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ACTS OF ADOPTION, 2025

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on Adoption Acts with reference year 2025.

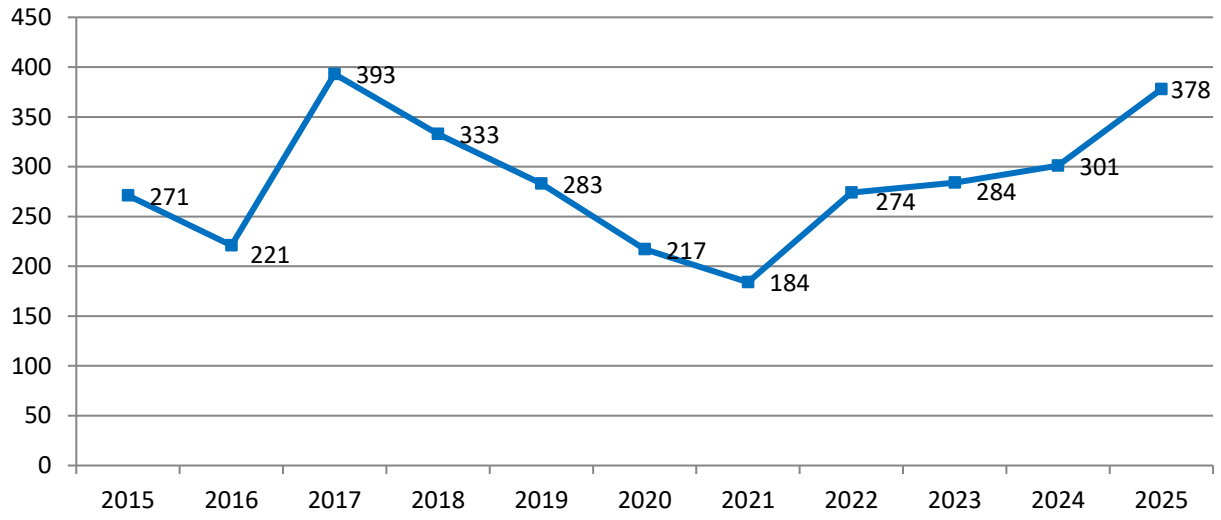
In 2025, the total number of Adoption Acts amounted to 378 compared to 301 in 2024, recording an increase of 25.6% (Table 1).

Table 1. Adoption Acts by NUTS 1 Regions and adoptions of the International Social Service, 2024 and 2025

NUTS 1 Regions	2024	2025	Change (%) 2025/2024
Attiki	166	199	19.9
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	17	33	94.1
Voreia Ellada	65	85	30.8
Kentriki Ellada	29	38	31.0
TOTAL	**277**	355	**28.2**
Adoptions under the International Social Service*	24	23	-4.2
GRAND TOTAL	**301**	**378**	**25.6**

** 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, 2015-2025



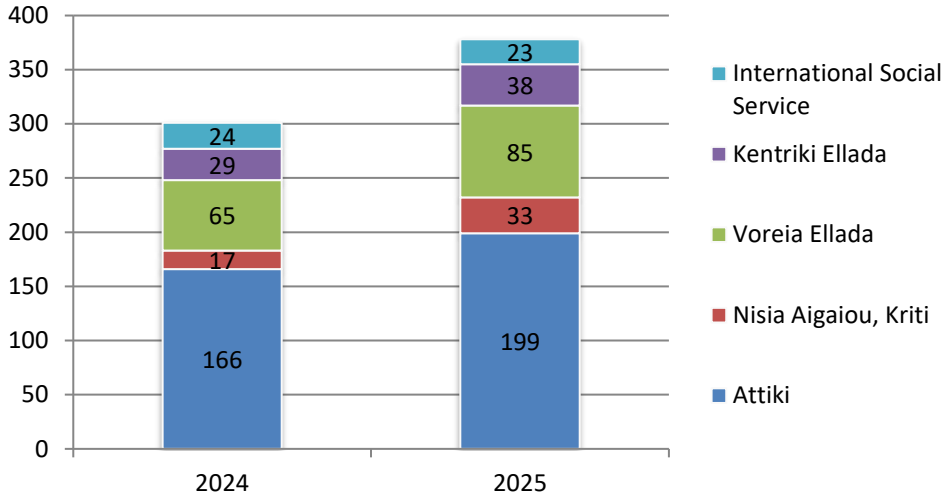
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Graph 2. Adoption Acts by NUTS 1 Regions and adoptions of the International Social Service, 2024 and 2025

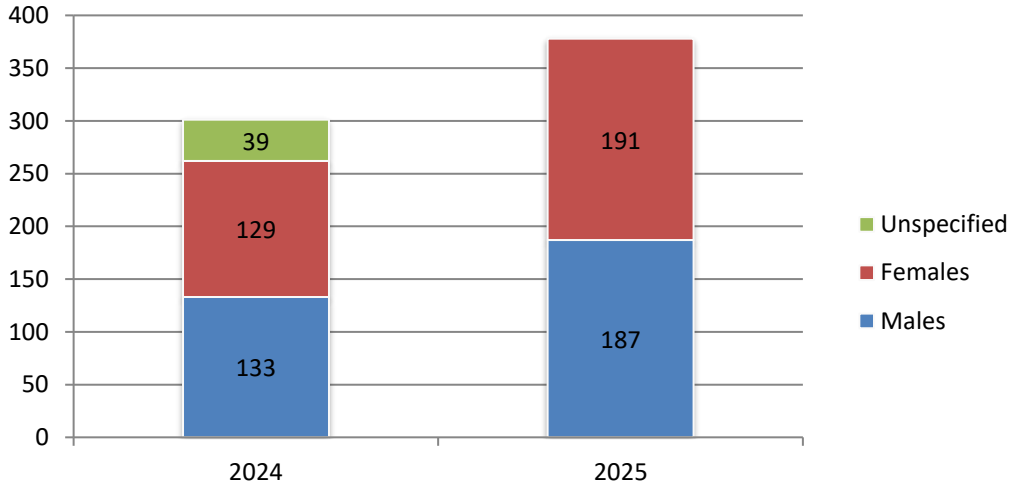


In 2025 female adoptions amounted to 191 and male adoptions to 187, recording an increase of 48.1% and 40.6% respectively, in comparison with 2024 (Table 2, Graph 3).

Table 2. Adoption Acts by gender of adoptees, 2024 and 2025

Gender	2024	2025	Change (%) 2025/2024
Males	133	187	40.6
Females	129	191	48.1
Unspecified	**39**		-100.0
TOTAL	**301**	**378**	**25.6**

Graph 3. Adoption Acts by gender of adoptees, 2024 and 2025

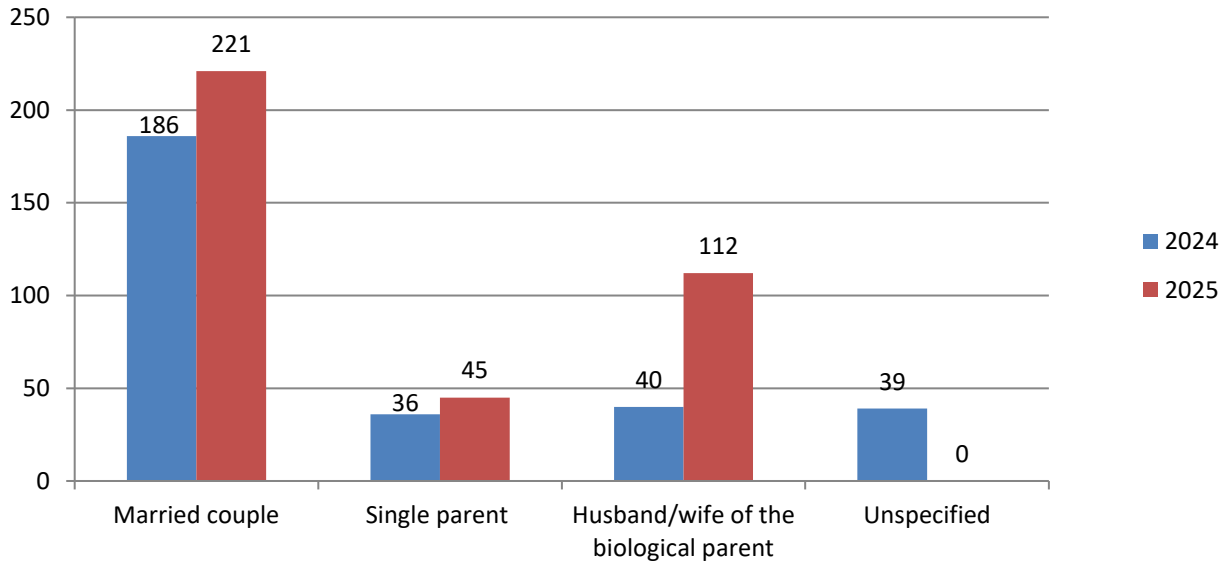


Adoptive parents are mainly married couples (husband and wife). In 2025, adoptions by married couples increased by 18.8% (from 186 to 221) in comparison with 2024. An increase of 180.0% (from 40 to 112) and an increase of 120.0% (from 5 to 11) were recorded in adoptions from husband/wife of the biological parent and in adoptions from a single-parent family with a father as the adoptive parent respectively (Table 3, Graph 4).

Table 3. Adoption Acts by type of adoptive parents, 2024 and 2025

Type of adoptive parents	2024	2025	Change (%) 2025/2024
Married couple	186	221	18.8
Single parent family *Of which*	**36**	**45**	**25.0**
Only father	*5*	*11*	*120.0*
Only mother	*31*	*34*	*9.7*
Husband/wife of the biological parent	40	112	180.0
Unspecified	39	-	-100.0
TOTAL	**301**	**378**	**25.6**

Graph 4. Adoption Acts by type of adoptive parents, 2024 and 2025

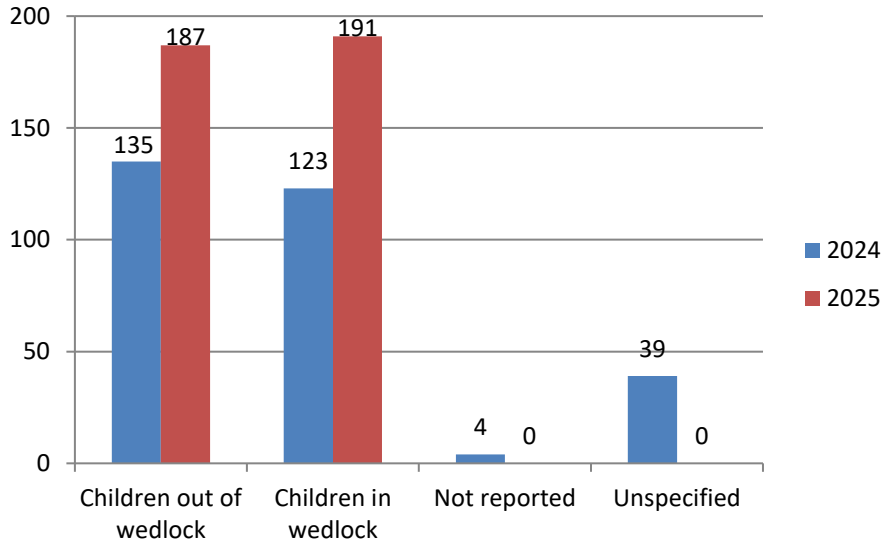


As regards the legal status of adoptees before adoption, most of the adoptees are children born out of wedlock. In 2025 compared to 2024, an increase of 38.5% (from 135 to 187) was observed in the above category as well as an increase of 55.3% observed in the category in which the adoptees are children in wedlock (from 123 to 191) (Table 4, Graph 5).

Table 4. Adoption Acts by legal status of adoptees before adoption, 2024 and 2025

Legal status	2024	2025	Change (%) 2025/2024
Children out of wedlock	135	187	38.5
Children in wedlock	123	191	55.3
Not reported	4	-	-100.0
Unspecified	39	-	-100.0
TOTAL	**301**	**378**	**25.6**

Graph 5. Adoption Acts by legal status of adoptees before adoption, 2024 and 2025

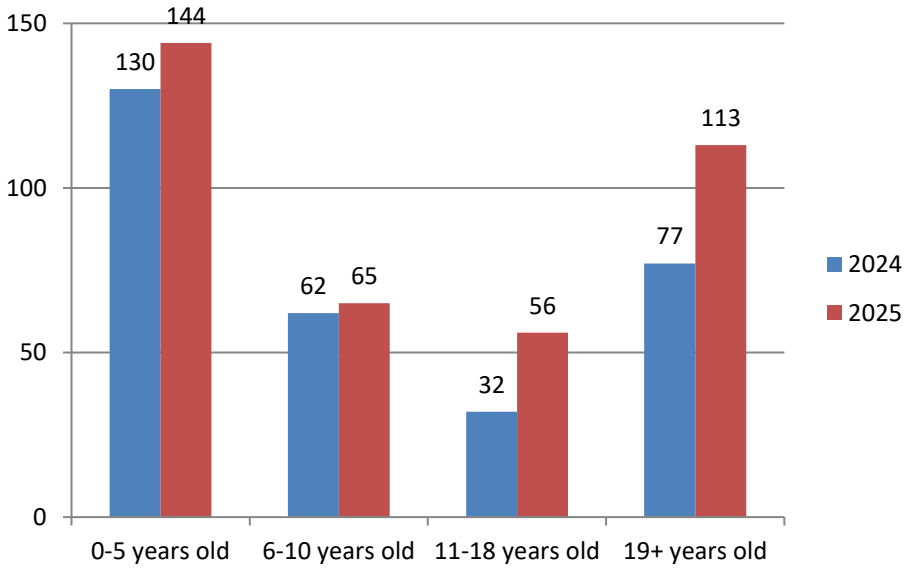


As regards the age of the adoptees, in 2025 most adoption acts (38.1%) referred to children belonging to the age group 0-5 years. An increase was observed in the number of adoptions in the age group 11-18 (75.0%) as well as an increase was recorded in the number of adoptions in the age group 19 years and over (46.8%), (Table 5, Graph 6).

Table 5. Adoption Acts by age group of adoptees, 2024 and 2025

Age group	2024	2025	Change (%) 2025/2024
0-5	130	144	10.8
6-10	62	65	4.8
11-18	32	56	75.0
≥19	77	113	46.8
TOTAL	**301**	**378**	**25.6**

Graph 6. Adoption Acts by age group of adoptees, 2024 and 2025



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 2025.

Coverage Greece total.

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

- "Attiki"
- "Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti" includes islands of Voreio Aigaio, islands of Notio Aigaio 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 field "not reported" includes adoptions for which basic information is available, but the specific variable is missing.

"Unspecified" entry field: This refers to cases of adult adoptions or intercountry adoptions that are not recorded in the 'anynet' system. While basic information was provided by the relevant agencies, specific details—categorized here as "unspecified" (e.g., the legal status of the adoptee)—were missing. This classification ensures that there are no lingering questions or concerns regarding incomplete data, particularly in the context of domestic adoptions of minors.

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/-