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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 December 2008.

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

During the period January - December 2008, the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country, measured on the basis of building permits issued, amounted to 65.474 building permits, which correspond to 16.894,4 thousand m² of surface and 65.925,8 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 77.423 building permits that were issued during the same period of 2007 and corresponded to 20.575,1 thousand m² of surface and 79.490,9 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 15,4%, in surface by 17,9% and in volume by 17,1%. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building volume, for the above period of 2008, is 1,7%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-December		Rate of change (%)	January-December		Rate of change (%)	January-December		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	3.858	3.190	-17,3	1.045,7	799,9	-23,5	4.150,4	3.062,9	-26,2
Central Makedonia	9.670	8.695	-10,1	3.426,8	2.816,0	-17,8	15.609,4	12.440,1	-20,3
Western Makedonia	1.344	1.208	-10,1	445,1	409,9	-7,9	1.707,4	1.694,6	-0,8
Thessalia	4.825	4.050	-16,1	1.413,6	1.214,5	-14,1	5.553,8	4.776,3	-14,0
Ipiros	2.382	2.229	-6,4	716,5	631,0	-11,9	2.601,7	2.424,4	-6,8
Ionian Islands	2.898	2.551	-12,0	661,9	511,0	-22,8	2.269,1	1.775,9	-21,7
Western Greece	5.171	4.433	-14,3	1.181,8	1.067,7	-9,7	4.612,3	4.182,9	-9,3
Central Greece	5.531	4.864	-12,1	1.522,9	1.190,0	-21,9	6.103,4	5.241,9	-14,1
Peloponnissos	6.372	5.485	-13,9	1.511,9	1.446,4	-4,3	5.325,5	5.324,2	0,0
Attiki	24.132	18.551	-23,1	5.534,6	4.198,6	-24,1	20.471,3	15.612,2	-23,7
Northern Egeo	2.192	1.903	-13,2	377,5	311,8	-17,4	1.341,8	1.174,8	-12,4
Southern Egeo	3.759	3.892	3,5	902,3	870,0	-3,6	3.189,5	3.002,3	-5,9
Kriti	5.289	4.423	-16,4	1.834,5	1.427,6	-22,2	6.555,3	5.213,2	-20,5
Greece, Total	77.423	65.474	-15,4	20.575,1	16.894,4	-17,9	79.490,9	65.925,8	-17,1

In December 2008 the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country, amounted to 5.153 building permits, which correspond to 1.352,2 thousand m² of surface and 5.694,3 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 5.410 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to 1.588,2 thousand m² of surface and 6.540,6 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 4,8%, in surface by 14,9% and in volume by 12,9%.

The magnitude of the Public Building Activity in December 2008, in the whole Country, amounted to 29 building permits, which correspond to 37,7 thousand m² of surface and 152,3 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 35 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to 33,5 thousand m² of surface and 190,7 thousand m³ of volume. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building activity, in December 2008, is 2,7%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December		Rate of change (%)	December		Rate of change (%)	December		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	232	244	5,2	74,7	77,1	3,3	331,7	229,2	-30,9
Central Makedonia	693	658	-5,1	310,7	186,0	-40,1	1.636,9	805,3	-50,8
Western Makedonia	84	117	39,3	21,4	42,8	100,2	77,6	194,1	150,1
Thessalia	295	307	4,1	96,7	99,9	3,3	409,8	492,1	20,1
Ipiros	150	173	15,3	41,8	63,7	52,5	155,4	282,6	81,8
Ionian Islands	186	166	-10,8	39,0	51,5	32,1	129,6	183,4	41,4
Western Greece	371	346	-6,7	95,8	95,6	-0,2	400,5	385,9	-3,6
Central Greece	402	368	-8,5	113,4	68,4	-39,7	423,7	260,5	-38,5
Peloponnissos	440	427	-3,0	122,1	125,0	2,4	505,2	598,4	18,4
Attiki	1592	1456	-8,5	364,4	320,6	-12,0	1.299,3	1.433,0	10,3
Northern Egeo	189	182	-3,7	33,6	25,0	-25,7	109,3	99,4	-9,1
Southern Egeo	344	339	-1,5	96,5	79,1	-18,1	344,3	296,0	-14,0
Kriti	432	370	-14,4	178,4	117,7	-34,0	717,2	434,3	-39,4
Greece, Total	5.410	5.153	-4,8	1.588,2	1.352,2	-14,9	6.540,6	5.694,3	-12,9

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

As concerns the Private Building Activity in the whole Country, during the period January - December 2008, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 15,6%, in surface by 18,1% and in volume by 17,1%, as compared to the same period of 2007.

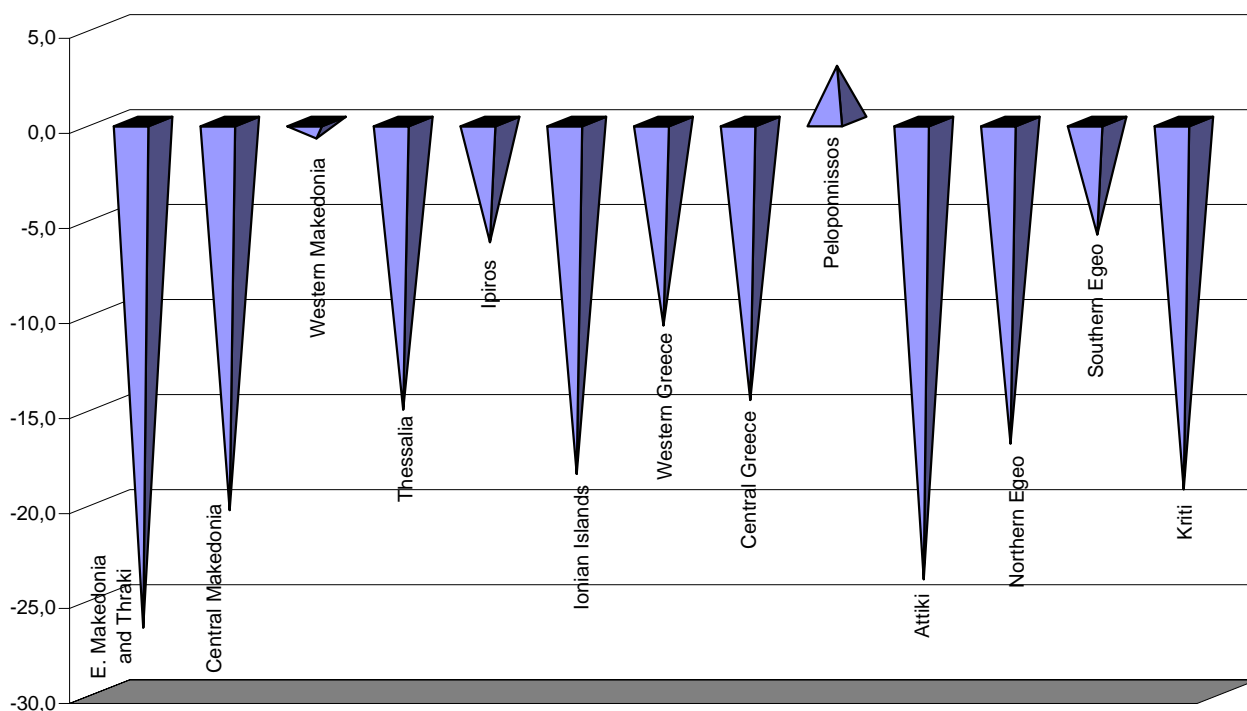
The building volume in the region of Attiki, during January - December 2008, has come up to 15.515,3 thousand m³, as compared to 20.439,9 thousand m³, of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 24,1%).

The building volume in the rest of the Country, during January - December 2008, has come up to 49.284,4 thousand m³, as compared to 57.766,5 thousand m³, of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 14,7%).

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-December		Rate of change (%)	January-December		Rate of change (%)	January-December		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	3.783	3.140	-17,0	1.017,5	775,8	-23,7	4.006,3	2.939,2	-26,6
Central Makedonia	9.559	8.567	-10,4	3.368,6	2.744,5	-18,5	15.336,1	12.200,8	-20,4
Western Makedonia	1.326	1.188	-10,4	433,3	399,2	-7,9	1.649,5	1.634,6	-0,9
Thessalia	4.788	3.925	-18,0	1.395,5	1.192,9	-14,5	5.479,7	4.649,4	-15,2
Ipiros	2.351	2.208	-6,1	701,7	617,2	-12,0	2.530,7	2.370,1	-6,3
Ionian Islands	2.882	2.541	-11,8	634,6	508,1	-19,9	2.163,6	1.762,2	-18,5
Western Greece	5.161	4.414	-14,5	1.177,7	1.049,6	-10,9	4.595,9	4.102,9	-10,7
Central Greece	5.514	4.843	-12,2	1.509,4	1.169,2	-22,5	6.007,7	5.127,3	-14,7
Peloponnissos	6.320	5.449	-13,8	1.481,5	1.431,1	-3,4	5.115,9	5.265,6	2,9
Attiki	24.106	18.513	-23,2	5.526,2	4.175,0	-24,5	20.439,9	15.515,3	-24,1
Northern Egeo	2.189	1.897	-13,3	376,8	300,3	-20,3	1.339,6	1.112,6	-16,9
Southern Egeo	3.741	3.881	3,7	896,6	864,4	-3,6	3.169,8	2.981,2	-5,9
Kriti	5.249	4.400	-16,2	1.789,3	1.409,7	-21,2	6.371,8	5.138,6	-19,4
Greece, Total	76.969	64.966	-15,6	20.308,6	16.637,2	-18,1	78.206,4	64.799,7	-17,1

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

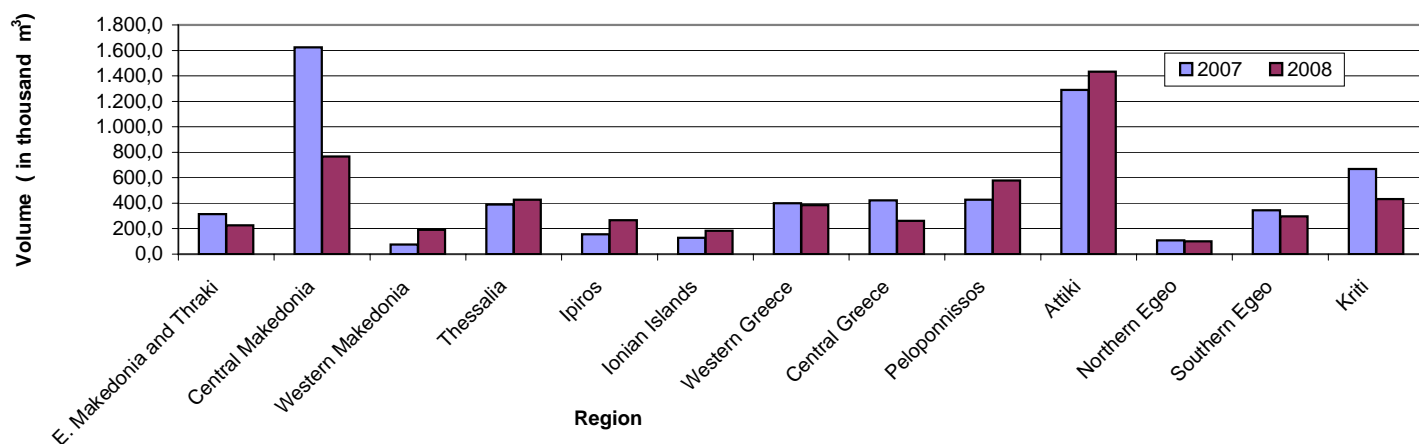


In December 2008 the magnitude of the Private Building Activity, in the whole Country, amounted to 5.124 building permits, which correspond to 1.314,6 thousand m² of surface and 5.542,0 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 5.375 building permits that were issued during December 2007 and corresponded to 1.554,8 thousand m² of surface and 6.349,9 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 4,7%, in surface 15,4% and in volume by 12,7%.

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

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	December		Rate of change (%)	December		Rate of change (%)	December		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	223	242	8,5	69,2	76,4	10,4	313,4	226,3	-27,8
Central Makedonia	687	648	-5,7	307,4	165,5	-46,2	1.624,0	765,7	-52,8
Western Makedonia	81	115	42,0	20,5	42,5	107,4	75,0	190,7	154,4
Thessalia	293	305	4,1	90,8	93,6	3,0	390,4	426,5	9,2
Ipiros	149	172	15,4	41,8	60,0	43,7	155,4	265,7	71,0
Ionian Islands	185	166	-10,3	38,4	51,5	33,9	128,0	183,4	43,2
Western Greece	371	342	-7,8	95,8	95,1	-0,7	400,5	384,1	-4,1
Central Greece	401	368	-8,2	113,3	68,4	-39,6	423,2	260,5	-38,4
Peloponnissos	436	423	-3,0	117,3	119,7	2,1	427,8	577,8	35,1
Attiki	1.589	1.454	-8,5	362,4	320,6	-11,5	1.289,8	1.433,0	11,1
Northern Egeo	189	182	-3,7	33,6	25,0	-25,7	109,3	99,4	-9,1
Southern Egeo	343	339	-1,2	96,4	79,1	-18,0	343,9	296,0	-13,9
Kriti	428	368	-14,0	167,8	117,3	-30,1	669,1	432,9	-35,3
Greece, Total	5.375	5.124	-4,7	1.554,8	1.314,6	-15,4	6.349,9	5.542,0	-12,7

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