

PRESS RELEASE

BUILDING ACTIVITY

JULY 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 July 2006.

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

In January - July 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 50.500 building permits, which relate to 13.698,1 thousand m² of surface and 51.264,8 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 50.434 building permits, 13.312,2 thousand m² of surface and 48.639,3 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2005. Therefore in January-July 2006 there was an increase of 0,1% in the number of building permits, 2,9% in surface and 5,4% in volume.

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

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - July 2006 kai 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	2.460	2.397	2,6	716,3	674,0	6,3	2.731,3	2.411,3	13,3
Central Macedonia	6.898	7.052	-2,2	2.563,0	2.536,9	1,0	10.503,3	9.735,4	7,9
Western Macedonia	824	895	-7,9	261,7	331,3	-21,0	928,8	1.092,6	-15,0
Thessalia	3.004	3.010	-0,2	899,3	849,4	5,9	3.174,1	3.159,3	0,5
Ipiros	1.448	1.483	-2,4	417,7	475,3	-12,1	1.541,2	1.847,7	-16,6
Ionian Islands	1.901	1.556	22,2	379,9	311,9	21,8	1.307,3	1.087,0	20,3
Western Greece	3.274	3.281	-0,2	704,9	802,0	-12,1	2.598,8	2.972,7	-12,6
Central Greece	3.395	3.354	1,2	959,1	858,5	11,7	4.060,1	3.214,3	26,3
Peloponnisos	4.174	4.178	-0,1	1.054,7	858,6	22,8	3.776,9	3.187,6	18,5
Attiki	16.416	16.736	-1,9	4.092,3	4.078,9	0,3	14.737,6	14.399,1	2,4
Northern Egeo	1.310	1.391	-5,8	197,9	229,9	-13,9	733,5	829,1	-11,5
Southern Egeo	2.461	2.109	16,7	543,5	408,8	33,0	1.947,0	1.402,4	38,8
Kriti	2.935	2.992	-1,9	908,0	896,7	1,3	3.224,8	3.300,7	-2,3
Country Total	50.500	50.434	0,1	13.698,1	13.312,2	2,9	51.264,8	48.639,3	5,4

In July 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 9.209 building permits, which relate to 2.670,4 thousand m² of surface and 10.382,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 11.584 building permits, 3.323,7 thousand m² of surface and 12.292,4 thousand m³ of volume of July 2005. Therefore in July 2006 there was an annual decrease 20,5% in the number of building permits, 19,7% in surface and 15,5% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 74 building permits, which relate to 43,5 thousand m² of surface and 210,0 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 80 building permits, 81,0 thousand m² of surface and 333,1 thousand m³ of volume, of July 2005. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in July 2006 is 2,0%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
July 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	391	406	-3,7	144,1	118,2	21,9	623,2	408,4	52,6
Central Macedonia	1155	1504	-23,2	434,0	548,8	-20,9	2.011,8	2.105,9	-4,5
Western Macedonia	149	163	-8,6	46,3	69,2	-33,1	184,9	232,1	-20,3
Thessalia	484	563	-14,0	118,5	161,5	-26,6	405,9	591,8	-31,4
Ipiros	254	378	-32,8	61,8	149,7	-58,7	216,2	627,5	-65,5
Ionian Islands	302	311	-2,9	65,9	53,7	22,8	230,1	192,0	19,8
Western Greece	575	713	-19,4	121,2	173,1	-30,0	472,6	621,2	-23,9
Central Greece	631	736	-14,3	161,6	198,5	-18,6	601,9	774,3	-22,3
Peloponnisos	788	933	-15,5	275,7	229,9	19,9	1.046,9	896,1	16,8
Attiki	3449	4750	-27,4	951,3	1.345,5	-29,3	3.544,1	4.865,4	-27,2
Northern Egeo	206	243	-15,2	36,1	37,6	-3,9	128,5	142,3	-9,7
Southern Egeo	376	385	-2,3	99,3	76,3	30,2	353,7	265,2	33,4
Kriti	449	499	-10,0	154,6	161,8	-4,5	562,5	570,3	-1,4
Country Total	9.209	11.584	-20,5	2.670,4	3.323,7	-19,7	10.382,2	12.292,4	-15,5

INCREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - JULY 2006

During the period January-July 2006, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was an increase 0,2% in the number of building permits, 3,2% in surface and 6,0% in volume as compared to the same period of 2005.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-July 2006, has come up to 14.631,1 thousand m³, as compared to 14.279,3 thousand m³ of 2005 (increase 2,5%).

For the rest of the country the building activity volume has come up to 35.431,9 thousand m³, as compared to 32.942,5 thousand m³, of the same period of 2005 (increase 7,6%).

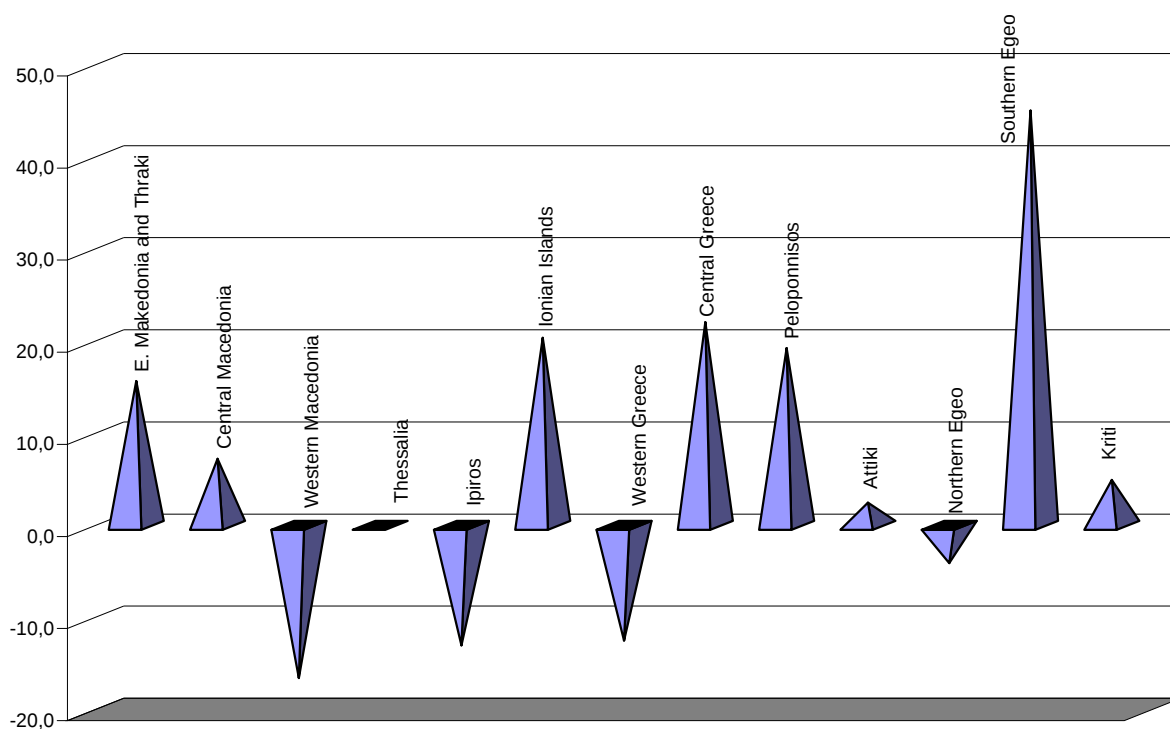
The biggest increase was observed in the Regions of Southern Egeo (45%), Central Greece (22,1%) and Ionian Islands (20,4%).

On the contrary decrease in Building Activity was observed in the Regions of Western Macedonia (16,6%), Ipiros (13,0%), Western Greece (12,5%) and Northern Egeo (4,1%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - July 2006 kai 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	2.433	2.365	2,9	697,1	647,8	7,6	2.652,6	2.293,2	15,7
Central Macedonia	6.776	6.900	-1,8	2.496,9	2.495,5	0,1	10.197,6	9.510,4	7,2
Western Macedonia	804	871	-7,7	251,7	321,0	-21,6	875,6	1.049,6	-16,6
Thessalia	2.971	2.989	-0,6	880,7	834,0	5,6	3.092,5	3.103,0	-0,3
Ipiros	1.431	1.454	-1,6	407,5	444,6	-8,3	1.487,2	1.710,3	-13,0
Ionian Islands	1.882	1.546	21,7	370,4	306,8	20,7	1.268,0	1.053,4	20,4
Western Greece	3.253	3.260	-0,2	694,4	788,8	-12,0	2.551,1	2.916,6	-12,5
Central Greece	3.356	3.329	0,8	921,7	849,5	8,5	3.871,1	3.171,2	22,1
Peloponnisos	4.144	4.158	-0,3	1.031,5	841,4	22,6	3.676,7	3.083,8	19,2
Attiki	16.390	16.706	-1,9	4.070,8	4.051,8	0,5	14.631,1	14.279,3	2,5
Northern Egeo	1.300	1.379	-5,7	193,7	211,7	-8,5	710,9	741,3	-4,1
Southern Egeo	2.443	2.079	17,5	537,3	389,1	38,1	1.905,0	1.313,5	45,0
Kriti	2.912	2.961	-1,7	887,9	843,8	5,2	3.143,6	2.996,3	4,9
Country Total	50.095	49.997	0,2	13.441,7	13.025,7	3,2	50.063,0	47.221,7	6,0

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



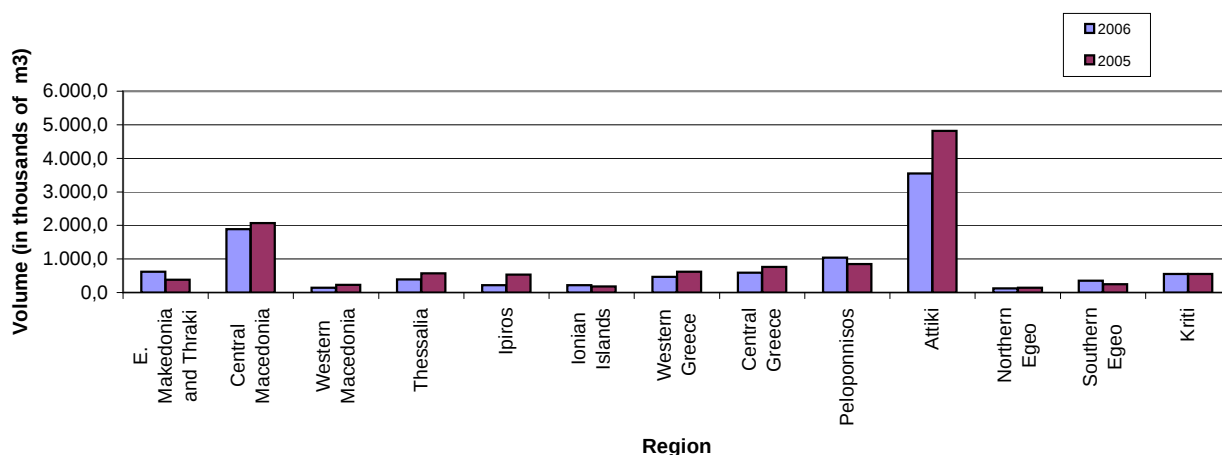
In July 2006 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 9.135 building permits, which relate to 2.626,9 thousand m² of surface and 10.172,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 11.504 building permits, 3.242,6 thousand m² of surface and 11.959,3 thousand m³ of volume of July 2005.

There was an annual decrease 20,6% in the number of building permits, 19,0% in surface and 14,9% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
July 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	388	402	-3,5	143,8	112,6	27,8	622,4	383,1	62,4
Central Macedonia	1.135	1.486	-23,6	410,3	541,7	-24,2	1.893,4	2.074,1	-8,7
Western Macedonia	139	161	-13,7	38,2	67,7	-43,6	138,8	226,2	-38,7
Thessalia	474	557	-14,9	115,6	155,6	-25,7	393,2	573,4	-31,4
Ipiros	253	368	-31,3	61,8	127,0	-51,4	216,1	530,5	-59,3
Ionian Islands	296	309	-4,2	63,6	51,4	23,7	220,9	177,7	24,3
Western Greece	571	712	-19,8	119,6	173,0	-30,8	466,4	620,8	-24,9
Central Greece	628	731	-14,1	160,1	194,8	-17,8	595,7	761,8	-21,8
Peloponnisos	781	926	-15,7	274,3	219,5	25,0	1.042,0	853,3	22,1
Attiki	3.445	4.739	-27,3	951,3	1.332,0	-28,6	3.544,1	4.813,9	-26,4
Northern Egeo	205	243	-15,6	36,1	37,6	-3,9	128,5	142,3	-9,7
Southern Egeo	375	379	-1,1	99,3	74,3	33,6	353,7	250,8	41,0
Kriti	445	491	-9,4	152,9	155,5	-1,7	557,1	551,4	1,0
Country Total	9.135	11.504	-20,6	2.626,9	3.242,6	-19,0	10.172,2	11.959,3	-14,9

**Private Building Activity by Region
July 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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