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### SURVEY ON ACTS OF ADOPTION, 2019

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on Adoptions, with reference year the year 2019.

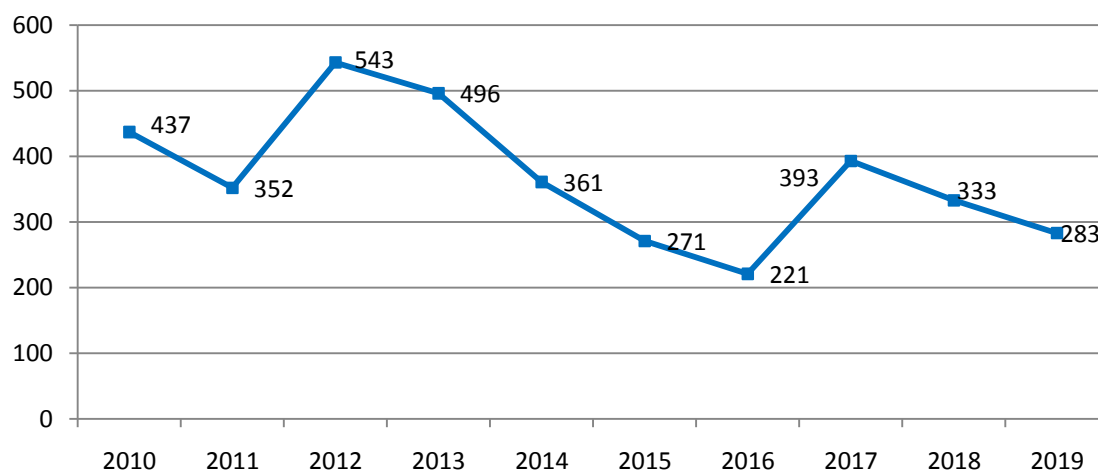
On the basis of available survey data, in 2019, the total number of acts of adoptions amounted to 283, recording a 15.0% decrease in comparison with 2018, when the number of acts of adoption was 333 (Table 1).

**Table 1. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions and adoptions of the International Social Service, 2018 and 2019**

Regions	2018	2019	Μεταβολή(%) 2019/2018
Attiki	131	153	16.8
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	29	15	-48.3
Voreia Ellada	105	78	-25.7
Kentriki Ellada	38	29	-23.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>- 9.2</b>
Adoptions under the International Social Service*	30	8	-73.3
<b>Γενικό σύνολο</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>-15.0</b>

\*Transnational adoptions under the Hague Convention.

**Graph 1. Acts of adoption, 2010-2019**



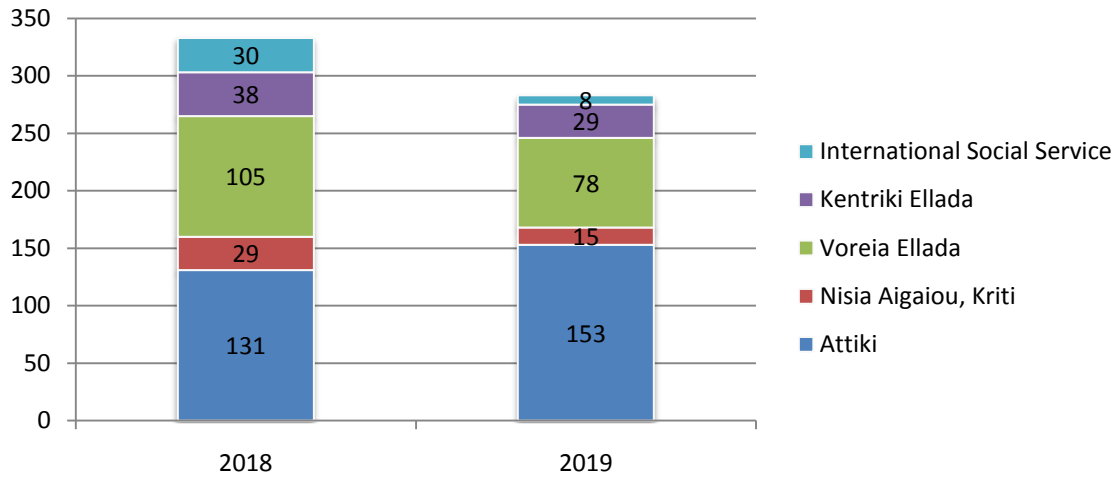
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**Graph 2. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions and adoptions of the International Social Service, 2018 and 2019**

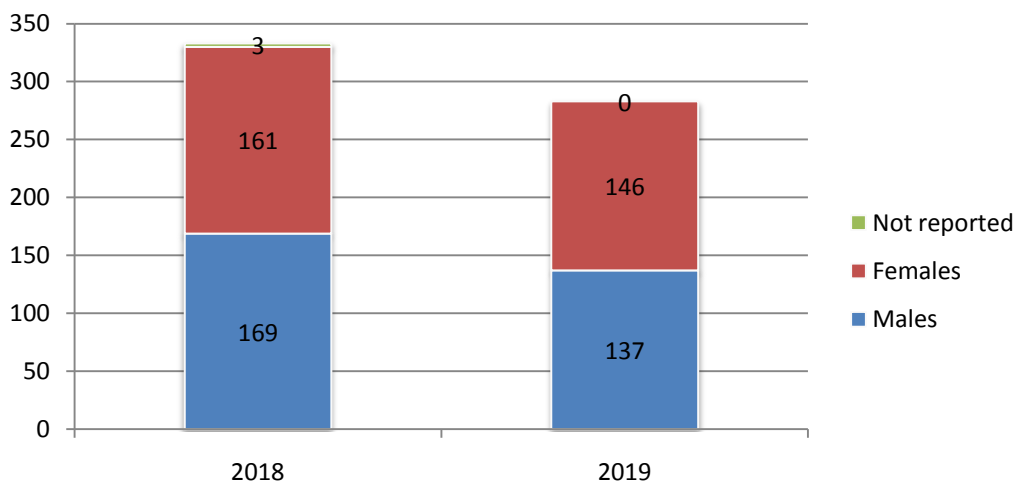


On the basis of available survey data, in 2019 the adoptions of females amounted to 146, while the adoptions of males to 137, recording a decrease of 9.3% and 18.9%, respectively, in comparison with 2018. (Table 2, Graph 3).

**Table 2. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2018 and 2019**

Gender	2018	2019	Change (%) 2019/2018
Males	169	137	-18.9
Females	161	146	-9.3
Not reported	3	0	-100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>-15.0</b>

**Graph 3. Acts of adoption by gender of adoptees, 2018 and 2019**

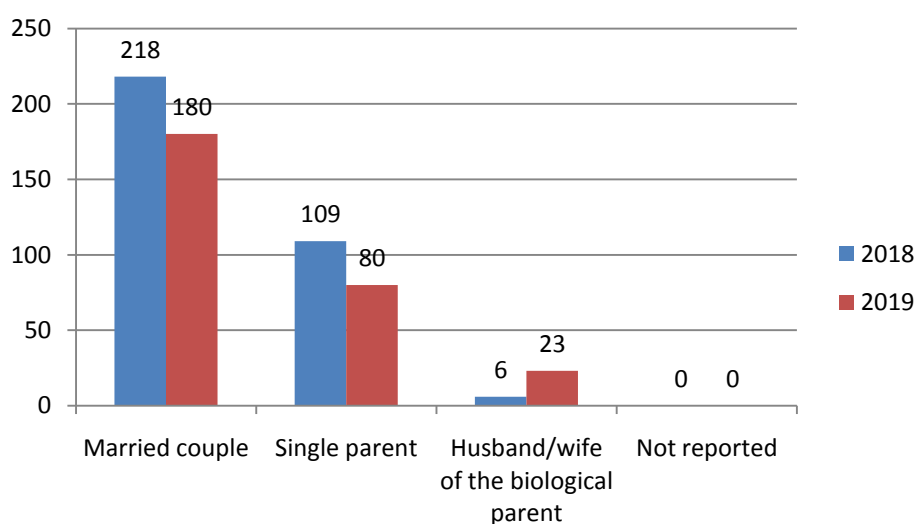


The adoptive parents are mostly married couples (husband and wife) (Table 3, Graph 4). In 2019, the adoptions by married couples decreased by 17.4% in comparison with 2018. A significant increase (283.3%) was recorded for adoptions by husband/wife of the biological parent.

**Table 3. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2018 and 2019**

Type of adoptive parents	2018	2019	Change (%) 2019/2018
Married couple	218	180	-17.4
Single parent family <i>Of which</i>	109	80	-26.6
<i>Only father</i>	56	45	-19.6
<i>Only mother</i>	53	35	-34.0
Husband/wife of the biological parent	6	23	283.3
Not reported	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>-15.0</b>

**Graph 4. Acts of adoption by type of adoptive parents, 2018 and 2019**

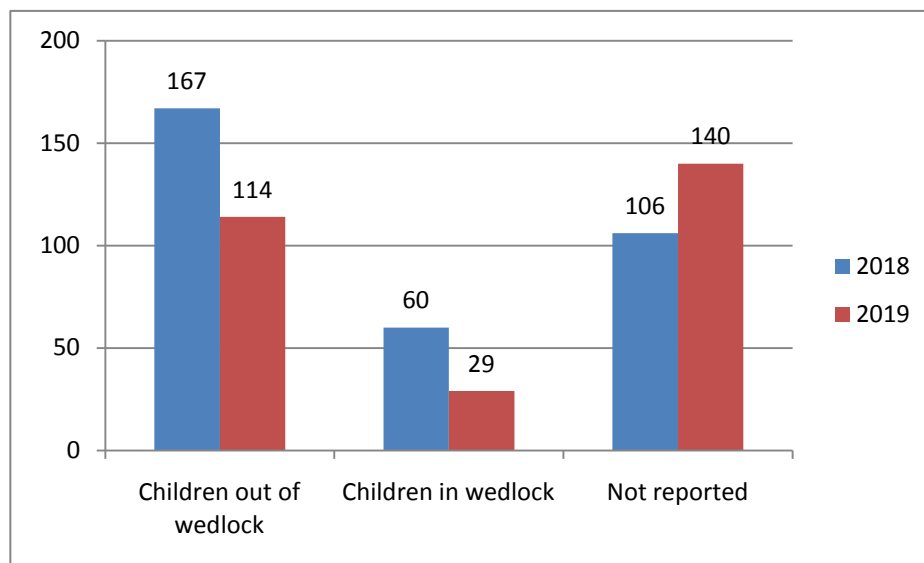


As regards the legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, on the basis of the available data it is observed that most of the adoptees are children out of wedlock (Table 4, Graph 5). A significant decrease observed in the number of adoptions in 2019, compared with 2018, was for children in wedlock, namely by 51.7%.

**Table 4. Acts of adoption by legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, 2018 and 2019**

Legal status	2018	2019	Change (%) 2019/2018
Children out of wedlock	167	114	-31.7
Children in wedlock	60	29	-51.7
Not reported	106	140	32.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>-15.0</b>

**Graph 5. Acts of adoption by legal status of the biological parents of the adoptees, 2018 and 2019**

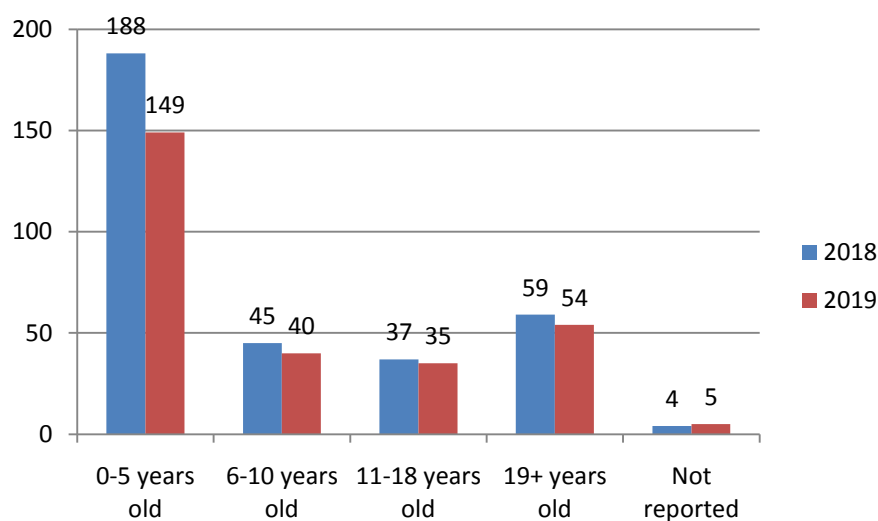


As regards the age of the adoptees, in 2019, the majority of acts of adoption (52.7%) refer to children belonging to the age group 0-5 years (Table 5, Graph 6). In 2019, it was observed a decrease in the number of adoptions in all age groups.

**Table 5. Acts of adoptions by age group of adoptees, 2018 and 2019**

Age group	2018	2019	Change (%) 2019/2018
0-5	188	149	-20.7
6-10	45	40	-11.1
11-18	37	35	-5.4
≥19	59	54	-8.5
Not reported	4	5	25.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>-15.0</b>

**Graph 6. Acts of adoption by age group of adoptees, 2018 and 2019**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**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.

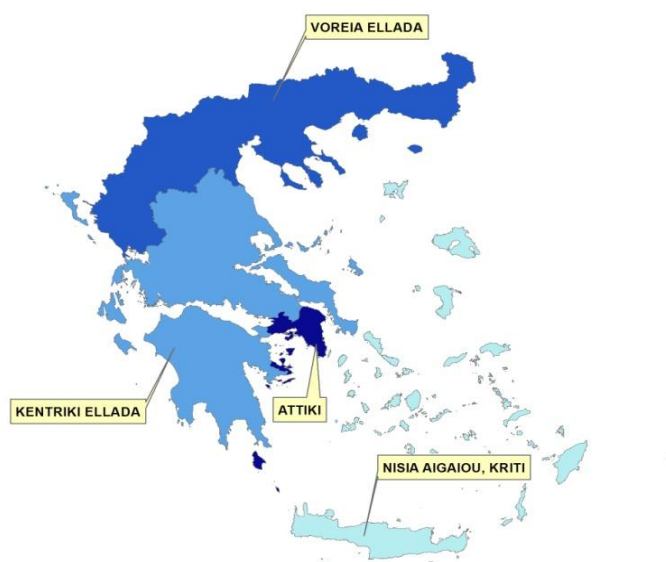
**Reference period** The survey results refer to the period January-December 2019.

**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/->