

## Single Integrated Metadata Structure (SIMS)

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#### 1. Contact

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<b>2. Introduction</b> <a href="#">Top</a>	
<b>2.1 Introduction</b>	The survey on adoptions refers to the legal acts of adoptions that are recorded in Greece during one calendar year. It is a survey, which is included in Social Protection Statistics.

<b>3. Metadata update</b> <a href="#">Top</a>	
<b>3.1 Metadata last certified</b>	October 2014
<b>3.2 Metadata last posted</b>	October 2014
<b>3.3 Metadata last update</b>	October 2014

<b>4. Statistical presentation</b> <a href="#">Top</a>	
<b>4.1 Data description</b>	
<p>The purpose of the survey Adoptions is to record the number of adoptions that have been recorded in Greece during one year, by geographical region, sex, category of adopters, category of adoptees and by age group of adoptees during the reference year.</p> <p>The survey is a census survey.</p> <p>The geographical classification system used is based on NUTS classification and data are presented at NUTS2 level (or Region).</p> <p>The primary data of the Survey on Adoptions are based on administrative sources and they are provided on an annual basis as soon as they become available by the National Centre for Social Solidarity (E.K.K.A.), which belongs and it is supervised by the Ministry of Health (Division of Social Interventions).</p>	
<b>4.2 Classification system</b>	
<p>The classification system used is the breakdown of adoptions by age group, geographical region, category of adoptees and by category of adopters.</p> <p>The age of the adoptees is broken down in four age groups, as follows: 0-5, 6-10, 11-18 and 19+ years..</p> <p>Geographical regions are broken down in the 13 regions Greece (NUTS 2), in accordance with NUTS.</p> <p>The variable "adoptee" can have three values: "Children in wedlock", "Children out of wedlock" and "Unidentified".</p> <p>The variable "adopter" can have four values: "Two married adopters", "Single-parent adopter", "Married adopter" and "Unidentified".</p>	
<b>4.3 Sector coverage</b>	
All sectors of Social protection referring to Adoptions are covered.	
<b>4.4 Statistical concepts and definitions</b>	
<p>The basic variables of the Survey on Adoptions are:</p> <p>The annual number of adoptions by sex.</p> <p>The annual number of adoptions by geographical region.</p> <p>The annual number of adoptions by age group.</p> <p>The annual number of adoptions by category of adoptees.</p> <p>The annual number of adoptions by category of adopters.</p> <p>The variable "adoptees" is classified as: "Children in wedlock", "Children out of wedlock" and «Unidentified».</p>	

“Children in wedlock” shall mean the adoptees that come from a legal wedding, while “Children out of wedlock” shall mean the adoptees whose physical parents are not married.

The variable “adopter” can have four values: “Two married adopters”, “Single-parent adopter”, “Married Adopter” and “Unidentified

In the case of «Two married adopters», both the husband and the wife adopt the adoptee.

In the case of «single-parent adopter», a single parent who is not married adopts the adoptee.

In the case of the “married adopter”, the adoptee is adopted only by the one spouse.

#### 4.5 Statistical unit

The statistical units are all the adoptees in Greece.

#### 4.6 Statistical population

The statistical population is the total number of Adoptions per year throughout Greece.

#### 4.7 Reference area

The reference area is Greece total. Until 2010, the produced data were presented at the level of the geographical area. From 2011 onwards, data are presented at the level of the Region (NUTS2).

#### 4.8 Time coverage

Time series are available for the years from 1999 to 2013. Survey data are available from the year back to 1967.

#### 4.9 Base period

N/A

### 5. Unit of measure

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The adoptee.

### 6. Reference period

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Reference period of the adoptions is the calendar year when the adoption was recorded.

### 7. Institutional mandate

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#### 7.1 Legal acts and other agreements

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

Law 3832/2010 (Government Gazette No 38, Issue A): *"Hellenic Statistical System Establishment of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) as an Independent Authority"*, as amended by article 90 paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Law 3842/2010 (Government Gazette No 58, Issue A): *"Restoration of fiscal justice, confrontation of tax evasion and other provisions"*, by article 10 of the Law 3899/2010 (Government Gazette No 212, Issue A): *"Urgent measures for the implementation of the assistance program of the Greek Economy"*, by article 45 of the Law 3943/2011 (Government Gazette No 66, Issue A): *"Combating tax evasion, staffing of auditing services and other provisions falling within the competence of the Ministry of Finance"*, by article 22 paragraph 1 of the Law 3965/2011 (Government Gazette No 113, Issue A): *"Operations Reform of the Consignment and Loan Fund, Public Debt Management Agency, Public Enterprises and Government bodies, the establishment of the General Secretary of Public Property and other provisions"*, by article first of the Law 4047/2012 (Government Gazette No 31, Issue A): *"Ratification of the Act of Legislative Content "Very urgent measures for the implementation of the Medium-term Fiscal Strategy 2012-2015 and of the State Budget for 2011" and of the Act of Legislative Content "Regulation of very urgent issues for the implementation of law 4024/2011 "Pension provisions, uniform pay scale - grading system, labour reserve and other provisions for the implementation of the Medium-term Fiscal Strategy Framework 2012-2015" and of issues falling within the competence of the Ministries of Administrative Reform and E-Governance, Interior, Finance, Environment, Energy and Climate Change, and of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs and related to the implementation of the Medium-term Fiscal Strategy Framework 2012-2015" and other provisions"*, by article 323 of the Law 4072/2012 (Government

Gazette No 86, Issue A): *"Improvement of the business environment New corporate form - Trade Marks - Realtors - Regulating maritime, port and fishing matters and other provisions"* and by article 7 paragraph 1 of the Act of Legislative Content dated 18/11/2012 (Government Gazette No 228, Issue A): *"Financial rules and other provisions"*, by Article 93 of the Law 4182/2013 (Government Gazette No 185, Issue A): *"Code of charitable estate, inheritances in abeyance and other provisions"*, by Article 6 paragraph 8 of the Law 4244/2014 (Government Gazette 60, Issue A): *"Integration in Greek law of the Council Directive 2013/1/EU of 20 December 2012 amending Directive 93/109/EC as regards certain detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals and amendment of law 2196/1994 (A' 41) and other provisions"*, by Article first subparagraph C.3 of the Law 4254/2014 (Government Gazette No 85, Issue A): *"Measures for the support and development of the Greek economy, in the context of the implementation of Law 4046/2012, and other provisions of law"* and by Article 33, paragraphs 5a and 5b of the Law 4258/2014 (Government Gazette No 94, Issue A): *"Demarcation process and arrangements of matters for streams - arrangements of Urban Planning legislation and other provisions"*.

<http://www.statistics.gr/en/legal-framework>

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, on the European statistics (Official Journal of the European Union L 87/164).

Article 14 of the Law 3470/2006 (Government Gazette No 132, Issue A): *"National Export Council, tax regulations and other provisions"*.

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.

Presidential Decree 226/2000 (Government Gazette No 195, Issue A): *"Organization of the General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece"*.

Articles 4, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Law 2392/1996 (Government Gazette No 60, Issue A): *"Access of the General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece to administrative sources and administrative files, Statistical Confidentiality Committee, settlement of matters concerning the conduct of censuses and statistical works, as well as of matters of the General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece"*.

## 7.2 Data sharing

N/A

## 8. Confidentiality

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### 8.1 Confidentiality policy

The issues concerning the observance of statistical confidentiality by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) are arranged by articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Law 3832/2010 as in force, by Articles 8, 10 and 11(2) of the Regulation on Statistical Obligations of the agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System and by Articles 10 and 15 of the Regulation on the Operation and Administration of ELSTAT.

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.

### 8.2 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.

ELSTAT may grant researchers conducting statistical analyses for scientific purposes access to data that enable the indirect identification of the statistical units concerned. The access is granted provided the following conditions are satisfied:

a) an appropriate request together with a detailed research proposal in conformity with current scientific standards have been submitted;

b) the research proposal indicates in sufficient detail the set of data to be accessed, the methods of analyzing them, and the time needed for the research;

c) a contract specifying the conditions for access, the obligations of the researchers, the measures for respecting the confidentiality of statistical data and the sanctions in case of breach of these obligations has been signed by the individual researcher, by his/her institution, or by the organization commissioning the research, as the case may be, and by ELSTAT.

Issues referring to the observance of statistical confidentiality are examined by the Statistical Confidentiality Committee (SCC) operating in ELSTAT. The responsibilities of this Committee are to make recommendations to the President of ELSTAT 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.

The staff of ELSTAT, under any employment status, as well as the temporary survey workers who are employed for the collection of statistical data in statistical surveys conducted by ELSTAT, who acquire access by any means to confidential data, are bound by the principle of confidentiality and must use these data exclusively for the statistical purposes of ELSTAT. After the termination of their term of office, they are not allowed to use these data for any purpose.

Violation of data confidentiality and/or statistical confidentiality by any civil servant or employee of ELSTAT constitutes the disciplinary offence of violation of duty and may be punished with the penalty of final dismissal.

ELSTAT, by its decision, may impose a penalty amounting from ten thousand (10,000) up to two hundred thousand (200,000) euros to anyone who violates the confidentiality of data and/or statistical confidentiality. The penalty is always imposed after the hearing of the defense of the person liable for the breach, depending on the gravity and the repercussions of the violation. Any relapse constitutes an aggravating factor for the assessment of the administrative sanction.

<b>9. Release policy</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
<b>9.1 Release calendar</b>	
There is no predefined date for the release of data.	
<b>9.2 Release calendar access</b>	
There is no Release calendar.	
<b>9.3 User access</b>	
<p>According to the legal framework of the European Community, ELSTAT publishes statistical data of the Survey on Adoptions on it's website in order for all independent users to have access. Consequently, all users are treated equally. Users with further requests on data apart from those which are published on ELSTAT's website, have to submit a request in written or via e-mail to the Division of Statistical Information and Publications and in case the requested data are available or do not confront the European Statistics Code of Practice and its provisions on confidentiality, the data are provided either electronically or in written.</p> <p>Finally, users have no access to data prior to their publication.</p>	

<b>10. Frequency of dissemination</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
Data are disseminated on a yearly basis.	

<b>11. Dissemination format</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
<b>11.1 News release</b>	
Not issued.	
<b>11.2 Publications</b>	
The results of the Survey on Adoptions are published in the Statistical Yearbooks of ELSTAT.	
<b>11.3 Data tables – consultations</b>	
Total access to the website as regards the above survey for the year 2013 amounts to 618 hits.	
<b>11.4 Micro-data access</b>	
<p>The micro data are available upon request at:  Division of Statistical Information and Publications  46, Peireos &amp; Eponiton str., 185 10 Piraeus  Tel. (+30) 213-1352173, FAX: (+30) 213-1352022  e-mail : <a href="mailto:data.dissem@statistics.gr">data.dissem@statistics.gr</a></p>	
<b>11.5 Other</b>	
<p>Other data dissemination source:  <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/</a> and at  <a href="http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/">http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/</a></p>	
<b>11.5.1 Metadata - consultations</b>	
Not measured; the first metadata were posted in October 2014.	

<b>12. Accessibility of documentation</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
<b>12.1 Documentation on methodology</b>	
There are no methodological notes, manuals or other tools available for the documentation on the methodology of the survey.	
<b>12.1.1 Metadata completeness - rate</b>	
100%	

<b>12.2 Quality documentation</b>
No quality report is compiled.

<b>13. Quality management</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
<b>13.1 Quality assurance</b>	
<p>In general, the quality policy is described in ELSTAT's Quality Policy at: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/policies">http://www.statistics.gr/en/policies</a></p> <p>Quality checks mainly refer to comparisons between the available data of one year and the corresponding data of the previous years at the level of the Region and by age group of adoptees along with the results of the annual survey of the Final Issued Decisions by theme by the Courts of first instance, that is also conducted by ELSTAT..</p>	
<b>13.2 Quality assessment</b>	
<p>In the survey on Adoptions, there is no issue of geographic coverage errors (the survey covers Greece total), errors pertaining to the coverage of sectors and no sampling errors.</p>	

<b>14. Relevance</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
<b>14.1 User needs</b>	
Users are basically individuals or agencies relating to adoptions for professional or training – research purposes.	
<b>14.2 User satisfaction</b>	
Data on users' profile, the level of their satisfaction along with other relative information are available in ELSTAT's Newsletter at the following link: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/user-satisfaction-survey">http://www.statistics.gr/user-satisfaction-survey</a>	
<b>14.3 Completeness</b>	
There are no cases of requests for more statistical data which are not available.	

<b>15. Accuracy and reliability</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
<b>15.1 Overall accuracy</b>	
Overall accuracy of the survey on adoptions is considered. Data refers to census and derive from the number of adoptions that are registered by all Courts of first instance in Greece and are transmitted to ELSTAT from the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Welfare and in particular, from the National Centre for Social Solidarity (E.K.K.A.) on an annual basis. The National Centre for Social Solidarity is also responsible for the update of the National Register of Adoptions.	
<b>15.2 Sampling error</b>	
There are no sampling errors since the survey is not conducted through sampling.	
<b>15.3 Non-sampling error</b>	
No non-sampling errors. Full coverage and response.	
<b>15.3.1 Coverage error</b>	
The survey is a census survey, no coverage errors.	
<b>15.3.1.1 Over-coverage rate</b>	
No	
<b>15.3.1.2 Common Units - proportion</b>	
Not applicable; data are collected only from administrative sources	
<b>15.3.2 Measurement error</b>	
No	
<b>15.3.3 Non response error</b>	

No, response rate is 100%.
<b>15.3.4 Processing error</b>
No
<b>15.3.5 Model assumption error</b>
Not applicable.

<b>16. Timeliness and punctuality</b> <a href="#">Top</a>
<b>16.1 Timeliness</b>
The final results are published approximately 200 days after the end (31/12) of the reference year.
<b>16.2 Punctuality</b>
Publication of data is timely and the statistical product is up-to date.

<b>17. Comparability</b> <a href="#">Top</a>
<b>17.1 Comparability – geographical</b>
There is no issue of comparability since the same definitions during the recording of acts of adoption are used in all the geographical regions of Greece. There is no contradiction in comparability with other countries given that the act of adoption is defined with the same manner from a legal point of view.
<b>17.1.1 Asymmetry for mirror flows statistics - coefficient</b>
Not applicable.
<b>17.2 Comparability – over time</b>
There is comparability over time as regards the produced data from 1999 onwards.

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18.1 Coherence cross-domain

The results of the survey on adoptions are coherent with the corresponding variable "adoption" of the annual survey on the Final Issued Decisions of Courts of first instance by theme, outcome of the Courts of Appeal. Comparison of the results as regards the variable of the two surveys is represented at the below table, for the years 2010 and 2011.

Year	Survey on Adoptions	Cases presented & decisions issued, and the Courts of Appeal: Adoptions	Annual deviation rate between the surveys
2010	437	475	-8,7%
2011	352	317	9,9%

The final data of the above-mentioned survey on the Final Issued Decisions of Courts of first instance are published at ELSTAT's website, at:

<http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SJU18>

18.1.1 Coherence – sub annual and annual statistics

Not applicable; the survey is an annual survey.

18.1.2 Coherence – National Accounts

Not applicable; there are no common data with National Accounts.

18.2 Coherence - internal

The survey on adoptions is governed by a common framework both at the level of definitions and classifications over-time and by geographic reference with the exception of the aforementioned transmission from the Geographical Department to Geographic Region (NUTS2) between the years 2010 –2011. This



adaptation on the Geographical System of Classification of the produced data, on the one hand, modernizes the framework of presentation of the produced data; on the other hand the administrative source (E.K.K.A.) submits them without having the ability to present the data by backcasting them for the previous years.

## 19. Cost and burden

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Not calculated.

## 20. Data revision

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### 20.1 Revision policy

The revision policy that is implemented by ELSTAT is presented on ELSTAT's website at:

<http://www.statistics.gr/en/policies>

### 20.2 Revision practice

ELSTAT's revision policy is implemented.

## 21. Statistical processing

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### 21.1 Source data

The primary data of the survey on Adoptions are based on administrative sources and are available on an annual basis as soon as they become available by the National Centre for Social Solidarity (E.K.K.A.) that belongs to the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity (Division of Social Interventions), which is responsible to ensure completeness of data on the legal acts of adoptions by the Courts of first instance.

### 21.2 Frequency of data collection

The frequency of data collection is annual.

### 21.3 Data collection

Data are collected via post. The questionnaire is adjusted to the structure of the final tables in order for the data to be easily processed and corrected in order to fulfill data completeness.

### 21.4 Data validation

Data are validated by means of checking the source data mainly in terms of their consistency with the data of the previous year. Cases that are examined are those with significant fluctuations from year to year in the total number of adoptees by geographical region.

### 21.5 Data compilation

Primary data are processed for the compilation of final tables containing the number of Adoptees. No weights are performed and there is no model to be used.

#### 21.5.1 Imputation - rate

Not applicable; the survey is a census survey.

### 21.6 Adjustment

No adjustment.

#### 21.6.1 Seasonal adjustment

Not applicable.

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