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VITAL STATISTICS 2012

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

I. BIRTHS

In 2012, the *number of births* in Greece amounted to 100.371 (51.654 males and 48.717 females), recording a 5,69% decrease in comparison with 2011, when the number of births was 106.428 (54.862 males and 51.566 females). The number of births does not include stillbirths, which in 2012 amounted to 446 (252 males and 194 females), slightly on the rise by 3,48% in comparison with 431 stillbirths in 2011 (Table 1).

As regards *mother's citizenship*, in 2012, 84.851 births were recorded by Greek mothers (84,54%) and 15.520 by foreigners (15,46%). The corresponding data recorded in 2011 were 87.426 births by Greek mothers (82,14%) and 19.002 by foreigners (17,85%) respectively.

In 2012, *the median age of woman at childbirth* was 31,6 years, recording a slight increase in comparison with 2011, when the median age of mother at birth was 31,4 years. The age of mothers at birth ranged from 12 to 58 years old.

Births outside marriage, in absolute numbers, dropped slightly from 7.849 (7,4% of the total births) in 2011 down to 7.640 (7,6% of the total births) in 2012 (Table 1).

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II. DEATHS

In 2012, *the number of deaths* recorded a rise by 5% amounting to 116.670, (60.137 males and 56.533 females) in comparison with 111.099 (57.999 males and 53.100 females) in 2011. (Tables 1,3 and Graph 2).

The median age at death in 2012 was 74,79 years for men and 80,64 years for women, recording, in comparison with 2011, a slight downward trend for men (74,82 years in 2011) and a slight onwards trend for women (80,44 years in 2011).

The infant mortality rate dropped from 3,35 in 2011, down to 2,91 in 2012. *The neonatal mortality rate* dropped from 2,19 in 2011, down to 1,87 in 2012. *The perinatal mortality rate* went up to 5,64 in 2012 from 5,37 in 2011.

More analytically, out of 293 infants' deaths, 32 infants were younger than 1 day old, 157 were less than 1 month and 104 infants were younger than 1 year of age.

Finally, *the natural population change* (i.e., the change attributed only to the difference between the number of live births and deaths, without taking into consideration migration) , recorded a downward trend, therefore a natural population decrease was observed by 16.299 persons (Tables 1,2).

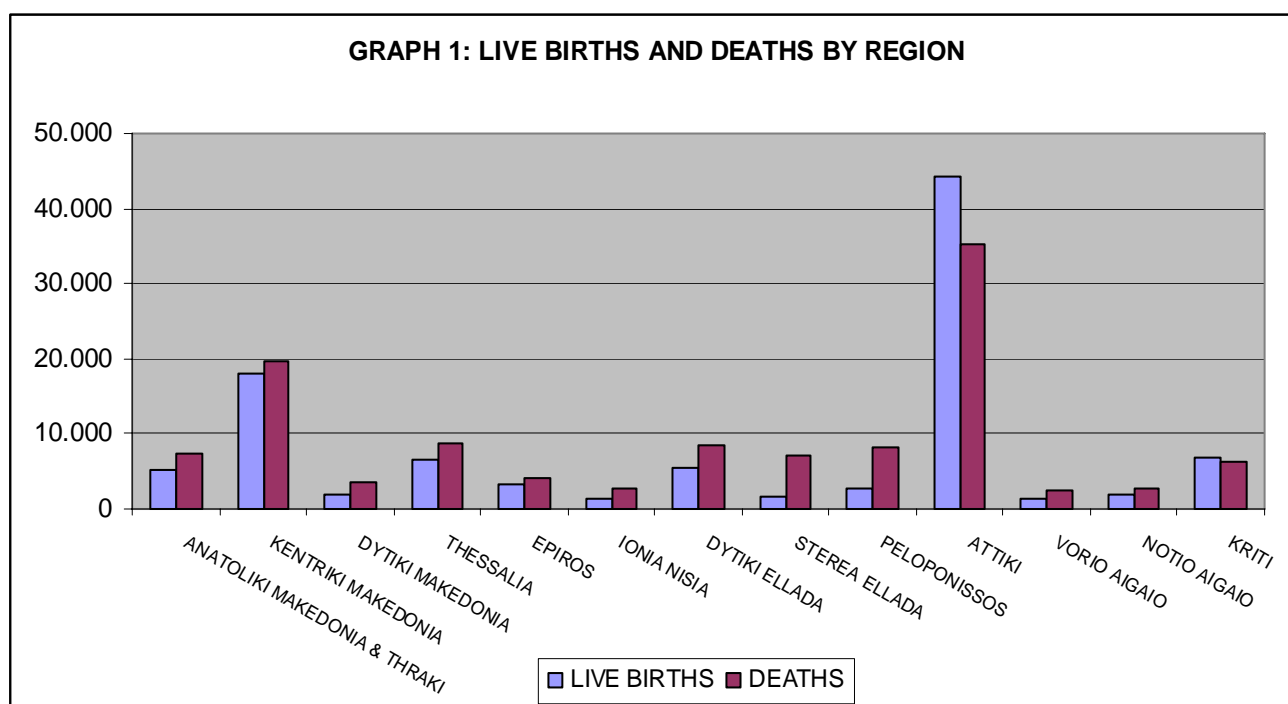
Table 1: Births and deaths, 2011- 2012

	2011	2012	change (%)
BIRTHS	106.428	100.371	-5,69
MALES	54.862	51.654	-5,85
FEMALES	51.566	48.717	-5,52
GREEK MOTHERS	87.426	84.851	-2,95
FOREIGNER MOTHERS	19.002	15.520	-18,32
BIRTHS IN MARRIAGE	98.579	92.731	-5,93
BIRTHS OUTSIDE MARRIAGE	7.849	7.640	-2,66
MEDIAN AGE OF WOMAN AT CHILDBIRTH	31,4	31,6	0,64
DEATHS	111.099	116.670	5,01
NATURAL CHANGE	-4.671	-16.299	
STILLBIRTHS	431	446	3,48
INFANTS DEATHS	357	293	-17,93
INFANT MORTALITY RATE	3,4	2,9	-14,71
MEDIAN AGE AT DEATH FOR MEN	74,82	74,79	-0,04

MEDIAN AGE AT DEATH FOR WOMEN	80,44	80,64	0,25
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Table 2: Births and deaths by region (NUTS 2) *, 2012

REGION	BIRTHS	DEATHS	CHANGE
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	5167	7372	-2205
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	17900	19788	-1888
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	1917	3468	-1551
THESSALIA	6529	8770	-2241
IPEIROS	3215	4205	-990
IONIA NISIA	1241	2741	-1500
DYTIKI ELLADA	5504	8445	-2941
STEREA ELLADA	1530	7110	-5580
PELOPONNISOS	2768	8179	-5411
ATTIKI	44305	35192	9113
VOREIO AIGAIO	1327	2528	-1201
NOTIO AIGAIO	2046	2717	-671
KRITI	6922	6155	767
TOTAL	100371	116670	-16299

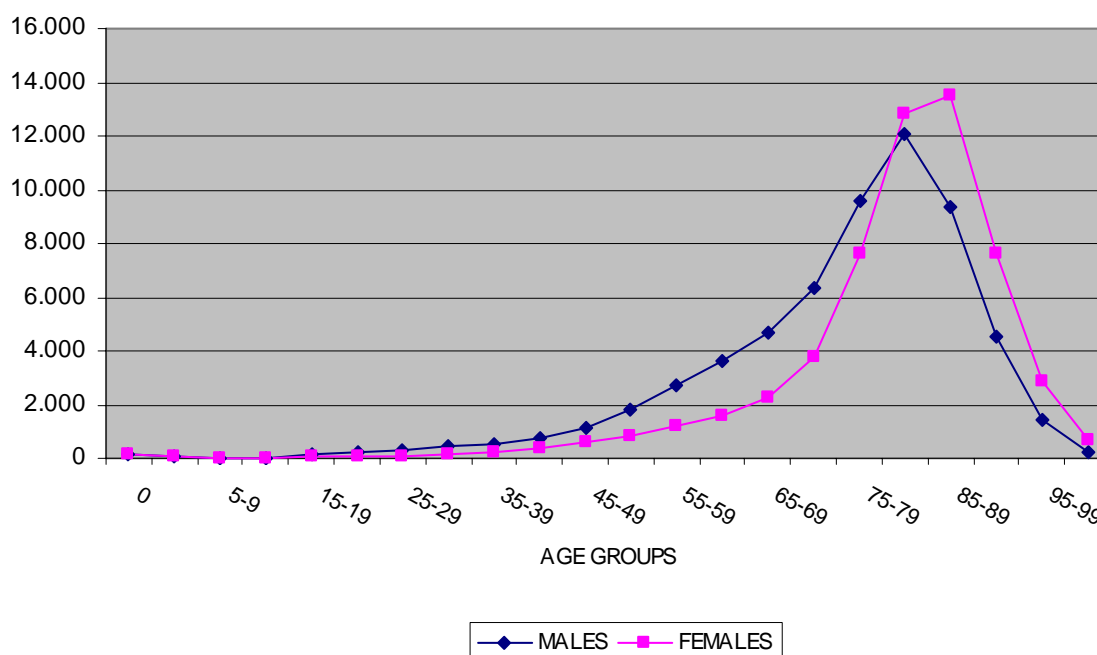


* Place where the vital event occurred

Table 3: Deaths by sex and age groups, 2012-2011

	2012			2011		
	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES
TOTAL	116670	60137	56533	111.099	57.999	53.100
Under 1 year of age	293	168	125	357	197	160
1-4	77	38	39	80	50	30
5-9	53	30	23	55	34	21
10-14	48	30	18	73	37	36
15-19	181	135	46	186	129	57
20-24	328	261	67	364	280	84
25-29	377	289	88	429	341	88
30-34	583	427	156	574	410	164
35-39	722	517	206	727	491	236
40-44	1129	776	353	1.143	810	333
45-49	1708	1125	583	1.747	1.198	549
50-54	2640	1780	860	2.648	1.832	816
55-59	3899	2712	1187	3.794	2.653	1.141
60-64	5165	3606	1559	5.071	3.469	1.602
65-69	6965	4674	2291	6.404	4.339	2.065
70-74	10082	6322	3760	10.238	6.416	3.822
75-79	17233	9581	7652	16.923	9.484	7.439
80-84	24937	12087	12850	23.684	11.426	12.258
85+	40250	15579	24671	36.602	14.403	22.199

GRAPH 2: DEATHS BY AGE GROUPS



III. MARRIAGES – REGISTERED PARTNERSHIPS:

The *number of marriages* fell to 49.710 in 2012, in comparison with 55.099 in 2011, thus recording a decrease by 9,8% (Table 4).

The biggest decrease was recorded for *religious marriages* (-15,64%), which dropped from 28.427 in 2011 to 23.980 in 2012.

In contrast, *civil marriages* outnumbered religious ones by 3,6%. More specifically, out of 49.710 marriages, 23.980 were religious marriages (48,2%) and 25.730 (51,8%) were civil ones (Table 4).

The *median age of women at first marriage* was 29,6 years in 2012 in comparison with 29,4 years in 2011. The *median age of men at first marriage* was 32,5 years in 2012 while in 2011 it was 32,4 years. It should be noted that out of 49.710 marriages, the women who had their first marriage were 44.217, while the men were 43.779 and the ages of the spouses ranged from 13 to 80 years old (Table 5, Graph 3).

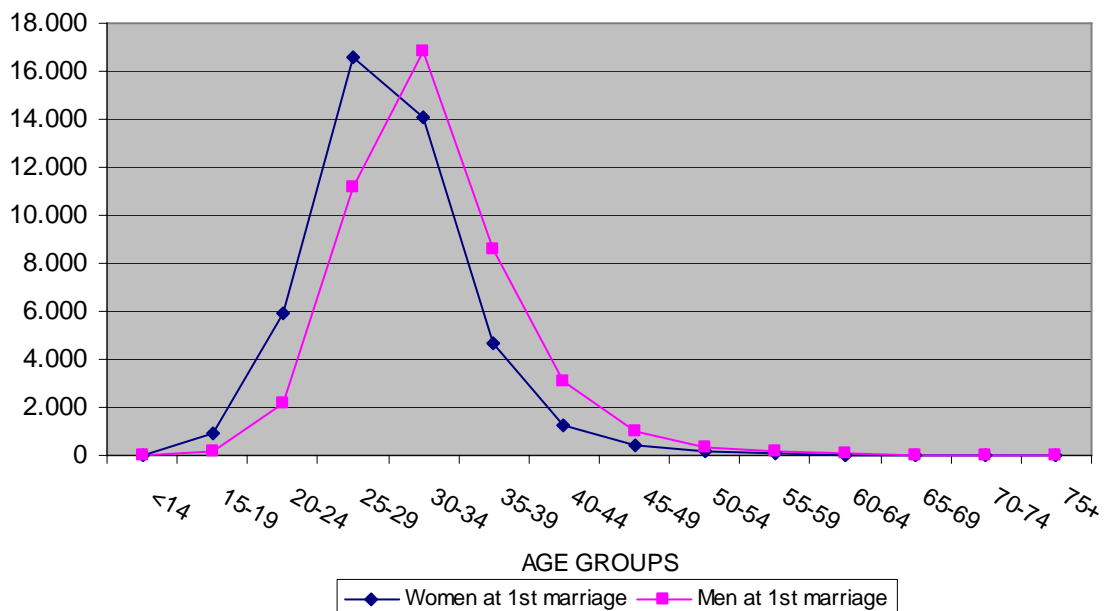
Table 4: Marriages – Registered Partnerships, 2011-2012

	MARRIAGES						REGISTERED PARTNERSHI PS
YEAR	TOTAL	RELIGIOUS	CIVIL	TOTAL	RELIGIOUS	CIVIL	TOTAL
2011	55.099	28.427	26.672	100	51.6%	48,40%	185
2012	49.710	23.980	25.730	100	48.2%	51.80%	314
<i>Change (%)</i>	-9,78	-15,64	-3,53				69,73

Table 5: Marriages by spouse's age at first marriage, 2012

Age groups	Women at first marriage	Men at first marriage
Up to 14 years of age	29	1
15-19	922	204
20-24	5.932	2.202
25-29	16.617	11.164
30-34	14.124	16.847
35-39	4.668	8.598
40-44	1.263	3.098
45-49	385	979
50-54	165	366
55-59	71	168
60-64	22	90
65-69	11	29
70-74	4	17
75+	4	16
TOTAL	44.217	43.779

GRAPH 3: MARRIAGES BY SPOUSE'S AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE. 2012



Finally, in 2012 the number of *registered partnerships* increased by 69,7% in comparison with 2011 (Table 4). During the period from 2009 (when the legislation on registered partnerships first came into force) to 2011, the number of registered partnerships was 161, 180, 185 and 314 respectively, i.e., 840 registered partnerships were recorded in Greece-total (Table 6).

Table 6: Registered Partnerships by region (NUTS 2), 2009- 2012

A/N	REGION	2009-2012	%
1	ATTIKI	545	64,88%
2	KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	78	9,29%
3	KRITI	50	5,95%
4	NOTIO AIGAIO	33	3,93%
5	THESSALIA	28	3,33%
6	IONIA NISIA	22	2,62%
7	PELOPONNISOS	16	1,90%
8	STEREA ELLADA	16	1,90%
9	DYTIKI ELLADA	16	1,90%
10	ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	10	1,19%
11	IPEIROS	10	1,19%
12	DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	9	1,07%
13	VOREIO AIGAIO	7	0,83%
	TOTAL	840	100,00%

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Vital Statistics The Vital Statistics Survey is being conducted under its current form since 1956. In cooperation with the Regional Statistical Offices of ELSTAT, personal statistical data on vital events are collected on a monthly basis from the Civil Register Offices all over Greece. The survey produces statistical results on a yearly basis.

Legal Framework The survey is fully harmonized with the European statistical practice. It 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".

Coverage The survey is a census survey and it covers all births, deaths, marriages and registered partnerships which occur all over Greece.

Reference period	1/1/2012 – 31/12/2012
Definitions	<p>Infant mortality rate: The ratio of the number of deaths of children under one year of age during the reference year to the number of live births in the same year. The value is expressed per 1000 live births.</p> <p>Neonatal mortality rate: The ratio of the number of deaths of infants under 28 days of age during the reference year to the number of live births in the same year. The value is expressed per 1000 live births.</p> <p>Perinatal mortality rate: The ratio of the numbers of deaths of infants less than 7 days of age (one week) during the reference year to the number of live births in the same year. The value is expressed per 1000 live 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 Civil Register Offices, undergo the necessary quality checks, and then they are processed and tabulated.
References	<p>More information (tables, graphs, methodology) is available on the website of ELSTAT:</p> <p>http://www.statistics.gr, at the link Statistical Themes>Vital Statistics ></p>