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MONTHLY DATA ON BIRTHS: January - March 2026

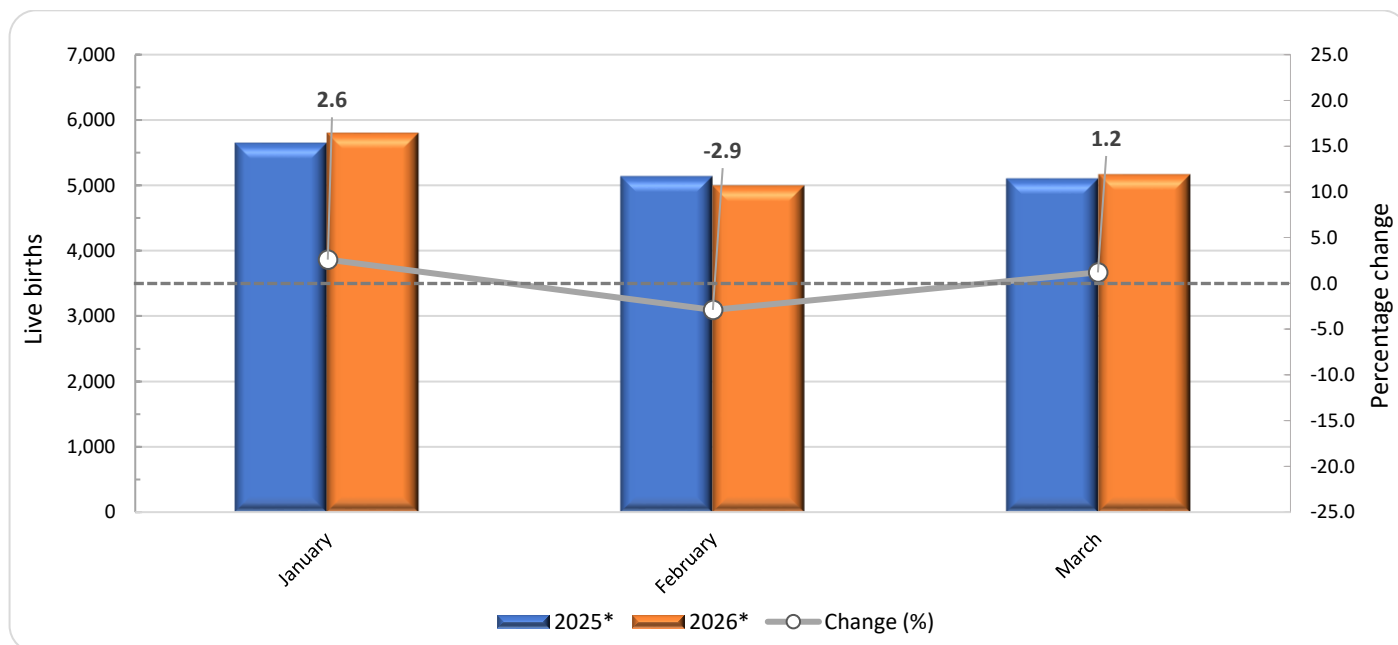
The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces provisional statistical data depicting the monthly evolution of births for the period January - March 2026. Data refer to live births that occurred within the Greek territory during the above-mentioned period.

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 quarter of 2026 (01/01/2026 - 31/03/2026) amounted to 15,946 (8,184 boys and 7,762 girls). During the corresponding period of 2025 (01/01/2025 - 31/03/2025), there were 15,889 live births (8,182 boys and 7,707 girls), recording an increase of 57 births (0.4%). Stillbirths during the 1st quarter of 2026 amounted to 96, recording a decrease of 3.0% compared to the 1st quarter of 2025, when 99 stillbirths were recorded (Tables 1 and 2).

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



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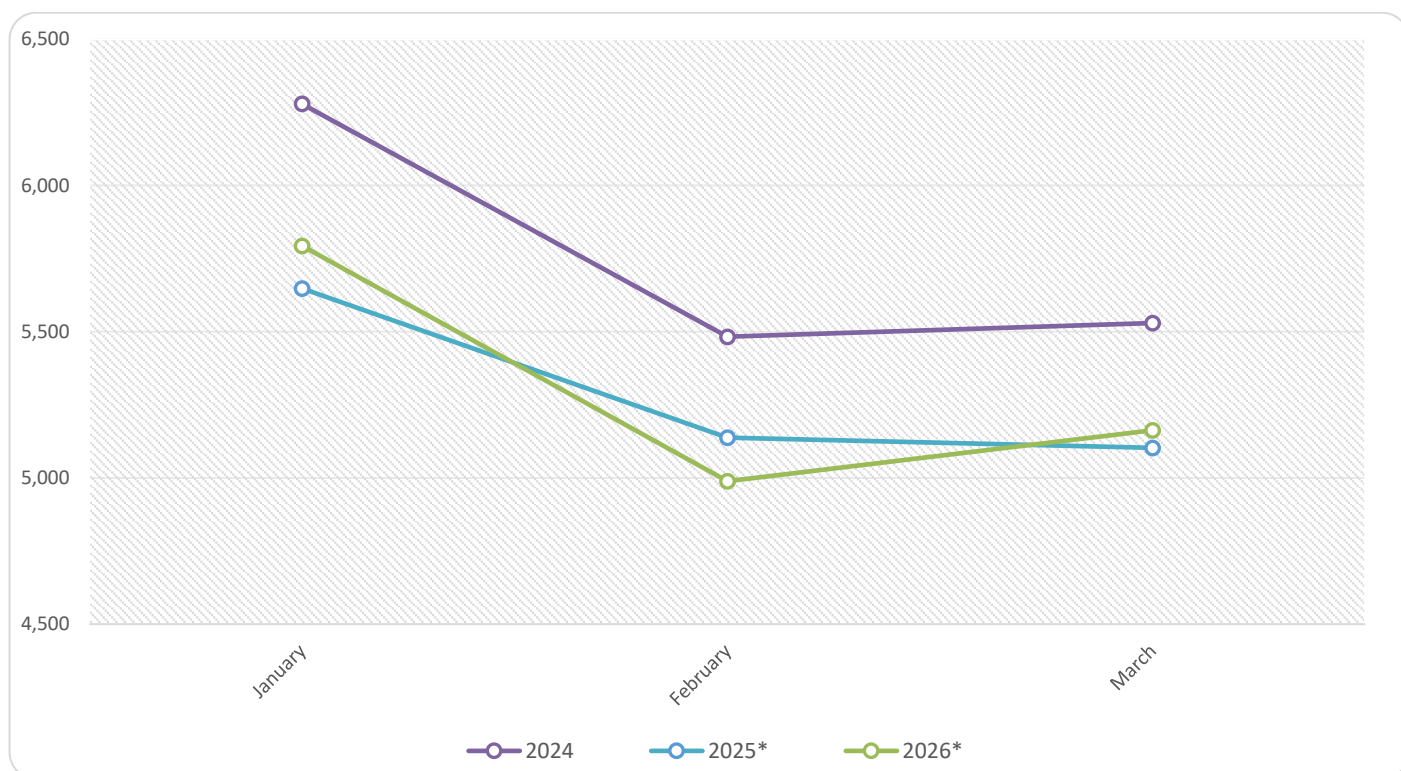
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¹ Information on statistics under development is provided in the Explanatory Notes.

According to the above data, during the 1st quarter of 2026 compared to the corresponding quarter of 2025, the number of live births increased by 2.6% in January and 1.2% in March, while in February the respective number recorded a decrease of 2.9%.

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 quarter of years 2024, 2025 and 2026



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Table 1. Monthly live births, 1st quarter of years 2021 - 2026

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*	2026*
January	7,057	6,387	6,292	6,279	5,648	5,794
February	6,601	5,721	5,334	5,483	5,138	4,989
March	7,039	5,930	5,714	5,530	5,103	5,163
Total	20,697	18,038	17,340	17,292	15,889	15,946
Change (%)		-12.8	-3.9	-0.3	-8.1	0.4

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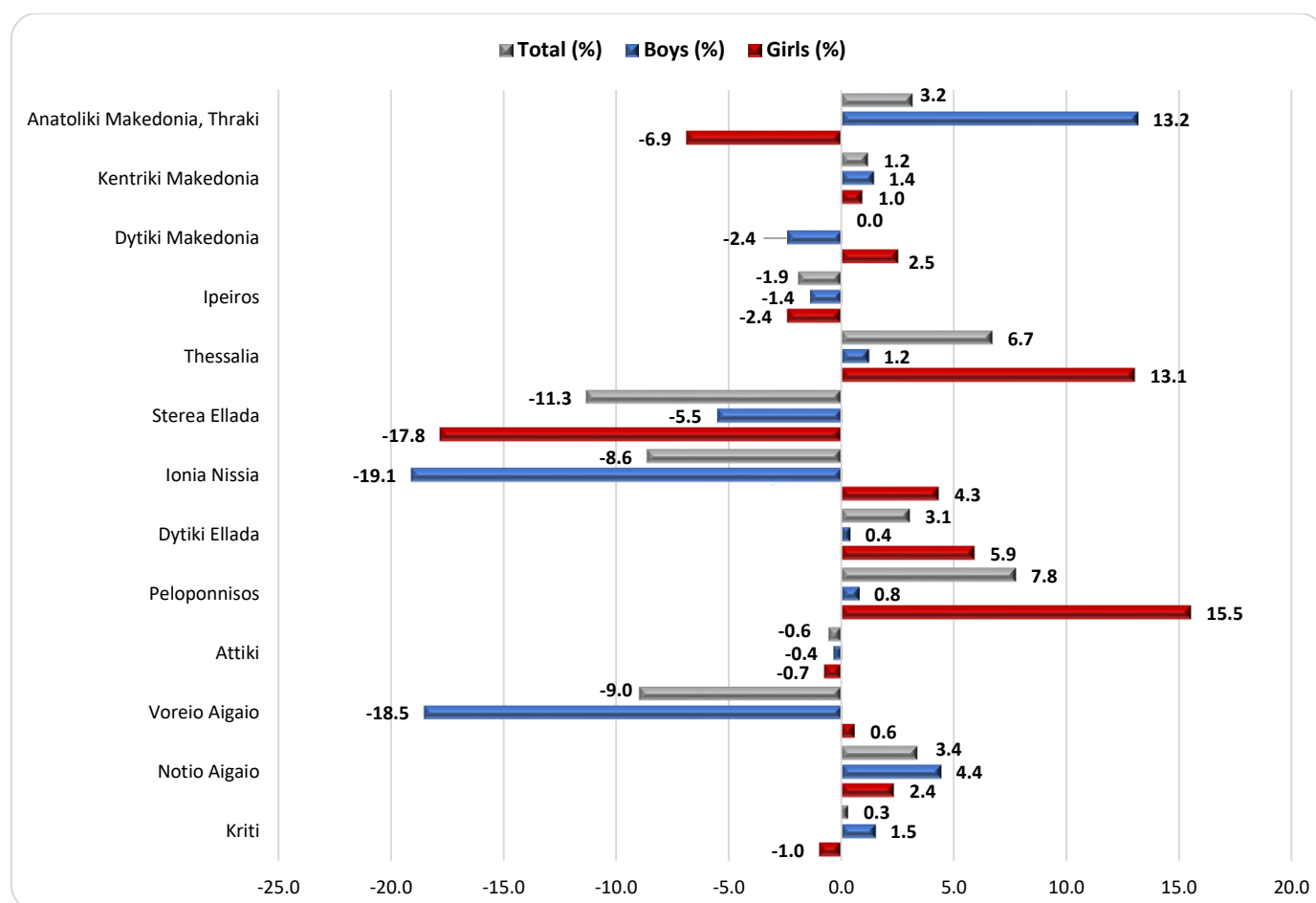
Table 2. Live births by sex of the newborn and citizenship of the mother, 1st quarter of years 2021 - 2026

Citizenship and Sex	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*	2026*
Live births, total	20,697	18,038	17,340	17,292	15,889	15,946
Boys	10,659	9,284	8,840	8,832	8,182	8,184
Girls	10,038	8,754	8,500	8,460	7,707	7,762
Mothers with Hellenic citizenship	18,138	15,996	15,545	15,464	14,290	14,419
% Share (Hellenic citizenship)	87.6%	88.7%	89.6%	89.4%	89.9%	90.4%
Mothers with foreign citizenship	2,558	2,042	1,795	1,828	1,599	1,524
Undeclared citizenship	1	0	0	0	0	3
% Share (Foreign and undeclared citizenship)	12.4%	11.3%	10.4%	10.6%	10.1%	9.6%

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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 9.5 to 1 in the 1st quarter of 2026, compared to 8.9 to 1 in the 1st quarter 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 quarter



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

Region	2025*			2026*			Change (%)		
	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	788	395	393	813	447	366	3.2	13.2	-6.9
Kentriki Makedonia	2,574	1,326	1,248	2,605	1,345	1,260	1.2	1.4	1.0
Dytiki Makedonia	322	165	157	322	161	161	0.0	-2.4	2.5
Ipeiros	422	213	209	414	210	204	-1.9	-1.4	-2.4
Thessalia	924	495	429	986	501	485	6.7	1.2	13.1
Stereia Ellada	717	380	337	636	359	277	-11.3	-5.5	-17.8
Ionia Nisia	360	199	161	329	161	168	-8.6	-19.1	4.3
Dytiki Ellada	983	511	472	1,013	513	500	3.1	0.4	5.9
Peloponnisos	722	381	341	778	384	394	7.8	0.8	15.5
Attiki	5,765	2,941	2,824	5,733	2,930	2,803	-0.6	-0.4	-0.7
Voreio Aigaio	324	162	162	295	132	163	-9.0	-18.5	0.6
Notio Aigaio	678	339	339	701	354	347	3.4	4.4	2.4
Kriti	1,283	662	621	1,287	672	615	0.3	1.5	-1.0
Abroad	27	13	14	34	15	19	25.9	15.4	35.7
Total	15,889	8,182	7,707	15,946	8,184	7,762	0.4	0.0	0.7

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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 quarter of 2026 compared to the corresponding quarter of 2025, an increase is observed in seven (7) out of the thirteen (13) Regions of the Country. The most significant increases, in absolute numbers, are recorded in the Regions of Thessalia, Peloponnisos and Kentriki Makedonia, by 62, 56 and 31 live births respectively, whereas the most significant decreases are recorded in the Regions of Sterea Ellada, Attiki and Ionia Nisia by 81, 32 and 31 live births respectively (Table 3, Graph 3).

Data on live births regarding the type of childbirth (single/multiple) are presented in the following table.

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

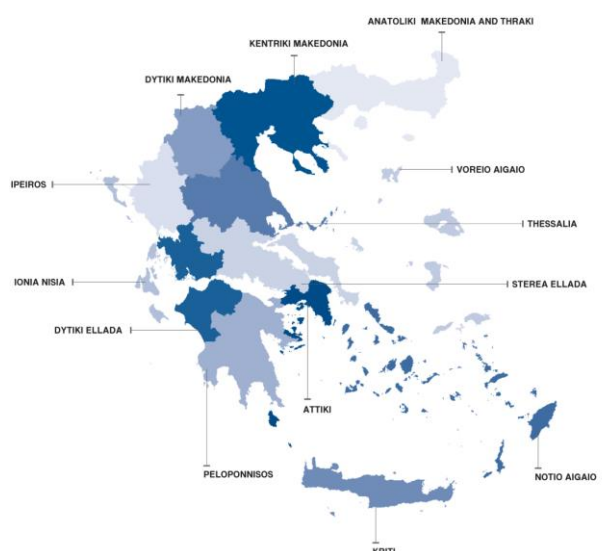
Type of childbirth	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*	2026*
Live births, total	20,697	18,038	17,340	17,292	15,889	15,946
Single childbirth	19,484	17,058	16,366	16,372	15,019	15,087
Multiple childbirth	1,213	980	974	920	870	859

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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 for the 1 st 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>.