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### FOLLOW UP OF DATA ON PHARMACIES, PHARMACISTS AND WHOLESALE DRUGSTORES, YEAR 2020

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on Pharmacies, Pharmacists and Wholesale Drugstores for the year 2020.

During 2020, 10,427 pharmacies operated in Greece, and out of this number, 3,674 pharmacies (35.2%) were located in the Region of Attiki (Table 1). In comparison with 2019, the total number of pharmacies in Greece recorded an increase of 1.0% (99 pharmacies). More specifically, the biggest increase in absolute values was recorded in Dytiki Ellada with 22 new pharmacies (3.5%), while the biggest decrease was observed in Attiki with 7 fewer pharmacies (-0.2%) (Table 1, Graph 1).

**Table 1. Number of pharmacies by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2018-2020**

Regions	2018*	2019*	2020	Percentage distribution (%) 2020	Change (%) 2019/2018	Change (%) 2020/2019
Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki	554	558	569	5.5	0.7	2.0
Kentriki Makedonia	1,917	1,957	1,976	19.0	2.1	1.0
Dytiki Makedonia	242	239	242	2.3	-1.2	1.3
Ipeiros	322	325	322	3.1	0.9	-0.9
Thessalia	784	798	802	7.7	1.8	0.5
Ionia Nisia	184	191	195	1.9	3.8	2.1
Dytiki Ellada	615	623	645	6.2	1.3	3.5
Sterea Ellada	435	439	433	4.2	0.9	-1.4
Peloponnisos	493	504	521	5.0	2.2	3.4
Attiki	3,684	3,681	3,674	35.2	-0.1	-0.2
Voreio Aigaio	177	182	183	1.8	2.8	0.5
Notio Aigaio	287	265	279	2.7	-7.7	5.3
Kriti	556	566	586	5.6	1.8	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>10,328</b>	<b>10,427</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>

\* Revised data

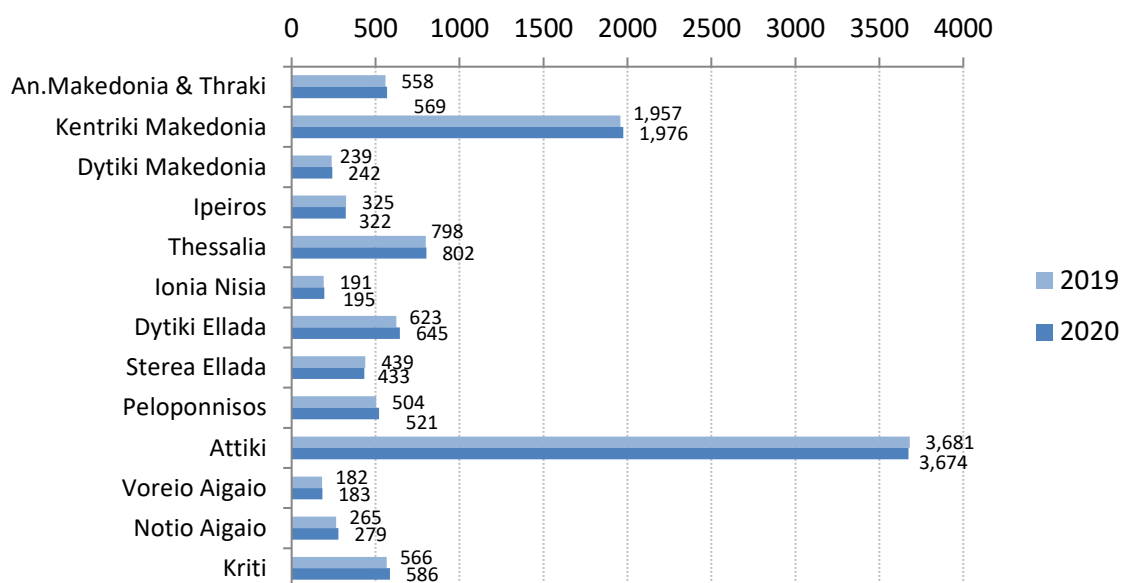
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**Graph 1. Number of pharmacies by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2019 and 2020**



Based on the number of pharmacies per Region, the ratio of pharmacies per 10,000 inhabitants was calculated, which for the year 2020 accounted to 9.7. More specifically, the Region with the biggest density of pharmacies in relation to its population was Thessalia (11.2), followed by Kentriki Makedonia (10.5), while the lowest density was recorded in Sterea Ellada (7.8) (Table 2).

**Table 2. Number of pharmacies per 10,000 inhabitants, by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2018-2020**

Regions	2018*	2019*	2020
Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki	9.2	9.3	9.5
Kentriki Makedonia	10.2	10.4	10.5
Dytiki Makedonia	8.9	8.9	9.1
Ipeiros	9.6	9.7	9.6
Thessalia	10.8	11.1	11.2
Ionia Nisia	9.0	9.3	9.6
Dytiki Ellada	9.3	9.4	9.8
Stereia Ellada	7.8	7.9	7.8
Peloponnisos	8.5	8.7	9.1
Attiki	9.8	9.8	9.8
Voreio Aigaio	8.7	8.6	8.3
Notio Aigaio	8.5	7.8	8.1
Kriti	8.8	8.9	9.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>

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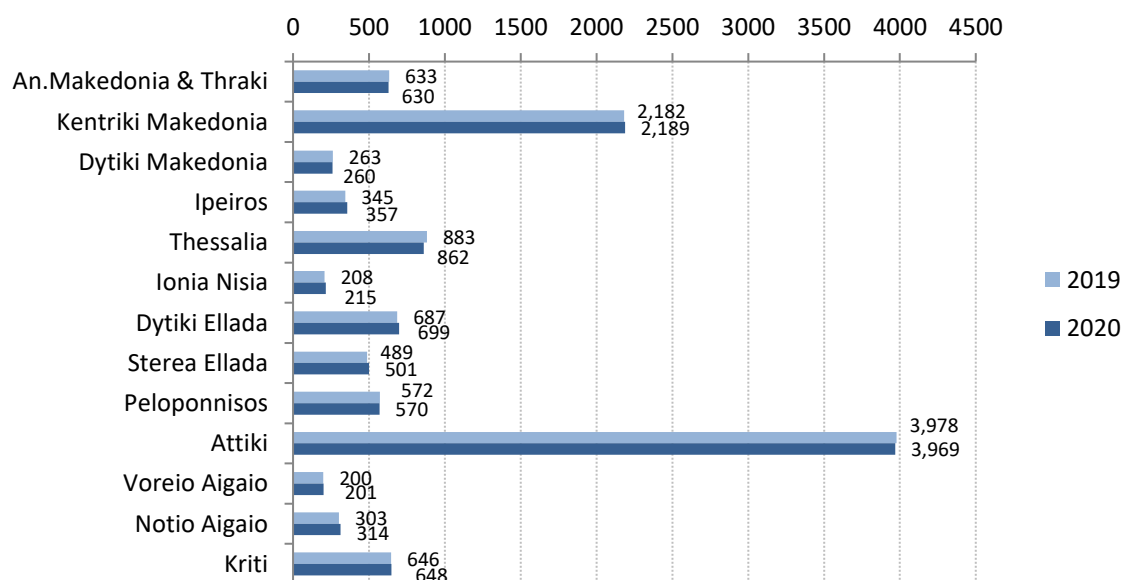
ELSTAT collected also data on the number of pharmacists (employed in pharmacies) for the year 2020 from the Panhellenic Association of Pharmacists, according to which, 11,415 pharmacists were employed in pharmacies all over Greece compared with 11,389 in 2019, presenting an increase of 0.2% (Table 3, Graph 2).

**Table 3. Number of pharmacists, by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2018 - 2020**

	2018*	2019*	2020	Percentage distribution (%) 2020	Change (%) 2019/2018	Change (%) 2020/2019	Pharmacists per 10,000 inhabitants 2020
Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki	591	633	630	5.5	7.1	-0.5	10.5
Kentriki Makedonia	2,080	2,182	2,189	19.2	4.9	0.3	11.7
Dytiki Makedonia	263	263	260	2.3	0.0	-1.1	9.7
Ipeiros	349	345	357	3.1	-1.1	3.5	10.7
Thessalia	819	883	862	7.6	7.8	-2.4	12.0
Ionia Nisia	196	208	215	1.9	6.1	3.4	10.5
Dytiki Ellada	649	687	699	6.1	5.9	1.7	10.7
Stereia Ellada	475	489	501	4.4	2.9	2.5	9.0
Peloponnisos	556	572	570	5.0	2.9	-0.3	9.9
Attiki	3,875	3,978	3,969	34.8	2.7	-0.2	10.6
Voreio Aigaio	185	200	201	1.8	8.1	0.5	9.1
Notio Aigaio	297	303	314	2.8	2.0	3.6	9.1
Kriti	600	646	648	5.7	7.7	0.3	10.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,935</b>	<b>11,389</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>

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**Graph 2. Number of pharmacists by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2019 and 2020**



Finally, as far as the number of wholesale drugstores is concerned, this reached 136 for 2020 recording an increase of 4.6% when compared with 130 in 2019. There are no available data disaggregated by Region.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

The survey on pharmacies, pharmacists and wholesale drugstores is conducted yearly and results are presented on a national and regional level covering the country's needs on statistical information.

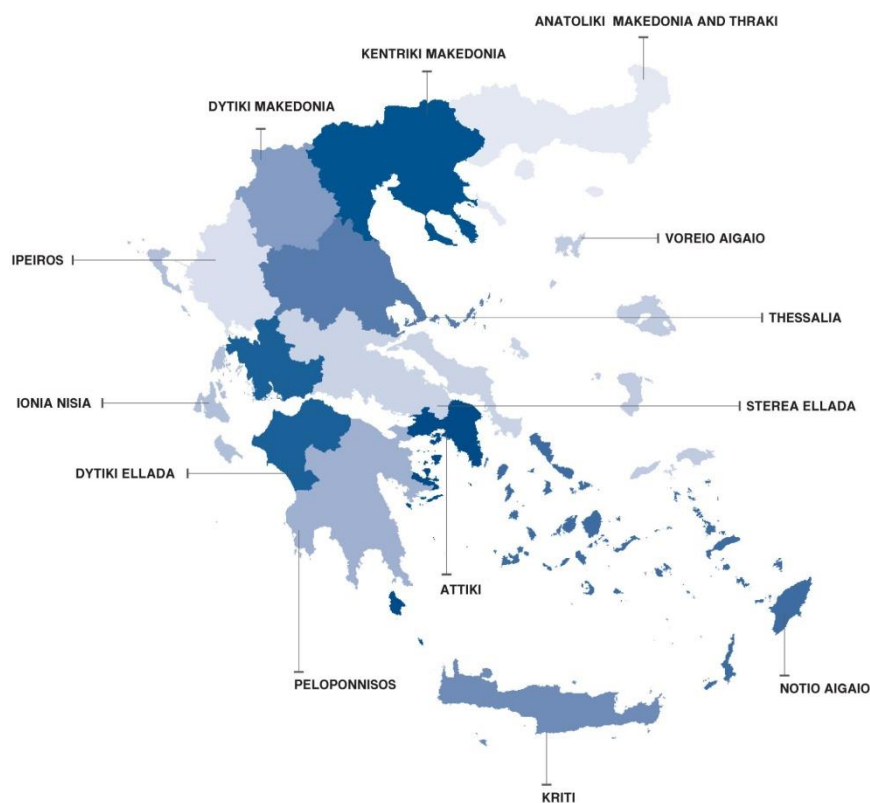
**Reference period:**

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

**Geographical classification:**

The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics.

Map of the 13 Regions (NUTS level 2) of Greece



**Methodology:**

The survey is based on data collected by the Panhellenic Association of Pharmacists and the Panhellenic Association of Wholesale Drugstores.

**References:**

More information on the Survey pharmacies, pharmacists and wholesale drugstores can be found on the website of ELSTAT:  
<http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE18/>