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SURVEY ON TERTIARY EDUCATION (UNIVERSITIES)
END OF ACADEMIC YEARS 2014/2015 & 2015/2016

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces statistical data on Tertiary Education (Universities) for the end of academic years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016. On the basis of available survey data:

- The number of **enrolled undergraduate students** in all universities in the academic year 2015/2016 increased by 2.5% in comparison to 2014/2015 (from 387,055 to 396,814) (Table 1).
- **Teaching staff** in all universities in the academic year 2015/2016 decreased by 0.2% in comparison to 2014/2015. However, Ionio University, the Hellenic Open University and the University of Western Macedonia recorded an increase of 12.5%, 10.4% and 10.2%, respectively (Table 2).
- The number of **graduates from undergraduate programmes** in the academic year 2015/2016 increased by 1.7% in comparison to 2014/2015. This increase is mainly due to the regional universities (Table 3).
- **Enrolled postgraduate students** in the academic year 2015/2016 increased by 4.3% in comparison to 2014/2015. On the contrary, there is a decrease in the University of Ioannina (1.6%), University of Crete (17.4%), University of Patras (6.4%), the School of Fine Arts (9.8%) and the Hellenic Open University (9.0%) (Table 4).
- **Postgraduate students that graduated** in the academic year 2015/2016 increased by 20.2% in comparison to 2014/2015 (Table 5).
- **Enrolled doctorate students** in the academic year 2015/2016 increased by 1.6% in comparison to 2014/2015 (Table 6).

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Table 1 and Graph 1 present data on enrolled undergraduate students for academic years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

Table 1. Enrolled undergraduate students, by gender and educational institution

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %
Total	387,055	396,814	2.5	187,677	192,936	2.8	199,378	203,878	2.3
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	85,961	86,036	0.1	37,114	37,748	1.7	48,847	48,288	-1.1
University of the Aegean	13,834	14,163	2.4	6,127	6,317	3.1	7,707	7,846	1.8
University of Thessaly	11,281	12,360	9.6	5,473	5,857	7.0	5,808	6,503	12.0
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	64,568	66,783	3.4	31,157	32,001	2.7	33,411	34,782	4.1
Democritus University of Thrace	21,651	22,079	2.0	9,761	10,267	5.2	11,890	11,812	-0.7
Ionian University	4,039	4,460	10.4	1,535	1,789	16.5	2,504	2,671	6.7
University of Ioannina ¹	16,973	19,142	12.8	7,348	8,377	14.0	9,625	10,765	11.8
University of Crete	16,840	16,742	-0.6	6,444	6,558	1.8	10,396	10,184	-2.0
University of Patras	29,612	30,071	1.6	16,310	16,399	0.5	13,302	13,672	2.8
Athens University of Economics and Business	18,556	19,260	3.8	11,678	12,030	3.0	6,878	7,230	5.1
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	18,496	19,114	3.3	7,101	7,288	2.6	11,395	11,826	3.8
University of Piraeus	20,129	21,489	6.8	12,412	13,347	7.5	7,717	8,142	5.5
University of Macedonia	14,825	13,640	-8.0	8,487	7,375	-13.1	6,338	6,265	-1.2
Agricultural University of Athens	5,416	5,991	10.6	3,075	3,396	10.4	2,341	2,595	10.9
Athens School of Fine Arts	1,525	1,480	-3.0	501	521	4.0	1,024	959	-6.3
Harokopio University	2,044	2,149	5.1	912	983	7.8	1,132	1,166	3.0
University of Peloponnese	5,785	5,895	1.9	2,526	2,581	2.2	3,259	3,314	1.7
University of Western Macedonia	2,240	2,439	8.9	989	1,202	21.5	1,251	1,237	-1.1
Hellenic Open University	16,374	15,399	-6.0	7,297	6,744	-7.6	9,077	8,655	-4.6
Technical University of Crete	4,744	5,018	5.8	3,178	3,369	6.0	1,566	1,649	5.3
National Technical University of Athens	12,162	13,104	7.7	8,252	8,787	6.5	3,910	4,317	10.4

Enrolled undergraduate students are those who are enrolled in the academic years as laid down by legislation, as well as in the academic years exceeding the aforementioned threshold.

¹ In University of Ioannina, there is an increase in the percentage of the new entrants undergraduate students through the national examinations.

Graph 1. Enrolled undergraduate students, by educational institution, end of academic years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016

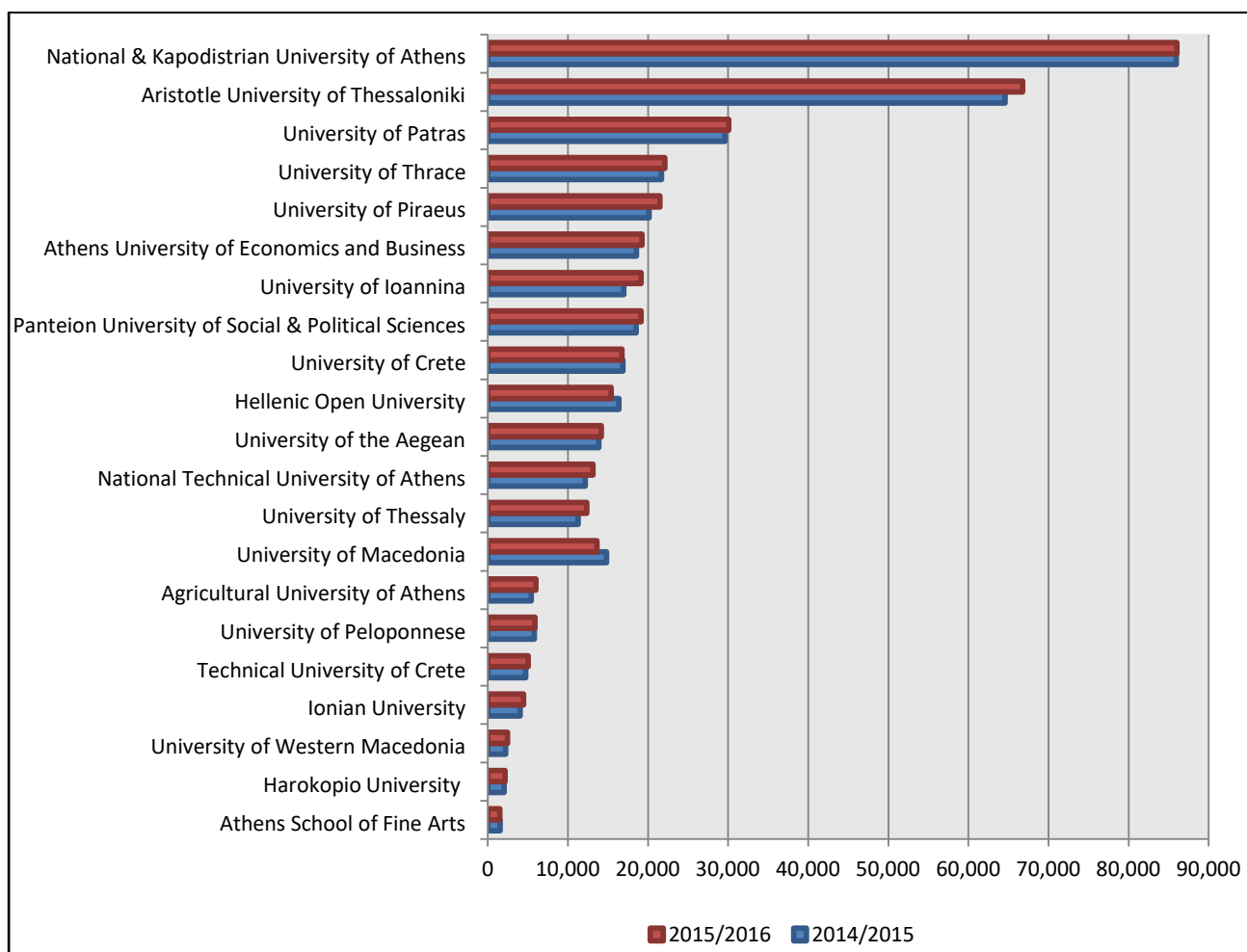


Table 2 presents data on the teaching staff of academic institutions (universities) for academic years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

Table 2. Teaching staff by gender and educational institution

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %
Total	13,176	13,148	-0.2	8,828	8,720	-1.2	4,348	4,428	1.8
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	2,103	2,058	-2.1	1,270	1,227	-3.4	833	831	-0.2
University of the Aegean	414	394	-4.8	282	272	-3.5	132	122	-7.6
University of Thessaly	674	713	5.8	446	470	5.4	228	243	6.6
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	2,515	2,390	-5.0	1,631	1,537	-5.8	884	853	-3.5
Democritus University of Thrace	709	720	1.6	509	499	-2.0	200	221	10.5
Ionian University ²	136	153	12.5	91	100	9.9	45	53	17.8
University of Ioannina	599	613	2.3	428	433	1.2	171	180	5.3
University of Crete	572	549	-4.0	394	373	-5.3	178	176	-1.1
University of Patras	880	873	-0.8	635	631	-0.6	245	242	-1.2
Athens University of Economics and Business	228	229	0.4	167	164	-1.8	61	65	6.6
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	243	242	-0.4	148	148	0.0	95	94	-1.1
University of Piraeus	196	201	2.6	157	157	0.0	39	44	12.8
University of Macedonia	271	285	5.2	195	201	3.1	76	84	10.5
Agricultural University of Athens	260	252	-3.1	173	167	-3.5	87	85	-2.3
Athens School of Fine Arts	69	66	-4.3	45	43	-4.4	24	23	-4.2
Harokopio University	80	76	-5.0	40	41	2.5	40	35	-12.5
University of Peloponnese	187	177	-5.3	109	105	-3.7	78	72	-7.7
University of Western Macedonia	108	119	10.2	70	69	-1.4	38	50	31.6
Hellenic Open University ³	1,800	1,987	10.4	1,205	1,316	9.2	595	671	12.8
International Hellenic University ⁴	8	7	-12.5	5	5	0.0	3	2	-33.3
Technical University of Crete	260	253	-2.7	188	179	-4.8	72	74	2.8
National Technical University of Athens	864	791	-8.4	640	583	-8.9	224	208	-7.1

² The increase is due to the employment of a large number of teaching staff.

³ The staff of the Hellenic Open University includes a large number of part time short term contract teachers, apart from the permanent staff.

⁴ International Hellenic University operates only with postgraduate degrees. Part of the teaching staff are visitor Professors that only give some lectures, without belonging to the staff of the University.

Table 3 presents data on the enrolled undergraduate students that graduated in the academic years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

Table 3. Enrolled undergraduate students that graduated, by gender and educational institution

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %
Total	33,909	34,491	1.7	12,958	12,950	-0.1	20,951	21,541	2.8
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	6,595	6,319	-4.2	2,000	1,968	-1.6	4,595	4,351	-5.3
University of the Aegean	1,290	1,226	-5.0	437	394	-9.8	853	832	-2.5
University of Thessaly	1,199	1,321	10.2	461	482	4.6	738	839	13.7
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	5,655	5,969	5.6	2,270	2,208	-2.7	3,385	3,761	11.1
Democritus University of Thrace	2,603	2,889	11.0	999	982	-1.7	1,604	1,907	18.9
Ionian University	366	339	-7.4	123	111	-9.8	243	228	-6.2
University of Ioannina ⁵	1,729	2,026	17.2	596	598	0.3	1,133	1,428	26.0
University of Crete	1,722	1,698	-1.4	536	532	-0.7	1,186	1,166	-1.7
University of Patras	2,637	2,823	7.1	972	1,204	23.9	1,665	1,619	-2.8
Athens University of Economics and Business	1,397	1,306	-6.5	686	687	0.1	711	619	-12.9
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	1,340	1,364	1.8	332	382	15.1	1,008	982	-2.6
University of Piraeus	1,433	1,300	-9.3	776	672	-13.4	657	628	-4.4
University of Macedonia	1,264	1,234	-2.4	576	526	-8.7	688	708	2.9
Agricultural University of Athens	402	365	-9.2	191	166	-13.1	211	199	-5.7
Athens School of Fine Arts	169	162	-4.1	46	35	-23.9	123	127	3.3
Harokopio University	163	167	2.5	52	65	25.0	111	102	-8.1
University of Peloponnese	624	567	-9.1	220	196	-10.9	404	371	-8.2
University of Western Macedonia	362	388	7.2	102	112	9.8	260	276	6.2
Hellenic Open University	1,304	1,330	2.0	516	583	13.0	788	747	-5.2
Technical University of Crete	314	297	-5.4	198	181	-8.6	116	116	0.0
National Technical University of Athens	1,341	1,401	4.5	869	866	-0.3	472	535	13.3

⁵ The increase is due to the fact that students who are to graduate use to speed up and complete their studies because over time changes may occur in their Schools/Faculties syllabus.

Table 4 and Graph 2 present data on the number of enrolled postgraduate students, for the academic years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

Table 4. Enrolled postgraduate students⁶, by gender and educational institution

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %
Total	50,758	52,946	4.3	21,229	21,911	3.2	29,529	31,035	5.1
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	9,674	10,167	5.1	3,909	4,091	4.7	5,765	6,076	5.4
University of the Aegean	1,220	1,245	2.0	534	501	-6.2	686	744	8.5
University of Thessaly	1,372	1,763	28.5	513	693	35.1	859	1,070	24.6
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	4,051	4,588	13.3	1,681	1,784	6.1	2,370	2,804	18.3
Democritus University of Thrace	2,097	2,363	12.7	818	917	12.1	1,279	1,446	13.1
Ionian University	323	476	47.4	104	175	68.3	219	301	37.4
University of Ioannina	1,395	1,373	-1.6	518	519	0.2	877	854	-2.6
University of Crete	1,366	1,128	-17.4	584	475	-18.7	782	653	-16.5
University of Patras	1,876	1,756	-6.4	911	790	-13.3	965	966	0.1
Athens University of Economics and Business	1,854	1,879	1.3	895	920	2.8	959	959	0.0
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	1,139	1,202	5.5	504	538	6.7	635	664	4.6
University of Piraeus	2,419	2,755	13.9	1,214	1,429	17.7	1,205	1,326	10.0
University of Macedonia	1,351	2,207	63.4	667	940	40.9	684	1,267	85.2
Agricultural University of Athens	313	331	5.8	129	128	-0.8	184	203	10.3
Athens School of Fine Arts	122	110	-9.8	62	54	-12.9	60	56	-6.7
Harokopio University	584	641	9.8	193	239	23.8	391	402	2.8
University of Peloponnese	981	1,339	36.5	328	494	50.6	653	845	29.4
University of Western Macedonia	534	634	18.7	107	136	27.1	427	498	16.6
Hellenic Open University	15,732	14,323	-9.0	6,302	5,570	-11.6	9,430	8,753	-7.2
International Hellenic University	343	476	38.8	144	212	47.2	199	264	32.7
Technical University of Crete	399	432	8.3	248	243	-2.0	151	189	25.2
National Technical University of Athens	1,613	1,758	9.0	864	1,063	23.0	749	695	-7.2

⁶ For the academic year 2015/2016, new postgraduate programmes have been launched.

Graph 2. Enrolled postgraduate students, by educational institution, end of academic years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016

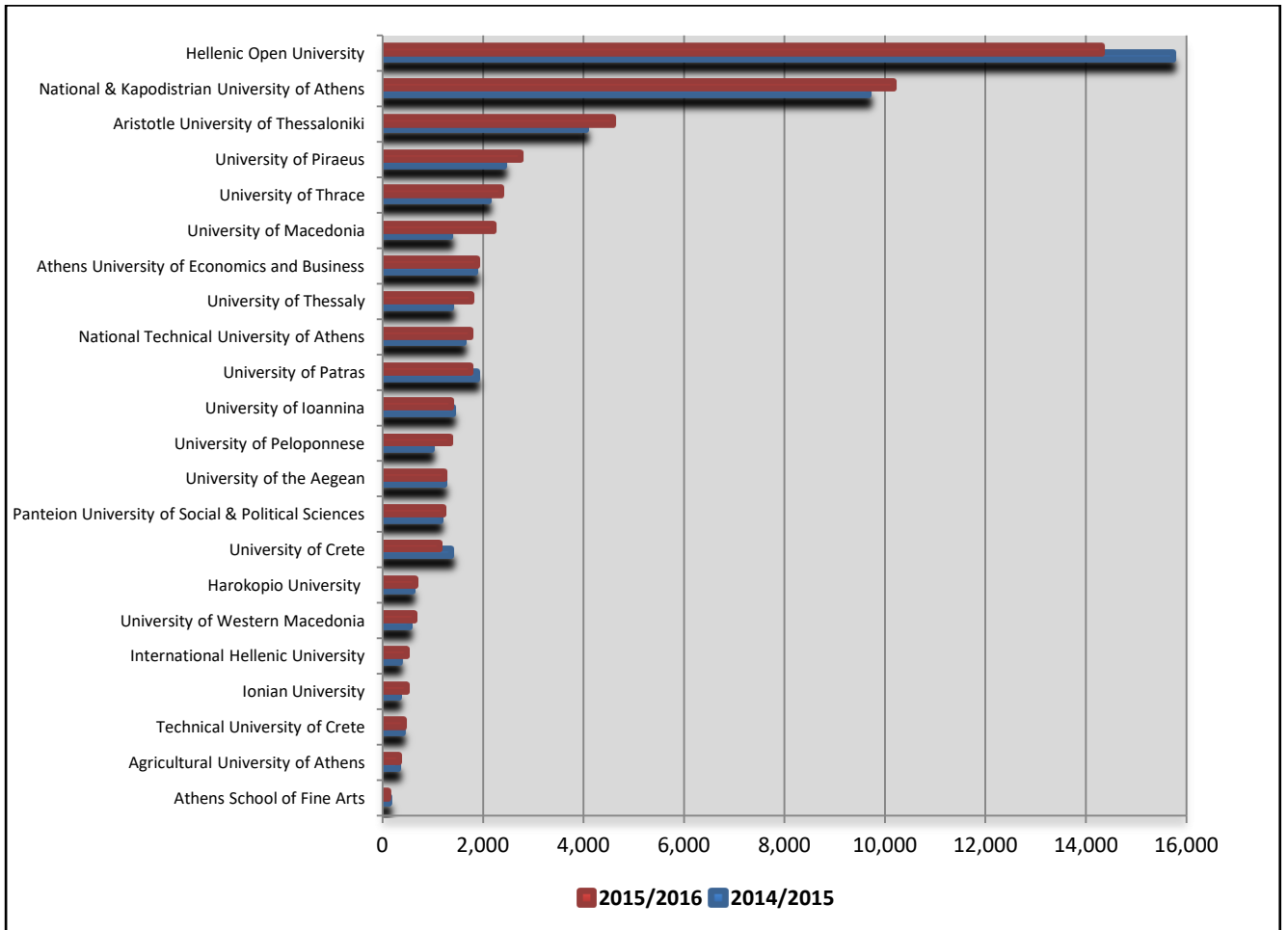


Table 5 presents postgraduate students that graduated in the academic years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

Table 5. Postgraduate students that graduated⁷, by gender and educational institution

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %
Total	11,042	13,276	20.2	4,368	5,446	24.7	6,674	7,830	17.3
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	1,944	2,195	12.9	674	789	17.1	1,270	1,406	10.7
University of the Aegean	395	467	18.2	149	183	22.8	246	284	15.4
University of Thessaly	442	528	19.5	167	187	12.0	275	341	24.0
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	1,040	1,233	18.6	386	470	21.8	654	763	16.7
Democritus University of Thrace	462	582	26.0	177	211	19.2	285	371	30.2
Ionian University	77	215	179.2	21	99	371.4	56	116	107.1
University of Ioannina	152	245	61.2	56	78	39.3	96	167	74.0
University of Crete	261	260	-0.4	98	106	8.2	163	154	-5.5
University of Patras	407	401	-1.5	159	188	18.2	248	213	-14.1
Athens University of Economics and Business	878	915	4.2	398	429	7.8	480	486	1.3
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	196	488	149.0	74	192	159.5	122	296	142.6
University of Piraeus	735	927	26.1	358	467	30.4	377	460	22.0
University of Macedonia	347	776	123.6	164	394	140.2	183	382	108.7
Agricultural University of Athens	106	113	6.6	37	41	10.8	69	72	4.3
Athens School of Fine Arts	11	5	-54.5	4	2	-50.0	7	3	-57.1
Harokopio University	173	287	65.9	66	85	28.8	107	202	88.8
University of Peloponnese	317	352	11.0	81	135	66.7	236	217	-8.1
University of Western Macedonia	82	166	102.4	19	30	57.9	63	136	115.9
Hellenic Open University	2,240	2,183	-2.5	894	876	-2.0	1,346	1,307	-2.9
International Hellenic University	207	239	15.5	79	96	21.5	128	143	11.7
Technical University of Crete	51	97	90.2	29	51	75.9	22	46	109.1
National Technical University of Athens	519	602	16.0	278	337	21.2	241	265	10.0

⁷ The fluctuations in the data of postgraduate students that graduated are due to the following reasons:

- The changing number of new entrants in postgraduate programmes year after year.
- The different duration of postgraduate studies (e.g. 1, 1.5, 2 years).
- Each postgraduate programme does not necessarily admit new entrants every single year.
- The reformulation of several postgraduate programmes motivates students that have been studying beyond the time limit of each programme, to speed up and graduate.

Table 6 presents enrolled doctoral students in the academic years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

Table 6. Enrolled doctoral students⁸, by gender and educational institutions

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	Change %
Total	32,925	33,452	1.6	18,008	18,255	1.4	14,917	15,197	1.9
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	14,375	14,262	-0.8	8,202	8,031	-2.1	6,173	6,231	0.9
University of the Aegean	653	623	-4.6	354	332	-6.2	299	291	-2.7
University of Thessaly	1,189	1,201	1.0	592	608	2.7	597	593	-0.7
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	3,483	4,190	20.3	1,762	2,098	19.1	1,721	2,092	21.6
Democritus University of Thrace	1,697	1,754	3.4	914	926	1.3	783	828	5.7
Ionian University	324	465	43.5	170	232	36.5	154	233	51.3
University of Ioannina	1,835	1,711	-6.8	847	810	-4.4	988	901	-8.8
University of Crete	1,264	1,142	-9.7	648	593	-8.5	616	549	-10.9
University of Patras	2,024	1,721	-15.0	1,122	980	-12.7	902	741	-17.8
Athens University of Economics and Business	339	304	-10.3	188	171	-9.0	151	133	-11.9
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	1,119	959	-14.3	576	472	-18.1	543	487	-10.3
University of Piraeus	284	333	17.3	188	215	14.4	96	118	22.9
University of Macedonia	439	424	-3.4	230	224	-2.6	209	200	-4.3
Agricultural University of Athens	210	231	10.0	79	88	11.4	131	143	9.2
Athens School of Fine Arts	33	31	-6.1	6	6	0.0	27	25	-7.4
Harokopio University	184	202	9.8	92	96	4.3	92	106	15.2
University of Peloponnese	436	479	9.9	171	212	24.0	265	267	0.8
University of Western Macedonia	150	165	10.0	69	82	18.8	81	83	2.5
Hellenic Open University	94	102	8.5	54	53	-1.9	40	49	22.5
Technical University of Crete	220	266	20.9	130	161	23.8	90	105	16.7
National Technical University of Athens	2,573	2,887	12.2	1,614	1,865	15.6	959	1,022	6.6

⁸ Each year the number of new entrants to doctoral programmes varies.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Tertiary Education (University Sector)	<p>Tertiary Education consists of two domains: i) University Sector including Universities, Polytechnic Schools, the Athens School of Fine Arts and ii) the Technological Sector including the Technological Educational Institutes (TEI), the School of Pedagogical and Technological Education (ASPETE), the Academies of Merchant Shipping, Ecclesiastical Academies, Schools of Service and Artistic Schools).</p> <p>The current survey refers to the University Sector and is conducted annually by all Member States of the European Union. The aim is to collect data on enrolled undergraduate, postgraduate and doctorate students, undergraduate and postgraduate students that graduated, as well as the number of the teaching staff.</p>
Legal Frame	Regulations 452/2008 and 912/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council.
Unit of Reference	Department of each University.
Coverage	Greece.
Results	Annually.
Reference Period	End of school years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.
Methodology	Tertiary Education survey is annual and census and is conducted by all tertiary educational institutions of Greece, by the end of the school year.
References	More information, such as tables with the survey results, samples of questionnaires etc on the survey of Tertiary Education can be found on the web page of ELSTAT at the link www.statistics.gr Statistics / Population and Social Conditions / Education and Training / Tertiary Education.