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SURVEY ON ACTS OF ADOPTION, 2017

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on Adoptions, with reference year the year 2017.

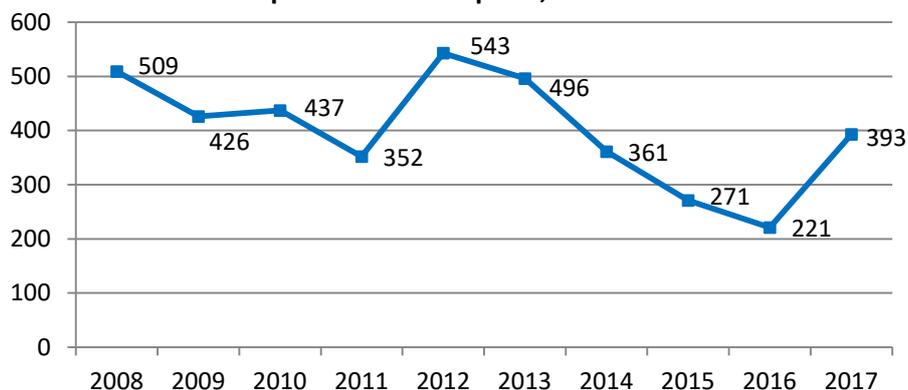
On the basis of available survey data, in 2017, the total number of acts of adoptions amounted to 393, recording an 77.8% increase in comparison with 2016 when the number of acts of adoption was 221.

The biggest increase, in absolute values, was recorded in Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti (93.8%) and in Attiki (93.2%) (Table 1, Graph 2).

Table 1. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions, 2016 and 2017

| Regions | 2016 | 2017 | Change (%) 2017/2016 |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Attiki | 103 | 199 | 93.2 |
| Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti | 16 | 31 | 93.8 |
| Voreia Ellada | 73 | 120 | 64.4 |
| Kentriki Ellada | 29 | 43 | 48.2 |
| Total | 221 | 393 | 77.8 |

Graph 1. Acts of adoption, 2008-2017



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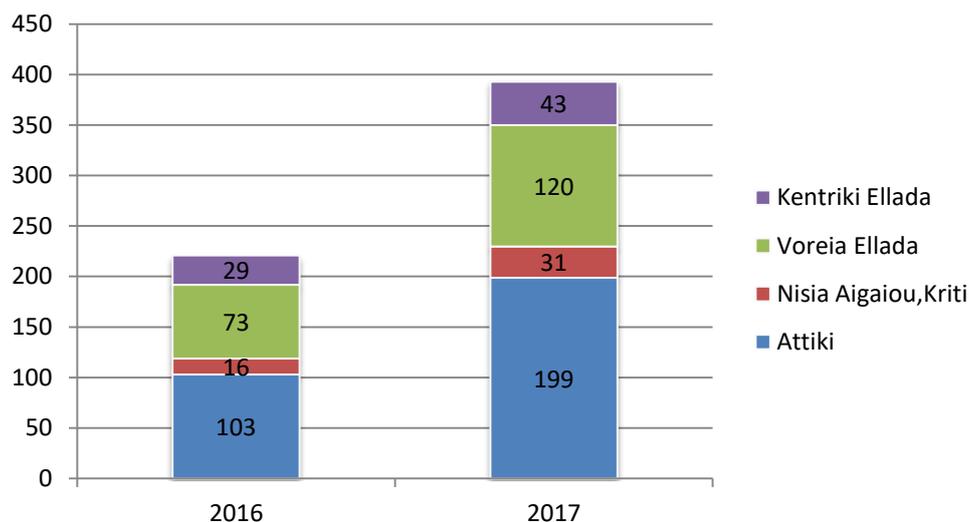
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Graph 2. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions, 2016 and 2017

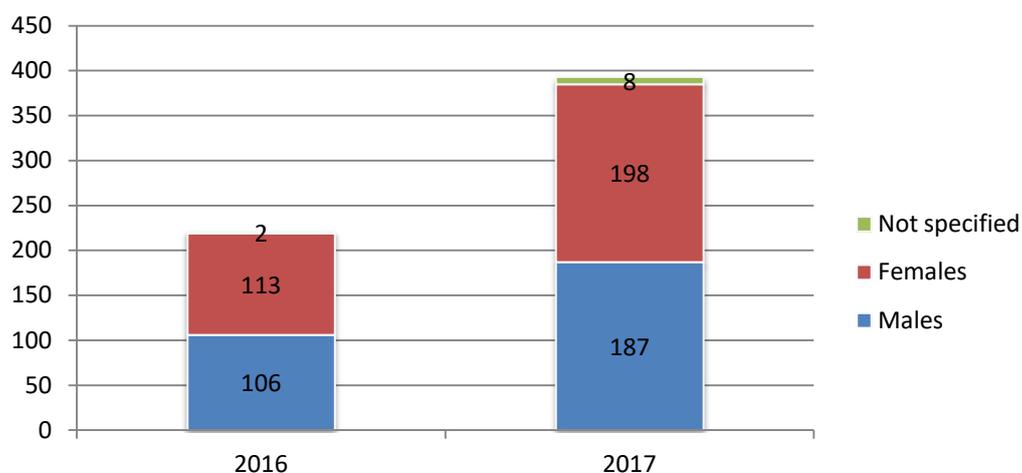


On the basis of available survey data, in 2017 the adoptions of females amounted to 198 while the adoptions of males to 187, recording an increase of 75.2% and 76.4%, respectively in comparison with 2016. (Table 2, Graph 3).

Table 2. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2016 and 2017

| Gender | 2016 | 2017 | Change (%) 2017/2016 |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Males | 106 | 187 | 76.4 |
| Females | 113 | 198 | 75.2 |
| Not specified | 2 | 8 | 300.0 |
| Total | 221 | 393 | 77.8 |

Graph 3. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2016 and 2017

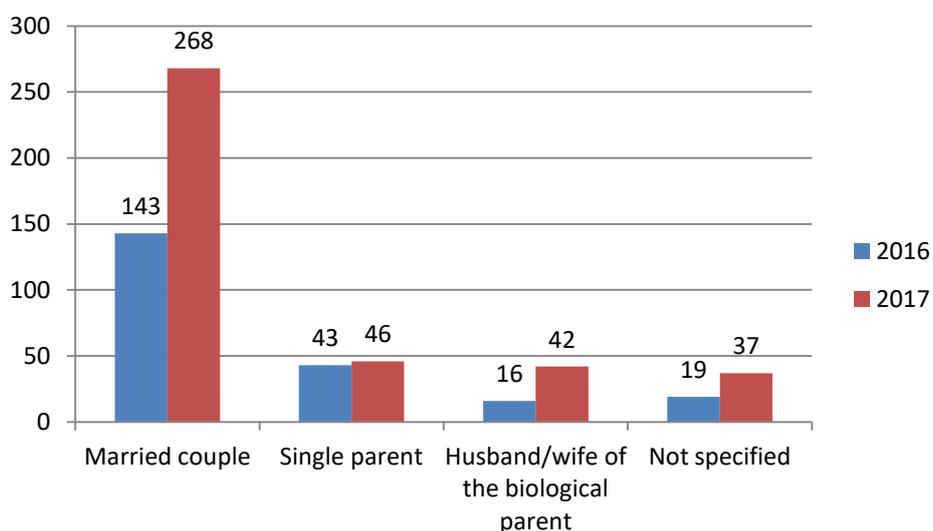


The adoptive parents are mostly married couples (husband and wife) (Table 3, Graph 4). In 2017, the adoptions by married couples increased by 87.4% in comparison with 2016. The biggest increase, 162.5%, was recorded for adoptions by parents who represent husband/wife of the biological parent.

Table 3. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2016 and 2017

| Type of adoptive parents | 2016 | 2017 | Change (%) 2017/2016 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Married couple | 143 | 268 | 87.4 |
| Single parent | 43 | 46 | 6.9 |
| Husband/wife of the biological parent | 16 | 42 | 162.5 |
| Not specified | 19 | 37 | 94.7 |
| Total | 221 | 393 | 77.8 |

Graph 4. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2016 and 2017

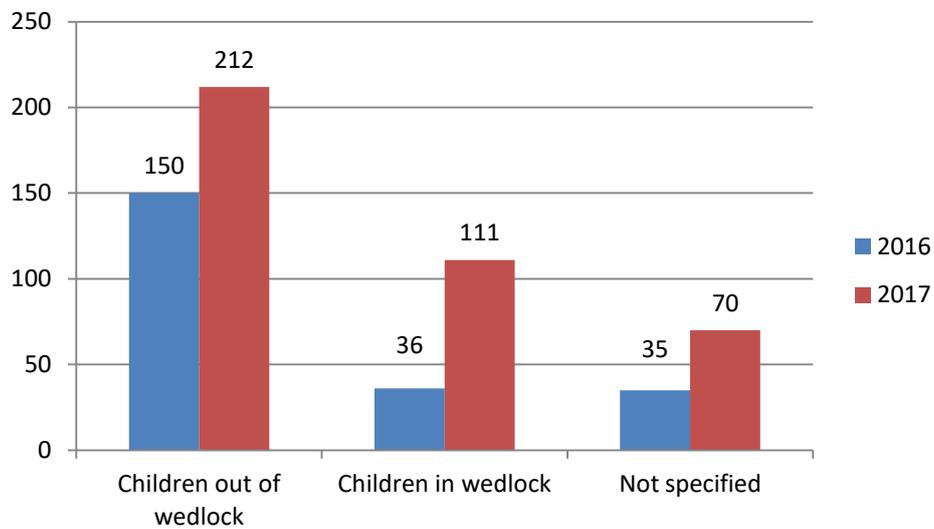


As regards the legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, on the basis of the available data it is observed that most of the adoptees are children out of wedlock (Table 4, Graph 5). The biggest increase observed in the number of adoptions in 2017 compared with 2016 was for children in wedlock, by 208.3%.

Table 4. Acts of adoption by legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, 2016 and 2017

| Legal status | 2016 | 2017 | Change (%) 2017/2016 |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Children out of wedlock | 150 | 212 | 41.3 |
| Children in wedlock | 36 | 111 | 208.3 |
| Not specified | 35 | 70 | 100.0 |
| Total | 221 | 393 | 77.8 |

Graph 5. Acts of adoption by legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, 2016 and 2017

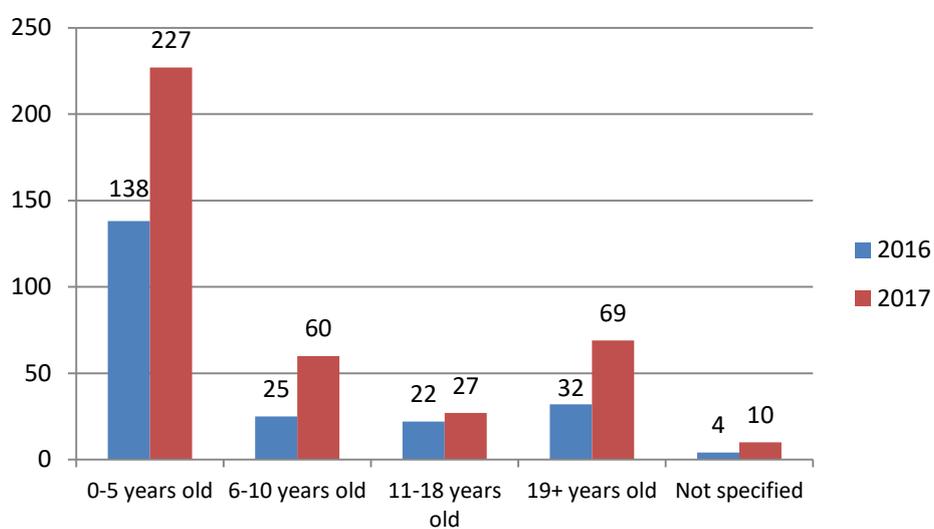


As regards the age of the adoptees, in 2017, the majority of acts of adoption (57.8%) refer to children belonging to the age group 0-5 years old (Table 5, Graph 6). The biggest increase, in absolute values, in 2017 compared with 2016, is observed in the age group 6-10 years old (140.0%).

Table 5. Acts of adoptions by age group of adoptees, 2016 and 2017

| Age group | 2016 | 2017 | Change (%) 2017/2016 |
|-----------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 0-5 years old | 138 | 227 | 64.5 |
| 6-10 years old | 25 | 60 | 140.0 |
| 11-18 years old | 22 | 27 | 22.7 |
| ≥19 years old | 32 | 69 | 115.6 |
| Not specified | 4 | 10 | 150.0 |
| Total | 221 | 393 | 77.8 |

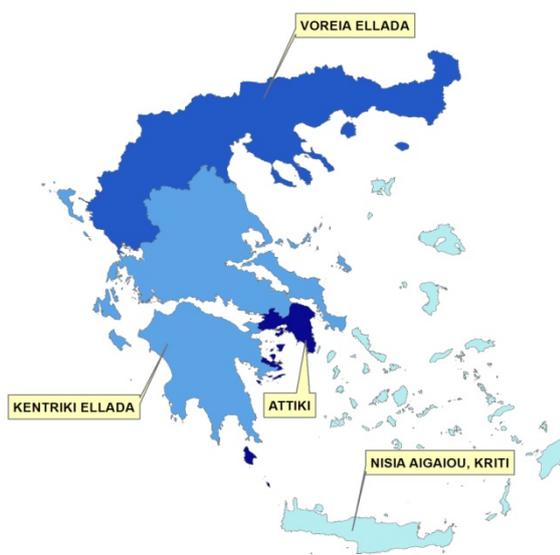
Graph 6. Acts of adoption by age group of adoptees, 2016 and 2017



EXPLANATORY NOTES

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| Survey on acts of adoption | 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. |
| Reference period | The survey results refer to the period January-December 2017. |
| Coverage | Greece total. NUTS 1 Regions in Table 1 are further broken down as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Attiki”• “Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti” includes islands of Voreio Aigaio, islands of Notio Aigaio and Kriti• “Voreia Ellada” includes Anatoliki Makedonia and Thraki, Kentriki Makedonia, Dytiki Makedonia and Ipeiros.• “Kentriki Ellada” includes Thessalia, Dytiki Ellada, Kentriki Ellada, Peloponnisos and Ionia Nisia. |

Maps of 4 NUTS 1 Regions of Greece



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| Methodology | The survey is a census survey and the data derive from the National Register of Adoptions of the National Centre for Social Solidarity (EKKA). The category “unspecified” includes adoptions for which basic information is available but the specific variable is missing. |
| References | More information on the Survey on Acts of Adoption can be found on the website of ELSTAT at the following link: http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/ |