



**CENSUS OF HEALTH CENTRES AND OTHER UNITS
PROVIDING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES: year 2022**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on the Primary Health Care Units for the year 2022.

Until the year 2016, ELSTAT used to monitor Primary Health Care by recording only the Health Centers 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 (TOMY), 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, for the year 2022.

Table 1: Units providing primary health care services by category, years 2021-2022

	Health Centers*	Regional Medical Offices	Multipurpose Regional Medical Offices	Specialised Regional Medical Offices	Local Medical Offices**	Other Units	Local Health Units
2021	310	1,432	95	52	220	10	127
2022	311	1,432	97	50	220	10	136

*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 Centers

** 63 Local Medical Offices in function

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, years 2021-2022

	2021*	2022
Mental Health Centers for adults	18	18
Mental Health Centers providing Community Mental Health Services for adults, children, and adolescents **	15	15
Mental Health Centers for children and adolescents	28	28
Total	61	61

* Revised data

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

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Table 3 presents the personnel in the Health Centers, the Regional Medical Offices (Multipurpose and Specialised), the Local Medical Offices and the Local Health Units for the year 2022 by Regional Health Authority (YPE).

Table 3: Personnel in the Health Centers, the Medical Offices (Multipurpose and Specialised), the Local Medical Offices and the Local Health Units by Regional Health Authority (YPE), year 2022

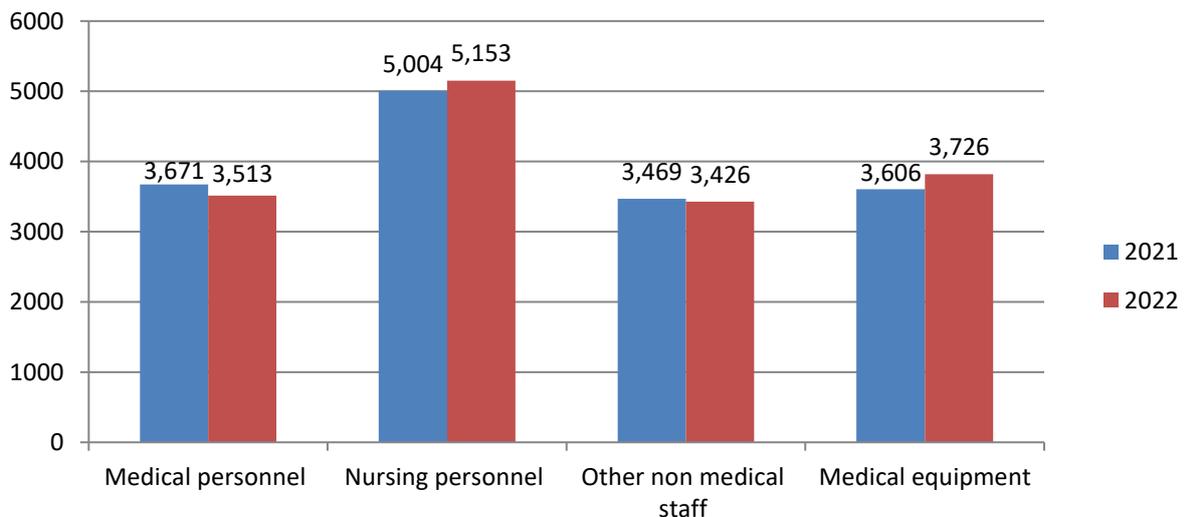
Regional Health Authority (YPE)	Medical personnel	Nursing personnel	Other non-medical personnel	Total by YPE
1st YPE (Attiki)	1,206	855	919	2,980
2nd YPE (Piraeus & Aigaio)	954	739	884	2,577
3rd YPE (Makedonia)	566	669	522	1,757
4th YPE (Makedonia & Thraki)	795	952	550	2,297
5th YPE (Thessalia & Sterea Ellada)	737	799	577	2,113
6th YPE (Peloponnisos, Ionia Nisia, Ipeiros, Dytiki Ellada)	1,282	1,168	910	3,360
7th YPE (Kriti)	426	270	382	1,078
Total	5,966	5,452	4,744	16,162

Tables 4 - 7 present detailed data on the structure of the equipment for the 311 Health Centers (Law 4486/2017) as well as their medical, nursing, and other personnel.

Table 4: Units, personnel (medical, nursing, other) and equipment of Health Centers, years 2021-2022

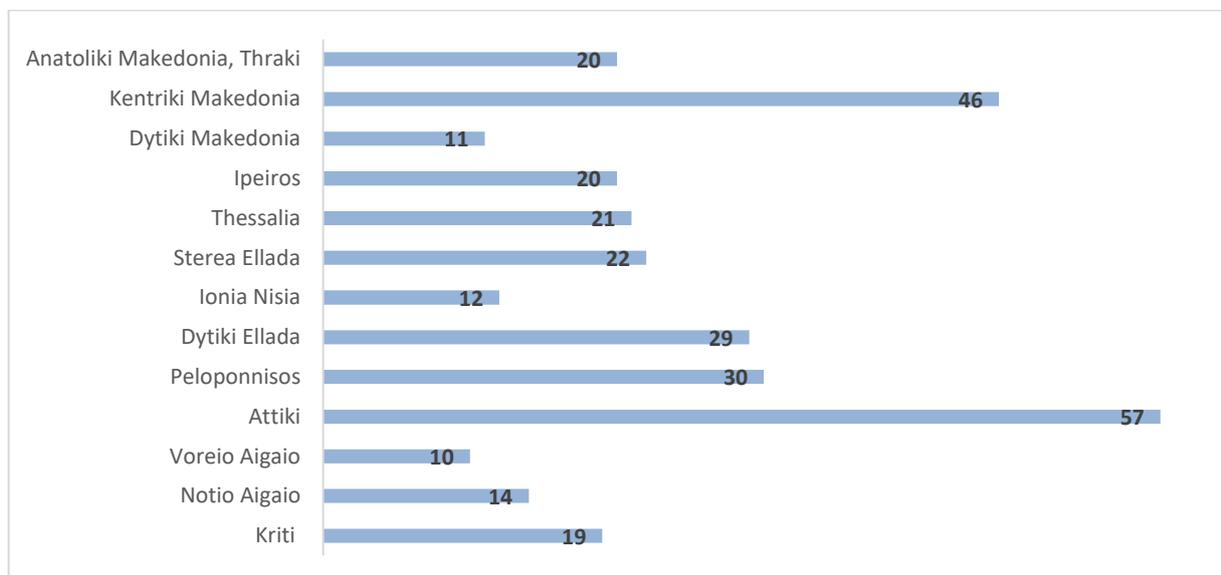
	Health Centers	Medical personnel	Nursing personnel	Other non-medical personnel	Equipment
2021	310	3,671	5,004	3,469	3,606
2022	311	3,513	5,153	3,426	3,726

Graph 1: Health Centers personnel and equipment, years 2021-2022



In the year 2022, the total number of Health Centers reached to 311 units. Based on the available data on the distribution of Health Centers by the 13 NUTS 2 Regions of Greece, the majority of Health Centers are in Attiki (57 Centers), Kentriki Makedonia (46 Centers), Peloponnisos (30 Centers) and Dytiki Ellada (29 Centers), while the lowest number of Health Centers is recorded in Voreio Aigaio (10 Centers) and Dytiki Makedonia (11 Centers) (Graph 2).

Graph 2: Number of Health Centers by NUTS 2 Region, year 2022



On the basis of comparative data for the years 2021-2022 of the Health Centers, the following are observed:

- Medical personnel employed in the Health Centers decreased by 4.3% in 2022 compared with 2021 at the level of Greece total. In 2022 compared with 2021, an increase of 9.9% and 4.4% is observed in Thessalia and in Peloponnisos respectively. On the contrary, in 2022 a decrease in medical personnel is observed in most regions compared to 2021, where the biggest reductions are observed in the regions of Dytiki Makedonia and Sterea Ellada, namely 12.2% and 8.2% respectively (Table 5).
- Nursing personnel increased by 3.0% in 2022 compared with 2021 at the level of Greek total. An increase is observed in most NUTS 2 Regions, with the most important one to be recorded in Peloponnisos and Ionia Nisia, namely 11.2% and 9.3%, respectively. On the contrary, a decrease of 9.8% is recorded in Notio Aigaio. (Table 6).
- Other non-medical personnel employed in the Health Centers decreased by 1.2% in 2022 compared with 2021 at the level of Greece total. The most important increases in 2022 compared with 2021 are observed in Kriti and in Voreio Aigaio, 15.8% and 6.7% respectively. On the contrary, a decrease of 23.3% and 6.8% is recorded in Dytiki Makedonia and Sterea Ellada respectively. (Table 6).
- The number of medical equipment of Health Centers recorded an increase of 3.3%, at the level of Greece total, in 2022 compared with 2021 (Table 7).

Table 5: Health Centers and medical personnel by NUTS 2 Region, years 2021-2022

	Health Centers	Medical Personnel		
		2021	2022	22/21 %
Greece Total	311	3,671	3,513	-4.3
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	20	150	147	-2.0
Kentriki Makedonia	46	565	531	-6.0
Dytiki Makedonia	11	139	122	-12.2
Ipeiros	20	137	126	-8.0
Thessalia	21	151	166	9.9
Stereia Ellada	22	184	169	-8.2
Ionia Nisia	12	70	68	-2.9
Dytiki Ellada	29	218	211	-3.2
Peloponnisos	30	160	167	4.4
Attiki	57	1,503	1,417	-5.7
Voreio Aigaio	10	52	51	-1.9
Notio Aigaio	14	116	112	-3.4
Kriti	19	226	226	0.0

Table 6: Non-medical personnel of Health Centers by NUTS 2 Region, 2021-2022

	Nursing personnel			Other personnel		
	2021	2022	22/21 %	2021	2022	22/21 %
Greece Total	5,004	5,153	3.0	3,469	3,426	-1.2
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	377	398	5.6	211	206	-2.4
Kentriki Makedonia	901	925	2.7	569	538	-5.4
Dytiki Makedonia	211	211	0.0	129	99	-23.3
Ipeiros	344	349	1.5	161	165	2.5
Thessalia	482	484	0.4	203	199	-2.0
Stereia Ellada	311	312	0.3	205	191	-6.8
Ionia Nisia	75	82	9.3	59	58	-1.7
Dytiki Ellada	342	365	6.7	228	235	3.1
Peloponnisos	294	327	11.2	203	204	0.5
Attiki	1,176	1,218	3.6	1,011	996	-1.5
Voreio Aigaio	114	115	0.9	149	159	6.7
Notio Aigaio	123	111	-9.8	119	119	0.0
Kriti	254	256	0.8	222	257	15.8

Table 7: Medical equipment of Health Centers by NUTS 2 Region. 2021-2022

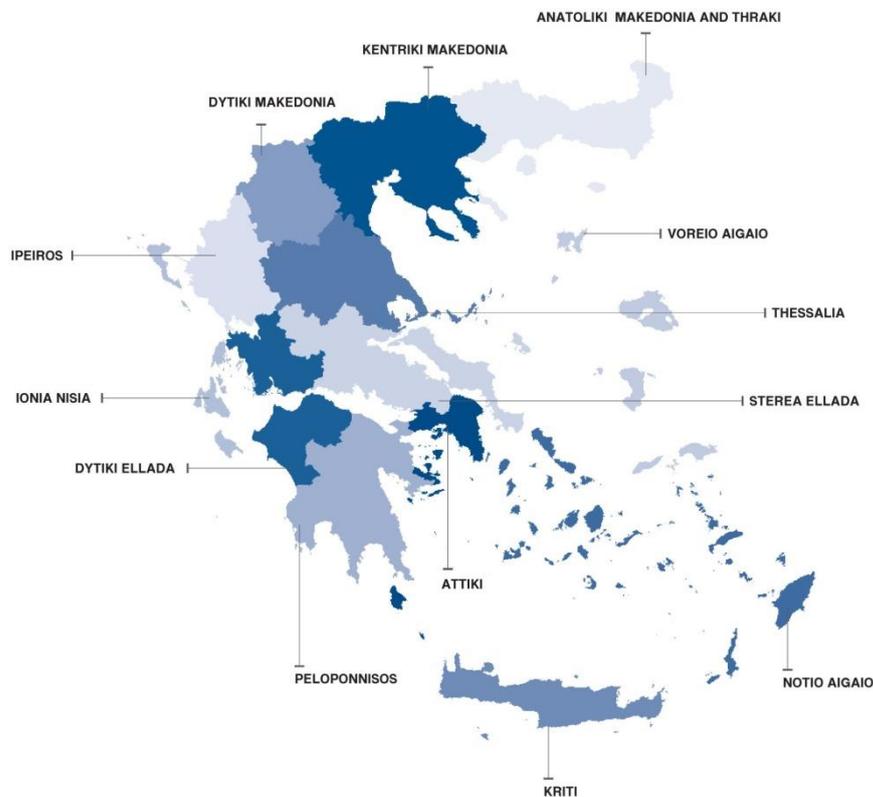
	2021	2022	22/21 %
Greece Total	3,606	3,726	3.3
Anatoliki Makedonia. Thraki	321	334	4.0
Kentriki Makedonia	546	606	11.0
Dytiki Makedonia	129	147	14.0
Ipeiros	206	202	-1.9
Thessalia	262	247	-5.7
Stereia Ellada	194	193	-0.5
Ionia Nisia	100	102	2.0
Dytiki Ellada	201	205	2.0
Peloponnisos	294	300	2.0
Attiki	724	742	2.5
Voreio Aigaio	218	209	-4.1
Notio Aigaio	155	172	11.0
Kriti	256	267	4.3

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 2022.

Reference period Data refer to the total of Health Centre operating on the 31st of December of the reference year.

Coverage The ELSTAT census includes the Health Centers of the Country in accordance with Law 4238/2014 as well as the Health Units of the Primary Health Network (PEDY) which, based on Law 4486/2017, are renamed as Health Centers. The data of the research is combined with available data of the Ministry of Health, which concern all Primary Health Care units and are presented at the level of the Country and Region, to cover national needs in statistical information.



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

Statistical concepts and definitions

Health Centers: According to the legislation of Law 4238/2014, the Urban Health Centers, as provided for in the provision of article 17 of Law 1397/1983 and the Health Units of the Primary National Health Network (PEDY), as provided for in the provision of paragraph 3 of article 2 of Law 4238/2014 (A' 38), they are renamed Health Centers while the name Primary National Health Network (PEDY) was abolished.

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.

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 Centers using a structured questionnaire.

References Data is disseminated to all interested parties. through the posting of tables on the website of ELSTAT at:

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