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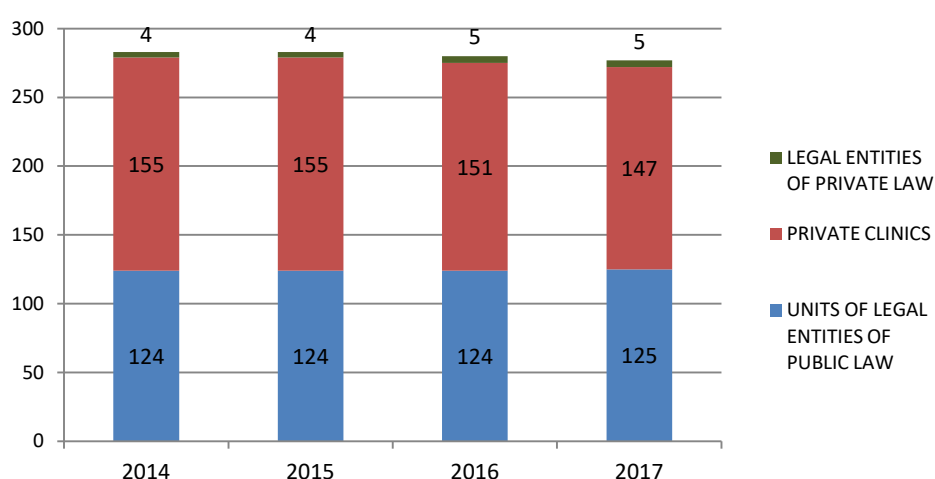
The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the annual exhaustive survey on hospitals for the year 2017. According to the results of the Hospital Census the number of hospitals in Greece was reduced in 2017 compared with 2016, amounting to 277 from 280 in 2016 (1.1%).

On the basis of the available data on the legal status of hospitals, most of the hospitals (53.1%) are private during 2017 (Table 1, Graph 1).

Table 1. Hospitals by legal status and category, 2014-2017

Year	Legal entities of private law	Health care units of legal entities of public law	Private clinics	Total	General	Specialized	Combined specialties
2014	4	124	155	283	176	101	6
2015	4	124	155	283	172	103	8
2016	5	124	151	280	173	96	11
2017	5	125	147	277	174	92	11

Graph 1. Hospitals by legal status, 2014-2017



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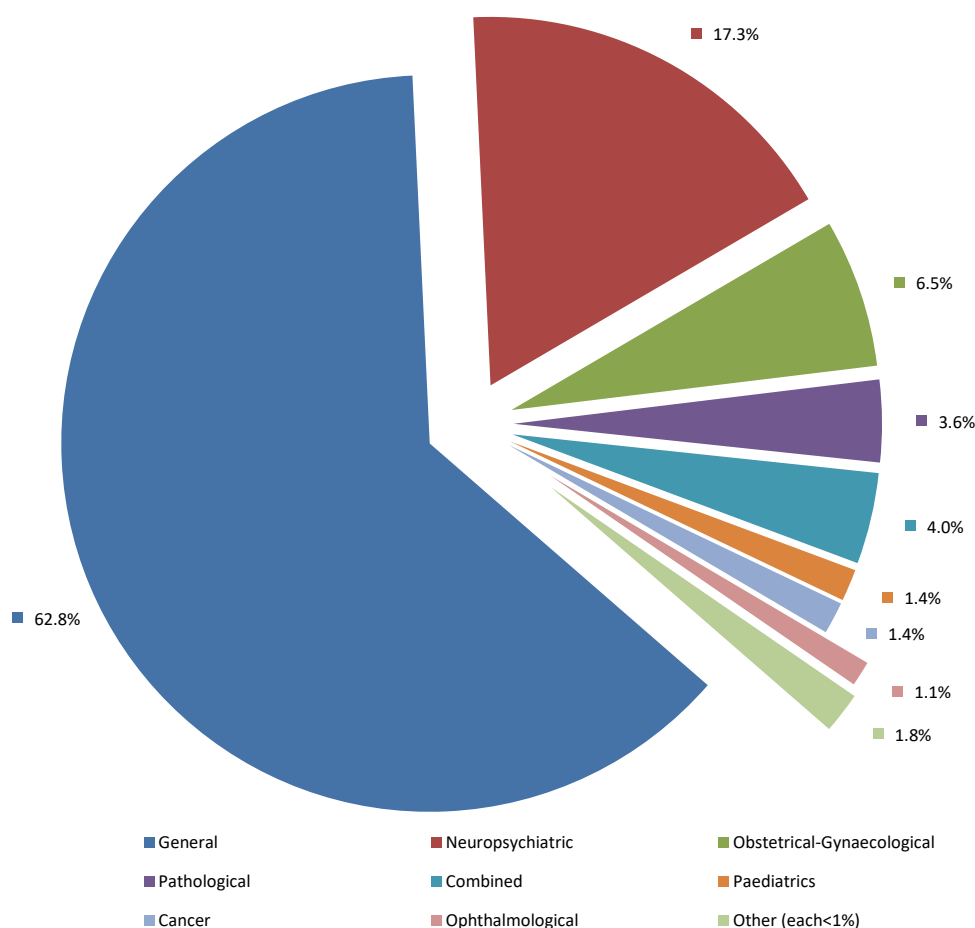
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The number of hospitals during the last fourth-year period (2014-2017) decreased by 2.1%.

As regards hospital specialties, in 2017, the 62.8% of hospitals are general hospitals, while 33% are specialized hospitals. The majority of specialized hospitals are Neuropsychiatric (17.3%) and Obstetric-Gynaecological hospitals (6.5%), (Table 1, Graph 2).

Graph 2. Hospitals by specialty, 2017

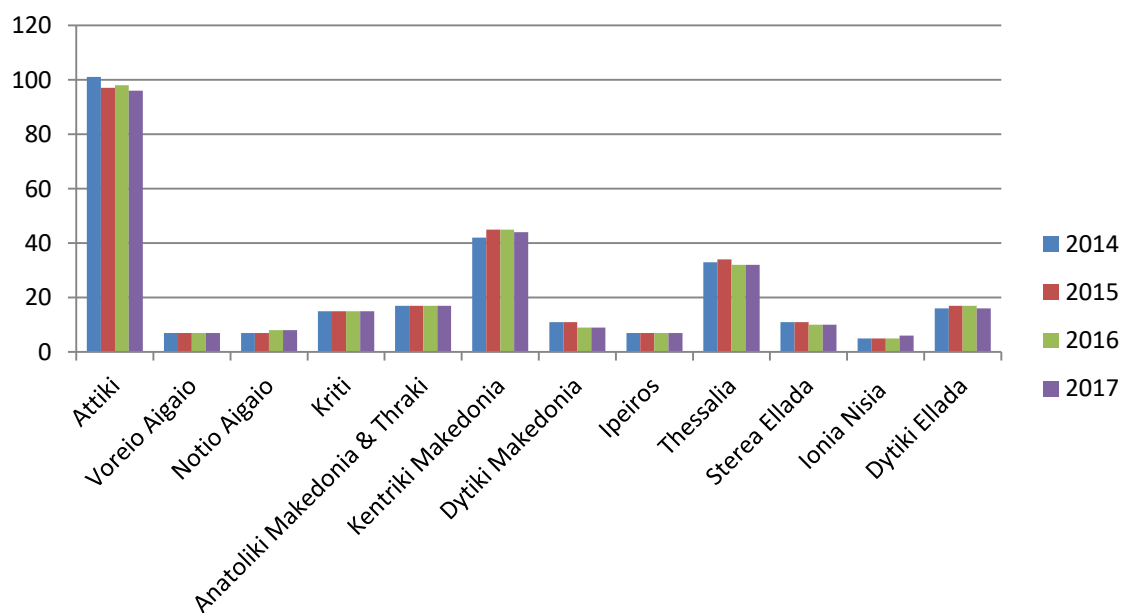


As regards the percentage distribution of hospitals into the 13 Regions of Greece for the year 2017, it is observed that most of the hospitals (34.7% of the total number of hospitals all over Greece) are located in Attiki, followed by Kentriki Makedonia (15.9%) and Thessalia (11.6%). The smallest percentage is recorded in the Regions of Ionia Nisia, Ipeiros, Voreio Aigaio and Notio Aigaio with the four aforementioned Regions accounting for 10.1% of the total number of hospitals in Greece (Table 2, Graph 3).

Table 2. Hospitals by Region (NUTS 2), 2014-2017

Regions	2014	2015	2016	2017	Percentage distribution in 2017
Total	283	283	280	277	100.0%
Attiki	101	97	98	96	34.7%
Voreio Aigaio	7	7	7	7	2.5%
Notio Aigaio	7	7	8	8	2.9%
Kriti	15	15	15	15	5.4%
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	17	17	17	17	6.1%
Kentriki Makedonia	42	45	45	44	15.9%
Dytiki Makedonia	11	11	9	9	3.2%
Ipeiros	7	7	7	7	2.5%
Thessalia	33	34	32	32	11.6%
Stereia Ellada	11	11	10	10	3.6%
Ionia Nisia	5	5	5	6	2.2%
Dytiki Ellada	16	17	17	16	5.8%
Peloponnisos	11	10	10	10	3.6%

Graph 3. Distribution of hospitals by Region (NUTS 2), 2014-2017



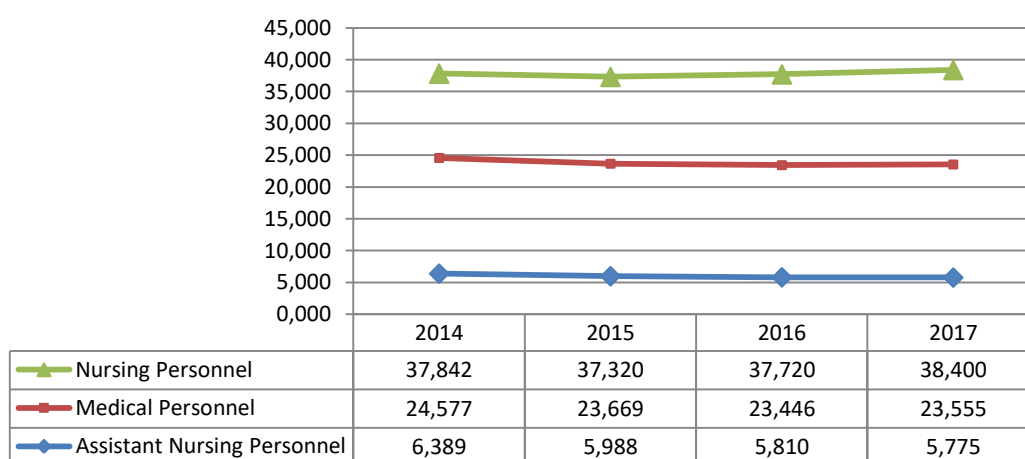
The number of available in-patient hospitalization beds remained at the same level with 2016 while, generally, during the period 2014-2017, followed a downward trend. Specifically, the available in-patient beds were reduced by 893 beds (1.9%) while the number of day-care beds, during the same period, recorded an increase by 409 beds (11.5%) (Table 3).

Table 3. Number of hospital beds by type, 2014-2017

Year	In-patient hospitalization beds	Day-care beds	Total beds
2014	46,160	3,548	49,708
2015	45,945	3,764	49,709
2016	45,273	3,614	48,887
2017	45,267	3,957	49,224

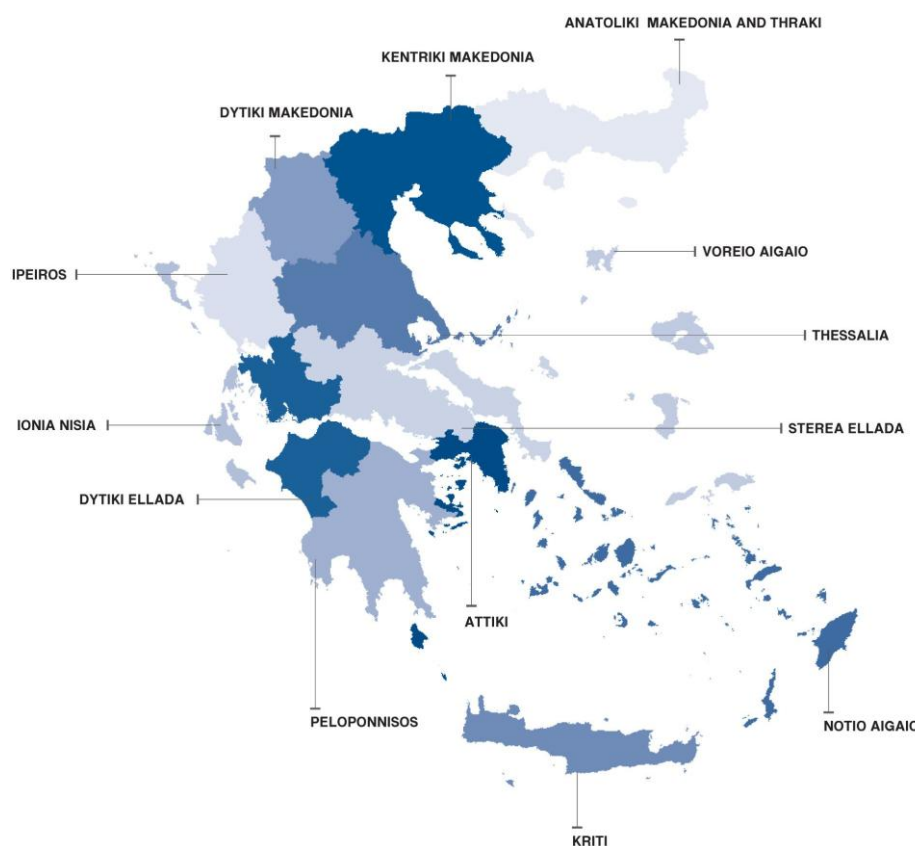
During the last fourth year period (2014-2017), a decrease is observed in the medical personnel employed in the hospitals of the country total by 4.2% (Graph 4). A similar trend is also recorded for the assistant personnel of hospitals (i.e. ancillary paramedical staff) by 9.6% whereas the nursing personnel increased by 1.5%.

Graph 4. Hospital personnel by personnel category, 2014-2017



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Hospital Census	The Hospital Census is conducted on a yearly basis. The data are presented at the level of Greece total and at the level of NUTS 2 Regions, aiming at covering national needs in statistical information.
Reference period	The data refer to the hospitals and clinics on the 31th of December of the reference year.
Coverage	The survey covers all the hospitals of the country. The NUTS0/NUTS2 codes are defined according to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1319/2013 of 9 December 2013 amending annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) (OJ L 342, 18.12.2013)



Time coverage	The survey has been conducted since 1992.
Definition of basic variables	<p>Bed capacity. Bed capacity is distinguished in: the Legal Bed Capacity (on the basis of the Organization of the Hospital or the operation license of the clinic) and the Available Beds which are the number of beds available for hospitalization. There are in-patient hospitalization beds and day-care beds. In addition, the beds are presented by specialty department of the hospital, namely Pathology, Surgery, Psychiatric etc. or trans-specialty.</p> <p>Medical personnel by specialty. The medical specialties of the personnel are as follows : Hematologists, Radiologists, Allergists, General Pathologists, Dermatologists, Venereologists, Occupational Health specialists, Cardiologists, Social Medicine, Obstetricians-Gynecologists, Biopathologists (former Microbiologists), Neurologists, Dentists, Orthopedics, Urologists, Ophthalmologists, Physicians, Pediatricians, Language Pathologists, Pulmonologists, Surgeons of general surgery, Pediatric surgeons, Psychiatrists, Otolaryngologists, Internists and Physicians with no specialty.</p>

Methodology

The data are collected by the Health and Social Security and Protection Statistics Section of ELSTAT from the hospitals and clinics all over Greece. Data derive, on a census basis, from the local units which fill in a specially designed questionnaire collecting data on the hospital characteristics, (beds, medical and non-medical personnel, medical equipment, etc.). No international classification system is applied.

The reference basis of the exhaustive survey is the Hospital Register of ELSTAT. The Register is updated on an annual basis with data coming from administrative sources and the survey with any changes occurred (creation of new units, abolishment of units, etc). Furthermore, in case a private unit is idle (e.g. on account of renovation, provisional withdrawal of operation license, etc) this unit is not included in the total number of hospitals.

References

The data of the survey are made available concomitantly to all interested parties through the tables which are posted on the website of ELSTAT at the link *Statistics>Population and Social Conditions> Health>Health Care>Hospitals and local health centers*. Equal access of users to data is governed by the European Statistics Code of Practice with respect to professional independence, and in an objective, professional and transparent way, in which all users are treated equally. Users who want to have more detailed data, or data that are not available on the website can submit to ELSTAT a request at the following link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistical-data-request>.