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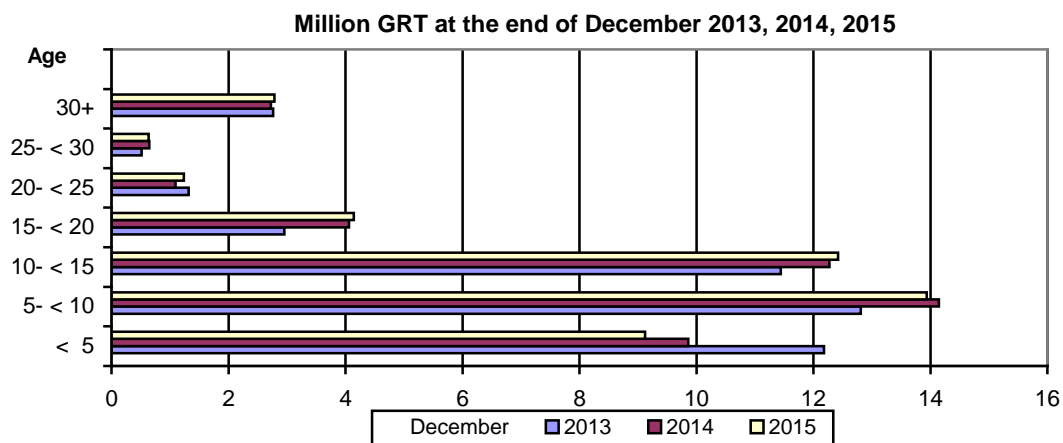
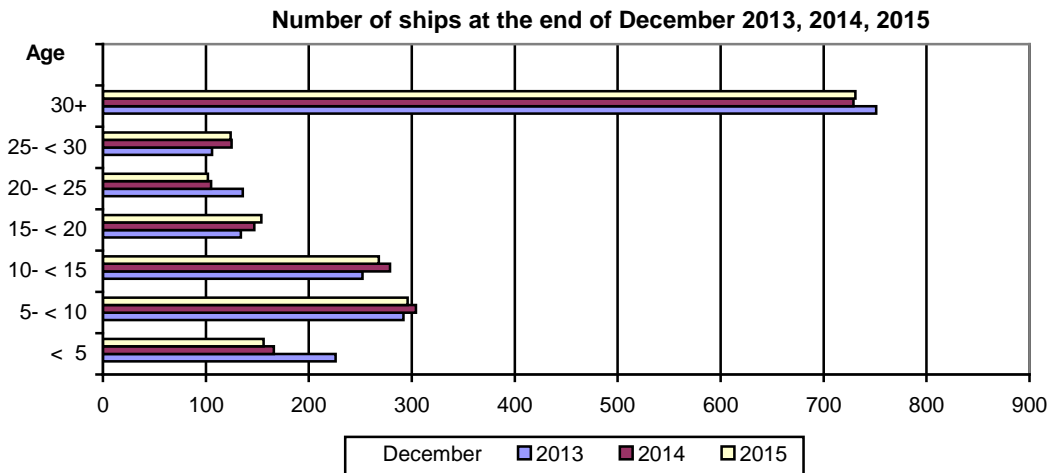
GREEK MERCHANT FLEET: DECEMBER 2015

(Provisional data)

The Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, decreased by 1.3% in December 2015 compared to December 2014, while the above Greek Merchant Fleet recorded a decline of 2.2% in December 2014 compared to December 2013 (Table 1).

The gross tonnage of the Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, decreased by 1.2% in December 2015 compared to December 2014, while the above gross tonnage recorded an increase of 1.9% in December 2014 compared to December 2013 (Table 1).

Chart 1. Distribution of the Greek merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups.



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Table 1. Greek Merchant Fleet of 100 GRT and over: December 2013, 2014, 2015

Type of ships	December									
	2013		2014		2015		Change%			
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	1,897	43,982,833	1,855	44,804,979	1,831	44,280,731	-2.2	1.9	-1.3	-1.2
Cargo	505	15,665,470	501	16,346,192	470	14,973,825	-0.8	4.3	-6.2	-8.4
Tankers	528	26,904,006	521	27,027,473	522	27,894,317	-1.3	0.5	0.2	3.2
Passenger ships	627	1,343,327	603	1,363,535	604	1,343,645	-3.8	1.5	0.2	-1.5
Other	237	70,030	230	67,779	235	68,944	-3.0	-3.2	2.2	1.7

**Table 2. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over by tonnage groups:
December 2013, 2014, 2015.**

Tonnage groups	December					
	2013		2014		2015	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	1,897	43,982,833	1,855	44,804,979	1,831	44,280,731
100 -< 500	760	192,331	729	184,666	725	184,640
500- < 3.000	343	434,221	330	412,394	328	406,882
3.000 -< 7.000	70	316,967	71	320,035	72	322,206
7.000- < 10.000	25	210,969	23	195,134	23	195,134
10.000- < 20.000	43	661,337	40	600,382	45	675,245
20.000 -< 30.000	96	2,600,743	92	2,491,111	85	2,282,631
30.000 +	560	39,566,265	570	40,601,257	553	40,213,993

**Table 3. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups :
December 2013, 2014, 2015**

Age groups	December					
	2013		2014		2015	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	1,897	43,982,833	1,855	44,804,979	1,831	44,280,731
< 5	226	12,181,622	166	9,858,738	156	9,119,114
5- < 10	292	12,810,435	304	14,147,710	296	13,938,283
10- < 15	252	11,441,435	279	12,271,305	268	12,419,270
15- < 20	134	2,952,706	147	4,062,677	154	4,144,204
20- < 25	136	1,318,305	105	1,095,689	102	1,237,808
25- < 30	106	513,287	125	644,222	124	635,076
30+	751	2,765,043	729	2,724,638	731	2,786,976

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Greek Merchant Fleet Survey	The Survey on the Greek Merchant Fleet is conducted on a monthly basis since 1964 without any major methodological changes ever since. The purpose of the survey is to fully record statistical data on the number and basic characteristics of the Greek merchant ships, thus depicting the evolution over the course of time of the Greek merchant fleet.
Legal Framework	The survey is conducted in compliance with the joint Ministerial Decision (No 6792/G-81/11-4-97) signed by the Minister of National Economy and the Minister of Mercantile Marine.
Reference Period	The results of the survey refer to the end of December 2015
Coverage	The survey covers all domestic Port Authorities, as well as Greek Consular Port Authorities abroad, which keep ship registers. These Authorities have to send a report on a monthly basis to the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) pertaining to the changes in the Greek merchant ships registered in their ship registers.
Definitions	<p>Merchant ship: Seagoing self-propelled vessel, at least of 10 GRT, designed for the carriage of goods, transport of passengers, for fishing, towing or specially fitted out for other commercial maritime activities.</p> <p>Greek merchant fleet: The total number of the merchant ships registered in Greece, which belong to natural or legal persons residing on the Greek territory. The Greek flag carried by these ships means that all their maritime activities (subsidies for ship building, cargo limitations and other tax provisions) are governed by commercial and economic rules which are laid down by the respective Greek authorities.</p> <p>Gross Register Tonnage (GRT): unit of measurement of the total volume in cubic feet of the spaces within the hull and of the enclosed spaces above the deck which are available for carrying goods, food, passengers and crew. It equals to the volume of 100 cubic feet or 2.83 m³.</p> <p>Net Register Tonnage (NRT): unit of measurement derived from the gross tonnage by deducting allowances in respect of spaces used for the crew, navigating and propelling machinery, fuel and water ballasts, and other spaces not used for passengers or cargo.</p> <p>Age of ship: indicated by the year of original construction of the hull or that of the hull containing the engine room.</p>
Methodology	<p>It is an exhaustive survey conducted by all domestic Port Authorities and Greek Consular Port Authorities abroad, which report to ELSTAT, on a monthly basis, on changes in the ships pertaining to: a) new registrations of ships in the ship registers, b) change in the name of a ship, c) change of ownership, d) transfers to or from a different port, e) deletion of a ship from a ship register, f) final measurement – remeasurement of ships, g) replacement of the ship's engine.</p> <p>All these data, after being fully processed, are used to update, through a specially designed software application, the Official Register of Greek Merchant Ships. This Register is used for the production of monthly and annual statistical results.</p>
References	Further information (tables, charts) concerning the Survey on the Greek Merchant Fleet can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr), under the link: << Industry, Trade, Services, Transport > Transport > Shipping > Greek Merchant Fleet of 100 GRT and over >>.