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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 February 2008.

DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2008

In January - February 2008, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 10.254 building permits, which relate to 2.813,1 thousand m² of surface and 10.743,3 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 11.847 building permits, 2.929,8 thousand m² of surface and 11.016,0 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2007. Therefore in January-February 2008 there was a decrease of 13,4% in the number of building permits, 4,0% in surface and 2,5% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - February 2008 is 1,8%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - February 2008 και 2007**

Region	Number of Building Permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007
E. Macedonia and Thraki	442	545	-18,9	103,9	130,2	-20,2	418,5	470,6	-11,1
Central Macedonia	1.355	1.473	-8,0	465,2	473,1	-1,7	1.893,6	2.040,2	-7,2
Western Macedonia	140	174	-19,5	50,0	41,5	20,4	207,5	137,5	50,9
Thessalia	600	697	-13,9	172,4	188,6	-8,6	668,7	727,5	-8,1
Ipiros	326	339	-3,8	95,2	89,1	6,8	362,3	320,1	13,2
Ionian Islands	396	428	-7,5	80,3	91,8	-12,5	282,1	342,2	-17,6
Western Greece	697	788	-11,5	160,3	177,0	-9,4	566,2	652,1	-13,2
Central Greece	680	836	-18,7	198,9	227,0	-12,4	1.070,2	901,1	18,8
Peloponnisos	862	916	-5,9	291,8	225,4	29,5	1.027,3	805,7	27,5
Attiki	2.978	4.035	-26,2	689,4	864,0	-20,2	2.461,2	3.116,8	-21,0
Northern Egeo	348	325	7,1	60,9	56,8	7,2	234,9	203,3	15,5
Southern Egeo	616	522	18,0	150,2	129,5	16,0	524,9	457,8	14,7
Kriti	814	769	5,9	294,5	235,8	24,9	1.026,0	841,1	22,0
Country Total	10.254	11.847	-13,4	2.813,1	2.929,8	-4,0	10.743,3	11.016,0	-2,5

In February 2008, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 5.308 building permits, which relate to 1.495,3 thousand m² of surface and 5.786,0 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.131 building permits, 1.533,8 thousand m² of surface and 5.816,3 thousand m³ of volume of February 2007. Therefore in February 2008 there was an annual decrease of 13,4% in the number of building permits, 2,5% in surface and 0,5% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 56 building permits, which relate to 25,9 thousand m² of surface and 118,8 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 53 building permits, 35,3 thousand m² of surface and 144,2 thousand m³ of volume, of February 2007. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in February 2008 is 2,1%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
February 2008 και 2007**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007
E. Macedonia and Thraki	249	278	-10,4	60,0	67,2	-10,6	239,6	239,1	0,2
Central Macedonia	705	768	-8,2	204,9	227,5	-10,0	812,7	1.017,3	-20,1
Western Macedonia	70	95	-26,3	20,0	25,4	-21,3	74,6	84,6	-11,9
Thessalia	315	406	-22,4	99,1	103,3	-4,0	404,8	398,1	1,7
Ipiros	175	184	-4,9	49,6	43,7	13,5	180,1	151,7	18,7
Ionian Islands	208	204	2,0	46,8	52,5	-10,9	161,5	203,5	-20,6
Western Greece	389	406	-4,2	87,3	81,6	6,9	314,9	287,0	9,7
Central Greece	343	422	-18,7	108,0	114,3	-5,5	609,0	455,5	33,7
Peloponnisos	440	502	-12,4	187,6	117,3	59,9	678,5	395,7	71,4
Attiki	1473	2021	-27,1	366,3	475,5	-23,0	1.386,2	1.778,9	-22,1
Northern Egeo	152	147	3,4	29,9	27,8	7,6	112,4	102,4	9,7
Southern Egeo	352	286	23,1	75,2	68,7	9,3	264,2	244,7	8,0
Kriti	437	412	6,1	160,6	129,0	24,5	547,4	457,6	19,6
Country Total	5.308	6.131	-13,4	1.495,3	1.533,8	-2,5	5.786,0	5.816,3	-0,5

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2008

During the period January-February 2008, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease of 13,7% in the number of building permits, 3,9% in surface and 2,6% in volume as compared to the same period of 2007.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-February 2008, has come up to 2.455,2 thousand m³, as compared to 3.111,3 thousand m³ of 2007 (decrease 21,1%).

For the rest of the country the building volume has come up to 8.093,7 thousand m³, as compared to 7.719,9 thousand m³, of the same period of 2007 (increase 4,8%).

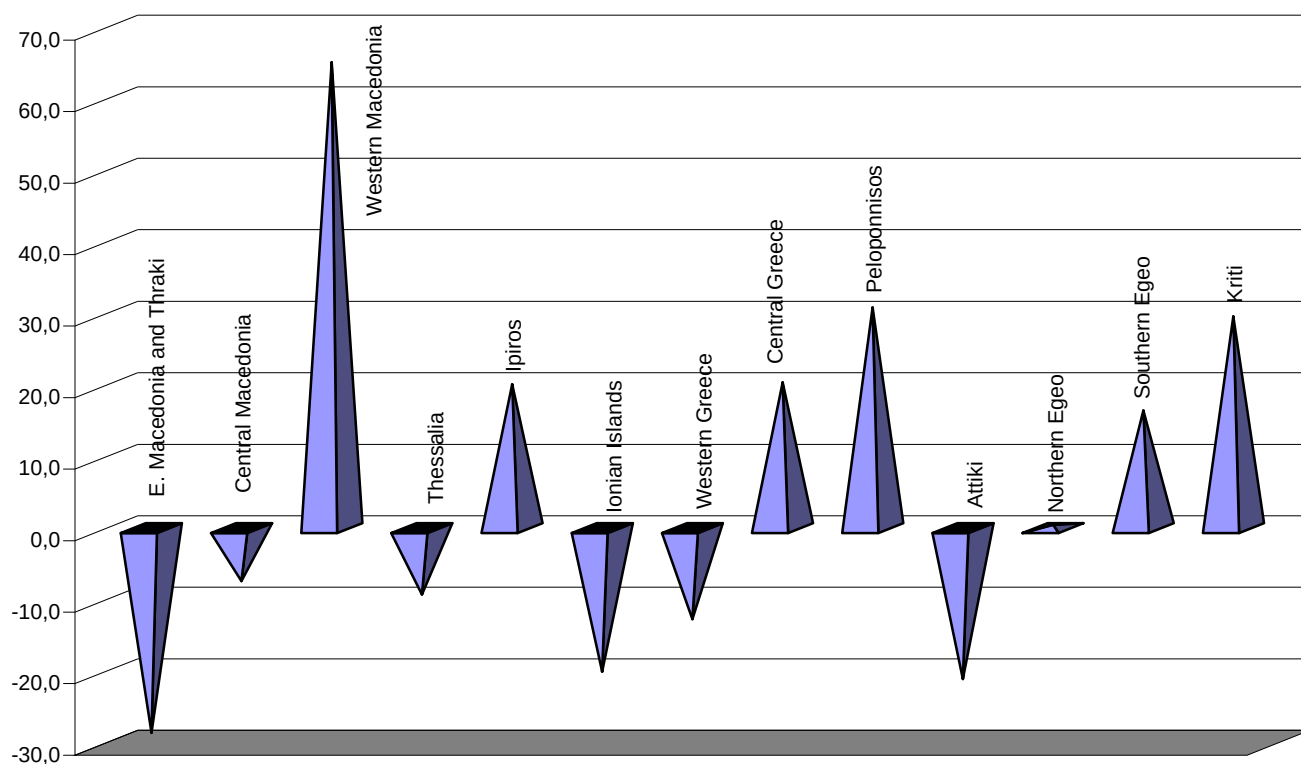
The biggest decrease was observed in the Regions of E.Macedonia and Thraki (28,6%), Attiki (21,1%) and Ionian Island (20,1%).

On the contrary, the highest increase in Building Activity was observed in the Regions of Western Macedonia (65,2%), Peloponnisos (30,9%), Kriti (29,6%), Central Greece (20,4%) and Ipiros (20,1%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region
January - February 2008 και 2007

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007
E. Macedonia and Thraki	430	536	-19,8	89,9	129,8	-30,7	334,6	468,9	-28,6
Central Macedonia	1.336	1.464	-8,7	455,7	465,7	-2,2	1.856,6	2.004,7	-7,4
Western Macedonia	139	172	-19,2	49,5	38,5	28,5	206,5	125,1	65,2
Thessalia	569	687	-17,2	169,5	187,5	-9,6	655,8	723,0	-9,3
Ipiros	325	330	-1,5	95,2	85,4	11,5	362,3	301,6	20,1
Ionian Islands	393	426	-7,7	78,6	91,4	-14,0	272,4	340,7	-20,1
Western Greece	693	786	-11,8	159,3	174,7	-8,8	562,2	644,3	-12,7
Central Greece	678	831	-18,4	198,3	223,7	-11,4	1.067,8	886,8	20,4
Peloponnisos	855	907	-5,7	290,4	219,2	32,5	1.021,8	780,7	30,9
Attiki	2.967	4.027	-26,3	687,6	862,7	-20,3	2.455,2	3.111,3	-21,1
Northern Egeo	346	325	6,5	53,7	56,8	-5,5	204,3	203,3	0,5
Southern Egeo	616	518	18,9	150,2	127,7	17,6	524,9	450,7	16,5
Kriti	812	759	7,0	294,3	222,5	32,3	1.024,5	790,3	29,6
Country Total	10.159	11.768	-13,7	2.772,2	2.885,7	-3,9	10.548,9	10.831,2	-2,6

Private Building Activity by Region
January - February 2008 and 2007
% of change of building volume



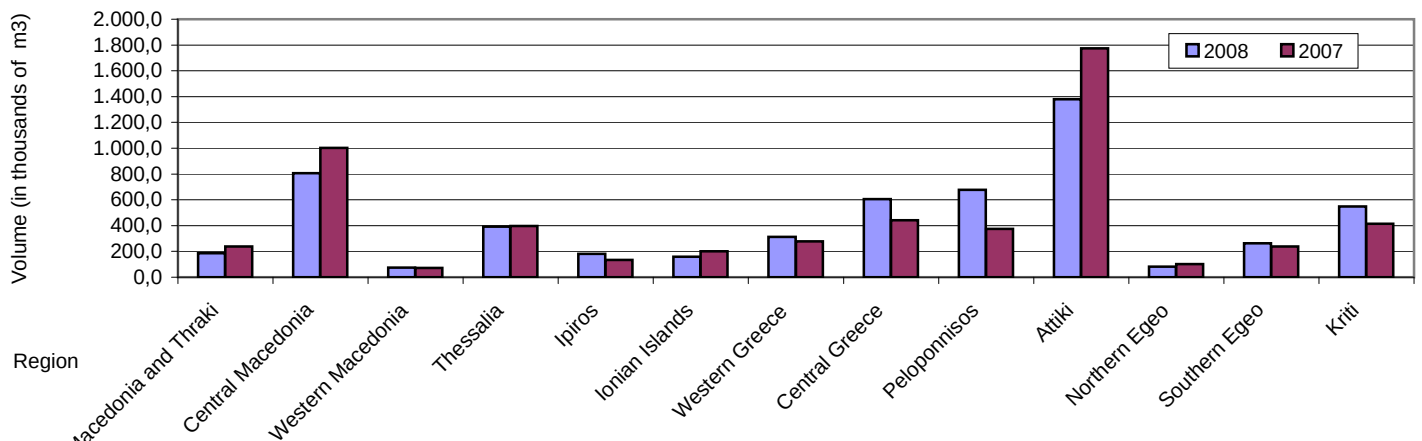
In February 2008 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 5.252 building permits, which relate to 1.469,4 thousand m² of surface and 5.667,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 6.078 building permits, 1.498,5 thousand m² of surface and 5.672,1 thousand m³ of volume of February 2007.

There was an annual decrease of 13,6% in the number of building permits, 1,9% in surface and 0,1% in volume.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
February 2008 and 2007**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007	2008	2007	Change (%) 2008/2007
E. Macedonia and Thraki	241	271	-11,1	49,1	66,7	-26,4	185,1	237,4	-22,0
Central Macedonia	698	763	-8,5	204,0	222,9	-8,5	807,0	1.001,3	-19,4
Western Macedonia	69	93	-25,8	19,5	22,4	-13,0	73,6	72,1	2,0
Thessalia	288	398	-27,6	96,6	102,7	-6,0	392,9	396,1	-0,8
Ipiros	175	177	-1,1	49,6	40,3	23,1	180,1	134,3	34,1
Ionian Islands	206	203	1,5	46,2	52,2	-11,4	158,2	202,2	-21,8
Western Greece	387	404	-4,2	86,9	79,3	9,5	313,4	279,1	12,3
Central Greece	342	419	-18,4	107,4	111,5	-3,6	606,6	442,6	37,0
Peloponnisos	437	498	-12,2	187,1	112,0	67,1	676,5	374,5	80,6
Attiki	1.470	2.016	-27,1	364,5	474,5	-23,2	1.380,3	1.775,1	-22,2
Northern Egeo	150	147	2,0	22,7	27,8	-18,5	81,8	102,4	-20,1
Southern Egeo	352	284	23,9	75,2	67,5	11,4	264,2	239,4	10,4
Kriti	437	405	7,9	160,6	118,8	35,2	547,4	415,6	31,7
Country Total	5.252	6.078	-13,6	1.469,4	1.498,5	-1,9	5.667,2	5.672,1	-0,1

**Private Building Activity by Region
February 2008 and 2007**



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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