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## PRESS RELEASE

### SURVEY ON ADOPTIONS, 2015

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces, for the first time through this Press Release, the data of the Survey on Adoptions, with reference year the year 2015. For comparability purposes, data for the year 2014 are also provided.

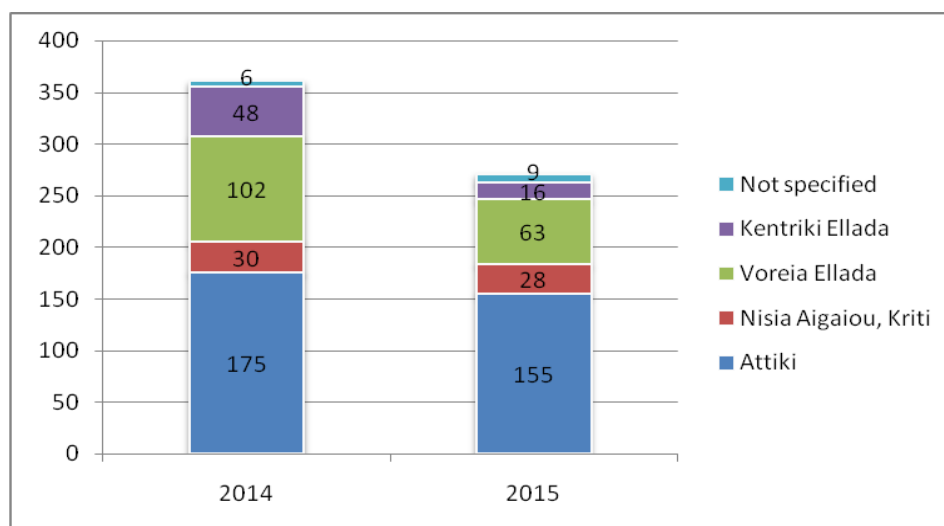
In 2015, the total number of acts of adoptions amounted to 271, recording a 24.9% decrease in comparison with 2014.

The biggest decrease is observed in Kentriki Ellada (-66.7%), while the smallest decrease is recorded in Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti (-6.7%) (Table 1, Graph 1).

Table 1. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions, 2014-2015

| NUTS 1 Regions       | 2014 | 2015 | %15/14 |
|----------------------|------|------|--------|
| Attiki               | 175  | 155  | -11,4  |
| Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti | 30   | 28   | -6,7   |
| Voreia Ellada        | 102  | 63   | -38,2  |
| Kentriki Ellada      | 48   | 16   | -66,7  |
| Not specified        | 6    | 9    | 50     |
| Total                | 361  | 271  | -24,9  |

Graph 1. Adoptions by NUTS 1 Regions, 2014-2015

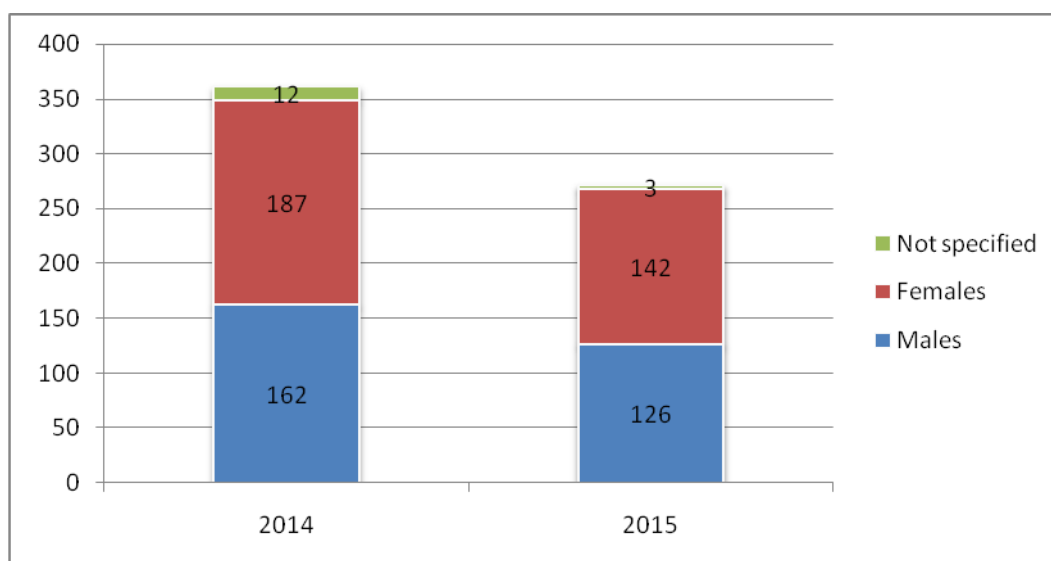


In 2015 compared with 2014, the adoptions of males recorded a decrease of 22.2% and almost the same trend is observed in the adoptions of females which recorded a 24.1% decrease (Table 2, Graph 2).

**Table 2. Acts of adoptions by gender, Greece total, 2014-2015**

| Gender               | 2014       | 2015       | %15/14       |
|----------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>Males</b>         | 162        | 126        | <b>-22,2</b> |
| <b>Females</b>       | 187        | 142        | <b>-24,1</b> |
| <b>Not specified</b> | 12         | 3          | <b>-75</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>361</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>-24,9</b> |

**Graph 2. Adoptions by gender, Greece total, 2014-2015**



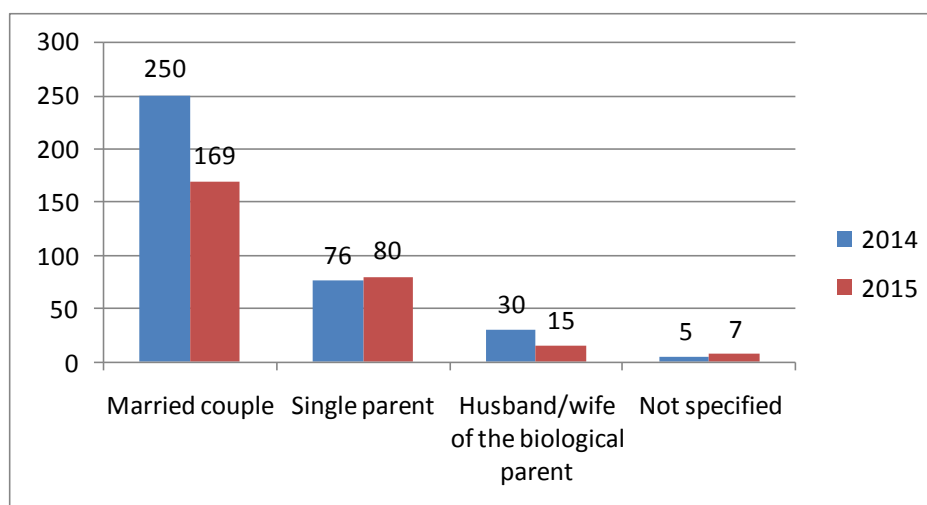
The adoptive parents are mostly married couples (husband and wife). In 2015, the adoptions by married couples decreased by 32.4% in comparison with 2014. The smallest number of adoptions is recorded for adoptions by parents who are husband/wife of the biological parent of the adoptee, which recorded a 50.0% decrease in 2015 compared with 2014. (Table 3, Graph 3.)

**Table 3. Adoptions by type of adoptive parents, 2014-2015<sup>1</sup>**

| Adoptive parents                             | 2014       | 2015       | %15/14       |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>Married couple</b>                        | 250        | 169        | <b>-32,4</b> |
| <b>Single parent</b>                         | 76         | 80         | <b>5,3</b>   |
| <b>Husband/wife of the biological parent</b> | 30         | 15         | <b>-50</b>   |
| <b>Not specified</b>                         | 5          | 7          | <b>40</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>361</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>-24,9</b> |

<sup>1</sup> As regards the categories of adoptive parents in Table 3, it should be noticed that: "married couple" refers to adoptions where the adoptive parents are husband and wife, "single parent" refers to adoptions where the adoptive parent represent a one-member family, "husband/wife of the biological parent" refers to adoptions where the adoptive parent is husband or wife of the biological parent of the adoptee.

**Graph 3. Adoptions by type of adoptive parents, 2014-2015**

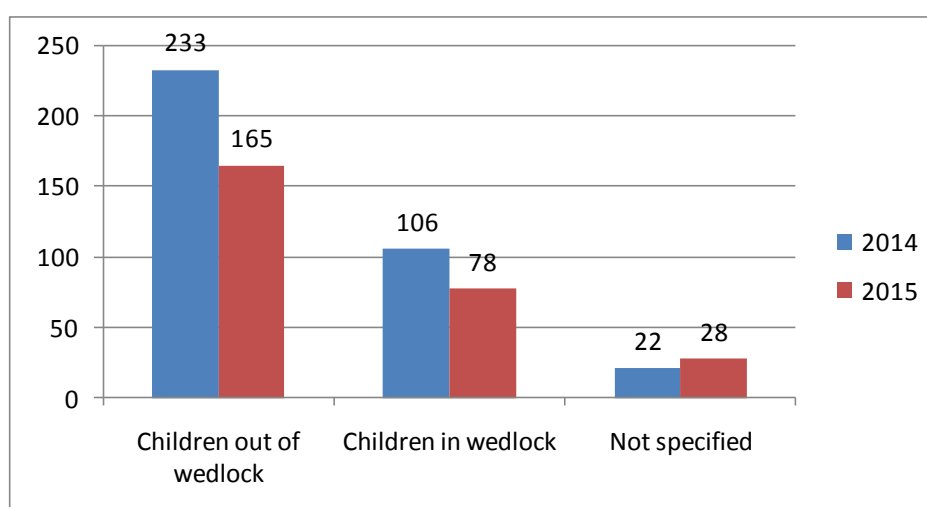


As regards the adoptees, on the basis of the available data it is observed that most of the adoptees are children out of wedlock. The decrease observed in the number of adoptions in 2015 compared with 2014 is almost the same for children out of wedlock (-29.2%) and for children in wedlock (-26.4%) (Table 4, Graph 4).

**Table 4. Legal status of adoptees, 2014-2015**

| Type of adoptees        | 2014       | 2015       | %15/14       |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Children out of wedlock | 233        | 165        | -29,2        |
| Children in wedlock     | 106        | 78         | -26,4        |
| Not specified           | 22         | 28         | 27,3         |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>361</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>-24,9</b> |

**Graph 4. Legal status of adoptees, 2014-2015**

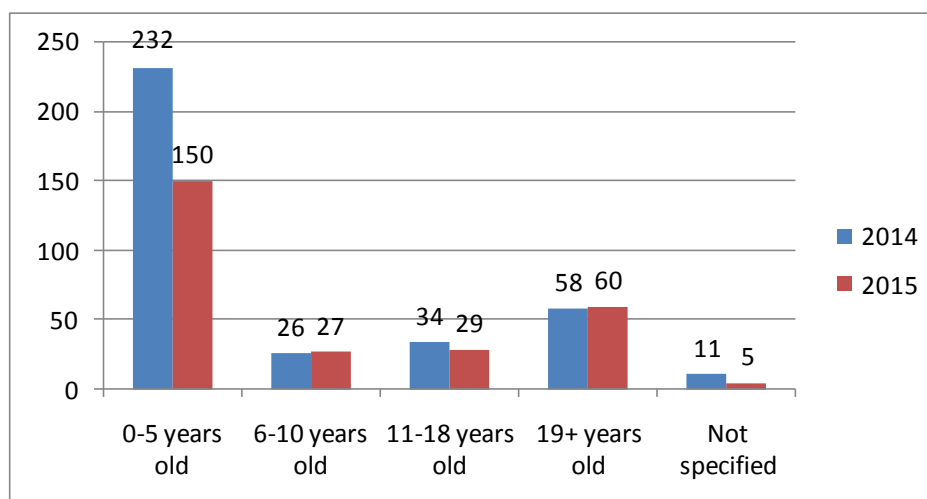


In 2015, the vast majority of the adoptees (55.35%) belong to the age group 0-5 years old and for this specific age group the biggest decrease is observed (-35.3%) in 2015 compared with 2014.(Table 5, Graph 5).

**Table 5. Distribution of adoptees by age group, 2014-2015**

| Age group       | 2014       | 2015       | %15/14       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 0-5 years old   | 232        | 150        | -35,3        |
| 6-10 years old  | 26         | 27         | 3,8          |
| 11-18 years old | 34         | 29         | -14,7        |
| 19+ years old   | 58         | 60         | 3,4          |
| Not specified   | 11         | 5          | -54,5        |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>361</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>-24,9</b> |

**Graph 5. Distribution of adoptees by age group, 2014-2015**



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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Survey on adoptions</b> | The number of adoptions is based on the judicial decisions recorded throughout Greece during one calendar year, by Region, gender, age group, category of adopters and legal status of adoptees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Reference period</b>    | The survey results refer to the period January-December 2015.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Coverage</b>            | <p>Greece total.</p> <p>NUTS 1 Regions in Table 1 are further broken down as follows:</p> <p>“Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti” includes islands of Voreio Aigaio, islands of Notio Aigaio and Kriti</p> <p>“Voreia Ellada” includes Anatoliki Makedonia and Thraki, Kentriki Makedonia, Dytiki Makedonia and Ipeiros.</p> <p>“Kentriki Ellada” includes Thessalia, Dytiki Ellada, Kentriki Ellada, Peloponnisos and Ionia Nisia.</p> |
| <b>Methodology</b>         | <p>The survey is a census survey and the data derive from the National Register of Adoptions of the National Centre for Social Solidarity (EKKA).</p> <p>The category “unspecified” includes adoptions for which basic information is available but the specific variable is missing.</p>                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>References</b>          | <p>More information on the Survey on adoptions can be found on the website of ELSTAT (<a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a>) at the following link:</p> <p><a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/</a></p>                                                                                                   |