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BUILDING ACTIVITY

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The General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece publishes provisional data on the Building Activity, on the basis of the building permits issued from the Greek Town-Planning Offices during September 2008.

DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008 IN COMPARISON WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 2007

During the period January - September 2008, the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country, measured on the basis of building permits issued, amounted to 49.228 building permits, which correspond to 12.919,4 thousand m² of surface and 50.273,4 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 58.272 building permits that were issued during the same period of 2007 and corresponded to 15.368,2 thousand m² of surface and 58.983,1 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 15,5%, in surface by 15,9% and in volume by 14,8%. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building volume, for the above period of 2008, is 1,7%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period
January - September of 2007 and 2008**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-September			January-September			January-September		
	2007	2008	Rate of change (%)	2007	2008	Rate of change (%)	2007	2008	Rate of change (%)
E. Makedonia and Thraki	2.947	2.363	-19,8	784,2	608,7	-22,4	3.037,0	2.420,1	-20,3
Central Makedonia	7.198	6.645	-7,7	2.514,0	2.229,9	-11,3	11.256,0	9.942,0	-11,7
Western Makedonia	1.044	855	-18,1	347,3	282,9	-18,5	1.289,8	1.153,4	-10,6
Thessalia	3.657	3.094	-15,4	1.075,9	942,2	-12,4	4.256,6	3.615,8	-15,1
Ipiros	1.811	1.718	-5,1	526,2	476,3	-9,5	1.890,7	1.790,2	-5,3
Ionian Islands	2.170	1.960	-9,7	499,1	382,3	-23,4	1.723,9	1.323,7	-23,2
Western Greece	3.866	3.355	-13,2	874,6	829,2	-5,2	3.394,0	3.299,2	-2,8
Central Greece	4.268	3.637	-14,8	1.172,7	926,7	-21,0	4.745,4	4.092,3	-13,8
Peloponnissos	4.767	4.083	-14,3	1.124,0	1.096,6	-2,4	3.894,4	3.868,3	-0,7
Attiki	18.214	13.983	-23,2	4.192,0	3.189,8	-23,9	15.492,0	11.739,4	-24,2
Northern Egeo	1.665	1.420	-14,7	281,0	242,0	-13,9	1.010,4	906,8	-10,2
Southern Egeo	2.718	2.807	3,3	628,6	637,4	1,4	2.229,7	2.183,3	-2,1
Kriti	3.947	3.308	-16,2	1.348,6	1.075,3	-20,3	4.763,1	3.938,9	-17,3
Greece, Total	58.272	49.228	-15,5	15.368,2	12.919,4	-15,9	58.983,1	50.273,4	-14,8

In September 2008 the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country, amounted to 5.363 building permits, which correspond to 1.380,8 thousand m² of surface and 5.461,9 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 5.510 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to, 1.466,8 thousand m² of surface and 5.855,7 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 2,7%, in surface by 5,9% and in volume by 6,7%.

The magnitude of the Public Building Activity in September 2008, in the whole Country, amounted to 42 building permits, which correspond to 25,3 thousand m² of surface and 113,1 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 41 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2007 and corresponded to 25,5 thousand m² of surface and 176,6 thousand m³ of volume. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building activity, in September 2008, is 2,1%.

Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the month of September of 2007 and 2008

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September		Rate of change (%)	September		Rate of change (%)	September		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	276	292	5,8	74,8	68,7	-8,1	276,5	275,8	-0,2
Central Makedonia	751	805	7,2	259,5	232,8	-10,3	1.288,2	951,5	-26,1
Western Makedonia	125	111	-11,2	50,6	41,9	-17,2	198,2	147,5	-25,6
Thessalia	388	388	0,0	137,6	168,6	22,5	554,5	688,4	24,1
Ipiros	213	197	-7,5	52,3	49,5	-5,2	182,2	205,0	12,5
Ionian Islands	183	227	24,0	39,6	36,0	-9,2	116,5	128,1	10,0
Western Greece	336	335	-0,3	76,2	119,5	56,8	286,7	613,9	114,2
Central Greece	364	396	8,8	94,8	95,4	0,6	400,0	416,9	4,2
Peloponnissos	424	416	-1,9	96,2	99,9	3,8	342,0	352,1	3,0
Attiki	1530	1393	-9,0	359,5	278,3	-22,6	1.405,3	984,2	-30,0
Northern Egeo	164	120	-26,8	35,4	18,2	-48,5	123,2	71,6	-41,9
Southern Egeo	280	304	8,6	59,6	67,0	12,5	205,3	246,7	20,2
Kriti	476	379	-20,4	130,7	105,0	-19,7	477,3	380,0	-20,4
Greece, Total	5.510	5.363	-2,7	1.466,8	1.380,8	-5,9	5.855,7	5.461,9	-6,7

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008 IN COMPARISON WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 2007

As concerns the Private Building Activity in the whole Country, during the period January - September 2008, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 15,7%, in surface by 16,0% and in volume by 14,8%, as compared to the same period of 2007.

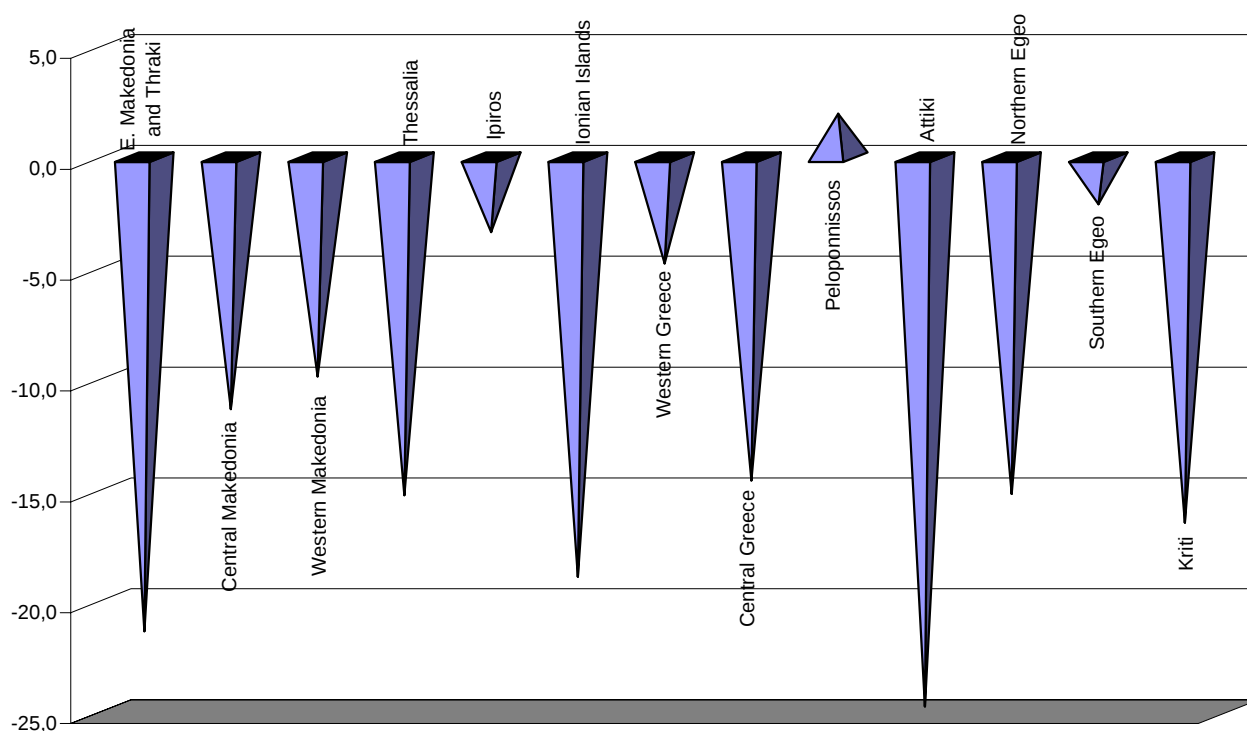
The building volume in the region of Attiki, during January - September 2008, has come up to 11.642,5 thousand m³, as compared to 15.475,6 thousand m³, of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 24,8%).

The building volume in rest of the Country, during January - September 2008, has come up to 37.760,2 thousand m³, as compared to 42.500,7 thousand m³, of the same period of 2007 (decrease by 11,2%).

**Table 3. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period
January - September of 2007 and 2008**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-September		Rate of change (%)	January-September		Rate of change (%)	January-September		Rate of change (%)
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	2.896	2.319	-19,9	764,8	585,7	-23,4	2.926,0	2.300,6	-21,4
Central Makedonia	7.114	6.552	-7,9	2.465,3	2.185,6	-11,3	11.020,1	9.767,8	-11,4
Western Makedonia	1.031	841	-18,4	336,9	277,4	-17,7	1.237,5	1.115,2	-9,9
Thessalia	3.625	2.977	-17,9	1.064,0	929,0	-12,7	4.202,7	3.562,1	-15,2
Ipiros	1.782	1.704	-4,4	512,3	468,2	-8,6	1.823,7	1.762,1	-3,4
Ionian Islands	2.157	1.954	-9,4	472,4	380,5	-19,5	1.620,3	1.313,6	-18,9
Western Greece	3.861	3.342	-13,4	871,9	812,0	-6,9	3.383,9	3.222,1	-4,8
Central Greece	4.255	3.619	-14,9	1.160,9	906,0	-22,0	4.657,3	3.978,2	-14,6
Peloponnisos	4.728	4.062	-14,1	1.100,1	1.090,0	-0,9	3.768,6	3.843,0	2,0
Attiki	18.194	13.950	-23,3	4.187,6	3.166,2	-24,4	15.475,6	11.642,5	-24,8
Northern Egeo	1.662	1.415	-14,9	280,3	232,0	-17,2	1.008,2	855,2	-15,2
Southern Egeo	2.703	2.798	3,5	623,0	632,3	1,5	2.210,5	2.163,8	-2,1
Kriti	3.917	3.291	-16,0	1.317,0	1.060,8	-19,5	4.641,8	3.876,5	-16,5
Greece, Total	57.925	48.824	-15,7	15.156,4	12.725,8	-16,0	57.976,3	49.402,7	-14,8

Private Building Activity by Region
Rate of change (%) of building volume, by Region, for the period January - September, between 2007 and 2008

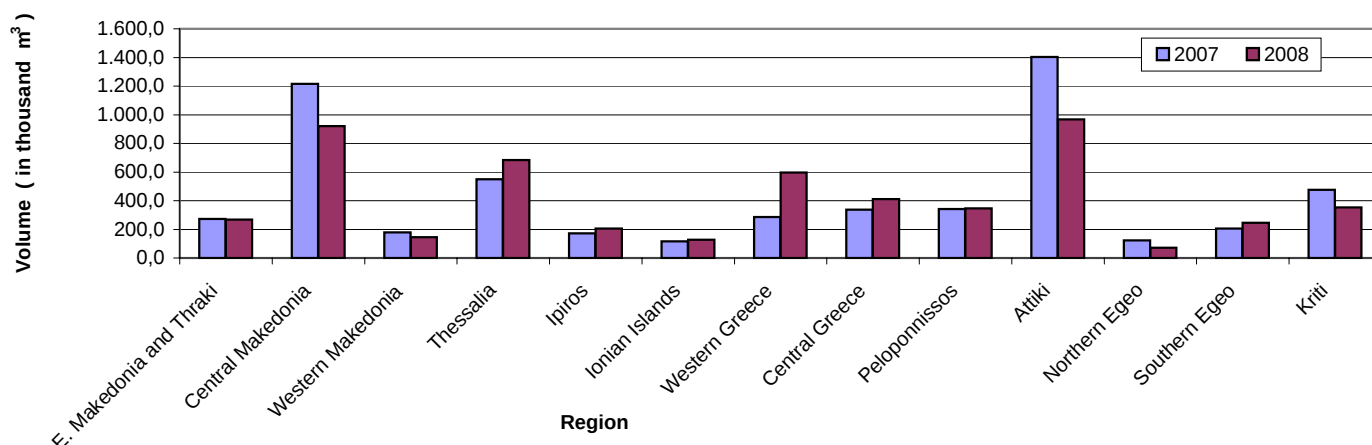


In September 2008 the magnitude of the Private Building Activity, in the whole Country, amounted to 5.321 building permits, which correspond to 1.355,6 thousand m² of surface and 5.348,7 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 5.469 building permits that were issued during September 2007 and corresponded to 1.441,3 thousand m² of surface and 5.679,2 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 2,7%, in surface by 6,0% and in volume by 5,8%.

**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of
September of 2007 and 2008**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	September			September			September		
	2007	2008	Rate of change (%)	2007	2008	Rate of change (%)	2007	2008	Rate of change (%)
E. Makedonia and Thraki	270	287	6,3	73,6	67,2	-8,7	271,8	269,0	-1,0
Central Makedonia	733	788	7,5	249,1	226,5	-9,1	1.216,5	921,6	-24,2
Western Makedonia	122	110	-9,8	47,6	41,6	-12,5	179,4	146,3	-18,5
Thessalia	384	386	0,5	136,7	167,8	22,7	550,7	684,8	24,4
Ipiros	211	196	-7,1	49,4	49,5	0,1	171,6	204,8	19,3
Ionian Islands	183	227	24,0	39,6	36,0	-9,2	116,5	128,1	10,0
Western Greece	336	332	-1,2	76,2	114,5	50,2	286,7	596,2	108,0
Central Greece	363	394	8,5	89,1	94,5	6,0	337,7	412,0	22,0
Peloponnissos	421	415	-1,4	96,0	98,6	2,7	341,4	346,8	1,6
Attiki	1.529	1.388	-9,2	358,8	274,6	-23,5	1.403,0	968,3	-31,0
Northern Egeo	164	120	-26,8	35,4	18,2	-48,5	123,2	71,6	-41,9
Southern Egeo	280	303	8,2	59,6	66,7	12,0	205,3	245,6	19,6
Kriti	473	375	-20,7	130,2	99,9	-23,2	475,4	353,5	-25,6
Greece, Total	5.469	5.321	-2,7	1.441,3	1.355,6	-6,0	5.679,2	5.348,7	-5,8

**Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of
September of 2007 and 2008**



Summary metadata: The data above refer to the authorized building activity (public and private).

Specifically, the above results refer to data on building permits totally issued by the competent authorities. Such data are collected through a special monthly survey, the Building Permits Survey. The data are collected from administrative sources (Town Planning Offices). External engineers, simultaneously with the issue of a building permit, fill in the relevant questionnaire, properly designed for the survey.

A building permit is an authorization to start work on a building project. Thus, a building permit is the final stage of planning and building authorizations, prior to the start of work.

The legal basis of the survey is the Law 2396/96 (concerning the access of the General Secretariat of the 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:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 (concerning short-term statistics)
- Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council No 1158/05 (amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98).

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