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BUILDING ACTIVITY

MARCH 2009

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 March 2009.

**DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - MARCH 2009
IN COMPARISON WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 2008**

During the period January - March 2009, the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country, measured on the basis of building permits issued, amounted to 13.062 building permits, which correspond to 3.109,5 thousand m² of surface and 12.159,1 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 14.216 building permits that were issued during the same period of 2008 and corresponded to 3.760,9 thousand m² of surface and 14.295,9 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 8,1%, in surface by 17,3% and in volume by 14,9%. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building volume, for the above period of 2009, is 3,2%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period
January - March of 2008 and 2009**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-March		Rate of change (%)	January-March		Rate of change (%)	January-March		Rate of change (%)
	2008	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	643	708	10,1	154,6	162,5	5,1	615,5	622,0	1,0
Central Makedonia	1.879	1.696	-9,7	621,5	448,5	-27,8	2.642,9	2.116,5	-19,9
Western Makedonia	207	220	6,3	69,8	46,1	-33,9	268,4	161,1	-40,0
Thessalia	802	778	-3,0	230,3	213,8	-7,2	878,5	790,3	-10,0
Ipiros	469	462	-1,5	138,5	119,4	-13,8	509,6	449,7	-11,8
Ionian Islands	583	427	-26,8	118,3	72,8	-38,5	408,0	249,3	-38,9
Western Greece	952	958	0,6	217,7	239,6	10,1	758,6	942,2	24,2
Central Greece	980	990	1,0	280,8	219,5	-21,8	1.431,8	1.052,4	-26,5
Peloponnissos	1.172	1.040	-11,3	360,2	287,6	-20,1	1.256,5	974,9	-22,4
Attiki	4.123	3.831	-7,1	914,3	842,7	-7,8	3.214,9	3.221,5	0,2
Northern Egeo	457	372	-18,6	80,3	42,9	-46,6	310,1	147,0	-52,6
Southern Egeo	851	683	-19,7	201,2	132,2	-34,3	682,4	439,7	-35,6
Kriti	1.098	897	-18,3	373,5	281,8	-24,5	1.318,6	992,7	-24,7
Greece, Total	14.216	13.062	-8,1	3.760,9	3.109,5	-17,3	14.295,9	12.159,1	-14,9

In March 2009 the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country, amounted to 4.719 building permits, which correspond to 1.204,9 thousand m² of surface and 4.601,8 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 3.962 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2008 and corresponded to, 947,8 thousand m² of surface and 3.552,6 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was an increase in the number of building permits by 19,1%, in surface by 27,1% and in volume by 29,5%.

The magnitude of the Public Building Activity in March 2009, in the whole Country, amounted to 33 building permits, which correspond to 27,7 thousand m² of surface and 105,7 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 24 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2008 and corresponded to 10,8 thousand m² of surface and 39,4 thousand m³ of volume. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building activity, in March 2009, is 2,3%.

Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the month of March of 2008 and 2009

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Rate of change (%)	March		Rate of change (%)	March		Rate of change (%)
	2008	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	201	249	23,9	50,7	55,3	8,9	197,1	221,4	12,4
Central Makedonia	524	642	22,5	156,3	171,0	9,4	749,3	702,4	-6,3
Western Makedonia	67	82	22,4	19,8	18,0	-9,0	60,9	59,7	-2,0
Thessalia	202	314	55,4	57,9	93,6	61,6	209,8	360,4	71,8
Ipiros	143	190	32,9	43,2	43,9	1,6	147,3	174,4	18,4
Ionian Islands	187	160	-14,4	38,0	27,4	-27,9	125,9	92,6	-26,5
Western Greece	255	332	30,2	57,4	64,8	12,9	192,5	239,1	24,2
Central Greece	300	321	7,0	81,9	73,7	-10,0	361,5	303,8	-16,0
Peloponnissos	310	393	26,8	68,3	136,1	99,2	229,2	444,9	94,1
Attiki	1145	1386	21,0	224,9	355,7	58,2	753,7	1.438,5	90,9
Northern Egeo	109	128	17,4	19,4	18,0	-7,5	75,2	59,8	-20,6
Southern Egeo	235	181	-23,0	51,0	38,6	-24,3	157,5	119,7	-24,0
Kriti	284	341	20,1	78,9	108,8	37,8	292,6	385,1	31,6
Greece, Total	3.962	4.719	19,1	947,8	1.204,9	27,1	3.552,6	4.601,8	29,5

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - MARCH 2009 IN COMPARISON WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 2008

As concerns the Private Building Activity in the whole Country, during the period January - March 2009, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 8,1%, in surface by 18,7% and in volume by 16,3%, as compared to the same period of 2008.

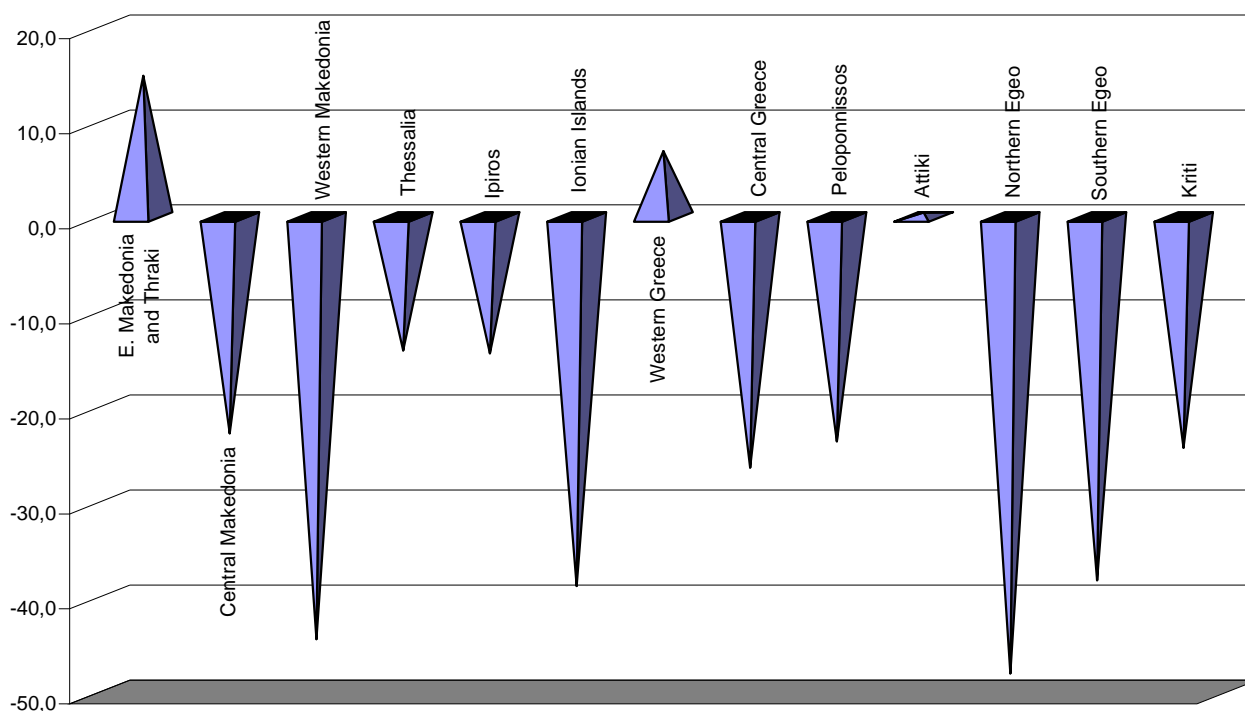
The building volume in the region of Attiki, during January - March 2009, has come up to 3.219,7 thousand m³, as compared to 3.204,6 thousand m³, of the same period of 2008 (increase by 0,5%).

The building volume in rest of the Country, during January - March 2009, has come up to 8.544,4 thousand m³, as compared to 10.857,6 thousand m³, of the same period of 2008 (decrease by 21,3%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period January - March of 2008 and 2009

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-March		Rate of change (%)	January-March		Rate of change (%)	January-March		Rate of change (%)
	2008	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	625	702	12,3	140,0	159,0	13,6	527,4	605,7	14,8
Central Makedonia	1.856	1.660	-10,6	607,8	424,9	-30,1	2.592,3	2.002,2	-22,8
Western Makedonia	205	212	3,4	69,3	42,6	-38,6	267,3	148,5	-44,4
Thessalia	767	764	-0,4	226,1	198,9	-12,0	860,9	739,9	-14,1
Ipiros	468	456	-2,6	138,5	116,4	-15,9	509,6	436,3	-14,4
Ionian Islands	580	424	-26,9	116,6	71,4	-38,7	398,3	243,5	-38,9
Western Greece	947	952	0,5	216,3	206,6	-4,5	753,0	805,2	6,9
Central Greece	977	988	1,1	278,5	218,3	-21,6	1.424,3	1.048,4	-26,4
Peloponnissos	1.165	1.028	-11,8	358,8	282,9	-21,2	1.251,0	955,4	-23,6
Attiki	4.109	3.827	-6,9	911,5	842,3	-7,6	3.204,6	3.219,7	0,5
Northern Egeo	455	365	-19,8	73,1	42,4	-42,0	279,5	145,2	-48,1
Southern Egeo	849	679	-20,0	201,2	126,9	-36,9	682,4	421,4	-38,2
Kriti	1.094	896	-18,1	371,6	281,8	-24,2	1.311,5	992,7	-24,3
Greece, Total	14.097	12.953	-8,1	3.709,2	3.014,3	-18,7	14.062,2	11.764,1	-16,3

Private Building Activity by Region
Rate of change (%) of building volume, by Region, for the period January - March, between 2008 and 2009



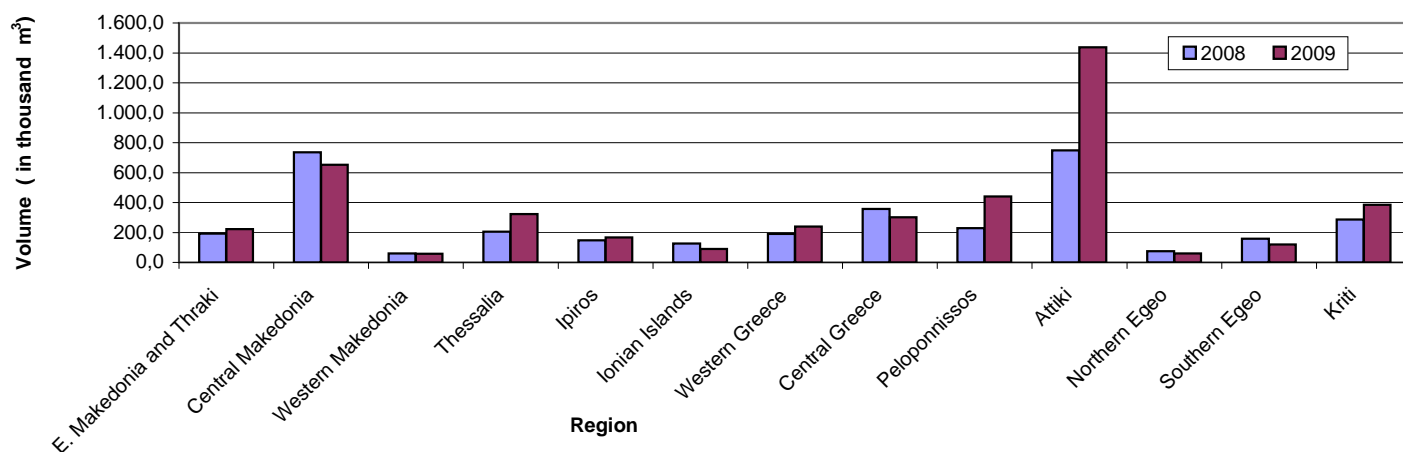
In March 2009 the magnitude of the Private Building Activity, in the whole Country, amounted to 4.686 building permits, which correspond to 1.177,2 thousand m² of surface and 4.496,2 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 3.938 building permits that were issued during March 2008 and corresponded to 937,0 thousand m² of surface and 3.513,2 thousand m³

of volume. Thus, there was an increase in the number of building permits by 19%, in surface by 25,6% and in volume by 28%.

Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of March of 2008 and 2009

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Rate of change (%)	March		Rate of change (%)	March		Rate of change (%)
	2008	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	195	248	27,2	50,1	55,3	10,3	192,8	221,4	14,9
Central Makedonia	520	631	21,3	152,2	160,1	5,2	735,7	652,9	-11,2
Western Makedonia	66	78	18,2	19,8	17,5	-11,7	60,8	57,6	-5,2
Thessalia	198	310	56,6	56,6	82,1	45,1	205,1	323,8	57,9
Ipiros	143	187	30,8	43,2	42,3	-2,1	147,3	167,7	13,8
Ionian Islands	187	159	-15,0	38,0	26,4	-30,5	125,9	89,2	-29,2
Western Greece	254	330	29,9	57,0	64,8	13,7	190,8	239,1	25,3
Central Greece	299	320	7,0	80,2	72,8	-9,3	356,6	300,7	-15,7
Peloponnissos	310	389	25,5	68,3	135,0	97,5	229,2	440,7	92,3
Attiki	1.142	1.385	21,3	223,9	355,7	58,9	749,3	1.438,5	92,0
Northern Egeio	109	128	17,4	19,4	18,0	-7,5	75,2	59,8	-20,6
Southern Egeio	233	181	-22,3	51,0	38,6	-24,3	157,5	119,7	-24,0
Kriti	282	340	20,6	77,4	108,8	40,6	287,0	385,1	34,2
Greece, Total	3.938	4.686	19,0	937,0	1.177,2	25,6	3.513,2	4.496,2	28,0

Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of March of 2008 and 2009



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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