



### ACTS OF ADOPTION, 2022

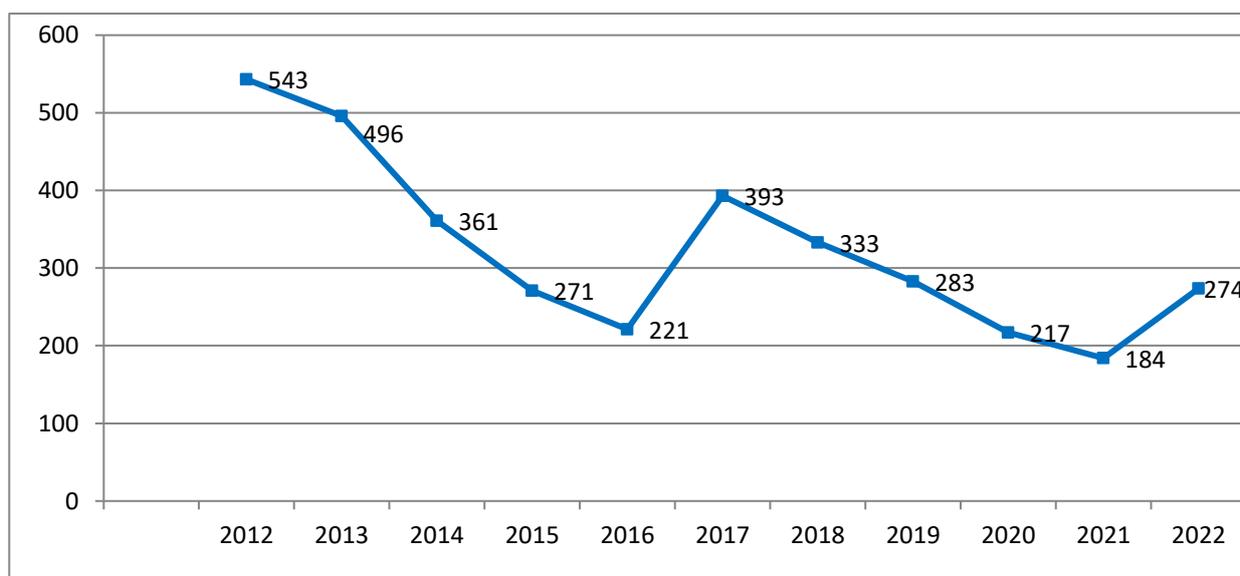
The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data on acts of adoptions, with reference year 2022. In 2022, the total number of acts of adoptions amounted to 274, recording a 48.9% increase in comparison with 2021, when the number of acts of adoption was 184 (Table 1).

**Table 1. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions and adoptions of the International Social Service, 2021 and 2022**

Regions	2021	2022	Change (%) 2022/2021
Attiki	95	153	61.1
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	12	18	50.0
Voreia Ellada	56	54	- 3.6
Kentriki Ellada	16	26	62.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>40.2</b>
Adoptions under the International Social Service*	5	23	360.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>48.9</b>

\*Transnational adoptions under the Hague Convention

**Graph 1. Acts of adoption, 2012-2022**



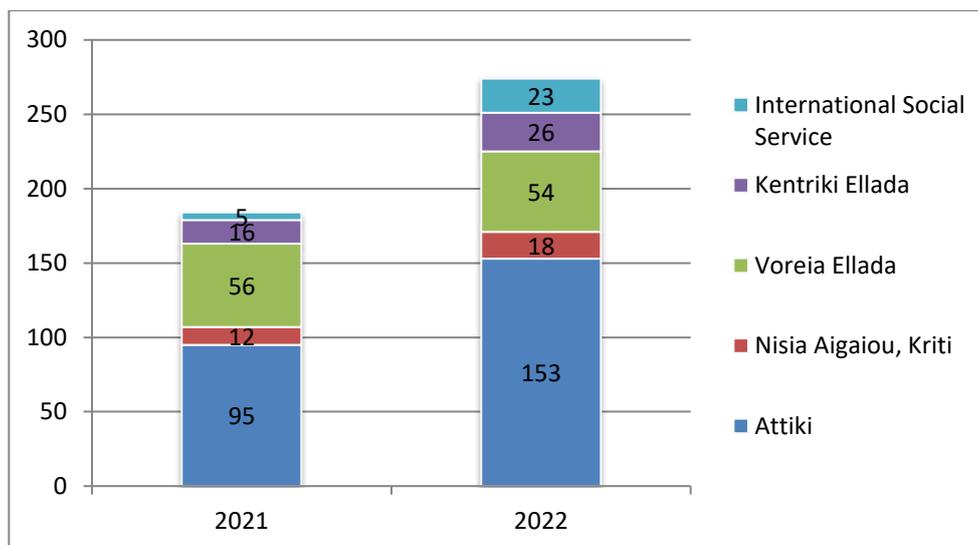
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**Graph 2. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions and adoptions of the International Social Service, 2021 and 2022**

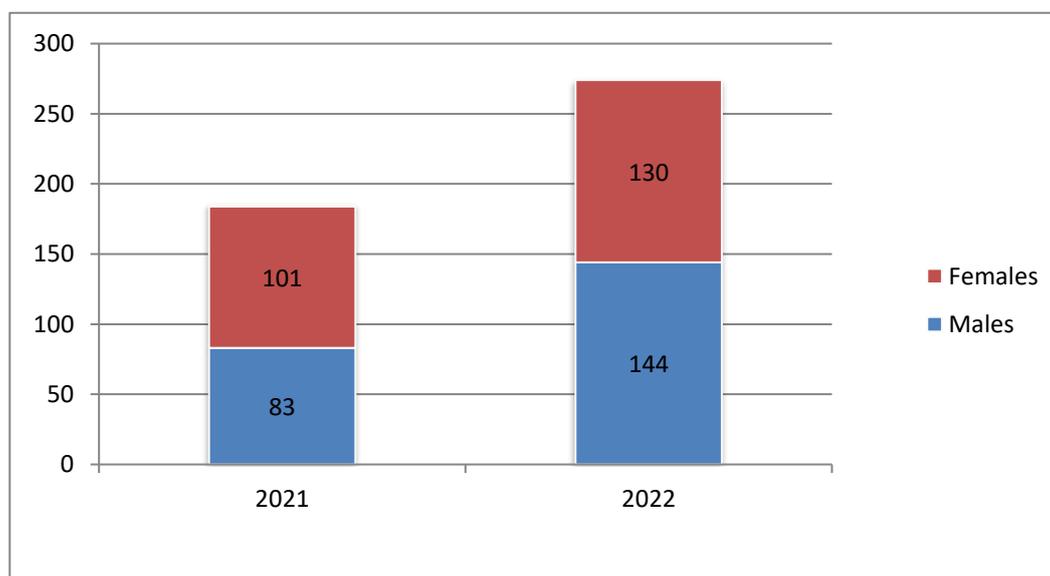


In 2022 the adoptions of females amounted to 130, while the adoptions of males to 144, recording an increase of 28.7% and 73.5%, respectively, in comparison with 2021 (Table 2, Graph 3).

**Table 2. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2021 and 2022**

Gender	2021	2022	Change (%) 2022/2021
Males	83	144	73.5
Females	101	130	28.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>48.9</b>

**Graph 3. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2021 and 2022**

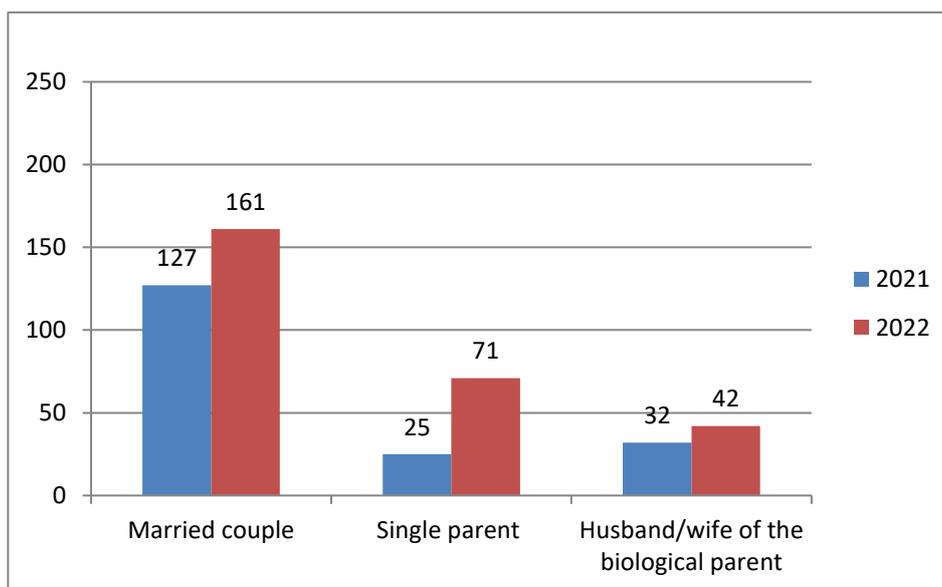


The adoptive parents are mostly married couples (husband and wife) (Table 3, Graph 4). In 2022, the adoptions by married couples increased by 26.8% in comparison with 2021 (from 127 to 161). A significant increase (184.0%) was recorded for adoptions by single parent family (from 25 to 71).

**Table 3. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2021 and 2022**

Type of adoptive parents	2021	2022	Change (%) 2022/2021
Married couple	127	161	26.8
Single parent family <i>Of which</i>	25	71	184.0
<i>Only father</i>	6	36	500.0
<i>Only mother</i>	19	35	84.2
Husband/wife of the biological parent	32	42	31.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>48.9</b>

**Graph 4. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2021 and 2022**

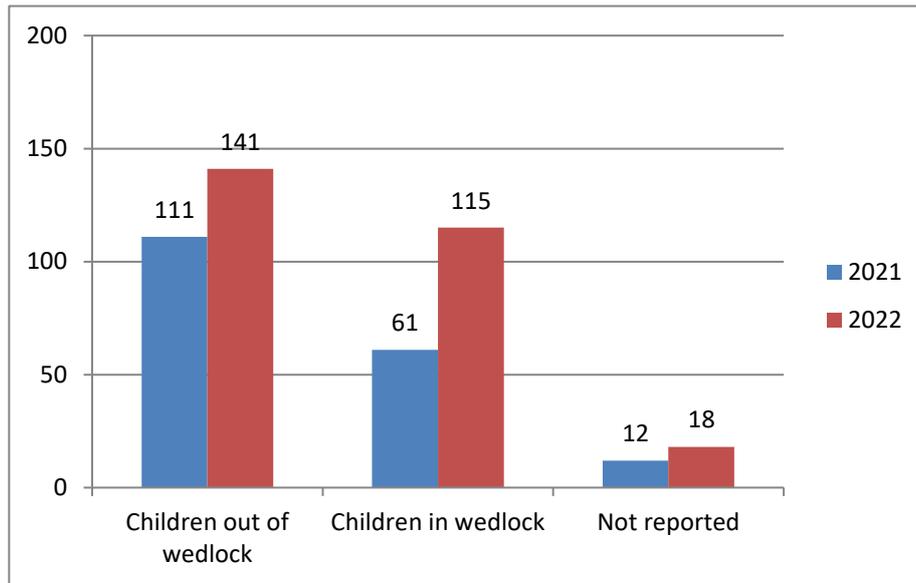


As regards the legal status of the adoptees before the adoption, most of the adoptees are children out of wedlock (Table 4, Graph 5). In 2022, a significant increase of 88.5% (from 61 to 115) was observed in the number of adoptions for children in wedlock, compared with 2021.

**Table 4. Acts of adoption by legal status of the adoptees before the adoption, 2021 and 2022**

Legal status	2021	2022	Change (%) 2022/2021
Children out of wedlock	111	141	27.0
Children in wedlock	61	115	88.5
Not reported	12	18	50.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>48.9</b>

**Graph 5. Acts of adoption by legal status of the adoptees before the adoption, 2021 and 2022**

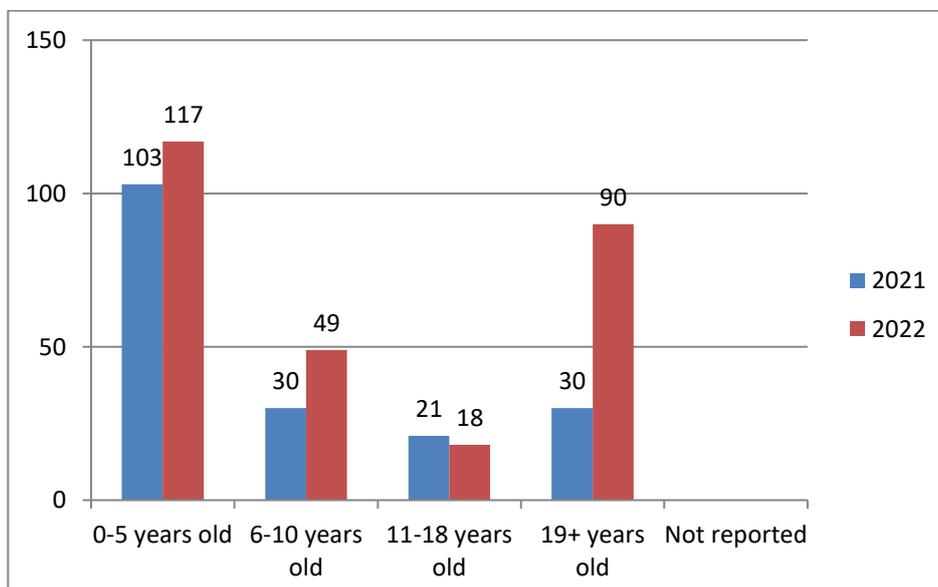


As regards the age of the adoptees, in 2022, most acts of adoption (42.0%) refer to children belonging to the age group 0-5 years (Table 5, Graph 6). In 2022, an increase was observed in the number of adoptions in all age groups except for the 11-18 age group, in which there was a decrease of 14.3%.

**Table 5. Acts of adoptions by age group of adoptees, 2021 and 2022**

Age group	2021	2022	Change (%) 2022/2021
0-5	103	117	13.6
6-10	30	49	63.3
11-18	21	18	-14.3
≥19	30	90	200.0
Not reported	0	0	00.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>48.9</b>

**Graph 6. Acts of adoption by age group of adoptees, 2021 and 2022**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Survey on acts of adoption** The number of acts of adoption is based on 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** The acts of adoption refer to the period January-December 2022.

**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 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/->