



HELLENIC REPUBLIC

HELLENIC STATISTICAL AUTHORITY

Piraeus, November 1, 2017

## PRESS RELEASE

### SURVEY ON ACTS OF ADOPTION, 2016

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on Adoptions, with reference year the year 2016.

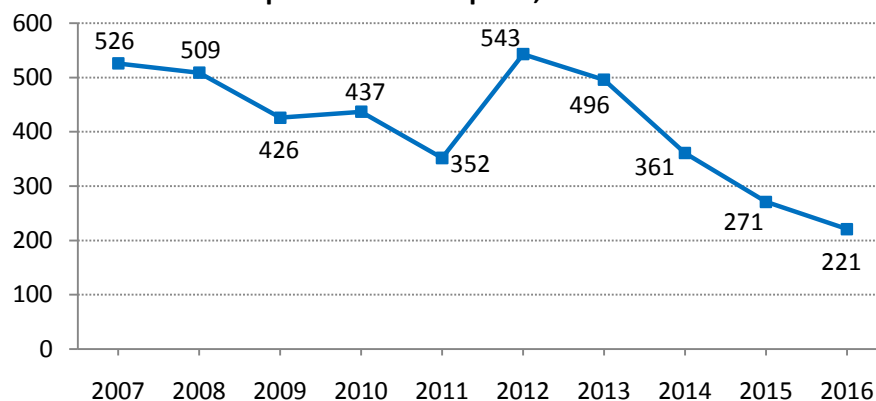
On the basis of available survey data, in 2016, the total number of acts of adoptions amounted to 221, recording an 18.5% decrease in comparison with 2015 when the number of acts of adoption was 271.

The biggest decrease, in absolute values, was recorded in Attiki (33.5%), while the biggest increase, in absolute values, was observed in Kentriki Ellada (81.3%) (Table 1, Graph 2).

**Table 1. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions, 2015 and 2016**

Regions	2015	2016	Change (%) 2016/2015
Attiki	155	103	-33.5
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	28	16	-42.9
Voreia Ellada	63	73	15.9
Kentriki Ellada	16	29	81.3
Not specified	9	0	-100
<b>Total</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>-18.5</b>

**Graph 1. Acts of adoption, 2007-2016**



#### **Information**

Division of Social Statistics

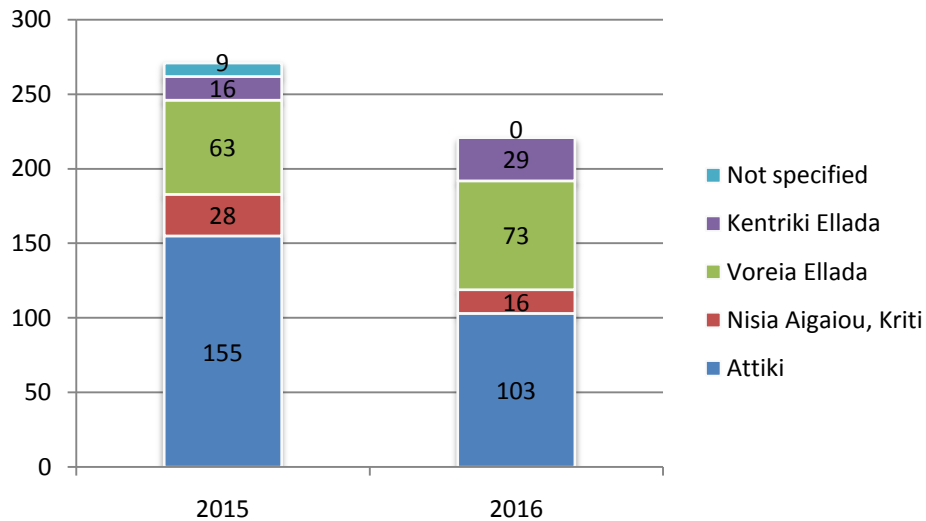
Section of Health and Social Security and Protection Statistics

Konstantinos Giasafakis, Apostolou Vicky

Tel: +30 213 135 2133, Fax: +30 213 135 2763

E-mail: [social\\_stat@statistics.gr](mailto:social_stat@statistics.gr)

**Graph 2. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions, 2015 and 2016**

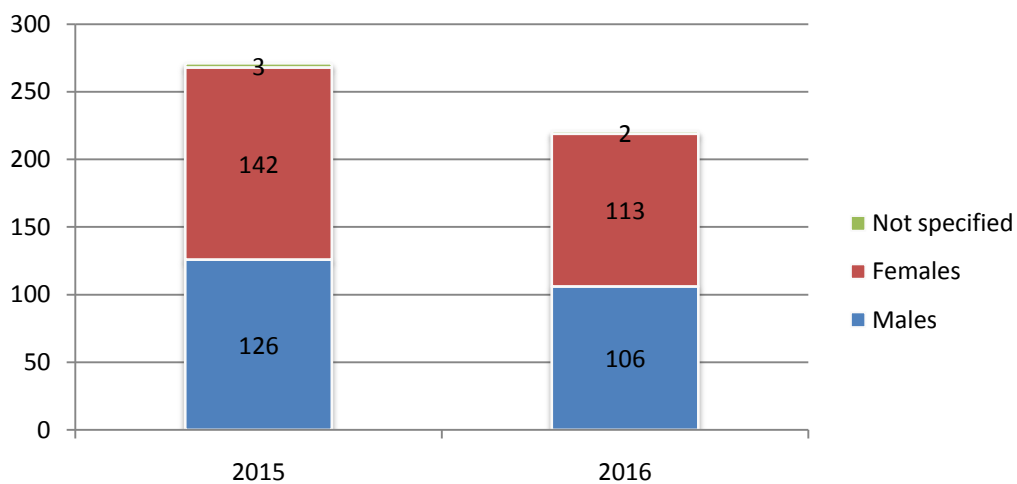


On the basis of available survey data, in 2016 the adoptions of females amounted to 113 while the adoptions of males to 106, recording a decrease of 20.4% and 15.9%, respectively in comparison with 2015. (Table 2, Graph 3).

**Table 2. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2015 and 2016**

Gender	2015	2016	Change (%) 2016/2015
Males	126	106	-15.9
Females	142	113	-20.4
Not specified	3	2	-33.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>-18.5</b>

**Graph 3. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2015 and 2016**

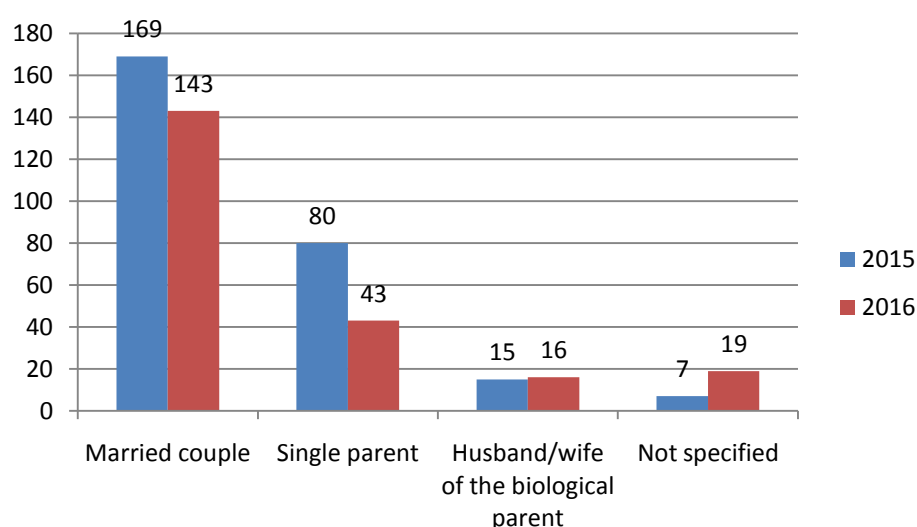


The adoptive parents are mostly married couples (husband and wife) (Table 3, Graph 4). In 2016, the adoptions by married couples decreased by 15.4% in comparison with 2015. The biggest decrease, 46.3%, was recorded for adoptions by parents who represent a single parent family.

**Table 3. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2015 and 2016**

Type of adoptive parents	2015	2016	Change (%) 2016/2015
Married couple	169	143	-15.4
Single parent	80	43	-46.3
Husband/wife of the biological parent	15	16	6.7
Not specified	7	19	171.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>-18.5</b>

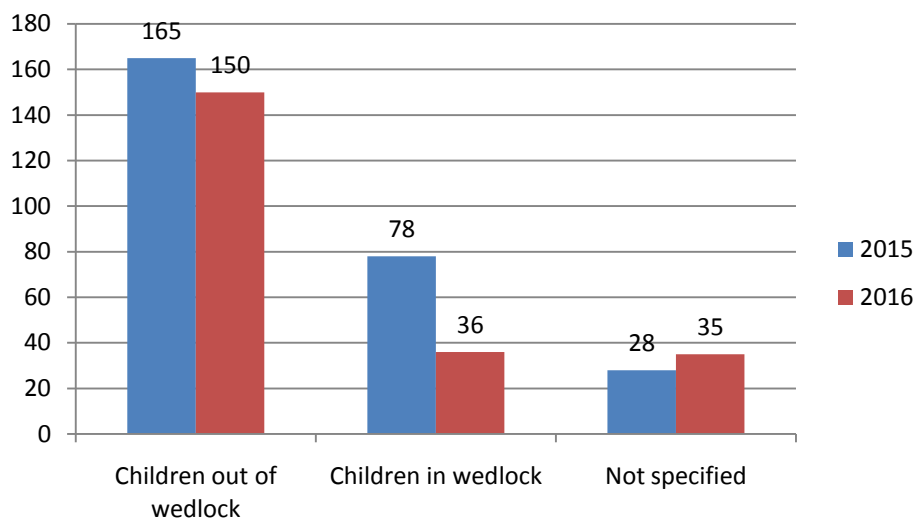
**Graph 4. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2015 and 2016**



As regards the legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, on the basis of the available data it is observed that most of the adoptees are children out of wedlock (Table 4, Graph 5). The biggest decrease observed in the number of adoptions in 2016 compared with 2015 was for children in wedlock, by 53.8%.

**Table 4. Acts of adoption by legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, 2015 and 2016**

Legal status	2015	2016	Change (%) 2016/2015
Children out of wedlock	165	150	-9.1
Children in wedlock	78	36	-53.8
Not specified	28	35	25.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>-18.5</b>

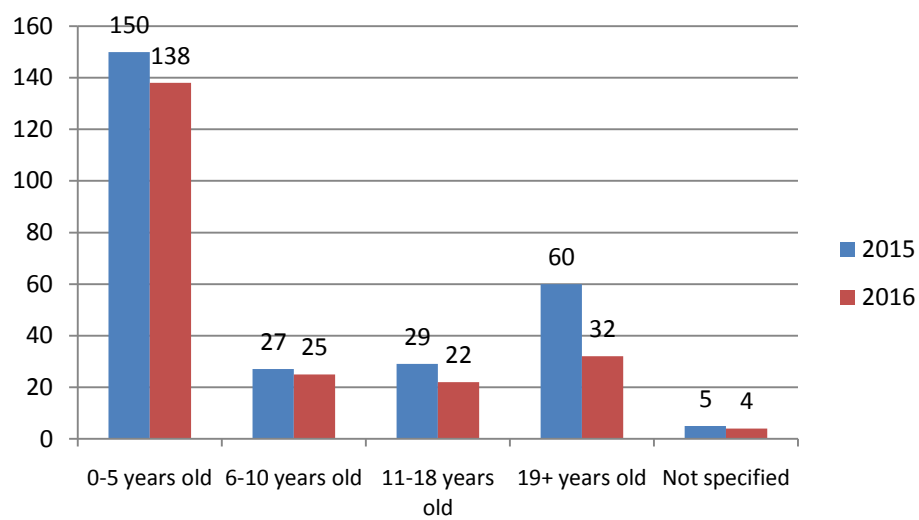
**Graph 5. Acts of adoption by legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, 2015 and 2016**

As regards the age of the adoptees, in 2016, the majority of acts of adoption (62.4%) refer to children belonging to the age group 0-5 years old (Table 5, Graph 6). The biggest decrease, in absolute values, in 2016 compared with 2015, is observed in the age group 19+ years old (46.7%).

**Table 5. Acts of adoptions by age group of adoptees, 2015 and 2016**

Age group	2015	2016	Change (%) 2016/2015
0-5 years old	150	138	-8.0
6-10 years old	27	25	-7.4
11-18 years old	29	22	-24.1
≥19 years old	60	32	-46.7
Not specified	5	4	-20.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>-18.5</b>

**Graph 6. Acts of adoption by age group of adoptees, 2015 and 2016**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Survey on acts of adoption</b>	The number of acts of adoption is based on the judicial decisions recorded throughout Greece during one calendar year, by NUTS 1 Region, gender, age group, category of adopters and legal status of the adoptees.
<b>Reference period</b>	The survey results refer to the period January-December 2016.
<b>Coverage</b>	<p>Greece total.</p> <p>NUTS 1 Regions in Table 1 are further broken down as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti” includes islands of Voreio Aigaio, islands of Notio Aigaio and Kriti</li><li>• “Voreia Ellada” includes Anatoliki Makedonia and Thraki, Kentriki Makedonia, Dytiki Makedonia and Ipeiros.</li><li>• “Kentriki Ellada” includes Thessalia, Dytiki Ellada, Kentriki Ellada, Peloponnisos and Ionia Nisia.</li></ul>
<b>Methodology</b>	<p>The survey is a census survey and the data derive from the National Register of Adoptions of the National Centre for Social Solidarity (EKKA).</p> <p>The category “unspecified” includes adoptions for which basic information is available but the specific variable is missing.</p>
<b>References</b>	<p>More information on the Survey on Acts of Adoption can be found on the website of ELSTAT at the following link:</p> <p><a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/-">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/-</a></p>