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MONTHLY DATA ON BIRTHS: January - June 2026

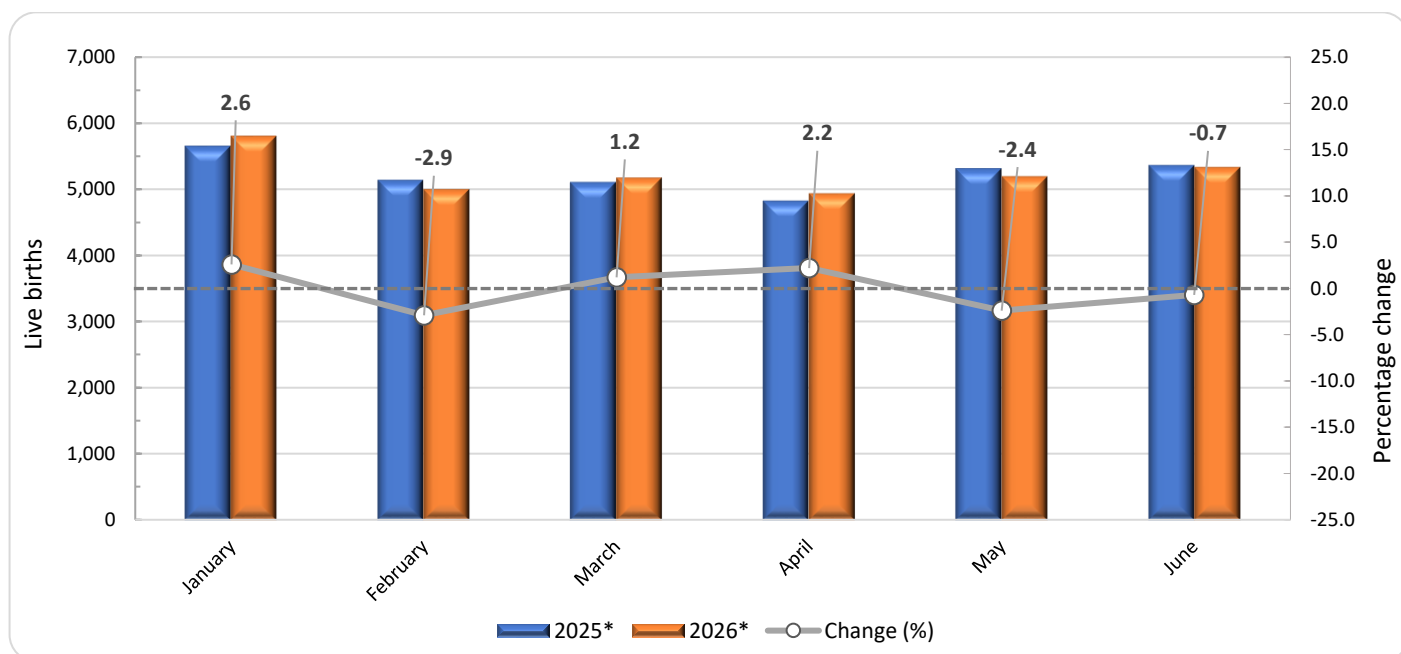
The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces provisional statistical data depicting the monthly evolution of births for the period January - June 2026. Data refer to live births that occurred within the Greek territory during the above-mentioned period.

This publication is part of the statistics under development¹ produced by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in the context of the adaptation process to the requirements of the new Regulation (EU) 2025/2458 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics on population and housing. Similar publications will be released by ELSTAT on a quarterly basis until the implementation date of the above-mentioned Regulation, set for 1st January 2028, when the publication framework will be reviewed.

The data included in this publication are compiled within the framework of the Vital Statistics Survey and are derived from data transmitted by the Civil Registry Offices of Municipal Authorities according to births that have been declared and registered up to the date of data transmission. Births reported after the statutory registration deadline are incorporated at a later stage, and the registration is recorded at the date of occurrence.

According to these data, live births in Greece during the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2026 amounted to 31,390 (16,135 boys and 15,255 girls), whereas during the corresponding period of 2025, there were 31,386 live births (16,205 boys and 15,181 girls), recording an increase of 4 births (0.0%). Stillbirths during the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2026 amounted to 195, showing an increase of 1.0% compared to the same period of 2025, when 193 stillbirths were recorded (Tables 1 and 2).

Graph 1. Monthly evolution of live births, 1st and 2nd quarter of years 2025 and 2026



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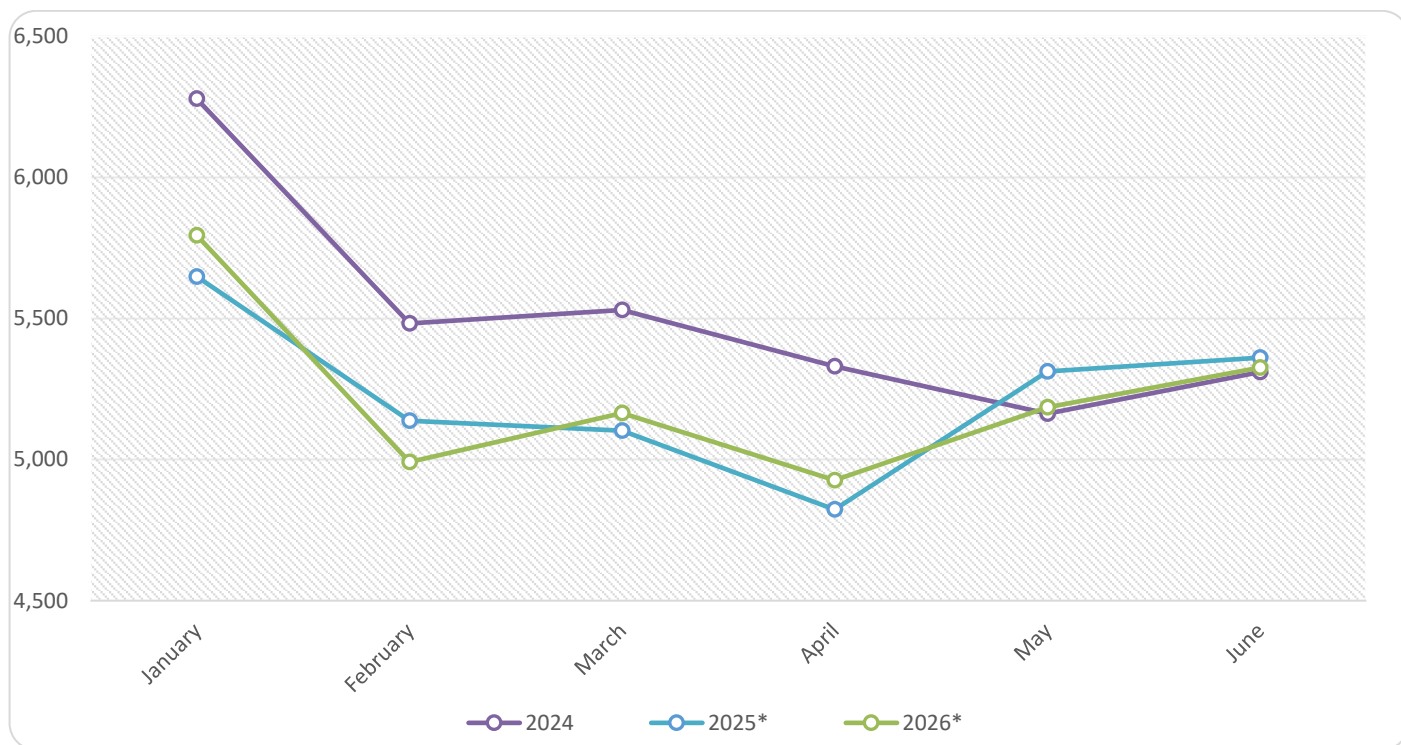
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¹ Information on statistics under development is provided in the Explanatory Notes.

According to the above data, during the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2026 compared to the corresponding quarters of 2025, the largest increases in live births were recorded in January and April, by 2.6% and 2.2%, respectively. In contrast, the largest decreases were recorded in February and May, by 2.9% and 2.4%, respectively. It should be noted that data are updated after integration of more recent data or upon revision of already transmitted data by the Registry Offices.

Graph 2. Monthly live births, 1st and 2nd quarter of years 2024, 2025 and 2026



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Table 1. Monthly live births, 1st and 2nd quarter of years 2021 – 2026

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*	2026*
January	7,057	6,387	6,292	6,279	5,649	5,795
February	6,601	5,721	5,334	5,483	5,138	4,991
March	7,039	5,930	5,714	5,530	5,103	5,165
April	6,560	5,569	5,021	5,331	4,823	4,927
May	6,775	6,211	5,936	5,163	5,312	5,186
June	6,935	6,687	5,905	5,310	5,361	5,326
Total	40,967	36,505	34,202	33,096	31,386	31,390
Change (%)		-10.9	-6.3	-3.2	-5.2	0.0

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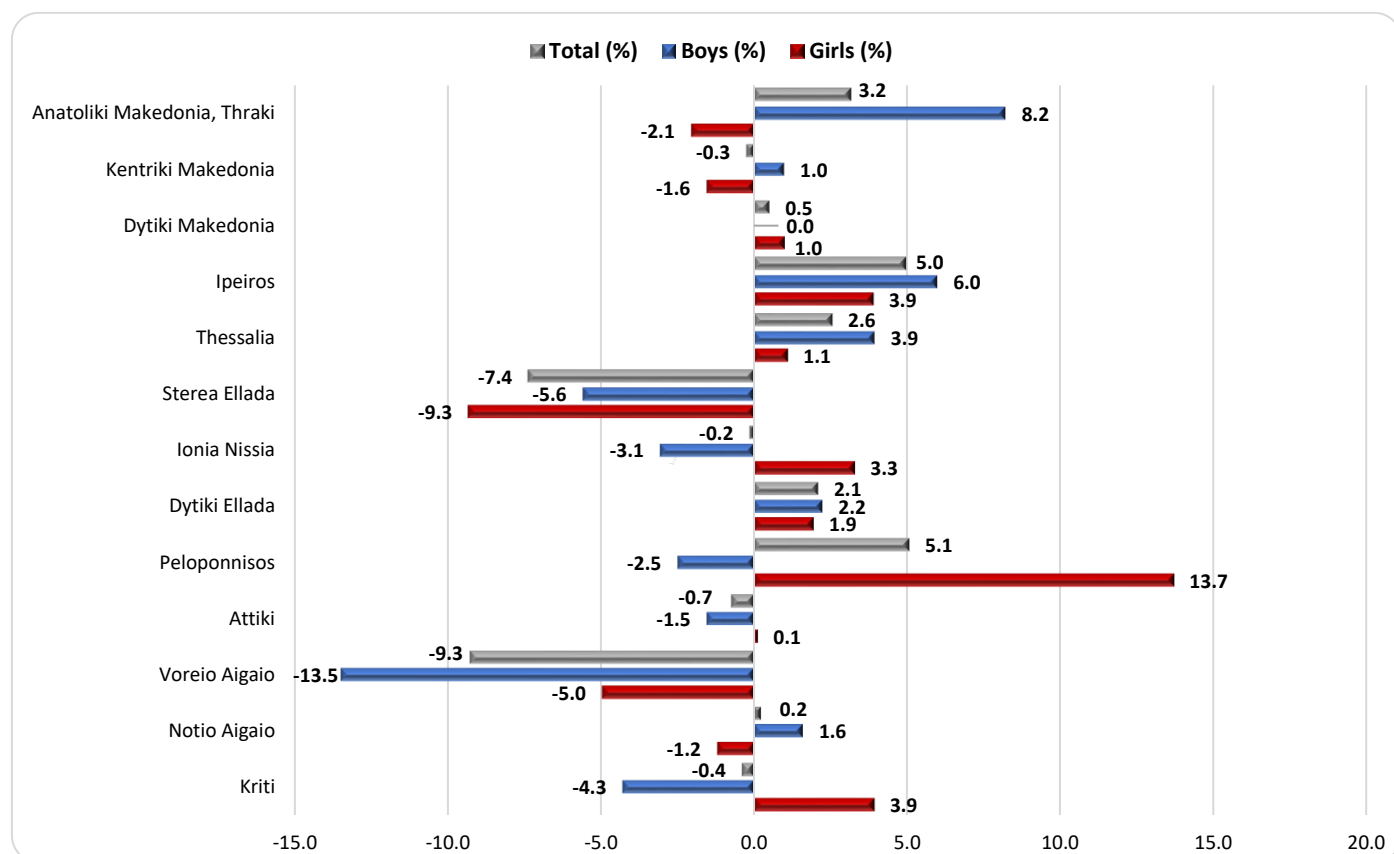
Table 2. Live births by sex of the newborn and citizenship of the mother, 1st and 2nd quarter of years 2021 - 2026

Citizenship and Sex	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*	2026*
Live births, total	40,967	36,505	34,202	33,096	31,386	31,390
Boys	21,139	18,895	17,590	17,013	16,205	16,135
Girls	19,828	17,610	16,612	16,083	15,181	15,255
Mothers with Hellenic citizenship	35,933	32,401	30,638	29,678	28,269	28,316
% Share (Hellenic citizenship)	87.7%	88.8%	89.6%	89.7%	90.1%	90.2%
Mothers with foreign citizenship	5,033	4,104	3,564	3,418	3,117	3,068
Undeclared citizenship	1	0	0	0	0	6
% Share (Foreign and undeclared citizenship)	12.3%	11.2%	10.4%	10.3%	9.9%	9.8%

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According to the data in the above table, the ratio of live births to mothers of Hellenic citizenship to live births to foreign mothers was 9.2 to 1 in the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2026, compared to 9.1 to 1 in the same period of 2025.

Graph 3. Annual change of the number of live births 2026*/2025* (%) by sex of the newborn and Region of usual residence of the mother, 1st and 2nd quarter



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**Table 3. Live births by sex of the newborn
and Region of usual residence of the mother, 1st and 2nd quarter of years 2025 and 2026**

Region	2025*			2026*			Change (%)		
	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	1,577	803	774	1,627	869	758	3.2	8.2	-2.1
Kentriki Makedonia	5,144	2,649	2,495	5,131	2,675	2,456	-0.3	1.0	-1.6
Dytiki Makedonia	602	299	303	605	299	306	0.5	0.0	1.0
Ipeiros	787	401	386	826	425	401	5.0	6.0	3.9
Thessalia	1,879	964	915	1,927	1,002	925	2.6	3.9	1.1
Stereia Ellada	1,396	732	664	1,293	691	602	-7.4	-5.6	-9.3
Ionia Nisia	663	358	305	662	347	315	-0.2	-3.1	3.3
Dytiki Ellada	1,914	983	931	1,954	1,005	949	2.1	2.2	1.9
Peloponnisos	1,422	758	664	1,494	739	755	5.1	-2.5	13.7
Attiki	11,408	5,880	5,528	11,323	5,789	5,534	-0.7	-1.5	0.1
Voreio Aigaio	648	326	322	588	282	306	-9.3	-13.5	-5.0
Notio Aigaio	1,347	688	659	1,350	699	651	0.2	1.6	-1.2
Kriti	2,526	1,326	1,200	2,516	1,269	1,247	-0.4	-4.3	3.9
Abroad	73	38	35	94	44	50	28.8	15.8	42.9
Total	31,386	16,205	15,181	31,390	16,135	15,255	0.0	-0.4	0.5

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As regards the breakdown of the total number of live births by NUTS 2 Region of the mother's usual residence, in the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2026 compared to the corresponding quarters of 2025, an increase is observed in seven (7) out of the thirteen (13) Regions of the Country. The greatest increases, in absolute numbers, are recorded in the Regions of Peloponnisos, Anatoliki Makedonia and Thraki, and Thessalia, by 72, 50 and 48 live births respectively, whereas the most significant decreases are recorded in the Regions of Sterea Ellada, Attiki, and Voreio Aigaio by 103, 85 and 60 live births, respectively (Table 3, Graph 3).

Data on live births regarding the type of childbirth (single/multiple) are presented in Table 4 that follows.

Table 4. Live births by type of childbirth, 1st and 2nd quarter of years 2021 - 2026

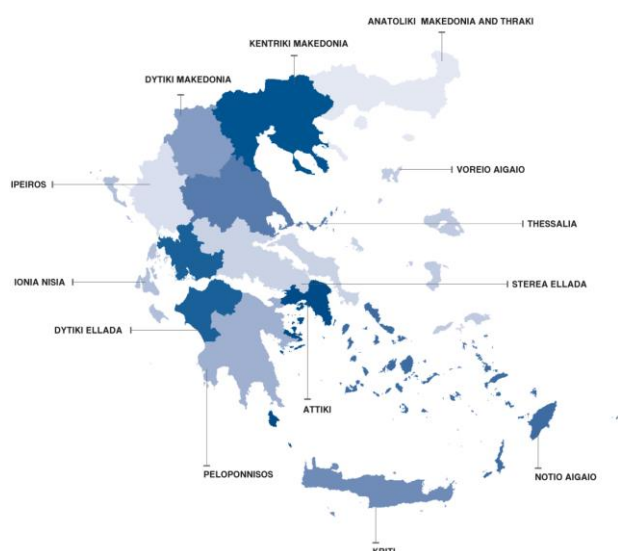
Type of childbirth	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*	2026*
Live births, total	40,967	36,505	34,202	33,096	31,386	31,390
Single childbirth	38,684	34,467	32,334	31,276	29,676	29,705
Multiple childbirth	2,283	2,038	1,868	1,820	1,710	1,685

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Statistics under development	Statistics under development (former experimental statistics) are newly developed and innovative statistics that are published to involve users of statistical data and stakeholders in the assessment of their suitability and quality at an early stage and contribute to their adaptation to information needs.
Data on monthly births (Vital Statistics Survey)	In the context of the Vital Statistics Survey, data presented in this publication refer to the monthly evolution of births and are drawn from civil registry acts issued by the Municipal Authorities. ELSTAT proceeds with the processing of birth data in order to depict the evolution of births in the country, even on the basis of provisional data, and to record, in a timely manner, changes in fertility levels in relation to key demographic variables (e.g. age, citizenship, place of usual residence of the mother, sex of the newborn etc.).
Reference periods	Data for 2025 and the 1 st and 2 nd quarter of 2026 are provisional, whereas for all other years are final.
Legal Framework	Law 344/76 concerning the “Registration of vital events” which lays down the obligations of the Civil Register Offices to collect and then transmit the data, as well as by Law 3832/2010 on the “Hellenic Statistical System (EL.S.S.), Establishment of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.) as an independent authority”, both as amended and in force.
Coverage	The Vital Statistics survey is an exhaustive survey and covers all births that occur in the Greek territory. More specifically, all live births to mothers who are usual residents of Greece are recorded, as well as births to mothers residing abroad who were in Greece for various reasons during the reference period and gave birth.
Definitions	“Live birth” is defined as the birth of a child who breathes or shows any other evidence of life, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy. “Stillbirth” is fetal death, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy.
Methodology	Provisional data on births undergo the necessary quality checks, they are processed and presented in the form of tables.
Geographical classification	Geographical classification is based on the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS). Data are disseminated at Country and Region (NUTS 2) level.

Map of the Regions (NUTS 2) of Greece



- References** More information on live births and Vital Statistics is available on the website of ELSTAT: <https://www.statistics.gr/el/statistics/pop>, following the link: “Statistics / Population and Social Conditions / Demography”.
- Information on statistics under development is available on the website of ELSTAT: <https://www.statistics.gr/el/exp-stats>.