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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 December 2006.

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

In January - December 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 81.933 building permits, which relate to 22.369,8 thousand m² of surface and 84.269,7 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 95.730 building permits, 29.516,8 thousand m² of surface and 104.465,8 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2005. Therefore in January-December 2006 there was a decrease 14,4% in the number of building permits, 24,2% in surface and 19,3% in volume.

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

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - December 2006 και 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	4.229	4.884	-13,4	1.168,9	1.624,6	-28,0	4.442,9	5.638,5	-21,2
Central Macedonia	11.439	13.639	-16,1	4.102,8	5.562,2	-26,2	16.689,7	20.465,9	-18,5
Western Macedonia	1.394	1.742	-20,0	441,6	800,3	-44,8	1.567,5	2.628,8	-40,4
Thessalia	4.886	5.781	-15,5	1.461,7	1.988,9	-26,5	5.426,2	7.057,4	-23,1
Ipiros	2.427	2.924	-17,0	711,8	1.091,2	-34,8	2.601,8	3.848,7	-32,4
Ionian Islands	3.222	3.105	3,8	715,4	694,6	3,0	2.460,5	2.420,6	1,6
Western Greece	5.408	6.530	-17,2	1.180,4	1.802,8	-34,5	4.392,8	6.382,4	-31,2
Central Greece	5.599	6.608	-15,3	1.574,5	1.962,5	-19,8	6.502,5	7.234,2	-10,1
Peloponnisos	6.784	7.712	-12,0	1.731,9	1.944,1	-10,9	6.215,9	6.788,2	-8,4
Attiki	25.346	29.766	-14,8	6.480,8	8.586,1	-24,5	23.738,7	29.711,7	-20,1
Northern Egeo	2.246	2.673	-16,0	345,3	490,7	-29,6	1.282,3	1.808,9	-29,1
Southern Egeo	3.921	4.421	-11,3	837,7	976,4	-14,2	2.995,1	3.341,0	-10,4
Kriti	5.032	5.945	-15,4	1.617,0	1.992,6	-18,8	5.953,7	7.139,5	-16,6
Country Total	81.933	95.730	-14,4	22.369,8	29.516,8	-24,2	84.269,7	104.465,8	-19,3

In December 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 7.021 building permits, which relate to 2.012,6 thousand m² of surface and 7.692,8 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 16.522 building permits, 7.848,4 thousand m² of surface and 25.869,7 thousand m³ of volume of December 2005. Therefore in December 2006 there was an annual decrease 57,5% in the number of building permits, 74,4% in surface and 70,3% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 32 building permits, which relate to 10,4 thousand m² of surface and 36,1 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 50 building permits, 33,2 thousand m² of surface and 169,5 thousand m³ of volume, of December 2005. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in December 2006 is 0,5%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
December 2006 και 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	361	773	-53,3	118,8	426,8	-72,2	481,5	1.371,9	-64,9
Central Macedonia	849	2357	-64,0	302,0	1.422,6	-78,8	1.174,9	4.787,7	-75,5
Western Macedonia	113	263	-57,0	31,2	221,8	-85,9	98,7	702,2	-85,9
Thessalia	385	896	-57,0	110,1	542,9	-79,7	470,9	1.748,7	-73,1
Ipiros	204	427	-52,2	53,8	262,1	-79,5	222,2	772,8	-71,3
Ionian Islands	292	473	-38,3	66,0	151,2	-56,3	214,1	548,5	-61,0
Western Greece	485	1178	-58,8	97,7	489,5	-80,0	348,8	1.574,1	-77,8
Central Greece	478	1172	-59,2	129,3	506,5	-74,5	497,6	1.664,3	-70,1
Peloponnisos	589	1281	-54,0	147,0	539,0	-72,7	497,4	1.713,6	-71,0
Attiki	2272	5526	-58,9	693,5	2.498,3	-72,2	2.727,7	8.198,4	-66,7
Northern Egeo	195	376	-48,1	30,7	124,6	-75,4	107,2	502,6	-78,7
Southern Egeo	343	784	-56,3	76,3	210,3	-63,7	299,0	704,8	-57,6
Kriti	455	1016	-55,2	156,1	452,9	-65,5	552,9	1.580,2	-65,0
Country Total	7.021	16.522	-57,5	2.012,6	7.848,4	-74,4	7.692,8	25.869,7	-70,3

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - DECEMBER 2006

During the period January-December 2006, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease 14,4% in the number of building permits, 24,4% in surface and 19,5% in volume as compared to the same period of 2005.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-December 2006, has come up to 23.575,0 thousand m³, as compared to 29.539,8 thousand m³ of 2005 (decrease 20,2%).

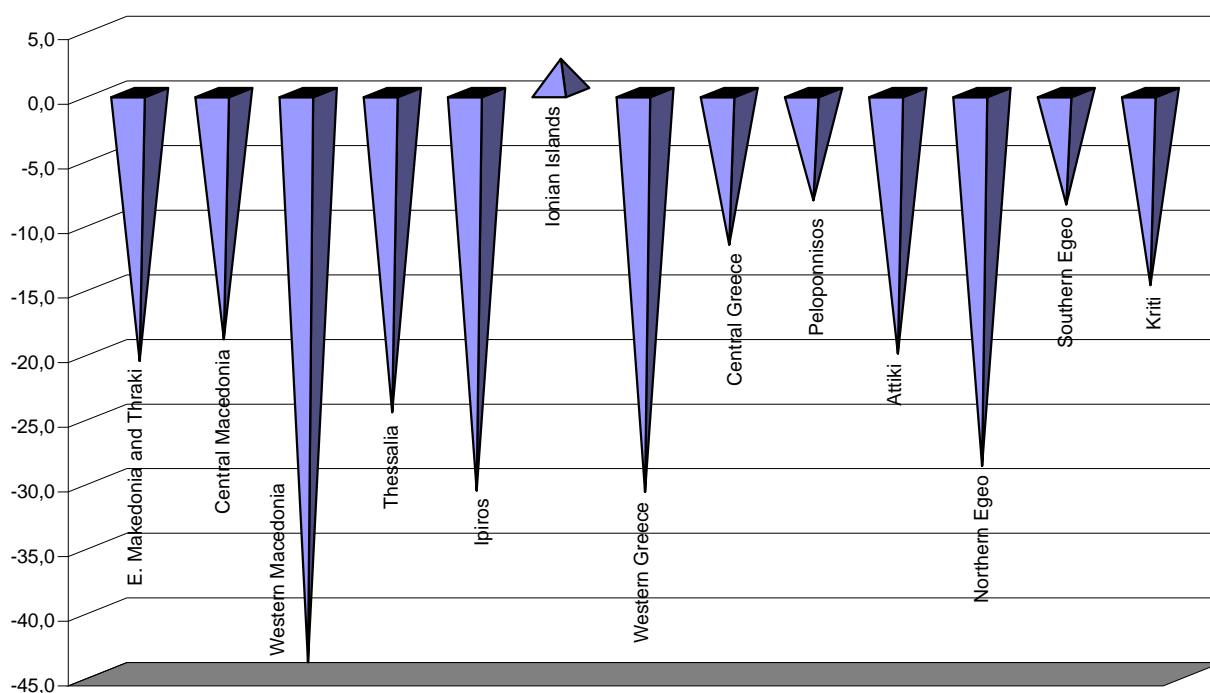
For the rest of the country the building activity volume has come up to 58.718,4 thousand m³, as compared to 72.694,6 thousand m³, of the same period of 2005 (decrease 19,2%).

The great decrease in Building Activity is due to the fact that a great number of building permits were issued in the same period of 2005 after the submit in Greek Parliament the draft for the bill <<Value added tax in new buildings, changes in taxation of capital and other instructions>>.

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - December 2006 και 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	4.166	4.826	-13,7	1.138,7	1.580,6	-28,0	4.319,7	5.451,3	-20,8
Central Macedonia	11.263	13.428	-16,1	4.011,7	5.494,2	-27,0	16.253,7	20.086,9	-19,1
Western Macedonia	1.354	1.705	-20,6	409,6	783,3	-47,7	1.435,6	2.567,2	-44,1
Thessalia	4.836	5.745	-15,8	1.422,8	1.962,7	-27,5	5.238,6	6.959,3	-24,7
Ipiros	2.396	2.883	-16,9	695,6	1.041,9	-33,2	2.522,3	3.645,5	-30,8
Ionian Islands	3.196	3.084	3,6	705,0	681,4	3,5	2.416,8	2.355,2	2,6
Western Greece	5.382	6.488	-17,0	1.169,6	1.778,7	-34,2	4.344,0	6.286,4	-30,9
Central Greece	5.548	6.570	-15,6	1.530,5	1.943,6	-21,3	6.290,7	7.130,7	-11,8
Peloponnisos	6.735	7.660	-12,1	1.701,9	1.918,8	-11,3	6.093,1	6.647,8	-8,3
Attiki	25.306	29.722	-14,9	6.444,5	8.549,6	-24,6	23.575,0	29.539,8	-20,2
Northern Egeio	2.232	2.654	-15,9	331,6	468,7	-29,3	1.214,0	1.707,4	-28,9
Southern Egeio	3.896	4.375	-10,9	830,6	951,4	-12,7	2.949,7	3.229,5	-8,7
Kriti	4.991	5.892	-15,3	1.572,1	1.901,6	-17,3	5.640,3	6.627,4	-14,9
Country Total	81.301	95.032	-14,4	21.964,4	29.056,4	-24,4	82.293,4	102.234,4	-19,5

Private Building Activity by Region
January - December 2006 and 2005
% of change of building volume



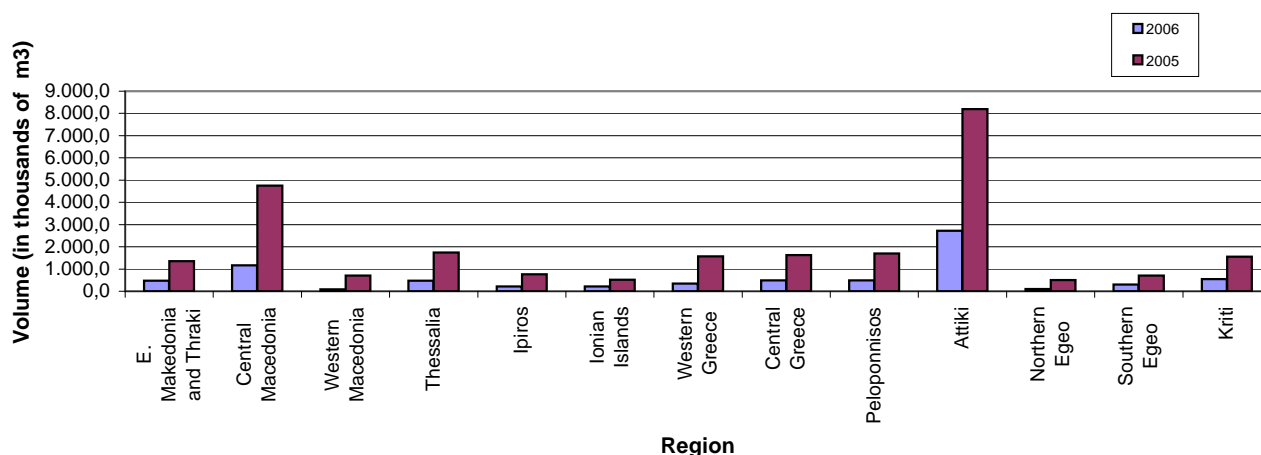
In December 2006 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 6.989 building permits, which relate to 2.002,2 thousand m² of surface and 7.656,7 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 16.472 building permits, 7.815,2 thousand m² of surface and 25.700,2 thousand m³ of volume of December 2005.

There was an annual decrease 57,6% in the number of building permits, 74,4% in surface and 70,2% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
December 2006 and 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	359	766	-53,1	117,3	424,2	-72,4	479,5	1.360,6	-64,8
Central Macedonia	841	2.346	-64,2	300,8	1.415,8	-78,8	1.167,7	4.748,3	-75,4
Western Macedonia	109	261	-58,2	29,9	221,1	-86,5	93,1	699,5	-86,7
Thessalia	382	892	-57,2	109,9	540,5	-79,7	469,8	1.741,1	-73,0
Ipiros	202	425	-52,5	53,7	261,3	-79,4	221,9	770,2	-71,2
Ionian Islands	290	471	-38,4	65,7	145,2	-54,8	212,5	525,0	-59,5
Western Greece	485	1.175	-58,7	97,7	488,4	-80,0	348,8	1.569,4	-77,8
Central Greece	476	1.169	-59,3	128,7	500,7	-74,3	495,0	1.632,3	-69,7
Peloponnisos	583	1.275	-54,3	146,1	536,7	-72,8	494,2	1.701,6	-71,0
Attiki	2.270	5.526	-58,9	689,3	2.498,3	-72,4	2.715,4	8.198,4	-66,9
Northern Egeo	195	376	-48,1	30,7	124,6	-75,4	107,2	502,6	-78,7
Southern Egeo	342	781	-56,2	76,3	209,7	-63,6	299,0	703,1	-57,5
Kriti	455	1.009	-54,9	156,1	448,7	-65,2	552,9	1.548,2	-64,3
Country Total	6.989	16.472	-57,6	2.002,2	7.815,2	-74,4	7.656,7	25.700,2	-70,2

**Private Building Activity by Region
December 2006 and 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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