

**PRESS RELEASE****FOLLOW UP OF DATA ON PHARMACIES, PHARMACISTS  
AND WHOLESALE DRUGSTORES, 2017**

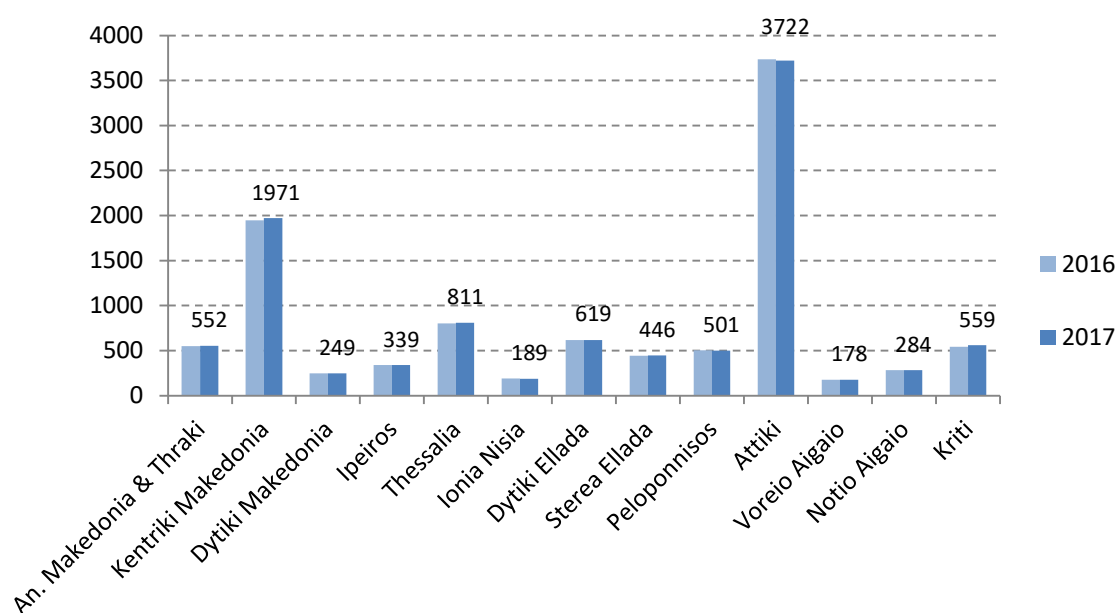
The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on Pharmacies, Pharmacists and Wholesale Drugstores for the year 2017.

During 2017 10,420 pharmacies operated in Greece, and out of this number, 3,722 pharmacies (35.7%) were located in the Region of Attiki. In comparison with 2016, the total number of pharmacies in Greece recorded, presented an increase of 0.3% (34 pharmacies). The biggest increase in absolute values was recorded in Kentriki Makedonia (1.2%) and in Kriti (2.8%), while the biggest decrease in absolute values was observed in Attiki (0.4%) (Table 1, Graph 1).

**Table 1. Number of pharmacies by region (NUTS Level 2), 2015-2017**

	2015	2016	2017	Percentage distribution 2017	Change (%) 2016/2015	Change (%) 2017/2016
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,362</b>	<b>10,386</b>	<b>10,420</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki	542	549	552	5.3	1.3	0.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,965	1,948	1,971	18.9	-0.9	1.2
Dytiki Makedonia	247	247	249	2.4	0.0	0.8
Ipeiros	324	339	339	3.3	4.6	0.0
Thessalia	799	804	811	7.8	0.6	0.9
Ionia Nisia	188	190	189	1.8	1.1	-0.5
Dytiki Ellada	624	619	619	5.9	-0.8	0.0
Stereia Ellada	447	445	446	4.3	-0.4	0.2
Peloponnisos	497	503	501	4.8	1.2	-0.4
Attiki	3,739	3,736	3,722	35.7	-0.1	-0.4
Voreio Aigaio	175	178	178	1.7	1.7	0.0
Notio Aigaio	278	284	284	2.7	2.2	0.0
Kriti	537	544	559	5.4	1.3	2.8

**Graph 1. Number of pharmacies by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2016 and 2017**



Based on the number of pharmacies per Region the ratio of pharmacies per 10,000 inhabitants was calculated, thus for 2017, 9.7 pharmacies corresponded to 10,000 inhabitants. In addition, the Region with the biggest density of pharmacies in relation to its population was Thessalia (11.2), followed by Kentriki Makedonia (10.5), while the lowest density was recorded in Sterea Ellada (8.0) (Table 2).

**Table 2. Number of pharmacies per 10,000 inhabitants in Total and by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2015-2017**

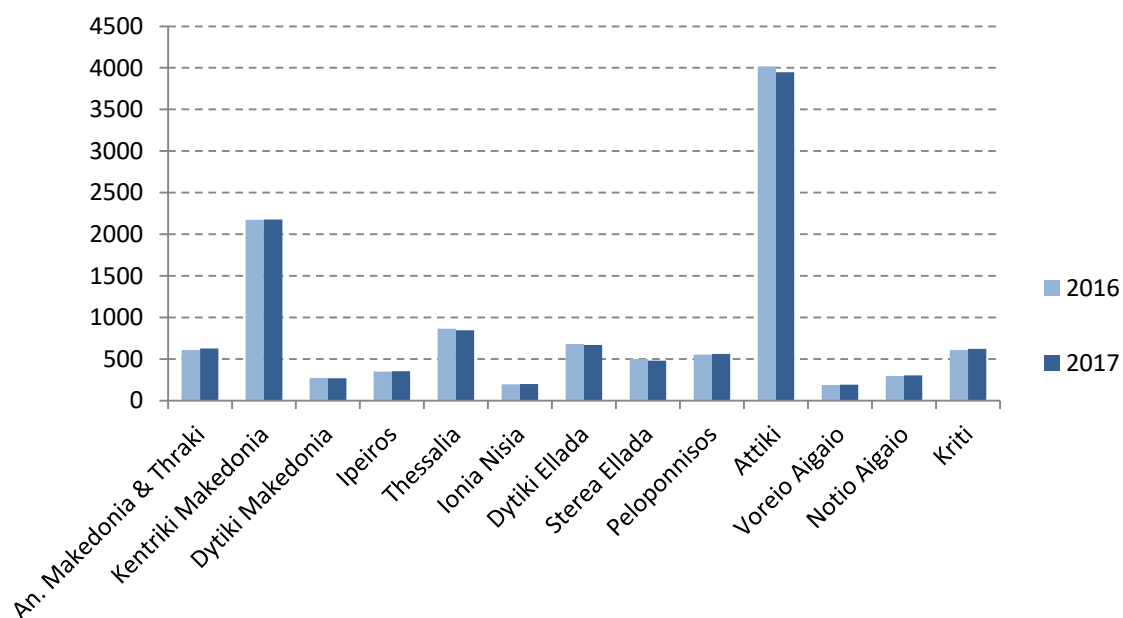
	2015	2016	2017
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>
Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki	8.9	9.1	9.2
Kentriki Makedonia	10.3	10.3	10.5
Dytiki Makedonia	8.9	9.0	9.2
Ipeiros	9.5	10.0	10.1
Thessalia	10.9	11.0	11.2
Ionia Nisia	9.1	9.2	9.2
Dytiki Ellada	9.2	9.2	9.3
Sterea Ellada	8.0	8.0	8.0
Peloponnisos	8.5	8.6	8.7
Attiki	9.7	9.8	9.9
Voreio Aigaio	8.8	9.0	8.7
Notio Aigaio	8.3	8.5	8.4
Kriti	8.5	8.6	8.8

ELSTAT collected data on the number of pharmacists (employed in pharmacies) for the year 2017 from the Panhellenic Association of Pharmacists, according to which, 11,251 pharmacists were employed in pharmacies all over Greece for the aforementioned year (Table 3, Graph 2).

**Table 3. Number of pharmacists in Total and by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2016 and 2017**

	Pharmacists 2016	Pharmacists 2017	Percentage distribution 2017	Change(%) 2017/2016	Pharmacists per 10.000 inhabitants
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,299</b>	<b>11,251</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>10.4</b>
Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki	606	625	5.6	3.1	10.4
Kentriki Makedonia	2,173	2,179	19.4	0.3	11.6
Dytiki Makedonia	271	270	2.4	-0.4	9.9
Ipeiros	349	352	3.1	0.9	10.5
Thessalia	865	848	7.5	-2.0	11.7
Ionia Nisia	196	200	1.8	2.0	9.7
Dytiki Ellada	680	670	6.0	-1.5	10.1
Stereia Ellada	500	479	4.3	-4.2	8.6
Peloponnisos	552	563	5.0	2.0	9.7
Attiki	4,018	3,946	35.1	-1.8	10.5
Voreio Aigaio	188	191	1.7	1.6	9.4
Notio Aigaio	295	304	2.7	3.1	9.0
Kriti	606	624	5.6	3.0	9.9

**Graph 2. Number of pharmacists by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2016 and 2017**



Finally, as far as the number of wholesale drugstores is concerned, this reached 128 for 2017 recording an increase of 6.7% when compared with 2016 (120). There are no available data disaggregated by Region.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Survey on  
pharmacies, pharmacists  
and wholesale drugstores:**

The survey on pharmacies, pharmacists and wholesale drugstores is conducted yearly and results are presented on a national and regional level covering the country's needs on statistical information.

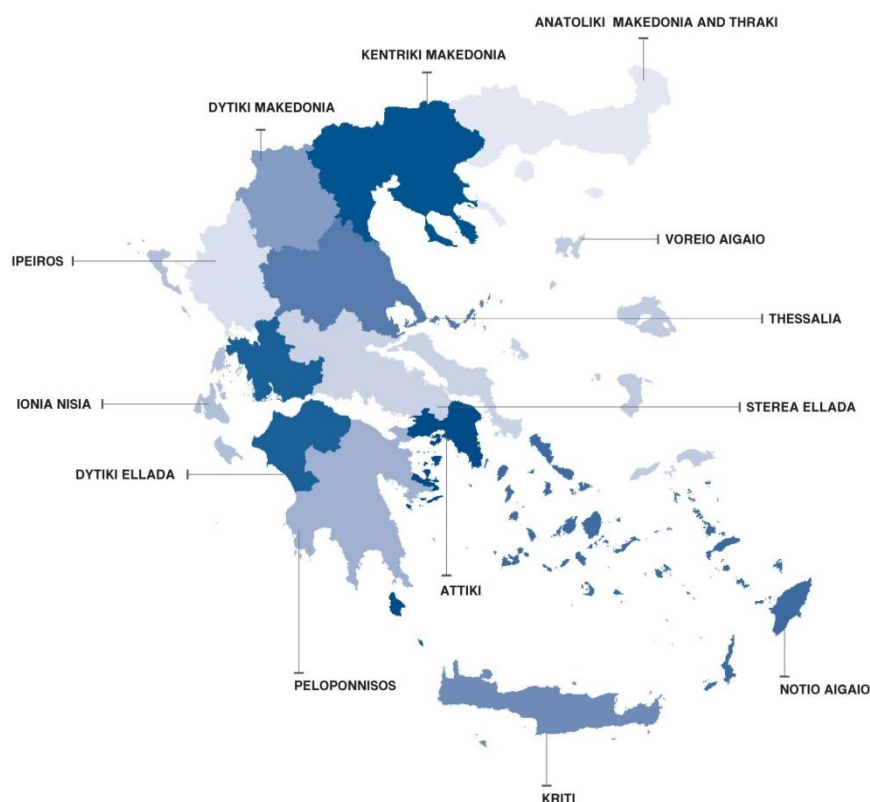
**Reference period:**

The 31st of December of every year when the survey is conducted.

**Geographical  
classification:**

The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics.

### Map of the 13 Regions (NUTS level 2) of Greece



**Methodology:**

The survey is based on data collected by the Panhellenic Association of Pharmacists, the local Pharmaceutical Associations and the Panhellenic Association of Wholesale Drugstores.

**References:**

More information on the Survey pharmacies, pharmacists and wholesale drugstores can be found on the website of ELSTAT ([www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr)) under the statistical theme: Population and Social Conditions / Health /Health Care/ pharmacies, and wholesale drugstores.

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