

POPULATION METADATA

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The Data: Coverage, Periodicity, and Timeliness

Coverage characteristics	<p>Annual mid-year inter-censal estimates of the de facto population are given by sex and age group.</p> <p>The inter-censal population estimates are based on the population figures from the decennial Census of Population updated annually at the national and local (NUTS III, a geographic breakdown of territory defined for all EU countries) level from the births, deaths occurring meanwhile as recorded in the vital statistics movements from municipalities registers and estimated migration. The last census carried out on March 18, 2001.</p> <p>The definition used for measuring population is the de facto measure. Residents absent from the country at the time of the census are excluded while visitors present at the time of the census are included.</p> <p>The estimates are provided in a single Release entitled "Estimated Population". Seventeen years retrospection is given for the population classified by sex and five-year groups at national level and by sex at NUTS II & III level (for the 1st January data by sex and five-year groups at NUTS II & III level).</p> <p>The Immigrants from the census population and from administrative source (for every year) are classified by sex and age groups, country of origin and citizenship. The data for immigrants from the administrative source are sub-estimated, although from the year 2003, more completed data from other administrative sources is planned to be used. The data for Emigrants are not available.</p>
Periodicity	Annual
Timeliness	10 months after the end of the reference year.

Access by the Public	
Advance dissemination of release calendar	<p>The total estimated population is released to the NSSG's Library in the beginning of October and by the end of the year the regional data in a release entitled "Estimated Population". The main set of tables are subsequently posted on the NSSG's Internet web site [http://www.statistics.gr]</p> <p>The annual publication is published later. All the above data are available upon request to the Statistical Information and Publications Division (tel. 3289 389, Fax: 3244748, 3241102, e-mail: data.dissem@statistics.gr and data.supply@statistics.gr) upon request free of charge</p> <p>Our intention is to inform the public of the exact dates of release by INTERNET very soon.</p>
Simultaneous release to all interested parties	<p>The data are released simultaneously to all interested parties by issuing a single Release entitled "Estimated Population".</p> <p>The main set of tables are subsequently posted on the NSSG's Internet web site [http://www.statistics.gr]</p>
Integrity	
Dissemination of terms and conditions under which official statistics are produced, including confidentiality of individual responses	<p>The National Statistical Service of Greece (NSSG) is a public agency, supervised by the Ministry of Economy and Finance, responsible for the conduct and dissemination of official statistics. Provisions has been made in specific articles of the Foundation Law 3627/56 and of the Law 2392/96 so as to assure confidentiality of individual data. These laws govern all individual statistics collected by the NSSG. According to the above laws, individual data are subject to confidentiality and cannot be published or made available to any person or organization.</p> <p>Principles of methodology as well as data dissemination can be freely determined by the NSSG, taking into account international practices and, in particular, existing Eurostat recommendations, instructions and norms related to the corresponding statistical item.</p> <p>The data on Population statistics are disseminated by the NSSG as a service to the public.</p> <p>There are no legal provisions applying specifically to compilation of the population statistics apart from the general legal provisions applying to all statistical areas.</p> <p>The public can obtain copies of the above mentioned laws from the Statistical Information and Publications Division (tel. 3289 389, Fax: 3244748, 3241102, e-mail: data.dissem@statistics.gr and data.supply@statistics.gr) upon request free of charge. Mail orders can be placed by writing to National Statistical Service of Greece, Statistical Information and Publications Division, 14-16 Lycourgou str, GR 10166 Athens. The Law 2392/96 is also available in English.</p> <p>Copies of the Greek version are also posted on the NSSG's internet site [http://www.statistics.gr]</p>
Identification of internal government access to data before release	There is no internal government access to the data before their release to the public.
Identification of ministerial commentary on the occasion of statistical releases	No ministerial commentary is attached to the release of the data.
Provision of information about revision and advance notice of major changes in methodology	<p>The annual estimates for the period after the most recent census are permanent for the first five years while for the next five years are preliminary until the next Census takes place. When final data from this Census become available the inter-censal estimates are revised and are then considered final. Preliminary estimates and subsequent revisions are clearly indicated.</p> <p>There is no advance notice of major changes in methodology. Major changes in methodology are noted in the relevant publications following the introduction of the change in methodology.</p>

Quality

<p>Dissemination of documentation on methodology and sources used in preparing statistics</p>	<p>The annual publication of National Statistical Yearbook issued by NSSG concisely refers to calculation methods of estimated population. A short note on methodology in English is available on NSSG's internet site [http://www.statistics.gr].</p> <p>Notes on methodology and sources are published also in the decennial Censuses volumes and in the annual publication entitled "Vital Statistics" issued by the NSSG, available for a fee from the Statistical Information and Publications Division. Mail orders can be placed by writing to National Statistical Service of Greece, Statistical Information and Publications Division, 14-16 Lycourgou str, GR 10166 Athens.</p>
<p>Dissemination of ... that support statistical cross-checks and provide assurance of reasonableness</p>	<p>The NSSG's Monthly Statistical Bulletin publishes the following detailed annual population data: 1) De facto population (decennial censuses and mid-year estimates; 2) Population estimates by sex and age groups for the last two years for which data are available; 3) Vital statistics for the last three years; 4) Live births by age of mother and duration of marriage; 5) Death by cause.</p> <p>The Statistical Yearbook of Greece publishes the 1) Mid-year estimates of population and density for the years (1925-1940 and 1958 and up to the latest available); 2) Population estimates by sex and age groups for the last two years for which data are available; 3) Marriages, live births, stillbirths, deaths for time series; 4) Marriages by age of the bridegroom and the bride for the last two years for which data are available; 5) Live births by age of mother and duration of marriage; 6) Live births by permanent residence of the mother; 5) Deaths by sex and age of the deceased, by cause of death, by permanent residence of the deceased; 6) Synopsis of life-tables by sex; 7) Population projections by sex and age (1998-2020)</p> <p>The first main set of tables of decennial census data are available eighteen months after the census. Details on data quality are published in the publication "Mouvement Naturel de la Population de la Grece" available from the Statistical Information and Publications Division (tel. 3289 389, Fax: 3244 748, 3241 102, e-mail: data.dissem@statistics.gr and data.supply@statistics.gr). All related information is provided for a fee upon request.</p>

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	Quarterly bulletin:		
X	Other:	<p>1. « Mouvement Naturel de la Population de la Grece».</p> <p>2. «Statistical Yearbook of Greece»</p> <p>Publications can be obtained upon request to the Statistical Information and Publications Division 14-16 Lycourgou, GR101 66 Athens (tel. 0030 10 3289 389, Fax: 3244 748, 3241 102, e-mail: data.dissem@statistics.gr and data.supply@statistics.gr) .</p> <p>Please note that our publications are generally dispatched upon receipt of the related remittance.</p>	
Electronic			
X	On-line country bulletin board or database.	Population statistics are available on Internet NSSG’s site	
	Internet address:	www.statistics.gr	
X	Diskette:	More detailed data are made available for a fee upon request from the contact person to the Statistical Information and Editions Division National Statistical Service of Greece, 14-16 Lycourgou str, GR 10166 Athens (tel.: 0030 10 3289 389, Fax: 3244 748, 3241 102, e-mail: data.dissem@statistics.gr and data.supply@statistics.gr)	
	CD ROM:		
X	Other: FAX e-mail	<p>Requested data is faxed to interested users, upon request. Users are obligated to submit a request of the data required to the fax number 0030 10 3244 748</p> <p>The data are also sent to users via e-mail. The e-mails addresses used to send data are: data.dissem@statistics.gr and data.supply@statistics.gr</p>	

Summary Methodology Page

I. Analytical framework, concepts, definitions, and classifications (including reference to applicable guidelines)

- Concept, definition: Population estimates are compiled for the de facto population.

II. Scope of the data (coverage of, e.g., institutional units, transactions and stock, commodities, industries, and geographic areas)

- Geographical coverage: The entire country is covered.
- Topical coverage: Data are disseminated in national and regional (NUTS 3) level, by sex and five year age group.

III. Accounting conventions (e.g. time of recording, valuation methods)

- Not applicable

IV. Nature of the basic data (e.g., administrative records, surveys censuses, combinations of these)

- Base estimates: Population census results provide the base estimates, which are updated to yield annual inter-censal estimates.
- Population census: Censuses of Population are carried out in Greece every ten years. The most recent census was held on 18 March 2001.
- Births and deaths: Births and deaths are annotated in the regional Registry Offices. The Registry Offices are obliged, according to the national legislation, to dispatch to the Regional Statistical Offices of NSSG filled in questionnaires for the events of vital statistics (births, deaths and marriages).
- Migration: The principal source of information for the estimation of the gross migration flows is the Ministry of Public Order, which also provides the basis for the classification of the flows by sex, age group, origin and nationality (immigrants only).

V. Compilation practices (e.g., weighting schemes, imputation methods, balancing/cross-checking techniques)

- Reference dates and frequency: The annual population estimates are calculated for a reference date of 1st January on the basis of the events of vital statistics of the previous year. The annual mid year inter-censal population estimate results from the sum of two consecutive years annual population estimates divided by 2.
- Time adjusted estimates: The census results are updated using information on births and deaths and migration flows. The data for the residents' permits come from administrative sources.

VI. Other aspects (e.g., seasonal adjustment, disclosure avoidance, base years, reference years, transformations from fiscal to calendar years)

- Projections: Population projections based on different sets of fertility, mortality and migration assumptions and are published biannually.