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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 June 2006.

INCREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - JUNE 2006

In January - June 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 41.291 building permits, which relate to 11.027,7 thousand m² of surface and 40.882,6 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 38.850 building permits, 9.988,5 thousand m² of surface and 36.346,8 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2005. Therefore in January-June 2006 there was an increase 6,3% in the number of building permits, 10,4% in surface and 12,5% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume In January - June 2006 is 2,4%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - June 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	2.069	1.991	3,9	572,2	555,8	2,9	2.108,1	2.002,9	5,3
Central Macedonia	5.743	5.548	3,5	2.129,0	1.988,2	7,1	8.491,6	7.629,6	11,3
Western Macedonia	675	732	-7,8	215,4	262,1	-17,8	743,9	860,5	-13,5
Thessalia	2.520	2.447	3,0	780,7	687,9	13,5	2.768,2	2.567,5	7,8
Ipiros	1.194	1.105	8,1	355,9	325,7	9,3	1.325,0	1.220,1	8,6
Ionian Islands	1.599	1.245	28,4	314,0	258,2	21,6	1.077,2	895,0	20,4
Western Greece	2.699	2.568	5,1	583,7	629,0	-7,2	2.126,3	2.351,5	-9,6
Central Greece	2.764	2.618	5,6	797,5	659,9	20,8	3.458,3	2.440,0	41,7
Peloponnisos	3.386	3.245	4,3	778,9	628,7	23,9	2.730,1	2.291,6	19,1
Attiki	12.967	11.986	8,2	3.140,9	2.733,4	14,9	11.193,6	9.533,8	17,4
Northern Egeo	1.104	1.148	-3,8	161,8	192,3	-15,9	605,0	686,8	-11,9
Southern Egeo	2.085	1.724	20,9	444,2	332,5	33,6	1.593,2	1.137,3	40,1
Kriti	2.486	2.493	-0,3	753,4	734,9	2,5	2.662,3	2.730,4	-2,5
Country Total	41.291	38.850	6,3	11.027,7	9.988,5	10,4	40.882,6	36.346,8	12,5

In June 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 8.120 building permits, which relate to 2.173,9 thousand m² of surface and 7.913,1 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.622 building permits, 1.831,5 thousand m² of surface and 6.741,2 thousand m³ of volume of June 2005.

Therefore in June 2006 there was an annual increase 22,6% in the number of building permits, 18,7% in surface and 17,4% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 62 building permits, which relate to 47,3 thousand m² of surface and 228,1 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 105 building permits, 55,6 thousand m² of surface and 270,2 thousand m³ of volume, of June 2005. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in June 2006 is 2,9%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
June 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. Macedonia and Thraki	372	359	3,6	110,5	112,2	-1,4	403,2	406,1	-0,7
Central Macedonia	1174	913	28,6	425,6	341,0	24,8	1.644,1	1.356,1	21,2
Western Macedonia	128	146	-12,3	35,7	64,4	-44,5	130,3	228,7	-43,0
Thessalia	551	398	38,4	177,7	134,1	32,4	628,5	556,5	12,9
Ipiros	201	184	9,2	58,8	62,4	-5,8	208,0	251,8	-17,4
Ionian Islands	283	189	49,7	62,2	43,0	44,6	214,6	152,0	41,2
Western Greece	548	386	42,0	108,2	94,5	14,5	403,1	326,5	23,5
Central Greece	616	434	41,9	153,1	121,7	25,8	562,5	441,0	27,6
Peloponnisos	731	573	27,6	172,2	128,1	34,4	586,8	470,6	24,7
Attiki	2479	2007	23,5	609,8	483,1	26,2	2.219,2	1.672,6	32,7
Northern Egeo	189	244	-22,5	24,2	46,4	-47,8	90,7	173,4	-47,7
Southern Egeo	350	326	7,4	70,3	67,1	4,7	254,8	233,5	9,1
Kriti	498	463	7,6	165,6	133,4	24,1	567,3	472,3	20,1
Country Total	8.120	6.622	22,6	2.173,9	1.831,5	18,7	7.913,1	6.741,2	17,4

INCREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - JUNE 2006

During the period January-June 2006, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was an increase 6,4% in the number of building permits, 10,5% in surface and 13,1% in volume as compared to the same period of 2005.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-June 2006, has come up to 11.087,0 thousand m³, as compared to 9.465,3 thousand m³ of 2005 (increase 17,1%).

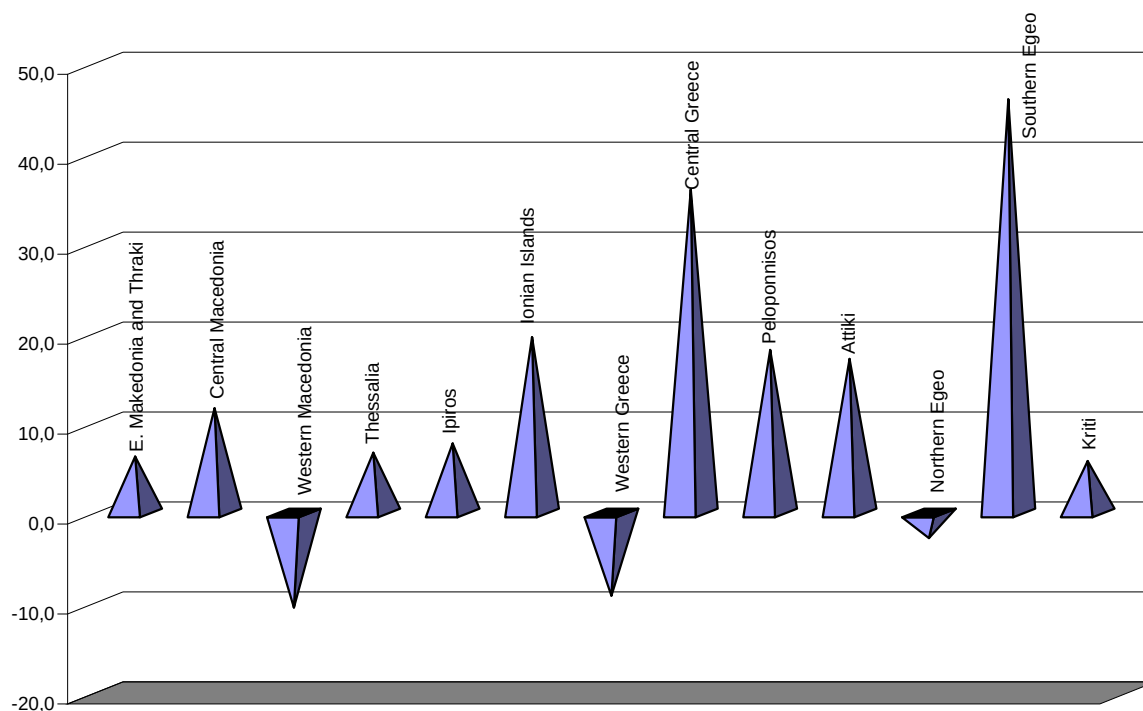
For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 28.803,8 thousand m³, as compared to 25.797,1 thousand m³, of the same period of 2005 (increase 11,7%).

The biggest increase was observed in the Regions of Southern Egeo (46,0%) and Central Greece (35,9%). From the thirteen Regions of the Country only in the following three was observed decrease in Building Activity: in Western Macedonia (10,5%), in Western Greece (9,2%) and in Northern Egeo (2,8%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - June 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	2.045	1.963	4,2	553,2	535,3	3,4	2.030,2	1.910,1	6,3
Central Macedonia	5.641	5.414	4,2	2.086,6	1.953,9	6,8	8.304,2	7.436,3	11,7
Western Macedonia	665	710	-6,3	213,5	253,3	-15,7	736,8	823,4	-10,5
Thessalia	2.497	2.432	2,7	765,1	678,4	12,8	2.699,3	2.529,6	6,7
Ipiros	1.178	1.086	8,5	345,8	317,6	8,9	1.271,1	1.179,7	7,7
Ionian Islands	1.586	1.237	28,2	306,7	255,3	20,1	1.047,1	875,7	19,6
Western Greece	2.682	2.548	5,3	574,8	615,8	-6,7	2.084,7	2.295,8	-9,2
Central Greece	2.728	2.598	5,0	761,6	654,7	16,3	3.275,4	2.409,4	35,9
Peloponnisos	3.363	3.232	4,1	757,2	621,9	21,8	2.634,8	2.230,5	18,1
Attiki	12.945	11.967	8,2	3.119,5	2.719,7	14,7	11.087,0	9.465,3	17,1
Northern Egeo	1.095	1.136	-3,6	157,7	174,1	-9,5	582,4	599,0	-2,8
Southern Egeo	2.068	1.700	21,6	438,0	314,8	39,2	1.551,3	1.062,7	46,0
Kriti	2.467	2.470	-0,1	735,1	688,3	6,8	2.586,5	2.444,9	5,8
Country Total	40.960	38.493	6,4	10.814,8	9.783,1	10,5	39.890,8	35.262,4	13,1

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

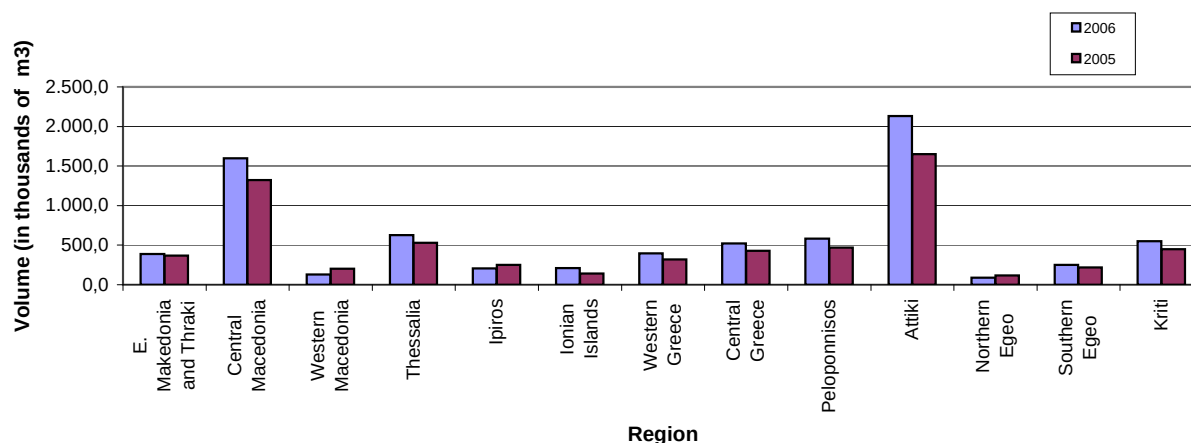


In June 2006 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 8.058 building permits, which relate to 2.126,6 thousand m² of surface and 7.685,0 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.517 building permits, 1.775,8 thousand m² of surface and 6.470,9 thousand m³ of volume of June 2005. There was an annual increase 23,6% in the number of building permits, 19,8% in surface and 18,8% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
June 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	368	349	5,4	107,3	105,2	2,0	388,8	368,5	5,5
Central Macedonia	1.154	863	33,7	414,2	333,7	24,1	1.598,3	1.321,0	21,0
Western Macedonia	128	134	-4,5	35,7	58,2	-38,6	130,3	202,5	-35,7
Thessalia	548	396	38,4	176,9	127,9	38,3	626,0	531,5	17,8
Ipiros	199	182	9,3	58,5	62,3	-6,1	205,8	251,3	-18,1
Ionian Islands	279	186	50,0	61,3	41,5	47,7	209,8	140,2	49,6
Western Greece	546	382	42,9	107,3	93,3	15,0	398,4	321,4	23,9
Central Greece	613	431	42,2	146,7	119,8	22,5	523,6	430,0	21,8
Peloponnisos	725	573	26,5	171,1	128,1	33,5	582,4	470,6	23,8
Attiki	2.470	2.004	23,3	593,0	478,7	23,9	2.132,4	1.650,6	29,2
Northern Egeo	188	238	-21,0	24,0	35,2	-31,7	89,2	118,7	-24,9
Southern Egeo	346	322	7,5	69,3	64,9	6,7	251,0	216,5	15,9
Kriti	494	457	8,1	161,4	126,9	27,1	549,2	448,2	22,5
Country Total	8.058	6.517	23,6	2.126,6	1.775,8	19,8	7.685,0	6.470,9	18,8

**Private Building Activity by Region
June 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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