



PRESS RELEASE

SURVEYS ON SECONDARY GENERAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on Secondary General and Vocational Education deriving from the relevant surveys for the end of the school year 2020/2021. In the first part of this press release, data on lower and upper secondary education schools are presented, the second part includes data on the Ecclesiastical Secondary Education Schools and Second Chance Schools, as branches of the Secondary General Education, while in the last part data on Vocational Upper Secondary Schools (EPAL) and Vocational Schools (EPAS) are presented.

SECONDARY GENERAL EDUCATION

The data collected from the surveys on Secondary Education, pertaining to lower and upper secondary education schools, can be summarized as follows:

- In lower secondary schools, school units in the school year 2020/2021 amounted to 1,825 while
 in 2019/2020 amounted to 1,818. In upper secondary schools, school units in the school year
 2020/2021 amounted to 1,355 compared with 1,347 in 2019/2020 (Tables 2 and 4, respectively);
- **Teaching staff** in the school year 2020/2021 compared with 2019/2020 increased from 39,524 to 41.067 in lower secondary schools and from 23,914 to 24,353 in upper secondary schools (Tables 2 and 4, respectively);
- The number of pupils enrolled in the school year 2020/2021, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2019/2020, increased from 320,822 to 328,582 in lower secondary schools and decreased from 233,627 to 230,295 in upper secondary schools (Tables 3 and 5, respectively);
- The number of graduates in the school year 2020/2021, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2019/2020, increased from 101,607 to 104,767 in lower secondary schools and decreased from 76,998 to 74,032 in upper secondary schools (Tables 3 and 5, respectively);
- The ratio of teaching staff to pupils, in the school year 2020/2021, was 1 teacher for 8.0 pupils in lower secondary schools and 1 teacher for 9.5 pupils in upper secondary schools, while for the school year 2019/2020 the corresponding ratio was 1 to 8.1 and 1 to 9.8 respectively (Tables 2,3,4 and 5);
- The **Region of Attiki** accounted for the largest share of pupils enrolled in Secondary Education in Greece, with 34.8% in lower secondary schools and 37.4% in upper secondary schools (Graphs 2 and 3 respectively).

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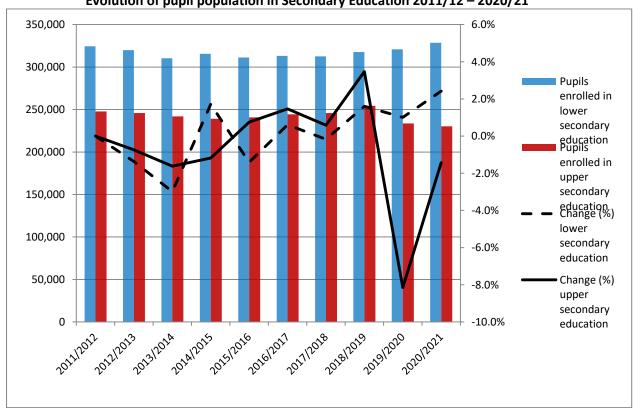
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More specifically, Table 1 and Graph 1 depict the evolution of pupil population in lower and upper secondary education during the period 2011/2012 - 2020/2021.

Table 1
Evolution of pupil population in Secondary Education 2011/12 – 2020/21

| | Pupils en | rolled ¹ |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| School year | Lower secondary education schools | Upper secondary education schools |
| 2011/2012 | 324,402 | 247,717 |
| 2012/2013 | 319,950 | 245,892 |
| 2013/2014 | 310,389 | 241,905 |
| 2014/2015 | 315,702 | 239,055 |
| 2015/2016 | 311,236 | 240,852 |
| 2016/2017 | 313,130 | 244,386 |
| 2017/2018 | 312,604 | 245,811 |
| 2018/2019 | 317,622 | 238,968 |
| 2019/2020 | 320,822 | 233,627 |
| 2020/2021 | 328,582 | 230,295 |

Graph 1
Evolution of pupil population in Secondary Education 2011/12 – 2020/21



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 $^{^{1}\,}$ Ecclesiastical secondary education schools and Second Chance schools are not included.

A. LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Tables 2 and 3 present data on the number of school units, teaching staff, pupils enrolled and graduates (Ecclesiastical Schools and Second Chance Schools are not included).

Table 2. School units and teaching staff ² (Lower secondary education)

| | | | , | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------|---------|--------------|---------------|
| | _ | ype of schoo | | | | _ |
| | Numb | er of school | units | Т | eaching staf | f |
| School units | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) |
| Public | 1,724 | 1,727 | 0.2 | 37,196 | 38,559 | 3.7 |
| Private | 94 | 98 | 4.3 | 2,328 | 2,508 | 7.7 |
| TOTAL | 1,818 | 1,825 | 0.4 | 39,524 | 41,067 | 3.9 |
| | | By Region | | | | |
| | Numb | er of school | units | Т | eaching staf | f |
| Region (NUTS 2) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 98 | 100 | 2.0 | 2,171 | 2,226 | 2.5 |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 291 | 292 | 0.3 | 6,450 | 6,650 | 3.1 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 69 | 69 | 0.0 | 1,143 | 1,127 | -1.4 |
| Thessalia | 125 | 126 | 0.8 | 2,906 | 3,002 | 3.3 |
| Ipeiros | 81 | 81 | 0.0 | 1,391 | 1,406 | 1.1 |
| Ionia Nisia | 50 | 50 | 0.0 | 1,096 | 1,110 | 1.3 |
| Dytiki Ellada | 143 | 143 | 0.0 | 2,590 | 2,639 | 1.9 |
| Sterea Ellada | 119 | 119 | 0.0 | 1,995 | 2,073 | 3.9 |
| Peloponnisos | 110 | 110 | 0.0 | 2,047 | 2,131 | 4.1 |
| Attiki | 485 | 486 | 0.2 | 12,401 | 13,063 | 5.3 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 54 | 54 | 0.0 | 1,026 | 1,076 | 4.9 |
| Notio Aigaio | 84 | 85 | 1.2 | 1,708 | 1,775 | 3.9 |
| Kriti | 109 | 110 | 0.9 | 2,600 | 2,789 | 7.3 |
| TOTAL | 1,818 | 1,825 | 0.4 | 39,524 | 41,067 | 3.9 |

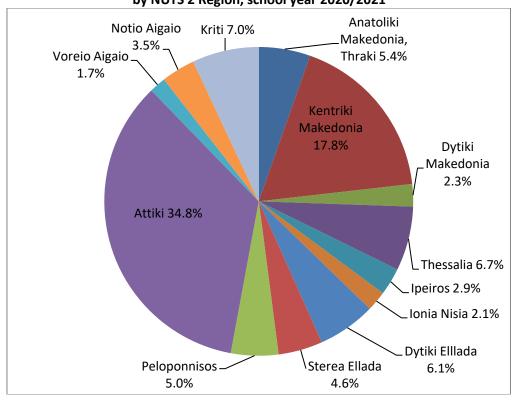
² Absent teachers are also included.

Absent teachers are the teachers with a fixed post in the school unit, who are absent for more than 20 days (due to illness, training, maternity leave, etc) and their replacement is pending, as well as the teachers who are seconded to other administrative posts of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs or elsewhere.

Table 3. Pupils enrolled and graduates by type of school unit and NUTS 2 Region (Lower Secondary Schools)

| | Ву Тур | e of School | Unit | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------|-----------|---------------|
| | Pu | pils enrolled | k | | Graduates | |
| School untis | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) |
| Public | 304,995 | 311,111 | 2.0 | 96,693 | 99,329 | 2.7 |
| Private | 15,827 | 17,471 | 10.4 | 4,914 | 5,438 | 10.7 |
| TOTAL | 320,822 | 328,582 | 2.4 | 101,607 | 104,767 | 3.1 |
| | | By Region | | | | |
| | Pu | pils enrolled | ł | | Graduates | |
| Region (NUTS 2) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 17,542 | 17,730 | 1.1 | 5,463 | 5,512 | 0.9 |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 56,612 | 58,496 | 3.3 | 17,757 | 18,817 | 6.0 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 7,775 | 7,706 | -0.9 | 2,558 | 2,533 | -1.0 |
| Thessalia | 21,617 | 22,108 | 2.3 | 6,871 | 7,003 | 1.9 |
| Ipeiros | 9,208 | 9,409 | 2.2 | 2,919 | 3,104 | 6.3 |
| Ionia Nisia | 6,674 | 6,918 | 3.7 | 2,127 | 2,217 | 4.2 |
| Dytiki Ellada | 19,640 | 19,931 | 1.5 | 6,316 | 6,311 | -0.1 |
| Sterea Ellada | 14,912 | 15,232 | 2.1 | 4,753 | 4,957 | 4.3 |
| Peloponnisos | 16,312 | 16,331 | 0.1 | 5,193 | 5,232 | 0.8 |
| Attiki | 111,541 | 114,492 | 2.6 | 35,388 | 36,339 | 2.7 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 5,482 | 5,644 | 3.0 | 1,719 | 1,721 | 0.1 |
| Notio Aigaio | 11,377 | 11,618 | 2.1 | 3,684 | 3,766 | 2.2 |
| Kriti | 22,130 | 22,967 | 3.8 | 6,859 | 7,255 | 5.8 |
| TOTAL | 320,822 | 328,582 | 2.4 | 101,607 | 104,767 | 3.1 |

Graph 2. Percentage distribution of pupils enrolled in lower secondary schools, by NUTS 2 Region, school year 2020/2021



B. UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Tables 4 and 5 present data on the number of school units, teaching staff, pupils enrolled and graduates (Ecclesiastical Schools are not included).

Table 4. School units and teaching staff ³ (Upper secondary schools)

| | By Type | of School (| Inits | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| | | er of schoo | | Т | eaching sta | ff |
| School units | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) |
| Public | 1,261 | 1,262 | 0.1 | 22,058 | 22,216 | 0.7 |
| Private | 86 | 93 | 8.1 | 1,856 | 2,137 | 15.1 |
| TOTAL | 1,347 | 1,355 | 0.6 | 23,914 | 24,353 | 1.8 |
| | Ĺ | By Region | | | | |
| | Numb | er of schoo | l units | Т | eaching sta | ff |
| Region (NUTS 2) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 64 | 64 | 0.0 | 1,082 | 1,087 | 0.5 |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 209 | 211 | 1.0 | 3,965 | 3,994 | 0.7 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 36 | 37 | 2.8 | 630 | 610 | -3.2 |
| Thessalia | 97 | 97 | 0.0 | 1,513 | 1,472 | -2.7 |
| Ipeiros | 51 | 51 | 0.0 | 828 | 821 | -0.8 |
| Ionia Nisia | 36 | 36 | 0.0 | 486 | 501 | 3.1 |
| Dytiki Ellada | 99 | 99 | 0.0 | 1,536 | 1,535 | -0.1 |
| Sterea Ellada | 92 | 92 | 0.0 | 1,094 | 1,090 | -0.4 |
| Peloponnisos | 90 | 91 | 1.1 | 1,266 | 1,312 | 3.6 |
| Attiki | 385 | 389 | 1.0 | 8,823 | 9,225 | 4.6 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 42 | 42 | 0.0 | 510 | 494 | -3.1 |
| Notio Aigaio | 67 | 67 | 0.0 | 673 | 675 | 0.3 |
| Kriti | 79 | 79 | 0.0 | 1,508 | 1,537 | 1.9 |
| TOTAL | 1,347 | 1,355 | 0.6 | 23,914 | 24,353 | 1.8 |

Absent teachers are the teachers with a fixed post in the school unit, who are absent for more than 20 days (due to illness, training, maternity leave, etc) and their replacement is pending, as well as the teachers who are seconded to other administrative posts of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs or elsewhere.

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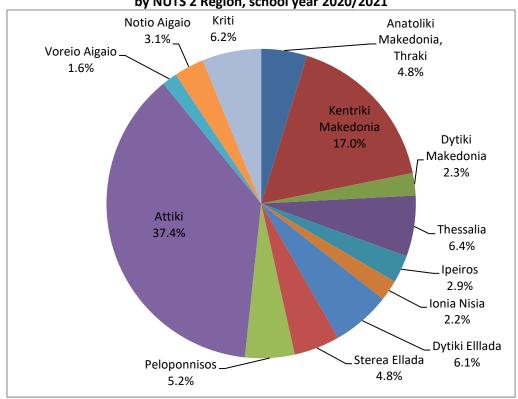
Table 5. Pupils enrolled and graduates by type of school unit and NUTS 2 Region (Upper Secondary Schools)

| By Type of School Unit | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--|--|--|
| | Pu | pils enrolled | k | Graduates | | | | | |
| School units | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | | | |
| Public | 219,560 | 215,182 | -2.0 | 72,386 | 69,240 | -4.3 | | | |
| Private | 14,067 | 15,113 | 7.4 | 4,612 | 4,792 | 3.9 | | | |
| TOTAL | 233,627 | 230,295 | -1.4 | 76,998 | 74,032 | -3.9 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

| | Pu | pils enrolled | l | (| Graduates | |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------|-----------|---------------|
| Region (NUTS 2) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 11,393 | 11,023 | -3.2 | 3,756 | 3,582 | -4.6 |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 40,138 | 39,250 | -2.2 | 13,502 | 12,687 | -6.0 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 5,667 | 5,403 | -4.7 | 1,866 | 1,786 | -4.3 |
| Thessalia | 15,178 | 14,633 | -3.6 | 5,118 | 4,678 | -8.6 |
| Ipeiros | 6,811 | 6,649 | -2.4 | 2,199 | 1,964 | -10.7 |
| Ionia Nisia | 4,959 | 5,003 | 0.9 | 1,574 | 1,587 | 0.8 |
| Dytiki Ellada | 14,415 | 14,119 | -2.1 | 4,814 | 4,549 | -5.5 |
| Sterea Ellada | 11,252 | 11,043 | -1.9 | 3,619 | 3,659 | 1.1 |
| Peloponnisos | 11,905 | 11,905 | 0.0 | 3,887 | 3,803 | -2.2 |
| Attiki | 86,284 | 86,175 | -0.1 | 28,325 | 27,733 | -2.1 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 3,802 | 3,670 | -3.5 | 1,311 | 1,148 | -12.4 |
| Notio Aigaio | 7,344 | 7,214 | -1.8 | 2,344 | 2,317 | -1.2 |
| Kriti | 14,479 | 14,208 | -1.9 | 4,683 | 4,539 | -3.1 |
| TOTAL | 233,627 | 230,295 | -1.4 | 76,998 | 74,032 | -3.9 |

^{*}revised data

Graph 3. Percentage distribution of pupils enrolled in upper secondary schools by NUTS 2 Region, school year 2020/2021



ECCLESIASTICAL SECONDARY EDUCATION (LOWER AND UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS)

The ecclesiastical lower and upper secondary schools constitute a separate branch of the Secondary General Education. More specifically:

- **The number of school units** in ecclesiastical secondary education remained the same between school years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 (Tables 6 and 7, respectively);
- In the school year 2020/2021 compared with the school year 2019/2020, teaching staff, employed in both lower and upper secondary schools, increased by 2.4% (Table 8);
- The number of pupils enrolled in the school year 2020/2021, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2019/2020, recorded a 3.4% increase in ecclesiastical lower secondary schools and a 1.9% increase in ecclesiastical upper secondary schools (Tables 6 and 7, respectively);
- The number of graduates in the school year 2020/2021, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2019/2020, recorded a 12.7% increase in ecclesiastical lower secondary schools and a 15.5% decrease in ecclesiastical upper secondary schools (Tables 6 and 7, respectively);

Table 6. Ecclesiastical Lower Secondary Schools

| Pupils enrolled/Graduates and number of school units | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|------------|------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | |
| | 2019/20 | Change (%) | | | | | |
| Pupils enrolled | 236 | 244 | 3.4 | | | | |
| Graduates | 79 | 89 | 12.7 | | | | |
| Number of School Units ⁴ | 7 | 7 7 | | | | | |

Table 7. Ecclesiastical Upper Secondary Schools

| Pupils enrolled/Graduates and number of school units | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | |
| | 2019/20 | Change (%) | | | | | |
| Pupils enrolled | 473 | 482 | 1.9 | | | | |
| Graduates | 174 | 147 | -15.5 | | | | |
| Number of School Units ⁵ | 10 | 10 10 | | | | | |

Table 8. Teaching Staff in Ecclesiastical Secondary Education

| Teaching Staff | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Schoo | l Year | | | | | |
| | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | | | | |
| TOTAL | 164 | 168 | 2.4 | | | | |

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⁴ All lower secondary schools include upper secondary school classes.

 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ Lower secondary school units that host upper secondary school classes are included.

SECOND CHANCE SCHOOLS

Second Chance Schools are lower secondary education schools addressed to pupils that are over 18 years old. Data concerning the Second Chance Schools are presented for the school year 2020/2021 compared with school year 2019/2020 and the following can be observed:

- School units remained the same between school years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 (Table 9).
- In the school year 2020/2021 compared with the school year 2019/2020, **teaching staff** increased by 4.7% (Table 10).
- The number of pupils enrolled in the school year 2020/2021, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2019/2020, recorded a 6.5% decrease (Table 11).
- The number of foreign pupils in the school year 2020/2021, compared with the school year 2019/2020, increased by 11.0% (table 12).
- The number of pupils of the second grade that graduated in the school year 2020/2021, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2019/2020, recorded a 4.7% decrease (table 13).

Table 9. Number of school units of Second Chance Schools by type

| | Total nui | mber of scho | ool units | Of which: | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|--|
| Type of school | | | | C | Central Unit | | | Branches | | |
| unit | 2019/20 | 2019/20 2020/21 Change 2019/20 2 | | | 2020/21 | Change % | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change % | |
| TOTAL | 99 | 99 | 0.0 | 75 | 75 | 0.0 | 24 | 24 | 0.0 | |
| Day | 10 | 13 | 30.0 | 9 | 11 | 22.2 | 1 | 2 | 100.0 | |
| Afternoon | 89 | 86 | -3.4 | 66 | 64 | -3.0 | 23 | 22 | -4.3 | |

Table 10. Number of teaching staff of Second Chance Schools, by status and gender

| Status of tooching | | Total | | | Males | | Females | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| Status of teaching staff | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change % | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change % | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change % |
| TOTAL | 1,093 | 1,144 | 4.7 | 449 | 456 | 1.6 | 644 | 688 | 6.8 |
| Principals | 76 | 76 | 0.0 | 52 | 47 | -9.6 | 24 | 29 | 20.8 |
| Vice Principals | 67 | 61 | -9.0 | 40 | 37 | -7.5 | 27 | 24 | -11.1 |
| Seconded | | | | | | | | | |
| permanent staff | 261 | 182 | -30.3 | 109 | 82 | -24.8 | 152 | 100 | -34.2 |
| Fixed-Term | | | | | | | | | |
| Contract staff | 689 | 825 | 19.7 | 248 | 290 | 16.9 | 441 | 535 | 21.3 |

Table 11. Number of pupils of Second Chance Schools by gender and grade

| | | Total | | | Males | | Females | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|--|
| Grade | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change % | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change % | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change % | |
| TOTAL | 6,625 | 6,194 | -6.5 | 3,716 | 3,497 | -5.9 | 2,909 | 2,697 | -7.3 | |
| Grade A | 3,463 | 3,162 | -8.7 | 1,980 | 1,813 | -8.4 | 1,483 | 1,349 | -9.0 | |
| Grade B | 3,162 | 3,032 | -4.1 | 1,736 | 1,684 | -3.0 | 1,426 | 1,348 | -5.5 | |

Table 12. Number of foreign pupils of Second Chance Schools by gender and citizenship

| Total | | | | | Males | | Females | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Citizenship | 2019/ 20 | 2020/ 21 | Change % | 2019/ 20 | 2020/ 21 | Change % | 2019/ 20 | 2020/ 21 | Change % | |
| TOTAL | 1,168 | 1,296 | 11.0 | 829 | 907 | 9.4 | 339 | 389 | 14.7 | |
| EU Member | | | | | | | | | | |
| State | 145 | 153 | 5.5 | 102 | 109 | 6.9 | 43 | 44 | 2.3 | |
| Outside the | | | | | | | | | | |
| EU | 1,021 | 1,138 | 11.5 | 727 | 798 | 9.8 | 294 | 340 | 15.6 | |
| Unknown | | | | | | | | | | |
| citizenship | 2 | 5 | 150.0 | 0 | 0 | - | 2 | 5 | 150.0 | |

Table 13. Pupils of Second Chance Schools of the second grade that graduated, by gender and NUTS 2

Region

| | Total | | | | Males | | Females | | |
|---------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| NUTS 2 Region | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change % | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change % | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change % |
| TOTAL | 2,610 | 2,487 | -4.7 | 1,411 | 1,328 | -5.9 | 1,199 | 1,159 | -3.3 |
| Anatoliki | | | | | | | | | |
| Makedonia, | | | | | | | | | |
| Thraki | 255 | 176 | -31.0 | 117 | 85 | -27.4 | 138 | 91 | -34.1 |
| Kentriki | | | | | | | | | |
| Makedonia | 506 | 536 | 5.9 | 272 | 286 | 5.1 | 234 | 250 | 6.8 |
| Dytiki | | | | | | | | | |
| Makedonia | 93 | 75 | -19.4 | 58 | 40 | -31.0 | 35 | 35 | 0.0 |
| Ipeiros | 117 | 108 | -7.7 | 69 | 46 | -33.3 | 48 | 62 | 29.2 |
| Thessalia | 156 | 178 | 14.1 | 97 | 99 | 2.1 | 59 | 79 | 33.9 |
| Sterea Ellada | 235 | 247 | 5.1 | 144 | 172 | 19.4 | 91 | 75 | -17.6 |
| Ionia Nisia | 33 | 37 | 12.1 | 23 | 21 | -8.7 | 10 | 16 | 60.0 |
| Dytiki Ellada | 260 | 216 | -16.9 | 131 | 116 | -11.5 | 129 | 100 | -22.5 |
| Peloponnisos | 102 | 101 | -1.0 | 50 | 60 | 20.0 | 52 | 41 | -21.2 |
| Attiki | 399 | 365 | -8.5 | 184 | 172 | -6.5 | 215 | 193 | -10.2 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 175 | 146 | -16.6 | 108 | 66 | -38.9 | 67 | 80 | 19.4 |
| Notio Aigaio | 81 | 79 | -2.5 | 39 | 30 | -23.1 | 42 | 49 | 16.7 |
| Kriti | 198 | 223 | 12.6 | 119 | 135 | 13.4 | 79 | 88 | 11.4 |

SECONDARY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The results from the survey on Secondary Vocational Education, pertaining to Vocational Upper Secondary Schools (EPAL) and Vocational Schools (EPAS), can be summarized as follows:

- The **school units** in the school year 2020/2021 compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2019/2020, increased from 459 to 467 (Table 15),
- **Teaching staff** in the school year 2020/2021 compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2019/2020, increased from 13,574 to 13,991 (Table 15),
- The number of pupils enrolled in the school year 2020/2021, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2019/2020, increased from 109,625 to 116,571 (Table 16),
- The number of graduates in the school year 2020/2021 compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2019/2020, increased from 28,669 to 35,270 (Table 16),
- The ratio of teaching staff to pupils, in the school year 2020/2021, was 1 teacher for 8.3 pupils, while the corresponding ratio in the school year 2019/2020 was 1 teacher for 8.1 pupils (Tables 15 and 16),
- The **Region of Attiki** in the school year 2020/2021 accounted for 26.5% of the total pupil population of all the EPAL and EPAS in Greece (Graph 7).

More specifically, Table 14 and Graph 4 depict the evolution of pupil population in Secondary Vocational Education during the period 2011/2012 to 2020/2021.

Table 14
Evolution of pupil population in Secondary Vocational Education 2011/12 – 2020/21

| School Year | Pupils Enrolled |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 2011/2012 | 121,008 |
| 2012/2013 | 123,989 |
| 2013/2014 | 109,917 |
| 2014/2015 | 101,761 |
| 2015/2016 | 98,772 |
| 2016/2017 | 98,568 |
| 2017/2018 | 97,452 |
| 2018/2019 | 103,440 |
| 2019/2020 | 109,625 |
| 2020/2021 | 116,571 |

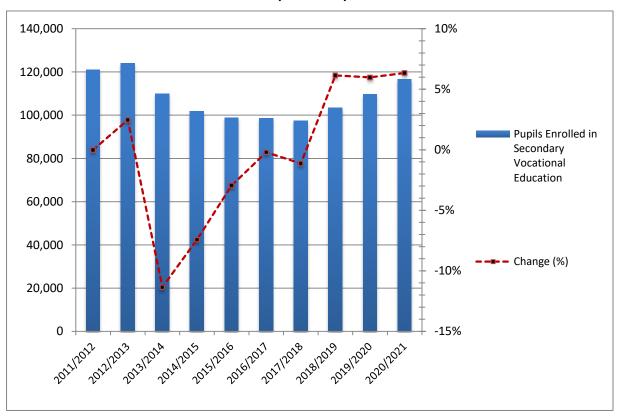


Table 15 presents data on the number of the school units and teaching staff for school years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

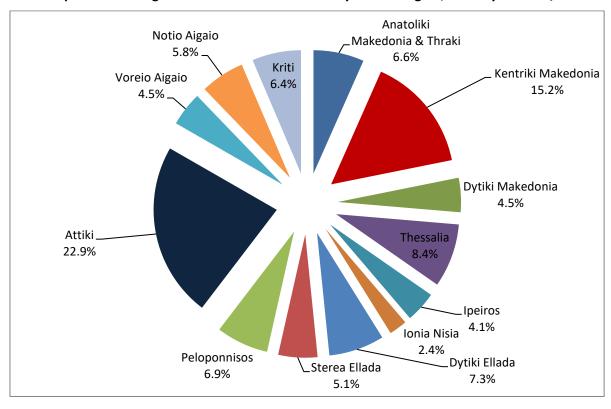
Table 15. Number of school units and teaching staff⁶

| By Type of school unit | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------|---------------|--|--|
| | | er of school | | Teaching staff | | | | |
| School units | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | | |
| EPAL of the Ministry of Education and | 100 | | | 40.074 | 40.500 | | | |
| Religious Affairs | 403 | 411 | 2.0 | 12,074 | 12,528 | 3.8 | | |
| EPAS of the Ministry of Labour and | Ε0 | Ε0 | 0.0 | 1 427 | 1 400 | 2.6 | | |
| Social Affairs | 50 | 50 | 0.0 | 1,437 | 1,400 | -2.6 | | |
| EPAS of the Ministry of Rural | 6 | 6 | 0.0 | 63 | 63 | 0.0 | | |
| Development and Food TOTAL | 459 | 467 | 1.7 | | 13,991 | 3.1 | | |
| IOIAL | | | 1./ | 13,574 | 13,991 | 3.1 | | |
| By Region | | | | | | | | |
| | Number of school units | | | Teaching staff | | | | |
| Region (NUTS 2) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | | |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 30 | 31 | 3.3 | 889 | 926 | 4.2 | | |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 71 | 71 | 0.0 | 2,550 | 2,616 | 2.6 | | |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 19 | 21 | 10.5 | 589 | 616 | 4.6 | | |
| Thessalia | 37 | 39 | 5.4 | 1,121 | 1,187 | 5.9 | | |
| Ipeiros | 19 | 19 | 0.0 | 502 | 535 | 6.6 | | |
| Ionia Nisia | 11 | 11 | 0.0 | 255 | 265 | 3.9 | | |
| Dytiki Ellada | 34 | 34 | 0.0 | 840 | 881 | 4.9 | | |
| Sterea Ellada | 24 | 24 | 0.0 | 617 | 629 | 1.9 | | |
| Peloponnisos | 31 | 32 | 3.2 | 649 | 673 | 3.7 | | |
| Attiki | 107 | 107 | 0.0 | 3,347 | 3,379 | 1.0 | | |
| Voreio Aigaio | 20 | 21 | 5.0 | 481 | 510 | 6.0 | | |
| Notio Aigaio | 26 | 27 | 3.8 | 672 | 678 | 0.9 | | |
| Kriti | 30 | 30 | 0.0 | 1,062 | 1,096 | 3.2 | | |
| TOTAL | 459 | 467 | 1.7 | 13,574 | 13,991 | 3.1 | | |

⁶ Absent teachers are also included,

Absent teachers are the teachers with a fixed post in the school unit, who are absent for more than 20 days (due to illness, training, maternity leave, etc) and their replacement is pending, as well as the teachers who are seconded to other administrative posts of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs or elsewhere,

Graph 5. Percentage distribution of school units by NUTS 2 region, school year 2020/21



Graph 6. Teaching staff by NUTS 2 region, school year 2020/21

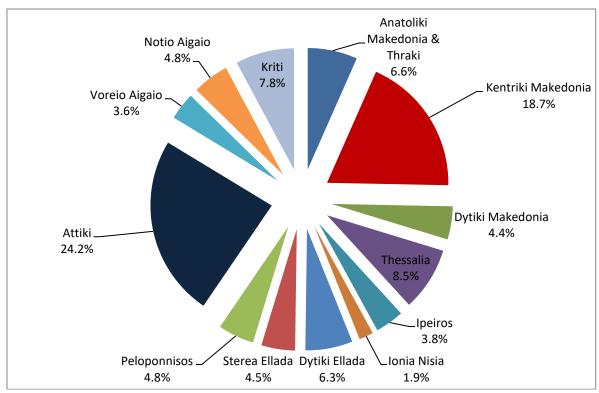


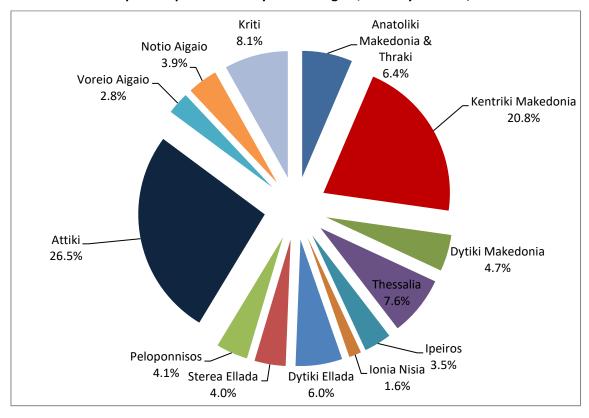
Table 16 presents data on the number of enrolled pupils and graduates for school years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

Table 16. Pupils enrolled and graduates by type of school unit and region

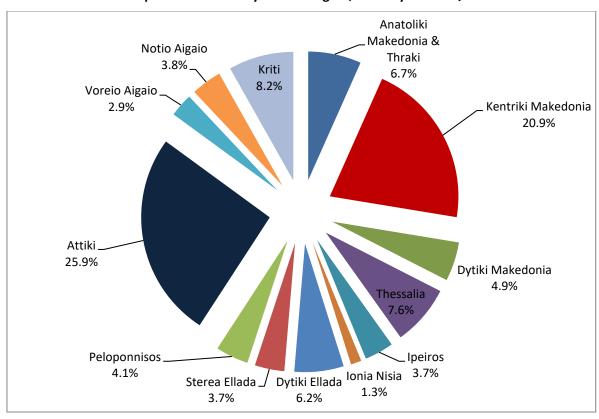
| By Type of School Unit | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|--|--|--|
| | Pı | upils enrolle | ed | Graduates* | | | | | |
| School untis | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | | | |
| EPAL of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs | 101,601 | 108,408 | 6.7 | 25,460 | 32,175 | 26.4 | | | |
| EPAS of the Ministry of Labour and | | · | 1.0 | <u> </u> | · | | | | |
| Social Affairs EPAS of the Ministry of Rural | 7,804 | 7,951 | 1.9 | 3,069 | 2,935 | -4.4 | | | |
| Development and Food | 220 | 212 | -3.6 | 140 | 160 | 14.3 | | | |
| TOTAL | 109,625 | 116,571 | 6.3 | 28,669 | 35,270 | 23.0 | | | |
| By Region 25,005 25,005 25,005 25,005 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | upils enrolle | ed | Graduates | | | | | |
| Region (NUTS 2) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Change (%) | | | |
| Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki | 6,945 | 7,505 | 8.1 | 1,833 | 2,353 | 28.4 | | | |
| Kentriki Makedonia | 22,789 | 24,254 | 6.4 | 6,090 | 7,379 | 21.2 | | | |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 5,021 | 5,449 | 8.5 | 1,389 | 1,735 | 24.9 | | | |
| Thessalia | 8,183 | 8,916 | 9.0 | 2,246 | 2,689 | 19.7 | | | |
| Ipeiros | 3,711 | 4,096 | 10.4 | 895 | 1,290 | 44.1 | | | |
| Ionia Nisia | 1,643 | 1,834 | 11.6 | 404 | 472 | 16.8 | | | |
| Dytiki Ellada | 6,630 | 6,963 | 5.0 | 1,880 | 2,188 | 16.4 | | | |
| Sterea Ellada | 4,300 | 4,643 | 8.0 | 1,153 | 1,312 | 13.8 | | | |
| Peloponnisos | 4,417 | 4,724 | 7.0 | 1,250 | 1,455 | 16.4 | | | |
| Attiki | 29,932 | 30,896 | 3.2 | 7,390 | 9,122 | 23.4 | | | |
| Voreio Aigaio | 3,117 | 3,300 | 5.9 | 790 | 1,038 | 31.4 | | | |
| Notio Aigaio | 4,129 | 4,505 | 9.1 | 1,141 | 1,353 | 18.6 | | | |
| Kriti | 8,808 | 9,486 | 7.7 | 2,208 | 2,884 | 30.6 | | | |
| TOTAL | 109,625 | 116,571 | 6.3 | 28,669 | 35,270 | 23.0 | | | |

 $^{^{\}ast}\,$ According to Law 4763/2020, study at Afternoon Vocational Upper Secondary Schools was reduced from four to three years.

Graph 7. Pupils enrolled by NUTS 2 region, school year 2020/21



Graph 8. Graduates by NUTS 2 region, school year 2020/21



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Surveys on General and Vocational Secondary Education The surveys in General and Vocational Secondary Education are conducted, on a yearly basis, aiming at collecting data on the number of pupils enrolled, the school units and the number of teaching staff. These surveys are carried out on an annual basis in all Member States of the European Union, with common standards and methods.

General Secondary Education includes lower and upper secondary schools of general education, ecclesiastical secondary schools and second chance schools.

Vocational Secondary Education includes:

- the Vocational Upper Secondary Schools (EPAL)
- the Vocational Schools (EPAS)

EPAL and EPAS are under the competency of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Rural Development and Food and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Since the school year 2014/2015, public EPAS of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs were abolished, while private EPAS under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs are still under operation.

Legal Frame The surveys are conducted by virtue of Regulation 452/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council and implementing Regulation 912/2013 of the European Commission.

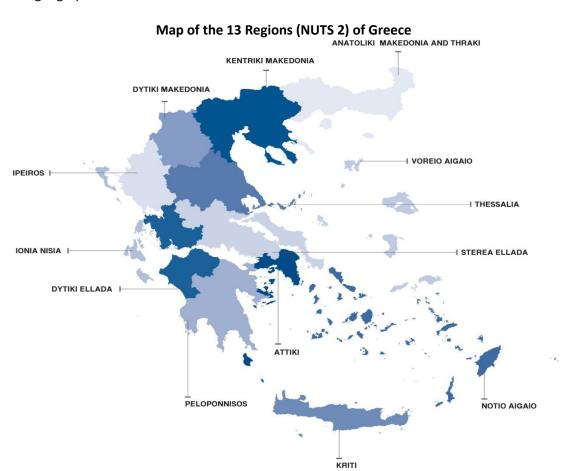
Statistical Units The statistical units are the school units.

Coverage

Greece total.

Geographical Classification

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



of results

Dissemination The data are posted on a yearly basis on the website of ELSTAT.

period

Reference The data of the surveys refer to the end of school year 2020/2021.

Methodology The Secondary Education surveys include the school units of the whole country and are and carried out on an annual basis. Until the school year 2013/2014, the surveys on General coverage Secondary Education used to be census, yearly surveys and they were conducted by ELSTAT. For the school year 2014/2015 onwards the data of these surveys are collected as follows:

- As regards public school units, the data were extracted from the "live" e-platform "MySchool" of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.
- As regards private school units and public school units which are not under the competency of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, the data were collected via an annual census survey with the use of questionnaires.

For Second Chance Schools' survey, questionnaires were sent to the schools.

References

More information, such as tables with the survey results, samples of questionnaires, etc, on the Survey on General Secondary Education can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT www.statistics.gr at the link: "Statistics" / Population and Social Conditions / Education / Lower Secondary Education Schools (Beginning - End of school year) or Upper Secondary Education Schools (Beginning – End of school year)" and at the link "Statistics"/ Population and Social Conditions / Education / Secondary Vocational Education".