,4	-20,2	1.133,4	932,6	-17,7
Southern Egeo	3.060	3.185	4,1	711,8	723,1	1,6	2.516,0	2.467,2	-1,9
Kriti	4.387	3.701	-15,6	1.490,5	1.180,6	-20,8	5.242,9	4.299,2	-18,0
Greece, Total	64.885	54.555	-15,9	16.907,4	14.024,7	-17,0	64.658,3	54.246,1	-16,1

Private Building Activity by Region
Rate of change (%) of building volume, by Region, for the period January - October, between 2007 and 2008

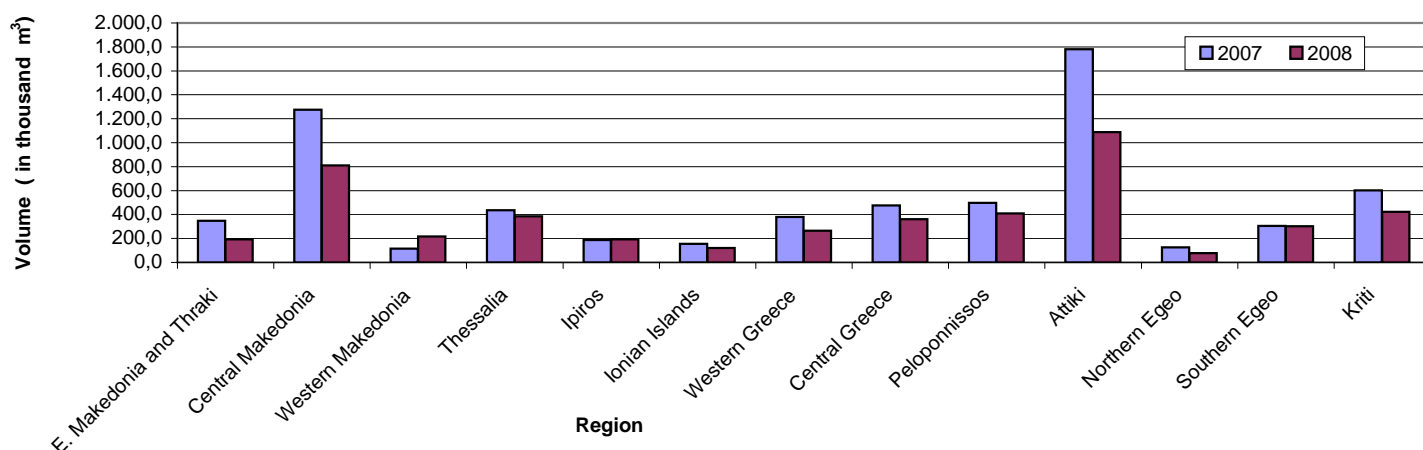


In October 2008 the magnitude of the Private Building Activity, in the whole Country, amounted to 5.731 building permits, which correspond to 1.299,0 thousand m² of surface and 4.843,3 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 6.960 building permits that were issued during October 2007 and corresponded to 1.751,0 thousand m² of surface and 6.681,9 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 17,7%, in surface by 25,8% and in volume by 27,5%.

Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of October of 2007 and 2008

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	October		Rate of change (%)	October		Rate of change (%)	October		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	330	271	-17,9	89,3	50,5	-43,4	348,6	193,3	-44,5
Central Makedonia	870	692	-20,5	271,9	195,3	-28,2	1.275,4	809,6	-36,5
Western Makedonia	115	124	7,8	30,2	48,5	60,7	115,7	216,0	86,7
Thessalia	431	341	-20,9	115,7	94,7	-18,2	436,4	385,8	-11,6
Ipiros	225	163	-27,6	55,9	50,6	-9,6	187,2	192,0	2,6
Ionian Islands	260	206	-20,8	46,7	35,1	-24,9	154,9	121,0	-21,9
Western Greece	478	379	-20,7	102,7	74,4	-27,5	379,6	263,6	-30,6
Central Greece	426	450	5,6	123,7	100,4	-18,9	475,7	361,6	-24,0
Peloponnissos	621	515	-17,1	145,5	113,7	-21,9	496,3	408,5	-17,7
Attiki	2.222	1.625	-26,9	470,1	303,8	-35,4	1.780,4	1.088,6	-38,9
Northern Egeo	155	168	8,4	37,0	21,4	-42,3	125,2	77,4	-38,2
Southern Egeo	357	387	8,4	88,8	90,8	2,2	305,6	303,4	-0,7
Kriti	470	410	-12,8	173,5	119,9	-30,9	601,1	422,7	-29,7
Greece, Total	6.960	5.731	-17,7	1.751,0	1.299,0	-25,8	6.681,9	4.843,3	-27,5

Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of October of 2007 and 2008



Summary metadata: The data above refer to the authorized building activity (public and private).

Specifically, the above results refer to data on building permits totally issued by the competent authorities. Such data are collected through a special monthly survey, the Building Permits Survey. The data are collected from administrative sources (Town Planning Offices). External engineers, simultaneously with the issue of a building permit, fill in the relevant questionnaire, properly designed for the survey.

A building permit is an authorization to start work on a building project. Thus, a building permit is the final stage of planning and building authorizations, prior to the start of work.

The legal basis of the survey is the Law 2396/96 (concerning the access of the General Secretariat of the 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:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 (concerning short-term statistics)
- Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council No 1158/05 (amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98).

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