



PRESS RELEASE

SURVEY ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2017/2018

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces statistics on Special Education Schools, end of school year 2017/2018. This survey includes school units of formal education under the competency of the Ministry of Education and the Early Intervention Programmes of ELEPAP (Hellenic Society for the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Disabled Children). More specifically, the survey covers the school units of Pre-Primary/Primary Education (special kindergartens and special primary schools) and of Secondary Education (special lower and upper secondary education schools, special vocational lower and upper secondary education schools and special vocational education and training workshops). On the basis of the available survey data, it is observed that:

- a) The **number of school units of Pre-Primary and Primary Education** amounted to 297 in the school year 2017/2018 compared with 296 in the school year 2016/2017. The **number of school units of Secondary Education** amounted to 188 in the school year 2017/2018 compared with 161 in the school year 2016/17 (Table 1).
- b) **Teaching staff**, in the school year 2017/2018, increased by 12.9% in Pre-Primary and Primary Education and by 3.6% in Secondary Education, in comparison with the school year 2016/2017 (Table 2).
- c) The number of **pupils enrolled**, in the school year 2017/2018, increased by 3.2% in Pre-Primary and Primary Education and by 6.5% in Secondary Education, compared with the school year 2016/2017. Out of the total number of pupils enrolled, male pupils accounted for 67.0% and females for 33.0% (Tables 2 and 3).
- d) The most prevalent **special education need** among pupils enrolled was *intellectual disability*, accounting for 35.6%, followed by *autism* with 30.6% (Table 3).
- e) The **ratio of teaching staff to pupils** was 1 teacher per 2.69 pupils in the school year 2017/2018 compared with 1 teacher per 2.76 pupils in 2016/2017 (Table 2).
- f) The **Region of Attiki**, accounted for 34.6% of the total number of pupils enrolled in the Special Education School Units of Greece. The **Region of Kentriki Makedonia** follows with 17.0% (Table 2).

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More specifically, Table 1 and Chart 1 depict the number of Special Education School Units in the school years 2017/2018.

The following tables and charts depict data on pupil's population and teaching staff in the Special Education School Units of Greece.

Table 1. Number of school units by level of education, type of school unit and region

<i>By Level of Education and Type of School Unit</i>		
Level and Type of School Unit	Number of school units	
	2016/2017	2017/2018
Special Kindergarten	116	116
Special Primary School	180	181
TOTAL OF PRE-PRIMARY/PRIMARY EDUCATION	296	297
Special Lower Secondary Education School	9	8
Special Vocational Lower Secondary Education School	40	50
Special Vocational Education and Training Workshop	87	89
Special Upper Secondary Education School	5	5
Special Vocational Upper Secondary Education School	20	36
TOTAL OF SECONDARY EDUCATION	161	188
TOTAL	457	485
<i>By Region</i>		
Region (NUTS 2)	Number of school units	
	2016/2017	2017/2018
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	25	30
Kentriki Makedonia	82	83
Dytiki Makedonia	20	21
Thessalia	37	40
Ipeiros	18	19
Ionia Nisia	13	15
Dytiki Ellada	42	43
Stereia Ellada	25	26
Peloponnisos	24	24
Attiki	97	103
Voreio Aigaio	16	17
Notio Aigaio	21	26
Kriti	37	38
TOTAL	457	485

Chart 1. Number of school units by type, school year 2017/2018

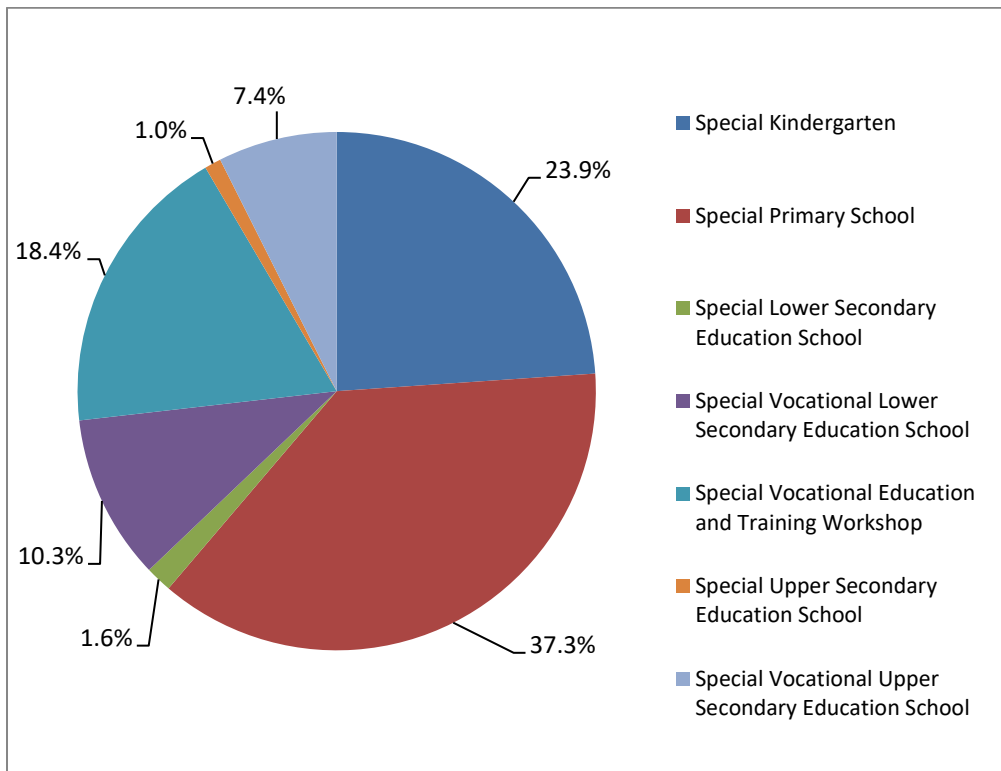


Table 2. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by level of education, type of school unit and region

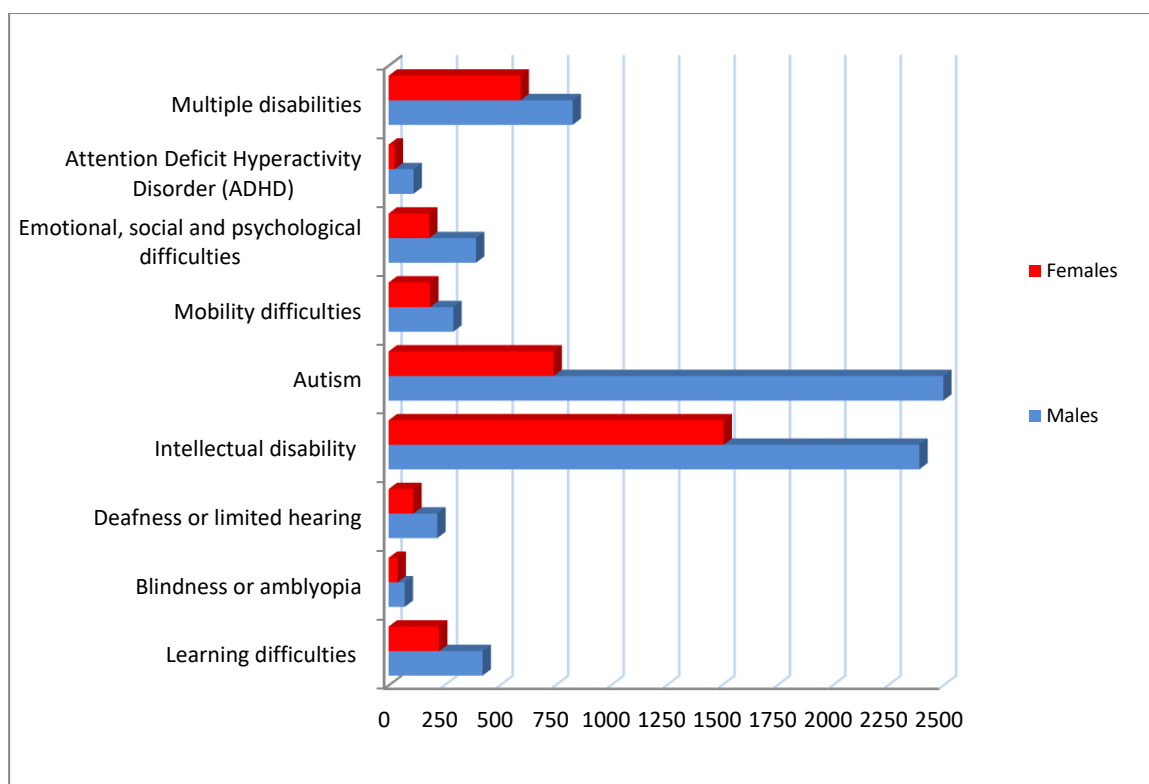
<i>By Level and Type of School Unit</i>						
Level and Type of School Unit	Pupils enrolled			Teaching Staff ¹		
	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)
Special Kindergarten	658	651	-1.1	226	225	-0.4
Special Primary School	3,996	4,150	3.9	1,406	1,618	15.1
TOTAL OF PRE-PRIMARY/PRIMARY EDUCATION	4,654	4,801	3.2	1,632	1,843	12.9
Special Lower Secondary Education School	294	238	-19.0	145	114	-21.4
Special Vocational Lower Secondary Education School	1,660	1,644	-1.0	622	708	13.8
Special Vocational Education and Training Workshop	3,141	3,168	0.9	1,286	1,299	1.0
Special Upper Secondary Education School	122	110	-9.8	17	25	47.1
Special Vocational Upper Secondary Education School	564	995	76.4	82	83	1.2
TOTAL OF SECONDARY EDUCATION	5,781	6,155	6.5	2,152	2,229	3.6
TOTAL	10,435	10,956	5.0	3,784	4,072	7.6
<i>By Region</i>						
Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching Staff		
	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	536	589	9.9	186	217	16.7
Kentriki Makedonia	1,770	1,867	5.5	759	803	5.8
Dytiki Makedonia	207	213	2.9	101	113	11.9
Thessalia	673	727	8.0	296	309	4.4
Ipeiros	251	290	15.5	97	110	13.4
Ionia Nisia	220	238	8.2	80	87	8.8
Dytiki Ellada	836	893	6.8	299	304	1.7
Stereia Ellada	551	574	4.2	211	213	0.9
Peloponnisos	535	515	-3.7	152	158	3.9
Attiki	3,644	3,796	4.2	1,127	1,275	13.1
Voreio Aigaio	180	187	3.9	89	86	-3.4
Notio Aigaio	270	300	11.1	102	108	5.9
Kriti	762	767	0.7	285	289	1.4
TOTAL	10,435	10,956	5.0	3,784	4,072	7.6

¹ In case that a Special Vocational Lower Secondary School operates together with a Special Vocation Upper Secondary School, the teaching staff is registered for the Special Vocational Lower Secondary School. The same applies for the Special Lower Education Schools which have classes of Special Upper Secondary Schools.

Table 3. Pupils enrolled by category of special education need² and sex

Category of special education need	Pupils enrolled					
	2016/2017			2017/2018		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Learning difficulties	538	373	165	650	423	227
Blindness or amblyopia	93	55	38	112	72	40
Deafness or limited hearing	330	214	116	330	219	111
Intellectual disability	3,791	2,341	1,450	3,900	2,392	1,508
Autism	3,116	2,407	709	3,350	2,608	742
Mobility difficulties	479	271	208	478	291	187
Emotional, social and psychological difficulties	560	367	193	575	393	182
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	100	79	21	139	112	27
Multiple disabilities	1,428	833	595	1,422	828	594
TOTAL	10,435	6,940	3,495	10,956	7,338	3,618

Chart 2. Pupils enrolled by category of special education need and sex, school year 2017/2018



² If a pupil encounters more than one special education need, he/she is registered only once, under the more serious need.

A. SPECIAL KINDERGARTENS

Table 4. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by sector and region

<i>By sector</i>						
School Units	Pupils enrolled			Teaching Staff		
	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)
Public	596	587	-1.5	212	206	-2.8
Legal Entities of Private Law ³	62	64	3.2	14	19	35.7
TOTAL	658	651	-1.1	226	225	-0.4
<i>By region</i>						
Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching Staff		
	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	29	35	20.7	8	11	37.5
Kentriki Makedonia	114	100	-12.3	46	33	-28.3
Dytiki Makedonia	18	15	-16.7	9	7	-22.2
Thessalia	31	32	3.2	19	17	-10.5
Ipeiros	18	19	5.6	7	8	14.3
Ionia Nisia	13	13	0.0	6	5	-16.7
Dytiki Elllada	69	67	-2.9	24	22	-8.3
Stereia Ellada	43	40	-7.0	12	14	16.7
Peloponnisos	28	23	-17.9	7	8	14.3
Attiki	219	225	2.7	61	71	16.4
Voreio Aigaio	18	14	-22.2	7	6	-14.3
Notio Aigaio	9	10	11.1	4	4	0.0
Kriti	49	58	18.4	16	19	18.8
TOTAL	658	651	-1.1	226	225	-0.4

³ Early Intervention Programmes of ELEPAP (Hellenic Society for the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Disabled Children) are addressed to pupils aged 4-7 years old with special education needs and are equivalent to pre-primary school units under the Ministry of Education (Law 3699/2008, Article 32, §1) .

B. SPECIAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Table 5. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by region

Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching staff		
	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	193	197	2.1	57	70	22.8
Kentriki Makedonia	633	656	3.6	257	305	18.7
Dytiki Makedonia	62	62	0.0	31	34	9.7
Thessalia	241	259	7.5	111	127	14.4
Ipeiros	107	114	6.5	43	40	-7.0
Ionia Nisia	79	88	11.4	24	31	29.2
Dytiki Ellada	321	331	3.1	111	112	0.9
Stereia Ellada	198	226	14.1	70	74	5.7
Peloponnisos	195	188	-3.6	56	62	10.7
Attiki	1,510	1,566	3.7	470	574	22.1
Voreio Aigaio	68	70	2.9	33	35	6.1
Notio Aigaio	112	113	0.9	40	43	7.5
Kriti	277	280	1.1	103	111	7.8
TOTAL	3,996	4,150	3.9	1,406	1,618	15.1

C. SPECIAL LOWER SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOOLS

(Including Special Lower Secondary Education Schools, Special Vocational Lower Secondary Education Schools and Special Vocational Education and Training Workshops)

Table 6. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by region

Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching staff ⁴		
	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	304	323	6.3	121	136	12.4
Kentriki Makedonia	872	879	0.8	428	435	1.6
Dytiki Makedonia	117	115	-1.7	61	72	18.0
Thessalia	307	300	-2.3	166	165	-0.6
Ipeiros	108	124	14.8	47	62	31.9
Ionia Nisia	128	123	-3.9	50	51	2.0
Dytiki Ellada	382	398	4.2	164	170	3.7
Stereia Ellada	268	260	-3.0	116	112	-3.4
Peloponnisos	299	280	-6.4	89	88	-1.1
Attiki	1,726	1,679	-2.7	562	587	4.4
Voreio Aigaio	94	103	9.6	49	45	-8.2
Notio Aigaio	145	137	-5.5	58	61	5.2
Kriti	345	329	-4.6	142	137	-3.5
TOTAL	5,095	5,050	-0.9	2,053	2,121	3.3

⁴ In case that a Special Vocational Lower Secondary School operates together with a Special Vocation Upper Secondary School, the teaching staff is registered for the Special Vocational Lower Secondary School. The same applies for the Special Lower Education Schools which have classes of Special Upper Secondary Schools.

D. SPECIAL UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOOLS

(Including Special Upper Secondary Education Schools and Special Vocational Upper Secondary Education Schools)

Table 7. Pupils enrolled and teaching staff by region

Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Teaching staff ⁵		
	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)	2016/17	2017/18	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	10	34	240.0	0	0	-
Kentriki Makedonia	151	232	53.6	28	30	7.1
Dytiki Makedonia	10	21	110.0	0	0	-
Thessalia	94	136	44.7	0	0	-
Ipeiros	18	33	83.3	0	0	-
Ionia Nisia	0	14	-	0	0	-
Dytiki Ellada	64	97	51.6	0	0	-
Stereia Ellada	42	48	14.3	13	13	0
Peloponnisos	13	24	84.6	0	0	-
Attiki	189	326	72.5	34	43	26.5
Voreio Aigaio	0	0	-	0	0	-
Notio Aigaio	4	40	900.0	0	0	-
Kriti	91	100	9.9	24	22	-8.3
TOTAL	686	1,105	61.1	99	108	9.1

⁵ In case a Special Lower Secondary School and a Special Upper Secondary School (Vocational or General) belong and operate under the same administration unit, the teaching staff of those schools is recorded as staff employed in the Lower Secondary School.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Special Education Schools

The special education school units of Pre-primary/Primary and Secondary Education are the following:

- Special Kindergartens
- Early Intervention Programmes of ELEPAP (Hellenic Society for the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Disabled Children) - Kindergartens
- Special Primary Schools
- Special Lower Secondary Education Schools
- Special Vocational Lower Secondary Education Schools
- Special Vocational Education and Training Workshops
- Special Upper Secondary Education School
- Special Vocational Upper Secondary Education School

This survey is conducted, on a yearly basis, aiming at collecting data on the number of pupils enrolled, the school units and the number of teaching staff.

Legal Frame

The survey is conducted by virtue of Regulation 452/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council and implementing Regulation 912/2013 of the European Commission.

Statistical Units

The statistical units are the school units of Special Education.

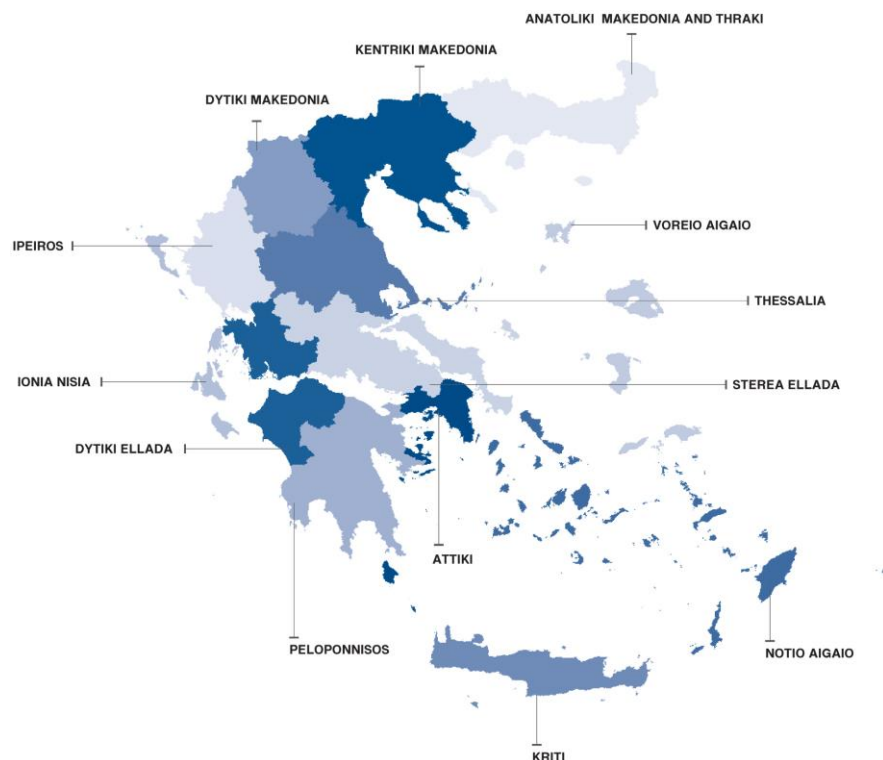
Coverage

Greece total.

Geographical Classification

The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics.

Map of the 13 Regions (NUTS 2) of Greece



Dissemination of results	The data are posted on a yearly basis on the website of ELSTAT and are published in a relevant Press Release.
Reference period	The data of the survey refer to the end of school year 2017/2018.
Methodology and coverage	The survey on Special Education Schools is an annual, census survey, conducted by ELSTAT. The data are collected from the questionnaires that are filled in by the relevant school units and subsequently they are checked and transmitted to ELSTAT by the relevant Directorates of Primary and Secondary Education of the Ministry.
References	More information, such as tables with the survey results, samples of questionnaires, etc. on the Survey on Special Education Schools, can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT www.statistics.gr , at the link: "Statistics"/ Population and Social Conditions / Education and Training /Special Education (end of the school year)".