



## PRESS RELEASE EDUCATIONAL VISITS IN ELSTAT (Action for Fostering Statistical Literacy)

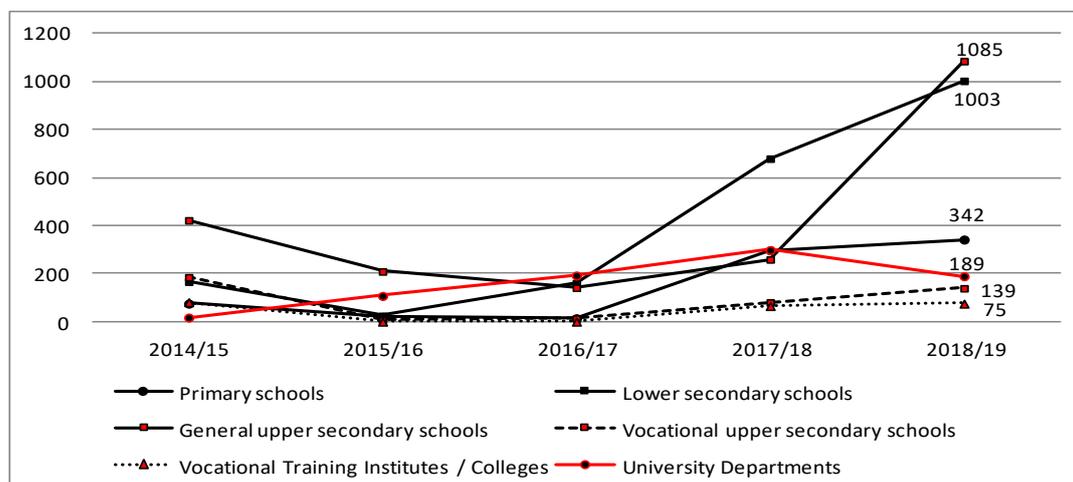
In the framework of its strategy for “Fostering statistical literacy in Greece”, the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) continued, during the school-academic year 2018/2019, to organise on its premises educational visits for pupils and students. During these visits, the pupils/students can comprehend the statistical science, enhance their understanding about the usefulness of statistical data in everyday life and become aware of the importance of Official Statistics for the Country.

More specifically:

- During the school-academic year 2018/2019, 2,833 pupils and students from 51 schools and university departments attended the programme, while in the year 2017/2018 1,678 and 36, respectively.
- A remarkable increase is recorded in the number of pupils of lower and upper secondary education schools. The Panhellenic Statistics Competition organised by ELSTAT for lower and upper secondary education pupils, in cooperation with the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat), had also a significant contribution to the promotion of the programme.

Graph 1

Number of pupils/students in educational visits in ELSTAT, by school-academic year  
(2014/2015-2018/2019)



The purpose of the visits is to acquaint pupils/students with the world of statistics and to inform them on the processes for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics, following European and international statistical standards in all areas and unswervingly observing the rules laid down in the Greek and Union legislation. Moreover, the important role and use of official statistics in politics, economy and everyday life is highlighted. In addition, the pupils/students learn how to find easily the information they are looking for and they have the opportunity to navigate ELSTAT and Eurostat websites.

It should be noted that ELSTAT is planning to increase the number of days when educational visits are organised in ELSTAT, from two to three days per week. In addition, ELSTAT is planning to extend the programme with ELSTAT officials visiting schools all over Greece. During the school-academic year 2018/2019, ELSTAT officials have already visited two schools in Komotini and presented the relevant educational programme to 334 pupils.

More detailed data are presented in the following table:

<b>Educational visits in ELSTAT</b>					
<b>(school-academic years 2014/2015-2018/2019)</b>					
	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
	<b>Schools and university departments</b>				
Primary schools	2	1	1	7	6
Lower secondary schools	4	1	2	11	16
General upper secondary schools	8	4	3	6	17
Vocational upper secondary schools	6	1	1	4	6
Vocational Training Institutes / Colleges	3	0	0	3	3
University Departments	1	2	4	5	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>51</b>
	<b>Number of pupils, students</b>				
Primary schools	75	20	14	297	342
Lower secondary schools	166	24	160	679	1,003
General upper secondary schools	422	209	141	259	1,085
Vocational upper secondary schools	185	6	13	80	139
Vocational Training Institutes / Colleges	81	0	0	65	75
University Departments	17	107	192	298	189
<b>Total:</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>2,833</b>
	<b>Accompanying teaching staff</b>				
Primary schools	5	2	2	17	17
Lower secondary schools	11	2	9	47	69
General upper secondary schools	23	13	10	20	78
Vocational upper secondary schools	16	1	2	8	13
Vocational Training Institutes / Colleges	2	0	0	5	3
University Departments	2	4	0	4	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>183</b>

More information on the educational visits is available through the website of ELSTAT for Statistical Literacy, at <http://www.statistics.gr/el/edu> (under “Educational visits”).

Those who are interested in attending the educational programme of ELSTAT should contact the competent ELSTAT officials at the following phone numbers +30 213 1352348 and +30 213 1352315 (Library Section) and then submit electronically the relevant application form, available at <http://www.statistics.gr/el/edu-programs-participation>.