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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 November 2008.

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

During the period January - November 2008, the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country, measured on the basis of building permits issued, amounted to 60.321 building permits, which correspond to 15.542,2 thousand m² of surface and 60.231,5 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 72.013 building permits that were issued during the same period of 2007 and corresponded to 18.986,9 thousand m² of surface and 72.950,3 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 16,2%, in surface by 18,1% and in volume by 17,4%. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building volume, for the above period of 2008, is 1,6%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-November		Rate of change (%)	January-November		Rate of change (%)	January-November		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	3.626	2.946	-18,8	971,1	722,8	-25,6	3.818,7	2.833,7	-25,8
Central Makedonia	8.977	8.037	-10,5	3.116,1	2.630,0	-15,6	13.972,5	11.634,8	-16,7
Western Makedonia	1.260	1.091	-13,4	423,8	367,1	-13,4	1.629,8	1.500,4	-7,9
Thessalia	4.530	3.743	-17,4	1.316,9	1.114,6	-15,4	5.144,1	4.284,2	-16,7
Ipiros	2.232	2.056	-7,9	674,7	567,3	-15,9	2.446,3	2.141,8	-12,4
Ionian Islands	2.712	2.385	-12,1	623,0	459,5	-26,2	2.139,5	1.592,5	-25,6
Western Greece	4.800	4.087	-14,9	1.086,1	972,1	-10,5	4.211,8	3.797,0	-9,8
Central Greece	5.129	4.496	-12,3	1.409,5	1.121,7	-20,4	5.679,7	4.981,4	-12,3
Peloponnissos	5.932	5.058	-14,7	1.389,8	1.321,4	-4,9	4.820,2	4.725,8	-2,0
Attiki	22.540	17.095	-24,2	5.170,3	3.878,0	-25,0	19.172,0	14.179,2	-26,0
Northern Egeo	2.003	1.721	-14,1	343,9	286,9	-16,6	1.232,5	1.075,5	-12,7
Southern Egeo	3.415	3.553	4,0	805,7	790,9	-1,8	2.845,2	2.706,3	-4,9
Kriti	4.857	4.053	-16,6	1.656,1	1.309,9	-20,9	5.838,1	4.778,9	-18,1
Greece, Total	72.013	60.321	-16,2	18.986,9	15.542,2	-18,1	72.950,3	60.231,5	-17,4

In November 2008 the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country, amounted to 5.318 building permits, which correspond to 1.309,8 thousand m² of surface and 5.059,0 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 6.746 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to 1.857,1 thousand m² of surface and 7.248,1 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 21,2%, in surface by 29,5% and in volume by 30,2%.

The magnitude of the Public Building Activity in November 2008, in the whole Country, amounted to 31 building permits, which correspond to 11,9 thousand m² of surface and 47,4 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 37 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to 10,7 thousand m² of surface and 49,9 thousand m³ of volume. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building activity, in November 2008, is 0,9%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November		Rate of change (%)	November		Rate of change (%)	November		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	339	309	-8,8	95,5	63,6	-33,4	424,9	220,3	-48,2
Central Makedonia	900	684	-24,0	327,0	199,6	-38,9	1.430,7	863,7	-39,6
Western Makedonia	101	111	9,9	46,3	35,6	-23,2	224,2	130,8	-41,7
Thessalia	441	306	-30,6	125,3	77,3	-38,3	451,1	281,2	-37,7
Ipiros	195	174	-10,8	91,7	40,2	-56,2	364,4	158,4	-56,5
Ionian Islands	282	215	-23,8	77,1	41,1	-46,7	260,7	144,3	-44,7
Western Greece	453	352	-22,3	108,2	68,5	-36,7	436,3	234,2	-46,3
Central Greece	434	408	-6,0	112,8	94,5	-16,2	457,6	527,1	15,2
Peloponnissos	540	451	-16,5	119,6	107,8	-9,8	426,8	436,7	2,3
Attiki	2102	1486	-29,3	506,1	384,3	-24,1	1.894,2	1.351,2	-28,7
Northern Egeo	183	132	-27,9	25,9	22,0	-15,2	96,9	80,7	-16,8
Southern Egeo	338	357	5,6	88,3	62,2	-29,6	309,8	218,0	-29,6
Kriti	438	333	-24,0	133,1	113,1	-15,0	470,5	412,3	-12,4
Greece, Total	6.746	5.318	-21,2	1.857,1	1.309,8	-29,5	7.248,1	5.059,0	-30,2

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

As concerns the Private Building Activity in the whole Country, during the period January - November 2008, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 16,4%, in surface by 18,3% and in volume by 17,5%, as compared to the same period of 2007.

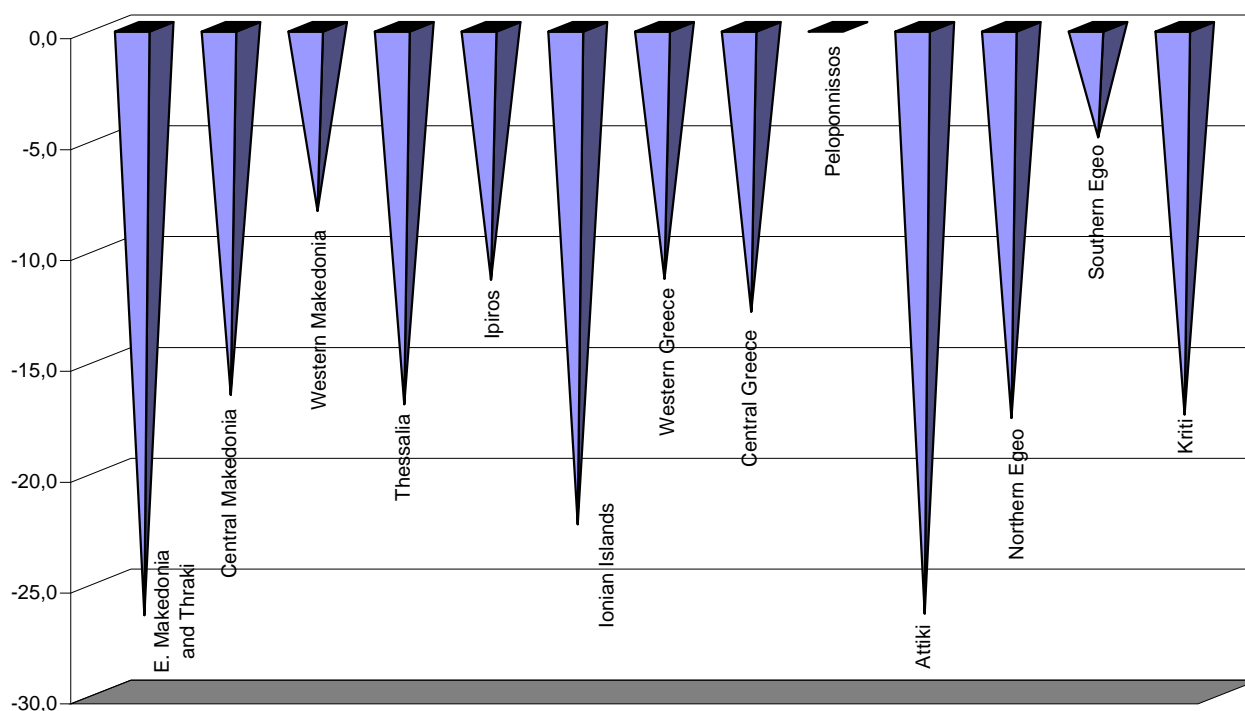
The building volume in the region of Attiki, during January - November 2008, has come up to 14.082,3 thousand m³, as compared to 19.150,1 thousand m³, of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 26,5%).

The building volume in rest of the Country, during January - November 2008, has come up to 45.175,4 thousand m³, as compared to 52.706,4 thousand m³, of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 14,3%).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-November		Rate of change (%)	January-November		Rate of change (%)	January-November		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	3.560	2.898	-18,6	948,3	699,5	-26,2	3.692,9	2.712,9	-26,5
Central Makedonia	8.872	7.919	-10,7	3.061,1	2.579,1	-15,7	13.712,1	11.435,0	-16,6
Western Makedonia	1.245	1.073	-13,8	412,8	356,7	-13,6	1.574,5	1.443,9	-8,3
Thessalia	4.495	3.620	-19,5	1.304,7	1.099,3	-15,7	5.089,3	4.222,9	-17,0
Ipiros	2.202	2.036	-7,5	659,9	557,2	-15,6	2.375,2	2.104,3	-11,4
Ionian Islands	2.697	2.375	-11,9	596,1	456,7	-23,4	2.035,5	1.578,9	-22,4
Western Greece	4.790	4.072	-15,0	1.081,9	954,5	-11,8	4.195,4	3.718,8	-11,4
Central Greece	5.113	4.475	-12,5	1.396,1	1.100,8	-21,2	5.584,5	4.866,7	-12,9
Peloponnissos	5.884	5.026	-14,6	1.364,3	1.311,4	-3,9	4.688,1	4.687,8	0,0
Attiki	22.517	17.059	-24,2	5.163,8	3.854,4	-25,4	19.150,1	14.082,3	-26,5
Northern Egeo	2.000	1.715	-14,3	343,2	275,3	-19,8	1.230,3	1.013,2	-17,6
Southern Egeo	3.398	3.542	4,2	800,1	785,3	-1,9	2.825,8	2.685,2	-5,0
Kriti	4.821	4.032	-16,4	1.621,5	1.292,5	-20,3	5.702,7	4.705,7	-17,5
Greece, Total	71.594	59.842	-16,4	18.753,8	15.322,6	-18,3	71.856,4	59.257,7	-17,5

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

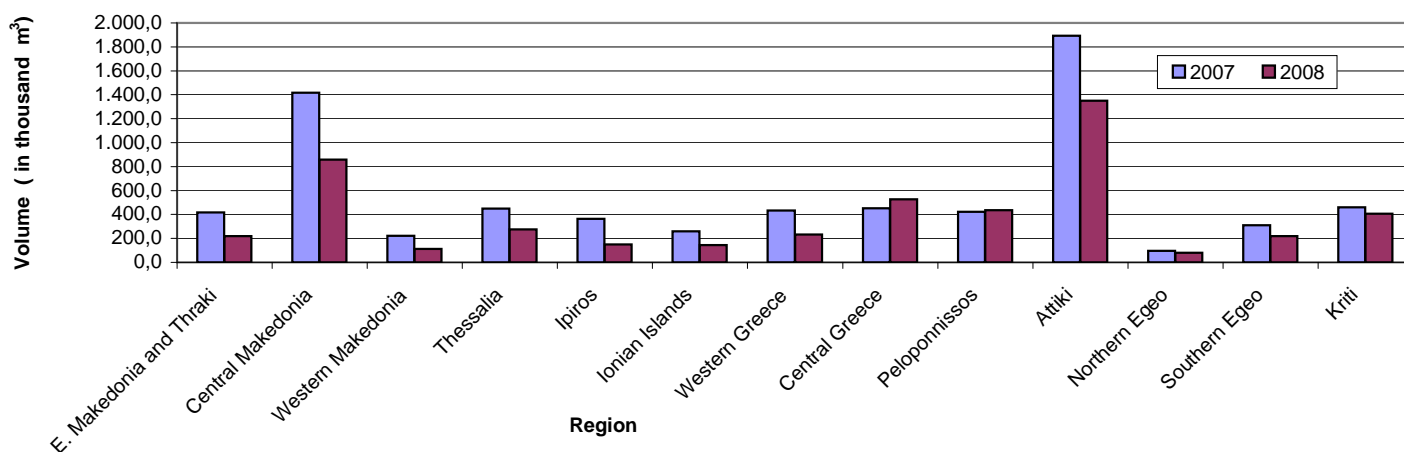


In November 2008 the magnitude of the Private Building Activity, in the whole Country, amounted to 5.287 building permits, which correspond to 1.297,9 thousand m² of surface and 5.011,6 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 6.709 building permits that were issued during November 2007 and corresponded to 1.846,4 thousand m² of surface and 7.198,2 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 21,2%, in surface by 29,7% and in volume by 30,4%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	November		Rate of change (%)	November		Rate of change (%)	November		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	334	308	-7,8	94,2	63,2	-32,9	418,2	219,0	-47,6
Central Makedonia	888	675	-24,0	324,0	198,1	-38,9	1.416,7	857,6	-39,5
Western Makedonia	99	108	9,1	45,7	30,7	-32,7	221,3	112,7	-49,1
Thessalia	439	302	-31,2	125,0	75,7	-39,5	450,2	274,9	-38,9
Ipiros	195	169	-13,3	91,7	38,4	-58,2	364,4	150,3	-58,8
Ionian Islands	280	215	-23,2	77,0	41,1	-46,6	260,3	144,3	-44,6
Western Greece	451	351	-22,2	107,4	68,2	-36,5	431,9	233,2	-46,0
Central Greece	432	406	-6,0	111,5	94,4	-15,3	451,5	527,0	16,7
Peloponnissos	535	449	-16,1	118,6	107,7	-9,2	423,2	436,3	3,1
Attiki	2.101	1.484	-29,4	506,1	384,3	-24,1	1.894,0	1.351,2	-28,7
Northern Egeo	183	132	-27,9	25,9	22,0	-15,2	96,9	80,7	-16,8
Southern Egeo	338	357	5,6	88,3	62,2	-29,6	309,8	218,0	-29,6
Kriti	434	331	-23,7	131,0	111,8	-14,6	459,8	406,5	-11,6
Greece, Total	6.709	5.287	-21,2	1.846,4	1.297,9	-29,7	7.198,2	5.011,6	-30,4

Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of November 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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