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SURVEY ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS
SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces statistics on Special Education Schools, for the school year 2024/2025. The survey includes formal education school units under the competency of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports. The survey covers the school units of Pre-Primary and Primary Education (Special Kindergartens and Special Primary schools) and Secondary Education (Special Lower and Upper Secondary Education schools, Special Vocational Lower and Upper Secondary Education schools and Special Vocational Education workshops). It also covers the Special Kindergartens of the Hellenic Society for the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Disabled Children (ELEPAP).

According to the survey data, the following are observed:

a) The **number of school units of Pre-Primary and Primary Education** in the school year 2024/2025 compared with 2023/2024 increased from 361 to 377 (4.4%) and the **number of school units of Secondary Education** increased from 179 to 184 (2.8%) (Table 1).

b) **Teaching staff** in the school year 2024/2025 compared with 2023/2024 increased by 19.5% in Pre-Primary and Primary Education and by 9.4% in Secondary Education (Table 2).

c) The number of **pupils enrolled** in the school year 2024/2025 compared with 2023/2024 increased by 6.6% in Pre-Primary and Primary Education and by 4.1% in Secondary Education. Out of the total number of pupils enrolled, male pupils accounted for 68.3% and females for 31.7% (Tables 2 and 3).

d) The most prevalent **special education need** among enrolled pupils was autism, accounting for 40.2%, followed by intellectual disability with 25.3% (Table 3).

e) The **ratio of teaching staff to pupils** was 1 teacher per 2.71 pupils in the school year 2023/2024 compared with 1 teacher per 2.50 pupils in 2024/2025 (Table 2).

f) The **Region of Attiki** accounted for 33.8% of the total number of pupils enrolled in the Special Education School Units of Greece, followed by the **Region of Kentriki Makedonia** with 16.4% (Table 2).

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Tables and charts that follow depict data on pupils' population and teaching staff in the Special Education School Units of Greece for school year 2024/2025 in comparison to 2023/2024.

Table 1. Number of School Units by Level of Education, Type of School Unit and Region

Level of Education and Type of School Unit		
Level and Type of School Unit	**Number of school units**	
	2023/2024	**2024/2025**
Special Kindergarten	152	164
Special Primary School	209	213
TOTAL OF PRE-PRIMARY/PRIMARY EDUCATION	**361**	**377**
Special Lower Secondary Education School	8	8
Special Vocational Lower and Upper Secondary Education School	68	72
Special Vocational Education and Training Workshop	99	100
Special Upper Secondary Education School	3	4
TOTAL OF SECONDARY EDUCATION	**179**	**184**
TOTAL	**540**	**561**
Region		
Region (NUTS 2)	**Number of school units**	
	2023/2024	**2024/2025**
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	33	33
Kentriki Makedonia	98	99
Dytiki Makedonia	21	21
Thessalia	37	41
Ipeiros	19	21
Ionia Nisia	19	19
Dytiki Elllada	46	47
Sterea Ellada	30	32
Peloponnisos	33	33
Attiki	118	123
Voreio Aigaio	19	19
Notio Aigaio	26	29
Kriti	41	44
TOTAL	**540**	**561**

Chart 1. Percentage distribution of School Units by Type, school year 2024/2025

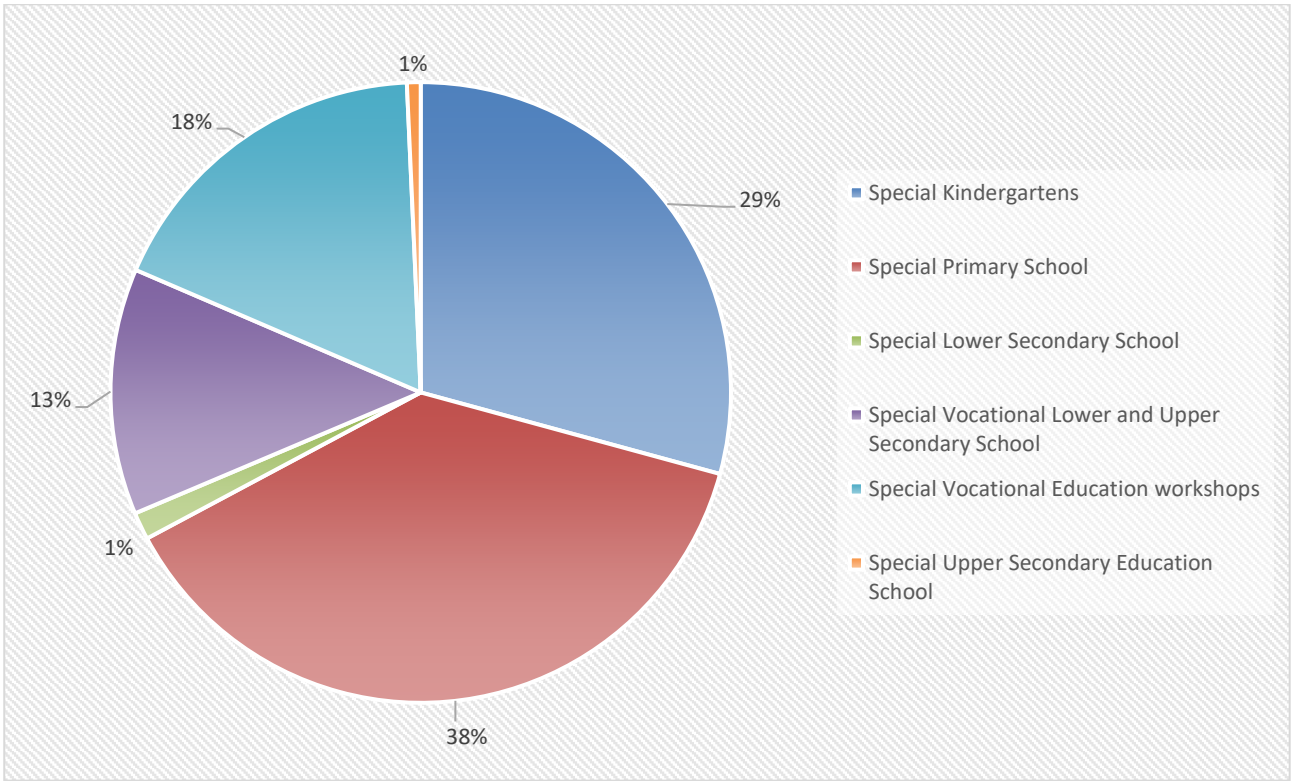


Table 2. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by Level of Education, Type of School Unit and Region

Level of Education and Type of School Unit						
Level and Type of School Unit	**Pupils enrolled**			**Teaching Staff [1]**		
	2023/24	**2024/25**	**Change (%)**	**2023/24**	**2024/25**	**Change (%)**
Special Kindergarten	1,188	1,374	15.7	362	410	13.3
Special Primary School	4,769	4,976	4.3	2,119	2,554	20.5
TOTAL OF PRE-PRIMARY/PRIMARY EDUCATION	**5,957**	**6,350**	**6.6**	**2,481**	**2,964**	**19.5**
Special Lower Secondary Education School	342	349	2.0	117	125	6.8
Special Vocational Lower Secondary Education School	2,297	2,484	8.1	1,196	1,296	8.4
Special Vocational Education and Training Workshop	3,880	3,934	1.4	1,536	1,698	10.5
Special Upper Secondary Education School	120	121	0.8	37	37	0.0
Special Vocational Upper Secondary Education School	1,967	2,069	5.2	-	-[2]	
TOTAL OF SECONDARY EDUCATION	**8,606**	**8,957**	**4.1**	**2,886**	**3,156**	**9.4**
TOTAL	**14,563**	**15,307**	**5.1**	**5,367**	**6,120**	**14.0**
Region						
Region (NUTS 2)	**Pupils enrolled**			**Teaching Staff**		
	2023/24	**2024/25**	**Change (%)**	**2023/24**	**2024/25**	**Change (%)**
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	868	932	7.4	303	363	19.8
Kentriki Makedonia	2,407	5,517	4.6	984	1,111	12.9
Dytiki Makedonia	279	286	2.5	118	150	27.1
Thessalia	924	968	4.8	415	482	16.1
Ipeiros	391	421	7.7	145	185	27.6
Ionia Nisia	360	393	9.2	115	149	29.6
Dytiki Elllada	1,106	1,180	6.7	377	436	15.6
Sterea Ellada	714	729	2.1	243	266	9.5
Peloponnisos	721	765	6.1	246	294	19.5
Attiki	4,976	5,172	3.9	1,633	1,785	9.3
Voreio Aigaio	311	329	5.8	152	174	14.5
Notio Aigaio	490	510	4.1	199	223	12.1
Kriti	1,016	1,105	8.8	437	502	14.9
TOTAL	**14,563**	**15,307**	**5.1**	**5,367**	**6,120**	**14.0**

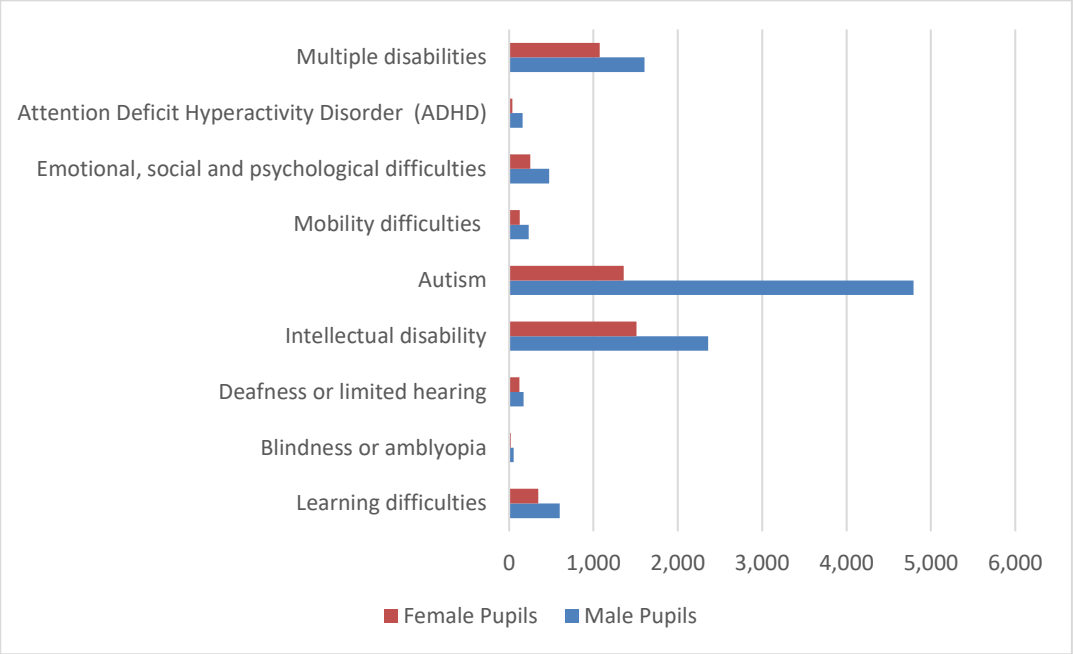
[1] *In case that a Special Vocational Lower Secondary School operates together with a Special Vocational Upper Secondary School, the teaching staff is registered for the Special Vocational Lower Secondary School. The same applies for the Special Lower Education Schools, which have classes of Special Upper Secondary Schools.*

[2] *From the survey of the year 2023/24 onwards the data are published according to the above rule.*

Table 3. Pupils enrolled by category of special education need[3] and gender

Category of special education need	Pupils enrolled					
	2023/2024			2024/2025		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Learning difficulties	878	555	323	947	601	346
Blindness or amblyopia	94	63	31	75	56	19
Deafness or limited hearing	300	185	115	297	173	124
Intellectual disability	4,457	2,729	1,728	3,868	2,359	1,509
Autism	5,880	4,545	1,335	6,152	4,793	1,359
Mobility difficulties	448	280	168	361	233	128
Emotional, social and psychological difficulties	671	439	232	728	475	253
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	167	134	33	200	162	38
Multiple disabilities	1,668	1,006	662	2,679	1,605	1,074
TOTAL	**14,563**	**9,936**	**4,627**	**15,307**	**10,457**	**4,850**

Chart 2. Pupils enrolled by category of special education need and gender, school year 2024/2025



3 *If a pupil encounters more than one special education need, he/she is registered only once, under the more serious need.*

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Table 4. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by Sector and Region

Sector						
School Units	**Pupils enrolled**			**Teaching Staff**		
	2023/24	**2024/25**	**Change (%)**	**2023/24**	**2024/25**	**Change (%)**
Public	1,173	1,265	7.8	357	387	8.4
Legal Entities of Private Law [4]	15	109	626.7	5	23	360.0
TOTAL	**1,188**	**1,374**	**15.7**	**362**	**410**	**13.3**
Region (NUTS 2)	**Pupils enrolled**			**Teaching Staff**		
	2023/24	**2024/25**	**Change (%)**	**2023/24**	**2024/25**	**Change (%)**
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	68	81	19.1	21	22	4.8
Kentriki Makedonia	153	175	14.4	54	65	20.4
Dytiki Makedonia	31	26	-16.1	10	12	20.0
Thessalia	88	92	4.5	25	33	32.0
Ipeiros	39	48	23.1	14	17	21.4
Ionia Nisia	32	34	6.3	8	7	-12.5
Dytiki Elllada	88	116	31.8	25	32	28.0
Sterea Ellada	64	72	12.5	18	16	-11.1
Peloponnisos	73	72	-1.4	17	18	5.9
Attiki	409	460	12.5	116	119	2.6
Voreio Aigaio	28	32	14.3	11	13	18.2
Notio Aigaio	34	40	17.6	10	12	20.0
Kriti	81	126	55.6	33	44	33.3
TOTAL	**1,188**	**1,374**	**15.7**	**362**	**410**	**13.3**

[4] Early Intervention Programmes of Hellenic Society for the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Disabled Children (ELEPAP) are addressed to pupils aged 4-7 years old with special education needs and are equivalent to pre-primary school units under the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports (Law 3699/2008, Article 32, §1) .

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Table 5. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by Region

Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching staff		
	2023/24	2024/25	Change (%)	2023/24	2023/24	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	261	280	7.3	99	137	38.4
Kentriki Makedonia	792	809	2.1	396	468	18.2
Dytiki Makedonia	77	81	5.2	35	49	40.0
Thessalia	311	329	5.8	160	194	21.3
Ipeiros	135	139	3.0	55	79	43.6
Ionia Nisia	125	133	6.4	41	58	41.5
Dytiki Elllada	357	372	4.2	146	182	24.7
Sterea Ellada	220	241	9.5	85	102	20.0
Peloponnisos	239	237	-0.8	101	120	18.8
Attiki	1,632	1,720	5.4	682	794	16.4
Voreio Aigaio	95	101	6.3	52	67	28.8
Notio Aigaio	175	187	6.9	74	82	10.8
Kriti	350	347	-0.9	193	222	15.0
TOTAL	**4,769**	**4,976**	**4.3**	**2,119**	**2,554**	**20.5**

C. SPECIAL LOWER - UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOOLS

(Special Lower Secondary Education Schools, Special Vocational Lower Secondary Education Schools and Special Vocational Education Workshops are included. Special Upper Secondary Education Schools and Special Vocational Upper Secondary Education Schools are also included)

Table 6. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by Region

Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching staff [5]		
	2023/24	2024/25	Change (%)	2023/24	2024/25	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	539	571	5.9	183	204	11.5
Kentriki Makedonia	1,462	1,533	4.9	534	578	8.2
Dytiki Makedonia	171	179	4.7	73	89	21.9
Thessalia	525	547	4.2	230	255	10.9
Ipeiros	217	234	7.8	77	89	15.6
Ionia Nisia	203	226	11.3	66	84	27.3
Dytiki Elllada	661	692	4.7	205	222	8.3
Sterea Ellada	430	416	-3.3	140	148	5.7
Peloponnisos	409	458	12.0	128	156	21.9
Attiki	2,935	2,990	1.9	835	872	4.4
Voreio Aigaio	188	196	4.3	89	94	5.6
Notio Aigaio	281	283	0.7	115	129	12.2
Kriti	585	632	8.0	211	236	11.8
TOTAL	**8,606**	**8,957**	**4.1**	**2,886**	**3,156**	**9.4**

[5] *In case that a Special Vocational Lower Secondary School operates together with a Special Vocation Upper Secondary School, the teaching staff is registered for the Special Vocational Lower Secondary School. The same applies for the Special Lower Education Schools, which have classes of Special Upper Secondary Schools.*

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Special Education Schools

The Special Education School units of Pre-primary/Primary and Secondary Education are the following:

- Special Kindergartens
- Early Intervention Programmes of ELEPAP (Hellenic Society for the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Disabled Children) - Kindergartens
- Special Primary Schools
- Special Lower Secondary Education Schools
- Special Vocational Lower Secondary Education Schools
- Special Vocational Education Workshops
- Special Upper Secondary Education School
- Special Vocational Upper Secondary Education School

The survey is conducted on a yearly basis aiming at collecting data on the number of pupils enrolled, the school units and the number of teaching staff.

Legal Frame

The survey is conducted by virtue of Regulation 452/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council and implementing Regulation 912/2013 of the European Commission.

Statistical Units

The statistical units are the school units of Special Education.

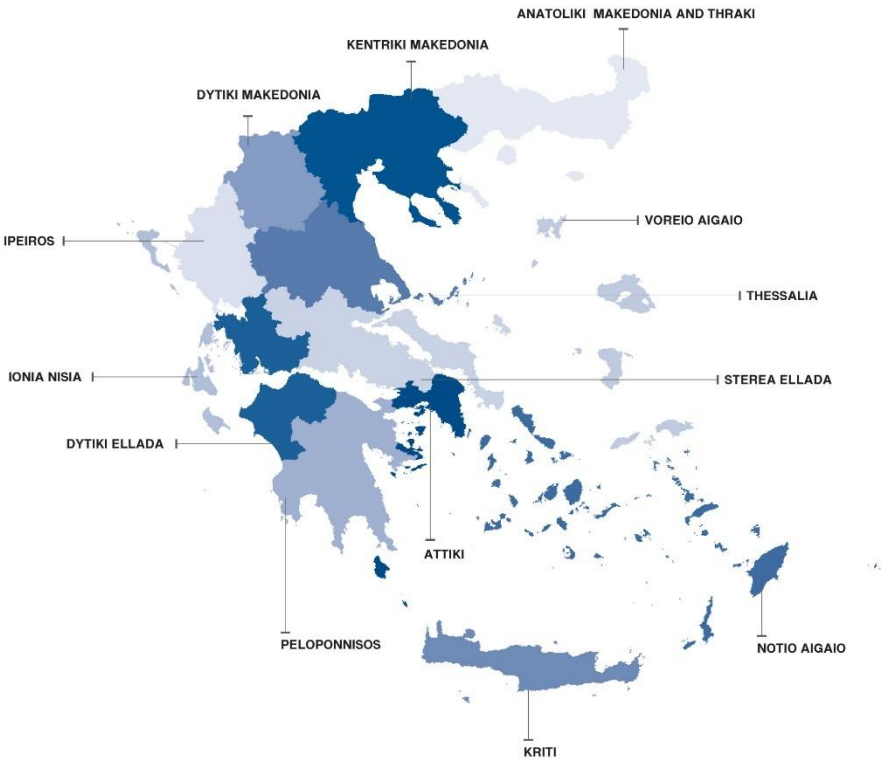
Coverage

Greece total.

Geographical Classification

The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics.

Map of the 13 Regions (NUTS 2) of Greece



Reference period	The data refer to the end of school year 2024/2025.
Methodology and coverage	The survey on Special Education Schools is an annual census survey. For the first time in the 2023-24, survey data are collected from administrative sources of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports. Therefore there may be inconsistencies in the time series. Additional data are collected using questionnaires filled in by the relevant school units, which are checked and tramsitted to ELSTAT by the relevant Directorates of Primary and Secondary Education of the Ministry.
References	More information, tables with the survey results, questionnaires, etc. on the Survey on Special Education Schools, can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT www.statistics.gr, at the link: “Statistics”/ Population and Social Conditions / Education and Training /Special Education (end of the school year)”.