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PRESS RELEASE

FOLLOW UP OF DATA ON PHARMACIES, PHARMACISTS AND WHOLESALE DRUGSTORES, 2015

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces, for the first time through this Press Release, the data of the Survey on Pharmacies - Pharmacists and Wholesale Drugstores, with reference year the year 2015.

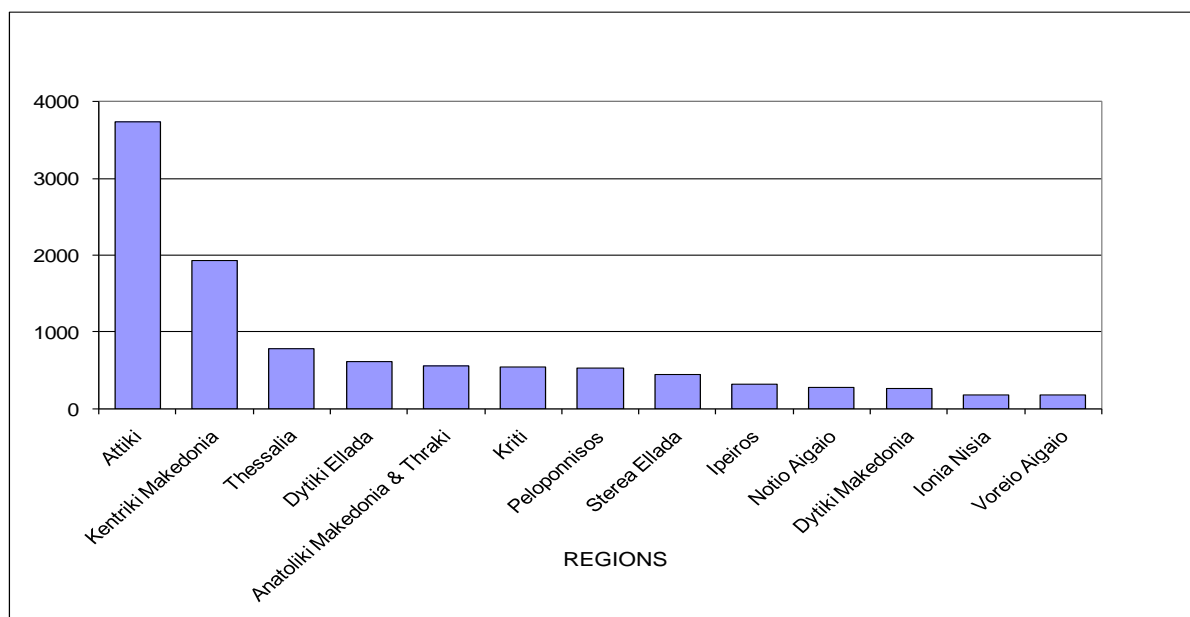
In 2015, 10,380 pharmacies operated in Greece and out of this number 3,739 pharmacies (36.0%) were located in the Region of Attiki. In comparison with 2014, the total number of pharmacies in Greece recorded a decrease of 1%. The biggest decrease was recorded in Peloponnisos (-8%) and in Dytiki Ellada (-6%), while an increase in the number of pharmacies was mainly observed in Kriti (3%) (Table 1, Graph 1).

Table 1. Number of pharmacies by Region (NUTS 2), 2013-2015

| Regions (NUTS 2) | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Percentage distribution | Change (%) | Change (%) |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | | 2014/2013 | 2015/2014 |
| ATTIKI | 3726 | 3725 | 3739 | 36,02% | 0% | 0% |
| VOREIO AIGAIO | 171 | 173 | 175 | 1,69% | 1% | 1% |
| NOTIO AIGAIO | 272 | 281 | 278 | 2,68% | 3% | -1% |
| KRITI | 531 | 538 | 555 | 5,35% | 1% | 3% |
| ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI | 558 | 570 | 542 | 5,22% | 2% | -5% |
| KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA | 1983 | 1998 | 1965 | 18,93% | 1% | -2% |
| DYTIKI MAKEDONIA | 239 | 243 | 247 | 2,38% | 2% | 2% |
| IPEIROS | 320 | 327 | 324 | 3,12% | 2% | -1% |
| THESALIA | 803 | 817 | 799 | 7,70% | 2% | -2% |
| IONIA NISIA | 186 | 186 | 188 | 1,81% | 0% | 1% |
| DYTIKI ELLADA | 658 | 666 | 624 | 6,01% | 1% | -6% |
| STEREA ELLADA | 454 | 465 | 447 | 4,31% | 2% | -4% |
| PELOPONNISOS | 528 | 538 | 497 | 4,79% | 2% | -8% |
| TOTAL | 10,429 | 10,527 | 10,380 | | 1% | -1% |

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Graph 1. Number of pharmacies by NUTS 2 Regions, 2015



As regards the ratio of pharmacies per 10,000 inhabitants, on the basis of the available data it is concluded that 9.5 pharmacies correspond to 10,000 inhabitants. The Region with the biggest density of pharmacies in relation to its population is Thessalia (10.9), followed by Kentriki Makedonia (10.3), while the lowest density is recorded in Sterea Ellada (8.0)

Table 2. Number of pharmacies per 10,000 inhabitants by Region (NUTS 2)

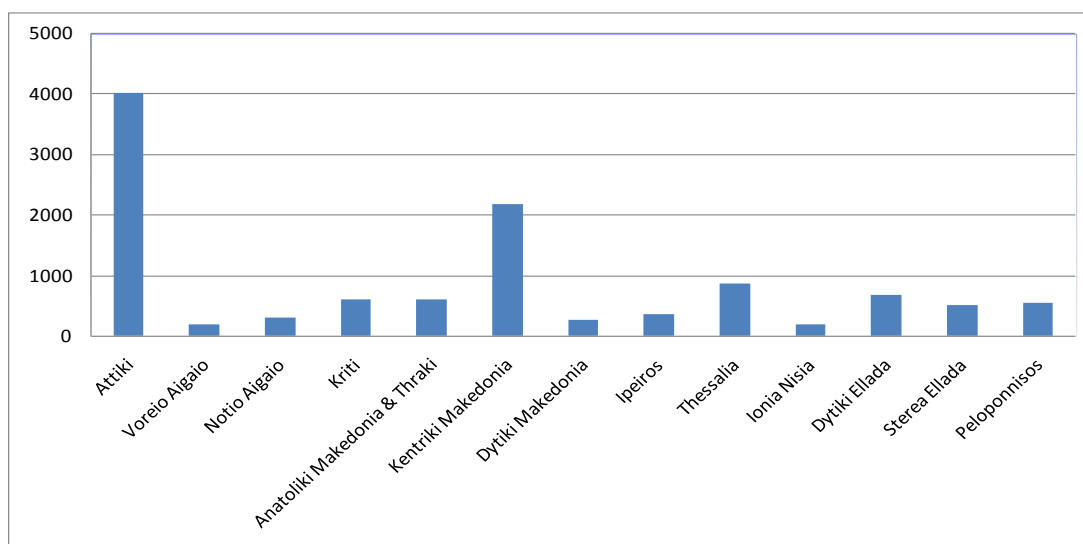
| Regions | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| ATTIKI | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.7 |
| VOREIO AIGAIO | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.8 |
| NOTIO AIGAIO | 8.1 | 8.4 | 8.3 |
| KRITI | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.8 |
| ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA - THRAKI | 9.2 | 9.4 | 8.9 |
| KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA | 10.4 | 10.5 | 10.3 |
| DYTIKI MAKEDONIA | 8.5 | 8.8 | 8.9 |
| IPEIROS | 9.4 | 9.6 | 9.5 |
| THESALIA | 10.9 | 11.1 | 10.9 |
| IONIA NISIA | 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.1 |
| DYTIKI ELLADA | 9.7 | 9.9 | 9.2 |
| STEREA ELLADA | 8.1 | 8.3 | 8.0 |
| PELOPONNISOS | 9.0 | 9.2 | 8.5 |
| TOTAL | 9.5 | 9.7 | 9.5 |

On the basis of the data that ELSTAT collected from the Panhellenic Association of Pharmacists concerning the number of pharmacists (employed in pharmacies) for the year 2015, it is observed that 11,299 pharmacists were employed in pharmacies all over Greece (Table 3, Graph 2).

Table 3. Number of pharmacists by Region (NUTS 2), 2015

| Regions | Pharmacists | Percentage distribution | Pharmacists per 10.000 inhabitants |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ATTIKI | 4,018 | 35.56% | 10.5 |
| VOREIO AIGAIO | 188 | 1.66% | 9.5 |
| NOTIO AIGAIO | 295 | 2.61% | 8.8 |
| KRITI | 606 | 5.36% | 9.6 |
| ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA - THRAKI | 606 | 5.36% | 10.0 |
| KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA | 2,173 | 19.23% | 11.4 |
| DYTIKI MAKEDONIA | 271 | 2.40% | 9.8 |
| IPEIROS | 349 | 3.09% | 10.3 |
| THESALIA | 865 | 7.66% | 11.8 |
| IONIA NISIA | 196 | 1.73% | 9.5 |
| DYTIKI ELLADA | 680 | 6.02% | 10.1 |
| STEREA ELLADA | 500 | 4.43% | 9.0 |
| PELOPONNISOS | 552 | 4.89% | 9.4 |
| TOTAL | 11,299 | 100.00% | 10.4 |

Graph 2. Number of pharmacists by Region, 2015



As regards the number of wholesale drugstores, in 2015 they amounted to 126 in comparison with 120 in the year 2014, recording an increase of 5%. There are no available data disaggregated by Region.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Survey on
pharmacies, pharmacists
and wholesale drugstores**

The data source of this survey is the Panhellenic Association of Pharmacists, the local Pharmaceutical Associations and the Panhellenic Association of Wholesale Drugstores.

Reference period

The 31st of December of every year when the survey is conducted.

Coverage

Greece total.

References

More information on the Survey pharmacies, pharmacists and wholesale drugstores can be found on the website of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr) under the statistical theme: Population and Social Conditions / Health /Health Care/ pharmacies, and wholesale drugstores. <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE18/>