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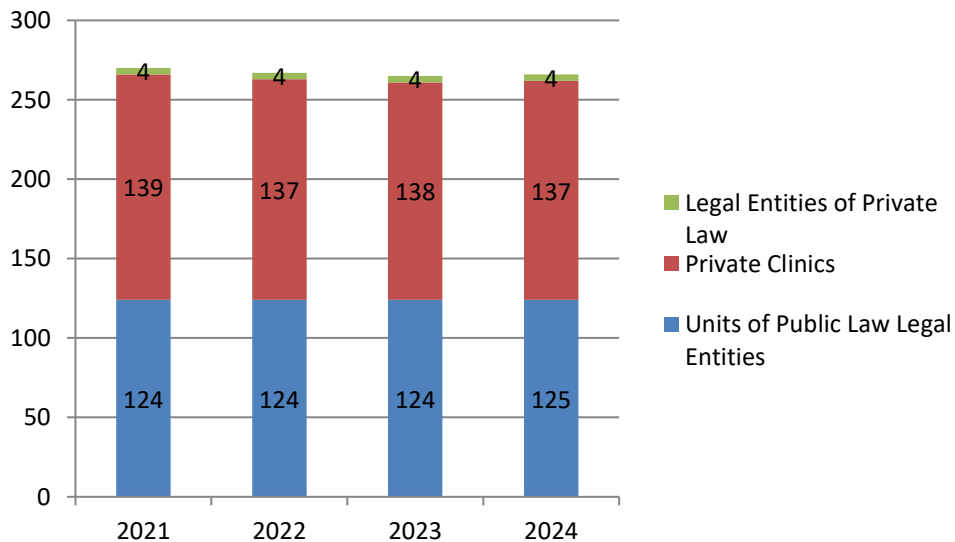
## HOSPITAL CENSUS 2024

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the annual exhaustive survey on hospitals for the year 2024. The number of hospitals amounted to 266 units in 2024, the same as in 2023. In 2024, the largest percentage (53.0%) of hospitals were private (Table 1, Graph 1).

**Table 1. Hospitals by legal status and category for the years 2021-2024**

Year	Total	Legal form			Specialty		
		Legal Entities of Private Law	Legal Entities of Public Law	Private clinics	General	Specialized	Mixed
2021	267	4	124	139	170	83	14
2022	265	4	124	137	172	84	9
2023	266	4	124	138	175	80	11
2024	266	4	125	137	177	78	11

**Graph 1. Hospitals by legal status for the years 2021 – 2024**



**Information on methodological issues:**

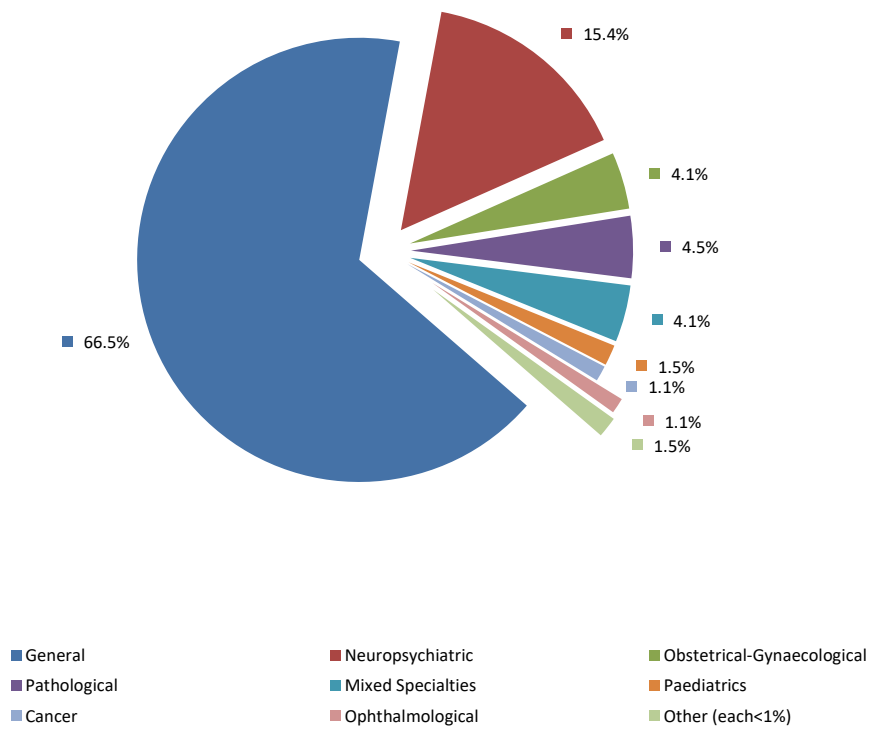
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The number of hospitals in the four-year period 2021-2024 decreased by 0.4%. In 2024, 66.5% of hospitals were General, 29.4% Specialized (Pathological, Neuropsychiatric, Anti-cancer, Ophthalmological, Obstetrical-Gynaecological, Paediatric and other specialties) and 4.1% were Mixed Specialty hospitals. The largest percentage of specialized hospitals is Neuropsychiatric (15.4%) followed by Pathological (4.5%) and Obstetric-Gynaecological (4.1%) (Table 1, Graph 2).

**Graph 2. Hospitals by specialty, year 2024**

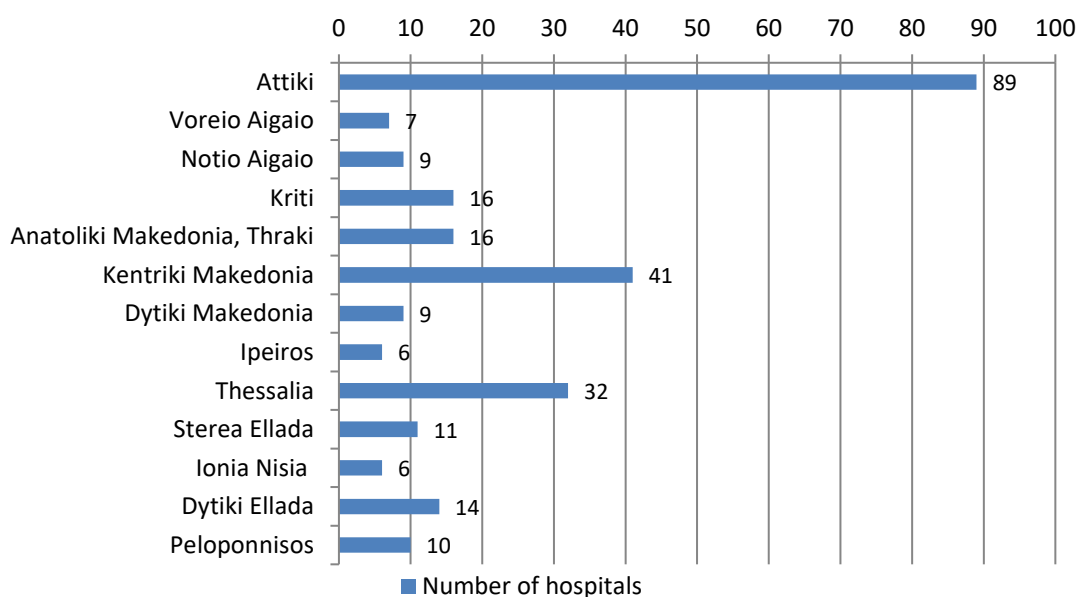


As regards the percentage distribution of hospitals in the 13 Regions of Greece, in 2024 the most hospitals (33.5%) were in the Region of Attiki, followed by the Regions of Kentriki Makedonia (15.4%) and Thessalia (12.0%). The lowest percentage of hospitals was recorded in the Regions of Ionia Nisia, Ipeiros and Voreio Aigaio, where the total number of hospitals in these three Regions corresponds to 7.2% of the total number of hospitals in Greece (Table 2, Graph 3).

**Table 2. Hospitals by Region (NUTS 2) for the years 2021-2024**

REGIONS	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percentage (%) distribution 2024
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Attiki	90	89	89	89	33.5
Voreio Aigaio	7	7	7	7	2.6
Notio Aigaio	9	9	9	9	3.4
Kriti	15	15	15	16	6.0
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	16	16	16	16	6.0
Kentriki Makedonia	42	41	41	41	15.4
Dytiki Makedonia	9	9	9	9	3.4
Ipeiros	7	7	7	6	2.3
Thessalia	32	31	32	32	12.0
Stereia Ellada	10	11	11	11	4.1
Ionia Nisia	6	6	6	6	2.3
Dytiki Ellada	14	14	14	14	5.3
Peloponnisos	10	10	10	10	3.8

**Graph 3. Hospitals by Region (NUTS 2), year 2024**



In the period 2021-2024 the number of available in-patient beds decreased by 1.7% (749 beds). In 2024 compared to 2023 the decrease was 0.2% (88 beds).

In the period 2021-2024 the number of day-care beds increased by 13.0% (495 beds). In 2024 compared to 2023, the increase was 0.1% (5 beds) (Table 3).

**Table 3. Number of hospital beds for the years 2021-2024**

Year	In-patient beds	Day-care beds	Total beds
<b>2021</b>	44,794	3,794	<b>48,588</b>
<b>2022</b>	44,468	3,992	<b>48,460</b>
<b>2023</b>	44,133	4,284	<b>48,417</b>
<b>2024</b>	44,045	4,289	<b>48,334</b>

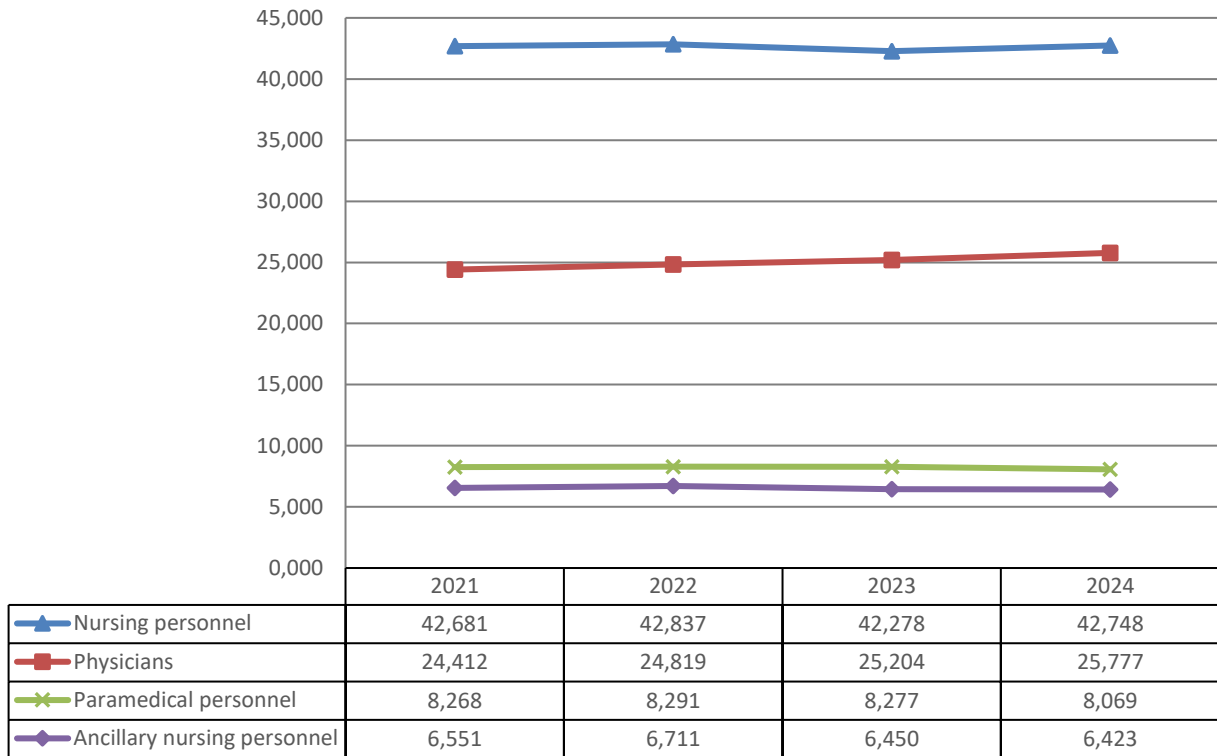
In 2024 the largest percentage of beds (67.8%) was recorded in hospitals with Public Law legal status followed by Private Clinics (30.2%) (Table 4).

**Table 4. Number of hospital beds by legal status of hospitals, year 2024**

Legal Status	In-patient beds	Day-care beds	Total Beds	Percentage (%) Distribution
Public Law Legal Entities	29,299	3,455	<b>32,754</b>	67.8
Private Law Legal Entities	830	138	<b>968</b>	2.0
Private clinics	13,916	696	<b>14,612</b>	30.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,045</b>	<b>4,289</b>	<b>48,334</b>	<b>100.0</b>

In the four-year period 2021-2024, a total increase of 5.6% was recorded in the number of medical personnel employed in hospitals under permanent employment status (full time), while in 2024 compared to 2023 the increase was 2.3%. At the end of the four-year period 2021-2024 the nursing personnel increased by 0.2%, the paramedical personnel (medical laboratory technologists & assistants, radiological technologists & assistants, physiotherapists, occupational & speech therapists) decreased by 2.4% and the ancillary nursing staff (chamber assistants, paramedics, other auxiliary specialties, etc.) decreased by 2.0% (Graph 4).

**Graph 4. Hospital personnel by personnel category for the years 2021-2024**



In 2024, the highest percentage of nursing (56.3%), ancillary (10.2%) and paramedical (9.8%) personnel were recorded in Private Clinics. The highest percentage of medical personnel (32.9%) served in Public Law Legal Entities (Table 5)

**Table 5. Hospital Personnel by legal status of hospital, year 2024**

Hospital Personnel	Total	Percentage % Distribution	Units of Public Law Legal Entities	Percentage % Distribution	Units of Private Law Legal Entities	Percentage % Distribution	Private Clinics	Percentage % Distribution
Nursing	<b>42,748</b>	51.5	32,878	50.3	1,083	51.6	8,787	56.3
Medical	<b>25,777</b>	31.1	21,450	32.9	629	29.9	3,698	23.7
Ancillary	<b>6,423</b>	7.7	4,644	7.1	187	8.9	1,592	10.2
Paramedical	<b>8,069</b>	9.7	6,346	9.7	202	9.6	1,521	9.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,017</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>65,318</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,598</b>	<b>100.0</b>

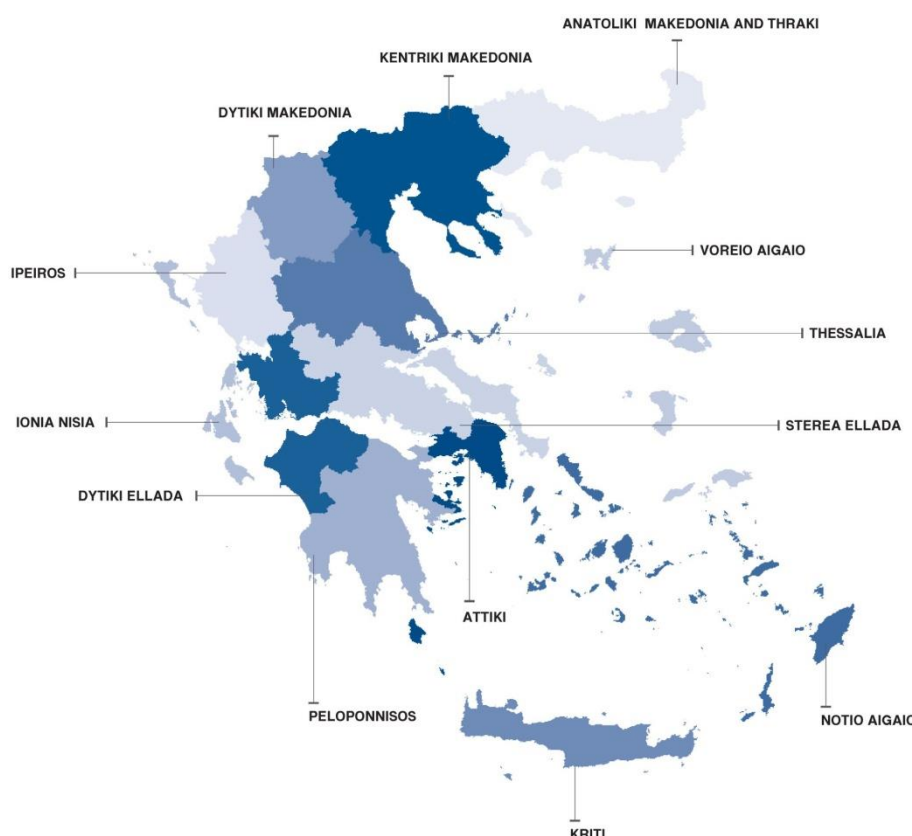
\*Any differences in percentages are due to rounding

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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- Hospital Census:** The Hospital Census is conducted on a yearly basis since 1962, aiming at covering national needs in statistical information.
- Reference period:** The data refer to the hospitals and clinics on the 31st of December of the reference year.
- Coverage:** In the Hospital Census data are collected from all hospitals in the country and they are presented at Country level and by Region.



**Legal basis:** Common Ministerial Decision 26262/128/59.

**Definition of basic variables:** **Bed capacity:** Bed capacity is distinguished in the Legal Bed Capacity (based on the Organization of the Hospital or the operation license of the clinic) and the Available Beds, which are the number of beds available for hospitalization. There are in-patient hospitalization beds and day-care beds, which are presented by sector, namely Pathological, Surgical, Psychiatric and other sectors or cross-sectoral.

**Medical personnel by specialty.** The medical specialties of the personnel are as follows: Hematologists, Radiotherapists, Radiologists, Allergists, Anaesthesiologists, Gastroenterologists, Endocrinologists, Coroners, General Pathologists, Dermatologists, Venereologists, Public Health and Social Medicine specialists, Occupational Health specialists, Cardiologists, Cytologists, Obstetricians-Gynaecologists, Biopathologists, Neurologists, Neurosurgeons, Dentists, Orthopedics, Urologists, Ophthalmologists, Pathologists, Internists, Pediatricians, Child Psychiatrists, Nuclear Physicians, Rheumatologists, Pulmonologists, Surgeons of general surgery, Pediatric surgeons, Plastic surgeons, Psychiatrists, Otolaryngologists, Vascular surgeons, Oral and Maxillofacial, Oncologists, Intensive-care specialists, Emergency-care specialists and Physicians with no

specialty.

**Methodology:**

The data collection is carried out exhaustively by the local units of Hospitals and Clinics all over Greece, by completing a specially designed questionnaire. The survey collects data on the hospital's characteristics (beds, medical and non-medical personnel). No International Classification System is followed.

The exhaustive survey on Hospitals is based on ELSTAT Hospital Register, which is updated annually from data provided by administrative sources for possible changes (new units or abolishment of units, etc). Furthermore, the units (private), which are idle for various reasons e.g. renovation, temporary withdrawal of operating license, etc. are not counted in the total number of hospitals.

It is clarified that many physicians collaborate as external collaborators or freelancers of varying and not fixed working hours, depending on the needs of each clinic, mainly in private clinics, which are not included in the results of this survey.

**References:**

The data of the survey are available to all interested parties through the tables which are posted on the website of ELSTAT at the link [Statistics>Population and Social Conditions>Health>Health Care>Hospitals and local health centres.](#)

Information that is not available to users through the website can be requested from ELSTAT at the address <http://www.statistics.gr/el/statistical-data-request>