



## PRESS RELEASE

### SURVEY ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS END OF SCHOOL YEARS 2014/2015 AND 2015/2016

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces, for the first time, statistics on Special Education Schools. This survey includes school units of formal education under the competency of the Ministry of Education and the Early Intervention Programmes of ELEPAP (Hellenic Society for the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Disabled Children). More specifically, the survey covers the school units of Pre-Primary/Primary Education (special kindergartens and special primary schools) and of Secondary Education (special lower and upper secondary education schools, special vocational lower and upper secondary education schools and special vocational education and training workshops). On the basis of the available survey data, it is observed that:

**a)** The **number of school units of Pre-Primary and Primary Education** amounted to 290 in the school year 2015/2016 and to 291 in the school year 2014/15. The **number of school units of Secondary Education** amounted to 140 in the school year 2015/2016 and to 138 in the school year 2014/15 (Table 1).

**b)** **Teaching staff**, in the school year 2015/2016, increased by 4.1% in Pre-Primary and Primary Education and by 13.0% in Secondary Education, in comparison with the school year 2014/2015 (Table 2).

**c)** The number of **pupils enrolled** in Pre-Primary/Primary and Secondary Education increased by 1.6% in the school year 2015/2016, compared with the school year 2014/2015. Out of the total number of pupils enrolled, male pupils accounted for 66.1% and females for 33.9% in the school year 2015/2016, while the corresponding shares for the school year 2014/2015 were 65.6% and 34.4%, respectively (Tables 2 and 3).

**d)** The most prevalent **special education need** among pupils enrolled was *intellectual disability*, accounting for 37.1% and 37.9% for the school years 2015/2016 and 2014/2015 respectively, followed by *autism* with 28.9% and 26.9% in 2015/2016 and 2014/2015, respectively (Table 3).

**e)** The **ratio of teaching staff to pupils** was 1 teacher per 2.83 pupils in the school year 2015/2016 and 1 teacher per 3.04 pupils in 2014/2015 (Table 2).

**f)** The **Region of Attiki**, in the school year 2015/2016, accounted for 35.1% of the total number of pupils enrolled in the Special Education School Units of Greece, while in the school year 2014/2015 the corresponding share was 34.8%. The Region of Kentriki Makedonia follows, accounting, in the school year 2015/2016, for 17.3% of the total number of pupils enrolled in the Special Education School Units of Greece, while in the school year 2014/2015 the corresponding share was 17.4% (Table 2).

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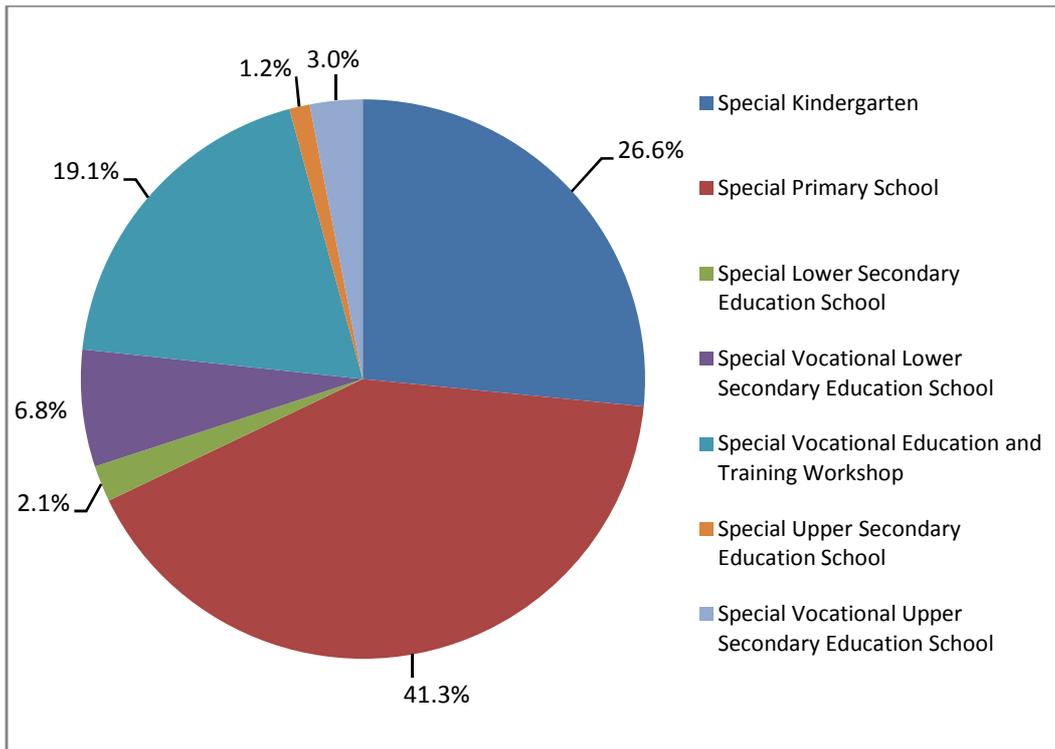
More specifically, Table 1 and Charts 1 and 2 depict the number of Special Education School Units in the school years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

The following tables and charts depict data on pupil's population and teaching staff in the Special Education School Units of Greece.

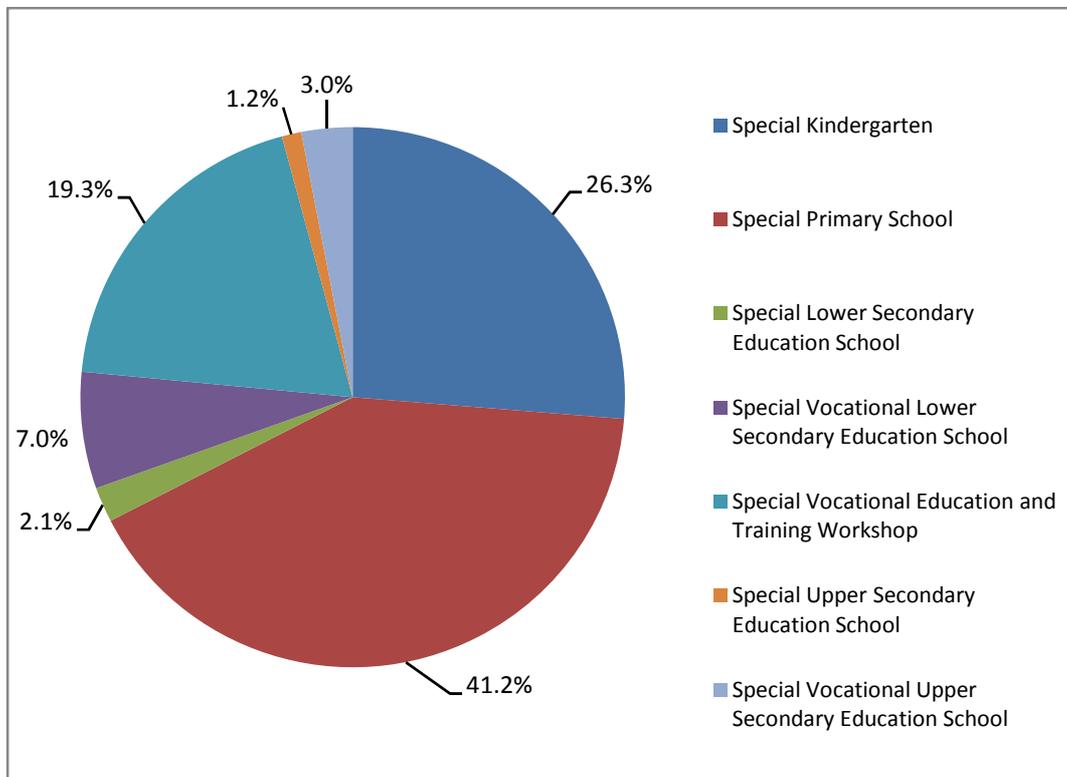
**Table 1. Number of school units by level of education, type of school unit and region, school years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016**

<i>By Level of Education and Type of School Unit</i>		
Level and Type of School Unit	Number of school units	
	2014/2015	2015/2016
Special Kindergarten	114	113
Special Primary School	177	177
<b>TOTAL OF PRE-PRIMARY/PRIMARY EDUCATION</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>290</b>
Special Lower Secondary Education School	9	9
Special Vocational Lower Secondary Education School	29	30
Special Vocational Education and Training Workshop	82	83
Special Upper Secondary Education School	5	5
Special Vocational Upper Secondary Education School	13	13
<b>TOTAL OF SECONDARY EDUCATION</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>430</b>
<i>By Region</i>		
Region (NUTS 2)	Number of school units	
	2014/2015	2015/2016
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	23	23
Kentriki Makedonia	80	81
Dytiki Makedonia	19	18
Thessalia	35	34
Ipeiros	18	18
Ionia Nisia	13	12
Dytiki Elllada	35	36
Stereia Ellada	22	23
Peloponnisos	20	20
Attiki	94	94
Voreio Aigaio	13	13
Notio Aigaio	21	21
Kriti	36	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>430</b>

**Chart 1. Number of school units by type, school year 2014/2015**



**Chart 2. Number of school units by type, school year 2015/2016**



**Table 2. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by level of education, type of school unit and region, school years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016**

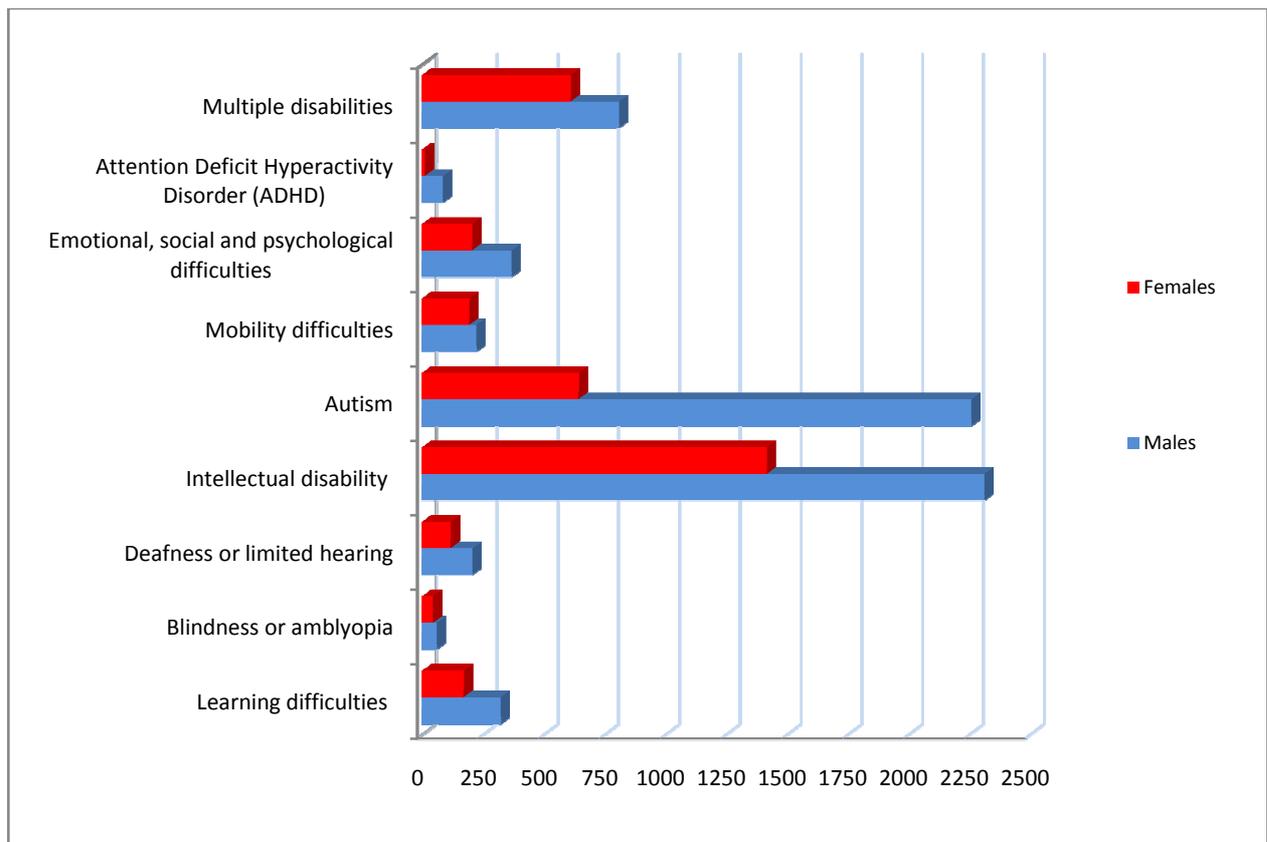
<i>By Level and Type of School Unit</i>						
Level and Type of School Unit	Pupils enrolled			Teaching Staff <sup>1</sup>		
	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)
Special Kindergarten	633	594	-6.2	210	211	0.5
Special Primary School	3,761	3,870	2.9	1,277	1,337	4.7
<b>TOTAL OF PRE-PRIMARY/PRIMARY EDUCATION</b>	<b>4,394</b>	<b>4,464</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1,487</b>	<b>1,548</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Special Lower Secondary Education School	304	305	0.3	115	144	25.2
Special Vocational Lower Secondary Education School	1,420	1,573	10.8	488	570	16.8
Special Vocational Education and Training Workshop	3,110	3,065	-1.4	1,057	1,194	13.0
Special Upper Secondary Education School	123	112	-8.9	35	24	-31.4
Special Vocational Upper Secondary Education School	531	518	-2.4	71	63	-11.3
<b>TOTAL OF SECONDARY EDUCATION</b>	<b>5,488</b>	<b>5,573</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>13.0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,882</b>	<b>10,037</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3,253</b>	<b>3,543</b>	<b>8.9</b>
<i>By Region</i>						
Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching Staff		
	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	527	522	-0.9	159	173	8.8
Kentriki Makedonia	1,722	1,741	1.1	663	719	8.4
Dytiki Makedonia	183	201	9.8	79	89	12.7
Thessalia	664	665	0.2	272	288	5.9
Ipeiros	222	245	10.4	82	106	29.3
Ionia Nisia	222	225	1.4	72	68	-5.6
Dytiki Ellada	753	773	2.7	240	282	17.5
Stereia Ellada	482	502	4.1	171	193	12.9
Peloponnisos	493	495	0.4	125	140	12.0
Attiki	3,443	3,525	2.4	959	1,053	9.8
Voreio Aigaio	180	173	-3.9	69	76	10.1
Notio Aigaio	245	244	-0.4	99	94	-5.1
Kriti	746	726	-2.7	263	262	-0.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,882</b>	<b>10,037</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3,253</b>	<b>3,543</b>	<b>8.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> In case that a Special Vocational Lower Secondary School operates together with a Special Vocation Upper Secondary School, the teaching staff is registered for the Special Vocational Lower Secondary School. The same applies for the Special Lower Education Schools which have classes of Special Upper Secondary Schools.

**Table 3. Pupils enrolled by category of special education need<sup>2</sup> and sex**

Category of special education need	Pupils enrolled					
	2014/2015			2015/2016		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Learning difficulties	530	345	185	492	322	170
Blindness or amblyopia	128	68	60	103	59	44
Deafness or limited hearing	321	194	127	320	204	116
Intellectual disability	3,749	2,326	1,423	3,727	2,311	1,416
Autism	2,657	2,040	617	2,900	2,258	642
Mobility difficulties	497	286	211	415	222	193
Emotional, social and psychological difficulties	554	370	184	569	365	204
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	94	78	16	95	83	12
Multiple disabilities	1,352	778	574	1,416	807	609
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,882</b>	<b>6,485</b>	<b>3,397</b>	<b>10,037</b>	<b>6,631</b>	<b>3,406</b>

**Chart 3. Pupils enrolled by category of special education need and sex, school year 2015/2016**



<sup>2</sup> If a pupil encounters more than one special education need, he/she is registered only once, under the more serious need.

## A. SPECIAL KINDERGARTENS

Table 4. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by sector and region, school years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016

<i>By sector</i>						
School Units	Pupils enrolled			Teaching Staff		
	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)
Public	577	559	-3.1	201	205	2.0
Legal Entities of Private Law <sup>3</sup>	56	35	-37.5	9	6	-33.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<i>By region</i>						
Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching Staff		
	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	38	27	-29.0	10	12	20.0
Kentriki Makedonia	98	107	9.2	37	39	5.4
Dytiki Makedonia	17	20	17.7	9	8	-11.1
Thessalia	43	41	-4.7	18	16	-11.1
Ipeiros	13	18	38.5	5	8	60.0
Ionia Nisia	16	13	-18.8	7	4	-42.9
Dytiki Ellada	45	47	4.4	18	22	22.2
Stereia Ellada	31	32	3.2	8	11	37.5
Peloponnisos	34	28	-17.7	10	9	-10.0
Attiki	225	190	-15.6	59	56	-5.1
Voreio Aigaio	18	17	-5.6	6	6	0.0
Notio Aigaio	13	10	-23.1	6	5	-16.7
Kriti	42	44	4.8	17	15	-11.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>0.5</b>

<sup>3</sup> Early Intervention Programmes of ELEPAP (Hellenic Society for the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Disabled Children) are addressed to pupils aged 4-7 years old with special education needs and are equivalent to pre-primary school units under the Ministry of Education (Law 3699/2008, Article 32, §1) .

## B. SPECIAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Table 5. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by region, school years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016

Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching staff		
	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	186	192	3.2	54	57	5.6
Kentriki Makedonia	582	602	3.4	237	246	3.8
Dytiki Makedonia	53	59	11.3	27	30	11.1
Thessalia	242	236	-2.5	102	110	7.8
Ipeiros	104	105	1.0	35	44	25.7
Ionia Nisia	81	84	3.7	27	27	0.0
Dytiki Ellada	294	310	5.4	99	105	6.1
Stereia Ellada	175	186	6.3	59	68	15.3
Peloponnisos	180	183	1.7	48	50	4.2
Attiki	1,435	1,477	2.9	432	445	3.0
Voreio Aigaio	70	65	-7.1	29	27	-6.9
Notio Aigaio	106	103	-2.8	38	36	-5.3
Kriti	253	268	5.9	90	92	2.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,761</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>4.7</b>

## C. SPECIAL LOWER SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOOLS

(Including Special Lower Secondary Education Schools, Special Vocational Lower Secondary Education Schools and Special Vocational Education and Training Workshops)

Table 6. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by region, school years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016

Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching staff <sup>4</sup>		
	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	277	294	6.1	95	104	9.5
Kentriki Makedonia	851	863	1.4	364	407	11.8
Dytiki Makedonia	113	122	8.0	43	51	18.6
Thessalia	289	299	3.5	152	162	6.6
Ipeiros	98	103	5.1	42	54	28.6
Ionia Nisia	125	128	2.4	38	37	-2.6
Dytiki Ellada	367	365	-0.5	123	155	26.0
Stereia Ellada	240	240	0.0	89	104	16.9
Peloponnisos	279	284	1.8	67	81	20.9
Attiki	1,612	1,691	4.9	421	521	23.8
Voreio Aigaio	92	91	-1.1	34	43	26.5
Notio Aigaio	126	131	4.0	55	53	-3.6
Kriti	365	332	-9.0	137	136	-0.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>4,943</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>14.9</b>

<sup>4</sup> In case that a Special Vocational Lower Secondary School operates together with a Special Vocation Upper Secondary School, the teaching staff is registered for the Special Vocational Lower Secondary School. The same applies for the Special Lower Education Schools which have classes of Special Upper Secondary Schools.

## D. SPECIAL UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOOLS

(Including Special Upper Secondary Education Schools and Special Vocational Upper Secondary Education Schools)

Table 7. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by region, school years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016

Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching staff <sup>5</sup>		
	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)	2014/15	2015/16	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	26	9	-65.4	0	0	0.0
Kentriki Makedonia	191	169	-11.5	25	27	8.0
Dytiki Makedonia	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Thessalia	90	89	-1.1	0	0	0.0
Ipeiros	7	19	171.4	0	0	0.0
Ionia Nisia	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Dytiki Ellada	47	51	8.5	0	0	0.0
Stereia Ellada	36	44	22.2	15	10	-33.3
Peloponnisos	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Attiki	171	167	-2.3	47	31	-34.0
Voreio Aigaio	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Notio Aigaio	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kriti	86	82	-4.7	19	19	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>-17.9</b>

<sup>5</sup> In case a Special Lower Secondary School and a Special Upper Secondary School (Vocational or General) belong and operate under the same administration unit, the teaching staff of those schools is recorded as staff employed in the Lower Secondary School.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Survey on Special Education Schools</b>	<p>The special education school units of Pre-primary/Primary and Secondary Education are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Special Kindergartens</li><li>- Early Intervention Programmes of ELEPAP (Hellenic Society for the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Disabled Children) - Kindergartens</li><li>- Special Primary Schools</li><li>- Special Lower Secondary Education Schools</li><li>- Special Vocational Lower Secondary Education Schools</li><li>- Special Vocational Education and Training Workshops</li><li>- Special Upper Secondary Education School</li><li>- Special Vocational Upper Secondary Education School</li></ul> <p>This survey is conducted, on a yearly basis, aiming at collecting data on the number of pupils enrolled, the school units and the number of teaching staff.</p>
<b>Legal Frame</b>	<p>Regulations 452/2008 and 912/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council.</p>
<b>Statistical Units</b>	<p>The statistical units are the school units of Special Education.</p>
<b>Coverage</b>	<p>Greece total.</p>
<b>Dissemination of results</b>	<p>The data are posted on a yearly basis on the website of ELSTAT and are published in a relevant Press Release.</p>
<b>Reference period</b>	<p>The data of the surveys refer to the end of school years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.</p>
<b>Methodology and coverage</b>	<p>The survey on Special Education Schools is an annual, census survey, conducted by ELSTAT. The data are collected from the questionnaires that are filled in by the relevant school units and subsequently they are checked and transmitted to ELSTAT by the relevant Directorates of Primary and Secondary Education of the Ministry.</p>
<b>References</b>	<p>More information, such as tables with the survey results, samples of questionnaires, etc. on the Survey on Special Education Schools, can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a>, at the link: "Statistics"/ Population and Social Conditions / Education and Training /Special Education (end of the school year)".</p>