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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 January 2009.

DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) IN JANUARY 2009 IN COMPARISON WITH JANUARY 2008

In January 2009, the magnitude of the total Building Activity (Private-Public), in the whole Country, measured on the basis of building permits issued, amounted to 3.835 building permits, which correspond to 840,5 thousand m² of surface and 3.301,5 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 4.946 building permits that were issued in January 2008 and corresponded to 1.317,8 thousand m² of surface and 4.957,3 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 22,5%, in surface by 36,2% and in volume by 33,4%. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building volume, for the above month of 2009, is 1,7%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Rate of change (%)	January		Rate of change (%)	January		Rate of change (%)
	2008	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	193	206	6,7	43,9	51,3	16,9	178,8	186,7	4,4
Central Makedonia	650	493	-24,2	260,3	145,4	-44,1	1.080,8	837,7	-22,5
Western Makedonia	70	62	-11,4	30,0	11,1	-63,0	133,0	34,7	-73,9
Thessalia	285	209	-26,7	73,3	49,5	-32,4	263,9	185,3	-29,8
Ipiros	151	117	-22,5	45,6	30,6	-33,0	182,1	119,8	-34,2
Ionian Islands	188	113	-39,9	33,6	18,6	-44,5	120,6	63,1	-47,7
Western Greece	308	297	-3,6	73,1	62,5	-14,5	251,3	213,2	-15,1
Central Greece	337	311	-7,7	90,9	62,4	-31,3	461,2	243,1	-47,3
Peloponnissos	422	315	-25,4	104,2	69,3	-33,5	348,8	239,0	-31,5
Attiki	1505	1097	-27,1	323,1	197,8	-38,8	1.074,9	675,5	-37,2
Northern Egeo	196	111	-43,4	31,0	11,8	-61,8	122,5	40,9	-66,6
Southern Egeo	264	223	-15,5	75,0	44,3	-41,0	260,7	152,5	-41,5
Kriti	377	281	-25,5	133,9	85,9	-35,9	478,6	310,1	-35,2
Greece, Total	4.946	3.835	-22,5	1.317,8	840,5	-36,2	4.957,3	3.301,5	-33,4

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY IN JANUARY 2009 IN COMPARISON WITH JANUARY 2008

As concerns the Private Building Activity in the whole Country, in January 2009, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 22,5%, in surface by 36,6% and in volume by 33,5%, as compared to the same month of 2008.

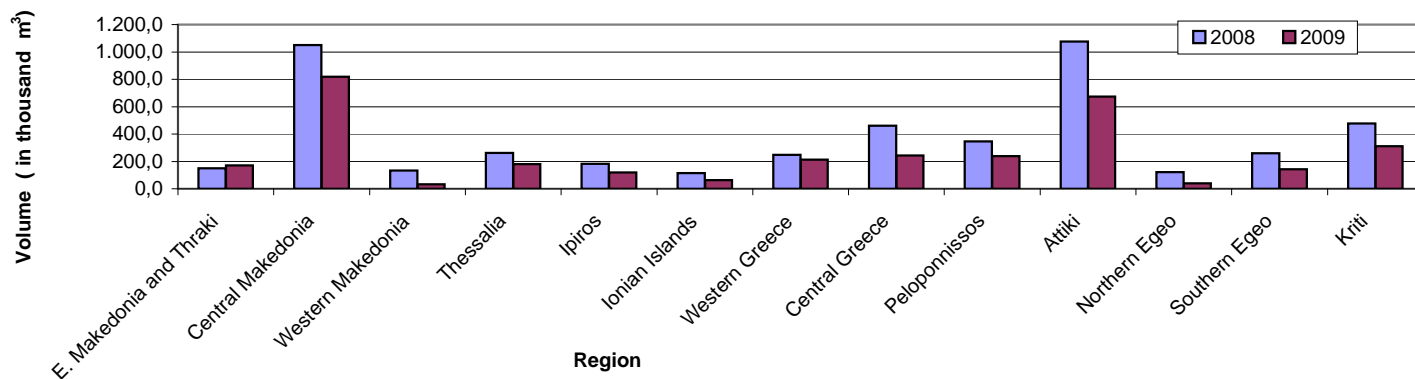
**Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of
January of 2008 and 2009**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January		Rate of change (%)	January		Rate of change (%)	January		Rate of change (%)
	2008	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	189	202	6,9	40,8	47,8	17,0	149,5	170,4	14,0
Central Makedonia	638	485	-24,0	251,6	141,0	-44,0	1.049,6	819,7	-21,9
Western Makedonia	70	61	-12,9	30,0	10,1	-66,3	133,0	32,5	-75,6
Thessalia	281	205	-27,0	73,0	48,1	-34,1	262,9	180,1	-31,5
Ipiros	150	117	-22,0	45,6	30,6	-33,0	182,1	119,8	-34,2
Ionian Islands	187	112	-40,1	32,4	18,5	-42,9	114,2	62,5	-45,3
Western Greece	306	297	-2,9	72,4	62,5	-13,7	248,8	213,2	-14,3
Central Greece	336	311	-7,4	90,9	62,4	-31,3	461,2	243,1	-47,3
Peloponnissos	418	309	-26,1	103,3	69,0	-33,2	345,4	238,0	-31,1
Attiki	1.497	1.095	-26,9	323,1	197,4	-38,9	1.074,9	673,7	-37,3
Northern Egeio	196	110	-43,9	31,0	11,8	-62,1	122,5	40,5	-66,9
Southern Egeio	264	220	-16,7	75,0	41,6	-44,6	260,7	142,5	-45,3
Kriti	375	281	-25,1	133,7	85,9	-35,8	477,0	310,1	-35,0
Greece, Total	4.907	3.805	-22,5	1.302,8	826,6	-36,6	4.881,8	3.246,1	-33,5

The building volume in the Region of Attiki, in January 2009, has come up to 673,7 thousand m³, as compared to 1.074,9 thousand m³, of the same month of 2008 (decrease by 37,3%).

The building volume in rest of the Country, in January 2009, has come up to 2.572,4 thousand m³, as compared to 3.806,8 thousand m³, of the same month of 2008 (decrease by 32,4%).

**Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of
January 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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