



## ACTS OF ADOPTION, 2024

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on Adoption Acts with reference year 2024.

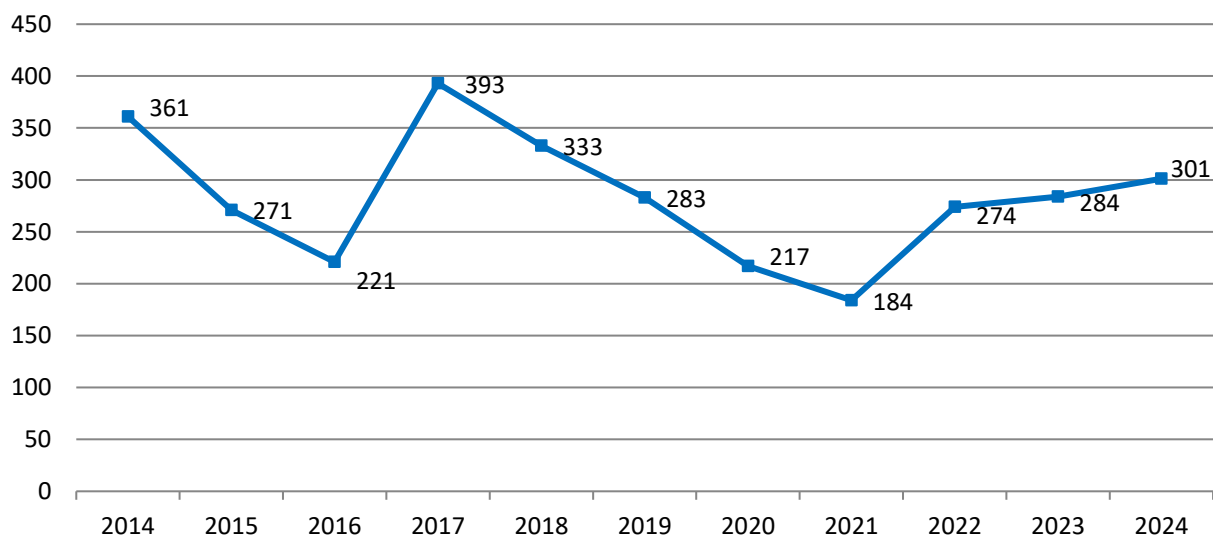
In 2024, the total number of Adoption Acts amounted to 301 compared to 284 in 2023, recording an increase of 6.0% (Table 1).

**Table 1. Adoption Acts by NUTS 1 Regions and adoptions of the International Social Service, 2023 and 2024**

NUTS 1 Regions	2023	2024	Change (%) 2024/2023
Attiki	157	166	5.7
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	19	17	-10.5
Voreia Ellada	60	65	8.3
Kentriki Ellada	36	29	-19.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Adoptions under the International Social Service*	12	24	100.0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>6.0</b>

\* *Transnational adoptions under the Hague Convention The Hague Adoption Convention is an international treaty that provides a framework for transnational adoptions, aiming to protect the best interests of children and prospective adoptive parents by establishing ethical standards and cooperation between member countries.*

**Graph 1. Adoption Acts, 2014-2024**



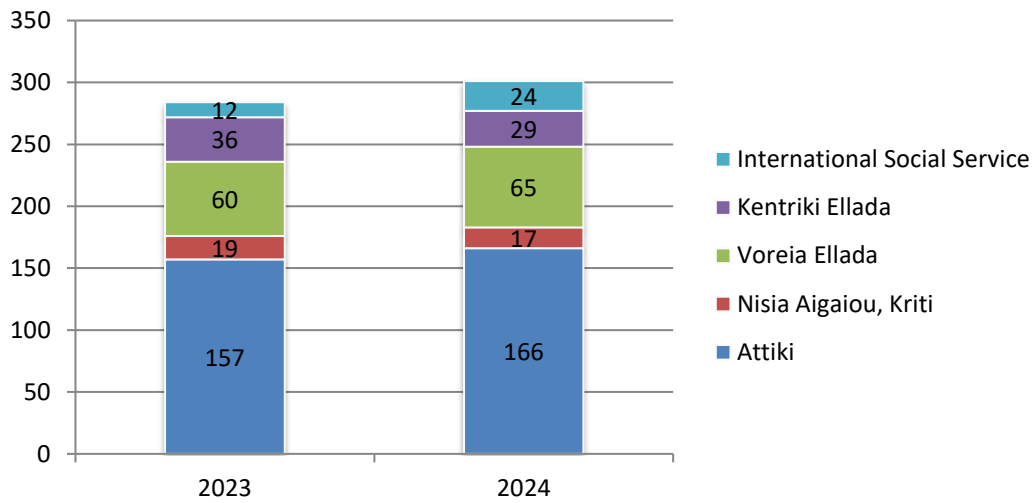
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**Graph 2. Adoption Acts by NUTS 1 Regions and adoptions of the International Social Service, 2023 and 2024**

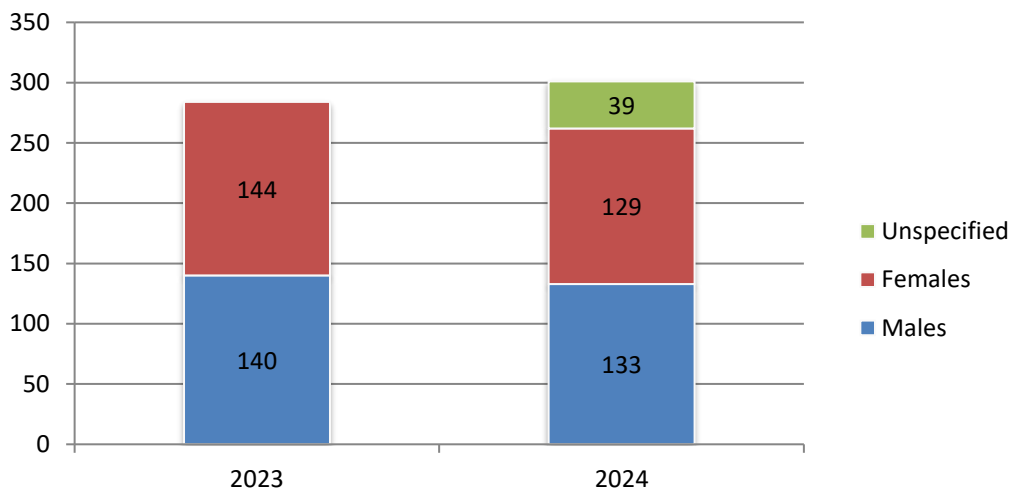


In 2024 female adoptions amounted to 129 and male adoptions to 133, recording a decrease of 10.4% and 5.0% respectively, in comparison with 2023. There are 39 cases of adoptions in which information about gender is missing (Table 2, Graph 3).

**Table 2. Adoption Acts by gender of adoptees, 2023 and 2024**

Gender	2023	2024	Change (%) 2024/2023
Males	140	133	-5.0
Females	144	129	-10.4
Unspecified		39	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>6.0</b>

**Graph 3. Adoption Acts by gender of adoptees, 2023 and 2024**

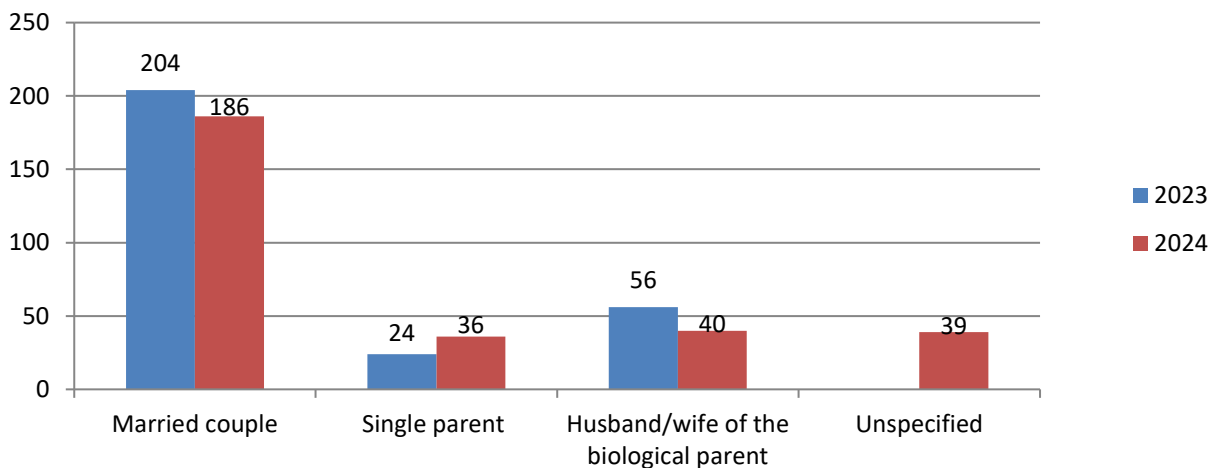


Adoptive parents are mainly married couples (husband and wife). In 2024, adoptions by married couples decreased by 8.8% (from 204 to 186) in comparison with 2023. An increase of 121.4% (from 14 to 31) was recorded in adoptions from a single-parent family with a mother as the adoptive parent. In 39 adoption cases information about the type of adoptive parents is missing (Table 3, Graph 4).

**Table 3. Adoption Acts by type of adoptive parents, 2023 and 2024**

Type of adoptive parents	2023	2024	Change (%) 2024/2023
Married couple	204	186	-8.8
Single parent family <i>Of which</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>50.0</b>
<i>Only father</i>	10	5	-50.0
<i>Only mother</i>	14	31	121.4
Husband/wife of the biological parent	56	40	-28.6
Unspecified		39	-
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**Graph 4. Adoption Acts by type of adoptive parents, 2023 and 2024**

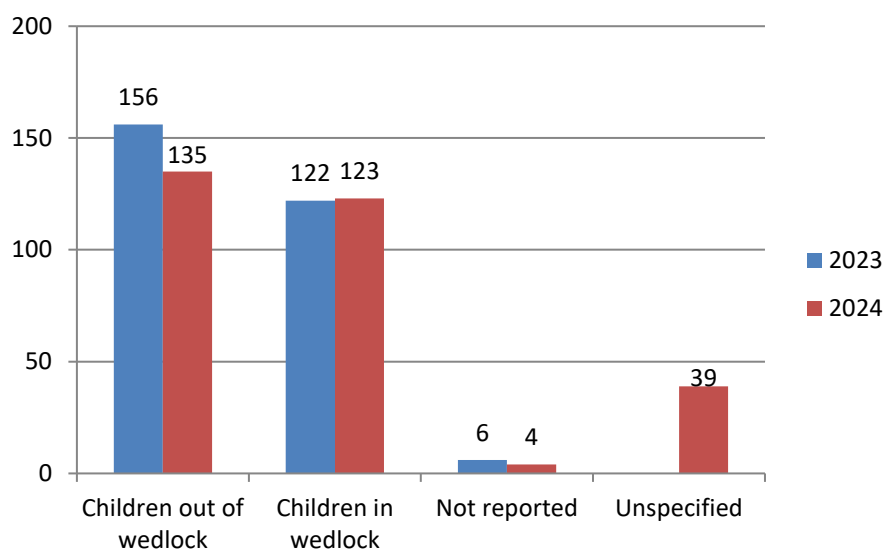


As regards the legal status of adoptees before adoption, most of the adoptees are children born out of wedlock. In 2024 compared to 2023, a decrease of 33.3% (from 6 to 4) was observed in the adoption acts in which the legal status of the adoptees was not reported. In 2024 there are also 39 adoption cases in which the information about the legal status of adoptees is missing (Table 4, Graph 5).

**Table 4. Adoption Acts by legal status of adoptees before adoption, 2023 and 2024**

Legal status	2023	2024	Change (%) 2024/2023
Children out of wedlock	156	135	-13.5
Children in wedlock	122	123	0.8
Not reported	6	4	-33.3
Unspecified		39	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>6.0</b>

**Graph 5. Adoption Acts by legal status of adoptees before adoption, 2023 and 2024**

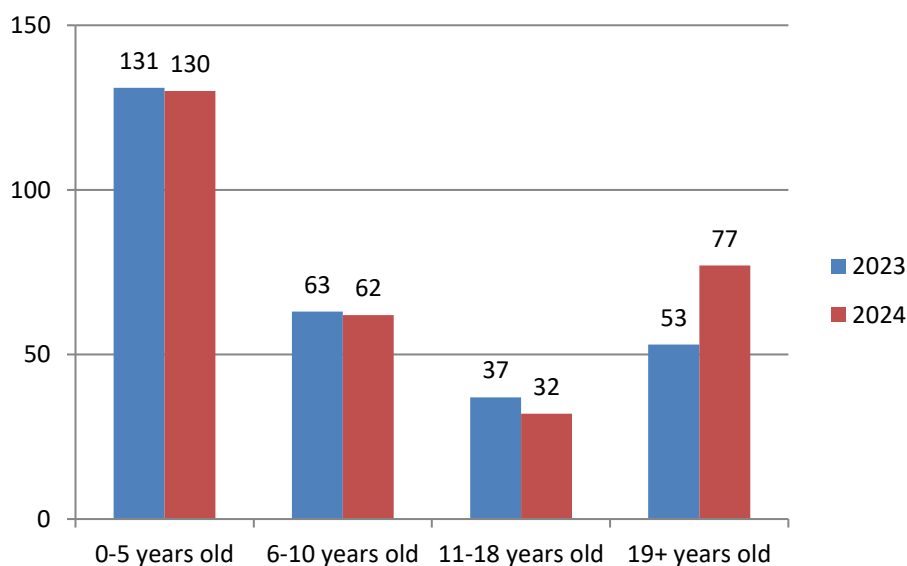


As regards the age of the adoptees, in 2024 most adoption acts (49.6%) referred to children belonging to the age group 0-5 years. An increase was observed in the number of adoptions in the age group 19 years and over (45.3%), while adoptions of children in the age group 11-18 years recorded a decrease (13.5%) (Table 5, Graph 6).

**Table 5. Adoption Acts by age group of adoptees, 2023 and 2024**

Age group	2023	2024	Change (%) 2024/2023
0-5	131	130	-0.8
6-10	63	62	-1.6
11-18	37	32	-13.5
≥19	53	77	45.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>6.0</b>

**Graph 6. Adoption Acts by age group of adoptees, 2023 and 2024**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Survey on acts of adoption** The number of adoption acts results from the judicial decisions recorded throughout Greece during one calendar year, by NUTS 1 Region, gender, age group, category of adopters and legal status of the adoptees.

**Reference period** January-December 2024.

**Coverage** Greece total.

NUTS 1 Regions in Table 1 are further broken down as follows:

- “Attiki”
- “Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti” includes islands of Voreio Aigaiou, islands of Notio Aigaiou and Kriti
- “Voreia Ellada” includes Anatoliki Makedonia and Thraki, Kentriki Makedonia, Dytiki Makedonia and Ipeiros.
- “Kentriki Ellada” includes Thessalia, Dytiki Ellada, Kentriki Ellada, Peloponnisos and Ionia Nisia.

### Maps of 4 NUTS 1 Regions of Greece



**Methodology** The data are census data and derive from the National Register of Adoptions of the National Centre for Social Solidarity (EKKA). The category “not reported” includes adoptions for which basic information is available, but the specific variable is missing.

**References** More information on Acts of Adoption can be found on the website of ELSTAT at the following link:

<http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/->