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2 Introduction

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The survey on criminal offences committed aims to depict, on a yearly basis, the number of criminal offenses committed (serious crimes - felonies or minor offences - misdemeanours) irrespective of the subsequent evolution of the case, that is prosecution and punishment or acquittal of the offender.

The tables are compiled on the basis of tabulated data (broken down by Police Divisions) which are transmitted to ELSTAT by the Hellenic Police.

3 Metadata update

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3.1 Metadata last certified	October 2014
3.2 Metadata last posted	October 2014
3.3 Metadata last update	October 2014

4 Statistical presentation

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4.1 Data description

The Survey on Criminal Offences Committed refers to the number of criminal offenses which were committed during the year (serious crimes -felonies or minor offences -misdemeanors) for which the Regional Offices of the Hellenic Police have conducted a preliminary investigation or submitted a lawsuit or indictment against the relevant offenders (perpetrators of accomplices).

All the relevant data are collected from the Hellenic Police (Ministry of Public Order and Citizen's Protection) which transmits annual tabulated data and after their processing by the Section of Justice and Public Order Statistics of ELSTAT the following tables are compiled:

- 1) Criminal Offense Committed by category and potential offenders by sex
- 2) Criminal Offenses by general categories and by General Police Directorate or Regional General Police Directorate.

4.2 Classification system

Offences are classified according to the chapters of the Greek Penal Code (the Greek Criminal Law), with a special breakdown for the offences having an increased criminal interest. Moreover, cases of violation of certain Special Penal Statutes and the offences of the Military Penal Code are surveyed in a detailed level.

4.3 Sector coverage

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4.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

- 1) Type of Offence at the level of misdemeanour or felony (prosecuted *ex proprio motu* or upon indictment) for which the Regional Offices of the Hellenic Police have conducted a preliminary investigation or submitted a lawsuit or indictment against the relevant offenders (perpetrators of accomplices).
- 2) Place where the criminal offense was committed by General Police Directorate or Regional General Police Directorate and by Division of General Police Directorate or Police Division.

- 3) Population density of the place where the criminal offense was committed: Urban areas >10.000 inhabitants, Semi-urban: 2.000-10.000 inhabitants, Rural areas: up to 2.000 inhabitants.
- 4) Offenders (perpetrators or accomplices) by sex.

4.5 Statistical unit

The statistical unit is a) the person who committed felony or misdemeanour and b) the committed criminal offence (by general categories).

4.6 Statistical population

All the persons that committed a criminal offence all over Greece.

4.7 Reference area

The data refer to Greece total.

4.8 Time coverage

The Divisions of the Hellenic Police have been compiling monthly data on Criminal Offences Committed since 1983 (electronically from 200 onwards). The tables which are posted on the website of ELSTAT are available for the years back to 1999.

4.9 Base period

Not applicable.

5 Unit of measure

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The unit of measure is: a) The committed criminal offence and b) the Offender.

6 Reference period

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One calendar year.

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".

- **Regulation on the Operation and Administration of the Hellenic Statistical Authority** (ELSTAT), 2012, (Government Gazette No 2390, Issue B, 28-8-2012)
- **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"*.

Moreover, the Survey on Committed Crimes is governed by the Joint Ministerial Decision No 10080/2604/14/4/72 of the Ministers of Government Policy, Justice and Public Order, as amended and replace by the Joint Ministerial Decision 3894/B77/84/4/79 of the Ministers of Coordination, Justice, Transport and Public Order.

7.2 Data sharing

None

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.

More precisely:

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.

9 Release policy

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9.1 Release calendar

There is no predefined release date for the survey results. The final results of the survey are published one year after the end of the reference year.

9.2 Release calendar access

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9.3 User access

The data are released simultaneously to all users when the tables are posted on the webpage of ELSTAT, <http://www.statistics.gr>, and at the link "Statistical Themes > Justice > Criminal Justice > Crimes committed". Equal access of all users to data is governed by the European Statistics Code of Practice by respecting scientific independence and in an objective, professional and transparent manner in which all users are treated equitably.

10 Frequency of dissemination

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The final results of the survey are published one year after the end of the reference year.

11 Dissemination format

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11.1 News release

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11.2 Publications

A. The “**Statistical Yearbook of Greece**” is available for a fee to subscribers and upon request to the Hellenic Statistical Authority.

Final annual results are published pertaining to:

- Criminal offenses committed and persons sentenced

B. The “**Concise Yearbook of Greece**” is available for a fee to subscribers and upon request to the Hellenic Statistical Authority.

Final annual results are published pertaining to the following:

- Criminal offenses and persons sentenced

All the above publications are available at:

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Tel. (+30) 213-1352173, FAX: (+30) 213-1352022

e-mail: data.dissem@statistics.gr

11.3 On-line database

There is not any on-line database.

11.3.1 Data tables - consultations

Total access to the website as regards the above survey for the year 2013 amounts to 1.618 hits.

11.4 Micro-data access

No microdata are made available to users because for the survey on crimes committed ELSTAT collects tabulated data from the Hellenic Police (Ministry of Public Order and Citizen's Protection).

11.5 Other

A number of tabulated data are available to all users on the portal of ELSTAT at the following link:

<http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/>

Confidentiality of data is always ensured (see chapter 8).

11.5.1 Metadata – consultations

Data on metadata consultations are included in paragraph 11.3.1.

12 Accessibility of documentation

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12.1 Documentation on methodology

Not compiled.

12.1.1 Metadata completeness - rate

Metadata completeness rate is 100% (number of metadata elements provided/total number of metadata

elements applicable).

12.2 Quality documentation

Not compiled.

13 Quality management

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13.1 Quality assurance

Quality controls and validation of data are carried out during the whole process of the compilation of statistics: from the data collection by the Hellenic Police to the final compilation of the tables, after the processing by the Section of Justice and Public Order Statistics.

Data are validated by means of logical checks in order to identify and duly correct any errors. When big differences are identified in the number of offences in comparison with the previous year, data are further investigated, in cooperation with the administrative data sources in order to confirm that it is an error or it is a real discrepancy.

13.2 Quality assessment

After all the above checks, cross-checks and comparisons, the correction of any errors and the necessary adjustments, the produced results are considered high quality results.

14 Relevance

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14.1 User needs

The main users of the data of the Survey on Criminal Offences Committed are: university students in Law Schools, professors of Universities and Higher Technological Institutes, lawyers, reporters and the press, the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights, Eurostat, the UN, etc. and generally users who are on research and need data on Criminal Justice.

14.2 User satisfaction

A Users Satisfaction Survey is conducted by the Section of Statistical Dissemination. The survey results are available at : <http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/PAGE-conferences>

14.3 Completeness

On the basis of users' needs, completeness is considered satisfactory.

15 Accuracy and reliability

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15.1 Overall accuracy

Since the survey is a census survey, any non-sampling errors (non-response or processing errors) are identified by means of appropriate checking and are duly corrected, in cooperation with the administrative

data sources, thus producing high accuracy results.

15.2 Sampling error

No sampling errors, because the survey is a census survey and data are collected from administrative data sources.

15.3 Non-sampling error

There are not any coverage errors, non-response errors and processing errors. Any measurements errors are easily identified by means of comparisons and cross-checks and are duly corrected by using statistical regression techniques.

15.3.1 Coverage error

During the collection of data the questionnaires are checked for completeness. The coverage of surveyed units amounts to 100%.

15.3.1.1 Over-coverage – rate

No coverage is observed for units that do not belong to the population of the survey.

15.3.1.2 Common units – proportion

No common statistical processes are implemented.

15.3.2 Measurement error

During data collection, no measurement errors are observed.

15.3.3 Non response error

No non-response errors are observed.

15.3.4 Processing error

No errors are observed in the final results of the data collection-data processing phases.

Quality checks are conducted throughout the production process of the statistical output, from data collection until the compilation of tables. More specifically, during the data processing phase, in cooperation with the Division of Informatics, all the necessary logical-electronic checks are carried out in order to eliminate any errors during the processing of microdata.

15.3.5 Model assumption error

No model is required to be implemented for this survey.

16 Timeliness and punctuality

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16.1 Timeliness

The time lag between the completion of data collection and the release of the results is 365 days.

16.2 Punctuality

Any delays are due to the delayed response of the administrative sources.

17 Comparability

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17.1 Comparability - geographical

The definitions and units of measure that are used do not rely on agreements between EU Member States and Eurostat, yet they are common with the definitions and units of measure used by the administrative sources of Greece.

17.1.1 Assymetry for mirror flows statistics – coefficient

Not applicable.

17.2 Comparability over time

With the aim of enhancing the produced statistics, from reference years 2010 onwards, the tables on committed criminal offenses by categories and geographical departments were enriched and refer to General Police Directorates or Regional General Police Directorates broken down by Divisions of General Police Directorates or Police Divisions.

18 Coherence

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18.1 Coherence cross-domain

The survey tables (Overall Criminal Offences Committed) are coherent with the corresponding tables of the Hellenic Police (Ministry of Public Order and Citizen's Protection).

18.1.1 Coherence – sub annual and annual statistics

There is no problem of coherence among the monthly, quarterly and annual data because the survey is conducted on a yearly basis.

18.1.2 Coherence – National Accounts

Not applicable.

18.2 Coherence - internal

There are not significant differences between the common variables of the survey and the variables of other surveys.

19 Cost and burden

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Not estimated.

20 Data revision

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20.1 Revision policy

When amendments are made in the governing Legislation, the data are revised in compliance with the Revision Policy of ELSTAT (May 2013).

20.2 Revision practice

After having identified users' need, the questionnaire is re-designed, when appropriate, fully ensuring comparability of data longitudinally.

21 Statistical processing

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21.1 Source data

Primary data derive from the Hellenic Police (Ministry of Public Order and Citizen's Protection).

21.2 Frequency of data collection

The tables on crimes committed are compiled on the basis of aggregate annual statistical tables which are transmitted by the Hellenic Police within three months after the end of the reference year of the data.

21.3 Data collection

The Hellenic Police transmits tables to the Section of Justice and Public Order Statistics of ELSTAT which in its turn after processing the received data, it compiles the corresponding tables that mainly refer to the committed criminal offenses, potential offenders and the place where the crime was committed broken down by General Police Directorate or Regional General Police Directorate.

21.4 Data validation

The data are validated by means of a series of qualitative and quantitative checks which are mainly based on:

1. Cross-checking of primary data with corresponding data of the previous year.
2. Comparisons between the main aggregates of the survey with corresponding aggregates of other statistical surveys.

21.5 Data compilation

The data after having been collected undergo logical checks, they are tabulated and finally they are published.

21.5.1 Imputation – rate

Not applicable.

21.6 Adjustment

No

21.6.1 Seasonal adjustment

No seasonal adjustment.

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