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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 2007.

DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - DECEMBER 2007

In January - December 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 77.423 building permits, which relate to 20.575,1 thousand m² of surface and 79.490,9 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 81.933 building permits, 22.369,8 thousand m² of surface and 84.269,7 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2006. Therefore in January-December 2007 there was a decrease of 5,5% in the number of building permits, 8,0% in surface and 5,7% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - December 2007 is 1,6%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - December 2007 και 2006**

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Macedonia and Thraki	3.858	4.229	-8,8	1.045,7	1.168,9	-10,5	4.150,4	4.442,9	-6,6
Central Macedonia	9.670	11.439	-15,5	3.426,8	4.102,8	-16,5	15.609,4	16.689,7	-6,5
Western Macedonia	1.344	1.394	-3,6	445,1	441,6	0,8	1.707,4	1.567,5	8,9
Thessalia	4.825	4.886	-1,2	1.413,6	1.461,7	-3,3	5.553,8	5.426,2	2,4
Ipiros	2.382	2.427	-1,9	716,5	711,8	0,7	2.601,7	2.601,8	0,0
Ionian Islands	2.898	3.222	-10,1	661,9	715,4	-7,5	2.269,1	2.460,5	-7,8
Western Greece	5.171	5.408	-4,4	1.181,8	1.180,4	0,1	4.612,3	4.392,8	5,0
Central Greece	5.531	5.599	-1,2	1.522,9	1.574,5	-3,3	6.103,4	6.502,5	-6,1
Peloponnisos	6.372	6.784	-6,1	1.511,9	1.731,9	-12,7	5.325,5	6.215,9	-14,3
Attiki	24.132	25.346	-4,8	5.534,6	6.480,8	-14,6	20.471,3	23.738,7	-13,8
Northern Egeo	2.192	2.246	-2,4	377,5	345,3	9,3	1.341,8	1.282,3	4,6
Southern Egeo	3.759	3.921	-4,1	902,3	837,7	7,7	3.189,5	2.995,1	6,5
Kriti	5.289	5.032	5,1	1.834,5	1.617,0	13,4	6.555,3	5.953,7	10,1
Country Total	77.423	81.933	-5,5	20.575,1	22.369,8	-8,0	79.490,9	84.269,7	-5,7

In December 2007, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 5.410 building permits, which relate to 1.588,2 thousand m² of surface and 6.540,6 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 7.021 building permits, 2.012,6 thousand m² of surface and 7.692,8 thousand m³ of volume of December 2006. Therefore in December 2007 there was an annual decrease 22,9% in the number of building permits, 21,1% in surface and 15,0% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 35 building permits, which relate to 33,5 thousand m² of surface and 190,7 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 32 building permits, 10,4 thousand m² of surface and 36,1 thousand m³ of volume, of December 2006. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in December 2007 is 2,9%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
December 2007 και 2006**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Macedonia and Thraki	232	361	-35,7	74,7	118,8	-37,2	331,7	481,5	-31,1
Central Macedonia	693	849	-18,4	310,7	302,0	2,9	1.636,9	1.174,9	39,3
Western Macedonia	84	113	-25,7	21,4	31,2	-31,5	77,6	98,7	-21,3
Thessalia	295	385	-23,4	96,7	110,1	-12,2	409,8	470,9	-13,0
Ipiros	150	204	-26,5	41,8	53,8	-22,3	155,4	222,2	-30,0
Ionian Islands	186	292	-36,3	39,0	66,0	-41,0	129,6	214,1	-39,4
Western Greece	371	485	-23,5	95,8	97,7	-2,0	400,5	348,8	14,8
Central Greece	402	478	-15,9	113,4	129,3	-12,3	423,7	497,6	-14,9
Peloponnisos	440	589	-25,3	122,1	147,0	-17,0	505,2	497,4	1,6
Attiki	1592	2272	-29,9	364,4	693,5	-47,5	1.299,3	2.727,7	-52,4
Northern Egeo	189	195	-3,1	33,6	30,7	9,6	109,3	107,2	2,0
Southern Egeo	344	343	0,3	96,5	76,3	26,5	344,3	299,0	15,2
Kriti	432	455	-5,1	178,4	156,1	14,3	717,2	552,9	29,7
Country Total	5.410	7.021	-22,9	1.588,2	2.012,6	-21,1	6.540,6	7.692,8	-15,0

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - DECEMBER 2007

During the period January-December 2007, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease of 5,3% in the number of building permits, 7,5% in surface and 5,0% in volume as compared to the same period of 2006.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-December 2007, has come up to 20.439,9 thousand m³, as compared to 23.575,0 thousand m³ of 2006 (decrease 13,3%).

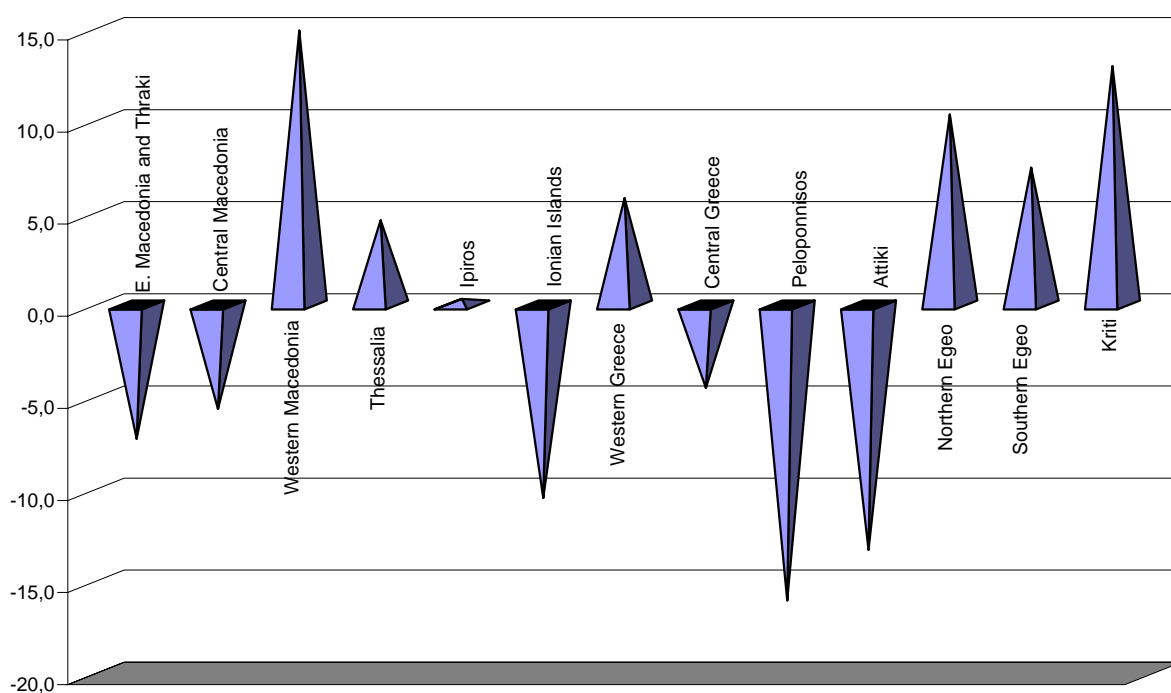
For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 57.766,5 thousand m³, as compared to 58.718,4 thousand m³, of the same period of 2006 (decrease 1,6%).

The biggest decrease was observed in the Regions of Peloponnisos (16,05%) and Attiki (13,3%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - December 2007 και 2006

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Macedonia and Thraki	3.783	4.166	-9,2	1.017,5	1.138,7	-10,6	4.006,3	4.319,7	-7,3
Central Macedonia	9.559	11.263	-15,1	3.368,6	4.011,7	-16,0	15.336,1	16.253,7	-5,6
Western Macedonia	1.326	1.354	-2,1	433,3	409,6	5,8	1.649,5	1.435,6	14,9
Thessalia	4.788	4.836	-1,0	1.395,5	1.422,8	-1,9	5.479,7	5.238,6	4,6
Ipiros	2.351	2.396	-1,9	701,7	695,6	0,9	2.530,7	2.522,3	0,3
Ionian Islands	2.882	3.196	-9,8	634,6	705,0	-10,0	2.163,6	2.416,8	-10,5
Western Greece	5.161	5.382	-4,1	1.177,7	1.169,6	0,7	4.595,9	4.344,0	5,8
Central Greece	5.514	5.548	-0,6	1.509,4	1.530,5	-1,4	6.007,7	6.290,7	-4,5
Peloponnisos	6.320	6.735	-6,2	1.481,5	1.701,9	-12,9	5.115,9	6.093,1	-16,0
Attiki	24.106	25.306	-4,7	5.526,2	6.444,5	-14,3	20.439,9	23.575,0	-13,3
Northern Egeio	2.189	2.232	-1,9	376,8	331,6	13,7	1.339,6	1.214,0	10,3
Southern Egeio	3.741	3.896	-4,0	896,6	830,6	7,9	3.169,8	2.949,7	7,5
Kriti	5.249	4.991	5,2	1.789,3	1.572,1	13,8	6.371,8	5.640,3	13,0
Country Total	76.969	81.301	-5,3	20.308,6	21.964,4	-7,5	78.206,4	82.293,4	-5,0

Private Building Activity by Region
January - December 2007 and 2006
% of change of building volume



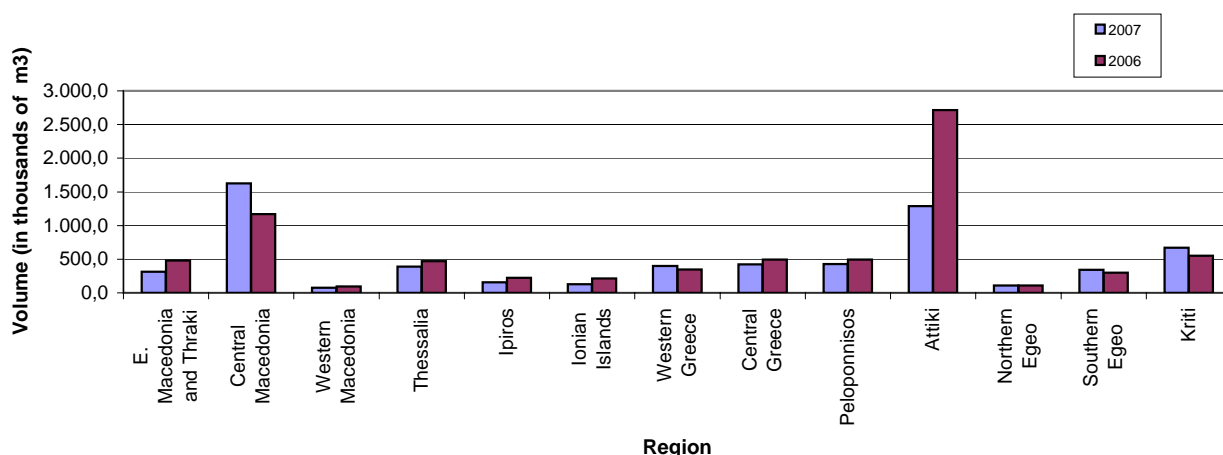
In December 2007 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 5.375 building permits, which relate to 1.554,8 thousand m² of surface and 6.349,9 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.989 building permits, 2.002,2 thousand m² of surface and 7.656,7 thousand m³ of volume of December 2006.

There was an annual decrease 23,1% in the number of building permits, 22,3% in surface and 17,1% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
December 2007 and 2006**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Macedonia and Thraki	223	359	-37,9	69,2	117,3	-41,0	313,4	479,5	-34,6
Central Macedonia	687	841	-18,3	307,4	300,8	2,2	1.624,0	1.167,7	39,1
Western Macedonia	81	109	-25,7	20,5	29,9	-31,4	75,0	93,1	-19,5
Thessalia	293	382	-23,3	90,8	109,9	-17,3	390,4	469,8	-16,9
Ipiros	149	202	-26,2	41,8	53,7	-22,2	155,4	221,9	-29,9
Ionian Islands	185	290	-36,2	38,4	65,7	-41,5	128,0	212,5	-39,7
Western Greece	371	485	-23,5	95,8	97,7	-2,0	400,5	348,8	14,8
Central Greece	401	476	-15,8	113,3	128,7	-12,0	423,2	495,0	-14,5
Peloponnisos	436	583	-25,2	117,3	146,1	-19,8	427,8	494,2	-13,4
Attiki	1.589	2.270	-30,0	362,4	689,3	-47,4	1.289,8	2.715,4	-52,5
Northern Egeo	189	195	-3,1	33,6	30,7	9,6	109,3	107,2	2,0
Southern Egeo	343	342	0,3	96,4	76,3	26,3	343,9	299,0	15,0
Kriti	428	455	-5,9	167,8	156,1	7,5	669,1	552,9	21,0
Country Total	5.375	6.989	-23,1	1.554,8	2.002,2	-22,3	6.349,9	7.656,7	-17,1

**Private Building Activity by Region
December 2007 and 2006**



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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