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BUILDING ACTIVITY

JANUARY 2006

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 2006.

DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) JANUARY 2006

In January 2006, the Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 4.420 building permits, which relate to 1.100,3 thousand m² of surface and 4.030,3 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 4.909 building permits, 1.229,9 thousand m² of surface and 4.604,4 thousand m³ of volume, of January 2005. Therefore in January 2006 there was an annual decrease of 10,0% in the number of building permits, 10,5% in surface and 12,5% in volume.

The Public Building Activity, in country total, has come up to 45 building permits, which relate to 32,1 thousand m² of surface and 127,7 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to the 24 building permits, 15,1 thousand m² of surface and 82,7 thousand m³ of volume, of January 2005.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public building activity in the total building activity volume in January 2006 is 3,2%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January 2006 / 2005**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Makedonia and Thraki	208	269	-22,7	55,1	72,8	-24,4	200,2	258,1	-22,4
Central Macedonia	630	744	-15,3	233,2	298,6	-21,9	880,7	1.237,1	-28,8
Western Macedonia	63	95	-33,7	14,1	21,9	-35,8	44,9	64,9	-30,9
Thessalia	285	310	-8,1	78,7	75,5	4,1	277,0	329,2	-15,9
Ipiros	139	128	8,6	46,2	41,6	11,1	171,9	158,9	8,2
Ionian Islands	208	190	9,5	40,1	36,9	8,5	152,3	122,9	23,9
Western Greece	261	331	-21,1	54,5	57,0	-4,3	202,7	210,6	-3,8
Central Greece	279	282	-1,1	65,5	61,3	6,9	240,9	242,0	-0,4
Peloponnisos	328	451	-27,3	81,7	76,4	7,0	295,7	266,2	11,1
Attiki	1364	1452	-6,1	290,2	337,9	-14,1	1.071,4	1.172,5	-8,6
Northern Egeo	154	142	8,5	20,1	18,6	7,8	65,5	65,5	0,1
Southern Egeo	232	207	12,1	44,7	44,5	0,2	147,5	153,0	-3,6
Kriti	269	308	-12,7	76,3	86,8	-12,1	279,7	323,6	-13,6
Country Total	4.420	4.909	-10,0	1.100,3	1.229,9	-10,5	4.030,3	4.604,4	-12,5

**DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY
DURING JANUARY 2006**

In January 2006 the Private Building Activity, in country total, summed up to 4.375 building permits which relate to 1.068,2 thousand m² of surface and 3.902,6 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 4.885 building permits, 1.214,8 thousand m² of surface and 4.521,7 thousand m³ of volume of January 2005. There was an annual decrease of 10,4 % in the number of building permits, 12,1% in surface and 13,7% in volume.

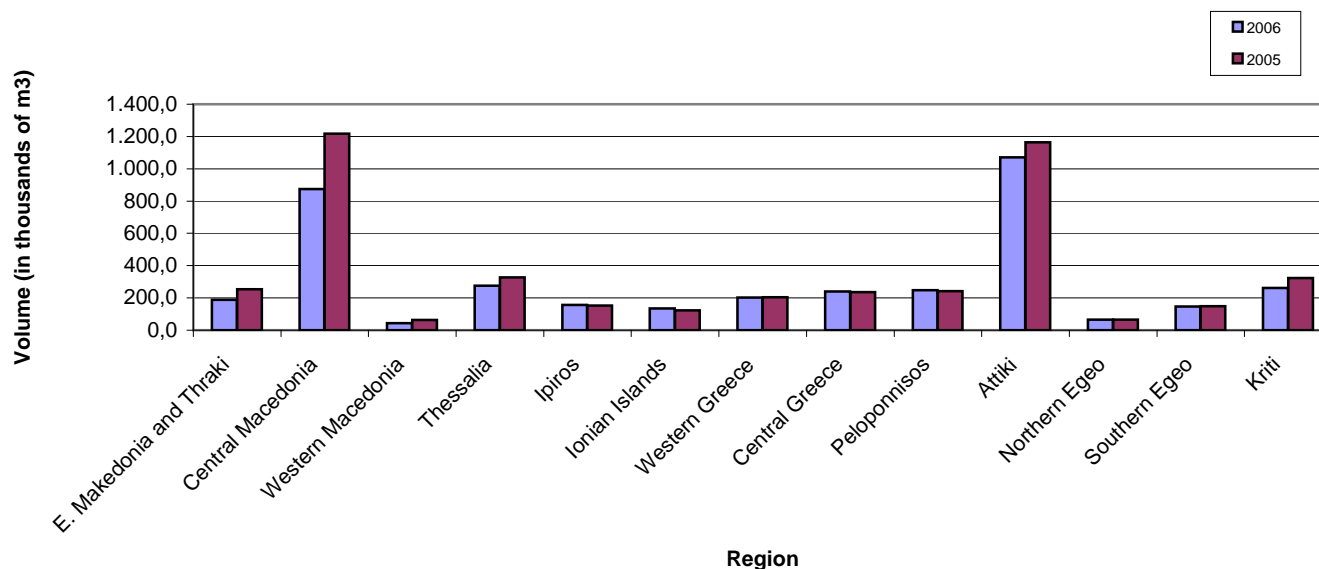
**Table 2. Private Building Activity by Region
January 2006 / 2005**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change (%) 2006/2005
E. Makedonia and Thraki	202	267	-24,3	51,0	71,8	-28,9	187,7	253,8	-26,1
Central Macedonia	619	736	-15,9	231,3	295,3	-21,7	874,1	1.217,6	-28,2
Western Macedonia	60	94	-36,2	13,5	21,7	-38,1	42,8	64,2	-33,3
Thessalia	282	307	-8,1	77,9	75,0	3,9	274,7	327,2	-16,0
Ipiros	136	127	7,1	42,1	39,9	5,4	155,7	152,7	2,0
Ionian Islands	205	190	7,9	35,7	36,9	-3,4	133,9	122,9	8,9
Western Greece	260	330	-21,2	54,3	54,7	-0,8	201,7	203,7	-1,0
Central Greece	276	281	-1,8	65,0	60,5	7,4	239,2	236,6	1,1
Peloponnisos	324	449	-27,8	70,7	74,7	-5,3	248,3	241,5	2,8
Attiki	1.364	1.449	-5,9	290,2	335,6	-13,5	1.071,4	1.163,2	-7,9
Northern Egeo	153	142	7,7	20,1	18,6	7,8	65,5	65,5	0,1
Southern Egeo	229	206	11,2	44,4	43,3	2,5	146,4	149,2	-1,9
Kriti	265	307	-13,7	72,2	86,8	-16,8	261,0	323,6	-19,4
Country Total	4.375	4.885	-10,4	1.068,2	1.214,8	-12,1	3.902,6	4.521,7	-13,7

In Attiki the building activity volume in January 2006 has come up to 1.071,4 thousand m³, as compared to 1.163,2 thousand m³ of January 2005 (annual decrease 7,9%).

For the rest of the country the building activity volume in January 2006 has come up to 2.831,1 thousand m³, as compared to 3.358,5 thousand m³, of January 2005 (annual decrease 15,7%)

Private Building Activity by Region January 2006 / 2005



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, simulataneously 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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