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### SURVEY ON ACTS OF ADOPTION, 2018

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on Adoptions, with reference year the year 2018.

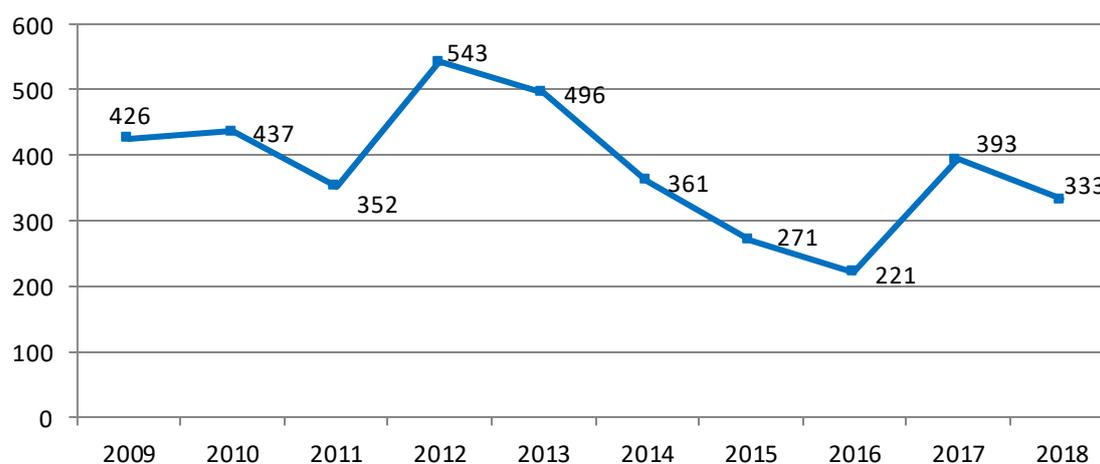
On the basis of available survey data, in 2018, the total number of acts of adoptions amounted to 333, recording a 15.3% decrease in comparison with 2017, when the number of acts of adoption was 393 (Table 1).

**Table 1. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions and adoptions of the International Social Service, 2017 and 2018**

Regions	2017	2018
Attiki	199	131
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	31	29
Voreia Ellada	120	105
Kentriki Ellada	43	38
Total	393	303
Adoptions under the International Social Service*	-	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>333</b>

\*Transnational adoptions under the Hague Convention. Until 2017 the data on transnational adoptions were included in the geographical breakdown of data by NUTS 1 regions. From 2018 onwards the relevant data are presented separately.

**Graph 1. Acts of adoption, 2009-2018**



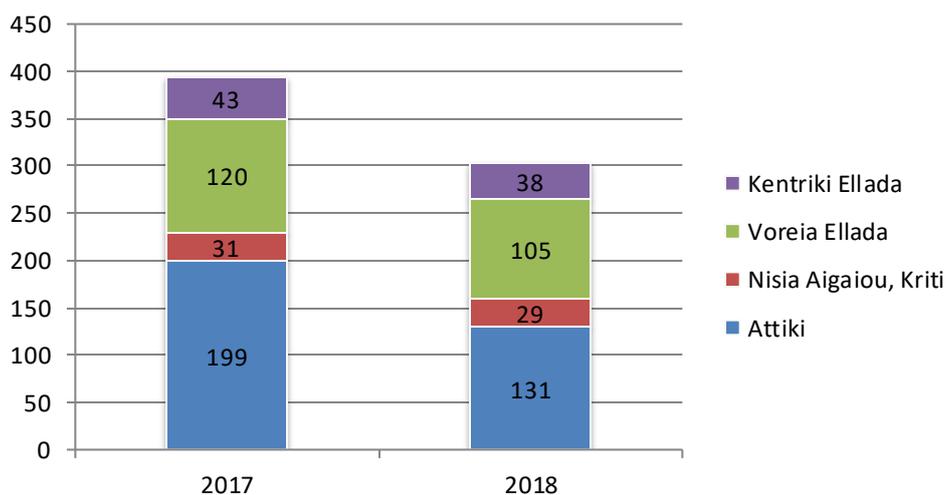
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**Graph 2. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions, 2017\* and 2018**



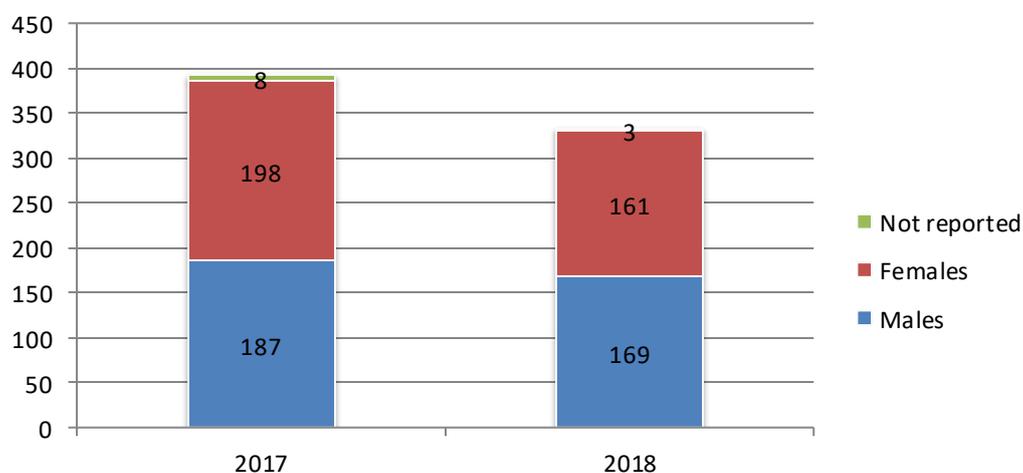
\* Until 2017 the data on transnational adoptions were included in the geographical breakdown of data by NUTS 1 regions.

Based on available Survey data, in 2018 the adoptions of females amounted to 161, while the adoptions of males to 169, recording a decrease of 18.7% and 9.6%, respectively, in comparison with 2017. (Table 2, Graph 3).

**Table 2. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2017 and 2018**

Gender	2017	2018	Change (%) 2018/2017
Males	187	169	-9.6
Females	198	161	-18.7
Not reported	8	3	-62.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>-15.3</b>

**Graph 3. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2017 and 2018**



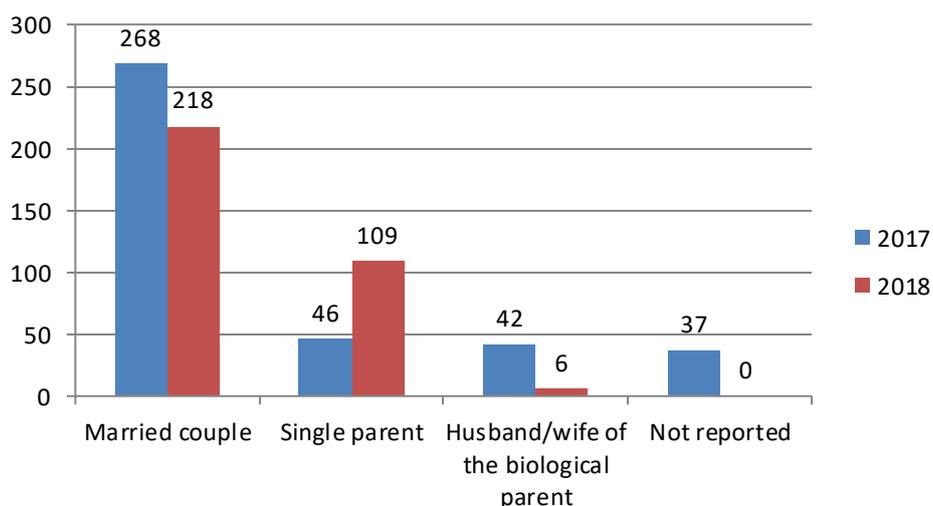
The adoptive parents are mostly married couples (husband and wife) (Table 3, Graph 4). In 2018, the adoptions by married couples decreased by 18.7% in comparison with 2017. A significant increase (137.0%) was recorded for adoptions by single parents (father or mother).

**Table 3. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2017 and 2018**

Type of adoptive parents	2017	2018	Change (%) 2018/2017
Married couple	268	218	-18.7
Single parent family <i>Of which<sup>(1)</sup></i>	46	109	137.0
<i>Only father</i>	-	56	
<i>Only mother</i>	-	53	
Husband/wife of the biological parent	42	6	-85.7
Not reported	37	0	-100
<b>Total</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>-15.3</b>

(1) Since 2018, there is a change in the categorisation on the "single parent" on the basis of the gender (only father, only mother) and, therefore, the relevant data for all categories are not comparable.

**Graph 4. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2017 and 2018**

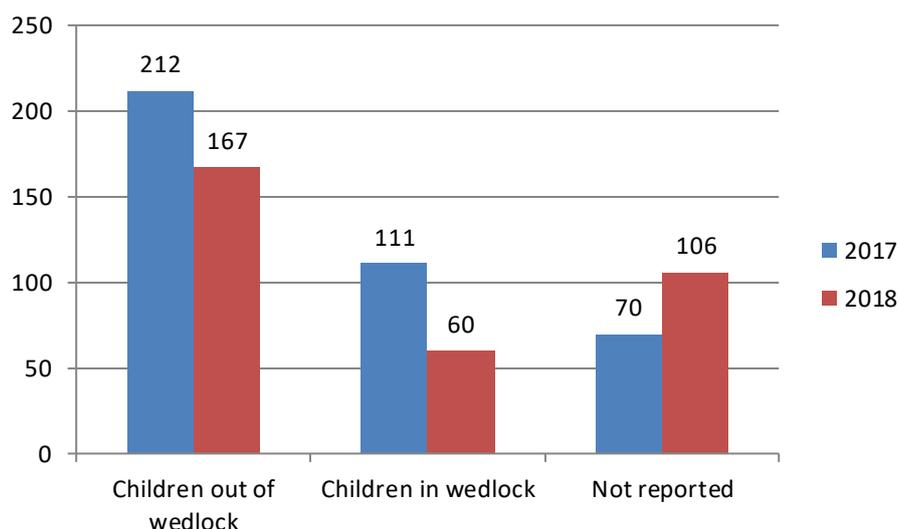


As regards the legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, on the basis of the available data it is observed that most of the adoptees are children out of wedlock (Table 4, Graph 5). A significant decrease observed in the number of adoptions in 2018, compared with 2017, was for children in wedlock, namely by 45.9%.

**Table 4. Acts of adoption by legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, 2017 and 2018**

Legal status	2017	2018	Change (%) 2018/2017
Children out of wedlock	212	167	-21.2
Children in wedlock	111	60	-45.9
Not reported	70	106	51.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>-15.3</b>

**Graph 5. Acts of adoption by legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, 2017 and 2018**

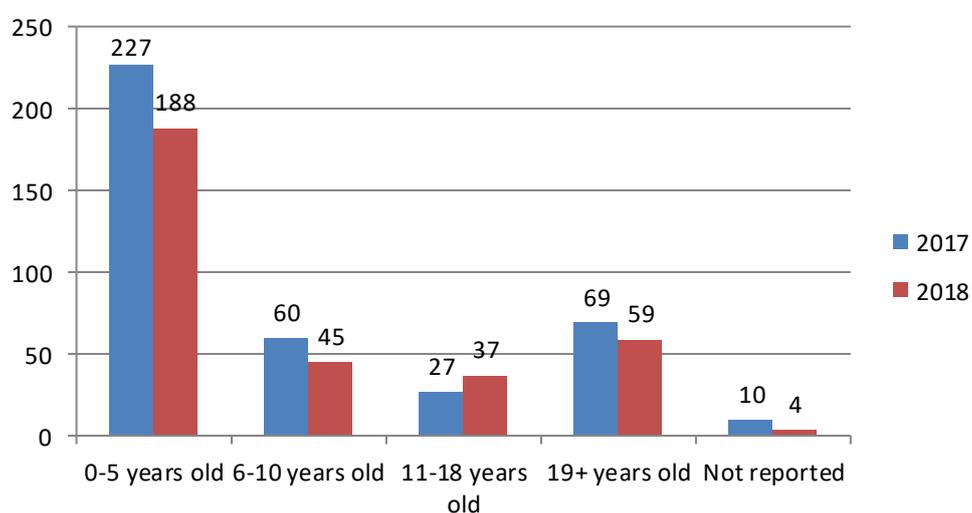


As regards the age of the adoptees, in 2018, the majority of acts of adoption (56.5%) refer to children belonging to the age group 0-5 years (Table 5, Graph 6). The biggest increase, in absolute values, in 2018 compared with 2017, is observed in the age group 11-18 years (37.0%).

**Table 5. Acts of adoptions by age group of adoptees, 2017 and 2018**

Age group	2017	2018	Change (%) 2017/2016
0-5	227	188	-17.2
6-10	60	45	-25.0
11-18	27	37	37.0
≥19	69	59	-14.5
Not reported	10	4	-60.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>-15.3</b>

**Graph 6. Acts of adoption by age group of adoptees, 2016 and 2017**



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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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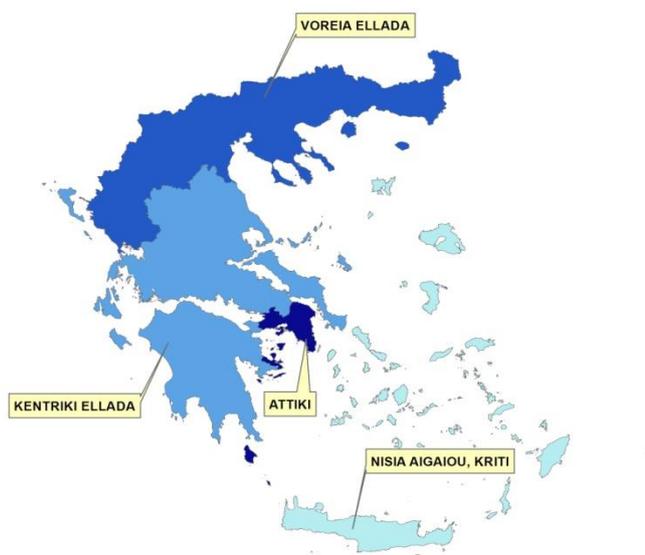
**Survey on acts of adoption** The number of acts of adoption is based on the judicial decisions recorded throughout Greece during one calendar year, by NUTS 1 Region, gender, age group, category of adopters and legal status of the adoptees.

**Reference period** The survey results refer to the period January-December 2018.

**Coverage** Greece total.  
NUTS 1 Regions in Table 1 are further broken down as follows:

- “Attiki”
- “Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti” includes islands of Voreio Aigaio, islands of Notio Aigaio and Kriti
- “Voreia Ellada” includes Anatoliki Makedonia and Thraki, Kentriki Makedonia, Dytiki Makedonia and Ipeiros.
- “Kentriki Ellada” includes Thessalia, Dytiki Ellada, Kentriki Ellada, Peloponnisos and Ionia Nisia.

### Maps of 4 NUTS 1 Regions of Greece



**Methodology** The survey is a census survey and the data derive from the National Register of Adoptions of the National Centre for Social Solidarity (EKKA). The category “not reported” includes adoptions for which basic information is available but the specific variable is missing.

**References** More information on the Survey on Acts of Adoption can be found on the website of ELSTAT at the following link: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/->