

## Adult Education Survey

### User oriented quality report

<b>Adult Education Survey</b>	<p>The Adult Education Survey (AES) has been conducted two times so far. The first wave (pilot) of the survey was carried out in 2007, and the second wave in 2012.</p> <p>The AES survey covers participation in education and lifelong learning activities (formal, non-formal and informal learning) including job-related activities, characteristics of learning activities, foreign language skills, and basic socio-economic of the respondents.</p>
<b>Institutional mandate</b>	<p>Adult Education Survey is harmonised with European legislation. The principal legal acts are: Regulation (EC) No 452/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning and Commission Regulation (EU) No 823/2010 of 17 September 2010 implementing Regulation No 452/2008.</p>
<b>Reference period</b>	<p>The Adult Education Survey's reference period for the main variables (participation in educational activities) is the 12 months before the date of the interview.</p>
<b>Coverage</b>	<p>Population 18 – 64 years old, residing in private households and staying (or intending to stay) at least 1 year in Greece. Individuals who permanently reside in collective houses (i.e. hospitals, hotels, asylums, homes for the elderly, orphanages, etc.) are not covered by the survey.</p>
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Learning activity:</b> any <b>organised</b> activity that is <b>targeted</b> to improve the knowledge and skills of a person.</p> <p><b>Adult education:</b> the whole spectrum of learning activities, of any content, level, and method, either officially recognised or not, either continuing or supplementing initial education, that are used by persons, who are considered as adults by society, in order to develop their competences, to enrich their knowledge, to improve their technical or professional skill, or to change their prospects.</p> <p><b>Formal educational system:</b> the institutionalised and hierarchically structured educational system that comprises all educational activities that belong to the National Framework of Qualifications.</p> <p>The formal educational system includes educational institutes that constitute a continuous "ladder" organised in levels (primary – secondary – tertiary), where the completion of one level is a prerequisite for the entrance in the higher level.</p> <p><b>Non-formal education:</b> any organised educational activity that does not belong to the formal educational system. It can be a single education activity or part of a wider set of activities that is addressed to specific persons with specific educational objectives.</p> <p>It may include a wide range of educational programmes, as adult education, seminars, conferences, private lessons, driving lessons, dance, music lessons, etc.</p>
<b>Methodology</b>	<p>Adult Education Survey's estimates are produced by a suitable unbiased estimator which takes into account: a) the probability of selection of every sampled household, b) the response rate in every primary sampling unit, c) the estimated population, based on 2001 Census results, allocated by NUTS II areas, gender and age group).</p>
<b>References</b>	<p>More detailed information on Adult Education Survey (methodology, tables, etc.) can be found at <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a>.</p>