



PRESS RELEASE

SURVEYS ON SECONDARY GENERAL EDUCATION (LOWER AND UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS) END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2018/2019

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on Secondary General Education (lower and upper secondary schools) deriving from the relevant surveys for the end of the school year 2018/2019. In the first part of this press release, data on lower and upper secondary education schools are presented and the second part includes data on the Ecclesiastical Secondary Education Schools and Second Chance Schools, as branches of the Secondary General Education.

GENERAL SECONDARY EDUCATION (LOWER AND UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS)

The data collected from the surveys on Secondary Education, pertaining to lower and upper secondary education schools can be summarized as follows:

- a) In lower secondary schools, **school units** in the school year 2018/2019 amounted to 1,824 while in 2017/2018 amounted 1,823. In upper secondary schools, **school units** in the school year 2018/2019 amounted to 1,352 compared with 1,345 in 2017/18 (Tables 2 and 4, respectively);
- b) **Teaching staff** in the school year 2018/2019 compared with 2017/2018 increased from 38,706 to 39,470 in lower secondary schools while it decreased from 23,970 to 23,652 in upper secondary schools (Tables 2 and 4, respectively);
- c) **The number of pupils enrolled** in the school year 2018/2019, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2017/2018, increased from 312,604 to 317,622 in lower secondary schools and from 245,811 to 254,351 in upper secondary schools (Tables 3 and 5, respectively);
- d) **The number of graduates** in the school year 2018/2019, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2017/2018, increased from 99,997 to 100,489 in lower secondary schools and from 79,887 to 81,918 in upper secondary schools (Tables 3 and 5, respectively);
- e) **The ratio of teaching staff to pupils**, in the school year 2018/2019, was 1 teacher for 8.0 pupils in lower secondary schools and 1 teacher for 10.8 pupils in upper secondary schools, while for the school year 2017/2018 the corresponding ratio was 1 to 8.1 and 1 to 10.3, respectively (Tables 2,3,4 and 5);
- f) The **Region of Attiki** accounted for the largest share of pupils enrolled in Secondary Education in Greece, with 34.6% in lower secondary schools and 35.0% in upper secondary schools (Graphs 2 and 3 respectively).

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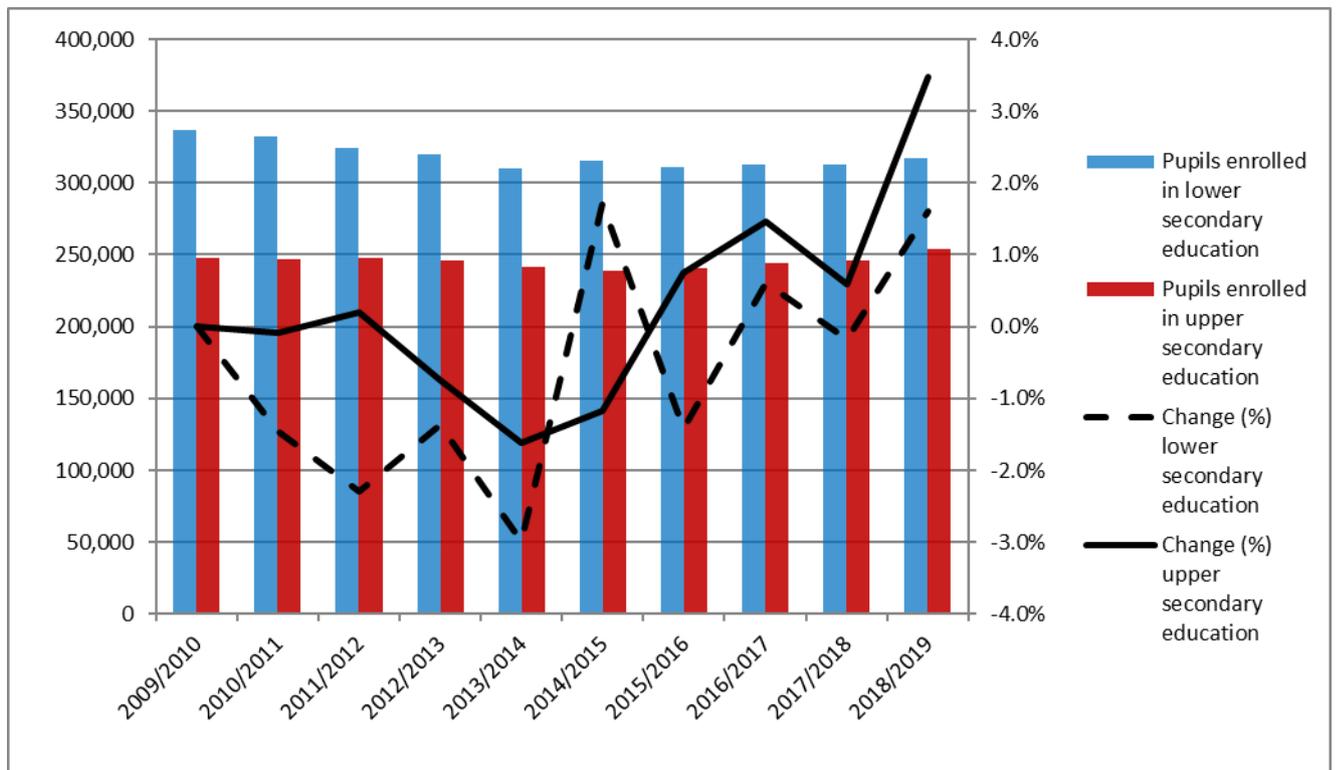
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More specifically, Table 1 and Graph 1 depict the evolution of pupil population in lower and upper secondary education during the period 2009/2010 - 2018/2019.

Table 1
Evolution of pupil population in Secondary Education 2009/10 – 2018/19

School year	Pupils enrolled ¹	
	Lower secondary education schools	Upper secondary education schools
2009/2010	336,938	247,441
2010/2011	332,005	247,209
2011/2012	324,402	247,717
2012/2013	319,950	245,892
2013/2014	310,389	241,905
2014/2015	315,702	239,055
2015/2016	311,236	240,852
2016/2017	313,130	244,386
2017/2018	312,604	245,811
2018/2019	317,622	254,351

Graph 1
Evolution of pupil population in Secondary Education 2009/10 – 2018/19



¹ Ecclesiastical secondary education schools and Second Chance schools are not included.

A. LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Tables 2 and 3 present data on the number of school units, teaching staff, pupils enrolled and graduates (Ecclesiastical Schools and Second Chance Schools are not included).

Table 2. School units and teaching staff ² (Lower secondary education)

<i>By Type of school unit</i>						
School units	Number of school units			Teaching staff		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)
Public	1,724	1,725	0.1	36,415	37,148	2.0
Private	99	99	0.0	2,291	2,322	1.4
TOTAL	1,823	1,824	0.1	38,706	39,470	2.0
<i>By Region</i>						
Region (NUTS 2)	Number of school units			Teaching staff		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	98	98	0.0	2,112	2,161	2.3
Kentriki Makedonia	294	293	-0.3	6,269	6,500	3.7
Dytiki Makedonia	67	69	3.0	1,133	1,178	4.0
Thessalia	125	126	0.8	2,874	2,971	3.4
Ipeiros	84	83	-1.2	1,373	1,407	2.5
Ionia Nisia	50	50	0.0	1,099	1,098	-0.1
Dytiki Ellada	143	142	-0.7	2,672	2,616	-2.1
Stereia Ellada	118	119	0.8	2,031	2,020	-0.5
Peloponnisos	112	111	-0.9	2,055	2,066	0.5
Attiki	484	484	0.0	11,903	12,211	2.6
Voreio Aigaio	53	54	1.9	982	1,007	2.5
Notio Aigaio	86	86	0.0	1,671	1,674	0.2
Kriti	109	109	0.0	2,532	2,561	1.1
TOTAL	1,823	1,824	0.1	38,706	39,470	2.0

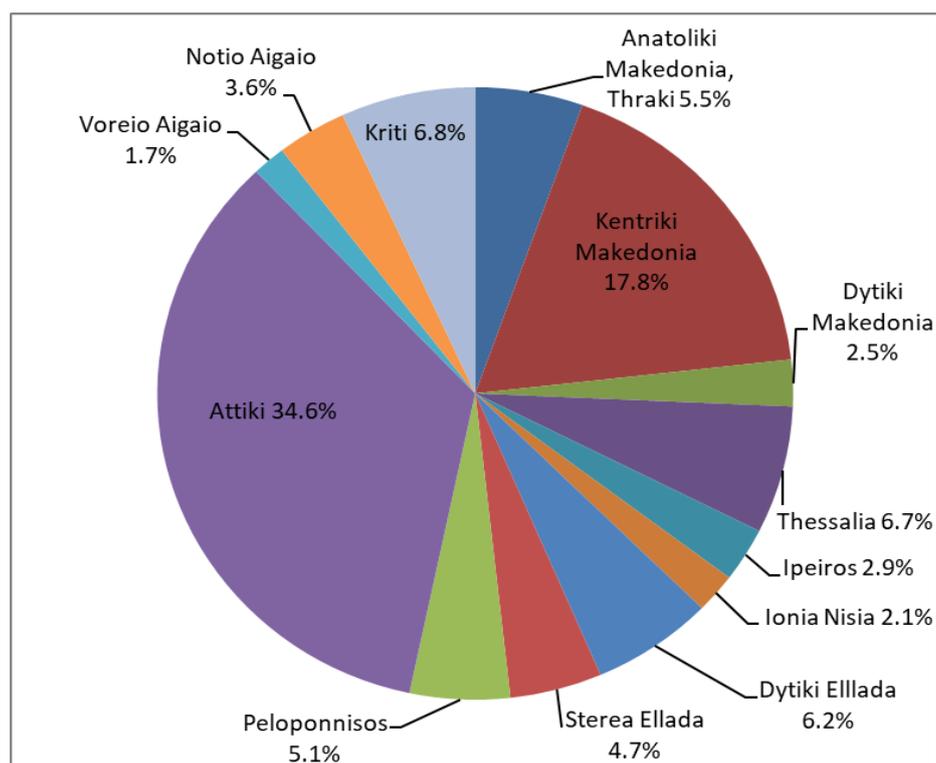
² Absent teachers are also included.

Absent teachers are the teachers with a fixed post in the school unit, who are absent for more than 20 days (due to illness, training, maternity leave, etc) and their replacement is pending, as well as the teachers who are seconded to other administrative posts of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs or elsewhere.

**Table 3. Pupils enrolled and graduates by type of school unit and NUTS 2 Region
(Lower Secondary Schools)**

<i>By Type of School Unit</i>						
School units	Pupils enrolled			Graduates		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)
Public	297,293	301,524	1.4	95,130	95,273	0.2
Private	15,311	16,098	5.1	4,867	5,216	7.2
TOTAL	312,604	317,622	1.6	99,997	100,489	0.5
<i>By Region</i>						
Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Graduates		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	17,297	17,392	0.5	5,322	5,307	-0.3
Kentriki Makedonia	55,295	56,383	2.0	17,773	17,947	1.0
Dytiki Makedonia	7,901	7,786	-1.5	2,654	2,511	-5.4
Thessalia	20,831	21,399	2.7	6,566	6,586	0.3
Ipeiros	8,662	9,058	4.6	2,716	2,869	5.6
Ionia Nisia	6,560	6,655	1.4	2,056	2,178	5.9
Dytiki Ellada	19,726	19,644	-0.4	6,342	6,256	-1.4
Stereia Ellada	14,818	14,870	0.4	4,863	4,763	-2.1
Peloponnisos	15,981	16,181	1.3	5,086	5,038	-0.9
Attiki	107,609	109,804	2.0	34,438	34,745	0.9
Voreio Aigaio	5,463	5,415	-0.9	1,758	1,749	-0.5
Notio Aigaio	11,109	11,292	1.6	3,614	3,608	-0.2
Kriti	21,352	21,743	1.8	6,809	6,932	1.8
TOTAL	312,604	317,622	1.6	99,997	100,489	0.5

Graph 2. Percentage distribution of pupils enrolled in lower secondary schools, by NUTS 2 Region, school year 2018/2019



B. UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Tables 4 and 5 present data on the number of school units, teaching staff, pupils enrolled and graduates (Ecclesiastical Schools are not included).

Table 4. School units and teaching staff ³ (Upper secondary schools)

<i>By Type of School Units</i>						
School units	Number of school units			Teaching staff		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)
Public	1,253	1,260	0.6	22,085	21,736	-1.6
Private	92	92	0.0	1,885	1,916	1.6
TOTAL	1,345	1,352	0.5	23,970	23,652	-1.3
<i>By Region</i>						
Region (NUTS 2)	Number of school units			Teaching staff		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	63	64	1.6	1,072	1,054	-1.7
Kentriki Makedonia	211	212	0.5	4,148	4,028	-2.9
Dytiki Makedonia	36	36	0.0	667	642	-3.7
Thessalia	98	98	0.0	1,554	1,503	-3.3
Ipeiros	52	52	0.0	846	836	-1.2
Ionia Nisia	36	36	0.0	504	484	-4.0
Dytiki Ellada	99	99	0.0	1,531	1,532	0.1
Stereia Ellada	92	92	0.0	1,058	1,072	1.3
Peloponnisos	89	90	1.1	1,260	1,239	-1.7
Attiki	382	385	0.8	8,660	8,628	-0.4
Voreio Aigaio	42	42	0.0	533	491	-7.9
Notio Aigaio	67	68	1.5	654	654	0.0
Kriti	78	78	0.0	1,483	1,489	0.4
TOTAL	1,345	1,352	0.5	23,970	23,652	-1.3

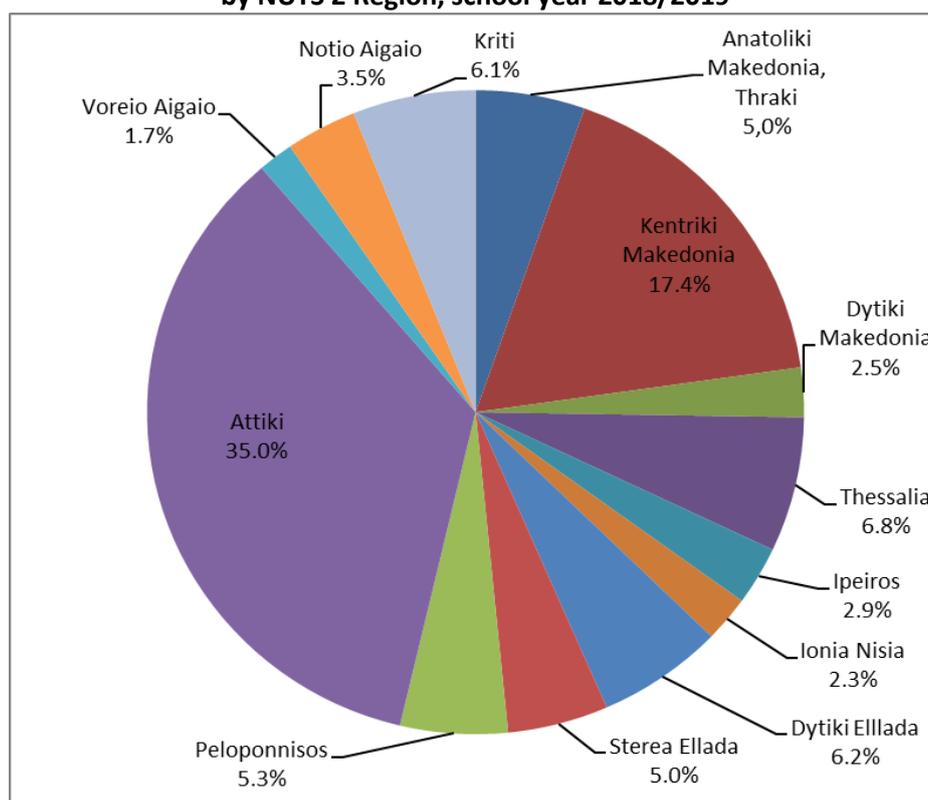
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Table 5. Pupils enrolled and graduates by type of school unit and NUTS 2 Region (Upper Secondary Schools)

<i>By Type of School Unit</i>						
School units	Pupils enrolled			Graduates		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)
Public	231,610	239,736	3.5	75,371	77,309	2.6
Private	14,201	14,615	2.9	4,516	4,609	2.1
TOTAL	245,811	254,351	3.5	79,887	81,918	2.5
<i>By Region</i>						
Region (NUTS 2)	Pupils enrolled			Graduates		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)	2017/18	2018/19	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	12,292	13,678	11.3	4,030	4,454	10.5
Kentriki Makedonia	43,930	44,239	0.7	14,367	14,505	1.0
Dytiki Makedonia	6,225	6,319	1.5	2,093	2,042	-2.4
Thessalia	16,098	17,205	6.9	5,216	5,488	5.2
Ipeiros	7,219	7,480	3.6	2,386	2,421	1.5
Ionia Nisia	5,146	5,839	13.5	1,682	1,893	12.5
Dytiki Ellada	15,185	15,781	3.9	5,021	4,990	-0.6
Stereia Ellada	11,729	12,616	7.6	3,787	4,067	7.4
Peloponnisos	12,668	13,438	6.1	4,193	4,429	5.6
Attiki	88,323	89,023	0.8	28,600	28,399	-0.7
Voreio Aigaio	4,245	4,419	4.1	1,396	1,408	0.9
Notio Aigaio	7,625	8,918	17.0	2,331	2,838	21.8
Kriti	15,126	15,396	1.8	4,785	4,984	4.2
TOTAL	245,811	254,351	3.5	79,887	81,918	2.5

Graph 3. Percentage distribution of pupils enrolled in upper secondary schools by NUTS 2 Region, school year 2018/2019



ECCLESIASTICAL SECONDARY EDUCATION (LOWER AND UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOLS)

The ecclesiastical lower and upper secondary schools constitute a separate branch of the Secondary General Education. More specifically:

- a) **The number of school units** in ecclesiastical secondary education remained the same between school years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 (Tables 6 and 7, respectively);
- b) **Teaching staff**, employed in both lower and upper secondary schools in the school year 2018/2019, compared with the school year 2017/2018, decreased by 7.9% (from 178 to 164 persons) (Table 8).
- c) **The number of pupils enrolled** in the school year 2018/2019, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2017/2018, recorded a 1.8% increase in ecclesiastical lower secondary schools and a 30.5% increase in ecclesiastical upper secondary schools (Tables 6 and 7, respectively);
- d) **The number of graduates** in the school year 2018/2019, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2017/2018, recorded a 2.9% increase in ecclesiastical lower secondary schools and a 26.9% increase in ecclesiastical upper secondary schools (Tables 6 and 7, respectively);

Table 6. Ecclesiastical Lower Secondary Schools

Pupils enrolled/Graduates and number of school units			
	School Year		Change (%)
	2017/18	2018/19	
Pupils enrolled	217	221	1.8
Graduates	70	72	2.9
Number of School Units⁴	7	7	0.0

Table 7. Ecclesiastical Upper Secondary Schools

Pupils enrolled/Graduates and number of school units			
	School Year		Change (%)
	2017/18	2018/19	
Pupils enrolled	525	685	30.5
Graduates	167	212	26.9
Number of School Units⁵	10	10	0.0

Table 8. Teaching Staff in Ecclesiastical Secondary Education

Teaching Staff			
	School Year		Change (%)
	2017/18	2018/19	
TOTAL	178	164	-7.9

⁴ All lower secondary schools include upper secondary school classes.

⁵ Lower secondary school units that host upper secondary school classes are included.

SECOND CHANCE SCHOOLS

Second Chance Schools are lower secondary education schools addressed to pupils that are over 18 years old. Data concerning the Second Chance Schools are presented for the school year 2018/2019 compared with school year 2017/2018 and the following can be observed:

- a) **School units** in the school year 2018/2019 compared with the school 2017/2018 increased by 7.7% (Table 9).
- b) In the school year 2018/2019 compared with the school 2017/2018, **teaching staff** increased by 16.5% (Table 10).
- c) **The number of pupils enrolled** in the school year 2018/2019, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2017/2018, recorded a 17.1% increase (Table 11).
- d) **The number of foreign pupils** in the school year 2018/2019, compared with the school year 2017/2018, increased by 4.6% (table 12).
- e) **The number of pupils of the second grade that graduated** in the school year 2018/2019, compared with the corresponding number in the school year 2017/2018, recorded a 9.3% increase (table 13).

Table 9. Number of school units of Second Chance Schools by type

Type of school unit	Total number of school units			Of which:					
				Central Unit			Branches		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change %	2017/18	2018/19	Change %	2017/18	2018/19	Change %
TOTAL	91	98	7.7	67	74	10.4	24	24	0.0
Day	11	10	-9.1	10	9	-10.0	1	1	0.0
Afternoon	80	88	10.0	57	65	14.0	23	23	0.0

Table 10. Number of teaching staff of Second Chance Schools, by status and gender

Status of teaching staff	Total			Males			Females		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change %	2017/18	2018/19	Change %	2017/18	2018/19	Change %
TOTAL	886	1,032	16.5	362	419	15.7	524	613	17.0
Principals	67	74	10.4	46	52	13.0	21	22	4.8
Vice Principals	63	74	17.5	33	44	33.3	30	30	0.0
Seconded permanent staff	248	253	2.0	122	110	-9.8	126	143	13.5
Fixed-Term Contract staff	508	631	24.2	161	213	32.3	347	418	20.5

Table 11. Number of pupils of Second Chance Schools by gender and grade

Grade	Total			Males			Females		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change %	2017/18	2018/19	Change %	2017/18	2018/19	Change %
TOTAL	5,432	6,360	17.1	3,196	3,648	14.1	2,236	2,712	21.3
Grade A	3,047	3,853	26.5	1,828	2,243	22.7	1,219	1,610	32.1
Grade B	2,385	2,507	5.1	1,368	1,405	2.7	1,017	1,102	8.4

Table 12. Number of foreign pupils of Second Chance Schools by gender and citizenship

Citizenship	Total			Males			Females		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change %	2017/18	2018/19	Change %	2017/18	2018/19	Change %
TOTAL	1,050	1,098	4.6	787	796	1.1	263	302	14.8
EU Member State	173	166	-4.0	116	116	0.0	57	50	-12.3
Outside the EU	877	919	4.8	671	675	0.6	206	244	18.4
Unknown citizenship	0	13	-	0	5	-	0	8	-

Table 13. Pupils of Second Chance Schools of the second grade that graduated, by gender and NUTS 2 Region

NUTS 2 Region	Total			Males			Females		
	2017/18	2018/19	Change %	2017/18	2018/19	Change %	2017/18	2018/19	Change %
TOTAL	1,851	2,023	9.3	1,005	1,095	9.0	846	928	9.7
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	195	166	-14.9	75	77	2.7	120	89	-25.8
Kentriki Makedonia	414	379	-8.5	205	196	-4.4	209	183	-12.4
Dytiki Makedonia	69	60	-13.0	44	22	-50.0	25	38	52.0
Ipeiros	92	112	21.7	54	47	-13.0	38	65	71.1
Thessalia	113	138	22.1	68	83	22.1	45	55	22.2
Stereia Ellada	149	164	10.1	89	104	16.9	60	60	0.0
Ionia Nisia	24	38	58.3	13	22	69.2	11	16	45.5
Dytiki Ellada	112	176	57.1	55	96	74.5	57	80	40.4
Peloponnisos	63	82	30.2	37	50	35.1	26	32	23.1
Attiki	301	319	6.0	168	179	6.5	133	140	5.3
Voreio Aigaio	113	163	44.2	64	92	43.8	49	71	44.9
Notio Aigaio	58	72	24.1	28	37	32.1	30	35	16.7
Kriti	148	154	4.1	105	90	-14.3	43	64	48.8

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on General Secondary Education General Secondary Education includes lower and upper secondary schools of general education, ecclesiastical secondary schools and second chance schools. The surveys are conducted, on a yearly basis, aiming at collecting data on the number of pupils enrolled, the school units and the number of teaching staff.

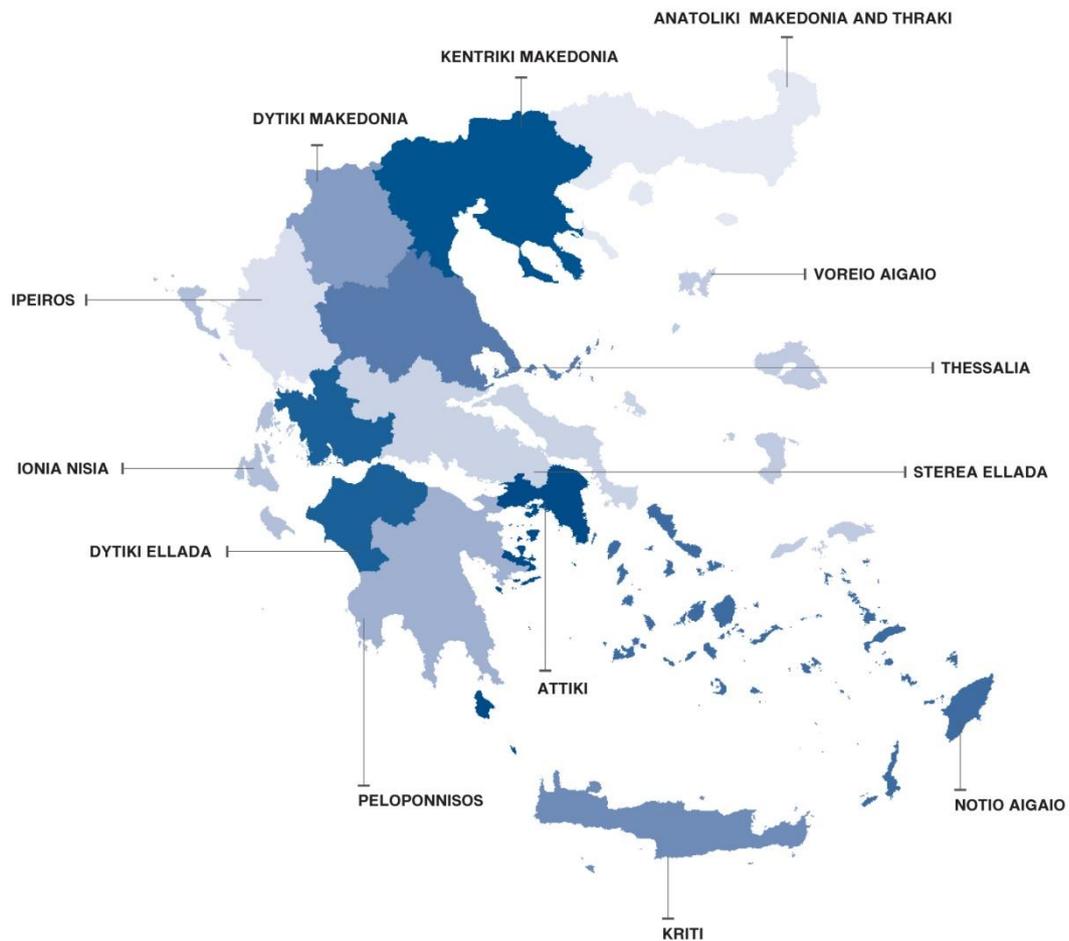
Legal Frame The surveys are conducted by virtue of Regulation 452/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council and implementing Regulation 912/2013 of the European Commission.

Statistical Units The statistical units are the school units.

Coverage Greece total.

Geographical Classification The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics.

Map of the 13 Regions (NUTS 2) of Greece



Dissemination of results	The data are posted on a yearly basis on the website of ELSTAT and are published in a relevant Press Release.
Reference period	The data of the surveys refer to the end of school year 2018/2019.
Methodology and coverage	<p>Until the school year 2013/2014, the surveys on General Secondary Education used to be census, yearly surveys and they were conducted by ELSTAT.</p> <p>For the school year 2014/2015 onwards the data of these surveys are collected as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – As regards public school units, the data were extracted from the “live” e-platform “MySchool” of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. – As regards private school units, the data were collected from the questionnaires that had been sent to the relevant school units. <p>For Second Chance Schools’ survey, questionnaires were sent to the schools.</p>
References	<p>More information, such as tables with the survey results, samples of questionnaires, etc, on the Survey on General Secondary Education can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT www.statistics.gr and at the link: “Statistics” / Population and Social Conditions / Education / Lower Secondary Education Schools (Beginning – End of school year) or Upper Secondary Education Schools (Beginning – End of school year)”.</p>