



Monitoring the work of Social Care Units, year 2023

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on Social Care Units (Legal Entities of Public Law), for the year 2023. The survey is carried out every two years and aims at collecting non-financial data of these units, such as data on their personnel and the number of people hosted by the units or receiving their services (beneficiaries).

The 2023 survey on Social Care Units comprises 12 Regional Social Welfare Centers (KKPP), established by law 4109/2013, with each of them representing a Legal Entity of Public Law. Each of them is a Legal Entity of Public Law and consists of Branches, some of which have more than one Sub-branch.

The survey on Social Care Units also comprises 4 Legal Entities (10 Branches in total) under the supervision of the Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs, namely the National Center of Social Solidarity (EKKA) having 5 Branches, the National Foundation for the Deaf (EIK) having 2 Branches, the Training and Rehabilitation Center for the Blind (KEAT) with 2 Branches and the Papafeio Child Care Center of Thessaloniki "Meliteus".

Moreover, 9 Municipal Legal Entities of Public Law (7 Nursing Homes and 2 Orphanages) are included, as well as the Juvenile Protection Company with 3 Branches that host minors (2 in Attiki and 1 in Kriti), which is under the supervision of the Ministry of Justice.

The Municipal Legal Entities, the Papafeio Child Care Center and the KKPP units offer similar services to the same population groups (long term care/disabled/elderly and minors). KEAT and EIK provide educational and training services to people with special needs in the context of their rehabilitation and reintegration into society, while EKKA also addresses other vulnerable groups (homeless people, victims of violence and multiple discrimination, poverty or social exclusion) and provides social support services to individuals, families and population groups that find themselves in a state of emergency psychosocial need (Table 1).

Table 1. Number of Social Care Units per unit category, years 2021 and 2023

Category of Social Care Units	2021		2023		
	KKPP Units	Other Public Units	KKPP Units	Other Public Units	TOTAL
Long-Term Care Units (disability and chronic diseases)	28	8	28	7 ¹	35
Child Protection Units	17	5	17	6 ²	23
Disabled Recovery & Rehabilitation Units	10	4	10	4	14
Units of other vulnerable groups	0	6	0	5 ³	5
TOTAL	55	23	55	22	77

¹ One unit changed legal status in 2023

² One unit was added in 2023

³ One unit was closed in 2023

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In 2023 compared to 2021, both in the KKPP and the other Public Units the number of personnel and the in-patient care beneficiaries decreased, while the number of out-patient care beneficiaries increased (Table 2).

Table 2. Social Care Units, Personnel and Beneficiaries, years 2021 and 2023

Category of Social Care Units	KKPP Units			Other Public Units		
	2021	2023	% (2023/2021)	2021*	2023	% (2023/2021)
Number of Social Care Units	55	55	0.0	23	22	-4.3
Personnel	2,339	2,166	-7.4	563	486	-13.7
Beneficiaries of in-patient care	2,205	2,053	-6.9	589	578	-1.9
Beneficiaries of out-patient care	616	864	40.3	690*	1,132	64.1

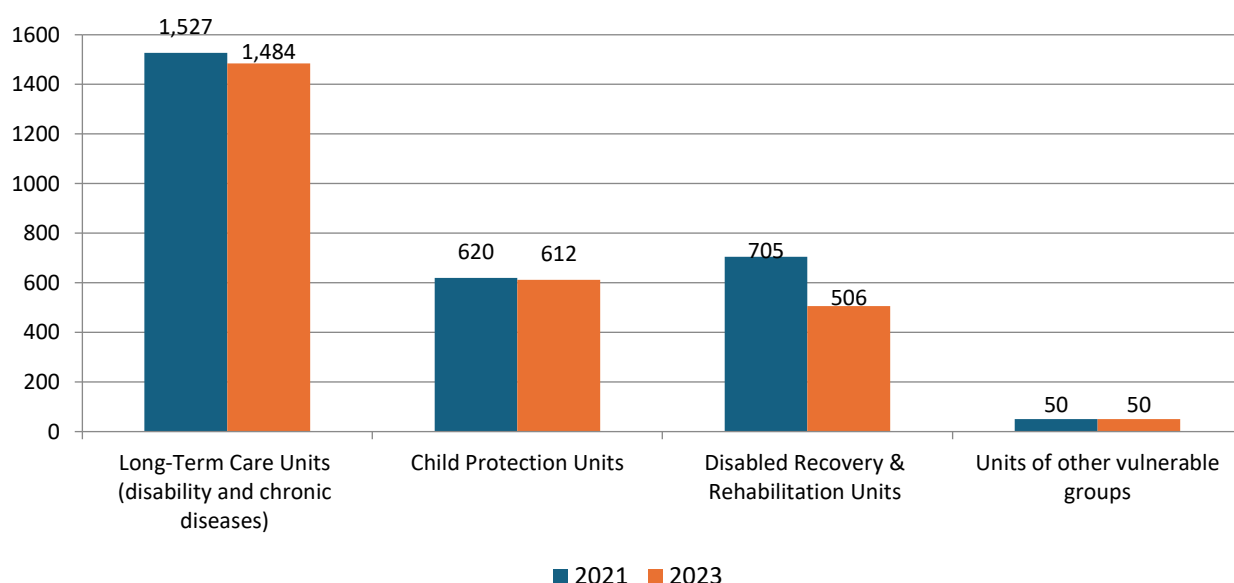
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In 2023 compared to 2021, the decrease in personnel is 7.4% in the KKPP Units and 13.7% in the other Public Units. The decrease is mainly due to the decrease of personnel in the Disabled Recovery & Rehabilitation Units of the KKPP by 24.3% and of the other Public Units by 43.4% in (Table 3, Graph 1).

Table 3. Personnel of Social Care Units per unit category, years 2021 and 2023

Category of Social Care Units	KKPP Units			Other Public Units			Total		
	2021	2023	% (2023/2021)	2021	2023	% (2023/2021)	2021	2023	% (2023/2021)
Long-Term Care Units (disability and chronic diseases)	1,266	1,255	-0.9	261	229	-12.3	1,527	1,484	-2.8
Child Protection Units	513	487	-5.1	107	125	16.8	620	612	-1.3
Disabled Recovery & Rehabilitation Units	560	424	-24.3	145	82	-43.4	705	506	-28.2
Units of other vulnerable groups	0	0	-	50	50	0.0	50	50	0.0
TOTAL	2,339	2,166	-7.4	563	486	-13.7	2,902	2,652	-8.6

Graph 1. Personnel of Social Care Units per unit category, years 2021 and 2023

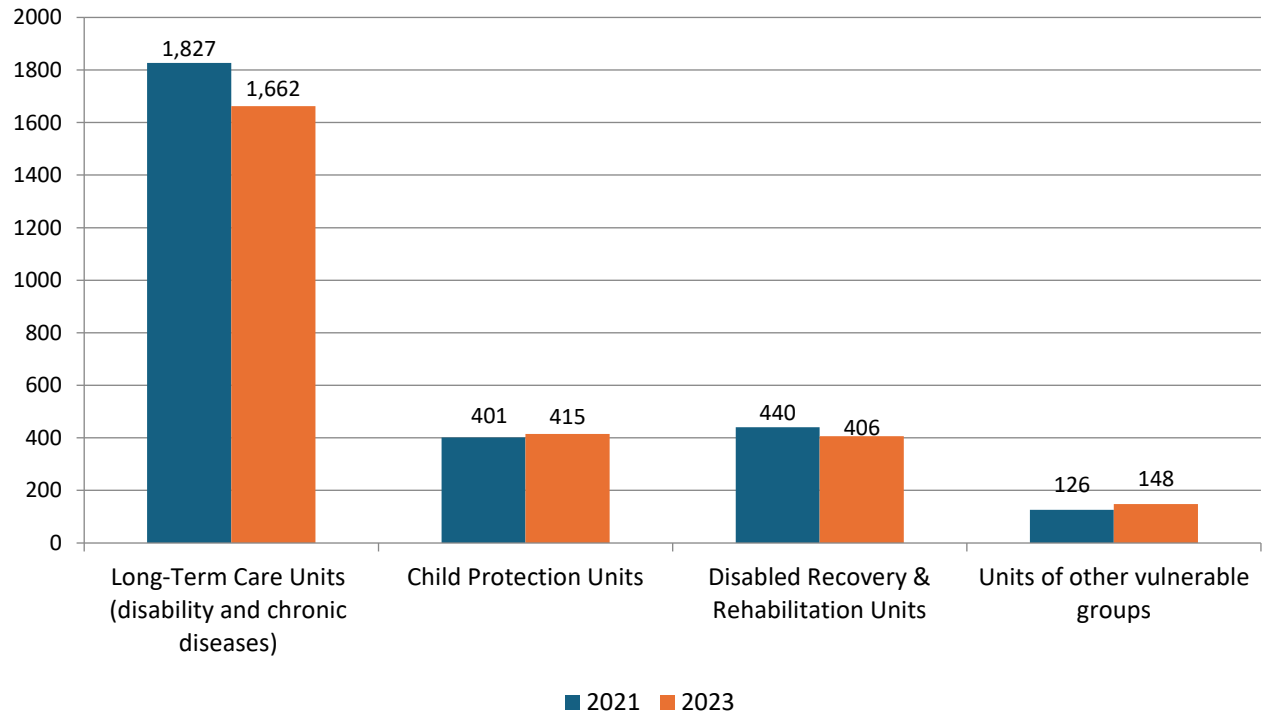


The number of in-patient care beneficiaries in the KKPP Units amounted to 2,053 in 2023 compared to 2,205 in 2021, presenting a decrease of 6.9%, while the number of in-patient care beneficiaries in the other Public Units amounted to 578 in 2023 compared to 589 in 2021 presenting a decrease of 1.9% (Table 4, Graph 2).

Table 4. Beneficiaries of in-patient care in Social Care Units per unit category, years 2021 and 2023

Category of Social Care Units	KKPP Units			Other Public Units			Total of Beneficiaries		
	2021	2023	% (2023/2021)	2023	2021	% (2023/2021)	2021	2023	% (2023/2021)
Long-Term Care Units (disability and chronic diseases)	1,435	1,319	-8.1	392	343	-12.5	1,827	1,662	-9.0
Child Protection Units	339	328	-3.2	62	87	40.3	401	415	3.5
Disabled Recovery & Rehabilitation Units	431	406	-5.8	9	0	-100.0	440	406	-7.7
Units of other vulnerable groups	0	0	-	126	148	17.5	126	148	17.5
TOTAL	2,205	2,053	-6.9	589	578	-1.9	2,794	2,631	-5.8

Graph 2. Beneficiaries of in-patient care in Social Care Units per unit category, years 2021 and 2023



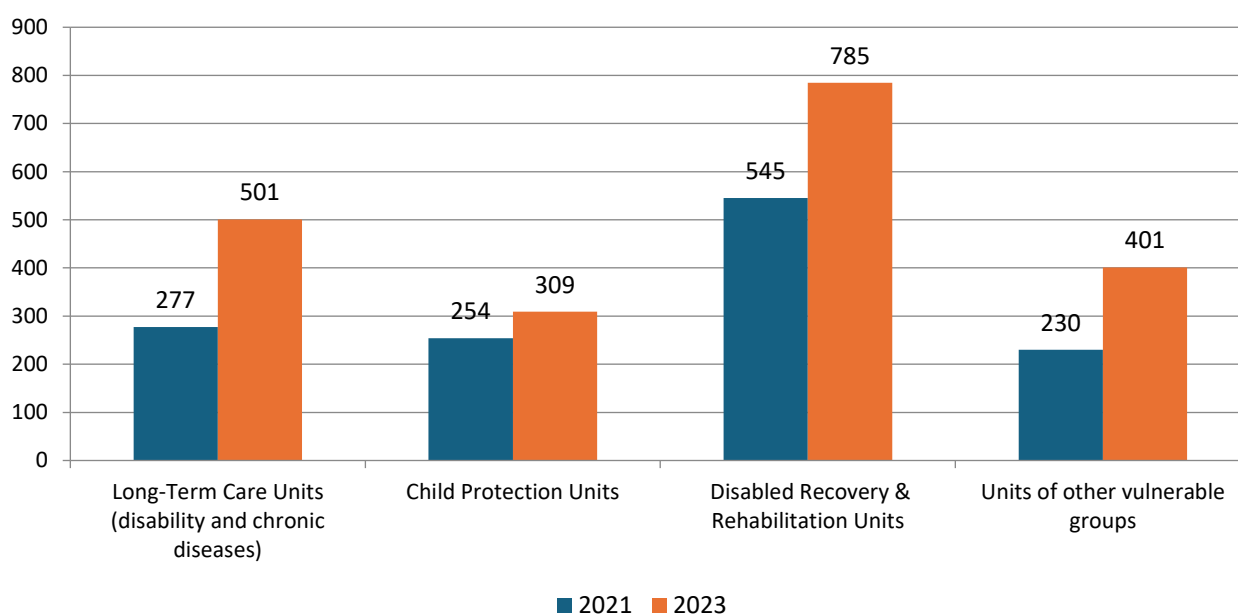
The number of out-patient care beneficiaries in the KKPP Units amounted to 864 in 2023 compared to 616 in 2021 presenting an increase of 40.3%, while in the other Public Units the number of out-patient care beneficiaries amounted to 1,132 in 2023 compared to 690 in 2021, also recording an increase of 64.1% (Table 5, Graph 3).

Table 5. Beneficiaries of out-patient care in Social Care Units per unit category, years 2021 and 2023

Category of Social Care Units	KKPP Units			Other Public Units			Total of Beneficiaries		
	2021	2023	% (2023/2021)	2021*	2023	% (2023/2021)	2021*	2023	% (2023/2021)
Long-Term Care Units (disability and chronic diseases)	277	461	66.4	0	40	-	277	501	80.9
Child Protection Units	215	245	14.0	39	64	64.1	254	309	21.7
Disabled Recovery & Rehabilitation Units	124	158	27.4	421*	627	48.9	545*	785	44.0
Units of other vulnerable groups	0	0	0	230	401	74.3	230	401	74.3
TOTAL	616	864	40.3	690*	1,132	64.1	1,306*	1,996	52.8

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Graph 3. Beneficiaries of out-patient care in Social Care Units, per unit category, years 2021 and 2023

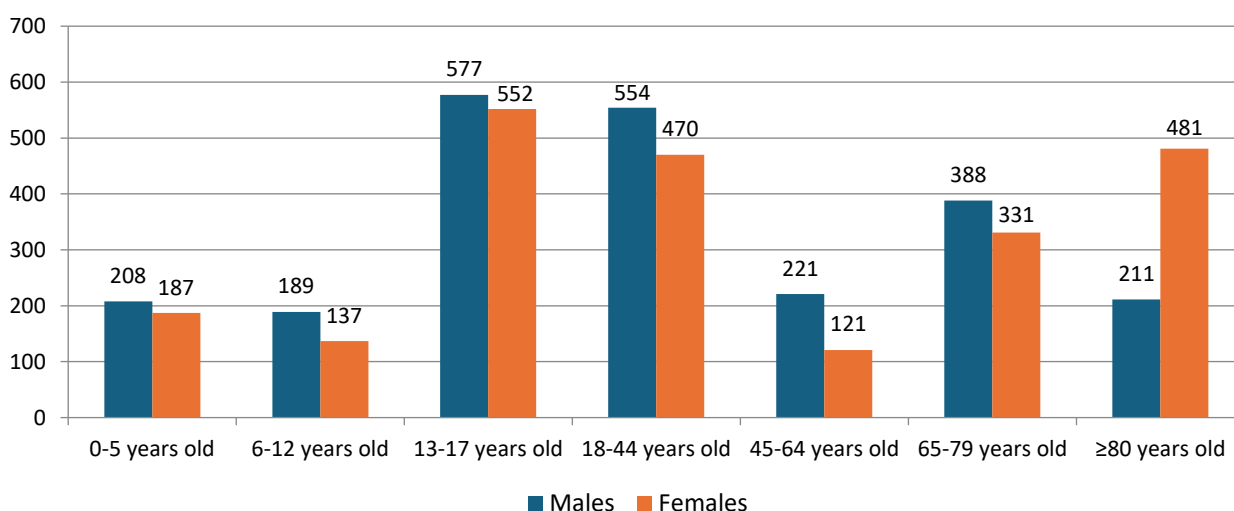


Further analysis of the beneficiaries by gender shows a higher percentage for men (females 49.3%, males 50.7%). In most age groups a higher percentage of men is observed and only in the age group of over 80 years the majority is women. The age group of 13-17 years is the one with the largest number of beneficiaries, amounting to 1,129 beneficiaries. In particular, the out-patient care is reduced compared to the in-patient care for most age groups except for the groups of 0-5, 13-17 and 45-64 years old, whereas the in-patient care is increasing gradually with age (apart from the age groups of 45-64 and 65-79 years old) peaking for the elderly of over 80 years old (Table 6, Graphs 4 and 5).

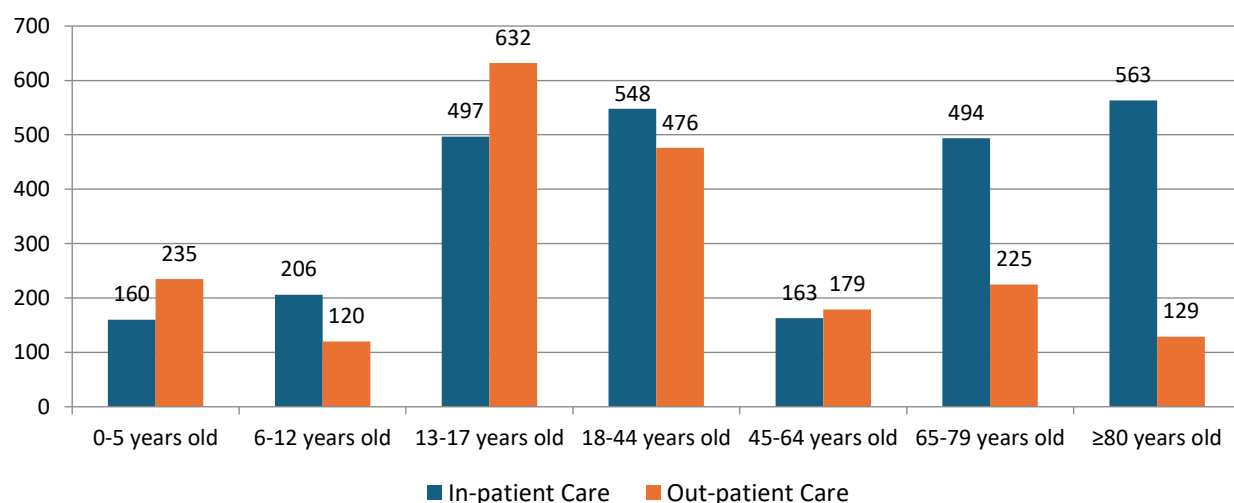
Table 6. Beneficiaries of in-patient and out-patient care in Social Care Units, by gender and age group, year 2023

Age Group	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries			
		Males	Females	In-patient Care	Out-patient Care
0-5 years old	395	208	187	160	235
6-12 years old	326	189	137	206	120
13-17 years old	1,129	577	552	497	632
18-44 years old	1,024	554	470	548	476
45-64 years old	342	221	121	163	179
65-79 years old	719	388	331	494	225
≥80 years old	692	211	481	563	129
TOTAL	4,627	2,348	2,279	2,631	1,996

Graph 4. Beneficiaries of Social Care Units, by gender and age group, year 2023



Graph 5. Beneficiaries of in-patient and out-patient care in Social Care Units, by age group, year 2023

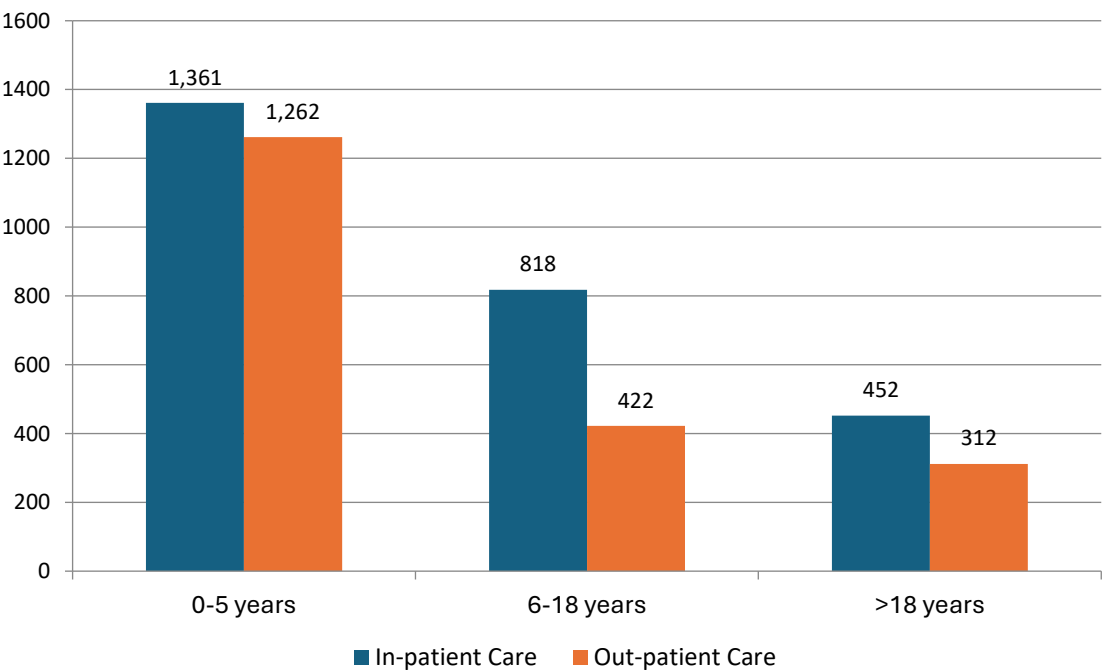


In 2023, in all Social Care Units, 56.7% of the beneficiaries received care lasting up to 5 years. Specifically, 51.7% of beneficiaries received in-patient care and 63.2% out-patient care. As the length of care provision increases, the percentage of beneficiaries decreases ending up at 16.5% for 18 years of care and above (Table 7, Graph 6).

Table 7. Beneficiaries by length of stay/care in Social Care Units, year 2023

Length of stay/care (in years)	Beneficiaries	(%)	Beneficiaries of in-patient care	(%)	Beneficiaries of out-patient care	(%)
0-5 years	2,623	56.7	1,361	51.7	1,262	63.2
6-18 years	1,240	26.8	818	31,1	422	21.1
>18 years	764	16.5	452	17.2	312	15.7
TOTAL	4,627	100.0	2,631	100.0	1,996	100.0

Graph 6. Beneficiaries and length of stay/care in Social Care Units, year 2023



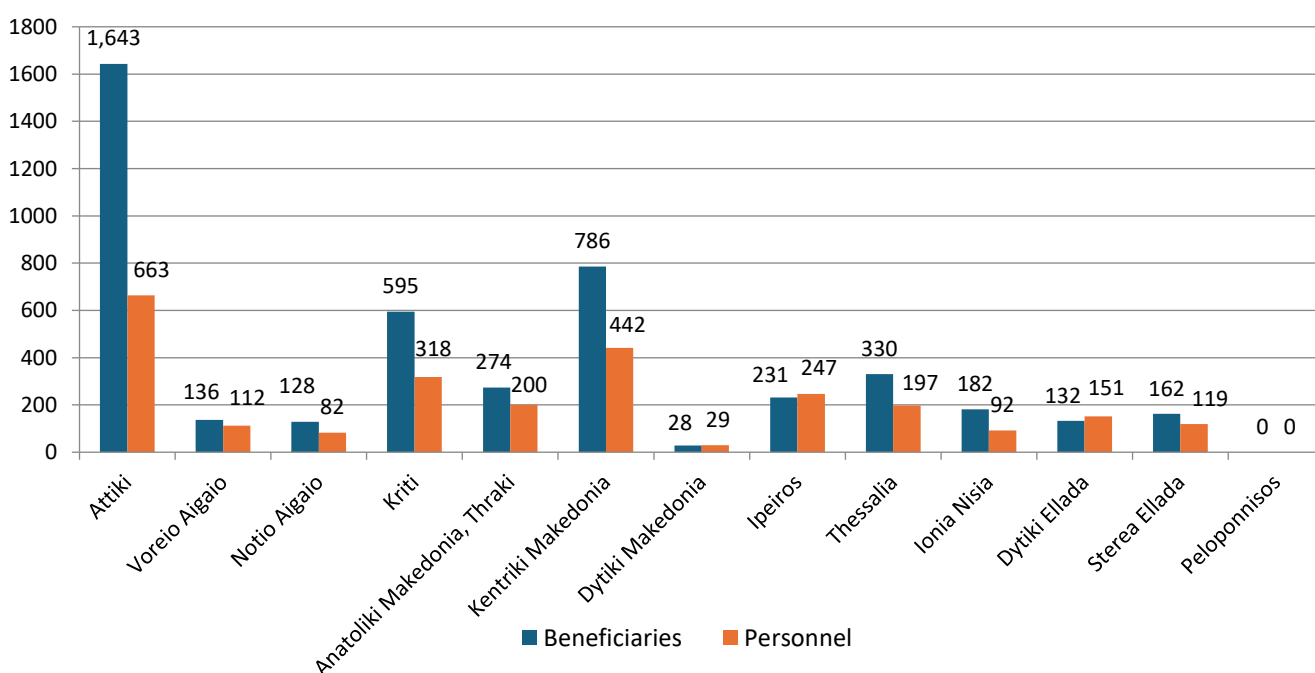
The Region of Attiki records the largest number of beneficiaries and personnel in Social Care Units, followed by the Regions of Kentriki Makedonia and Kriti. The Region of Peloponnisos does not have any Social Care Units while the Region of Dytiki Makedonia has only one.

The largest number of personnel is recorded for the category of Other Personnel (administrative, technical catering staff, security personnel e.tc.) followed by the category of Medical-Nursing Personnel and Scientists (psychologists, social workers, physical and occupational therapists) (Table 8, Graphs 7 and 8).

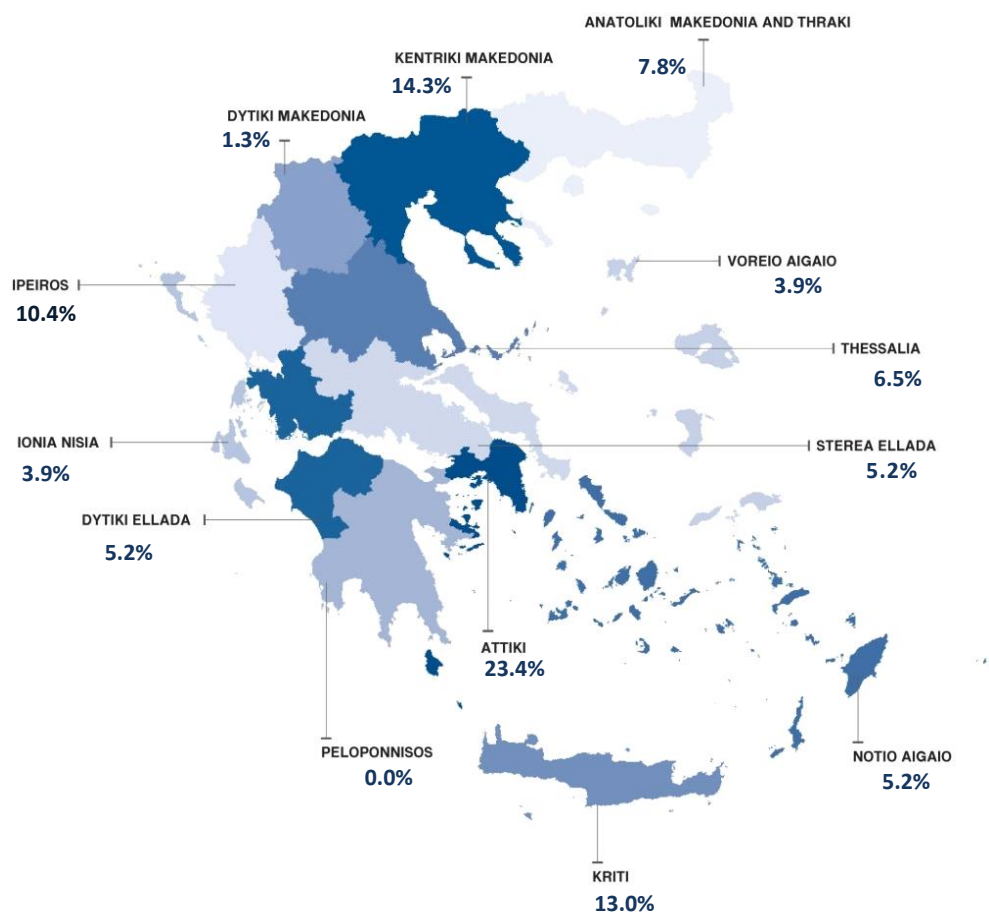
Table 8. Regional distribution of Social Care Units, beneficiaries by gender and personnel by specialty, year 2023

Regions	Number of Units	% Distribution of Social Care Units	Beneficiaries			Personnel			
			Males	Females	Total	Medical and Nursing staff	Specialized Scientists	Rest of personnel	TOTAL
Attiki	18	23.4	877	766	1,643	209	82	372	663
Voreio Aigaio	3	3.9	54	82	136	53	3	56	112
Notio Aigaio	4	5.2	63	65	128	41	4	37	82
Kriti	10	13.0	266	329	595	136	15	167	318
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	6	7.8	158	116	274	85	17	98	200
Kentriki Makedonia	11	14.3	409	377	786	217	21	204	442
Dytiki Makedonia	1	1.3	17	11	28	1	5	23	29
Ipeiros	8	10.4	122	109	231	95	11	141	247
Thessalia	5	6.5	168	162	330	125	12	60	197
Ionia Nisia	3	3.9	69	113	182	45	4	43	92
Dytiki Ellada	4	5.2	69	63	132	76	6	69	151
Stereia Ellada	4	5.2	76	86	162	63	4	52	119
Peloponnisos	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	77	100.0	2,348	2,279	4,627	1,146	184	1,322	2,652

Graph 7. Regional distribution of beneficiaries and personnel in Social Care Units, year 2023



Graph 8. Percentage distribution of Social Care Units by Region, year 2023



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Purpose of the Survey The Social Care Units survey monitors at a biennial basis the number of units of Legal Entities of Public Law all over Greece that serve social welfare needs throughout the country. It is a census survey aimed at collecting non-financial data concerning the number of beneficiaries of in-patient and out-patient care, as well as the number of personnel in the Social Care Units.

Legal Framework The survey is conducted pursuant to the Law 3832/2010, as amended and in force.

Reference period The survey refers to the Social Care Units that were operating on the 31st of December of the reference year.

Coverage The survey covers Greece total.

Based on the Law 4025/2011 (Article 1) “Reconstruction of the National Social Welfare System”, as amended by the Law 4109/2013 (Article 9), the units that used to be Legal Entities of Public Law have merged and are now operating as Branches or Sub-branches of the new Regional Social Welfare Centers (KKPP), which amount to 12 (one center per NUTS 2 Region, except for the Region of Peloponnisos) which does not have any Social Care Units (KKPP).

Each Regional Social Welfare Center (KKPP) encompasses the corresponding Units or Branches, which are grouped into 3 major categories: Long-Term Care Units for people with disability or chronic diseases, Child Protection Units and Disabled Recovery & Rehabilitation Units i.e. units for the recovery and rehabilitation of people with disabilities. These units (KKPP) offer in-patient care to people with disabilities and chronic diseases, nurse the elderly, and nestle children and juveniles. Also, they offer out-patient care mainly to minors having developmental disorders (1 Branch) as well as offer recovery and rehabilitation services to disabled. For comparability reasons with previous years in this group of units (i.e. KKPP) has been included one unit, which previously belonged to the Social Welfare Center of the Sterea Ellada Region and now runs independently as a Long-Term Nursing Home for Chronic Diseases.

The rehabilitation services previously provided by the Centers for Recovery and Physical and Social Rehabilitation (KAFKA) and the Centers for Education, Social Support and Training for the Disabled (KEKYKAMEA) were transferred to the public hospitals of the National Health System and are now provided through the Centers for Physical and Medical Rehabilitation (KEFIAP). After this change, the units that for the purpose of the survey we call Branches and Sub-branches decreased from 95 in the period 2007-2011 to 55.

With article 102 & 103 of Law 3852/2010 each Municipality may establish or possess up to two Public Legal Entities, one for the Sector of Social Protection, Solidarity and Education and one for the Sector of Culture, Sports and Environment, as provided for in article 75 of Law 3463/2006.

The survey also includes 9 Municipal Institutions in the form of Nursing Homes and Orphanages, which are independent Legal Entities and 4 Institutions, the EKKA, EIK KEAT and Papafeio Child Care Center under the supervision of the Ministry of Social

Cohesion and Family Affairs, as well as the Juvenile Protection Company under the supervision of Ministry of Justice are also investigated.

Methodology The survey is a census survey conducted at the Unit level covering all Social Care Units and recording the in-patient and out-patient welfare services provided by the Units.

Definitions

- Out-patient care: care services provided by Social Care Units to adults or minors who need help; these services are provided in a specific facility that operates specific hours during the day (excluding overnight stay), e.g., provision of day care services to children whose family cannot fulfill their parental role on account of economic or other reasons (supporting the family through hosting children).
- In-patient care: care services provided by Social Care Units to vulnerable population groups who stay permanently or temporarily and spend the night within a specific facility (institution, unit), which covers their basic needs (shelter, food) in the first place but also their emotional and psychological social needs, e.g. children's homes, nursing homes, chronic illness homes.
- Personnel: all people employed in the Social Care Units with the distinction between Medical and Nursing Personnel, Specialized Scientists (Scientific Personnel of various specialties) and Other Personnel.
- Beneficiaries: the total number of individuals who receive the material and mental care services provided by the Social Care Units

References More information on the survey on Social Care Units can be found on the website of ELSTAT, at: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE27/->