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**SURVEY OF BUILDING ACTIVITY: SEPTEMBER 2009**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Decrease of the volume of Total Building Activity by 25.7%.

In September 2009, total Building Activity (Private and Public) in the whole country, which is calculated by the number of building permits, amounted to 4.670. This figure corresponds to 1.041,0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 4.059,3 thousands m<sup>3</sup> of volume, which shows a decrease of 12,9% in the number of building permits, 24,6% in surface and 25,7% in volume as compared to the same month in 2008 (Table 1). Private Building Activity, in the whole Country, summed to 4.624 building permits, which correspond to 998,3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 3.872,7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. As compared to the same month of 2008 (Table 2), there is a decrease in the number of building permits by 13,1%, in surface by 26,4% and in volume by 27,6%.

Public Building Activity in the whole country in September 2009, amounted to 46 building permits, which correspond to 42,7 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface και 186,6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in total building activity, in September 2009 is 4,6%.

During the period January-September 2009, the total amount of Building Activity (private-public) amounted to 41.645 building permits, which correspond to 9.548,0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 36.391,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume. In comparison to the same period in 2008 (Table 3), there was a decrease of 15,4% in the number of building permits, 26,1% in surface and 27,6% in volume.

During the period January-September 2009, the Private Building Activity in the whole country, indicated a decrease in the number of building permits by 15,5%, in surface by 27,6% and in volume by 29,5%, as compared to the same period of 2008 (Table 4).

The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity, in the total building volume for the same period of 2009, is 4,3%.

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**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by region, for the period January-September in 2008 and 2009**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2008	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	292	244	-16,4	68,7	70,1	2,0	275,8	280,4	1,7
Central Makedonia	805	614	-23,7	232,8	163,6	-29,7	951,5	707,9	-25,6
Western Makedonia	111	112	0,9	41,9	35,7	-14,8	147,5	150,2	1,8
Thessalia	388	305	-21,4	168,6	61,6	-63,5	688,4	227,7	-66,9
Ipiros	197	162	-17,8	49,5	51,6	4,2	205,0	201,7	-1,6
Ionian Islands	227	189	-16,7	36,0	34,9	-3,0	128,1	122,5	-4,4
Western Greece	335	383	14,3	119,5	66,5	-44,4	613,9	312,1	-49,2
Central Greece	396	337	-14,9	95,4	63,7	-33,2	416,9	218,5	-47,6
Peloponnissos	416	394	-5,3	99,9	74,9	-25,0	352,1	293,2	-16,7
Attiki	1.393	1.111	-20,2	278,3	249,8	-10,2	984,2	954,2	-3,1
Northern Egeo	120	118	-1,7	18,2	17,1	-6,2	71,6	61,9	-13,5
Southern Egeo	304	381	25,3	67,0	56,2	-16,1	246,7	191,2	-22,5
Kriti	379	320	-15,6	105,0	95,3	-9,2	380,0	337,6	-11,2
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>5.363</b>	<b>4.670</b>	<b>-12,9</b>	<b>1.380,8</b>	<b>1.041,0</b>	<b>-24,6</b>	<b>5.461,9</b>	<b>4.059,3</b>	<b>-25,7</b>

**Table 2. Private Building Activity per Region, in September of 2008 and 2009**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)	September		Change (%)
	2008	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	287	241	-16,0	67,2	68,9	2,5	269,0	275,1	2,3
Central Makedonia	788	599	-24,0	226,5	135,5	-40,2	921,6	583,9	-36,6
Western Makedonia	110	110	0,0	41,6	34,9	-16,1	146,3	146,8	0,4
Thessalia	386	300	-22,3	167,8	59,6	-64,5	684,8	219,9	-67,9
Ipiros	196	158	-19,4	49,5	45,9	-7,3	204,8	176,2	-14,0
Ionian Islands	227	187	-17,6	36,0	34,5	-4,2	128,1	120,6	-5,9
Western Greece	332	380	14,5	114,5	65,9	-42,4	596,2	310,3	-48,0
Central Greece	394	334	-15,2	94,5	62,7	-33,6	412,0	212,9	-48,3
Peloponnissos	415	391	-5,8	98,6	74,1	-24,8	346,8	289,4	-16,5
Attiki	1.388	1.109	-20,1	274,6	249,0	-9,3	968,3	950,4	-1,9
Northern Egeo	120	117	-2,5	18,2	16,0	-12,0	71,6	59,2	-17,3
Southern Egeo	303	378	24,8	66,7	56,0	-16,1	245,6	190,5	-22,4
Kriti	375	320	-14,7	99,9	95,3	-4,6	353,5	337,6	-4,5
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>5.321</b>	<b>4.624</b>	<b>-13,1</b>	<b>1.355,6</b>	<b>998,3</b>	<b>-26,4</b>	<b>5.348,7</b>	<b>3.872,7</b>	<b>-27,6</b>

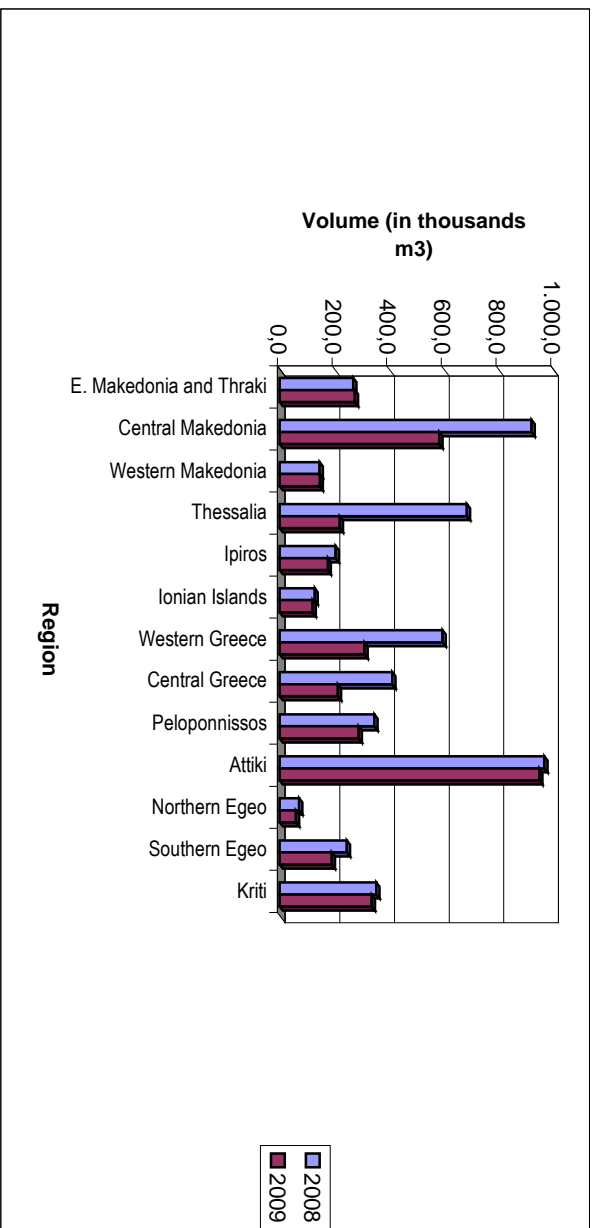
**Table 3. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), per region, for the period January-September in 2008 and 2009**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-September 2008	2009	Change (%)	January-September 2008	2009	Change (%)	January-September 2008	2009	Change (%)
E. Makedonia and Thraki	2.363	2.180	-7,7	608,7	494,7	-18,7	2.420,1	1.846,8	-23,7
Central Makedonia	6.645	5.396	-18,8	2.229,9	1.442,7	-35,3	9.942,0	6.168,7	-38,0
Western Makedonia	855	807	-5,6	282,9	215,7	-23,8	1.153,4	849,2	-26,4
Thessalia	3.094	2.511	-18,8	942,2	622,9	-33,9	3.615,8	2.371,5	-34,4
Ipiros	1.718	1.517	-11,7	476,3	425,9	-10,6	1.790,2	1.598,3	-10,7
Ionian Islands	1.960	1.520	-22,4	382,3	273,6	-28,4	1.323,7	950,0	-28,2
Western Greece	3.355	3.263	-2,7	829,2	687,2	-17,1	3.299,2	2.629,4	-20,3
Central Greece	3.637	3.261	-10,3	926,7	799,9	-13,7	4.092,3	3.483,2	-14,9
Peloponnissos	4.083	3.448	-15,6	1.096,6	778,1	-29,0	3.868,3	2.724,0	-29,6
Attiki	13.983	11.372	-18,7	3.189,8	2.392,1	-25,0	11.739,4	8.955,2	-23,7
Northern Egeo	1.420	1.187	-16,4	242,0	145,2	-40,0	906,8	498,0	-45,1
Southern Egeo	2.807	2.423	-13,7	637,4	431,5	-32,3	2.183,3	1.399,6	-35,9
Kriti	3.308	2.760	-16,6	1.075,3	838,7	-22,0	3.938,9	2.918,0	-25,9
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>49.228</b>	<b>41.645</b>	<b>-15,4</b>	<b>12.919,4</b>	<b>9.548,1</b>	<b>-26,1</b>	<b>50.273,4</b>	<b>36.391,8</b>	<b>-27,6</b>

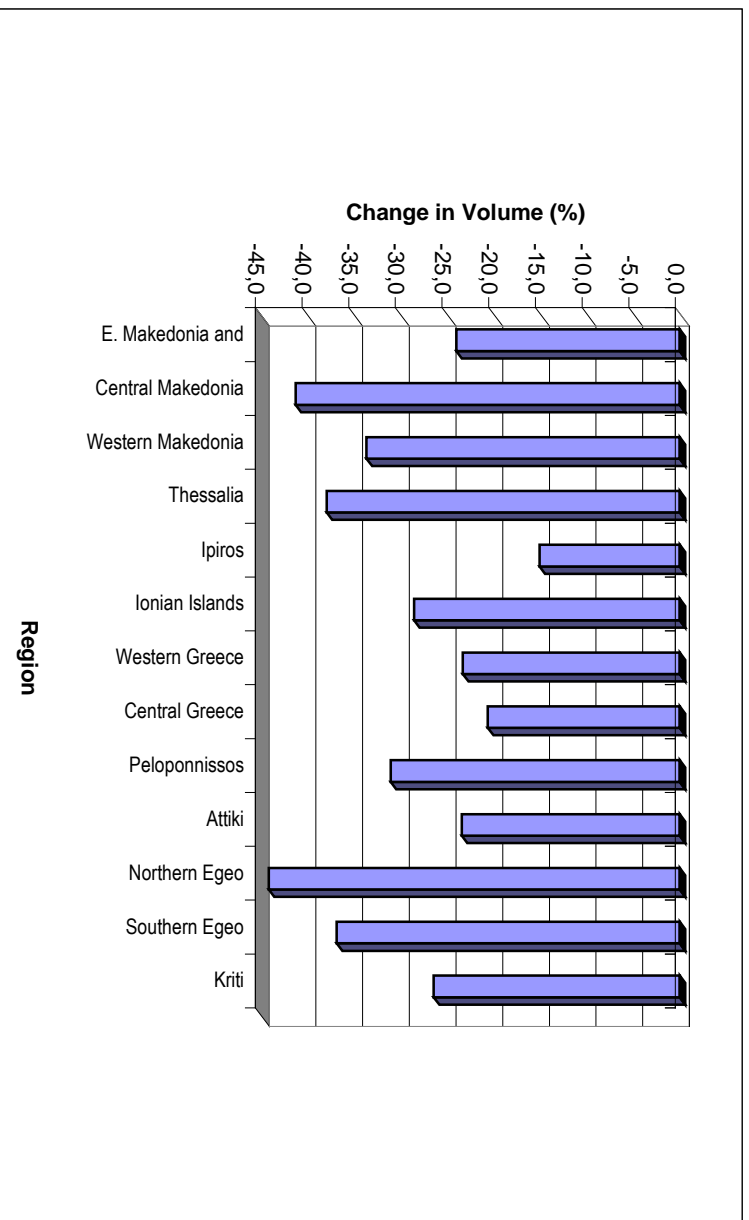
**Table 4. Private Building Activity, per region, for the period January-September in 2008 and 2009**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousand m <sup>3</sup> )		
	January-September 2008	2009	Change (%)	January-September 2008	2009	Change (%)	January-September 2008	2009	Change (%)
E. Makedonia and Thraki	2.319	2.136	-7,9	585,7	471,7	-19,5	2.300,6	1.750,1	-23,9
Central Makedonia	6.552	5.287	-19,3	2.185,6	1.348,4	-38,3	9.767,8	5.749,4	-41,1
Western Makedonia	841	782	-7,0	277,4	195,4	-29,6	1.115,2	741,2	-33,5
Thessalia	2.977	2.476	-16,8	929,0	585,6	-37,0	3.562,1	2.215,4	-37,8
Ipiros	1.704	1.489	-12,6	468,2	401,4	-14,3	1.762,1	1.497,5	-15,0
Ionian Islands	1.954	1.508	-22,8	380,5	270,6	-28,9	1.313,6	939,9	-28,5
Western Greece	3.342	3.243	-3,0	812,0	650,4	-19,9	3.222,1	2.473,8	-23,2
Central Greece	3.619	3.220	-11,0	906,0	749,3	-17,3	3.978,2	3.160,7	-20,5
Peloponnissos	4.062	3.411	-16,0	1.090,0	762,1	-30,1	3.843,0	2.653,4	-31,0
Attiki	13.950	11.354	-18,6	3.166,2	2.387,3	-24,6	11.642,5	8.926,1	-23,3
Northern Egeo	1.415	1.175	-17,0	232,0	139,8	-39,8	855,2	478,8	-44,0
Southern Egeo	2.798	2.412	-13,8	632,3	424,2	-32,9	2.163,8	1.369,0	-36,7
Kriti	3.291	2.744	-16,6	1.060,8	827,4	-22,0	3.876,5	2.855,6	-26,3
<b>Greece, Total</b>	<b>48.824</b>	<b>41.237</b>	<b>-15,5</b>	<b>12.725,8</b>	<b>9.213,6</b>	<b>-27,6</b>	<b>49.402,7</b>	<b>34.810,9</b>	<b>-29,5</b>

**Graph 1. Private Building Activity, per region, in September of 2008 and 2009**



**Graph 2. Private Building Activity, Rate of Change (%) of building volume, per region, for the period January-September in 2008 and 2009**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Building Activity Survey</b>	The Building Activity Survey provides data on monthly and yearly basis, since 1964. The purpose of this survey is to register the total amount of building permits issued by the relevant administrative authorities, which are devolved to complete the questionnaire. The survey covers all the features of building activity such as the type of building permit, the type of construction, the type and the characteristics of the building and its complementary areas, as well as building usage, surface, volume and value.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	The survey is totally harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.
<b>Reference Period</b>	From 01/09/2009 to 30/09/2009.
<b>Coverage</b>	The survey is exhaustive and covers the total amount of issued building permits across the country.
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Building Permit</b> refers to all types of building permits. These are permits for new building or addition, repair, renovation, demolition, legalization, amendment and modification of a building. The denotation of <i>built-property</i> is equal to <i>the building</i>.</p> <p><b>Building</b> is regarded as every permanent and independent structure, which has walls and a roof and consists of one or more rooms and complementary areas. As a rule, buildings feature four walls. However, a construction that is open from one or even two sides will be considered a building, as long as it has a roof.</p> <p><b>New building</b> is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in place of an old building that was demolished.</p> <p><b>Building Addition</b> is considered to be every construction that adds building volume (space) to an existing building, be it in surface, height or a combination of both and creates a residence, a shop or both.</p> <p><b>Building volume</b> (the <i>net</i> building volume) refers to the area that is included between the external surface of the external walls, the lowest level (the basement or the sub-basement, if it exists) and the roof of the building. If there is an open ground floor not enclosed within walls between the lower floor and the roof, its volume is taken into account. The relevant authorities calculate the volume of the building during the issuing of the building permit.</p> <p><b>Surface of new-built property</b> is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
<b>References</b>	More information (tables, questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey can be found in the NSSG's web-site: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> , under the links: Statistical Themes → Building and Constructions → Building Activity or Constructions.