



## DATA ON VITAL STATISTICS: 2023

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on the evolution of demographic indicators in Greece for 2023. Data refer to vital events such as births, deaths, marriages, registered partnerships and divorces that took place in Greece during 2023. The source of the data is the relevant civil registry acts as issued by the competent Municipal Authorities and registered in the information system of the Ministry of Interior.

- With respect to the above, live births in Greece in 2023 amounted to 71,455 (36,622 boys and 34,833 girls) recording a decrease of 6.1% in comparison to 76,095 (39,305 boys and 36,790 girls), in 2022. The number of births does not include stillbirths, which in 2023 amounted to 432, recording a decrease of 3.1% compared to the 446 stillbirths in 2022 (Tables 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7).
- In 2023, deaths amounted to 128,101 (64,898 men and 63,203 women), decreased by 9.0% in comparison to 140,801 deaths (70,802 men and 69,999 women), in 2022. Infant deaths amounted to 248 in 2023, increasing the infant mortality rate (number of deaths of infants aged less than one year per 1,000 live births) from 3.1 in 2022 to 3.5 in 2023 (Tables 1, 2, 6 and 7).
- Marriages in 2023 amounted to 40,351 (21,402 religious and 18,949 civil marriages) recording a decrease of 6.9% in comparison to 43,355 (21,381 religious and 21,974 civil marriages), in 2022. The number of registered partnerships recorded an increase of 17.4% amounting from 12,840 in 2022 to 15,069 in 2023. In this total number of registered partnerships during 2023, 262 between men and 121 between women are included (Table 8).
- Divorces in 2023 amounted to 15,114, recording an increase of 4.4% compared to 2022 (14,477 divorces). As regards the type of divorce, eight out of ten divorces issued in the last five years were by mutual consent. In 2023, among the total number of divorces, 12,214 were by mutual consent (80.8%) and 2,044 were contested divorces (13.5%), whereas for 856 divorces (5.7%) the type of divorce was not declared. In 2023, most of the divorce decrees for men referred to the age group 45 - 49 (20.1%), whereas for women to the age group 40 - 44 (21.3%). 66.1% of the divorces issued in 2023 concerned couples that had been married for 10 years or more (9,990 divorces) (Tables 10, 11, 12 and 13).
- The ratio of divorces per 100 marriages in 2023 was 37.5 compared to 33.4 in 2022, 34.2 in 2021, 41.2 in 2020 and 32.1 in 2019 (Table 11).

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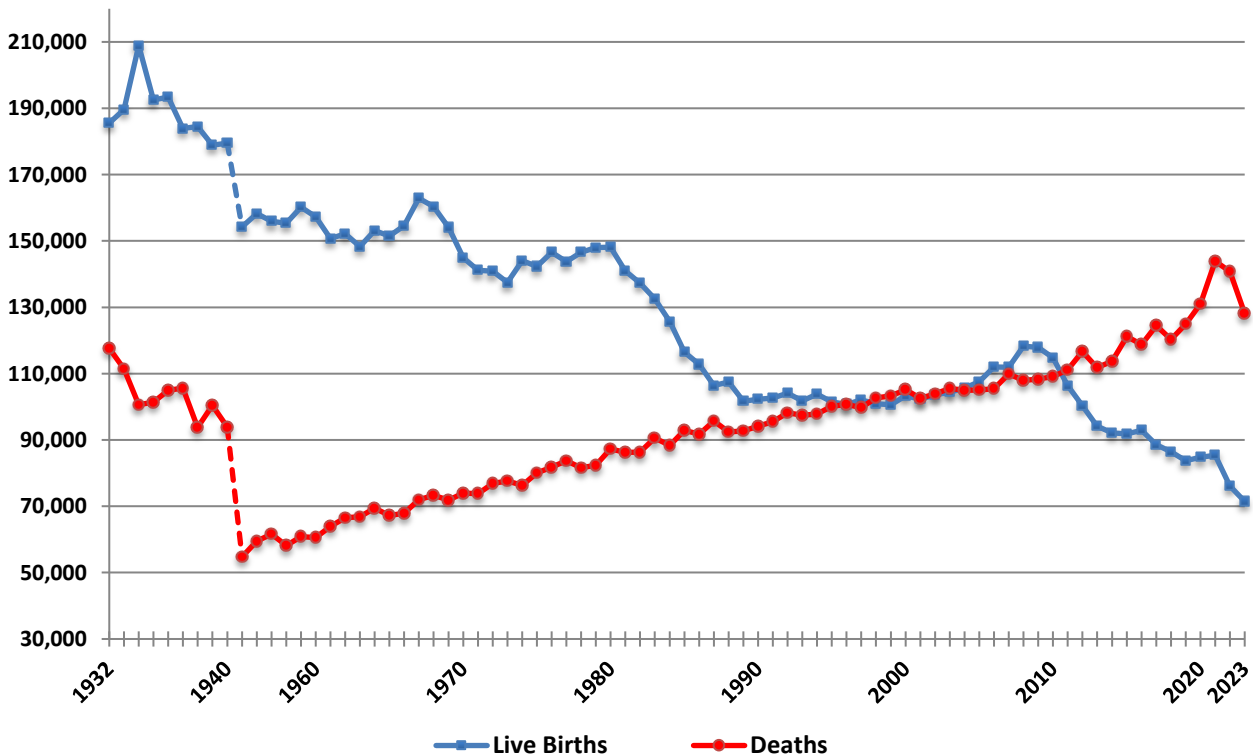
## TABLES AND GRAPHS

**Table 1. Live births and Deaths**

	Live Births	Deaths	Natural Change
<b>1932</b>	185,523	117,593	67,930
<b>1940</b>	179,500	93,830	85,670
<b>1960</b>	157,239	60,563	96,676
<b>1965</b>	151,448	67,269	84,179
<b>1970</b>	144,928	74,009	70,919
<b>1975</b>	142,273	80,077	62,196
<b>1980</b>	148,134	87,282	60,852
<b>1985</b>	116,481	92,886	23,595
<b>1990</b>	102,229	94,152	8,077
<b>1995</b>	101,495	100,158	1,337
<b>2000</b>	103,274	105,170	-1,896
<b>2005</b>	107,545	105,091	2,454
<b>2010</b>	114,766	109,084	5,682
<b>2015</b>	91,847	121,183	-29,336
<b>2016</b>	92,898	118,788	-25,890
<b>2017</b>	88,553	124,495	-35,942
<b>2018</b>	86,440	120,291	-33,851
<b>2019</b>	83,756	124,954	-41,198
<b>2020</b>	84,764	131,025	-46,261
<b>2021</b>	85,346	143,904*	-58,558
<b>2022</b>	76,095	140,801	-64,706
<b>2023</b>	71,455	128,101	-56,646

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**Graph 1. Live births and Deaths for the years 1932 - 2023**



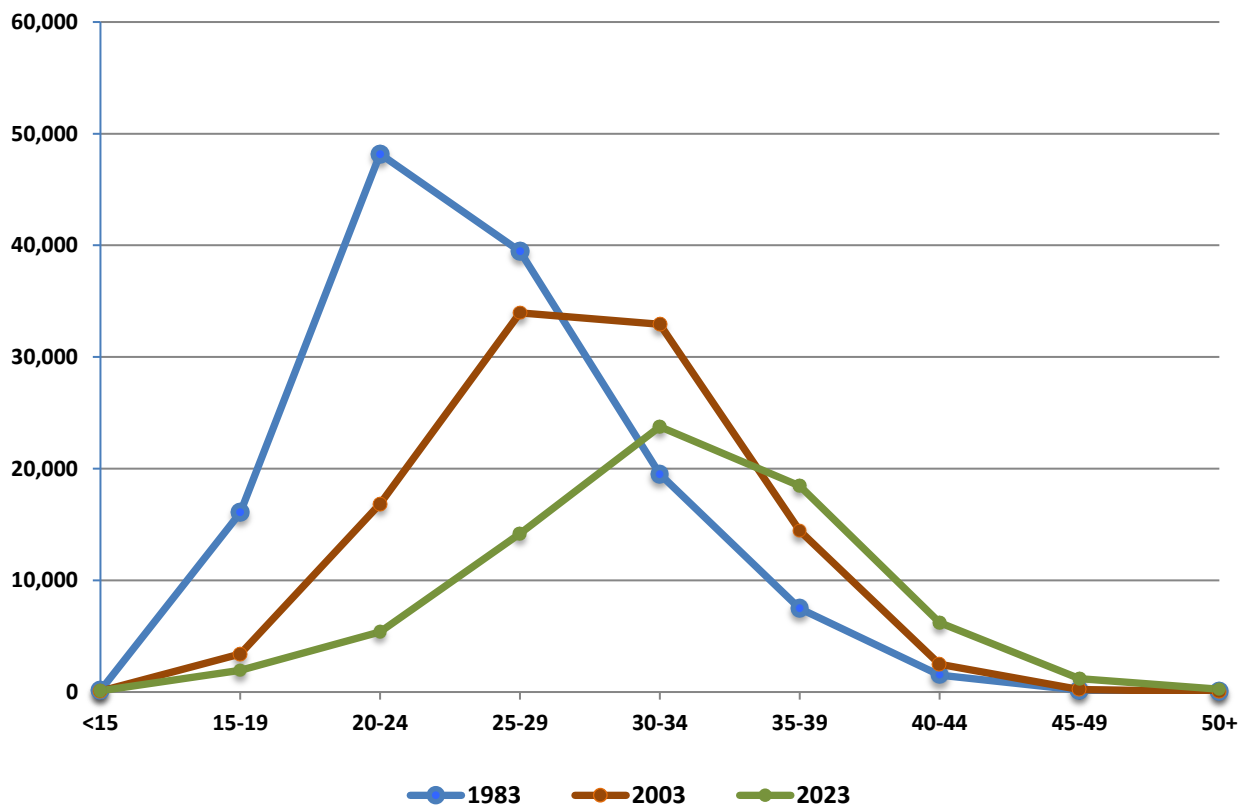
**Table 2. Live births by place of usual residence of the mother and Deaths by place of usual residence of the deceased, 2023**

Place of Usual Residence	Live Births	Deaths
<b>TOTAL GREECE</b>	<b>71,455</b>	<b>128,101</b>
<b>Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>7,697</b>
Drama	508	1,297
Evros	796	1,960
Kavala	839	1,870
Xanthi	896	1,217
Rodopi	622	1,353
<b>Kentriki Makedonia</b>	<b>11,474</b>	<b>21,879</b>
Imathia	838	1,821
Thessaloniki	7,242	11,523
Kilkis	402	1,180
Pella	806	1,855
Pieria	769	1,541
Serres	712	2,711
Chalkidiki	705	1,248
<b>Dytiki Makedonia</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>3,507</b>
Grevena	128	485
Kastoria	229	677
Kozani	817	1,726
Florina	254	619
<b>Thessalia</b>	<b>4,460</b>	<b>9,477</b>
Karditsa	618	1,714
Larisa	1,850	3,329
Magnisia	1,255	2,496
Trikala	737	1,938
<b>Ipeiros</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>4,141</b>
Arta	304	1,050
Thesprotia	225	561
Ioannina	987	1,733
Preveza	299	797
<b>Ionian Nisia</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>2,540</b>
Zakynthos	344	481
Kerkyra	665	1,311
Kefalonia	230	459
Lefkada	157	289
<b>Dytiki Ellada</b>	<b>4,347</b>	<b>7,981</b>
Aitolokarnania	1,254	2,635
Achaia	2,238	3,367
Ileia	855	1,979
<b>Sterea Ellada</b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>7,058</b>
Voiotia	692	1,386
Evvoia	1,276	2,745
Evrytania	69	222
Fthiotida	775	2,230
Fokida	141	475
<b>Peloponnisos</b>	<b>3,459</b>	<b>7,877</b>
Argolida	632	1,338
Arkadia	419	1,150
Korinthia	952	1,955
Lakonia	456	1,307
Messinia	1,000	2,127
<b>Attiki</b>	<b>26,375</b>	<b>43,079</b>
<b>Voreio Aigaio</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>2,230</b>
Lesvos	744	1,149
Samos	308	490
Chios	399	591
<b>Notio Aigaio</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>3,030</b>
Dodekanisos	1,745	1,757
Kyklades	1,185	1,273
<b>Kriti</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>6,673</b>
Irakleio	2,711	3,112
Lasithi	585	987
Rethymno	793	866
Chania	1,411	1,708
<b>Abroad</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>932</b>

**Table 3. Live births by age group of the mother, for the years 1983, 1993, 2003, 2013 and 2023**

	1983	1993	2003	2013	2023
<15	149	74	92	93	111
15-19	16,047	5,611	3,416	2,172	1,936
20-24	48,182	26,918	16,840	8,544	5,392
25-29	39,461	37,321	33,953	23,160	14,170
30-34	19,507	22,184	32,927	35,433	23,760
35-39	7,485	8,099	14,429	19,697	18,447
40-44	1,513	1,457	2,495	4,307	6,206
45-49	163	109	235	639	1,192
50+	32	26	33	89	241
Unknown	69	-	-	-	-
	<b>132,608</b>	<b>101,799</b>	<b>104,420</b>	<b>94,134</b>	<b>71,455</b>

**Graph 2. Live births by age group of the mother, for the years 1983, 2003 and 2023**



**Table 4. Live births, for the years 2019 – 2023**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Live births</b>	<b>83,756</b>	<b>84,764</b>	<b>85,346</b>	<b>76,095</b>	<b>71,455</b>
<b>Boys</b>	42,940	43,531	43,998	39,305	36,622
<b>Girls</b>	40,816	41,233	41,348	36,790	34,833
<b>Greek mothers</b>	71,693	72,249	75,276	67,591	63,831
<b>% Share</b>	85.6	85.2	88.2	88.8	89.3
<b>Foreign mothers</b>	12,055	12,514	10,069	8,504	7,624
<b>Unknown citizenship mothers</b>	8	1	1	0	0
<b>% Share (foreign + unknown citizenship)</b>	14.4	14.8	11.8	11.2	10.7
<b>Births in marriage*</b>	76,163	76,994	77,473	68,635	64,513
<b>% Share</b>	90.9	90.8	90.8	90.2	90.3
<b>Births outside marriage</b>	7,593	7,770	7,873	7,460	6,942
<b>% Share</b>	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.8	9.7

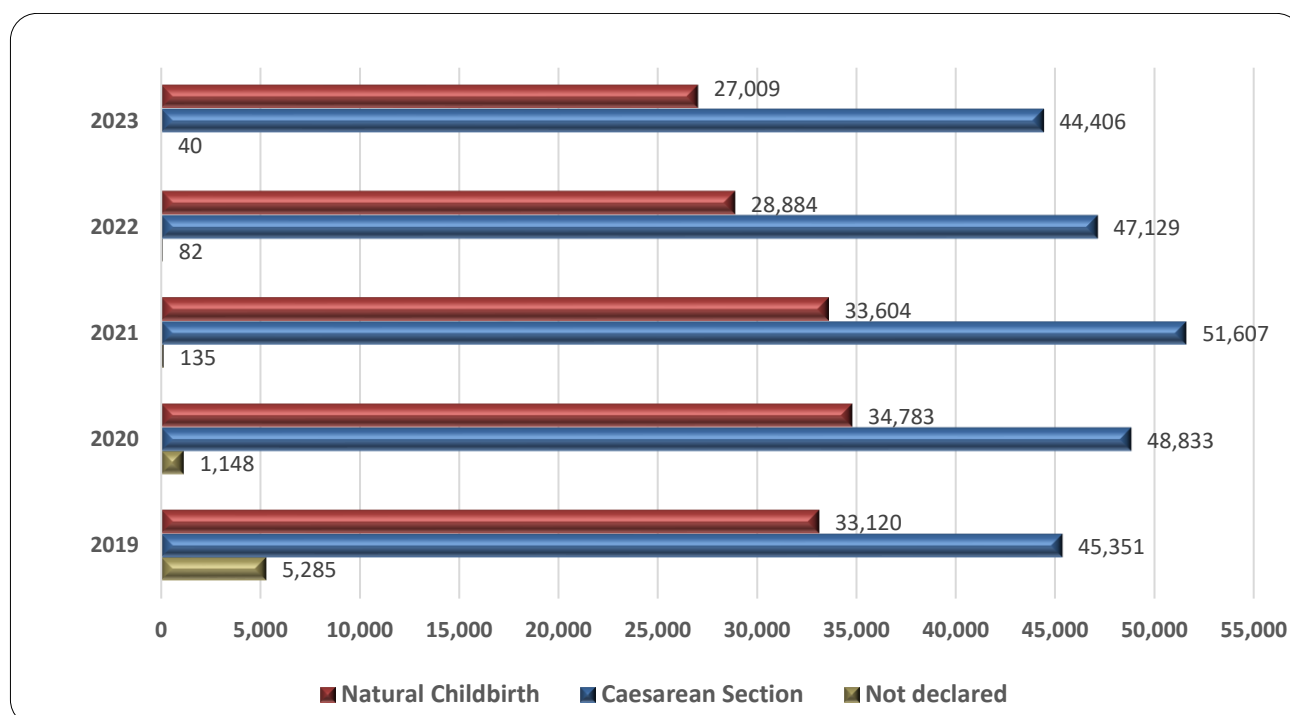
\*Births in registered partnerships are included.

**Table 5: Live births by method of childbirth, for the years 2019 - 2023**

	2019	2020	2021*	2022*	2023
<b>Natural Childbirth</b>	33,120	34,783	33,604	28,884	27,009
<b>Caesarean Section</b>	45,351	48,833	51,607	47,129	44,406
<b>Not declared</b>	5,285	1,148	135	82	40

\*Revised data

**Graph 3: Live births by method of childbirth, for the years 2019 - 2023**

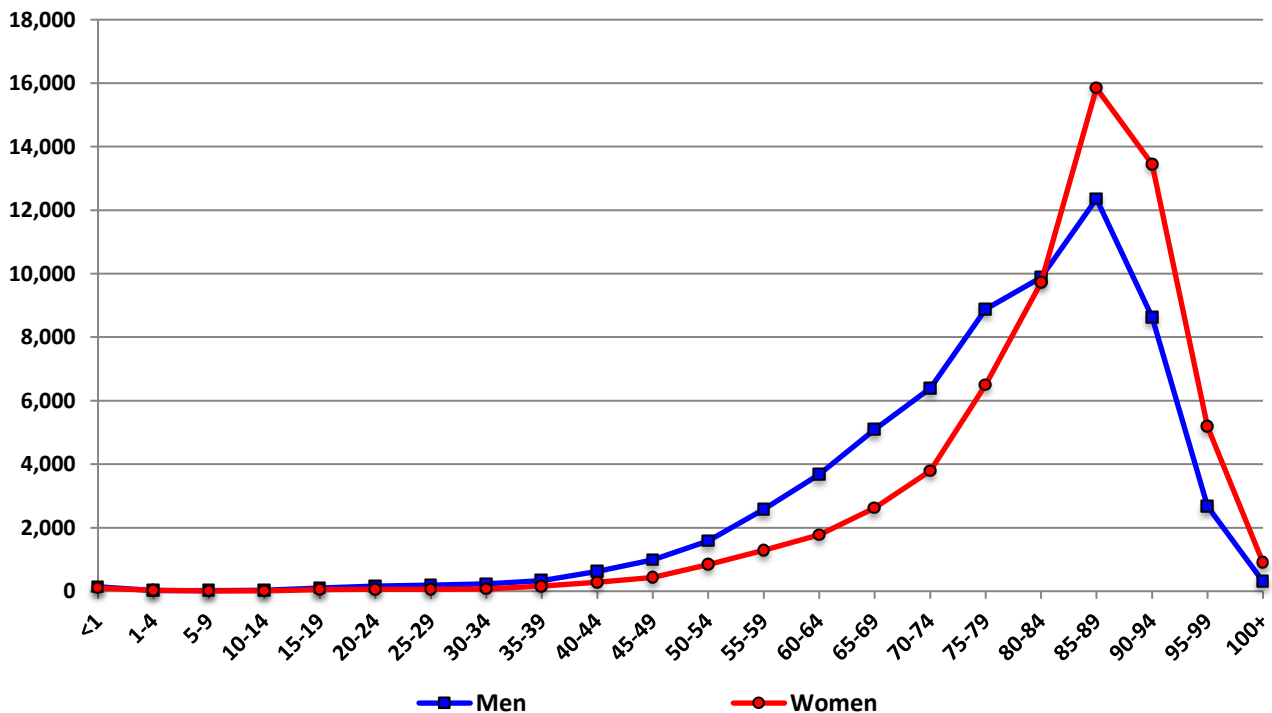


**Table 6. Deaths by sex and age group, for the years 2022 and 2023**

Age	2022			2023		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
	<b>140,801</b>	<b>70,802</b>	<b>69,999</b>	<b>128,101</b>	<b>64,898</b>	<b>63,203</b>
Under 1 year	239	129	110	248	144	104
1-4	54	27	27	52	23	29
5-9	30	15	15	26	17	9
10-14	42	27	15	37	25	12
15-19	129	94	35	149	100	49
20-24	209	169	40	215	158	57
25-29	250	185	65	244	187	57
30-34	311	235	76	307	232	75
35-39	562	388	174	489	329	160
40-44	982	694	288	914	629	285
45-49	1,579	1,091	488	1,425	988	437
50-54	2,649	1,785	864	2,423	1,585	838
55-59	4,021	2,694	1,327	3,876	2,582	1,294
60-64	6,035	4,023	2,012	5,446	3,676	1,770
65-69	8,285	5,475	2,810	7,712	5,090	2,622
70-74	11,151	6,952	4,199	10,183	6,388	3,795
75-79	15,729	8,985	6,744	15,393	8,887	6,506
80-84	22,800	11,510	11,290	19,594	9,877	9,717
85-89	31,669	13,733	17,936	28,200	12,356	15,844
90-94	24,443	9,390	15,053	22,084	8,632	13,452
95-99	8,374	2,877	5,497	7,851	2,667	5,184
100+	1,258	324	934	1,207	306	901
Unknown	0	0	0	26	20	6

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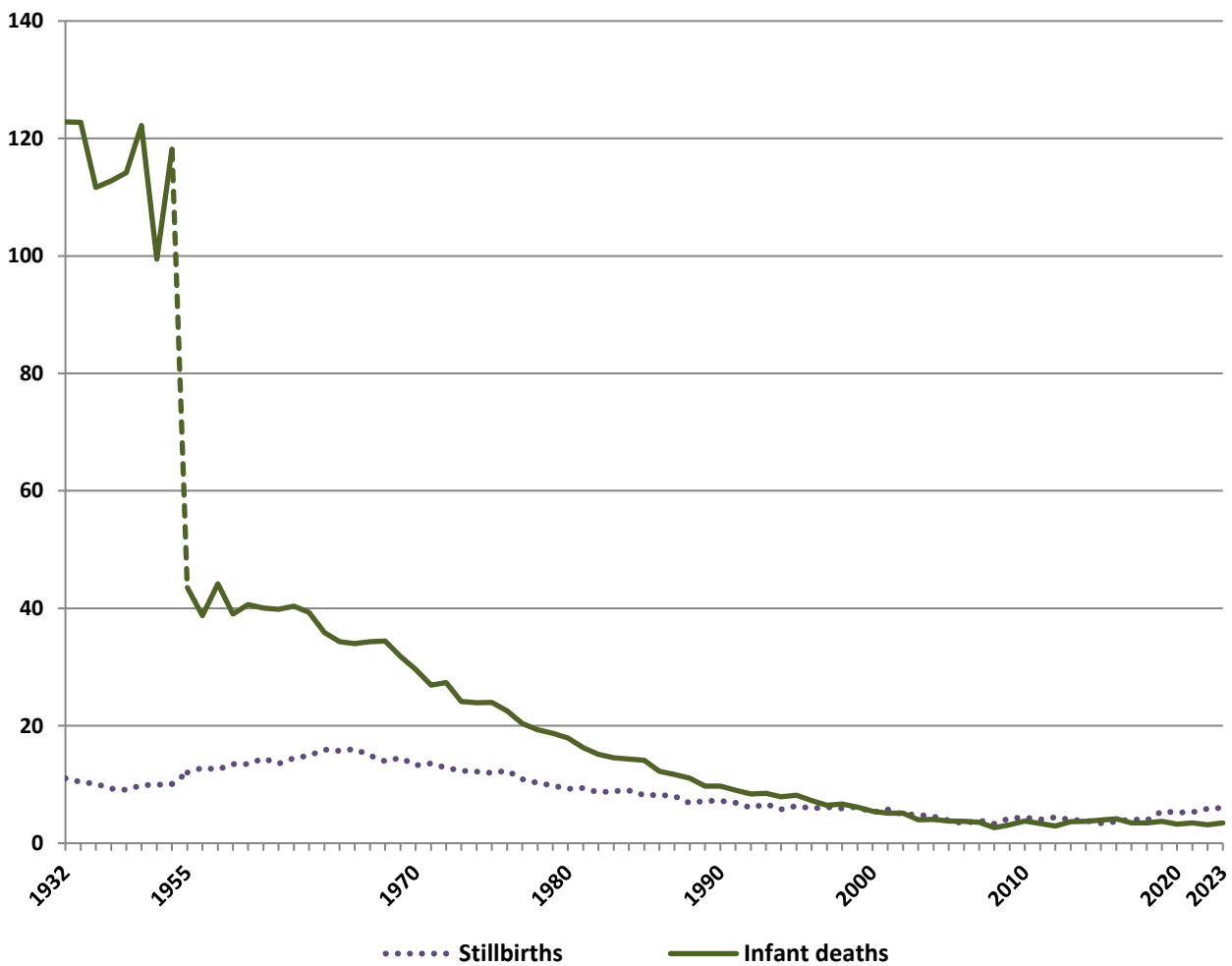
**Graph 4. Deaths by sex and age group, for the year 2023**



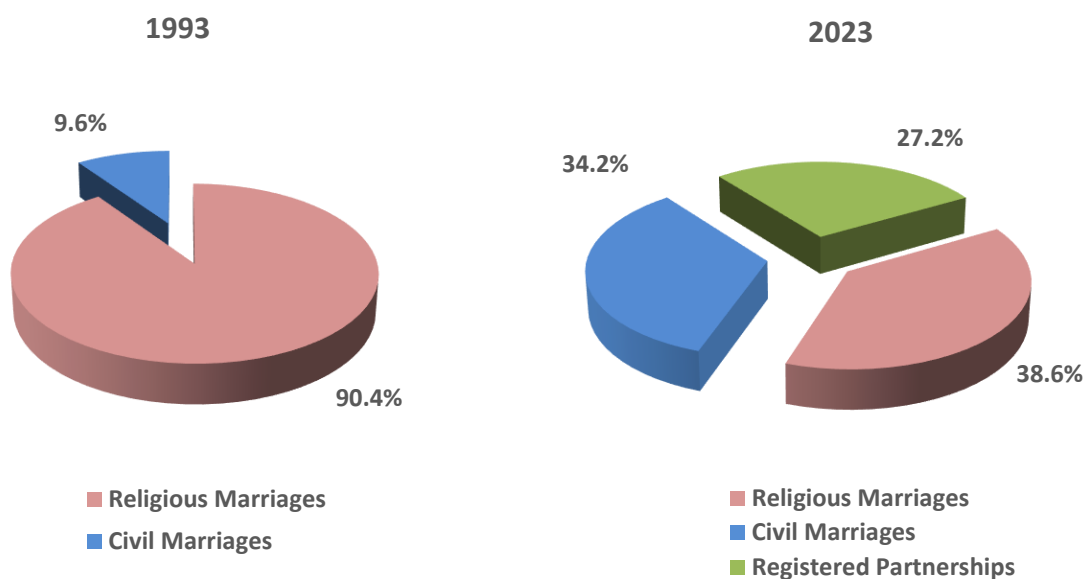
**Table 7. Births and Mortality rates (Infant, Perinatal and Neonatal),  
for the years 2014 – 2023**

	Live Births	Stillbirths	Infant Deaths	Infant mortality Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Neonatal Mortality Rate
2014	92,149	353	345	3.7	5.7	2.6
2015	91,847	312	364	4.0	5.3	2.8
2016	92,898	339	387	4.2	5.4	2.8
2017	88,553	363	306	3.5	5.7	2.4
2018	86,440	335	300	3.5	5.5	2.4
2019	83,756	454	313	3.7	7.1	2.6
2020	84,764	443	275	3.2	6.8	2.3
2021	85,346	453	297	3.5	6.8	2.4
2022	76,095	446	239	3.1	7.3	2.2
2023	71,455	432	248	3.5	7.5	2.2

**Graph 5. Deaths of infants aged less than 1 year and Stillbirths, per 1,000 live births**



**Graph 6. Marriages (religious - civil) and Registered Partnerships,  
for the years 1993 and 2023**



**Table 8. Marriages (religious – civil) and Registered Partnerships**

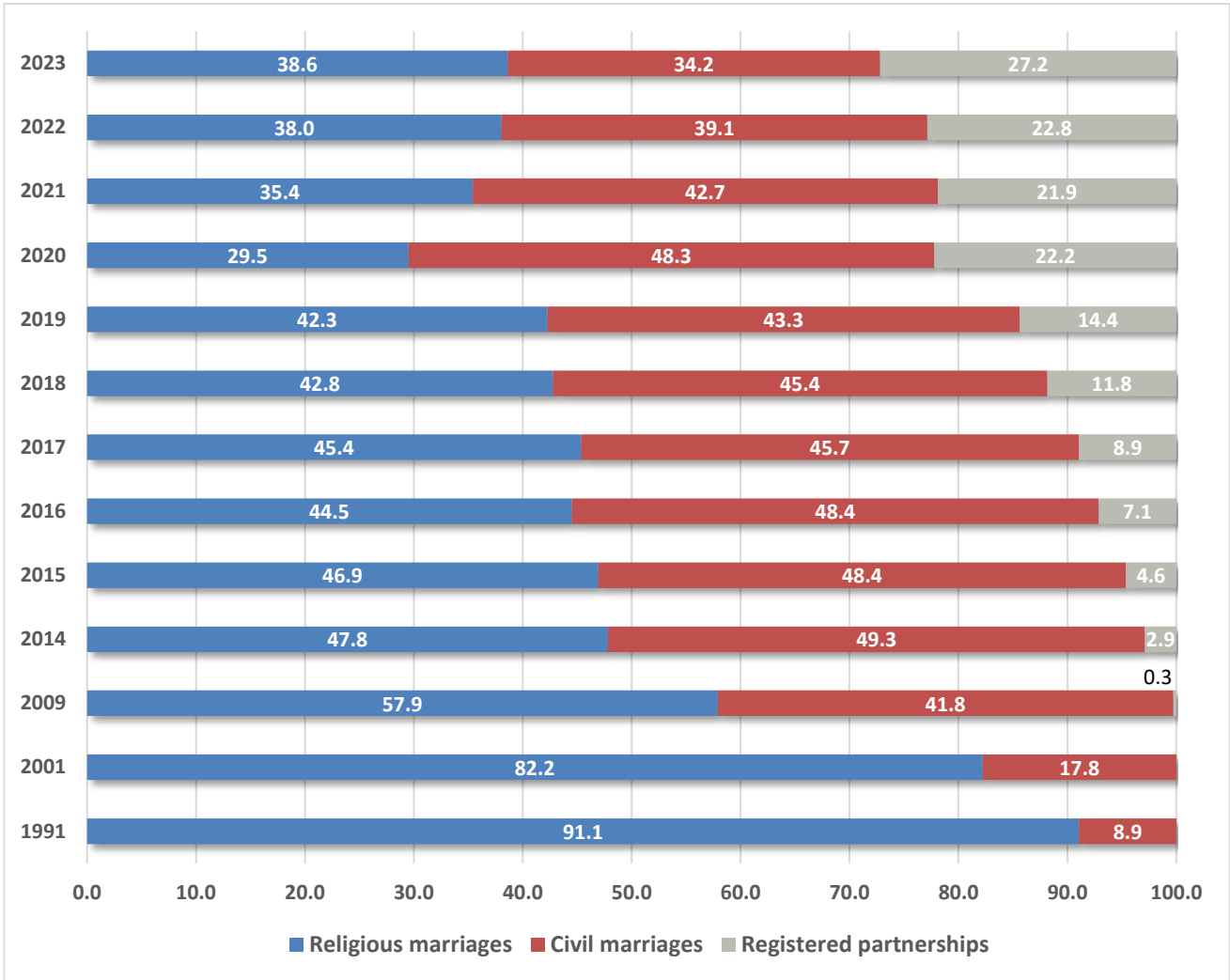
Year	Marriages and Registered Partnerships	Marriages	Religious		Civil		Registered Partnerships	
			Number	% Share	Number	% Share	Number	% Share
1932	39,283	39,283	39,283	100.0	-	-	-	-
1955	66,274	66,274	66,274	100.0	-	-	-	-
1971	73,350	73,350	73,350	100.0	-	-	-	-
1981	71,178	71,178	71,178	100.0	-	-	-	-
1991	65,568	65,568	59,710	91.1	5,858	8.9	-	-
2001	58,491	58,491	48,087	82.2	10,404	17.8	-	-
2009	59,373	59,212	34,375	57.9	24,837	41.8	161	0.3
2010	56,518	56,338	30,327	53.7	26,011	46.0	180	0.3
2011	55,284	55,099	28,472	51.5	26,627	48.2	185	0.3
2012	50,019	49,705	23,980	47.9	25,725	51.4	314	0.6
2013	51,837	51,256	25,624	49.4	25,632	49.4	581	1.1
2014	54,678	53,105	26,152	47.8	26,953	49.3	1,573	2.9
2015	56,283	53,672	26,419	46.9	27,253	48.4	2,611	4.6
2016	53,431	49,632	23,778	44.5	25,854	48.4	3,799	7.1
2017	55,059	50,138	24,975	45.4	25,163	45.7	4,921	8.9
2018	53,797	47,428	23,010	42.8	24,418	45.4	6,369	11.8
2019	55,061	47,137	23,278	42.3	23,859	43.3	7,924	14.4
2020	40,461	31,475	11,935	29.5	19,540	48.3	8,986	22.2
2021	52,188	40,759	18,487	35.4	22,272	42.7	11,429*	21.9
2022	56,195	43,355	21,381	38.0	21,974	39.1	12,840*	22.8
2023	55,420	40,351	21,402	38.6	18,949	34.2	15,069	27.2

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\*\* Any differences between the sum of the individual percentages and the totals are due to rounding.



**Graph 7. Percentage shares of Marriages and Registered Partnerships, for the years 1991, 2001, 2009, 2014 - 2023**



**Table 9. Age distribution of spouses at first marriage, for the year 2023**

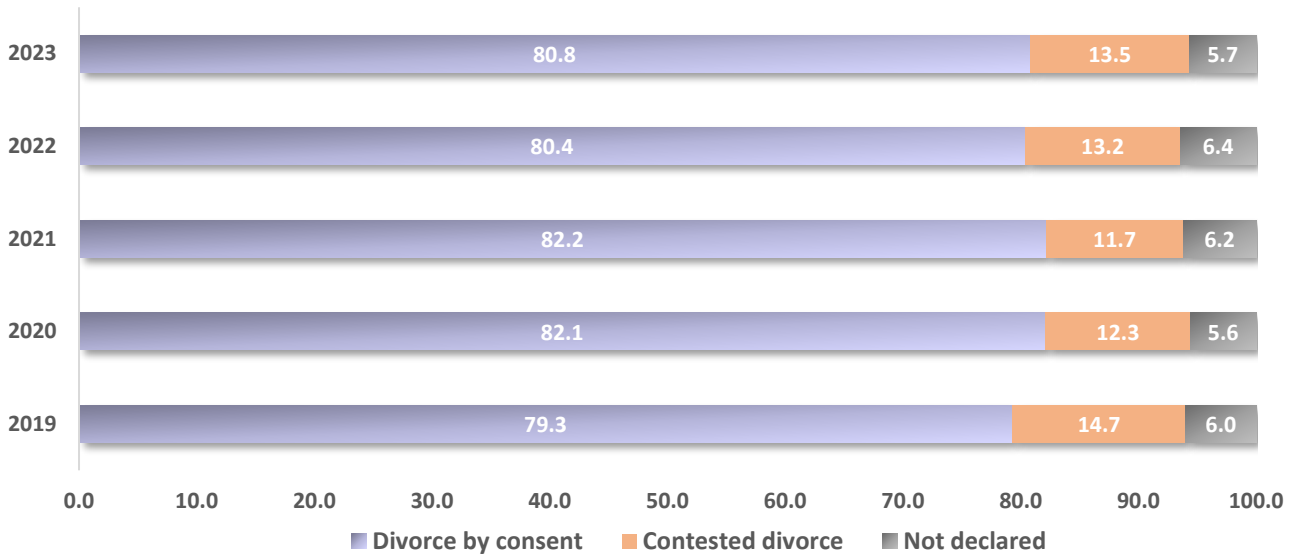
	Men	Women
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,759</b>	<b>35,172</b>
<15	0	2
15-19	107	427
20-24	1,140	2,890
25-29	6,382	11,041
30-34	12,424	12,154
35-39	8,299	5,353
40-44	3,963	2,064
45-49	1,529	795
50-54	552	278
55-59	225	119
60-64	80	28
65-69	37	11
70-74	19	8
75+	2	2

**Table 10. Divorces by type of divorce, for the years 2019 - 2023**

Divorces	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,123</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,962</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,920</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,477</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,114</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Divorces by consent</b>	11,994	79.3	10,646	82.1	11,437	82.2	11,638	80.4	12,214	80.8
<b>Contested divorces</b>	2,227	14.7	1,592	12.3	1,624	11.7	1,906	13.2	2,044	13.5
<b>Not declared</b>	902	6.0	724	5.6	859	6.2	933	6.4	856	5.7

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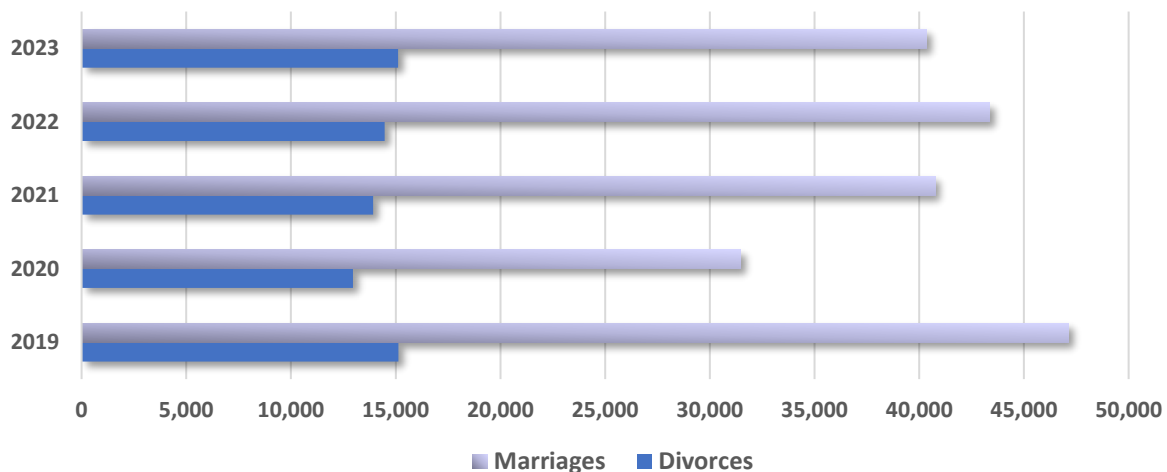
**Graph 8. Divorces by type of divorce, for the years 2019 - 2023**



**Table 11. Divorces and ratio of divorces per 100 marriages, for the years 2019 - 2023**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Divorces</b>	15,123	12,962	13,920	14,477	15,114
<b>Divorces per 100 marriages</b>	32.1	41.2	34.2	33.4	37.5

**Graph 9. Marriages and Divorces, for the years 2019 - 2023**

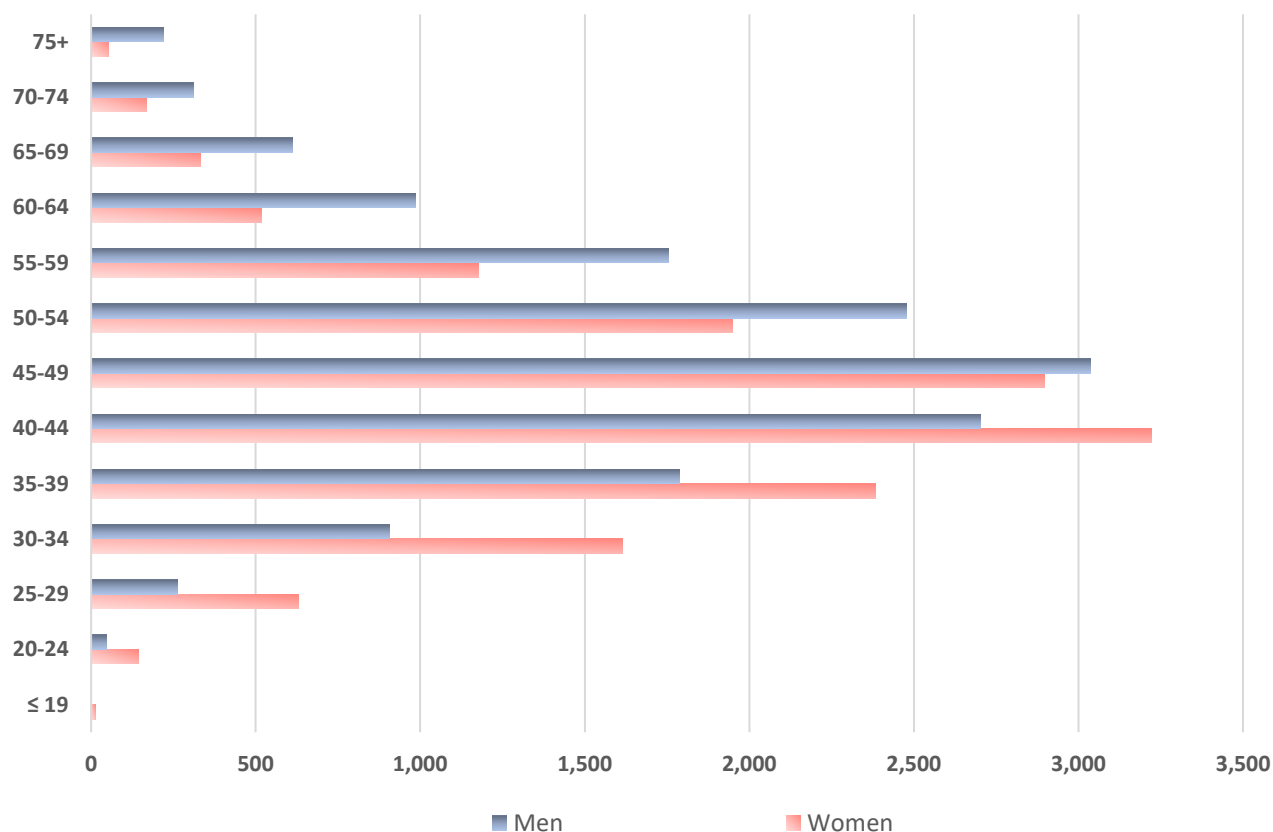


**Table 12. Age distribution of the divorced at the time of dissolution of marriage,  
for the years 2019 - 2023**

	2019*		2020*		2021*		2022*		2023	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
≤ 19	4	19	4	16	2	9	2	9	1	14
20-24	61	185	49	186	60	207	48	138	46	145
25-29	320	753	281	645	310	709	254	609	263	631
30-34	1,171	1,900	970	1,609	996	1,541	908	1,572	907	1,615
35-39	2,265	2,990	1,983	2,491	1,891	2,513	1,815	2,390	1,788	2,384
40-44	2,961	3,218	2,559	2,832	2,710	3,118	2,695	3,098	2,702	3,223
45-49	2,866	2,559	2,505	2,246	2,717	2,541	2,766	2,688	3,037	2,896
50-54	2,321	1,721	1,959	1,470	2,260	1,653	2,325	1,896	2,478	1,950
55-59	1,439	940	1,219	774	1,349	841	1,693	1,070	1,754	1,177
60-64	865	476	686	369	812	420	959	525	987	518
65-69	474	218	410	201	476	228	553	309	613	332
70-74	227	102	206	68	212	99	284	114	310	168
75+	139	31	121	43	115	32	169	55	220	54
Not declared	10	11	10	12	10	9	6	4	8	7

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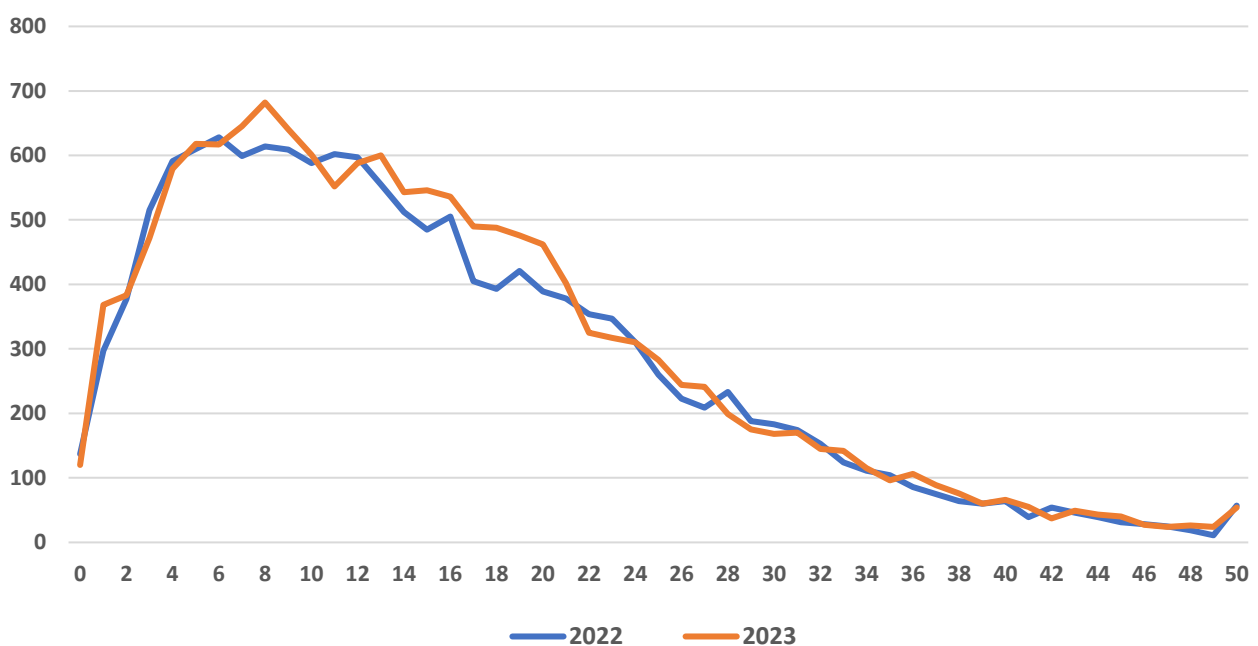
**Graph 10. Divorces by age group of the divorced, for the year 2023**



**Table 13. Divorces by duration of dissolved marriages, for the years 2019 - 2023**

Duration of marriage	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Total divorces</b>	<b>15,123</b>	<b>12,962</b>	<b>13,920</b>	<b>14,477</b>	<b>15,114</b>
<b>Up to 2 years</b>	512	448	411	434	488
<b>Up to 1 year</b>	157	115	102	137	120
<b>1 year</b>	355	333	309	297	368
<b>2 - 4 years</b>	1,801	1,595	1,549	1,483	1,434
<b>2 years</b>	497	447	450	377	383
<b>3 years</b>	613	539	553	515	472
<b>4 years</b>	691	609	546	591	579
<b>5 - 9 years</b>	3,373	2,890	3,042	3,060	3,202
<b>5 years</b>	727	573	641	610	618
<b>6 years</b>	621	623	626	628	617
<b>7 years</b>	629	539	607	599	645
<b>8 years</b>	704	591	575	614	682
<b>9 years</b>	692	564	593	609	640
<b>10+ years</b>	9,437	8,029	8,918	9,500	9,990
<b>10 - 19 years</b>	5,318	4,647	5,101	5,063	5,420
<b>20 - 29 years</b>	2,747	2,312	2,524	2,891	2,958
<b>30 - 39 years</b>	1,056	796	954	1,133	1,167
<b>40+ years</b>	316	274	339	413	445

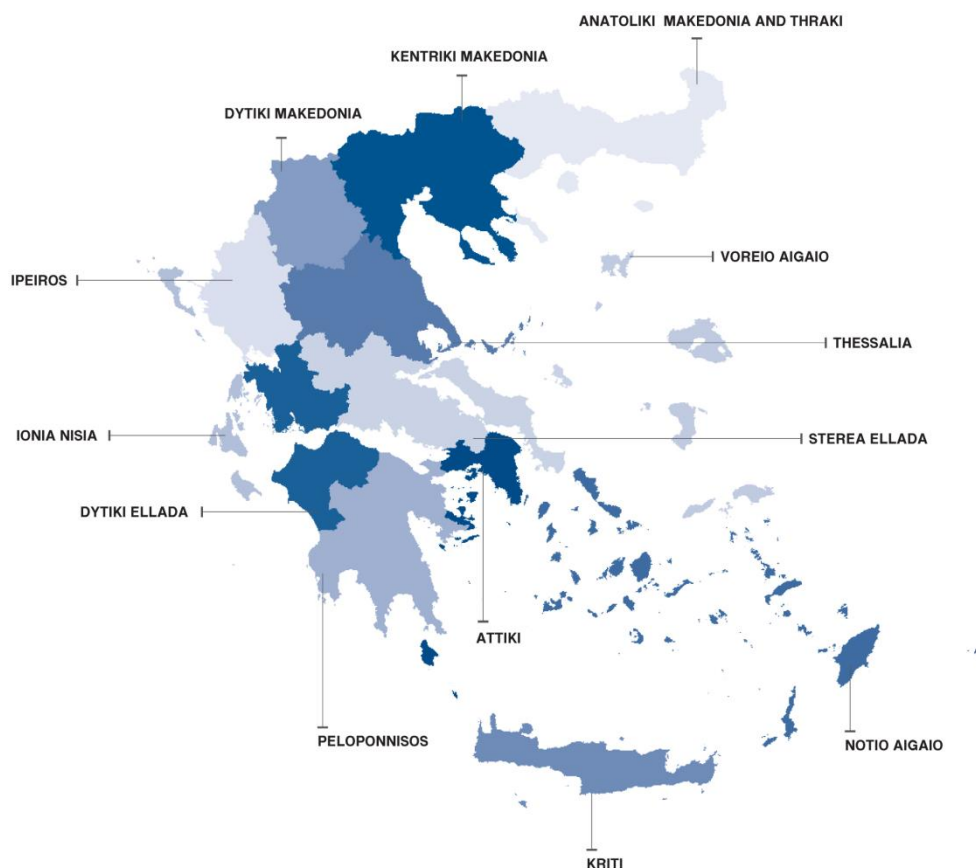
**Graph 11. Divorces by duration of marriage, for the years 2022 – 2023**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Vital Statistics</b>	<p>The Vital Statistics Survey has been conducted since 1956. Data on births, marriages, deaths and registered partnerships have been transmitted to ELSTAT, on a monthly basis, since May 2013, by means of an information system, from the Ministry of Interior. Until the year 2017, divorce data were collected by the Courts of First Instance of the Country on an annual basis, however, since 2018, (Law 4509/2017, article 22), divorce data are transmitted by the Ministry of Interior along with the rest Vital Statistics data. Therefore, divorce figures from 2018 onwards are not completely comparable to figures from previous years.</p>
<b>Legal Framework</b>	<p>The survey is governed by Law 344/76 concerning the “Registration of vital events” which lays down the obligations of the Civil Register Offices to collect and then to transmit the data, as well as by Law 3832/2010 on the “Hellenic Statistical System, Establishment of the Hellenic Statistical Authority as an independent authority” as in force.</p> <p>Legislation for divorces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Law 1329/1983 “Implementation of the constitutional principle of equality of men and women in the Civil Code, its introductory law, commercial law and the Code of Civil Procedure, as well as some modernization of the provisions of the Civil Code concerning the family law”.</li><li>- Civil Code as codified by The Presidential Decree 456/1984 and amended by Law 4509/2017:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Article 1438 C.C. - Marriage dissolution with a divorce issued by means of an irrevocable court decision</li><li>o Article 1439 C.C. - Serious impairment of the marital relationship</li><li>o Article 1440 C.C. - Spouse missing</li><li>o Article 1441 C.C. - Divorce of mutual consent</li></ul></li><li>- Law 4509/2017 Article 22 - the possibility of marriage dissolution by written agreement of the spouses, with the presence of attorneys for each of them is introduced. The settlement is concluded with a notarial deed, (replacement of articles 1438 and 1441 of the Civil Code). The Law came into force in 2018.</li></ul>
<b>Coverage</b>	<p>The survey is a census survey, and it covers all births, deaths, marriages, registered partnerships and divorces that take place within the Greek territory.</p>
<b>Geographical Classification</b>	<p>Geographical classification is based on the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS).</p>

## Map of the Regions (NUTS2) of Greece



### Reference period

Calendar year 2023.

### Definitions

**Infant mortality rate:** The ratio of the number of infant deaths under one year of age during the reference year to the number of live births in the same year. The ratio is expressed per 1,000 live births.

**Neonatal mortality rate:** The ratio of the number of infant deaths under 28 days of age during the reference year to the number of live births in the same year. The ratio is expressed per 1,000 live births.

**Perinatal mortality rate:** The ratio of the number of infant deaths less than 7 days of age (one week) plus stillbirths during the reference year to the number of total births (sum of live births and stillbirths) in the same year. The ratio is expressed per 1,000 total births.

**Natural population change (natural balance):** The difference between births and deaths, without taking into account net migration (immigrants – emigrants).

### Methodology

The vital statistics data, undergo the necessary quality checks, and statistics on births, deaths, marriages, registered partnerships and divorces are compiled on an annual

basis. As regards births, the information on the method of childbirth (natural childbirth of caesarean section) is collected from 2018 onwards. In cases where two types of marriages take place (religious and civil), only the first marriage is recorded. The deaths of migrant-refugees during their attempt to approach European countries are not included. As regards divorces, from 2018 onwards, data refer to divorces by mutual consent (dissolution of marriage by notarial act) and contested divorces (irrevocable court decisions, i.e., which cannot be contested by legal action). The available variables to be collected are type of divorce, sex and age of the divorced, duration and type of marriage (religious - civil), Region of usual residence. Data on the reasons of divorce and the party against whom the divorce was issued are no longer available.

Vital statistics are subject to revision after integration of new data or availability of further clarifications.

## **References**

More information on vital statistics (tables, graphs, methodology) is available on the website of ELSTAT:

<https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SPO03/->