

Greece



Official name: Ellinikí Dhimokratía (Hellenic Republic).
Form of government: unitary multiparty republic with one legislative house (Hellenic Parliament [300]).
Head of state: President Prokopis Pavlopoulos.
Head of government: Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras.
Capital: Athens.
Official language: Greek.
Official religion: ¹.
Monetary unit: euro (€); valuation (Sept. 1, 2016)
 1 U.S.\$ = €0.89; 1 £ = €1.19.

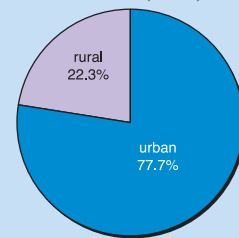


In May 2016, after months of wrangling between the IMF and the euro-zone countries, an agreement was reached whereby Greece's debtors released another \$11.5 billion tranche to allow Greece to make its debt payments in July. In the process, the IMF and the euro-zone countries came closer to agreement on a plan that would provide debt relief for Greece by 2018. Meanwhile, an increase in tourism during the first eight months of 2016 boosted the Greek economy, was responsible for the creation of 8 out of 10 new jobs, and helped shrink unemployment to about 23% for April–June, down from its record high 28% in 2014.

Demography

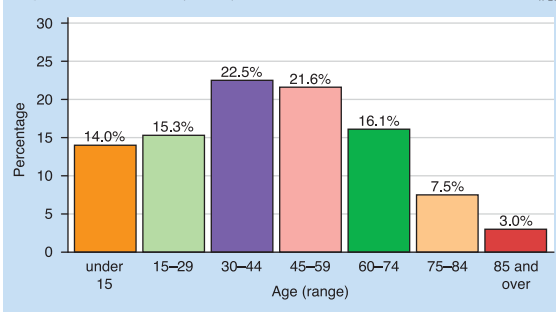
Population (2016): 10,944,000.
Density (2016): persons per sq mi 214.8, persons per sq km 82.9.
Sex distribution (2015): male 48.84%; female 51.16%.
Population projection: (2020) 10,850,000; (2030) 10,504,000.
Major cities (2011): Athens 655,780 (urban agglomeration 3,168,036); Thessaloníki 322,240 (urban agglomeration 806,396); Pátrai 195,265; Piraeus (Piraiévs) 163,910²; Irákleio (Irákliion) 157,452.

Urban-rural (2014):



Area and population					
Regions ³	area	population	Regions ³	area	population
	sq km	2008 estimate		sq km	2008 estimate
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	131,957⁴	11,213,785

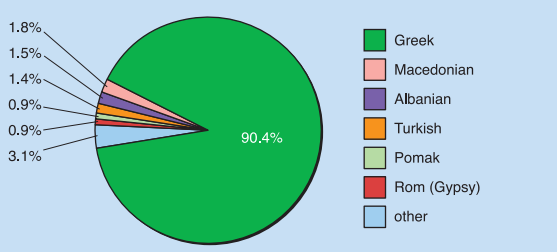
Age breakdown (2015):



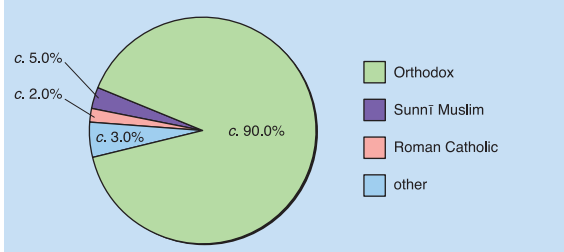
Vital statistics

Birth rate per 1,000 population (2015): 8.7 (world avg. 19.5).
Death rate per 1,000 population (2015): 11.1 (world avg. 8.1).
Natural increase rate per 1,000 population (2015): -2.4 (world avg. 11.4).
Life expectancy at birth (2015): male 77.8 years; female 83.2 years.

Ethnic composition (2000)⁵:



Religious affiliation (2005)⁶:



🏠 National economy

Budget (2014)⁷. Revenue: €59,071,000,000 (tax revenue 79.3%, of which indirect taxes 41.1%, direct taxes 38.2%; nontax revenue 12.0%; investment 8.7%). Expenditures: €59,678,000,000 (ordinary budget 88.6%, of which salaries and pensions 32.4%, interest 9.9%, other 46.3%; investment 11.4%).

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

Production (metric tons except as noted). Agriculture, forestry, fishing (2014): olives 2,283,820, corn (maize) 2,169,900, wheat 1,651,300, tomatoes 1,039,700⁸, grapes 957,400⁸, seed cotton 920,000, oranges 805,500⁸, peaches and nectarines 666,200⁸, potatoes 642,200, sunflower seeds 165,400, kiwifruit 162,800⁸, almonds 29,900⁸; livestock (number of live animals) 9,072,000 sheep, 4,387,000 goats, 1,340,000⁸ beehives; roundwood (2013) 1,742,920 cu m, of which fuelwood 46%; fisheries production (2012) 197,594 (from aquaculture 70%). Mining and quarrying (2013): bauxite 1,844,000; nickel (metal content) 16,890; marble 520,000 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 products 1,490; chemicals and chemical products 1,431; wearing apparel 823; textiles 639. Energy production (consumption): electricity (kW-hr; 2013–14) 52,201,000,000 ([2012] 52,017,000,000), by source (2012): fossil fuels 82.5%; renewable energy 17.5%, of which hydroelectric 7.5%, wind 6.7%, solar 2.9%, biomass 0.4%; hard coal (metric tons; 2011) none (380,000); lignite (metric tons; 2013–14) 52,300,000 ([2011] none); crude petroleum (barrels; 2013–14) 499,000 ([2011] 119,000,000); petroleum products (metric tons; 2012) 24,033,000 ([2011] 13,980,000); natural gas (cu m; 2011) 6,000,000 ([2012] 4,200,000,000).

Population economically active (2015): total 5,150,000; participation rates: age 15 and over, male 59.8%; female 44.7%; unemployed 24.9%, of which youth (ages 15–24) 49.8%.

Average household size (2010): 2.6.

Gross national income (GNI; 2015): U.S.\$219,629,000,000 (U.S.\$20,290 per capita); purchasing power parity GNI (U.S.\$26,790 per capita).

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%.

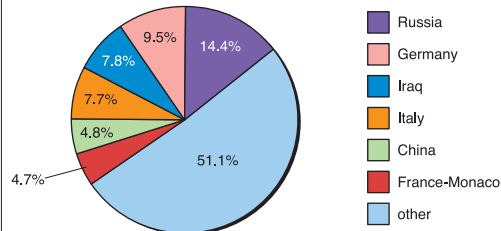
Structure of gross domestic product and labour force

	2013		2009	
	in value €'000,000	% of total value	labour force	% of labour force
Agriculture, forestry, fishing	6,106	3.3	520,000	10.5
Mining and quarrying	661	0.4	13,500	0.3
Manufacturing	13,622	7.5	529,000	10.7
Construction	3,518	1.9	367,700	7.4
Public utilities	4,341	2.4	59,300	1.2
Transp. and commun. }	45,205	24.8	293,000	5.9
Trade, restaurants			1,116,900	22.6
Finance, real estate	46,704	25.6	429,100	8.7
Pub. admin., defense }	40,388	22.1	372,800	7.5
Services			784,500	15.9
Other	21,894 ⁹	12.0 ⁹	462,300 ¹⁰	9.3 ¹⁰
TOTAL	182,438 ⁴	100.0	4,948,100	100.0

🌐 Foreign trade¹¹

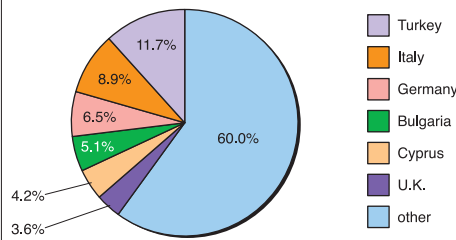
Imports (2013): U.S.\$61,151,000,000 (crude petroleum 26.3%, chemicals and chemical products 11.6%, machinery and apparatus 9.7%, non-crude petroleum 7.1%, pharmaceuticals 5.8%).

Major import sources:



Exports (2013): U.S.\$36,259,000,000 (non-crude petroleum 37.6%, machinery and apparatus 6.2%, textiles 4.6%, aluminum 4.3%, pharmaceuticals 3.8%).

Major export destinations:



📖 Education and health

Literacy (2015): total population age 15 and over literate 97.7%; males literate 98.5%; females literate 96.9%.

Health: physicians (2012) 69,215¹² (1 per 159 persons); hospital beds (2011) 53,773¹² (1 per 201 persons); infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (2015) 4.7; undernourished population (2006–08) less than 5% of total population.

Communications

Medium	date	number in '000s	units per 1,000 persons	Medium	date	number in '000s	units per 1,000 persons
Telephones				Internet users	2009	4,971	445
Cellular	2015	12,682 ¹³	1,140 ¹³	Broadband	2015	3,419 ¹³	307 ¹³
Landline	2015	5,177	465				

🚆 Transport and communications

Transport. Railroads (2009): route length (2014) 1,583 mi, 2,548 km; passenger-km 1,413,000,000; metric ton-km cargo 538,000,000. Roads (2010): total length 72,675 mi, 116,960 km (paved 35%); passenger-km (2006) 111,800,000,000; metric ton-km cargo (2012) 20,416,360,000. Vehicles (2013): passenger cars 5,124,208; trucks and buses 1,342,619.

👮 Military

Total active duty personnel (November 2015): 142,950 (army 65.4%, navy 12.0%, air force 14.5%, joint staff 8.1%); reserve 220,500; Greek troops in Cyprus (November 2015) 950; U.S. troops in Greece (November 2015) 380. **Military expenditure as percentage of GDP** (2015): 2.5%; per capita expenditure U.S.\$439.

¹The autocephalous Greek Orthodox Church has special recognition per the constitution. ²Within Athens urban agglomeration. ³Traditional regions; local administration is based on 13 administrative regions and 1 autonomous self-governing monastic region (Mount Athos). ⁴Detail does not add to total given because of rounding. ⁵Unofficial source; the government states that there are no ethnic divisions in Greece. ⁶Including noncitizen residents. ⁷Provisional data for central government operations only. ⁸2013. ⁹Taxes less subsidies. ¹⁰Unemployed. ¹¹Imports c.i.f.; exports f.o.b. ¹²Public health institutions only. ¹³Subscribers.

Internet resources for further information:

- Bank of Greece www.bankofgreece.gr/Pages/en
- Hellenic Statistical Authority www.statistics.gr