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MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE



**GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF
THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SERVICE
OF GREECE**

SHORT-TERM STATISTICS

NATIONAL METHODOLOGY PRIVATE LEGAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (BUILDING PERMITS)¹

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Private Legal Building Activity

Building permits (2007)

Base information

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The Data: coverage, periodicity and timeliness

Coverage characteristics

Activities covered

All building activities according to the Divisions 11 and 12 of the CC, in a 4-digit analysis.

Geographical area covered

No part of Greece is excluded.

Size classes covered

No unit is excluded from the coverage. The recorded statistical data refer to all issued permits of any kind and value by the time period mentioned in the questionnaire.

Other inclusions or exclusions

None.

Reporting unit

The questionnaires on the building activity are filled in by professional engineers in the Town Planning Offices which issue the building permits.

Observation unit(s)

N/A

Planned changes in the population surveyed

None.

Periodicity

Monthly.

Timeliness

First estimate is available 2 months after the end of the reference month and final data 3 months after the reference month.

Access by the public

Advance dissemination of release calendar

There will be advance notice of release dates on the official website of the NSSG (www.statistics.gr).

Simultaneous release to all interested parties

Data will be released simultaneously to all interested parties by a Press Release, which will be posted to the official NSSG website (www.statistics.gr), first estimates 2 months after the end of the reference month and final data 3 months after the reference month.

Integrity

Dissemination of terms and conditions under which official statistics are produced, including confidentiality of individual responses

Basic statistical law 3627/56 and law 2392/96, which include specific articles for the confidentiality of individual data. The data are available on www.statistics.gr and at the library in English as well as Greek.

Identification of internal government access to data before release

There is no governmental access to data before its release.

Identification of ministerial commentary on the occasion of statistical releases

No ministerial commentary is attached to the released data by the NSSG.

Provision of information about revision and advance notice of major changes in methodology

Changes and corrections, if any, are announced simultaneously with the first release of the new data.

Quality

Dissemination of documentation on methodology and sources used in preparing statistics

Available handbooks on site (www.statistics.gr)

Dissemination of information that support statistical cross-checks and provide assurance of reasonableness

Census data

Dissemination

Name of national paper publications

Press Release (Monthly Statistical Bulletin).

Statistical Yearbook of Greece

Concise Statistical Yearbook.

"Statistics on Construction activities" Publication

"Hellas by Numbers" Publication

Name of national electronic dissemination

Internet (www.statistics.gr) Division of Statistics of the Secondary Sector.

Description of standard tables produced

All variables collected are disseminated in absolute figures and in monthly and yearly basis. The results are presented at the NUTS 2, NUTS 3 level.

Planned changes in national dissemination methods

Extended analysis in chart form.

Summary methodology

Analytical framework, concepts, definitions and classifications

Type of source

Statistical survey in co-operation with local administrative authorities.

Name of indicator/source

Town Planning Offices

Legal basis

Decree 3627/56 governing the organisation of the National Statistical Service of Greece and Law 2392/96 governing the obligation of respondents to supply data and safeguard the confidentiality of data.

Obligation on units to provide data

Law 2392/96. Fines may be imposed on non-respondents but they are rarely applied in practice.

Date of first use as a source

1961

Year of this report

2006

Register on which the source is based

N/A

Planned changes in legal basis, obligation to respond and register used

None

Questionnaires used in the survey

One type of questionnaire is used.

Planned changes in national questionnaires

None.

List and definition of variables

The main variables are: number of new properties and extensions of buildings, volume, surface and value of buildings. Information is also collected for dwellings and establishments by category of use and their volume, surface and value.

Planned changes in information collected

None.

Scope of the data

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Observation unit(s)

N/A

Planned changes in the population surveyed

None.

Accounting conventions

Flows during the calendar month.

Nature of the basic data

Data collection media

Data is collected by postal questionnaires in co-operation with the local administrative authorities (Town Planning Offices).

Timetable of data collection

Questionnaires are sent to the local Town Planning Offices once a year (at the beginning). The deadline for replies is the fifth day of the month, which follows the reference month.

Sample or census

Census

Criteria for stratification

Not relevant.

Threshold values and percentages

Not relevant.

Frequency of updating the sample

N/A

Response rate

N/A

Actions to speed up or increase the rate of response

Not relevant.

Frequency of data collection

Monthly.

Planned changes in data collection methodology

None.

Compilation practices

Estimates for non-response

Not relevant.

Estimates for grossing-up

Not relevant.

Confrontation with other data sets

None

Type of index

Data is transmitted as absolute figures

Calculations made

None

Base year

N/A

Method of weighting

Not relevant.

Planned changes in production methods

None

Other aspects

Summary description of quality criteria calculated for national purposes

There is a quality programme used during the computer processing and tabulation.

Costs of data collection

According to the results of the 2006 cost and burden survey, it is estimated that are needed 5750 hours worked for one year for this variable.

Treatment of confidential data

Data is published only to the level at which it is not confidential.

Transmission to Eurostat and further use of the statistics

Data is transmitted to Eurostat using the e-damis coding system at the same time with publication on a national level.