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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 June 2009.

DECREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) DURING JANUARY - JUNE 2009 IN COMPARISON WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 2008

During the period January - June 2009, the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country, measured on the basis of building permits issued, amounted to 27.582 building permits, which correspond to 6.356,4 thousand m² of surface and 24.309,9 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 32.666 building permits that were issued during the same period of 2008 and corresponded to 8.567,1 thousand m² of surface and 33.066,3 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 15,6%, in surface by 25,8% and in volume by 26,5%. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building volume, for the above period of 2009, is 3,5% (Table 1).

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the period
January - June of 2008 and 2009**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-June			January-June			January-June		
	2008	2009	Rate of change (%)	2008	2009	Rate of change (%)	2008	2009	Rate of change (%)
E. Makedonia and Thraki	1.524	1.416	-7,1	401,0	314,3	-21,6	1.621,5	1.172,8	-27,7
Central Makedonia	4.362	3.643	-16,5	1.473,7	994,9	-32,5	6.584,6	4.384,4	-33,4
Western Makedonia	540	507	-6,1	173,1	125,9	-27,3	691,0	452,5	-34,5
Thessalia	1.933	1.714	-11,3	581,1	449,3	-22,7	2.246,7	1.744,1	-22,4
Ipiros	1.167	991	-15,1	311,0	263,6	-15,3	1.100,0	990,9	-9,9
Ionian Islands	1.268	955	-24,7	257,5	167,8	-34,8	882,7	575,3	-34,8
Western Greece	2.273	2.058	-9,5	527,6	459,3	-13,0	1.961,7	1.713,9	-12,6
Central Greece	2.351	2.158	-8,2	631,4	539,5	-14,5	2.871,2	2.337,4	-18,6
Peloponnissos	2.657	2.298	-13,5	741,1	541,9	-26,9	2.593,2	1.865,4	-28,1
Attiki	9.524	7.716	-19,0	2.096,6	1.589,2	-24,2	7.591,0	5.965,2	-21,4
Northern Egeo	965	807	-16,4	156,8	99,1	-36,8	573,5	332,3	-42,1
Southern Egeo	1.871	1.466	-21,6	447,3	265,1	-40,7	1.530,8	856,3	-44,1
Kriti	2.231	1.853	-16,9	769,0	546,3	-29,0	2.818,6	1.919,4	-31,9
Greece, Total	32.666	27.582	-15,6	8.567,1	6.356,4	-25,8	33.066,3	24.309,9	-26,5

In June 2009 the magnitude of the total Building Activity (private-public), in the whole Country (Table 2), amounted to 5.366 building permits, which correspond to 1.168,3 thousand m² of surface and 4.339,5 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 6.293 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2008 and corresponded to, 1.560,2 thousand m² of surface and 5.920,8 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 14,7%, in surface by 25,1% and in volume by 26,7%.

The magnitude of the Public Building Activity in June 2009, in the whole Country, amounted to 47 building permits, which correspond to 21,6 thousand m² of surface and 93,3 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 37 building permits that were issued during the same month of 2008 and corresponded to 15,5 thousand m² of surface and 71,9 thousand m³ of volume. The percentage contribution of the Public Building Activity in the total building activity, in June 2009, is 2,2%.

Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region, for the month of June of 2008 and 2009

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June		Rate of change (%)	June		Rate of change (%)	June		Rate of change (%)
	2008	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	307	266	-13,4	79,9	54,4	-31,9	320,7	200,1	-37,6
Central Makedonia	804	731	-9,1	240,6	216,5	-10,0	1.045,5	850,7	-18,6
Western Makedonia	110	112	1,8	32,0	21,9	-31,4	137,7	74,8	-45,7
Thessalia	401	318	-20,7	116,1	99,3	-14,5	468,7	436,4	-6,9
Ipiros	234	193	-17,5	53,7	57,5	7,1	191,5	207,1	8,2
Ionian Islands	261	225	-13,8	53,7	35,6	-33,7	183,3	127,9	-30,2
Western Greece	437	371	-15,1	93,3	79,8	-14,4	354,4	272,1	-23,2
Central Greece	414	449	8,5	105,8	104,3	-1,5	450,6	430,6	-4,4
Peloponnissos	544	451	-17,1	172,5	83,9	-51,4	613,3	308,7	-49,7
Attiki	1904	1405	-26,2	393,8	248,7	-36,8	1.404,0	865,2	-38,4
Northern Egeo	186	184	-1,1	21,9	19,8	-9,7	77,3	65,7	-15,0
Southern Egeo	317	301	-5,0	78,0	56,1	-28,1	254,3	186,7	-26,6
Kriti	374	360	-3,7	118,9	90,5	-23,9	419,4	313,5	-25,3
Greece, Total	6.293	5.366	-14,7	1.560,2	1.168,3	-25,1	5.920,8	4.339,5	-26,7

DECREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - JUNE 2009 IN COMPARISON WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 2008

As concerns the Private Building Activity in the whole Country, during the period January - June 2009, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 15,8%, in surface by 27,2% and in volume by 28,0%, as compared to the same period of 2008 (Table 3).

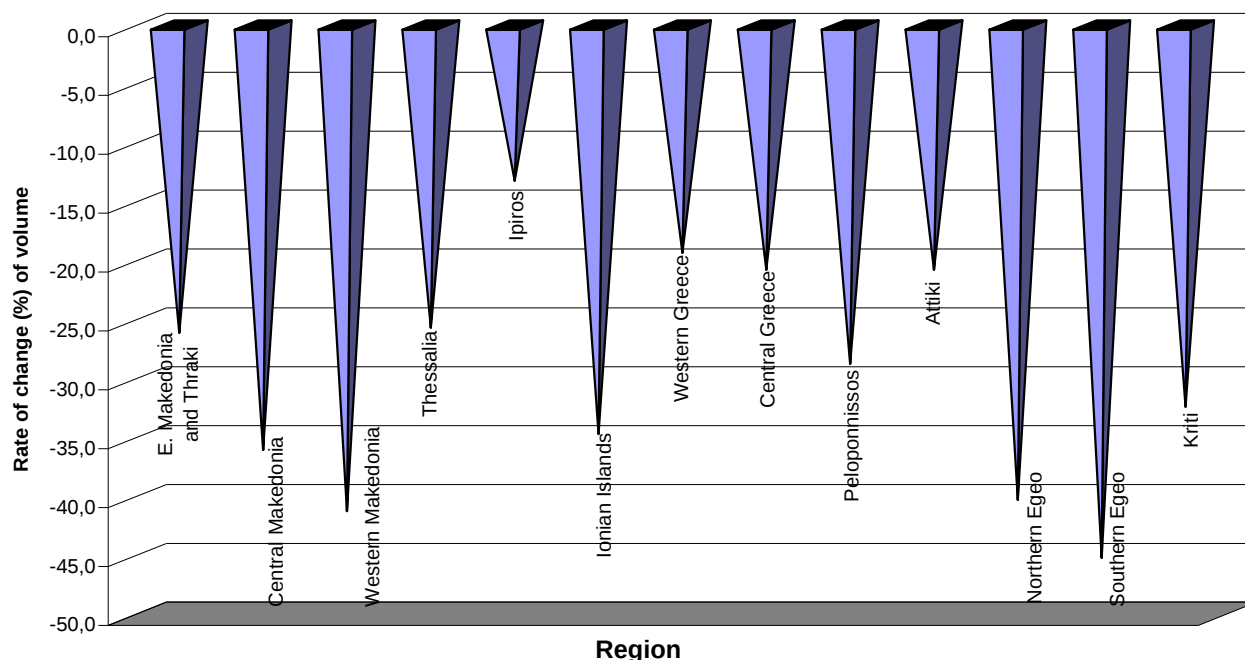
The building volume in the region of Attiki, during January - June 2009, has come up to 5.962,2 thousand m³, as compared to 7.527,2 thousand m³, of the same period of 2008 (decrease by 20,8%).

The building volume in rest of the Country, during January - June 2009, has come up to 17.496,9 thousand m³, as compared to 25.039,0 thousand m³, of the same period of 2008 (decrease by 30,1%).

**Table 3. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the period
January - June of 2008 and 2009**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January-June		Rate of change (%)	January-June		Rate of change (%)	January-June		Rate of change (%)
	2008	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009	
E. Makedonia and Thraki	1.493	1.392	-6,8	383,9	304,4	-20,7	1.522,6	1.124,5	-26,1
Central Makedonia	4.307	3.564	-17,3	1.442,1	939,2	-34,9	6.466,5	4.133,0	-36,1
Western Makedonia	530	491	-7,4	170,0	113,2	-33,4	662,1	388,7	-41,3
Thessalia	1.892	1.690	-10,7	574,7	426,8	-25,7	2.218,4	1.648,3	-25,7
Ipiros	1.162	976	-16,0	307,8	250,6	-18,6	1.087,2	943,3	-13,2
Ionian Islands	1.263	950	-24,8	255,7	166,4	-34,9	872,6	569,5	-34,7
Western Greece	2.265	2.044	-9,8	524,4	424,2	-19,1	1.944,8	1.568,8	-19,3
Central Greece	2.337	2.130	-8,9	620,7	515,4	-17,0	2.825,6	2.238,1	-20,8
Peloponnissos	2.642	2.276	-13,9	737,4	534,5	-27,5	2.579,5	1.836,8	-28,8
Attiki	9.502	7.706	-18,9	2.081,7	1.588,4	-23,7	7.527,2	5.962,2	-20,8
Northern Egeo	961	798	-17,0	147,7	95,6	-35,3	534,8	319,1	-40,3
Southern Egeo	1.867	1.460	-21,8	446,8	259,7	-41,9	1.529,2	837,3	-45,2
Kriti	2.224	1.841	-17,2	763,2	539,2	-29,3	2.795,7	1.889,6	-32,4
Greece, Total	32.445	27.318	-15,8	8.456,0	6.157,5	-27,2	32.566,2	23.459,1	-28,0

Graph 1. Private Building Activity by Region
Rate of change (%) of building volume, by Region, for the period January - June,
between 2008 and 2009

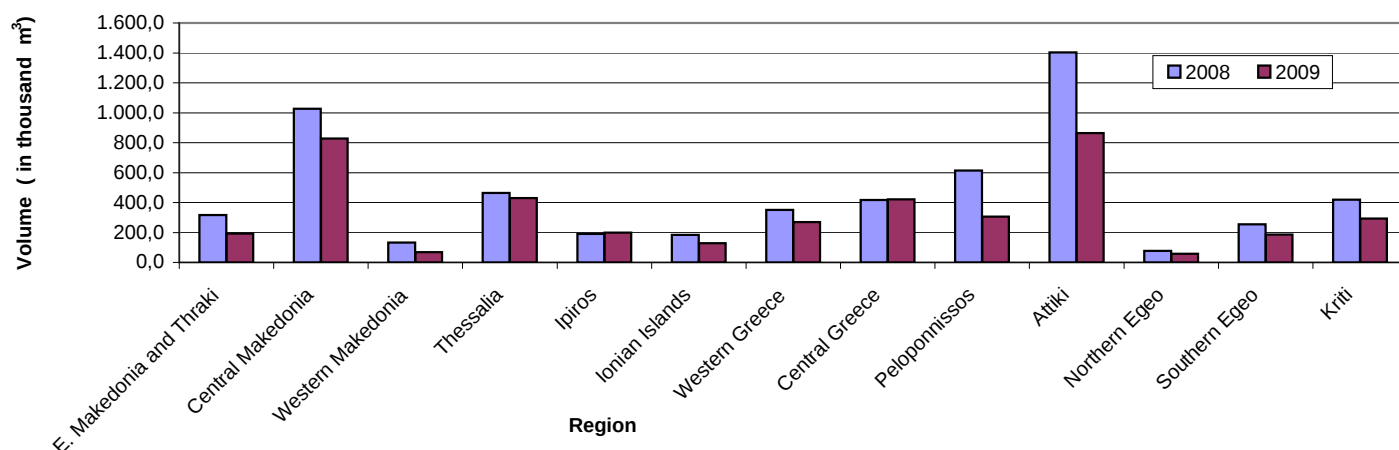


In June 2009 the magnitude of the Private Building Activity, in the whole Country, amounted to 5.319 building permits, which correspond to 1.146,7 thousand m² of surface and 4.246,2 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 6.256 building permits that were issued during June 2008 and corresponded to 1.544,7 thousand m² of surface and 5.848,9 thousand m³ of volume. Thus, there was a decrease in the number of building permits by 15%, in surface by 25,8% and in volume by 27,4% (Table 4).

**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of
June of 2008 and 2009**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	June			June			June		
	2008	2009	Rate of change (%)	2008	2009	Rate of change (%)	2008	2009	Rate of change (%)
E. Makedonia and Thraki	302	258	-14,6	78,8	52,9	-32,9	316,7	193,6	-38,9
Central Makedonia	793	723	-8,8	237,2	213,2	-10,2	1.026,4	828,0	-19,3
Western Makedonia	107	110	2,8	31,0	20,3	-34,5	133,0	68,8	-48,2
Thessalia	397	314	-20,9	115,0	97,9	-14,8	463,5	430,7	-7,1
Ipiros	232	190	-18,1	53,3	55,1	3,3	190,1	198,2	4,2
Ionian Islands	260	225	-13,5	53,7	35,6	-33,6	183,0	127,9	-30,1
Western Greece	436	369	-15,4	92,4	79,1	-14,4	351,5	269,2	-23,4
Central Greece	410	445	8,5	98,6	102,5	3,9	418,1	422,4	1,0
Peloponnissos	541	447	-17,4	172,5	83,1	-51,8	613,2	306,0	-50,1
Attiki	1.904	1.403	-26,3	393,8	248,3	-36,9	1.404,0	864,0	-38,5
Northern Egeo	185	183	-1,1	21,9	17,7	-19,1	77,3	58,0	-24,9
Southern Egeo	316	299	-5,4	77,9	55,9	-28,2	253,9	186,0	-26,7
Kriti	373	353	-5,4	118,7	85,1	-28,3	418,3	293,4	-29,9
Greece, Total	6.256	5.319	-15,0	1.544,7	1.146,7	-25,8	5.848,9	4.246,2	-27,4

**Graph 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, for the month of
June of 2008 and 2009**



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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