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2. Metadata update

2.1 Metadata last certified	October 2022
2.2 Metadata last posted	October 2022
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3. Statistical presentation

3.1 Data description

The purpose of the survey Adoptions is to record the number of adoptions that have been recorded in Greece during one year, by geographical region, sex, category of adopters, category of adoptees and by age group of adoptees during the reference year.

The survey is a census survey.

The geographical classification system used is based on NUTS classification and data are presented at NUTS2 level (or Region).

The primary data of the Survey on Adoptions are based on administrative sources and they are provided on an annual basis as soon as they become available by the National Centre for Social Solidarity (E.K.K.A.), which belongs and it is supervised by the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Social Solidarity (Division of Social Interventions).

3.2 Classification system

The classification system used is the breakdown of adoptions by age group, geographical region, category of adoptees and by category of adopters.

The age of the adoptees is broken down in four age groups, as follows: 0-5, 6-10, 11-18 and 19+ years..

Geographical regions are broken down in the 13 regions Greece (NUTS 2), in accordance with NUTS.

The variable "adoptee" can have three values: "Children in wedlock", "Children out of wedlock" and "Unidentified".

The variable "adopter" can have four values: "Two married adopters", "Single-parent adopter", "Married adopter" and "Unidentified".

3.3 Sector coverage

All sectors of Social protection referring to Adoptions are covered.

3.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

The basic variables of the Survey on Adoptions are:

The annual number of adoptions by sex.

The annual number of adoptions by geographical region.

The annual number of adoptions by age group.

The annual number of adoptions by category of adoptees.

The annual number of adoptions by category of adopters.

The variable "adoptees" is classified as: "Children in wedlock", "Children out of wedlock" and «Unidentified». "Children in wedlock" shall mean the adoptees that come from a legal wedding, while "Children out of wedlock" shall mean the adoptees whose physical parents are not married.

The variable "adopter" can have four values: "Two married adopters", "Single-parent adopter", "Married Adopter" and "Unidentified

In the case of «Two married adopters», both the husband and the wife adopt the adoptee.

In the case of «single-parent adopter», a single parent who is not married adopts the adoptee.

In the case of the "married adopter", the adoptee is adopted only by the one spouse.

3.5 Statistical unit

The statistical units are all the adoptees in Greece.

3.6 Statistical population

The statistical population is the total number of Adoptions per year throughout Greece.

3.7 Reference area

The reference area is Greece total. Until 2010, the produced data were presented at the level of the geographical area. From 2011 onwards, data are presented at the level of the Region (NUTS2).

3.8 Time coverage

Time series are available for the years from 1999 to 2021. Survey data are available from the year back to 1967.

3.9 Base period

N/A

4. Unit of measure Top

The adoptee.

5. Reference period Top

Reference period of the adoptions is the calendar year when the adoption was recorded.

6. Institutional mandate Top

6.1 Legal acts and other agreements

The legal framework concerning the organization and operation of ELSTAT is detailed in the following link:

http://www.statistics.gr/en/legal-framework

6.2 Data sharing

N/A

7. Confidentiality Top

7.1 Confidentiality - policy

The issues concerning the observance of statistical confidentiality by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) are arranged by articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Law 3832/2010 as in force, by Articles 8, 10 and 11(2) of the Regulation on Statistical Obligations of the agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System and by Articles 10 and 15 of the Regulation on the Operation and Administration of ELSTAT.

More precisely:

ELSTAT disseminates the statistics in compliance with the statistical principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice and in particular with the principle of statistical confidentiality.

http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistical-confidentiality?inheritRedirect=true

Protection of personal data
ELSTAT abides by the commitments and obligations arising from the applicable EU and national legislation on the protection of the individual from the processing of personal data and the relevant decisions, guidelines and regulatory acts of the Hellenic Data Protection Authority.

Pursuant to the Regulation on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data [Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR)], ELSTAT implements the appropriate technical and organisational measures for ensuring adequate level of security against risks for the personal data it collects and has access to, in the context of carrying out its tasks, in order to meet the requirements of this Regulation and to protect these personal data from any unauthorised access or illegal processing.

The personal data collected by ELSTAT are used exclusively for purposes related to the conduct of surveys and the production of relevant statistics. Only ELSTAT has access to the data. The controller is the person appointed by law pursuant to the relevant provisions concerning the Legal Entities of Public Law and the Independent Authorities. The data are stored in the databases of ELSTAT for as long as required by the relevant legislation.

Legal basis of the processing: Article 6, para 1(c) and 1(d) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

https://www.statistics.gr/el/privacy-info

7.2 Confidentiality - data treatment

- ➢ ELSTAT protects and does not disseminate data it has obtained or it has access to, which enable the direct or indirect identification of the statistical units that have provided them by the disclosure of individual information directly received for statistical purposes or indirectly supplied from administrative or other sources. ELSTAT takes all appropriate preventive measures so as to render impossible the identification of individual statistical units by technical or other means that might reasonably be used by a third party. Statistical data that could potentially enable the identification of the statistical unit are disseminated by ELSTAT if and only if:

    a) these data have been treated, as it is specifically set out in the Regulation on Statistical Obligations of the agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS), in such a way that their dissemination does not prejudice statistical confidentiality or

    b) the statistical unit has given its consent, without any reservations, for the disclosure of data.

- ➢ The confidential data that are transmitted by ELSS agencies to ELSTAT are used exclusively for statistical purposes and the only persons who have the right to have access to these data are the personnel engaged in this task and appointed by an act of the President of ELSTAT.

- ➢ ELSTAT may grant researchers conducting statistical analyses for scientific purposes access to data that enable the indirect identification of the statistical units concerned. The access is granted provided the following conditions are satisfied:

    a) an appropriate request together with a detailed research proposal in conformity with current scientific standards have been submitted;

    b) the research proposal indicates in sufficient detail the set of data to be accessed, the methods of analyzing them, and the time needed for the research;

c) a contract specifying the conditions for access, the obligations of the researchers, the measures for respecting the confidentiality of statistical data and the sanctions in case of breach of these obligations has been signed by the individual researcher, by his/her institution, or by the organization commissioning the research, as the case may be, and by ELSTAT.

➢ Issues referring to the observance of statistical confidentiality are examined by the Statistical Confidentiality Committee (SCC) operating in ELSTAT. The responsibilities of this Committee are to make recommendations to the President of ELSTAT on:

- the level of detail at which statistical data can be disseminated, so as the identification, either directly or indirectly, of the surveyed statistical unit is not possible;

- the anonymization criteria for the microdata provided to users;

- the granting to researchers access to confidential data for scientific purposes.

➢ The staff of ELSTAT, under any employment status, as well as the temporary survey workers who are employed for the collection of statistical data in statistical surveys conducted by ELSTAT, who acquire access by any means to confidential data, are bound by the principle of confidentiality and must use these data exclusively for the statistical purposes of ELSTAT. After the termination of their term of office, they are not allowed to use these data for any purpose.

➢ Violation of data confidentiality and/or statistical confidentiality by any civil servant or employee of ELSTAT constitutes the disciplinary offence of violation of duty and may be punished with the penalty of final dismissal.

➢ ELSTAT, by its decision, may impose a penalty amounting from ten thousand (10,000) up to two hundred thousand (200,000) euros to anyone who violates the confidentiality of data and/or statistical confidentiality. The penalty is always imposed after the hearing of the defense of the person liable for the breach, depending on the gravity and the repercussions of the violation. Any relapse constitutes an aggravating factor for the assessment of the administrative sanction.

➢ Pursuant to the Regulation on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data [Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 27 April 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR)], ELSTAT implements the appropriate technical and organisational measures for ensuring adequate level of security against risks for the personal data it collects and has access to, in the context of carrying out its tasks, in order to meet the requirements of this Regulation and to protect these personal data from any unauthorised access or illegal processing.

8. Release policy [Top]

8.1 Release calendar

Data, for reference year 2021 , released on the 1/11/2022.

8.2 Release calendar access

The press release calendar is available at http://www.statistics.gr/en/calendar#92017

8.3 User access

According to the legal framework of the European Community, ELSTAT publishes statistical data of the Survey on Adoptions on it's website in order for all independent users to have access. Consequently, all users are treated equally without permitting any access of any form on data by users prior to their announcement, provides to all users the following:

-Publishes the main tables with data on the following link:http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/-

- Above all published tabulated data, ELSTAT also provides data to users via ELSTAT's library.

9. Frequency of dissemination

Data are disseminated on a yearly basis.

10. Accessibility and clarity

10.1 News release

News releases are published on the ELSTAT's website.

10.2 Publications

Press releases are published on ELSTAT's website.

10.3 On-line database

Not available

10.3.1 Data tables - consultations

Total access to the website as regards to the above survey for the calendar year 2021 amounts to 3382 hits.

10.4 Micro-data access

The micro data are available upon request at:

Division of Statistical Information and Publications

46, Peireos & Eponiton str., 185 10 Piraeus

Tel. (+30) 213-1352173, FAX: (+30) 213-1352022

e-mail : data.dissem@statistics.gr

10.5 Other

http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/

10.5.1 Metadata – consultations

Not calculated. Last available data were validated on October 2022.

10.6 Documentation on methodology

There are no methodological notes, manuals or other tools available for the documentation on the methodology of the survey.

10.6.1 Metadata completeness – rate

The metadata completeness rate is 100%.

10.7 Quality documentation
No quality report is compiled.

11. Quality management

11.1 Quality assurance
In general, the quality policy is described in ELSTAT's Quality Policy at: http://www.statistics.gr/en/policies Quality checks mainly refer to comparisons between the available data of one year and the corresponding data of the previous years at the level of the Region and by age group of adoptees along with the results of the annual survey of the Final Issued Decisions by theme by the Courts of first instance, that is also conducted by ELSTAT.
11.2 Quality assessment
In the survey on Adoptions, there is no issue of geographic coverage errors (the survey covers Greece total), errors pertaining to the coverage of sectors and no sampling errors.

12. Relevance

12.1 User needs
Users are basically individuals or agencies relating to adoptions for professional or training – research purposes.
12.2 User satisfaction
http://www.statistics.gr/en/user-satisfaction-survey
12.3 Data completeness
The completeness of Adoptions survey is considered satisfactory on the basis of the users'needs.

13. Accuracy and reliability

13.1 Overall accuracy
Overall accuracy of the survey on adoptions is considered. Data refers to census and derive from the umber of adoptions that are registered by all Courts of first instant in Greece and are transmitted to ELSTAT from the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Social Solidarity and in particular, from the National Centre for Social Solidarity (E.K.K.A.) on an annual basis. The National Centre for Social Solidarity is also responsible for the update of the National Register of Adoptions.
13.2 Sampling error
There are no sampling errors since the survey is not conducted through sampling.
13.3 Non-sampling error
There are non-sampling errors . Coverage is complete and units are responsive overall.

13.3.1 Coverage error
The survey is a census survey. There is no coverage error.

13.3.1.1 Over-coverage – rate
No.

13.3.1.2 Common units – proportion

Not applicable, data are collected only from administrative sources.

13.3.2 Measurement error

Measurement errors can occur in the value of some variables and are corrected after ELSTAT's contact with the administrative source.

13.3.3 Processing error
No.

13.3.4 Model assumption error
Not applicate

14. Timeliness and punctuality

14.1 Timeliness
The final results are published approximately 200 days after the end (31/12) of the reference year.

14.2 Punctuality

Publication of data is timely and the statistical product is up-to date.

15. Coherence and comparability

15.1 Comparability - geographical

There is no issue of comparability since the same definitions during the recording of acts of adoption are used in all the geographical regions of Greece.
There is no contradiction in comparability with other countries given that the act of adoption is defined with the same manner from a legal point of view.

15.1.1 Assymetry for mirror flows statistics – coefficient

Not applicable.

15.2 Comparability over time

There is comparability over time as regards the produced data from 1999 onwards.

15.3 Coherence cross-domain

The results of the survey on adoptions are coherent with the corresponding variable " adoption" of the annual survey on the Final Issued Decisions of Courts of first instance by theme, outcome of the Courts of Appeal. Comparison of the results as regards the variable of the two surveys is represented at the below table, for the years 2010 and 2011.

Year	Survey on Adoptions	Cases presented & decisions issued, and the Courts of Appeal: Adoptions	Annual deviation rate between the surveys
2010	437	475	-8,7%
2011	352	317	9,9%

The final data of the above-mentioned survey on the Final Issued Decisions of Courts of first instance are published at ELSTAT's website, at:

http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SJU18

15.3.1 Coherence – sub annual and annual statistics

Not applicable; the survey is an annual survey.

15.3.2 Coherence – National Accounts

Not applicable; there are no common data with National Accounts.

15.4 Coherence - internal

The survey on adoptions is governed by a common framework both at the level of definitions and classifications over-time and by geographic reference with the exception of the aforementioned transmission from the Geographical Department to Geographic Region (NUTS2) between the years 2010 –2011. This adaptation on the Geographical System of Classification of the produced data, on the one hand, modernizes the framework of presentation of the produced data; on the other hand the administrative source (E.K.K.A.) submits them without having the ability to present the data by backcasting them for the previous years.

16. Cost and burden Top

Not calculated.

17. Data revision Top

17.1 Revision policy

The revision policy that is implemented by ELSTAT is presented on ELSTAT's website at:
http://www.statistics.gr/en/policies

17.2 Revision practice

ELSTAT's revision policy is implemented.

18. Statistical processing

18.1 Source data

The primary data of the survey on Adoptions are based on administrative sources and are available on an annual basis as soon as they become available by the National Centre for Social Solidarity (E.K.K.A.) that belongs to the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Social Solidarity (Division of Social Interventions), which is responsible to ensure completeness of data on the legal acts of adoptions by the Courts of first instance.

18.2 Frequency of data collection

The frequency of data collection is annual.

18.3 Data collection

Data are collected via post. The questionnaire is adjusted to the structure of the final tables in order for the data to be easily processed and corrected in order to fulfill data completeness.

18.4 Data validation

Data are validated by means of checking the source data mainly in terms of their consistency with the data of the previous year. Cases that are examined are those with significant fluctuations from year to year in the total number of adoptees by geographical region.

18.5 Data compilation

Primary data are processed for the compilation of final tables containing the number of Adoptees. No weights are performed and there is no model to be used.

18.5.1 Imputation – rate
Not applicable; the survey is a census survey.

18.6 Adjustment

No adjustment.

18.6.1 Seasonal adjustment

Not applicable.

19. Comment