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# P R E S S   R E L A S E

## BUILDING ACTIVITY

JANUARY 2008

The General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece publishes provisional data for the Building Activity, based on the building permits issued from the country's Town-Planning Offices during January 2008.

### DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) JANUARY 2008

In January 2008, the Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 4.946 building permits, which relate to 1.317,8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 4.957,3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 5.716 building permits, 1.395,9 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 5.199,7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, of January 2007.

Therefore in January 2008 there was an annual decrease 13,5% in the number of building permits, 5,6% in surface and 4,7% in volume.

The Public Building Activity, in country total, has come up to 39 building permits, which relate to 15,0 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 75,5 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, as compared to the 26 building permits, 8,8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 40,6 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume, of January 2007.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public building activity in the total building activity volume in January 2008 is 1,5%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region  
January 2008 / 2007**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousands of m <sup>3</sup> )		
	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007
E. Macedonia and Thraki	193	267	-27,7	43,9	63,0	-30,4	178,8	231,5	-22,7
Central Macedonia	650	705	-7,8	260,3	245,5	6,0	1.080,8	1.022,9	5,7
Western Macedonia	70	79	-11,4	30,0	16,1	86,3	133,0	52,9	151,2
Thessalia	285	291	-2,1	73,3	85,3	-14,1	263,9	329,4	-19,9
Ipiros	151	155	-2,6	45,6	45,4	0,5	182,1	168,4	8,2
Ionian Islands	188	224	-16,1	33,6	39,3	-14,6	120,6	138,7	-13,0
Western Greece	308	382	-19,4	73,1	95,4	-23,4	251,3	365,2	-31,2
Central Greece	337	414	-18,6	90,9	112,7	-19,3	461,2	445,6	3,5
Peloponnisos	422	414	1,9	104,2	108,1	-3,6	348,8	410,0	-14,9
Attiki	1505	2014	-25,3	323,1	388,6	-16,9	1.074,9	1.337,9	-19,7
Northern Egeio	196	178	10,1	31,0	29,0	6,8	122,5	100,9	21,4
Southern Egeio	264	236	11,9	75,0	60,7	23,5	260,7	213,0	22,4
Kriti	377	357	5,6	133,9	106,7	25,5	478,6	383,5	24,8
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>4.946</b>	<b>5.716</b>	<b>-13,5</b>	<b>1.317,8</b>	<b>1.395,9</b>	<b>-5,6</b>	<b>4.957,3</b>	<b>5.199,7</b>	<b>-4,7</b>

## DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY 2008

In January 2008 the Private Building Activity, in country total, summed up to 4.907 building permits which relate to 1.302,8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 4.881,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of building volume, as compared to 5.690 building permits, 1.387,1 thousand m<sup>2</sup> of surface and 5.159,1 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of volume of January 2007. There was an annual decrease 13,8% in the number of building permits, 6,1% in surface and 5,4% in volume.

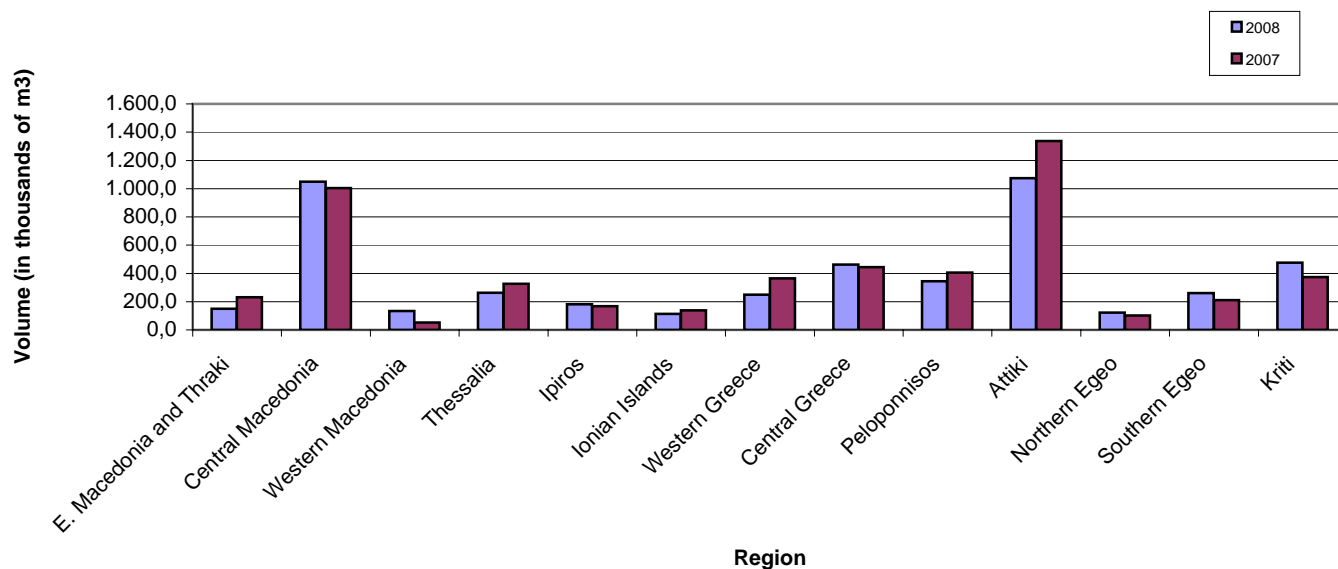
**Table 2. Private Building Activity by Region  
January 2008 / 2007**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m <sup>2</sup> )			Volume (in thousands of m <sup>3</sup> )		
	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007
E. Macedonia and Thraki	189	265	-28,7	40,8	63,0	-35,3	149,5	231,5	-35,4
Central Macedonia	638	701	-9,0	251,6	242,8	3,6	1.049,6	1.003,4	4,6
Western Macedonia	70	79	-11,4	30,0	16,1	86,3	133,0	52,9	151,2
Thessalia	281	289	-2,8	73,0	84,8	-14,0	262,9	326,9	-19,6
Ipiros	150	153	-2,0	45,6	45,1	1,2	182,1	167,3	8,9
Ionian Islands	187	223	-16,1	32,4	39,2	-17,4	114,2	138,5	-17,6
Western Greece	306	382	-19,9	72,4	95,4	-24,1	248,8	365,2	-31,9
Central Greece	336	412	-18,4	90,9	112,2	-19,1	461,2	444,2	3,8
Peloponnisos	418	409	2,2	103,3	107,1	-3,6	345,4	406,1	-15,0
Attiki	1.497	2.011	-25,6	323,1	388,2	-16,8	1.074,9	1.336,3	-19,6
Northern Egeo	196	178	10,1	31,0	29,0	6,8	122,5	100,9	21,4
Southern Egeo	264	234	12,8	75,0	60,3	24,4	260,7	211,3	23,4
Kriti	375	354	5,9	133,7	103,7	28,9	477,0	374,6	27,3
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>4.907</b>	<b>5.690</b>	<b>-13,8</b>	<b>1.302,8</b>	<b>1.387,1</b>	<b>-6,1</b>	<b>4.881,8</b>	<b>5.159,1</b>	<b>-5,4</b>

In Attiki the building activity volume in January 2008 has come up to 1.074,9 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 1.336,3 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of January 2007 (annual decrease 19,6%).

For the rest of the country the building activity volume in January 2008 has come up to 3.806,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, as compared to 3.822,8 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, of January 2007 (annual decrease 0,4%)

### Private Building Activity by Region January 2008 / 2007



1Summary metadata: The data above refer to the authorized building activity(public and private). Specifically the results above refer to data on building permits totally issued by the competent authorities. Such data are collected through a special monthly survey , the building permit survey. The data are collected from administrative sources(Town Planning Offices).External engineers, simultaneously with the issue of the building permit, fill in the questionnaires, properly designed for the survey.

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

The legal basis of the survey is :- L. 2396/96 (concerning the access of the General Secretary of 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:

- EU Regulation 1165/98 (concerning short-term statistics)
- EU Regulation 1158/2005 (amending EU Regulation 1165/98).

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