

Greece

Official name: Ellinikí Dhimokratía (Hellenic Republic).

Form of government: unitary multiparty republic with one legislative house (Hellenic Parliament [300]).

Head of state: President.

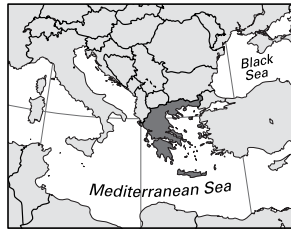
Head of government: Prime Minister.

Capital: Athens.

Official language: Greek.

Official religion: 1.

Monetary unit: euro (€); valuation (Sept. 2, 2013) 1 U.S.\$ = €0.76; 1 £ = €1.18.



Area and population

area		population		area		population	
Regions ²		2008 estimate		Regions ²		2008 estimate	
sq km				sq km			
Insular				Epirus	9,203	351,786	
Aegean Islands	9,122	506,483		Greater Athens	3,808	4,061,326	
Crete	8,336	606,274		Macedonia	34,178	2,469,322	
Ionian Islands	2,307	228,572		Peloponnese	21,379	1,114,636	
Mainland				Thessaly	14,037	736,079	
Central Greece and Euboea	21,010	772,766		Thrace	8,578	366,541	
				TOTAL	131,957³	11,213,785	

Demography

Population (2013): 10,893,000.

Density (2013): persons per sq mi 213.8, persons per sq km 82.6.

Urban-rural (2010): urban 61.2%; rural 38.8%.

Sex distribution (2009): male 49.52%; female 50.48%.

Age breakdown (2010): under 15, 14.3%; 15–29, 17.5%; 30–44, 23.2%; 45–59, 20.2%; 60–74, 15.6%; 75–84, 7.5%; 85 and over, 1.7%.

Population projection: (2020) 11,042,000; (2030) 11,091,270.

Ethnic composition (2000)⁴: Greek 90.4%; Macedonian 1.8%; Albanian 1.5%; Turkish 1.4%; Pomak 0.9%; Rom (Gypsy) 0.9%; other 3.1%.

Religious affiliation (2005)⁵: Orthodox c. 90%; Sunnī Muslim c. 5%; Roman Catholic c. 2%; other c. 3%.

Major cities (2011): Athens 655,780 (urban agglomeration 3,168,036); Thessaloniki 322,240 (urban agglomeration 806,396); Pátrai 195,265; Piraeus (Piraiévs) 163,910⁶; Irákleio (Iráklion) 157,452; Peristérion 138,920⁶.

Vital statistics

Birth rate per 1,000 population (2010): 10.2 (world avg. 19.5); within marriage (2008) 93.5%; outside of marriage (2008) 6.5%.

Death rate per 1,000 population (2010): 9.7 (world avg. 8.1).

Total fertility rate (avg. births per childbearing woman; 2012): 1.39.

Marriage/divorce rates per 1,000 population: (2010) 5.0/(2007) 1.2.

Life expectancy at birth (2012): male 77.5 years; female 82.8 years.

Major causes of death per 100,000 population (2010): diseases of the circulatory system 328.4; malignant neoplasms (cancers) 272.0; cerebrovascular diseases 149.3; diseases of the respiratory system 103.5; accidents, poisoning, and violence 35.5.

National economy

Budget (2010). Revenue: €89,900,000,000 (tax revenue 51.2%, of which VAT 31.8%, income taxes 19.4%; social contributions 33.0%; other revenue 15.8%). Expenditures: €101,300,000,000 (social benefits 46.8%; wages and salaries 26.9%; goods and services 13.1%; interest payments 12.4%).

Public debt (consolidated, general; 2011): U.S.\$355,617,000,000.

Production (metric tons except as noted). Agriculture, forestry, fishing (2011): olives 2,000,000, wheat 1,702,020, tomatoes 1,169,900, grapes 856,600, potatoes 757,820, oranges 740,000, peaches and nectarines 690,200, watermelons 648,000, cottonseed 490,000, sugar beets 324,400; livestock (number of live animals) 8,956,000 sheep, 4,791,000 goats, 1,340,000 beehives; roundwood (2012) 1,742,916 cu m, of which fuelwood 46%; fisheries production (2010) 196,490 (from aquaculture 58%). Mining and quarrying (2010): bauxite 2,000,000; nickel (metal content) 13,800; marble 250,000 cu m. Manufacturing (value added in U.S.\$'000,000; 2007): food products and beverages 4,689; cement, bricks, and ceramics 1,732; refined petroleum 1,490; chemicals and chemical products 1,431; wearing apparel 823; textiles 639; basic metals 497. Energy production (consumption): electricity (kW-hr; 2009) 61,365,000,000 (65,732,000,000); hard coal (metric tons; 2009) none (337,000); lignite (metric tons; 2009) 64,900,000 (65,200,000); crude petroleum (barrels; 2009) 574,000 (123,000,000); petroleum products (metric tons; 2009) 19,444,000 (19,101,000); natural gas (cu m; 2009) 14,000,000 (3,542,000,000).

Population economically active (2008): total 4,974,000; activity rate of total population 44.2% (participation rates: ages 15–64, 67.7%; female [2007] 40.9%; unemployed [2011] 17.7%).

Price and earnings indexes (2005 = 100)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Consumer price index	103.2	106.2	110.6	111.9	117.2	121.1	122.9
Monthly earnings index	102.1	105.6	108.1	113.9	110.8	104.1	...

Household income and expenditure (1998–99). Average household size (2004) 3.1; income per family Dr 6,429,000⁷ (U.S.\$21,390); sources of income: wages and salaries 21.8%, transfer payments 21.7%, income from agriculture, forestry, fishing 15.6%, self-employment 11.9%, other 29.0%; expenditure (2004–05): food 17.1%, transportation 12.6%, housing and energy 10.7%, café/hotel expenditures 9.6%, clothing and footwear 8.4%.

Gross national income (GNI; 2012): U.S.\$262,431,000,000 (U.S.\$23,260 per capita); purchasing power parity GNI (U.S.\$24,790 per capita).

Structure of gross domestic product and labour force

	2010		2009	
	in value €'000,000	% of total value	labour force	% of labour force
Agriculture, forestry, fishing	6,297	2.8	520,000	10.5
Mining, quarrying	746	0.3	13,500	0.3
Manufacturing	20,012	8.8	529,000	10.7
Construction	10,716	4.7	367,700	7.4
Public utilities	6,290	2.8	59,300	1.2
Transp. and commun.	24,945	11.0	293,000	5.9
Trade, restaurants	38,820	17.1	1,116,900	22.6
Finance, real estate	45,098	19.8	429,100	8.7
Pub. admin., defense	18,381	8.1	372,800	7.5
Services	29,325	12.9	784,500	15.9
Other	26,689 ⁸	11.7 ⁸	462,300 ⁹	9.3 ⁹
TOTAL	227,318³	100.0	4,948,100	100.0

Selected balance of payments data. Receipts from (U.S.\$'000,000): tourism (2011) 14,801; remittances (2012) 681; foreign direct investment (FDI; 2010–12 avg.) 1,473. Disbursements for (U.S.\$'000,000): tourism (2011) 3,159; remittances (2012) 1,438; FDI (2010–12 avg.) 1,097.

Land use as % of total land area (2009): in temporary crops or left fallow (2007) 19.8%, in permanent crops 8.9%, in pasture 34.9%, forest area 30.0%.

Foreign trade¹⁰

Balance of trade (current prices)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
U.S.\$'000,000	-42,796	-52,595	-63,792	-47,140	-41,761	-29,121
% of total	50.5%	52.8%	55.6%	54.0%	49.2%	31.5%

Imports (2010): U.S.\$63,321,000,000 (machinery and apparatus 24.2%; mineral fuels 23.5%; food 10.2%; medicine and pharmaceuticals 7.5%; ships and tankers 6.2%; road vehicles/parts 4.3%). **Major import sources:** Germany 10.5%; Italy 9.9%; Russia 9.8%; China 6.0%; Netherlands 5.3%.

Exports (2010): U.S.\$21,560,000,000 (food 18.8%, of which vegetables and fruit 9.1%; machinery and apparatus 12.0%; refined petroleum 9.9%; medicine 6.1%; apparel 4.9%; aluminum 4.6%; iron and steel 4.0%). **Major export destinations:** Germany 10.9%; Italy 10.8%; Cyprus 7.1%; Bulgaria 6.5%; Turkey 5.3%.

Transport and communications

Transport. Railroads (2008): route length 1,583 mi, 2,548 km; passenger-km (2009) 1,414,000,000; metric ton-km cargo (2009) 537,000,000. Roads (2005): total length 34,863 km (paved 93%); passenger-km (2006) 111,800,000,000; metric ton-km cargo (2009) 28,585,000,000. Vehicles (2010): passenger cars 5,216,873; trucks and buses 1,346,079. Air transport (2009)¹¹: passenger-km 7,543,000,000; metric ton-km cargo 764,000,000.

Communications

Medium	date	number in '000s	units per 1,000 persons	Medium	date	number in '000s	units per 1,000 persons
Televisions	2003	6,152	558	PCs	2007	1,058	94
Telephones				Dailies	2011	958 ¹²	91 ¹²
Cellular	2012	13,354 ¹³	1,169 ¹³	Internet users	2009	4,971	445
Landline	2012	5,461	478	Broadband	2012	2,685 ¹³	235 ¹³

Education and health

Educational attainment (2010). Percentage of population age 25 and over having: no formal schooling/unknown 2.9%; primary education 34.0%; lower secondary 9.5%; upper secondary/vocational 33.6%; higher 20.0%. **Literacy** (2010): total population age 15 and over literate 97.2%; males 98.3%; females 96.1%.

Education (2006–07)

	teachers	students	student/ teacher ratio	enrollment rate (%)
Primary (age 6–11)	62,114	639,083	10.3	98
Secondary/Voc. (age 12–17)	86,513	682,012	7.9	90
Tertiary	28,998	602,858	20.8	89 (age 18–22)

Health (2009): physicians 22,462¹⁴ (1 per 502 persons); hospital beds 54,704¹⁴ (1 per 206 persons); infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 3.4; undernourished population (2006–08) less than 5.0% of total population.

Military

Total active duty personnel (November 2012): 144,350 (army 60.0%, navy 13.7%, air force 18.3%, joint staff 8.0%); reserve 216,650; Greek troops in Cyprus (2012) 1,150; U.S. troops in Greece (2012) 380. **Military expenditure as percentage of GDP** (2010): 2.6%¹⁵; per capita expenditure U.S.\$731¹⁵.

¹The autocephalous Greek Orthodox Church has special recognition per the constitution. ²Traditional regions; local administration is based on 13 administrative regions and 1 autonomous self-governing monastic region (Mount Athos). ³Detail does not add to total given because of rounding. ⁴Unofficial source; government states there are no ethnic divisions in Greece. ⁵Including noncitizen residents. ⁶Within Athens urban agglomeration. ⁷The drachma (Dr) was the former monetary unit; on Jan. 1, 2002, Dr 340.75 = €1. ⁸Taxes less subsidies. ⁹Unemployed. ¹⁰Imports c.i.f.; exports f.o.b. ¹¹Scheduled service only. ¹²Circulation. ¹³Subscribers. ¹⁴Public health institutions only. ¹⁵Excludes military pensions.

Internet resources for further information:
 • Bank of Greece www.bankofgreece.gr/Pages/en
 • Hellenic Statistical Authority www.statistics.gr