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The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on the evolution of demographic indicators in Greece. The source of these data are the Civil Registry Offices of all Greek Municipalities, which register all the births, deaths, marriages and registered partnerships that occur in Greece.

The natural population change (i.e., the change attributed only to the difference between the number of live births and deaths, without taking into account migration), in 2014, recorded a downward trend, as a natural population decrease of 21,592 persons was observed.

More specifically :

I. Births

In 2014, the *number of live births* in Greece amounted to 92,148 (47,383 males and 44,765 females), recording a 2.1% decrease in comparison with 2013, when the number of births was 94,134 (48,430 males and 45,704 females). The number of births does not include stillbirths, which in 2014 amounted to 353, decreasing by 6.1% in comparison with 376 stillbirths in 2013 (Table 1).

As regards *mother's citizenship*, in 2014 79,975 births by Greek citizen mothers were recorded (86.8%) and 12,173 by foreigners (13.2%). The corresponding data recorded in 2013 were 80,940 (86.0%) and 13,194 (14.0%), respectively.

In 2014, *the mean age of mother at childbirth* was 31.0 years, recording an increase in comparison with 2013, when the mean age of mother at birth was 30.9 years.

Births outside marriage, in absolute numbers, recorded an increase of 13.1% amounting to 7,165 in 2014 (7.8% of total births) compared with 6,337 (6.7% of total births) in 2013 (Table 1).

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II. Deaths

In 2014, *the number of deaths* recorded an increase of 1.7% amounting to 113,740, (58,132 males and 55,608 females) in comparison with 111,794 (57,627 males and 54,167 females) in 2013 (Table 1).

The median age at death in 2014 was 75.5 years for men and 81.2 years for women, recording an upward trend for both sexes, in comparison with 2013 (75.2 years for men and 80.8 for women, respectively).

The infant mortality rate (deaths of infants under one year of age during the reference year, per 1,000 live births) rose from 3.69 in 2013 to 3.75 in 2014.

The neonatal mortality rate (deaths of infants under 28 days of age during the reference year per 1,000 live births) in 2014 remained at 2.63 as in 2013. *The perinatal mortality rate* (deaths of infants aged less than 7 days plus stillbirths during the reference year per 1,000 total births) dropped from 5.79 in 2013 to 5.66 in 2014.

More analytically, out of 346 infant deaths, 77 infants were younger than 1 day old and 242 were aged less than 1 month.

Table 2 and Graph 1 present live births by place of the mother's usual residence and deaths by place of the usual residence of the deceased. Table 3 and Graph 2 depict deaths by sex and age groups.

Table 1. Live Births and Deaths for the years 2010 - 2014

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2014/2013
LIVE BIRTHS	114,766	106,428	100,371	94,134	92,148	-2.1%
Males	59,127	54,862	51,654	48,430	47,383	-2.2%
Females	55,639	51,566	48,717	45,704	44,765	-2.1%
Greek mothers	93,192	87,426	84,851	80,940	79,975	-1.2%
Mothers Non National	21,574	19,002	15,520	13,194	12,173	-7.7%
Births in Marriage*	106,415	98,579	92,731	87,797	84,983	-3.2%
Births outside Marriage	8,351	7,849	7,640	6,337	7,165	13.1%
Mean age of mother at childbirth	30.4	30.5	30.7	30.9	31.0	0.3%
DEATHS	109,084	111,099	116,670	111,794	113,740	1.7%
Stillbirths	500	431	446	376	353	-6.1%
Infant deaths	436	357	293	347	346	-0.3%
Infant Mortality Rate	3.80	3.35	2.92	3.69	3.75	1.7%
Perinatal Mortality Rate	5.86	5.37	5.64	5.79	5.66	-2.1%
Neonatal Mortality Rate	2.47	2.20	1.88	2.63	2.63	0.0%
Median age at death for men	74.2	74.8	74.8	75.3	75.6	0.4%
Median age at death for women	80.1	80.4	80.6	80.9	81.2	0.4%

* Births within Registered Partnerships are included

Table 2. Live Births by place of usual residence of the mother and Deaths by place of usual residence of the deceased, 2014

	Live Births	Deaths	Natural Change
TOTAL	92,148	113,740	-21,592
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	4,854	7,018	-2,164
Kentriki Makedonia	15,299	19,723	-4,424
Dytiki Makedonia	2,139	3,145	-1,006
Ipeiros	2,514	3,708	-1,194
Thessalia	5,808	8,325	-2,517
Ionioi Nisoι	4,044	6,232	-2,188
Dytiki Ellada	1,820	2,426	-606
Stereia Ellada	5,472	7,314	-1,842
Peloponnisos	4,407	6,917	-2,510
Attiki	34,453	37,365	-2,912
Voreio Aigaio	1,655	2,358	-703
Notio Aigaio	3,217	2,745	472
Kriti	6,358	5,794	564
Abroad	108	670	-562

Graph 1. Live Births by place of usual residence of the mother and Deaths by place of usual residence of the deceased, 2014

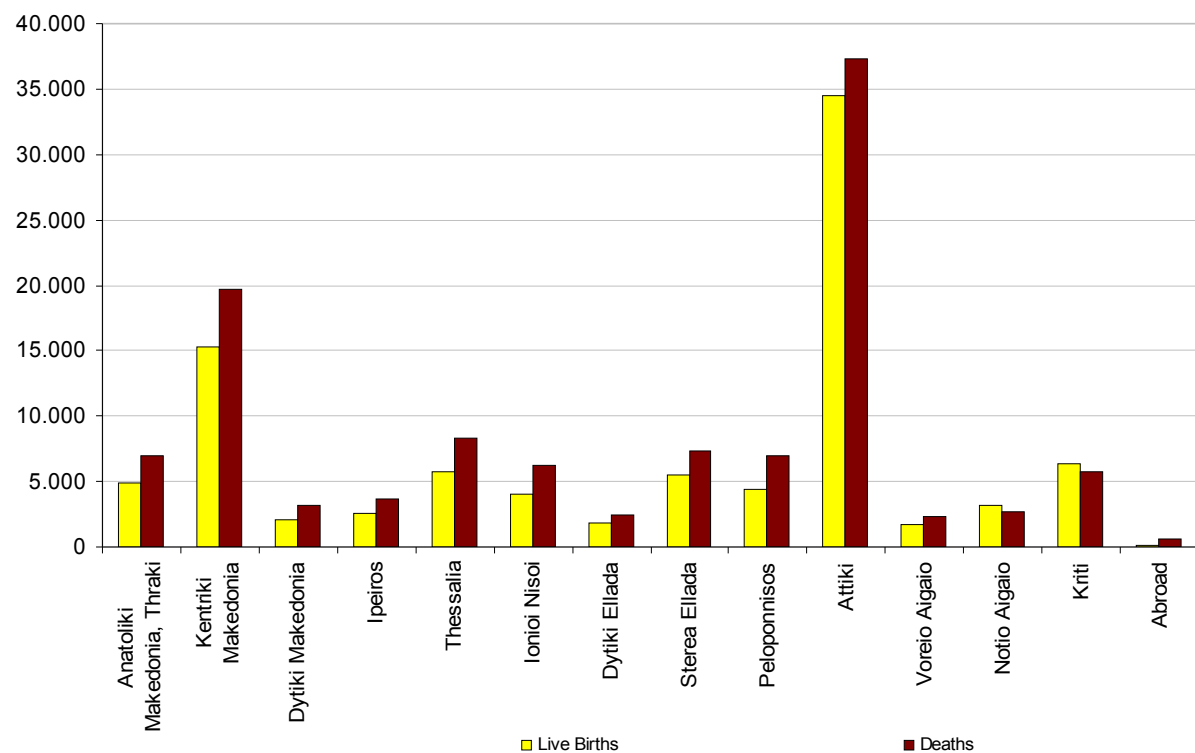
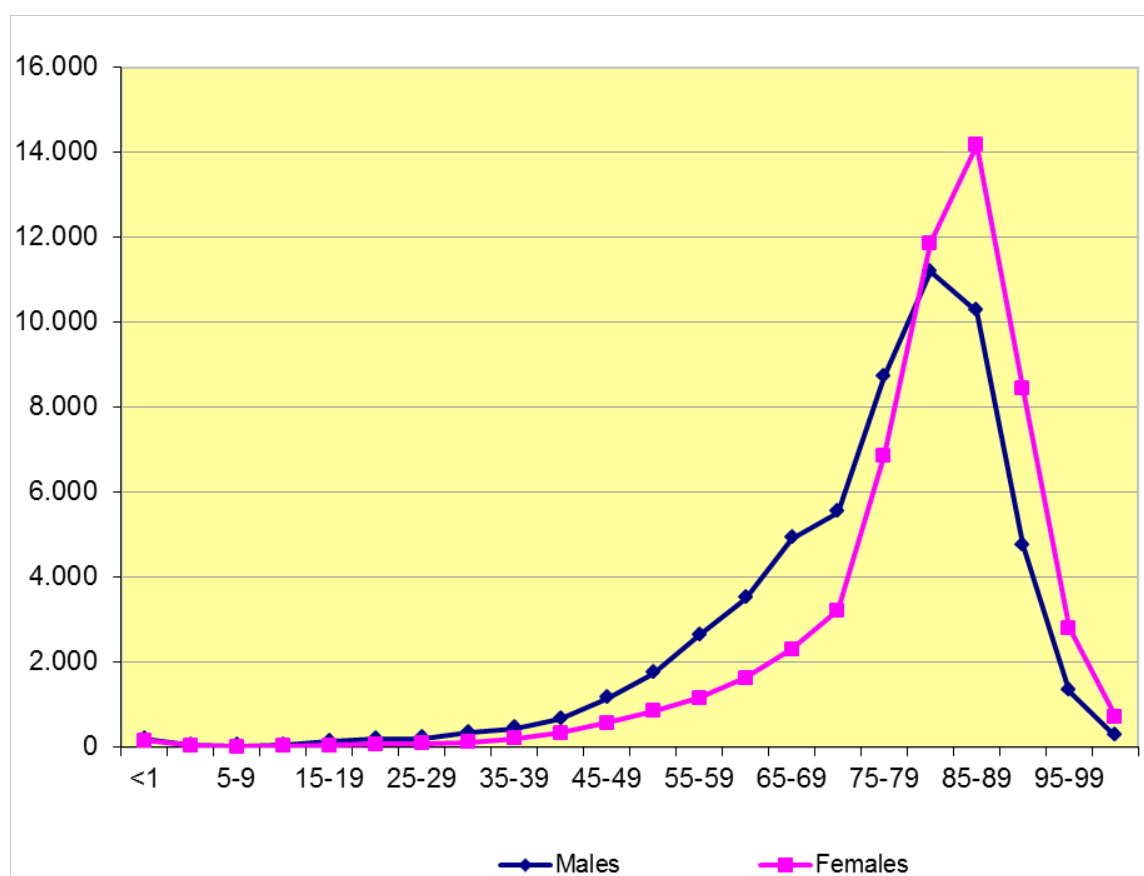


Table 3. Deaths by sex and age groups for the years 2013 and 2014

	2013			2014		
	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES
TOTAL	111.794	57.627	54.167	113.740	58.132	55.608
<1 year	347	200	147	346	192	154
1-4	58	27	31	76	39	37
5-9	53	30	23	40	27	13
10-14	58	33	25	52	32	20
15-19	128	92	36	155	121	34
20-24	264	201	63	255	186	69
25-29	304	239	65	284	205	79
30-34	507	366	141	446	328	118
35-39	635	434	201	632	429	203
40-44	1.026	673	353	985	654	331
45-49	1.719	1.183	536	1.719	1.145	574
50-54	2.584	1.737	847	2.572	1.731	841
55-59	3.819	2.614	1.205	3.779	2.628	1.151
60-64	5.069	3.544	1.525	5.122	3.490	1.632
65-69	7.098	4.770	2.328	7.204	4.906	2.298
70-74	9.105	5.680	3.425	8.743	5.531	3.212
75-79	16.133	9.027	7.106	15.575	8.714	6.861
80-84	23.299	11.252	12.047	23.046	11.188	11.858
85+	39.588	15.525	24.063	42.709	16.586	26.123

Graph 2. Deaths by sex and age group for the year 2014



III. Marriages – Registered Partnerships

The number of marriages amounted to 53,105 in 2014 in comparison with 51,265 in 2013, thus recording an increase of 3.6% (Table 4).

Civil marriages outnumbered the religious ones. More specifically, out of 53,105 marriages, 26,190 were religious and 26,915 were civil ones (Table 4).

The median age of women at first marriage was 30.2 years in 2014 compared with 29.9 years in 2013.

The median age of men at first marriage was 32.9 years in 2014 while in 2013 it was 32.7 years. It should be noted that out of 53,105 marriages, women who had their first marriage were 46,860 while men were 46,337 (Table 5, Graph 3).

Finally, in 2014 the number of registered partnerships increased by 170.7% in comparison with 2013 (Table 4). During the period from 2009 (when the legislation on registered partnerships was first put into force) to 2014, the number of registered partnerships was 161, 180, 185, 314, 581 and 1,573, respectively amounting to a total of 2,994 registered partnerships recorded all over Greece (Table 6).

Table 4. Marriages – Registered Partnerships for the years 2013 and 2014

YEAR	MARRIAGES					REGISTERED PARTNERSHIPS
	TOTAL	RELIGIOUS	%	CIVIL	%	TOTAL
2013	51,256	25,624	50.0%	25,632	50.0%	581
2014	53,105	26,190	49.3%	26,915	50.7%	1,573
% Change	3.6%	2.2%		5.0%		170.7%

Table 5. Marriages by spouse's age at first marriage, 2014

Age	Women	Men
Up to 14	20	1
15-19	889	198
20-24	5,337	1,904
25-29	16,479	10,524
30-34	16,218	18,250
35-39	5,610	10,050
40-44	1,517	3,558
45-49	490	1,157
50-54	179	401
55-59	71	156
60-64	32	84
65-69	14	32
70-74	1	9
75 +	3	13
Total	46,860	46,337

Graph 3. Marriages by spouse's age at first marriage, 2014

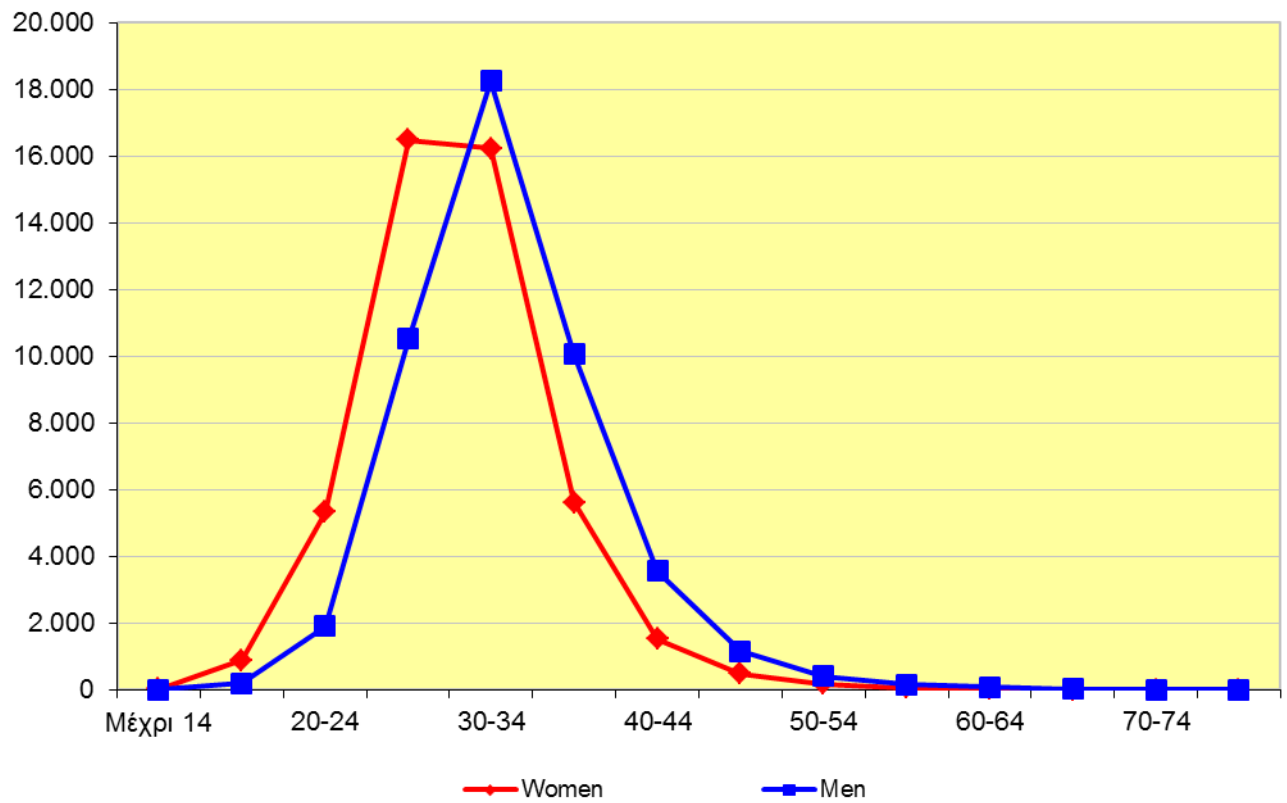


Table 6. Registered Partnerships by Region (NUTS 2) for the period 2009 - 2014

REGION	REGISTERED PARTNERSHIPS
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	38
Kentriki Makedonia	260
Dytiki Makedonia	21
Thessalia	75
Ipeiros	43
Ionioi Nisoι	69
Dytiki Ellada	69
Stereα Ellada	60
Peloponnisos	86
Attiki	2,006
Voreio Aigaio	29
Notio Aigaio	87
Kriti	151
TOTAL	2,994

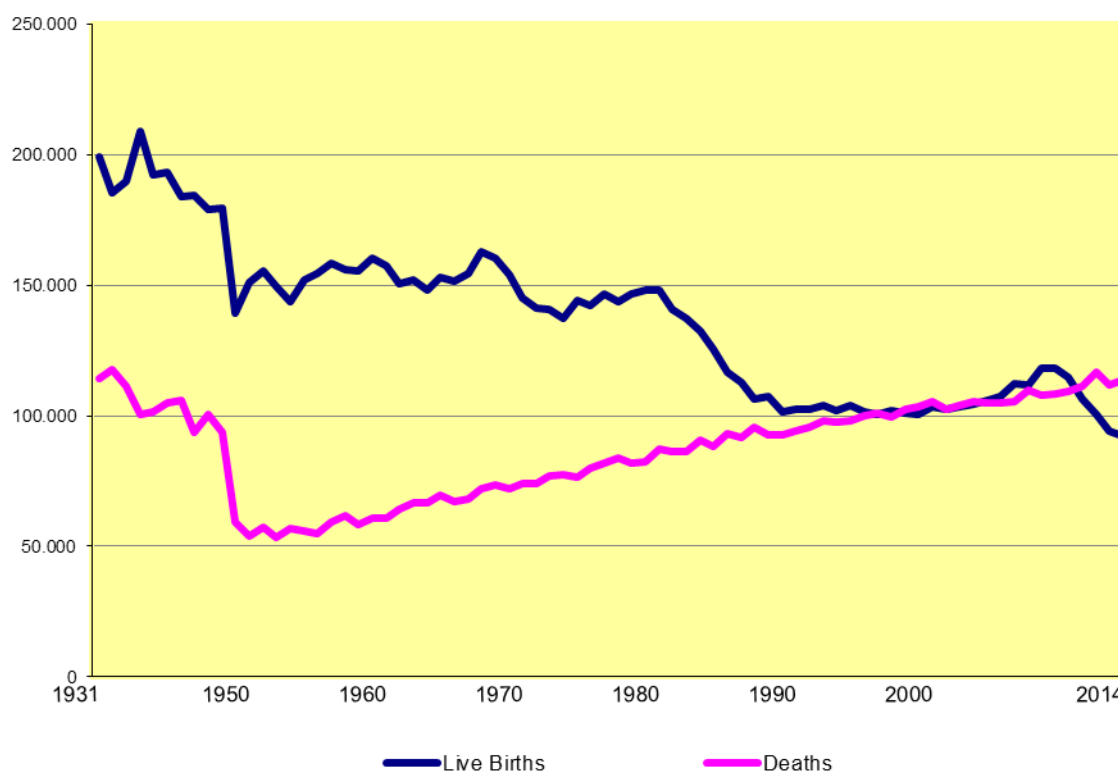
IV. Evolution over time of vital statistics

Table 7 and Graph 4 present the evolution over time of births and deaths during the period from 1931 to 2014.

Table 7. Evolution over time of Live Births and Deaths from 1931 to 2014

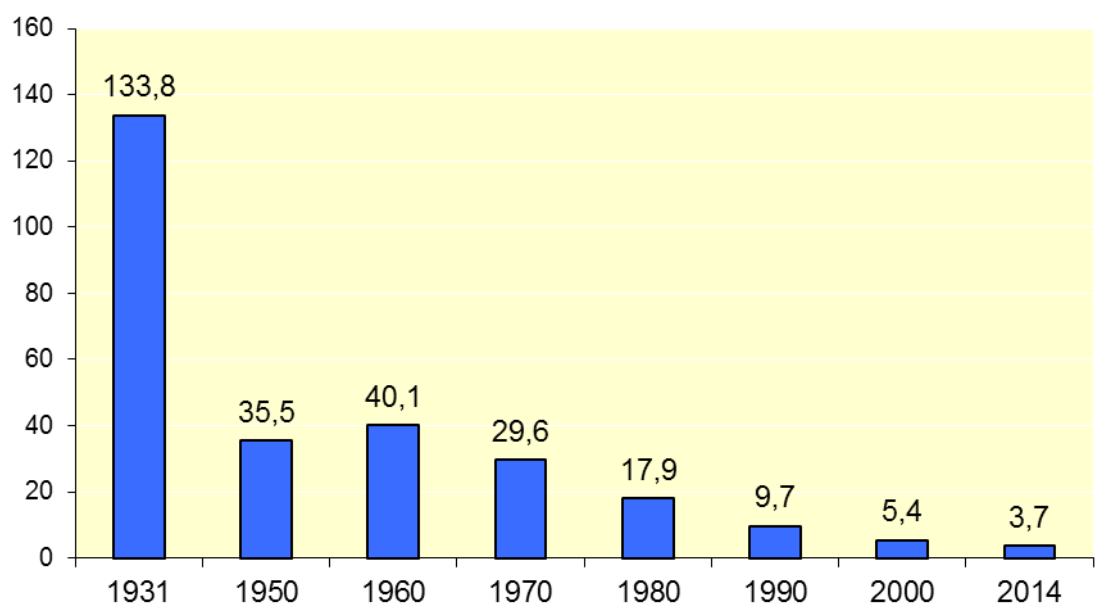
Year	Live Births	Deaths	Natural Change
1931	199,243	114,369	84,874
1950	151,134	53,755	97,379
1960	157,239	60,563	96,676
1970	144,928	74,009	70,919
1980	148,134	87,282	60,852
1990	102,229	94,152	8,077
2000	103,274	105,170	-1,896
2010	114,766	109,084	5,682
2014	92,148	113,740	-21,592

Graph 4. Evolution over time of Live Births and Deaths from 1931 to 2014



Graph 5 depicts the evolution over time of the infant mortality rate for the period from 1931 to 2014.

Graph 5. Infant Mortality Rate 1931 - 2014
(Infant Deaths aged less than 1 year per 1.000 live Births)



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Vital Statistics	The Vital Statistics Survey is conducted under its current form since 1956. Since May 2013, ELSTAT has access to "ARIADNI" system of the Ministry of Interior. It is an electronic registration system of vital events and when an event is registered, ELSTAT's database is simultaneously updated. The data undergo the necessary quality checks, and then they are processed and tabulated. The results are released on a yearly basis.
Legal Framework	The survey is governed by Law 344/76 concerning the "Registration of vital events" which lays down the obligations of the Civil Register Offices to collect and then to transmit the data, as well as by Law 3832/2010 on the "Greek Statistical System, Establishment of the Hellenic Statistical Authority".
Coverage	The survey is a census survey and it covers all births, deaths, marriages and registered partnerships that occur all over Greece.
Reference period	1/1/2014 – 31/12/2014
Definitions	<p>Infant mortality rate: The ratio of the number of infant deaths under one year of age during the reference year to the number of live births in the same year. The value is expressed per 1.000 live births.</p> <p>Neonatal mortality rate: The ratio of the number of infant deaths under 28 days of age during the reference year to the number of live births in the same year. The value is expressed per 1,000 live births.</p> <p>Perinatal mortality rate: The ratio of the number of infant deaths less than 7 days of age (one week) plus stillbirths during the reference year to the number of total births (including stillbirths) in the same year. The value is expressed per 1,000 total births.</p> <p>The median age of mother at birth is calculated on the basis of live births.</p> <p>Natural population change (natural balance): the difference between births and deaths, without taking into consideration net migration (immigrants-emigrants).</p>
Methodology	The vital statistics data, after having been collected from the "ARIADNI" system, undergo the necessary quality checks, and then they are processed and tabulated.
References	More information (tables, graphs, methodology) is available on the website of ELSTAT: http://www.statistics.gr , at the link Statistical Themes>Vital Statistics >