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### FOLLOW UP OF DATA ON PHARMACIES, PHARMACISTS AND WHOLESALE DRUGSTORES, YEAR 2019

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on Pharmacies, Pharmacists and Wholesale Drugstores for the year 2019.

During 2019, 10,324 pharmacies operated in Greece, and out of this number, 3,681 pharmacies (35.7%) were located in the Region of Attiki (Table 1). In comparison with 2018, the total number of pharmacies in Greece recorded an increase of 1.0% (104 pharmacies). More specifically, the biggest increase in absolute values was recorded in Kentriki Makedonia with 58 new pharmacies (3.0%), while the biggest decrease was observed in Notio Aigaio with 15 fewer pharmacies (-5.8%) (Table 1, Graph 1).

**Table 1. Number of pharmacies by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2017-2019**

Regions	2017	2018	2019	Percentage distribution (%) 2019	Change (%) 2018/2017	Change (%) 2019/2018
Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki	552	554	558	5.4	0.4	0.7
Kentriki Makedonia	1,971	1,917	1,975	19.1	-2.7	3.0
Dytiki Makedonia	249	242	239	2.3	-2.8	-1.2
Ipeiros	339	321	325	3.1	-5.3	1.2
Thessalia	811	784	798	7.7	-3.3	1.8
Ionia Nisia	189	184	191	1.9	-2.6	3.8
Dytiki Ellada	619	615	623	6.0	-0.6	1.3
Stereia Ellada	446	435	439	4.3	-2.5	0.9
Peloponnisos	501	493	504	4.9	-1.6	2.2
Attiki	3,722	3,684	3,681	35.7	-1.0	-0.1
Voreio Aigaio	178	177	182	1.8	-0.6	2.8
Notio Aigaio	284	258	243	2.4	-9.2	-5.8
Kriti	559	556	566	5.5	-0.5	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,420</b>	<b>10,220</b>	<b>10,324</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>

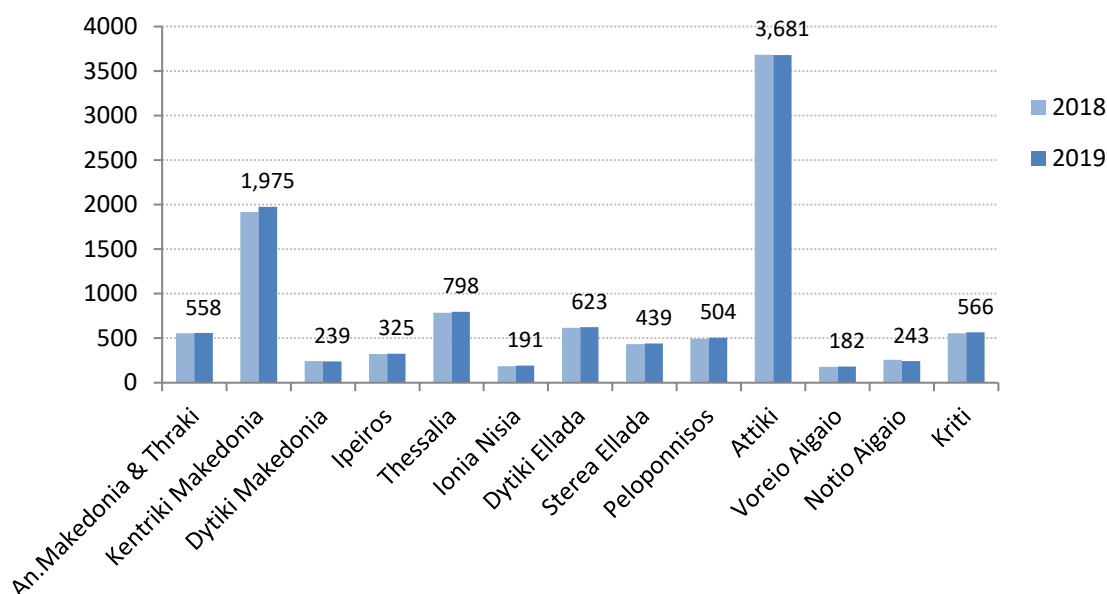
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**Graph 1. Number\* of pharmacies by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2018 and 2019**



\* The values on the graph refer to the year 2019.

Based on the number of pharmacies per Region, the ratio of pharmacies per 10,000 inhabitants was calculated, which for the year 2019 accounted to 9.6. More specifically, the Region with the biggest density of pharmacies in relation to its population was Thessalia (11.1), followed by Kentriki Makedonia (10.5), while the lowest density was recorded in Notio Aigaio (7.1) (Table 2).

**Table 2. Number of pharmacies per 10,000 inhabitants,  
by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2017-2019**

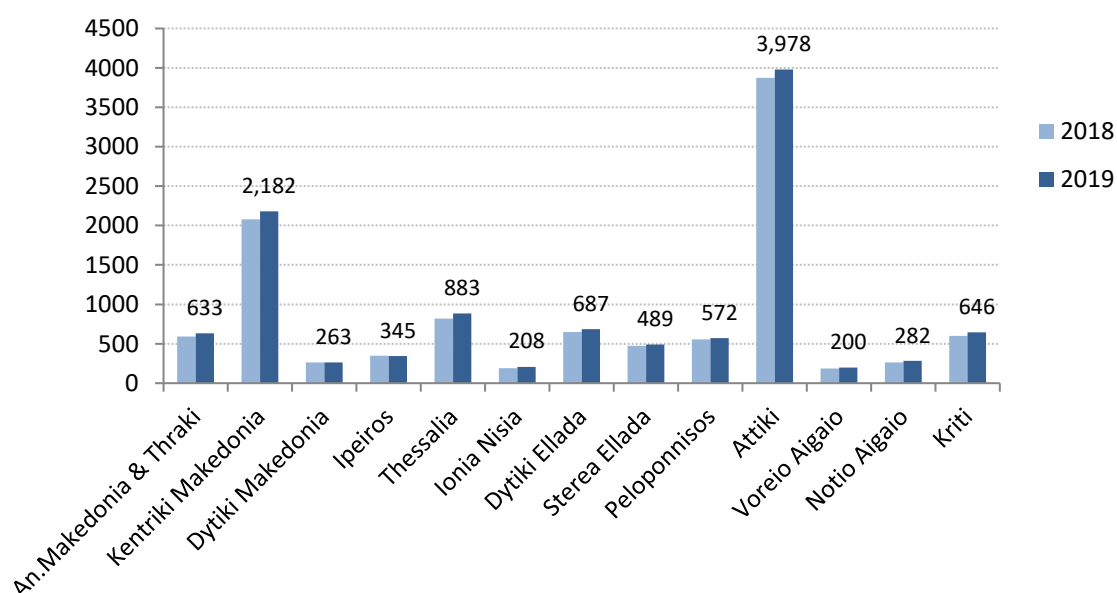
Regions	2017	2018	2019
Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki	9.2	9.2	9.3
Kentriki Makedonia	10.5	10.2	10.5
Dytiki Makedonia	9.2	9.0	9.0
Ipeiros	10.1	9.6	9.7
Thessalia	11.2	10.9	11.1
Ionia Nisia	9.2	9.0	9.4
Dytiki Ellada	9.3	9.3	9.5
Stereia Ellada	8.0	7.8	7.9
Peloponnisos	8.7	8.5	8.8
Attiki	9.9	9.8	9.8
Voreio Aigaio	8.7	8.4	8.2
Notio Aigaio	8.4	7.6	7.1
Kriti	8.8	8.8	8.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.6</b>

ELSTAT collected also data on the number of pharmacists (employed in pharmacies) for the year 2019 from the Panhellenic Association of Pharmacists, according to which, 11,368 pharmacists were employed in pharmacies all over Greece compared with 10,898 in 2018, presenting an increase of 4.3% (Table 3, Graph 2).

**Table 3. Number of pharmacists, by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2017 - 2019**

	2017	2018	2019	Percentage distribution (%) 2019	Change % 2018/2017	Change % 2019/2018	Pharmacists per 10,000 inhabitants 2019
Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki	625	591	633	5.6	-5.4	7.1	10.6
Kentriki Makedonia	2,179	2,080	2,182	19.2	-4.5	4.9	11.6
Dytiki Makedonia	270	263	263	2.3	-2.6	0.0	9.8
Ipeiros	352	349	345	3.0	-0.9	-1.1	10.3
Thessalia	848	819	883	7.8	-3.4	7.8	12.3
Ionia Nisia	200	191	208	1.8	-4.5	8.9	10.2
Dytiki Ellada	670	649	687	6.0	-3.1	5.9	10.5
Stereia Ellada	479	475	489	4.3	-0.8	2.9	8.8
Peloponnisos	563	556	572	5.0	-1.2	2.9	10.0
Attiki	3,946	3,875	3,978	35.0	-1.8	2.7	10.6
Voreio Aigaio	191	185	200	1.8	-3.1	8.1	9.0
Notio Aigaio	304	265	282	2.5	-12.8	6.4	8.2
Kriti	624	600	646	5.7	-3.8	7.7	10.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,251</b>	<b>10,898</b>	<b>11,368</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>10.6</b>

**Graph 2. Number\* of pharmacists by Region (NUTS Level 2), 2018 and 2019**



\* The values on the graph refer to the year 2019

Finally, as far as the number of wholesale drugstores is concerned, this reached 130 for 2019 recording a decrease of 5.1% when compared with 137 in 2018. There are no available data disaggregated by Region.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Survey on  
pharmacies, pharmacists  
and wholesale drugstores:**

The survey on pharmacies, pharmacists and wholesale drugstores is conducted yearly and results are presented on a national and regional level covering the country's needs on statistical information.

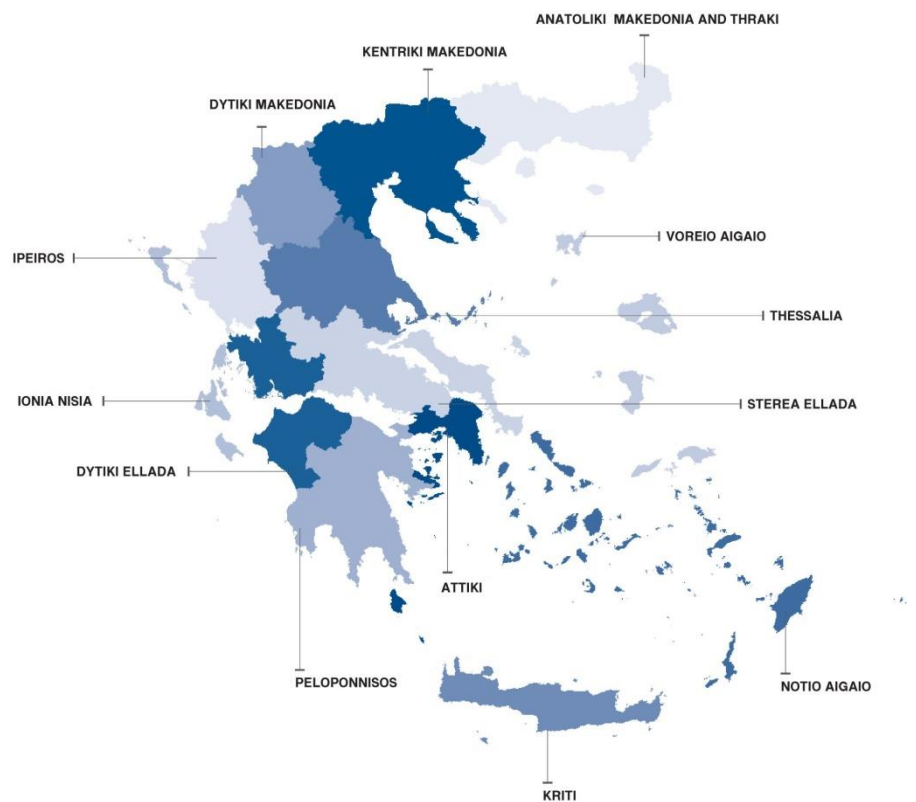
**Reference period:**

The 31st of December of every year when the survey is conducted.

**Geographical  
classification:**

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

Map of the 13 Regions (NUTS level 2) of Greece



**Methodology:**

The survey is based on data collected by the Panhellenic Association of Pharmacists and the Panhellenic Association of Wholesale Drugstores.

**References:**

More information on the Survey pharmacies, pharmacists and wholesale drugstores can be found on the website of ELSTAT:  
<http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SHE18/>