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2. Metadata update

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   2.2 Metadata last posted
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3. Statistical presentation

   3.1 Data description
   The purpose of the Survey “Statistical Personal Student File” conducted for Tertiary Education as regards Universities (i.e., all the Universities, Polytechnic Schools and the Athens School of Fine Arts) and through the questionnaire Form “ΣΕ-11”, is to collect and tabulate data on the students who are enrolled for the first time or not by School, Faculty and Department by gender, year of birth, citizenship, place of residence at birth and by place of location of the upper secondary education school from which they have graduated, educational attainment and main occupation of their parents, etc, at the beginning of the academic year.

   3.2 Classification system
   UNESCO’s International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED)
   Tertiary Education- Universities: ISCED level 5 (new students who are enrolled for the first time in the Department, irrespective of their having or not another Bachelor degree form another University).

   3.3 Sector coverage
   All the educational units, schools, departments and faculties of Universities (Tertiary Education) all over Greece.

   3.4 Statistical concepts and definitions
   Tertiary Education consists of two main parallel sectors:
   - Universities, including all the universities, Polytechnic Schools and the Athens School of Fine Arts and
   - Technical Sector which encompasses the Technological Educational Institutes (TEI) and the Higher School of Pedagogic and Technical Education (ASPAITE).
   The survey on the technical sector also covers the Higher Ecclesiastical Academies, the Merchant Marine Academies (AEN), as well as the Higher Schools for Services and the Artistic Schools.
   The basic requirement for admission to the above educational institutes is the certificate (“apolytirio”) for having completed upper secondary education school and the selection of students is based on the performance to examinations called “panelladikes” or to other special examinations.
   Studies in the Universities last from eight (8) to twelve (12) semesters.
   Studies in the institutions of the Technical sector last from six (6) to eight (8) semesters.

   3.5 Statistical unit
   Schools, Faculties and Department of the Universities.

   3.6 Statistical population
   The survey is a census survey and it refers to all the new students enrolled in the Schools, Departments and Faculties of the Universities of Greece.

   3.7 Reference area
   Greece, total, Region (NUTS 2) and Department (NUTS 3).

   3.8 Time coverage
   From the academic year 1954/1955 to the academic year 2013/2014.

   3.9 Base period
   Not applicable
4. **Unit of measure**

1. Number of educational units (schools, faculties and departments)
2. Number of new students enrolled by School, Department and Faculty of the Universities of Greece

5. **Reference period**

The survey is conducted on a yearly basis with reference period of data the first ten days of October of each academic year.

6. **Institutional mandate**

6.1 Legal acts and other agreements

The legal framework concerning the organization and operation of ELSTAT is as follows:


- Article 3, paragraph 1c. of the Law 3448/2006 (Government Gazette No 57, Issue A): “For the further use of information coming from the public sector and the settlement of matters falling within the responsibility of the Ministry of Interior, Public Administration and Decentralization”.
- European Statistics Code of Practice adopted by the Statistical Programme Committee on 24 February 2005 and promulgated in the Commission Recommendation of 25 May 2005 on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical Authorities, after its revision, which was adopted on 28 September 2011 by the European Statistical System Committee.

Moreover:

The Survey on Tertiary Education is governed by Joint Ministerial Decision No 13534/7-5-1962 (Government Gazette 174/18-5-1962, issue B) on the “Statistical work program of the Statistical Service of the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs”.

6.2 Data sharing
None

7. Confidentiality

7.1 Confidentiality policy
The issues concerning the observance of statistical confidentiality by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) are arranged by articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Law 3832/2010, as amended by article 90 paragraph 8 of Law 3842/2010 and by article 10 of Law 3899/2010, as well as by article 8 of Law 2392/1996, which was brought back into force, in accordance with article 90 paragraph 8 of Law 3842/2010.

Furthermore, ELSTAT disseminates the statistics in compliance with the statistical principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice and in particular with the principle of statistical confidentiality.

7.2 Confidentiality – data treatment
ELSTAT protects and does not disseminate data it has obtained or it has access to, which enable the direct or indirect identification of the statistical units that have provided them by the disclosure of individual information directly received for statistical purposes or indirectly supplied from administrative or other sources. ELSTAT takes all appropriate preventive measures so as to render impossible the identification of individual statistical units by technical or other means that might reasonably be used by a third party. Statistical data that could potentially enable the identification of the statistical unit are disseminated by ELSTAT if and only if:

a) These data have been treated, as it is specifically set out in the Regulation on Statistical Obligations of the agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS), in such a way that their dissemination does not prejudice statistical confidentiality or

b) the statistical unit has given its consent, without any reservations, for the disclosure of data.

The confidential data that are transmitted by ELSS agencies to ELSTAT are used exclusively for statistical purposes and the only persons who have the right to have access to these data are the personnel engaged in this task and appointed by an act of the President of ELSTAT.

The Statistical Confidentiality Committee (SCC) operating in ELSTAT, examines issues referring to the observance of statistical confidentiality. Within its competence is to recommend on:

- the level of detail at which statistical data can be disseminated, so as the identification, either directly or indirectly, of the surveyed statistical unit is not possible;
- the anonymization criteria for the microdata provided to users;
- the granting to researchers access to confidential data for scientific purposes.

8. Release policy

8.1 Release calendar
There is no predefined release date for the survey results. The final results of the survey with the data for the beginning of the school year are published twelve (12) months after the reference period.

8.2 Release calendar access
Not applicable.

8.3 User access
The data are released simultaneously to all users through the relevant Press Release and the tables are posted on the webpage of ELSTAT, http://www.statistics.gr, and at the link “Statistical Themes > Education > Tertiary Education > Universities- Statistical Personal Student File”. Furthermore, users can submit a statistical data request to the Statistical Information Dissemination Section/ Library, at the following address, 46, Peireos and Eponiton Str., 18510 Piraeus, tel. (+30) 213135 2023/ 2022/ 2346/ 2308, fax. (+30) 213135 2819/ 2312, or send an e-mail to library@statistics.gr, data.dissem@statistics.gr.

Neither users nor any government bodies have access to data before their official release.

9. Frequency of dissemination
The final results of the survey are ready to be published twelve (12) months after the reference period.
10. Dissemination format

10.1 News release
Not applicable.

10.2 Publications
- “Statistical Yearbook of Greece”
- “Concise statistical yearbook of Greece”

10.3 On-line database
Not applicable.

10.4 Micro-data access
Microdata and primary data are made available to users after their submitting a request to the:
Division of Statistical Information and Publications
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18510 Piraeus
Tel: +30 213 135 2023/2022/2346/2308
Fax: +30 213 135 2819/2312
e-mail: library@statistics.gr, data.dissem@statistics.gr
Confidentiality of data is always ensured after the decision of the Statistical Confidentiality Committee.

10.5 Other
Any further information is made available by the:
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11. Accessibility of documentation

11.1 Documentation on methodology
A short methodological note is available on the portal of ELSTAT, http://www.statistics.gr, at the link:
“Statistical Themes > Education > Tertiary Education > Universities- Statistical Personal Student File”.

11.2 Quality documentation
After data collection through the survey questionnaire (ΣΕ – 11), logical checks are carried out in order to check correctness and completeness of data by contacting the involved agencies. Furthermore, electronic and quality checks are conducted on the tabulated data.

12. Quality management

12.1 Quality assurance
During data processing, the data are also compared, mainly, with data from the previous school year, in order to detect any deviations. In case such deviations are identified, further clarifications are asked from the Secretariats of Universities and the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs and any errors are duly corrected.

12.2 Quality assessment
The questionnaires are filled in by the students and the Secretariats of the Universities transmit the completed questionnaires to the Education Statistics Section where they are checked for completeness and correctness and are then compared with the corresponding questionnaires of the previous year.
13. Relevance

13.1 User needs

The main national users are government agencies, such as the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Interior, Local Government, as well as university teachers, students, researches, the press, etc. At international level, the main user is Eurostat, as well as other international organisations (Unesco, OECD, etc.)

Users’ needs are recorded in the publication “Information Bulletin” which is published by the Division of Statistical Information and Publications/Library Section every semester.

13.2 User satisfaction

Generally, there is a good cooperation and immediate respond to users’ needs, thus comments received by users being positive.

At the same time, ELSTAT conducts a user satisfaction survey every six months.


13.3 Completeness

The variables are collected in compliance with European Regulations and also on the basis of users’ needs.

14. Accuracy and reliability

14.1 Overall accuracy

The overall accuracy is high because the survey is a census survey.

14.2 Sampling error

No sampling errors.

14.3 Non-sampling error

There are not any non-sampling errors because the survey is a census survey and it is conducted through the Secretariats of the Universities.

15. Timeliness and punctuality

15.1 Timeliness

The results of the survey, as regards the data for the beginning of the academic year are made available and are released twelve (12) months after the end of the reference period.

15.2 Punctuality

Some delays are observed in completing the questionnaire and in transmitting them by the Departments and Schools of the Universities to the Education Statistics Section.

16. Comparability

16.1 Comparability – geographical

European Regulations (Regulation 452/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and implementing Regulation 88/2-2-2011), as well as the relevant methodological principles ensure a satisfactory level of comparability with the European Statistics on Education.

16.2 Comparability over time

The results of the Survey are fully comparable over time. There are data, by school year, since the year 1999.

17. Coherence

17.1 Coherence cross-domain

Any differences that may be identified with relevant surveys conducted by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs may be on account of the different reference period of the surveys.

17.2 Coherence – internal

No inconsistencies are observed.
18. Cost and burden
No other burden than the operational expense of the Section / Division of ELSTAT.

19. Data revision
19.1 Revision policy
The revision policy is usually on line with the revision policy of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.

19.2 Revision practice
The latest adjustment of the questionnaire ΣΕ-11, used for the Universities, was carried out in the academic year 2001/2002, pursuant to the Law 2916/2001.

20. Statistical processing
20.1 Source data
The questionnaire ΣΕ-11 of the survey “Statistical Personal Student File” includes aggregate numerical data on all Schools, Departments and Faculties of Universities referring to the students who are enrolled for the first time or not.

20.2 Frequency of data collection
Data are collected once a year, at the beginning of every school year.

20.3 Data collection
The Section of Education Statistics transmits the questionnaires ΣΕ-11 to all the Schools, Departments and Faculties of Universities (Tertiary Education) from which are collected the filled in questionnaires.

20.4 Data validation
The data are validated by means of a series of checks. The control of the questionnaires encompasses completeness, accuracy and logical checks at the level of the Department, electronic and quality checks. The main variables are compared with variables from other statistical sources. Primary data are cross-checked with the corresponding data of the previous year.

20.5 Data compilation
The data after having been collected undergo logical checks, are codified, are entered the electronic data base, are tabulated and finally they are published.

20.6 Adjustment
Not necessary.

21. Comment