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SURVEY ON ACTS OF ADOPTION, 2020

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on Adoptions, with reference year the year 2020.

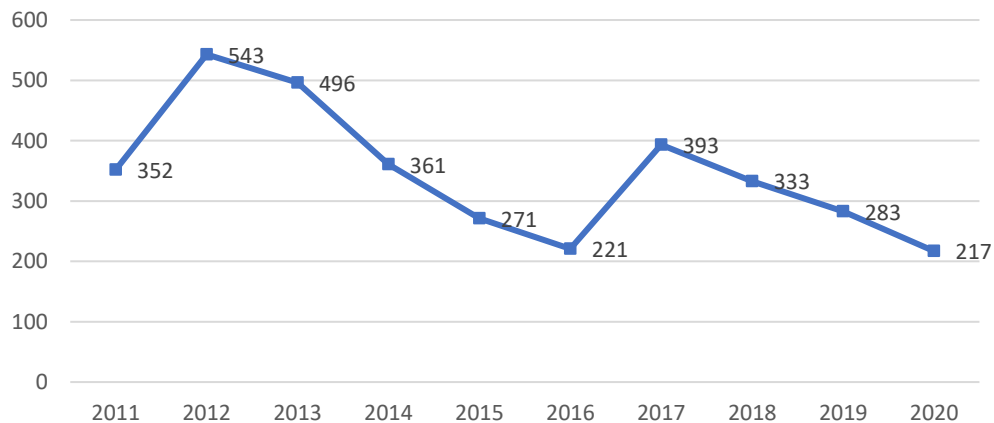
On the basis of available survey data, in 2020, the total number of acts of adoptions amounted to 217, recording a 23.3% decrease in comparison with 2019, when the number of acts of adoption was 283 (Table 1).

Table 1. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions and adoptions of the International Social Service, 2019 and 2020

Regions	2019	2020	Μεταβολή(%) 2020/2019
Attiki	153	128	-16.3
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	15	16	6.7
Voreia Ellada	78	54	-30.8
Kentriki Ellada	29	19	-34.5
Total	275	217	-21.1
Adoptions under the International Social Service*	8	0	-100.0
Γενικό σύνολο	283	217	-23.3

*Transnational adoptions under the Hague Convention.

Graph 1. Acts of adoption, 2011-2020



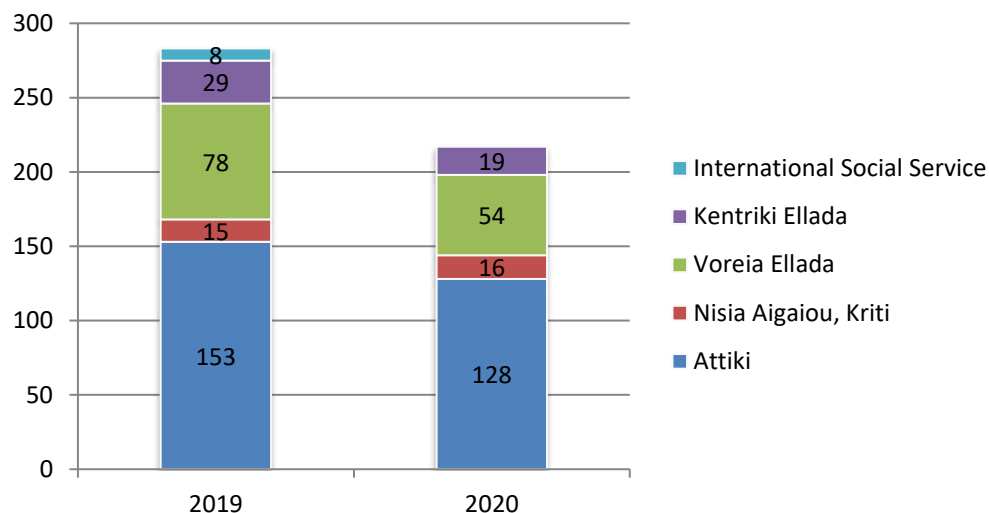
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Graph 2. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions and adoptions of the International Social Service, 2019 and 2020

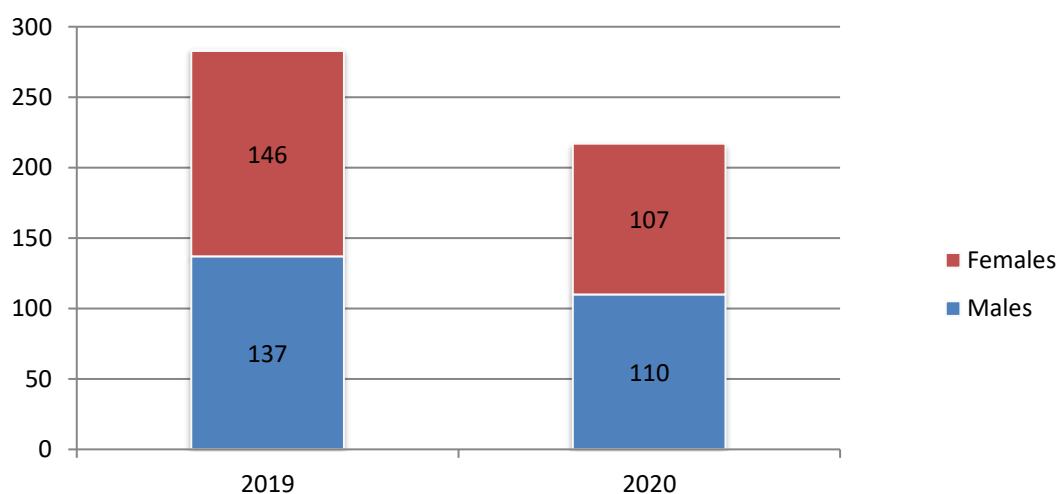


On the basis of available survey data, in 2020 the adoptions of females amounted to 107, while the adoptions of males to 110, recording a decrease of 26.7% and 19.7%, respectively, in comparison with 2019. (Table 2, Graph 3).

Table 2. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2019 and 2020

Gender	2019	2020	Change (%) 2020/2019
Males	137	110	-19.7
Females	146	107	-26.7
Total	283	217	-23.3

Graph 3. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2019 and 2020

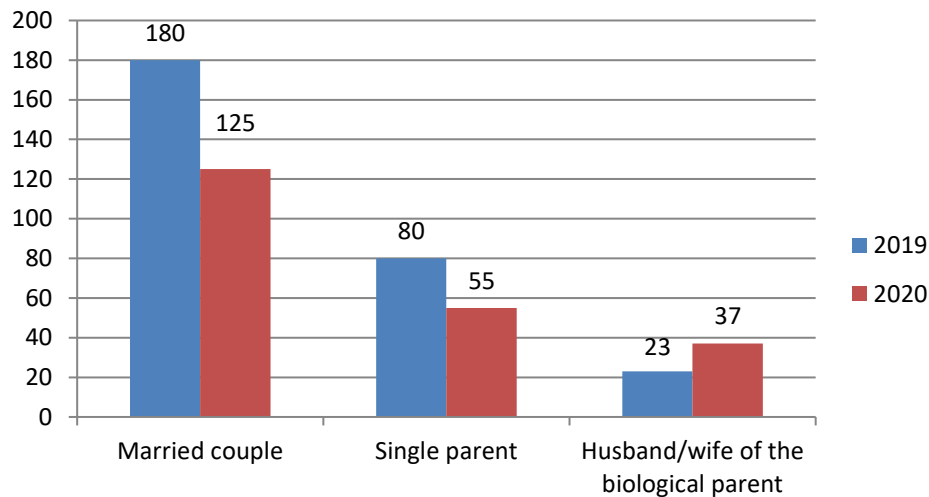


The adoptive parents are mostly married couples (husband and wife) (Table 3, Graph 4). In 2020, the adoptions by married couples decreased by 30.6% in comparison with 2019. An increase of 60.9% was recorded for adoptions by husband/wife of the biological parent.

Table 3. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2019 and 2020

Type of adoptive parents	2019	2020	Change (%) 2020/2019
Married couple	180	125	-30.6
Single parent family <i>Of which</i>	80	55	-31.3
<i>Only father</i>	45	27	-40.0
<i>Only mother</i>	35	28	-20.0
Husband/wife of the biological parent	23	37	60.9
Total	283	217	-23.3

Graph 4. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2019 and 2020

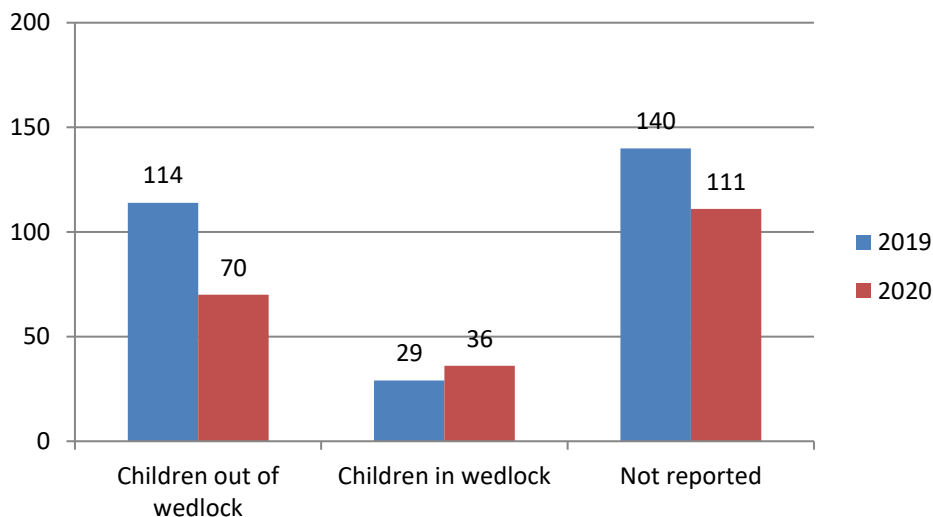


As regards the legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, on the basis of the available data it is observed that most of the adoptees are children out of wedlock (Table 4, Graph 5). A decrease observed in the number of adoptions in 2020, compared with 2019, was for children out of wedlock, namely by 38.6%.

Table 4. Acts of adoption by legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, 2019 and 2020

Legal status	2019	2020	Change (%) 2020/2019
Children out of wedlock	114	70	-38.6
Children in wedlock	29	36	24.1
Not reported	140	111	-20.7
Total	283	217	-23.3

Graph 5. Acts of adoption by legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, 2019 and 2020

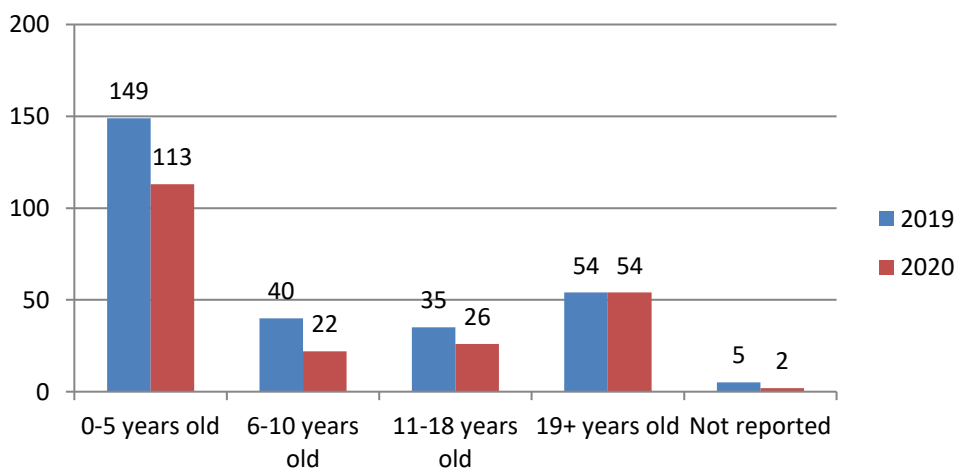


As regards the age of the adoptees, in 2020, the majority of acts of adoption (52.1%) refer to children belonging to the age group 0-5 years (Table 5, Graph 6). In 2020, it was observed a decrease in the number of adoptions in all age groups.

Table 5. Acts of adoptions by age group of adoptees, 2019 and 2020

Age group	2019	2020	Change (%) 2019/2018
0-5	149	113	-24.2
6-10	40	22	-45.0
11-18	35	26	-25.7
≥19	54	54	0
Not reported	5	2	-60.0
Total	283	217	-23.3

Graph 6. Acts of adoption by age group of adoptees, 2019 and 2020



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on acts of adoption The number of acts of adoption is based on the judicial decisions recorded throughout Greece during one calendar year, by NUTS 1 Region, gender, age group, category of adopters and legal status of the adoptees.

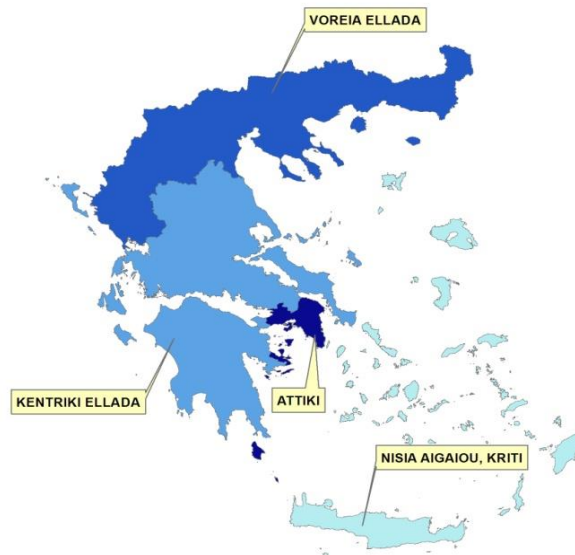
Reference period The survey results refer to the period January-December 2020.

Coverage Greece total.

NUTS 1 Regions in Table 1 are further broken down as follows:

- “Attiki”
- “Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti” includes islands of Voreio Aigaio, islands of Notio Aigaio and Kriti
- “Voreia Ellada” includes Anatoliki Makedonia and Thraki, Kentriki Makedonia, Dytiki Makedonia and Ipeiros.
- “Kentriki Ellada” includes Thessalia, Dytiki Ellada, Kentriki Ellada, Peloponnisos and Ionia Nisia.

Maps of 4 NUTS 1 Regions of Greece



Methodology The survey is a census survey and the data derive from the National Register of Adoptions of the National Centre for Social Solidarity (EKKA). The category “not reported” includes adoptions for which basic information is available but the specific variable is missing.

References More information on the Survey on Acts of Adoption can be found on the website of ELSTAT at the following link:
<http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/>