

PRESS RELEASE

BUILDING ACTIVITY

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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 August 2006.

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

In January - August 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 55.220 building permits, which relate to 15.067,1 thousand m² of surface and 56.497,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 54.480 building permits, 14.546,3 thousand m² of surface and 53.138,4 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2005. Therefore in January-August 2006 there was an increase of 1,4% in the number of building permits, 3,6% in surface and 6,3% in volume.

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

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - August 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	2.778	2.716	2,3	791,4	756,8	4,6	3.012,2	2.686,2	12,1
Central Macedonia	7.679	7.764	-1,1	2.831,6	2.818,6	0,5	11.512,6	10.756,2	7,0
Western Macedonia	942	999	-5,7	307,5	387,1	-20,6	1.101,5	1.328,2	-17,1
Thessalia	3.316	3.344	-0,8	990,5	986,5	0,4	3.561,1	3.656,4	-2,6
Ipiros	1.572	1.664	-5,5	485,1	530,0	-8,5	1.773,6	2.043,6	-13,2
Ionian Islands	2.114	1.795	17,8	423,0	355,6	19,0	1.447,7	1.238,6	16,9
Western Greece	3.718	3.689	0,8	802,1	891,5	-10,0	3.005,8	3.282,3	-8,4
Central Greece	3.709	3.714	-0,1	1.039,9	944,4	10,1	4.342,2	3.526,7	23,1
Peloponnisos	4.599	4.561	0,8	1.148,8	949,8	21,0	4.115,6	3.508,8	17,3
Attiki	17.222	16.763	2,7	4.372,9	4.117,9	6,2	15.894,6	14.614,2	8,8
Northern Egeo	1.507	1.640	-8,1	227,1	265,6	-14,5	841,5	941,9	-10,7
Southern Egeo	2.756	2.385	15,6	611,5	490,9	24,5	2.178,9	1.674,6	30,1
Kriti	3.308	3.446	-4,0	1.035,8	1.051,7	-1,5	3.710,0	3.880,7	-4,4
Country Total	55.220	54.480	1,4	15.067,1	14.546,3	3,6	56.497,2	53.138,4	6,3

In August 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 4.720 building permits, which relate to 1.369,0 thousand m² of surface and 5.232,4 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 4.046 building permits, 1.234,1 thousand m² of surface and 4.499,1 thousand m³ of volume of August 2005.

Therefore in August 2006 there was an annual increase of 16,7% in the number of building permits, 10,9% in surface and 16,3% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 54 building permits, which relate to 33,5 thousand m² of surface and 153,7 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 38 building permits, 34,1 thousand m² of surface and 174,1 thousand m³ of volume, of August 2005. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in August 2006 is 2,9%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
August 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	318	319	-0,3	75,1	82,8	-9,3	280,8	274,9	2,1
Central Macedonia	781	712	9,7	268,6	281,6	-4,6	1.009,2	1.020,8	-1,1
Western Macedonia	118	104	13,5	45,8	55,8	-17,9	172,7	235,6	-26,7
Thessalia	312	334	-6,6	91,2	137,0	-33,5	387,0	497,0	-22,1
Ipiros	124	181	-31,5	67,4	54,6	23,3	232,4	196,0	18,6
Ionian Islands	213	239	-10,9	43,1	43,7	-1,4	140,4	151,7	-7,4
Western Greece	444	408	8,8	97,2	89,5	8,7	407,0	309,6	31,4
Central Greece	314	360	-12,8	80,8	85,9	-6,0	282,1	312,3	-9,7
Peloponnisos	425	383	11,0	94,2	91,2	3,3	338,7	321,2	5,5
Attiki	806	27	2885,2	280,7	39,0	619,3	1.157,0	215,1	438,0
Northern Egeo	197	249	-20,9	29,3	35,8	-18,2	108,0	112,8	-4,2
Southern Egeo	295	276	6,9	68,0	82,2	-17,3	231,9	272,1	-14,8
Kriti	373	454	-17,8	127,8	155,0	-17,6	485,2	580,0	-16,3
Country Total	4.720	4.046	16,7	1.369,0	1.234,1	10,9	5.232,4	4.499,1	16,3

INCREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - AUGUST 2006

During the period January-August 2006, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was an increase of 1,4% in the number of building permits, 3,9% in surface and 7,0% in volume as compared to the same period of 2005.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-August 2006, has come up to 15.780,1 thousand m³, as compared to 14.494,3 thousand m³ of 2005 (increase 8,9%).

For the rest of the country the building activity volume has come up to 39.361,6 thousand m³, as compared to 37.052,4 thousand m³, of the same period of 2005 (increase 6,2%).

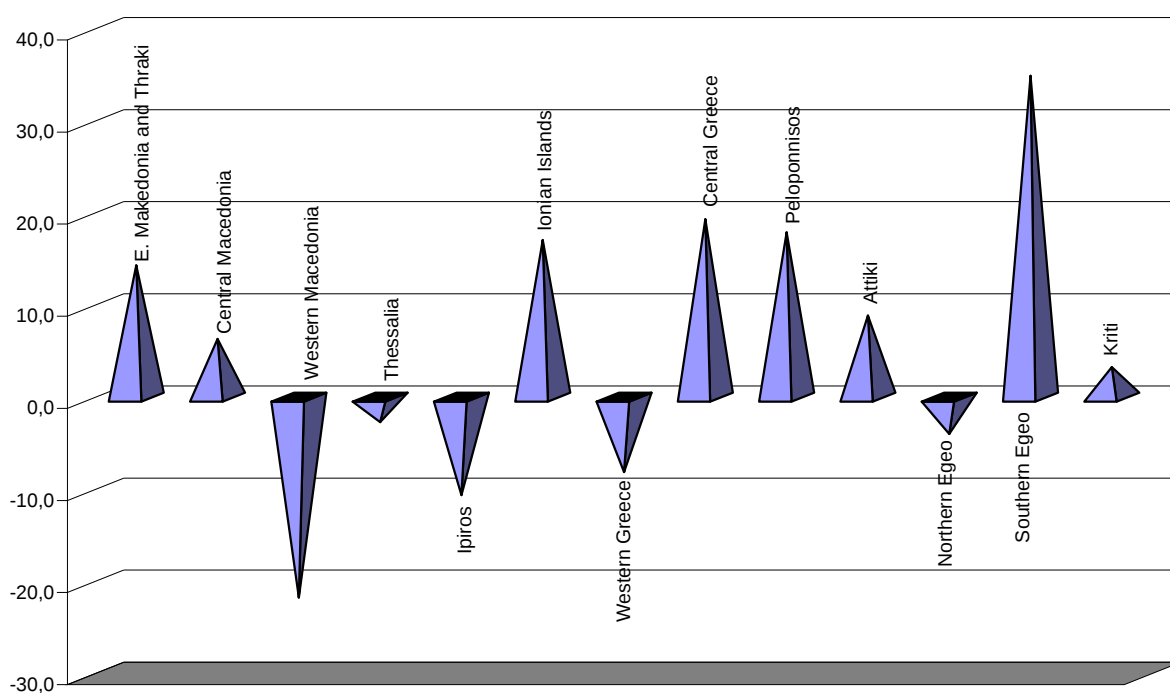
The biggest increase was observed in the Regions of Southern Egeo (34,9%), Central Greece (19,3%), Peloponnisos (17,9%) and Ionian Islands (17,1%).

On the contrary great decrease in building activity was observed in the Region of Western Macedonia (21,8%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - August 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	2.734	2.680	2,0	770,4	728,5	5,8	2.924,5	2.558,3	14,3
Central Macedonia	7.546	7.605	-0,8	2.759,9	2.774,5	-0,5	11.180,6	10.515,6	6,3
Western Macedonia	917	973	-5,8	285,2	375,4	-24,0	1.002,2	1.280,9	-21,8
Thessalia	3.280	3.320	-1,2	971,9	965,8	0,6	3.479,5	3.577,3	-2,7
Ipiros	1.552	1.634	-5,0	471,2	499,0	-5,6	1.702,3	1.905,2	-10,7
Ionian Islands	2.094	1.783	17,4	413,4	350,1	18,1	1.408,2	1.202,9	17,1
Western Greece	3.697	3.665	0,9	791,6	876,7	-9,7	2.958,1	3.220,2	-8,1
Central Greece	3.668	3.685	-0,5	1.001,9	934,2	7,2	4.151,6	3.479,4	19,3
Peloponnisos	4.567	4.540	0,6	1.125,5	932,6	20,7	4.014,8	3.405,0	17,9
Attiki	17.194	16.733	2,8	4.349,8	4.090,8	6,3	15.780,1	14.494,3	8,9
Northern Egeo	1.497	1.627	-8,0	223,0	247,2	-9,8	818,9	853,2	-4,0
Southern Egeo	2.738	2.351	16,5	605,3	471,0	28,5	2.137,0	1.584,4	34,9
Kriti	3.277	3.409	-3,9	1.008,1	980,1	2,9	3.584,0	3.470,2	3,3
Country Total	54.761	54.005	1,4	14.777,1	14.225,8	3,9	55.141,7	51.546,7	7,0

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



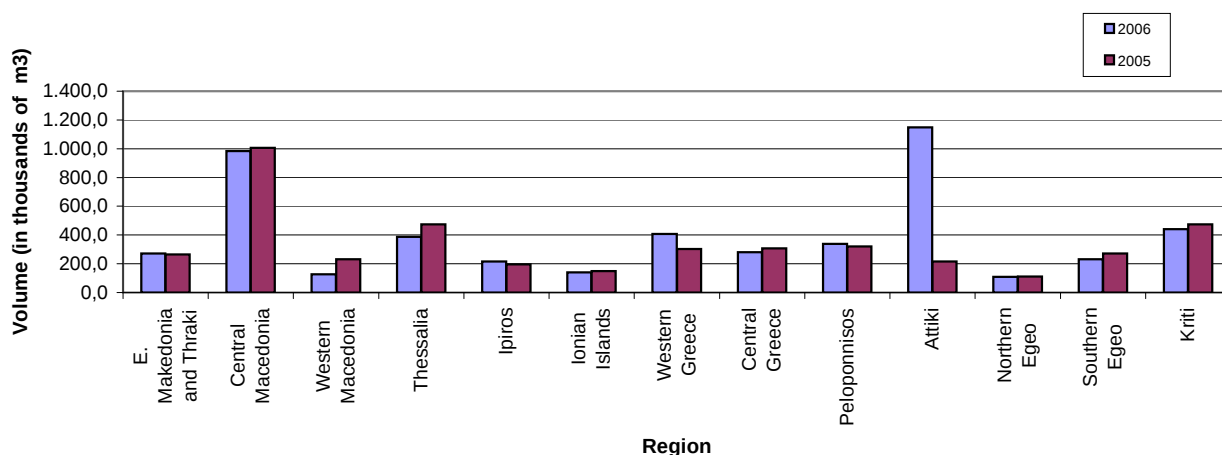
In August 2006 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 4.666 building permits, which relate to 1.335,5 thousand m² of surface and 5.078,7 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 4.008 building permits, 1.200,0 thousand m² of surface and 4.325,0 thousand m³ of volume of August 2005.

There was an annual increase of 16,4% in the number of building permits, 11,3% in surface and 17,4% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
August 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	301	315	-4,4	73,3	80,6	-9,0	271,9	265,1	2,6
Central Macedonia	770	705	9,2	263,0	278,9	-5,7	983,0	1.005,2	-2,2
Western Macedonia	113	102	10,8	33,5	54,4	-38,4	126,6	231,3	-45,2
Thessalia	309	331	-6,6	91,2	131,8	-30,8	387,0	474,3	-18,4
Ipiros	121	180	-32,8	63,7	54,4	17,1	215,1	195,0	10,3
Ionian Islands	212	237	-10,5	43,0	43,3	-0,7	140,2	149,5	-6,2
Western Greece	444	405	9,6	97,2	87,9	10,6	407,0	303,6	34,1
Central Greece	312	356	-12,4	80,2	84,7	-5,4	280,5	308,2	-9,0
Peloponnisos	423	382	10,7	94,0	91,2	3,0	338,0	321,2	5,3
Attiki	804	27	2877,8	279,0	39,0	614,9	1.149,1	215,1	434,3
Northern Egeo	197	248	-20,6	29,3	35,5	-17,6	108,0	111,9	-3,5
Southern Egeo	295	272	8,5	68,0	81,9	-17,0	231,9	270,9	-14,4
Kriti	365	448	-18,5	120,2	136,3	-11,8	440,4	473,8	-7,1
Country Total	4.666	4.008	16,4	1.335,5	1.200,0	11,3	5.078,7	4.325,0	17,4

**Private Building Activity by Region
August 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, simultaneously 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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