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<b>3.1 Metadata last certified</b>	November 2017	
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<b>3.1 Data description</b>		
<p>The survey on road accidents is conducted on a monthly basis through the collection of statistical questionnaires filled in by the Police and Port Authorities of Greece. It is a census survey and it records, for each Regional Unit (NUTS 3) of Greece and for each month separately, the number of accidents by fatal and/or non-fatal accident, as well as the number of persons injured by categories (drivers, passengers, pedestrians). On a yearly basis, road accidents are further analyzed.</p> <p>The survey does not take into consideration any filled in questionnaires referring to incidents that took place in areas which are not used for the circulation of the public (e.g., accidents in fields, yards, industrial sites or vehicle depot of enterprises, private parking places) and to incidents where the vehicles were not in motion (e.g. a pedestrian falling on a parked vehicle). The share of the above incidents does not exceed 0.54% of the surveyed population.</p>		
<b>3.2 Classification system</b>		
<p>The <b>place</b> where the accident took place is classified in accordance with the Register of Settlements of the 2001 Population Census broken down by 8-digit geographical codes in line with the statistical classification NUTS for data with reference year up to 2015. From 2016 the administrative division according to Kallikratis is used. The accident location is classified according to the Register of Settlements of the 2011 Population Census with a 10-digit geographical code following the NUTS classification.</p> <p>The <b>type of road</b> where the accident took place is classified as: “New National Highway”, “National Highway”, “Rural or Municipal Road”, in accordance with a specific classification used for the Survey on Road Accidents.</p> <p>Citizenship of drivers and persons injured is classified in accordance with ELSTAT’s internal country coding.</p>		
<b>3.3 Sector coverage</b>		
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<b>3.4 Statistical concepts and definitions</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Road accident</b> (injury accident): any accident involving at least one road motor vehicle in motion on a public road or square to which the public has access (excluding yards, industrial sites or vehicle depot of public transport enterprises), resulting in at least one injured or killed person.</li> <li>2) <b>Person killed</b>: any person killed immediately or dying within 30 days as a result of an injury accident.</li> <li>3) <b>Person injured</b>: any person who sustained an injury as result of an injury accident, and who normally needs medical treatment.</li> <li>4) <b>Seriously injured</b>: any person who sustained an injury as result of an injury accident, such as brain damages, mutilation, multiple injuries, which may result in lack of awareness or which are life-threatening.</li> <li>5) <b>Slightly injured</b>: any person injured who sustained minor and not life-threatening injuries.</li> <li>6) <b>Vehicle</b>: for the purposes of road accidents statistics, vehicles include motor vehicles, trolleybuses, motorcycles, bicycles, motorbikes, agricultural and road making machines, animal and hand-drawn vehicles. Railway vehicles are excluded, unless the road accident involves one of the aforementioned types of vehicles and therefore, railway vehicles are considered vehicles</li> </ol>		
<b>3.5 Statistical unit</b>		
The number of road accidents and the number of injured persons.		
<b>3.6 Statistical population</b>		
All the road accidents and the total number of injured persons by category (drivers, passengers, pedestrians).		

<b>3.7 Reference area</b>	
All the Regional Units (NUTS 3) of Greece are covered.	
<b>3.8 Time coverage</b>	
The survey on road accidents is conducted on a monthly base and has been producing results since 1962.	
<b>3.9 Base period</b>	
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<b>4. Unit of measure</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The number of road accidents by fatal and/or non-fatal accident</li> <li>2. The number of injured persons by category (drivers, passengers, pedestrians)</li> </ol>	
<b>5. Reference period</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
The survey on road accidents is conducted on a monthly basis. On a yearly basis, accidents are further analyzed.	

<b>6. Institutional mandate</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
<b>6.1 Legal acts and other agreements</b>	
<p>The legal framework concerning the organization and operation of ELSTAT is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Law 3832/2010</b> (Government Gazette No 38, Issue A): <i>"Hellenic Statistical System Establishment of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) as an Independent Authority"</i>, as amended and in force</li> <li>➤ <b>Regulation on the Operation and Administration of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT)</b>, 2012, (Government Gazette No 2390, Issue B, 28-8-2012)</li> <li>➤ <b>Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council</b>, on the European statistics (Official Journal of the European Union L 87/164).</li> <li>➤ <b>Article 14 of the Law 3470/2006</b> (Government Gazette No 132, Issue A): <i>"National Export Council, tax regulations and other provisions"</i>.</li> <li>➤ <b>Article 3, paragraph 1c, of the Law 3448/2006</b> (Government Gazette No 57, Issue A): <i>"For the further use of information coming from the public sector and the settlement of matters falling within the responsibility of the Ministry of Interior, Public Administration and Decentralization"</i>.</li> <li>➤ <b>European Statistics Code of Practice</b> adopted by the Statistical Programme Committee on 24 February 2005 and promulgated in the Commission Recommendation of 25 May 2005 on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical Authorities, after its revision, which was adopted on 28 September 2011 by the European Statistical System Committee.</li> <li>➤ <b>Presidential Decree 226/2000</b> (Government Gazette No 195, Issue A): <i>"Organization of the General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece"</i>.</li> <li>➤ <b>Articles 4, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Law 2392/1996</b> (Government Gazette No 60, Issue A): <i>"Access of the General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece to administrative sources and administrative files, Statistical Confidentiality Committee, settlement of matters concerning the conduct of censuses and statistical works, as well as of matters of the General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece"</i>.</li> </ul>	

The Legal Framework is detailed in the following link:

<http://www.statistics.gr/en/legal-framework>

Moreover, the Survey on Road Accidents is conducted pursuant to **Decision No 704/93** of the Council of the European Union concerning the creation of a Community database on road accidents.

## 6.2 Data sharing

None

## 7. Confidentiality

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### 7.1 Confidentiality policy

The issues concerning the observance of statistical confidentiality by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) are arranged by articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Law 3832/2010 as in force, by Articles 8, 10 and 11(2) of the Regulation on Statistical Obligations of the agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System and by Articles 10 and 15 of the Regulation on the Operation and Administration of ELSTAT.

More precisely:

ELSTAT disseminates the statistics in compliance with the statistical principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice and in particular with the principle of statistical confidentiality.

<http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistical-confidentiality>

### 7.2 Confidentiality – data treatment

- ELSTAT protects and does not disseminate data it has obtained or it has access to, which enable the direct or indirect identification of the statistical units that have provided them by the disclosure of individual information directly received for statistical purposes or indirectly supplied from administrative or other sources. ELSTAT takes all appropriate preventive measures so as to render impossible the identification of individual statistical units by technical or other means that might reasonably be used by a third party. Statistical data that could potentially enable the identification of the statistical unit are disseminated by ELSTAT if and only if:
  - a) these data have been treated, as it is specifically set out in the Regulation on Statistical Obligations of the agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS), in such a way that their dissemination does not prejudice statistical confidentiality or
  - b) the statistical unit has given its consent, without any reservations, for the disclosure of data.
- The confidential data that are transmitted by ELSS agencies to ELSTAT are used exclusively for statistical purposes and the only persons who have the right to have access to these data are the personnel engaged in this task and appointed by an act of the President of ELSTAT.
- ELSTAT may grant researchers conducting statistical analyses for scientific purposes access to data that enable the indirect identification of the statistical units concerned. The access is granted provided the following conditions are satisfied:
  - a) an appropriate request together with a detailed research proposal in conformity with current scientific standards have been submitted;
  - b) the research proposal indicates in sufficient detail the set of data to be accessed, the methods of analyzing them, and the time needed for the research;
  - c) a contract specifying the conditions for access, the obligations of the researchers, the measures for respecting the confidentiality of statistical data and the sanctions in case of breach of these

obligations has been signed by the individual researcher, by his/her institution, or by the organization commissioning the research, as the case may be, and by ELSTAT.

- Issues referring to the observance of statistical confidentiality are examined by the Statistical Confidentiality Committee (SCC) operating in ELSTAT. The responsibilities of this Committee are to make recommendations to the President of ELSTAT on:
  - the level of detail at which statistical data can be disseminated, so as the identification, either directly or indirectly, of the surveyed statistical unit is not possible;
  - the anonymization criteria for the microdata provided to users;
  - the granting to researchers access to confidential data for scientific purposes.
- The staff of ELSTAT, under any employment status, as well as the temporary survey workers who are employed for the collection of statistical data in statistical surveys conducted by ELSTAT, who acquire access by any means to confidential data, are bound by the principle of confidentiality and must use these data exclusively for the statistical purposes of ELSTAT. After the termination of their term of office, they are not allowed to use these data for any purpose.
- Violation of data confidentiality and/or statistical confidentiality by any civil servant or employee of ELSTAT constitutes the disciplinary offence of violation of duty and may be punished with the penalty of final dismissal.
- ELSTAT, by its decision, may impose a penalty amounting from ten thousand (10,000) up to two hundred thousand (200,000) euros to anyone who violates the confidentiality of data and/or statistical confidentiality. The penalty is always imposed after the hearing of the defense of the person liable for the breach, depending on the gravity and the repercussions of the violation. Any relapse constitutes an aggravating factor for the assessment of the administrative sanction.

## 8. Release policy

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### 8.1 Release calendar

In September of each year, ELSTAT publishes its 12-month release calendar, which outlines the release dates (Press Releases) for all statistics that are planned for next year.

### 8.2 Release calendar access

The release calendar is disseminated to the media and it is available to users for free. The release calendar is also posted on the webpage of ELSTAT ([www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr)) under: "Release Calendar".

### 8.3 User access

The data are released simultaneously to all users through the relevant Press Release entitled "Road Traffic Accidents" which is posted on the webpage of ELSTAT (<http://www.statistics.gr>) on the predefined date.

Moreover, all users have equal access to the annual tables which are posted on the webpage of ELSTAT, <http://www.statistics.gr>, at the link "Statistical Themes > Population and Social Conditions > Accidents > Accidents of transportation means > Road Traffic Accidents Monthly/Yearly" OR "Statistical Themes > Industry, Services, Trade, Transport > Road transport > Road Traffic Accidents Monthly/Yearly"

Equal access of all users to data is governed by the European Statistics Code of Practice by respecting scientific independence and in an objective, professional and transparent manner in which all users are treated equitably.

## 9. Frequency of dissemination

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The provisional results of the survey are published 2 months after the end of the reference month and the final

results should be released 9 months after the end of the reference year.

At the same time, the annual primary data are transmitted to the European Commission in a predefined format for the CARE/CaDAS database (nine months after the end of the reference year in question according to Article 2 par.2 of the Decision 704/93/EC).

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### 10.1 News release

The relevant Press Release is posted on the portal of ELSTAT the last working day of every month.

### 10.2 Publications

**A.** The “*Statistical Yearbook of Greece*” 1930-2010 is available for a fee to subscribers and upon request to the Hellenic Statistical Authority. Digitally it is available at the link below:

[http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/categoryyears?p\\_cat=10007369&p\\_topic=10007369](http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/categoryyears?p_cat=10007369&p_topic=10007369)

**B.** The “*Concise Yearbook of Greece*” 1962-2009 is available for a fee to subscribers and upon request to the Hellenic Statistical Authority. Digitally it is available at the link below:

[http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/categoryyears?p\\_cat=10007372&p\\_topic=10007372](http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/categoryyears?p_cat=10007372&p_topic=10007372)

**C.** The publication “*Transport and Communications*” 1926-1994 is available for a fee to subscribers and upon request to the Hellenic Statistical Authority. Digitally it is available at the link below:

[http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/categoryyears?p\\_cat=10008076&p\\_topic=10008076](http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/categoryyears?p_cat=10008076&p_topic=10008076)

**D.** “*e-Publications*” - Time series are included in ELSTAT's electronic publications since 2017

- Living Conditions in Greece (every two months) <http://www.statistics.gr/en/living-conditions-in-greece>
- Greece in Figures (every quarter) <http://www.statistics.gr/en/greece-in-figures>

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### 10.3 On-line database

There is not any on-line database.

#### 10.3.1 Data tables - consultations

Total access to the website as regards the above survey for the year 2016 amounts to 11 431 hits.

### 10.4 Micro-data access

Microdata is available in accordance with the ELSTAT procedure to ensure the confidentiality of the data (Chapter 7).

[http://www.statistics.gr/el/scientific\\_provision\\_data](http://www.statistics.gr/el/scientific_provision_data)

Microdata are made available to users after their submitting a request to the:

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18510 Piraeus

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FAX: (+30) 213-135 2819, 2312

E-mail: [library@statistics.gr](mailto:library@statistics.gr), [data.dissem@statistics.gr](mailto:data.dissem@statistics.gr)

Confidentiality of data is always ensured (see field 7). For confidentiality reasons, access to microdata is granted only under stringent conditions and by fully observing the relevant procedure.

<b>10.5 Other</b>
<p>Users can order statistical data, tailored to their needs, following the procedure described on the ELSTAT website  <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/provision-of-statistical-data">http://www.statistics.gr/en/provision-of-statistical-data</a>  <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/tailor-made-products">http://www.statistics.gr/en/tailor-made-products</a>  <a href="http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/">http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/</a></p> <p><b>10.5.1 Metadata – consultations</b>  Data on metadata consultations are included in paragraph 10.3.1.</p>
<b>10.6 Documentation on methodology</b>
<p>In each reporting period, reference is made to the methodology.</p> <p><b>10.6.1 Metadata completeness - rate</b>  Metadata is complete (number of metadata provided / number of metadata applied).</p>
<b>10.7 Quality documentation</b>
Not compiled.

<b>11. Quality management</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
<b>11.1 Quality assurance</b>	
<p>Quality controls and validation of data are carried out during the whole process of the compilation of statistics, from the data collection stage to the final compilation of the tables and more specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the stage of data collection, the number of incoming questionnaires by month is cross-checked with the number of accidents resulting from the monthly reports for the compilation of the press release.</li> <li>• During the stage of checking/processing of the questionnaires, the number of accidents is cross-checked with the number of accidents in the press release.</li> </ul> <p>During the stage of the compilation of the tables, the final monthly results and the annual results are cross-checked with the monthly results of the press releases and with the final annual results of the previous year.</p>	
<b>11.2 Quality assessment</b>	
After all the above checks, cross-checks and comparisons taking place in every stage, the correction of any errors and the necessary adjustments, the produced results are considered high quality results.	

<b>12. Relevance</b>	<a href="#">Top</a>
<b>12.1 User needs</b>	
<p>The main users of the survey data are, inter alia, the following: the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks, the University of Thessaloniki, the National Technical University, the National School of Public Health, the Transport Institute, the Technical Chamber of Greece, students, researchers, construction enterprises, Eurostat, the UN, OECD, etc.</p> <p>Once users' needs are identified, the questionnaire is re-designed, when necessary, very carefully so as not to compromise the comparability of data over time.</p>	
<b>12.2 User satisfaction</b>	
A Users Satisfaction Survey is conducted by the Section of Statistical Dissemination. The survey results are available	

at: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/user-satisfaction-survey>

### 12.3 Data completeness

On the basis of users' needs, completeness is considered satisfactory.

## 13. Accuracy and reliability

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### 13.1 Overall accuracy

Since the survey is a census survey, any non-sampling errors (non-response or processing errors) are identified by means of appropriate checking and are duly corrected, in cooperation with the administrative data sources, thus producing high accuracy results.

### 13.2 Sampling errors

No sampling errors, because the survey is a census survey and data are collected from administrative sources.

### 13.3 Non-sampling errors

#### **a. Unit non – response**

Non-response errors are due to non-transmission of questionnaires and in these cases there is a contact with the data sources either by phone or by a reminder letter.

#### **b. Item non – response**

Non-response errors may also be due to the fact that some of the variables of the questionnaire are not filled in or are erroneously filled in; in these cases, after the checks carried out by the competent employees of ELSTAT the errors are duly corrected in cooperation with the involved authorities, namely the Police and the Port Police.

#### **13.3.1 Coverage error**

The filled in questionnaires of the survey are collected from all the Police and Port Authorities and, when necessary, reminders (by post or telephone) are used on a regular basis.

##### **13.3.1.1 Over-coverage – rate**

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##### **13.3.1.2 Common units – proportion**

No common statistical processes are implemented.

#### **13.3.2 Measurement error**

During data collection, no measurement errors are observed.

#### **13.3.3 Processing error**

No errors are observed in the final results of the data collection-data processing phases.

Quality checks are conducted throughout the production process of the statistical output, from data collection until the compilation of tables. More specifically, during the data processing phase, in cooperation with the Division of Informatics, all the necessary logical-electronical checks are carried out in order to eliminate any errors during the processing of microdata.

#### **13.3.4 Model assumption error**

No model is required to be implemented for this survey.

## 14. Timeliness and punctuality

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### 14.1 Timeliness

The provisional results are published 60 days after the end of the reference month and the final results are published



270 days after the end of the reference year.

#### 14.2 Punctuality

There are no delays in the release of the provisional results which are published 60 days after the end of the reference month. In recent years, efforts have been made to reduce delays in the publication of annual data. In years 2015 and 2016, data were published with a two-months delay.

### 15. Comparability

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#### 15.1 Comparability - geographical

The results are characterised by geographical comparability. Common definitions and units of measure are used in all the EU Member States.

##### 15.1.1 Asymmetry for mirror flows statistics – coefficient

Not applicable.

#### 15.2 Comparability over time

From 1.1.1996, **dead person** is considered any person killed immediately or dying within 30 days as a result of an injury accident. Before 1.1.1996 dead person was considered any person killed immediately or dying within 3 days as a result of an injury accident.

With the aim of ensuring comparability of results, over time, for the years 1963 - 1995, a corrective factor (+18%) should be applied on the number of dead persons. In this way, a common definition for “dead person” is established since 1963 according to which: “dead person is considered any person killed immediately or dying within 30 days as a result of an injury accident”.

Moreover, in 1998 the Register of National Highways and Rural Roads was established which was amended from the reference year 2016 according to the administrative division of Kallikratis.

#### 15.3 Coherence cross-domain

Deviations between the results of the survey on road accidents and other relevant statistical results (causes of death) are due to methodological differences.

##### 15.3.1 Coherence – sub annual and annual statistics

The main aggregates of the survey are coherent as regards monthly and annual statistics.

##### 15.3.2 Coherence – National Accounts

Not applicable. There are no common variables with National Accounts.

#### 15.4 Coherence – internal

The internal consistency of the data (between variables and over time) is controlled by ELSTAT throughout the data processing.

### 16. Cost and burden

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Not estimated.

### 17. Data revision

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#### 17.1 Revision policy

For population weights, the latest available annual population estimates are used. The weights of the data are revised once the latest annual population estimates are made available, so as the new information is better reflected in the

<p>population groups.  The Revision Policy of ELSTAT is implemented for the survey.  <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/documents/20181/a49dca9a-dacf-4b52-b5df-b156216cb354">http://www.statistics.gr/documents/20181/a49dca9a-dacf-4b52-b5df-b156216cb354</a></p>
<p><b>17.2 Revision practice</b></p>
<p>The Revision Policy of ELSTAT is implemented.</p>

<p><b>18. Statistical processing</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Top</a></p>
<p><b>18.1 Source data</b></p>	<p>Primary data derive from administrative sources (Police, Port Authorities) through the completion of a specially designed statistical questionnaire providing information on the place of the accident (conditions of the road surface, type of the road, geometrical characteristics of the road and weather conditions during the accident) the type of the first collision, any maneuvers which caused the accident, specific data on the vehicles involved in the accident, data on the driver and persons injured, as well as data on the use of safety equipment.</p>
<p><b>18.2 Frequency of data collection</b></p>	<p>Data are collected on a monthly basis.</p>
<p><b>18.3 Data collection</b></p>	<p>The questionnaires after having been duly filled in by the competent employees of the Police/Port Police are transmitted to the Section of Justice and Public Order Statistics of ELSTAT.</p>
<p><b>18.4 Data validation</b></p>	<p>Data are validated by means of a series of qualitative and quantitative checks which are mainly based on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cross-checking of final survey aggregates with the corresponding provisional monthly data.</li> <li>2. Comparisons between the main aggregates of the survey with the corresponding aggregates of the main administrative source (Police/Port Police).</li> <li>3. Checks in terms of their consistency over time (significant year-on year fluctuations).</li> </ol>
<p><b>18.5 Data compilation</b></p>	<p>The data after having been collected undergo logical checks, they are codified, imported in the electronic database, tabulated and finally they are published.</p>
<p><b><u>18.5.1 Imputation – rate</u></b></p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<p><b>18.6 Adjustment</b></p>	<p>No adjustment.</p>
<p><b><u>18.6.1 Seasonal adjustment</u></b></p>	<p>No statistical techniques or seasonal adjustment tools are used in order to eliminate any seasonal impacts on data.</p>

<p><b>19. Comment</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Top</a></p>
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