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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 January 2007.

INCREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC) JANUARY 2007

In January 2007, the Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 5.716 building permits, which relate to 1.395,9 thousand m² of surface and 5.199,7 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 4.420 building permits, 1.100,3 thousand m² of surface and 4.030,3 thousand m³ of volume, of January 2006.

Therefore in January 2007 there was an annual increase 29,3% in the number of building permits, 26,9% in surface and 29,0% in volume.

The Public Building Activity, in country total, has come up to 26 building permits, which relate to 8,8 thousand m² of surface and 40,6 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to the 45 building permits, 32,1 thousand m² of surface and 127,7 thousand m³ of volume, of January 2006.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public building activity in the total building activity volume in January 2007 is 0,8%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January 2007 / 2006**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Makedonia and Thraki	267	208	28,4	63,0	55,1	14,5	231,5	200,2	15,6
Central Macedonia	705	630	11,9	245,5	233,2	5,3	1.022,9	880,7	16,1
Western Macedonia	79	63	25,4	16,1	14,1	14,5	52,9	44,9	18,0
Thessalia	291	285	2,1	85,3	78,7	8,4	329,4	277,0	18,9
Ipiros	155	139	11,5	45,4	46,2	-1,6	168,4	171,9	-2,0
Ionian Islands	224	208	7,7	39,3	40,1	-1,9	138,7	152,3	-8,9
Western Greece	382	261	46,4	95,4	54,5	75,0	365,2	202,7	80,2
Central Greece	414	279	48,4	112,7	65,5	72,0	445,6	240,9	85,0
Peloponnisos	414	328	26,2	108,1	81,7	32,3	410,0	295,7	38,6
Attiki	2014	1364	47,7	388,6	290,2	33,9	1.337,9	1.071,4	24,9
Northern Egeo	178	154	15,6	29,0	20,1	44,5	100,9	65,5	54,0
Southern Egeo	236	232	1,7	60,7	44,7	36,0	213,0	147,5	44,5
Kriti	357	269	32,7	106,7	76,3	39,9	383,5	279,7	37,1
Country Total	5.716	4.420	29,3	1.395,9	1.100,3	26,9	5.199,7	4.030,3	29,0

INCREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY 2007

In January 2007 the Private Building Activity, in country total, summed up to 5.690 building permits which relate to 1.387,1 thousand m² of surface and 5.159,1 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 4.375 building permits, 1.068,2 thousand m² of surface and 3.902,6 thousand m³ of volume of January 2006. There was an annual increase 30,1 % in the number of building permits, 29,9% in surface and 32,2% in volume.

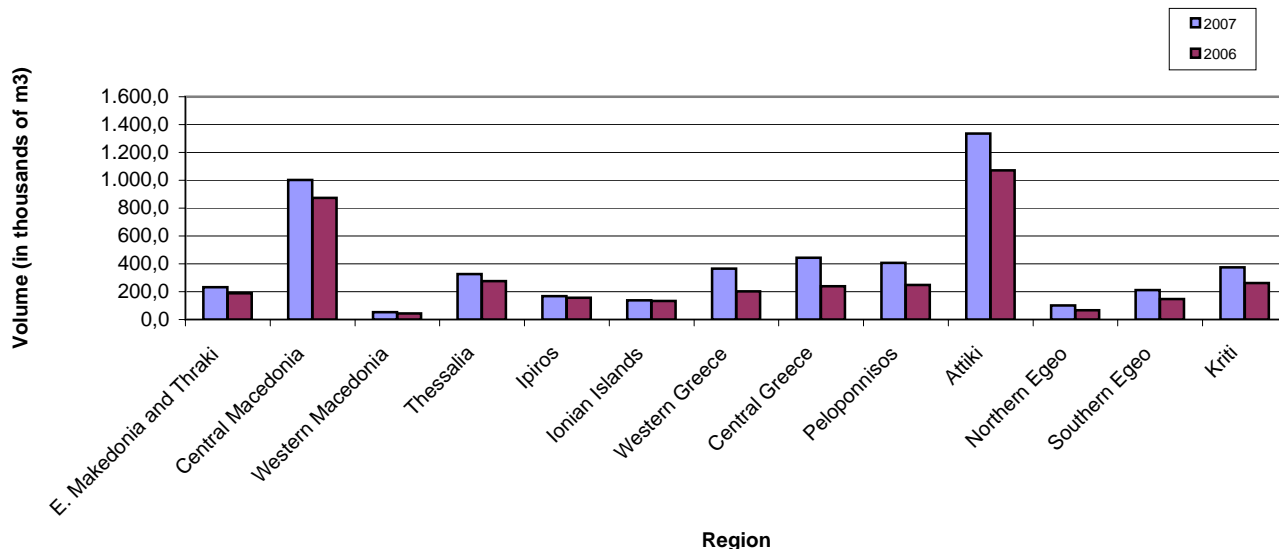
**Table 2. Private Building Activity by Region
January 2007 / 2006**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousands of m ²)			Volume (in thousands of m ³)		
	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006	2007	2006	Change (%) 2007/2006
E. Makedonia and Thraki	265	202	31,2	63,0	51,0	23,6	231,5	187,7	23,3
Central Macedonia	701	619	13,2	242,8	231,3	5,0	1.003,4	874,1	14,8
Western Macedonia	79	60	31,7	16,1	13,5	19,6	52,9	42,8	23,6
Thessalia	289	282	2,5	84,8	77,9	8,9	326,9	274,7	19,0
Ipiros	153	136	12,5	45,1	42,1	7,1	167,3	155,7	7,4
Ionian Islands	223	205	8,8	39,2	35,7	10,0	138,5	133,9	3,5
Western Greece	382	260	46,9	95,4	54,3	75,8	365,2	201,7	81,0
Central Greece	412	276	49,3	112,2	65,0	72,8	444,2	239,2	85,7
Peloponnisos	409	324	26,2	107,1	70,7	51,5	406,1	248,3	63,5
Attiki	2.011	1.364	47,4	388,2	290,2	33,8	1.336,3	1.071,4	24,7
Northern Egeo	178	153	16,3	29,0	20,1	44,5	100,9	65,5	54,0
Southern Egeo	234	229	2,2	60,3	44,4	35,9	211,3	146,4	44,4
Kriti	354	265	33,6	103,7	72,2	43,7	374,6	261,0	43,5
Country Total	5.690	4.375	30,1	1.387,1	1.068,2	29,9	5.159,1	3.902,6	32,2

In Attiki the building activity volume in January 2007 has come up to 1.336,3 thousand m³, as compared to 1.071,4 thousand m³ of January 2006 (annual increase 24,7%).

For the rest of the country the building activity volume in January 2007 has come up to 3.822,8 thousand m³, as compared to 2.831,1 thousand m³, of January 2006 (annual increase 35%)

Private Building Activity by Region January 2007 / 2006



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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