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PRESS RELEASE

SURVEY ON ADOPTIONS, 2015

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces, for the first time through this Press Release, the data of the Survey on Adoptions, with reference year the year 2015. For comparability purposes, data for the year 2014 are also provided.

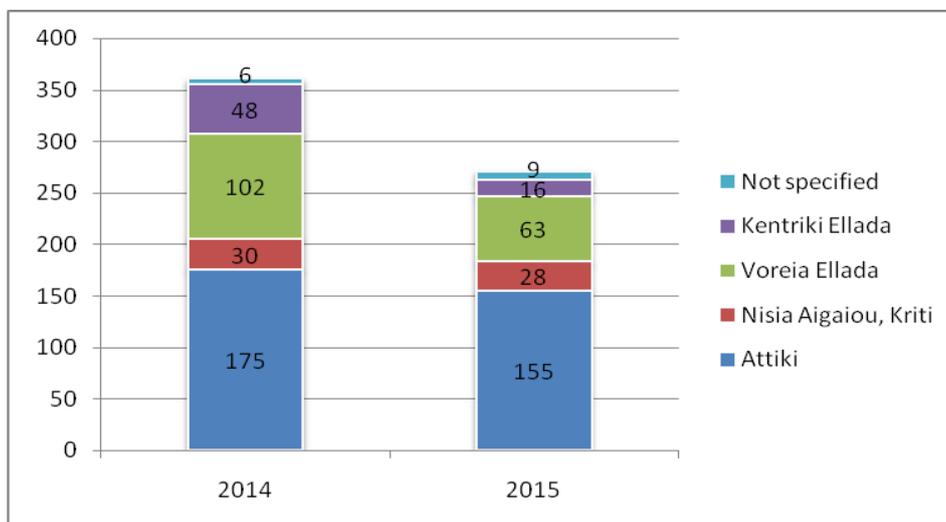
In 2015, the total number of acts of adoptions amounted to 271, recording a 24.9% decrease in comparison with 2014.

The biggest decrease is observed in Kentriki Ellada (-66.7%), while the smallest decrease is recorded in Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti (-6.7%) (Table 1, Graph 1).

Table 1. Acts of adoption by NUTS 1 Regions, 2014-2015

NUTS 1 Regions	2014	2015	%15/14
Attiki	175	155	-11,4
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	30	28	-6,7
Voreia Ellada	102	63	-38,2
Kentriki Ellada	48	16	-66,7
Not specified	6	9	50
Total	361	271	-24,9

Graph 1. Adoptions by NUTS 1 Regions, 2014-2015

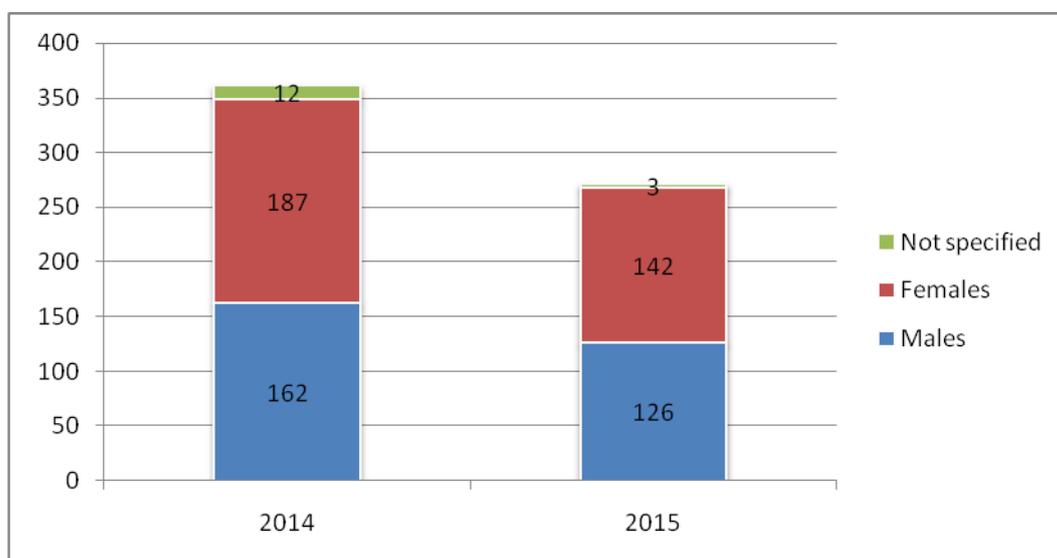


In 2015 compared with 2014, the adoptions of males recorded a decrease of 22.2% and almost the same trend is observed in the adoptions of females which recorded a 24.1% decrease (Table 2, Graph 2).

Table 2. Acts of adoptions by gender, Greece total, 2014-2015

Gender	2014	2015	%15/14
Males	162	126	-22,2
Females	187	142	-24,1
Not specified	12	3	-75
Total	361	271	-24,9

Graph 2. Adoptions by gender, Greece total, 2014-2015



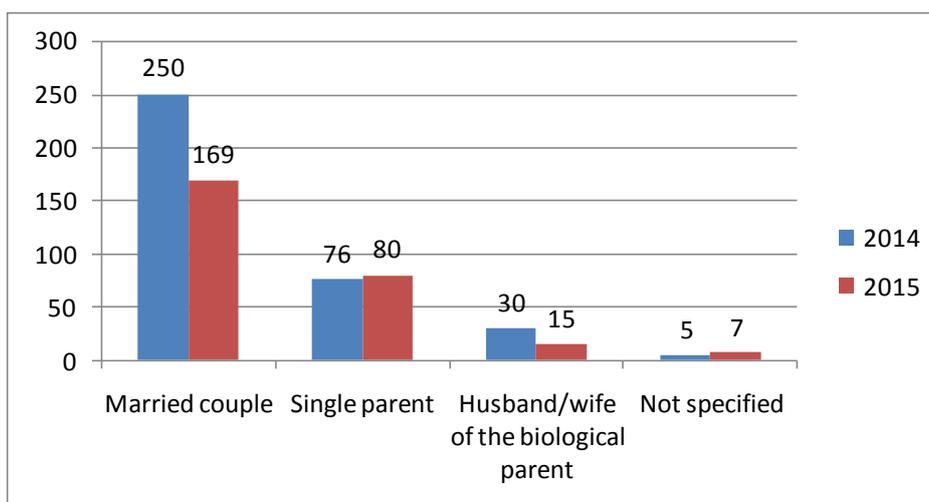
The adoptive parents are mostly married couples (husband and wife). In 2015, the adoptions by married couples decreased by 32.4% in comparison with 2014. The smallest number of adoptions is recorded for adoptions by parents who are husband/wife of the biological parent of the adoptee, which recorded a 50.0% decrease in 2015 compared with 2014. (Table 3, Graph 3.)

Table 3. Adoptions by type of adoptive parents, 2014-2015¹

Adoptive parents	2014	2015	%15/14
Married couple	250	169	-32,4
Single parent	76	80	5,3
Husband/wife of the biological parent	30	15	-50
Not specified	5	7	40
Total	361	271	-24,9

¹ As regards the categories of adoptive parents in Table 3, it should be noticed that: "married couple" refers to adoptions where the adoptive parents are husband and wife, "single parent" refers to adoptions where the adoptive parent represent a one-member family, "husband/wife of the biological parent" refers to adoptions where the adoptive parent is husband or wife of the biological parent of the adoptee.

Graph 3. Adoptions by type of adoptive parents, 2014-2015

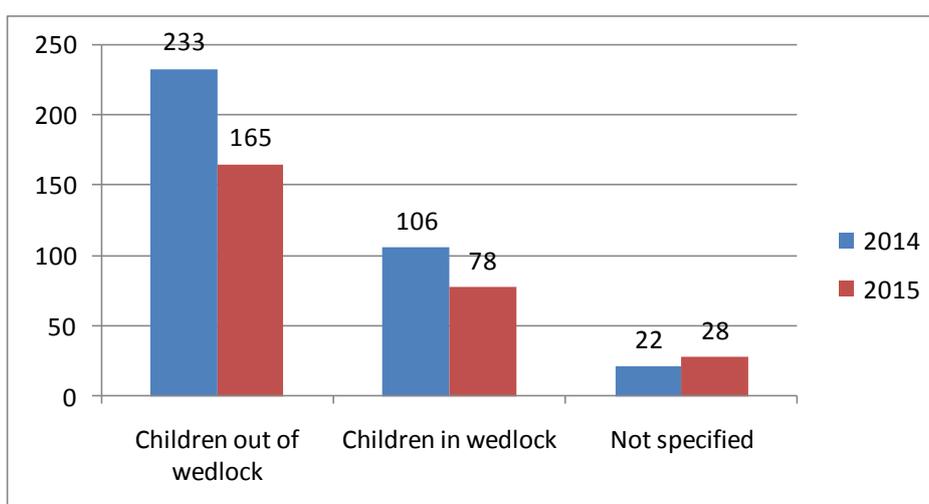


As regards the adoptees, on the basis of the available data it is observed that most of the adoptees are children out of wedlock. The decrease observed in the number of adoptions in 2015 compared with 2014 is almost the same for children out of wedlock (-29.2%) and for children in wedlock (-26.4%) (Table 4, Graph 4).

Table 4. Legal status of adoptees, 2014-2015

Type of adoptees	2014	2015	%15/14
Children out of wedlock	233	165	-29,2
Children in wedlock	106	78	-26,4
Not specified	22	28	27,3
Total	361	271	-24,9

Graph 4. Legal status of adoptees, 2014-2015

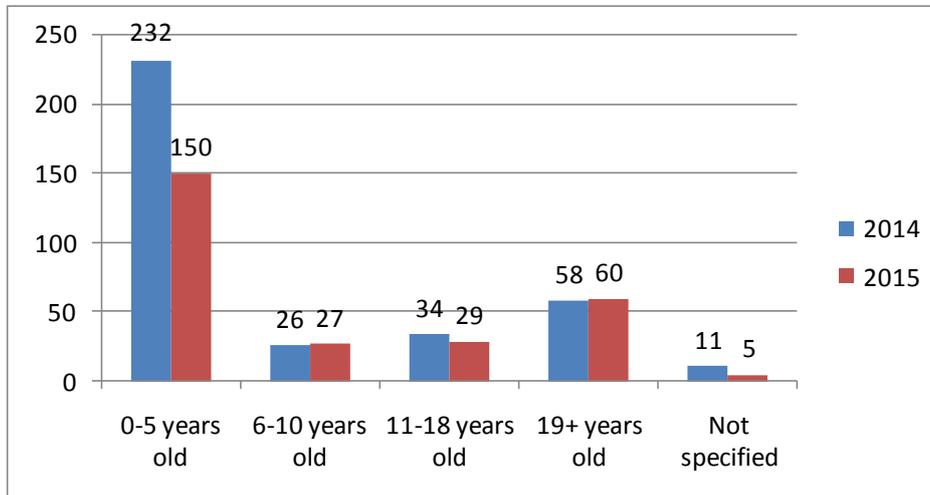


In 2015, the vast majority of the adoptees (55.35%) belong to the age group 0-5 years old and for this specific age group the biggest decrease is observed (-35.3%) in 2015 compared with 2014.(Table 5, Graph 5).

Table 5. Distribution of adoptees by age group, 2014-2015

Age group	2014	2015	%15/14
0-5 years old	232	150	-35,3
6-10 years old	26	27	3,8
11-18 years old	34	29	-14,7
19+ years old	58	60	3,4
Not specified	11	5	-54,5
Total	361	271	-24,9

Graph 5. Distribution of adoptees by age group, 2014-2015



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on adoptions	The number of adoptions is based on the judicial decisions recorded throughout Greece during one calendar year, by Region, gender, age group, category of adopters and legal status of adoptees.
Reference period	The survey results refer to the period January-December 2015.
Coverage	Greece total. NUTS 1 Regions in Table 1 are further broken down as follows: “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.
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 “unspecified” includes adoptions for which basic information is available but the specific variable is missing.
References	More information on the Survey on adoptions can be found on the website of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr) at the following link: http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE33/