

User Oriented quality report (2014)

Health Survey, year 2014

The Health Survey is part of the "European Health Interview Survey", to which all EU Member States participate. The survey is conducted every five years and it was conducted for the first time in 2009. The main purpose of the survey is to provide and study, at European and national level, analytical data on population health status, on health determinants and on the use of health services.

The survey is conducted pursuant to **Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008** of the European Parliament and of the Council, laying down issues concerning community statistics on public health and occupational health and safety, and pursuant to **Implementing Regulation (EC) No 141/2013** laying down the basic concepts and the variables included in the survey questionnaire. The survey was conducted in the last quarter of 2014 and covered all the private households throughout the country, irrespective of their size or socioeconomic characteristics.

Reference periods vary among the questions. More specifically, they are:

- **the day of the survey conduct**, for questions concerning employment status, health status, physical and sensory functional limitations, height/weight, etc.
- **last 12 months** before the day of the survey conduct, for chronic diseases/conditions, accidents and injuries, hospital health care, unmet needs for health care, etc.
- **last 4 weeks** before the day of the survey conduct, for pain, number of visits / consultations to doctors.
- **last 2 weeks** before the day of the survey conduct for medicines use, mental health.

The survey is a sample survey conducted on an initial sample of 9,936 households and was based on the 2011 Population Census. The total number of the surface area units of the sample was amounted to 1,265.

The multi-stage stratified sampling method was applied for the survey, with primary sampling unit the surface area (one or more city blocks or a small settlement), secondary unit the household and final unit the person aged 15 years and over (target-population).

In each Region (NUTS 2) the primary units were stratified into 8 strata on the basis of the degree of urbanization of the Municipal/Local Communes where they belong.

The former Greater Athens Area and the former Greater Thessaloniki Area were divided into 47 and 11, respectively, strata of about equal size (equal number of households) on the basis of the lists of city blocks of the Municipalities that constitute them and taking into consideration socio-economic criteria. The number of strata, deriving from the application of the stratification criteria amount to 151, which are homogenous strata, in terms of the survey characteristics.

In each homogenous stratum (final stratum), a sample of surface area units is selected with a probability which is proportionate to their size (number of households on the basis of the 2011 Population Census) from a sampling frame compiled on the data of the 2011 Population Census

Within the surface area units of the sample a sample of households is selected with equal probabilities of selection from an updated frame-list by applying the systematic sampling. Finally, within each household of the sample a person aged 15 and over is selected with equal probabilities of selection.

The weighting coefficients were calculated taking into consideration:

- a) the probability of selection of households and persons of the sample in each stratum, which is based on the Region and the urbanization degree of the Local Departments (151 strata)
- b) the size of the household (1,2,3,4+ members) by Great Geographic Area
- c) the gender and the age group of respondents (2 genders, 8 age groups) by Great Geographic Area.

In case the person selected to be surveyed was not able to provide information on account of health reasons, mental retarders, etc. or because he/she was temporarily absent from the house due to educational or work-related reasons, a proxy answer was accepted (someone else responded to the questionnaire). The total share of proxy answers amounts to 3.4%.

More information on the Health Survey (tables, graphs, methodology) are available on the webpage of the Hellenic Statistical Authority www.statistics.gr "Statistics / Population and Social conditions / Health / Health Survey".