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### CENSUS OF HEALTH CENTRES AND OTHER UNITS PROVIDING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES: year 2019

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on the Primary Health Care Units for the year 2019.

Until the year 2016, ELSTAT used to monitor Primary Health Care by recording only the Health Centres of the National Primary Health Care Network (PEDY). The Law 4486/2017 concerning the “Reform of the Primary Health Care” extended the scope of the “Health Centers”, which now also encompass the decentralised units, where health care services are provided at the first level of Primary Health Care, by the Local Health Units, the Regional Medical Offices, the Multipurpose Regional Medical Offices, the Specialised Regional Medical Offices, the Local Medical Offices and by other units of primary health care. Table 1 presents all the agencies providing primary health care services, with the exception of the Local Health Units, for the year 2019.

**Table 1: Units providing primary health care services by category, year 2019**

	Health Centres	Health* Units	Regional Medical Offices	Multipurpose Regional Medical Offices	Specialised Regional Medical Offices	Local Medical Offices	Other Units
<b>2017</b>	204	101	1425	93	49	221	6
<b>2018</b>	204	101	1425	94	49	221	7
<b>2019</b>	204	101	1425	93	50	221	10

\*Health Units of the National Primary Health Care Network (PEDY, Law 4238/2014) which, by virtue of the Law 4486/2017, are renamed as Health Centres

Moreover, Primary Health Care includes agencies providing mental health services, which are further specialised in accordance with the following table (Table 2).

**Table 2: Units providing primary mental health services, year 2019**

Mental Health Centres for adults	33
Mental Health Centres providing Community Mental Health Services to children and adolescents *	14
Mental Health Centres for children and adolescents	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>

\*a hybrid-structure addressed both to adults and children/adolescents.

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Table 3 presents the personnel in the Health Centres, the Health Units and the 127 Local Health Units for the year 2019 by Regional Health Authority (YPE).

**Table 3: Personnel in the Health Centres, the Health Units and the Local Health Units by Regional Health Authority, year 2019\***

Regional Health Authority (YPE)	Medical personnel	Nursing personnel	Other non-medical personnel	Total by YPE
1st YPE (Attiki)	831	401	526	1,758
2 <sup>nd</sup> YPE (Piraeus & Aigaio)	762	666	737	2,165
3 <sup>rd</sup> YPE (Makedonia)	517	503	412	1,432
4 <sup>th</sup> YPE (Makedonia & Thraki)	576	753	574	1,903
5 <sup>th</sup> YPE (Thessalia & Sterea Ellada)	474	611	578	1,663
6 <sup>th</sup> YPE (Peloponnisos, Ionia Nisia, Ipeiros, Dytiki Ellada)	742	1,016	746	2,504
7 <sup>th</sup> YPE (Kriti)	265	201	227	693
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,167</b>	<b>4,151</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>12,118</b>

\* Data for employees on Public Local Medical Offices and Specialized Medical Offices are not included

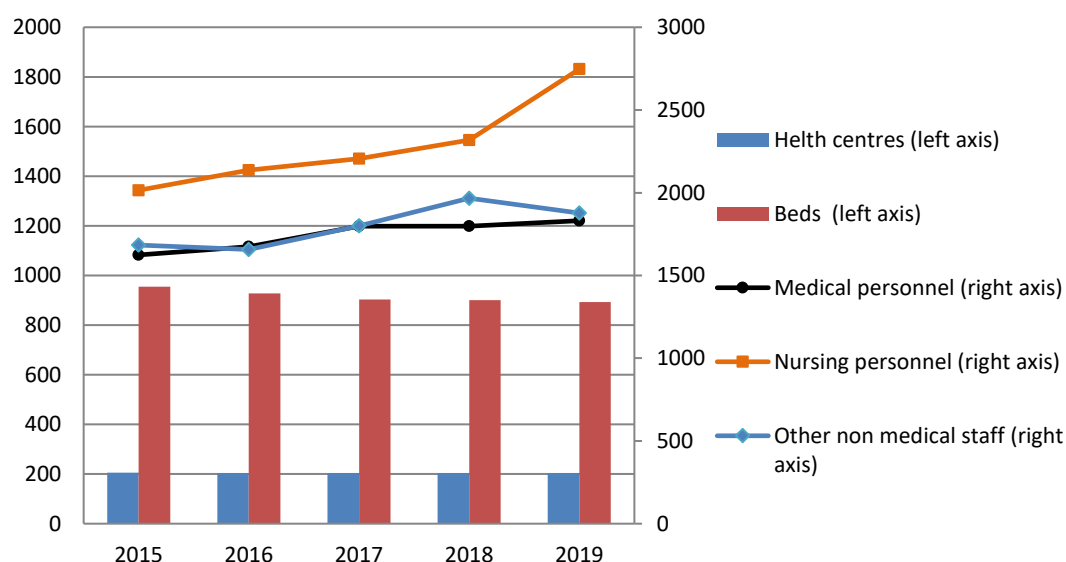
Tables 4 - 7 present detailed data on the structure (beds, equipment) exclusively for the 204 Health Centres (Law 4238/2017) as well as their personnel (medical, nursing and other personnel).

**Table 4: Number, beds, personnel (medical, nursing, other) and equipment of Health Centres, year 2019**

	Health Centres*	Beds	Medical personnel	Nursing personnel	Other non-medical personnel	Equipment
2015	205	955	1,624	2,015	1,683	2,324
2016	204	928	1,674	2,136	1,657	2,288
2017	204	903	1,776	2,215	1,800	2,255
2018	204	901	1,797	2,318	1,967	2,321
2019	204	893	1,831	2,747	1,878	2,331

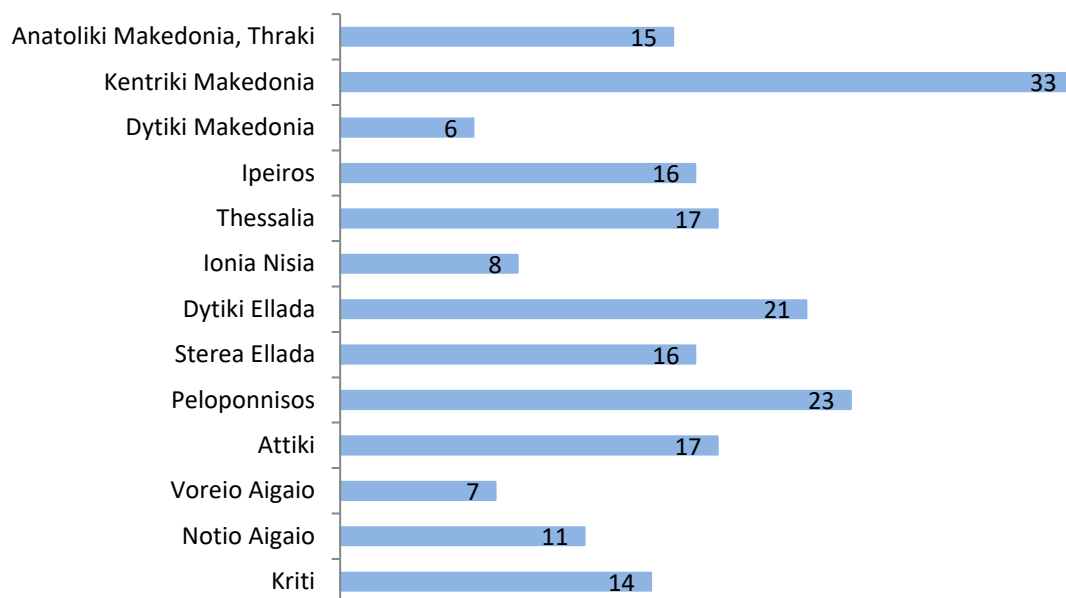
\*Including the Health Centre of Kamena Vourla

**Graph 1: Health Centres, beds and personnel, years 2015-2019**



In the year 2019, the total number of Health Centres remained stable at 204 units, compared with the two previous years 2017 and 2018, showing the same distribution by NUTS 2 Region. On the basis of available data on the distribution of Health Centres by the 13 NUTS 2 Regions of Greece, it is observed that the majority of Health Centres are located in Kentriki Makedonia (33 Centres), Peloponnisos (23 Centres) and Dytiki Ellada (21 Centres), while the lowest number of Health Centres is recorded in Voreio Aigaio (7 Centres) and Dytiki Makedonia (6 Centres) (Graph 2).

**Graph 2: Number of Health Centres by NUTS 2 Region, year 2019**



On the basis of comparative data for the years 2017-2019 of the Health Centres, the following are observed:

- The number of beds in the Health Centres decreased by 0.9%, in 2019 compared with 2018 and by 0.2% in 2018 compared with 2017, at the level of Greece total (Table 5).
- Medical personnel employed in the Health Centres increased by 1.9% in 2019 compared with 2018 and by 1.2% in 2018 compared with 2017, at the level of Greece total. In 2019 compared with 2018, a significant increase of 31.5% and 30.6% was observed in Dytiki Makedonia and Sterea Ellada, respectively. Similarly, in 2018 compared with 2017 an increase of 11.8% and 6.1% was also observed in Attiki and Ionia Nisia, respectively. On the contrary, a significant decrease is observed in 2019 compared with 2018 in Ionia Nisia and Ipeiros, namely 26.9% and 26.7%, respectively and in 2018 compared with 2017, a decrease of 8.1% and 6.0% was recorded in Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki and Kriti, respectively (Table 5).
- Nursing personnel increased by 18.5% in 2019 compared with 2018 and by 4.7% in 2018 compared with 2017. In 2019 compared with 2018, an increase is observed in all NUTS 2 Regions, with the most important one to be recorded in Notio Aigaio and in Dytiki Ellada, namely 38.8% and 33.1%, respectively. In 2018 compared with 2017, an increase of 15.9% and 9.9% was also observed in Voreio Aigaio and Kriti, respectively. On the contrary, a decrease of 0.7% was recorded in Sterea Ellada (Table 6).
- Other non-medical personnel employed in the Health Centres decreased by 4.5% in 2019 compared with 2018 after an increase of 9.3% in 2018 compared with 2017. The most important increase in 2019 compared with 2018 is observed in Attiki and Voreio Aigaio, namely an increase of 15.3% and 12.6%, respectively, while in the same Regions an increase of 30.1% and 30.4%, respectively, was recorded in 2018 compared with 2017 (Table 6).

- The number of medical equipment of Health Centers recorded an increase of 0.4%, at the level of Greece total, in 2019 compared with 2018, after an increase of 2.9% observed in 2018 compared with 2017 (Table 7).

**Table 5: Beds and medical personnel by NUTS 2 Region, years 2017-2019**

	Health centres	Beds					Medical personnel				
		2017	2018	2019	18/17 %	19/18 %	2017	2018	2019	18/17 %	19/18 %
<b>Greece total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>1.776</b>	<b>1.797</b>	<b>1.831</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Anatoliki Makedonia. Thraki	15	55	58	58	5.5	0.0	124	114	140	-8.1	22.8
Kentriki Makedonia	33	113	111	111	-1.8	0.0	342	335	370	-2.0	10.4
Dytiki Makedonia	6	26	26	26	0.0	0.0	53	54	71	1.9	31.5
Ipeiros	16	71	71	71	0.0	0.0	98	101	74	3.1	-26.7
Thessalia	17	95	96	96	1.1	0.0	120	113	132	-5.8	16.8
Ionia Nisia	8	34	34	34	0.0	0.0	49	52	38	6.1	-26.9
Dytiki Ellada	21	85	85	78	0.0	-8.2	140	136	138	-2.9	1.5
Stereia Ellada	16	78	78	78	0.0	0.0	121	124	162	2.5	30.6
Peloponnisos	23	108	109	108	0.9	-0.9	139	143	121	2.9	-15.4
Attiki	17	59	58	58	-1.7	0.0	330	369	362	11.8	-1.9
Voreio Aigaio	7	40	38	38	-5.0	0.0	46	46	44	0.0	-4.3
Notio Aigaio	11	71	73	73	2.8	0.0	98	101	91	3.1	-9.9
Kriti	14	68	64	64	-5.9	0.0	116	109	88	-6.0	-19.3

**Table 6: Non-medical personnel of Health Centres by NUTS 2 Region, 2017 – 2019**

	Nursing personnel					Other personnel				
	2017	2018	2019	18/17 %	19/18 %	2017	2018	2019	18/17 %	19/18 %
<b>Greece total</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>2,318</b>	<b>2,747</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>-4.5</b>
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	208	213	258	2.4	21.1	126	141	127	11.9	-9.9
Kentriki Makedonia	512	537	560	4.9	4.3	343	346	342	0.9	-1.2
Dytiki Makedonia	82	90	99	9.8	10.0	58	63	60	8.6	-4.8
Ipeiros	169	179	236	5.9	31.8	123	132	102	7.3	-22.7
Thessalia	260	273	331	5.0	21.2	173	184	191	6.4	3.8
Ionia Nisia	40	42	47	5.0	11.9	47	45	42	-4.3	-6.7
Dytiki Ellada	152	154	205	1.3	33.1	136	145	122	6.6	-15.9
Stereia Ellada	136	135	170	-0.7	25.9	146	160	157	9.6	-1.9
Peloponnisos	143	155	206	8.4	32.9	150	151	127	0.7	-15.9
Attiki	270	271	304	0.4	12.2	186	242	279	30.1	15.3
Voreio Aigaio	63	73	93	15.9	27.4	79	103	116	30.4	12.6
Notio Aigaio	79	85	118	7.6	38.8	105	116	99	10.5	-14.7
Kriti	101	111	120	9.9	8.1	128	139	114	8.6	-18.0

**Table 7: Medical equipment of Health Centres by NUTS 2 Region, 2017-2019**

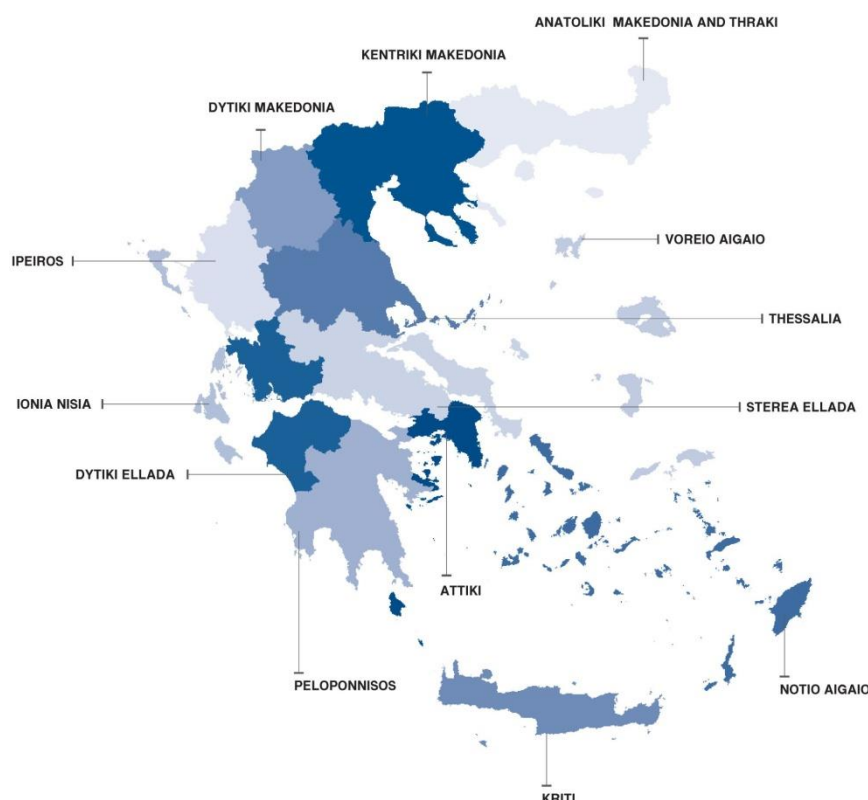
	2017	2018	2019	18/17 %	19/18 %
<b>Greece total</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Anatoliki Makedonia. Thraki	179	189	195	5.6	3.2
Kentriki Makedonia	391	409	414	4.6	1.2
Dytiki Makedonia	70	72	72	2.9	0.0
Ipeiros	145	166	164	14.5	-1.2
Thessalia	199	206	208	3.5	1.0
Ionia Nisia	91	89	80	-2.2	-10.1
Dytiki Ellada	170	167	163	-1.8	-2.4
Stereia Ellada	147	152	151	3.4	-0.7
Peloponnisos	234	234	225	0.0	-3.8
Attiki	222	229	222	3.2	-3.1
Voreio Aigaio	97	102	107	5.2	4.9
Notio Aigaio	132	135	144	2.3	6.7
Kriti	178	171	186	-3.9	8.8

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Health Centres Census** The survey is a census survey conducted on an annual basis and covers only the Health Centers of the Primary Health Care units of Greece for the year 2019.

**Reference period** Data refer to the total of Health Centre operating on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the reference year.

**Coverage** Data cover the total of Health Centers are collected by the Ministry of Health and ELSTAT and are presented at the level of Greece total and at regional level. The survey provides statistical information for national needs.



**Time coverage** The survey is conducted since 1992, on a yearly basis.

**Statistical concepts and definitions** **Health Centres:** the Health Centres of this survey are the units that used to belong to the National Primary Health Care Network (PEDY) until the year 2016, before Law 4486/2017 concerning the “Reform of the Primary Health Care” came into force.

### Medical personnel by specialty

The specialties of medical staff are: Hematologists, Radiologists, Allergists, General Pathologists, Dermatologists- Venereologists, Occupational Health specialists, Cardiologists, Social Medicine, Obstetricians – Gynecologists, Biopathologists (former Microbiologists), Neurologists, Dentists, Orthopedics, Urologists, Ophthalmologists, Physicians, Pediatricians, Language Pathologists – Pulmonologists, Surgeons of general surgery, Pediatric surgeons, Psychiatrists, Otolaryngologists, Rural doctors, and doctors under specialisation with no specialty.

**Non-medical staff by specialty**

Non medical staff distinguishes: Administrative staff, Nursing staff, Paramedical staff, Social care staff, IT staff, Technical staff, Nutritional care staff and Administrative care staff.

**Number of beds**

(In health centres the beds are usually classified as “Short-term hospitalization” beds).

**Medical equipment.**

Medical equipment includes: Medical imaging, Automatic analyzers, Dialysis machines, Ultrasounds, Electroencephalographs, Cardiac scanners, Dental equipment, Microscopes, Photometers, Defibrillators and Spectrometers.

**Methodology**

From 2019 onwards, the main data source is the information system of the Ministry of Health as well as the relevant Divisions of the Ministry. Only the data for the medical equipment are collected by ELSTAT directly from the Health Centres using a structured questionnaire.

**References**

Data is disseminated to all interested parties, through the posting of tables on the website of ELSTAT, at: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE06/->

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