



## 2011 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

### MIGRATION

#### *Internal migration*

According to the results of the 2011 Population and Housing Census, the Resident Population of Greece aged one (1) year and over was 10.712.409 persons (5.249.971 males and 5.462.438 females).

During the last year before the 2011 Census, out of these persons 78.420 individuals, or 0,7%, settled in Greece from abroad. From the remaining 10.633.989 persons, 10.292.769 individuals, or 96,1%, remained in the municipal/local commune of their usual residence. On the other hand, 341.220 persons, or 3,2%, moved to another municipal /local commune of Greece.

Table 1 below presents data on internal migration, one year before the Census.

**Table 1. Internal migration of the resident population aged 1 year and over, by age group and place of usual residence by urban or rural areas, one year before the Census**

Place of residence by urban or rural areas/ age group	Total	Migrated from the municipal/ local commune one year before the Census		Did not migrate from the municipal/ local commune one year before the Census
		Settled from other urban municipal/ local communes	Settled from other rural municipal/ local communes	
<b>Greece Total</b>	<b>10.633.989</b>	<b>295.564</b>	<b>45.656</b>	<b>10.292.769</b>
1-14	1.456.414	31.457	3.551	1.421.406
15-24	1.162.719	81.114	12.628	1.068.977
25-34	1.526.020	89.019	10.801	1.426.200
35-44	1.635.005	42.642	5.834	1.586.529
45-54	1.473.199	20.293	3.705	1.449.201
55-64	1.279.308	15.020	2.855	1.261.433
65 and over	2.101.324	16.019	6.282	2.079.023
<b>Urban areas</b>	<b>8.146.253</b>	<b>234.785</b>	<b>33.923</b>	<b>7.877.545</b>
1-14	1.153.604	24.321	2.264	1.127.019
15-24	937.150	66.421	9.910	860.819
25-34	1.234.136	73.540	7.753	1.152.843
35-44	1.307.763	35.034	4.251	1.268.478
45-54	1.151.770	15.028	2.772	1.133.970
55-64	957.113	9.498	2.104	945.511
65 and over	1.404.717	10.943	4.869	1.388.905
<b>Rural areas</b>	<b>2.487.736</b>	<b>60.779</b>	<b>11.733</b>	<b>2.415.224</b>
1-14	302.810	7.136	1.287	294.387
15-24	225.569	14.693	2.718	208.158
25-34	291.884	15.479	3.048	273.357
35-44	327.242	7.608	1.583	318.051
45-54	321.429	5.265	933	315.231
55-64	322.195	5.522	751	315.922
65 and over	696.607	5.076	1.413	690.118

The Resident Population of Greece aged 5 years and over amounted to 10.279.043 persons (5.028.435 males and 5.250.608 females).

During the last five year before the 2011 Census, out of these persons 318.152 individuals, or 3,1%, settled in Greece from abroad. From the remaining 9.960.891 persons, 8.884.631 individuals, or 86,4%, remained in the municipal/local commune of their usual residence. On the other hand, 1.076.260 persons, or 10,5%, moved to another municipal /local commune of Greece.

Table 2 presents data on internal migration during the last five years before the Census.

**Table 2. Internal migration of the resident population aged 5 years and over, by age group and place of usual residence by urban or rural areas, during the last 5 years before the Census**

Place of residence by urban or rural areas/ age group	Total	Migrated from the municipal/ local commune during the last 5 years before the Census		Did not migrate from the municipal/ local commune 5 years before the Census
		Settled from other urban municipal/ local communes	Settled from other rural municipal/ local communes	
<b>Greece Total</b>	<b>9.960.891</b>	<b>927.008</b>	<b>149.252</b>	<b>8.884.631</b>
1-14	1.003.667	77.670	9.064	916.933
15-24	1.112.136	198.847	31.469	881.820
25-34	1.447.100	281.437	35.714	1.129.949
35-44	1.592.765	174.571	25.913	1.392.281
45-54	1.452.725	81.574	15.344	1.355.807
55-64	1.263.156	56.691	10.448	1.196.017
65 and over	2.089.342	56.218	21.300	2.011.824
<b>Urban areas</b>	<b>7.617.257</b>	<b>758.720</b>	<b>112.370</b>	<b>6.746.167</b>
1-14	792.496	62.059	6.039	724.398
15-24	897.532	169.596	25.479	702.457
25-34	1.169.614	236.154	25.381	908.079
35-44	1.275.200	148.042	19.099	1.108.059
45-54	1.137.254	64.053	11.759	1.061.442
55-64	947.204	38.233	7.951	901.020
65 and over	1.397.957	40.583	16.662	1.340.712
<b>Rural areas</b>	<b>2.343.634</b>	<b>168.288</b>	<b>36.882</b>	<b>2.138.464</b>
1-14	211.171	15.611	3.025	192.535
15-24	214.604	29.251	5.990	179.363
25-34	277.486	45.283	10.333	221.870
35-44	317.565	26.529	6.814	284.222
45-54	315.471	17.521	3.585	294.365
55-64	315.952	18.458	2.497	294.997
65 and over	691.385	15.635	4.638	671.112

## Immigration

Table 3 presents immigrants who settled in Greece one year before the 2011 Census.

**Table 3. Immigrants who settled in Greece one year before the Census, by group of countries of origin, age group and place of their usual residence by urban or rural areas during the 2011 Census**

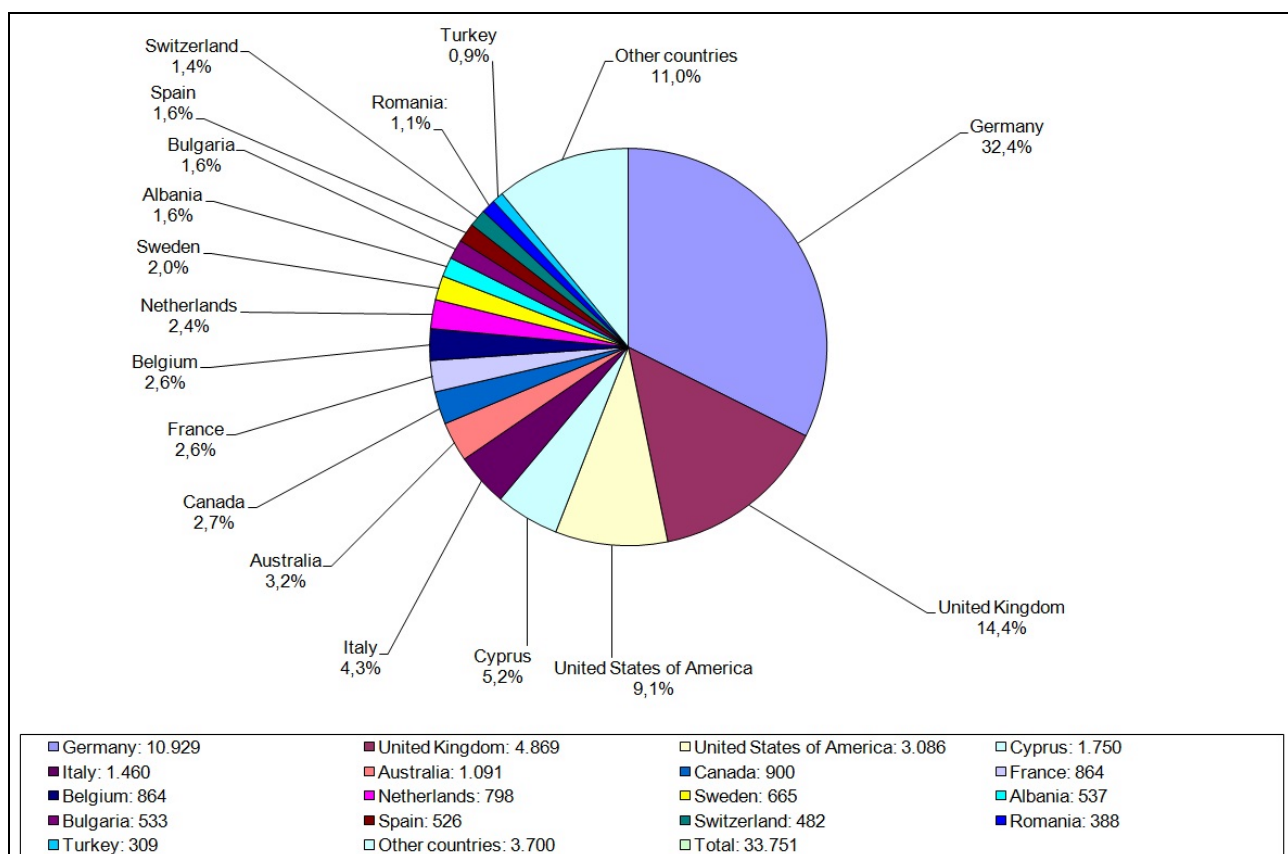
Place of residence by urban or rural areas / age group	Total	Countries of origin						
		EU Countries	Other European countries	Africa	Caribbean, South or Central America	North America	Asia	Oceania
<b>Greece Total</b>	<b>79.554</b>	<b>42.992</b>	<b>13.780</b>	<b>4.159</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>4.926</b>	<b>12.017</b>	<b>1.315</b>
0_9	7.914	3.300	2.710	189	44	271	1.337	63
10_19	7.456	3.546	1.768	270	24	229	1.578	41
20_29	24.000	12.219	4.349	1.670	95	828	4.721	118
30_39	14.426	7.802	2.079	999	87	723	2.592	144
40_49	8.184	4.838	1.146	518	30	542	985	125
50_59	6.275	4.017	714	305	35	554	499	151
60_69	6.692	4.651	642	119	24	772	187	297
70 and over	4.607	2.619	372	89	26	1.007	118	376
<b>Urban areas</b>	<b>55.742</b>	<b>29.386</b>	<b>8.405</b>	<b>3.494</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>3.128</b>	<b>10.306</b>	<b>712</b>
0_9	5.607	2.256	1.620	174	40	206	1.261	50
10_19	5.519	2.694	1.003	242	22	178	1.347	33
20_29	18.908	9.984	2.706	1.427	86	642	3.974	89
30_39	10.617	5.643	1.268	817	79	530	2.181	99
40_49	5.460	3.065	661	408	24	362	864	76
50_59	3.681	2.202	433	250	25	273	423	75
60_69	3.413	2.140	449	106	20	405	157	136
70 and over	2.537	1.402	265	70	15	532	99	154
<b>Rural areas</b>	<b>23.812</b>	<b>13.606</b>	<b>5.375</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1.798</b>	<b>1.711</b>	<b>603</b>
0_9	2.307	1.044	1.090	15	4	65	76	13
10_19	1.937	852	765	28	2	51	231	8
20_29	5.092	2.235	1.643	243	9	186	747	29
30_39	3.809	2.159	811	182	8	193	411	45
40_49	2.724	1.773	485	110	6	180	121	49
50_59	2.594	1.815	281	55	10	281	76	76
60_69	3.279	2.511	193	13	4	367	30	161
70 and over	2.070	1.217	107	19	11	475	19	222

**Note:** The number of immigrants includes both persons with Greek citizenship and persons with foreign, unknown or without citizenship.

On the basis of the data of the above table it is observed that out of the immigrants who settled in Greece one year before the Census, 43.341 were males and 36.213 were females, while 33.751 (42,4%) immigrants had Greek citizenship and 45.803 (57,6%) had other citizenship. The biggest share (73,1%) of immigrants with Greek citizenship, who settled in Greece one year before the Census, came from EU countries and so did the corresponding biggest share (40,0%) of immigrants with other citizenship.

Graphs 1 and 2 below illustrate the countries of previous residence, from where came the biggest share of immigrants, one year before the Census, with Greek and foreign citizenship (persons without or unknown citizenship are also included), respectively.

**Graph 1. Country of origin of immigrants with Greek citizenship who settled in Greece one year before the Census**



**Graph 2. Country of origin of immigrants with foreign citizenship who settled in Greece one year before the Census**

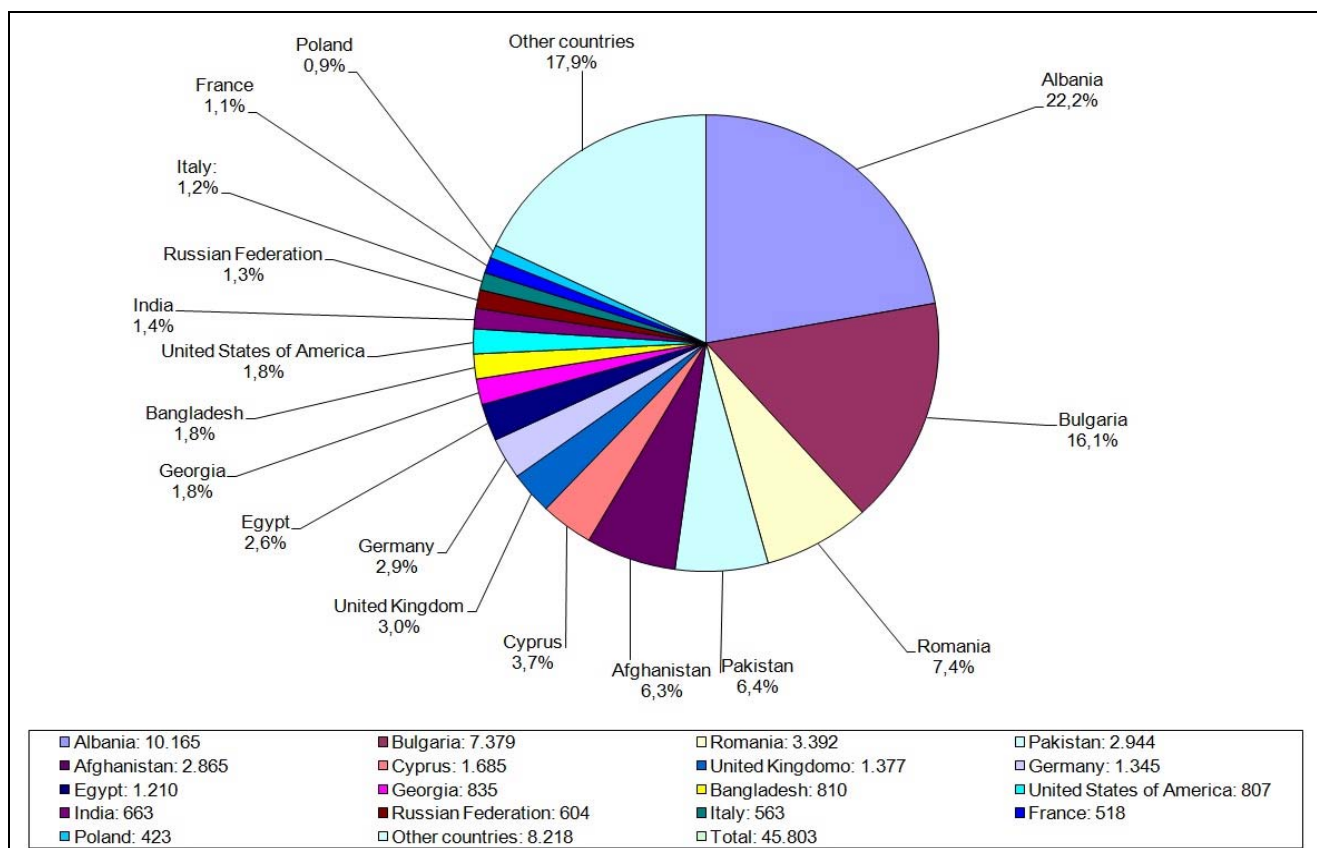


Table 4 presents the immigrants who settled in Greece during the last five years before the Census.

**Table 4. Immigrants who settled in Greece the last five years before the Census, by group of countries of origin, age group and place of their usual residence by urban or rural areas during the 2011 Census**

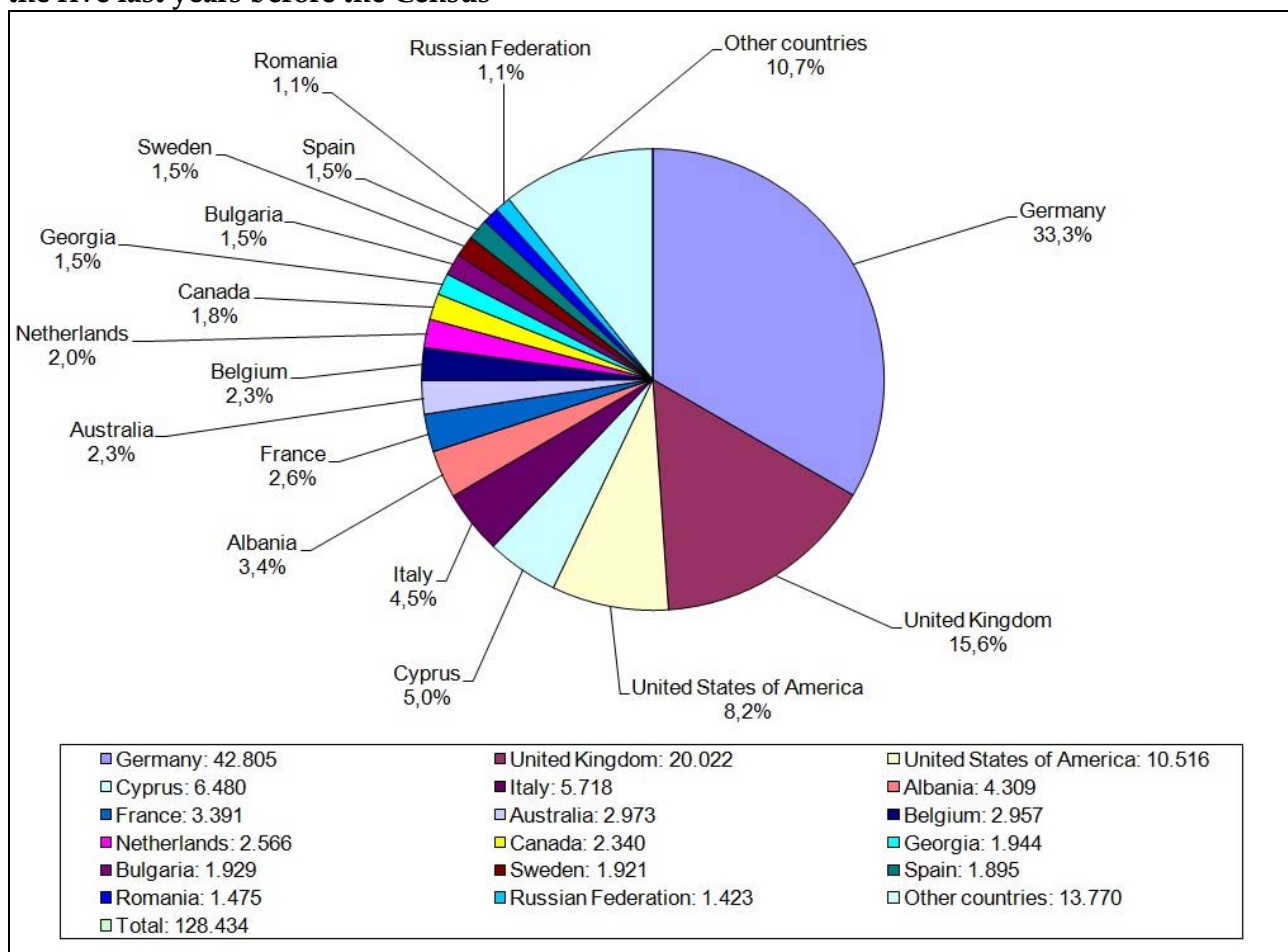
Place of residence by urban or rural areas/ age group	Total	Countries of origin							
		EU countries	Other European countries	Africa	Caribbean, South or Central America	North America	Asia	Oceania	Not stated
<b>Greece Total</b>	<b>329.556</b>	<b>160.703</b>	<b>81.579</b>	<b>12.708</b>	<b>1.430</b>	<b>15.063</b>	<b>54.508</b>	<b>3.564</b>	<b>1</b>
0_9	26.894	10.810	11.336	604	150	995	2.818	181	0
10_19	32.800	12.853	13.286	731	127	770	4.828	205	0
20_29	102.136	45.049	25.643	5.403	372	2.244	23.064	361	0
30_39	75.199	37.339	16.116	3.480	335	3.371	14.059	499	0
40_49	37.653	21.061	7.206	1.224	182	1.917	5.607	456	0
50_59	23.990	13.736	4.856	665	119	1.658	2.551	404	1
60_69	19.695	13.653	1.906	357	75	2.073	916	715	0
70 and over	11.189	6.202	1.230	244	70	2.035	665	743	0
<b>Urban areas</b>	<b>244.410</b>	<b>116.178</b>	<b>55.557</b>	<b>11.472</b>	<b>1.221</b>	<b>10.655</b>	<b>47.169</b>	<b>2.158</b>	<b>0</b>
0_9	18.909	7.581	7.130	569	126	772	2.598	133	0
10_19	23.883	9.439	8.760	672	112	595	4.160	145	0
20_29	82.383	37.578	17.694	4.993	335	1.852	19.655	276	0
30_39	59.228	29.278	11.199	3.129	299	2.737	12.221	365	0
40_49	27.328	14.631	4.795	1.051	157	1.464	4.919	311	0
50_59	15.703	7.954	3.641	563	94	981	2.250	220	0
60_69	10.478	6.414	1.412	292	54	1.147	802	357	0
70 and over	6.498	3.303	926	203	44	1.107	564	351	0
<b>Rural areas</b>	<b>85.146</b>	<b>44.525</b>	<b>26.022</b>	<b>1.236</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>4.408</b>	<b>7.339</b>	<b>1.406</b>	<b>1</b>
0_9	7.985	3.229	4.206	35	24	223	220	48	0
10_19	8.917	3.414	4.526	59	15	175	668	60	0
20_29	19.753	7.471	7.949	410	37	392	3.409	85	0
30_39	15.971	8.061	4.917	351	36	634	1.838	134	0
40_49	10.325	6.430	2.411	173	25	453	688	145	0
50_59	8.287	5.782	1.215	102	25	677	301	184	1
60_69	9.217	7.239	494	65	21	926	114	358	0
70 and over	4.691	2.899	304	41	26	928	101	392	0

**Note:** The number of immigrants includes both persons with Greek citizenship and persons with foreign, unknown or without citizenship.

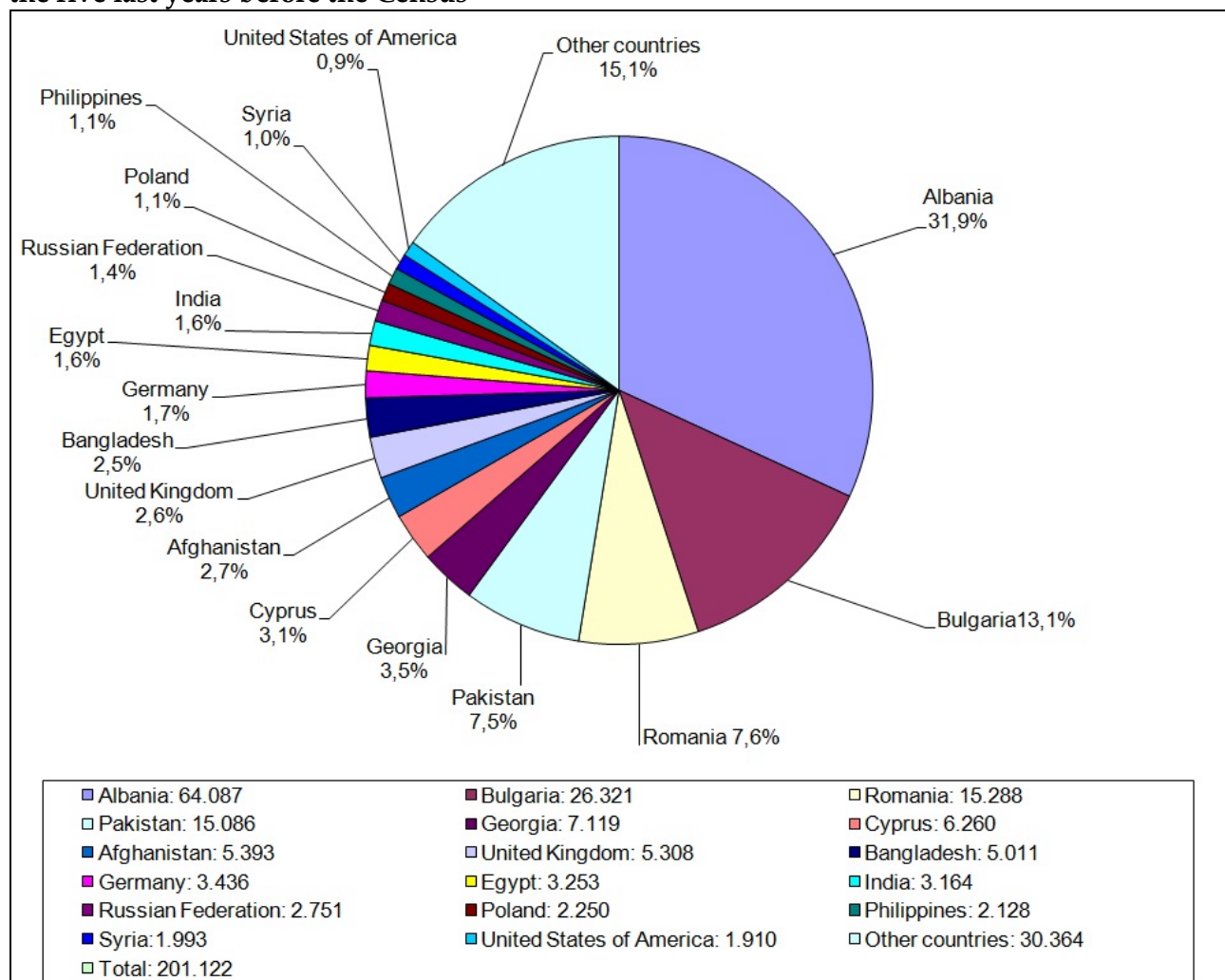
On the basis of the data of Table 4 above, it is observed that out of the immigrants, who settled in Greece the last five years before the Census, 172.055 were males and 157.501 were females, while 128.434 (39,0%) immigrants had Greek citizenship and 201.122 (61,0%) had other citizenship. The biggest share (73,4%) of immigrants with Greek citizenship, who settled in Greece during the last five years before the Census, came from EU countries while the corresponding biggest share of immigrants with other citizenship (36,0%) came from other European, non-EU countries.

Graphs 3 and 4 below illustrate the countries of previous residence, from where came the biggest share of immigrants, who settled in Greece the last five years before the Census, with Greek and foreign citizenship (persons without or unknown citizenship are also included), respectively.

**Graph 3. Country of origin of immigrants with Greek citizenship who settled in Greece during the five last years before the Census**



**Graph 4 Country of origin of immigrants with foreign citizenship who settled in Greece during the five last years before the Census**



Tables 5 and 6 below show the distribution of immigrants who settled in Greece one year and during the last five years before the Census, respectively.

**Table 5. Immigrants who settled one year before the Census, by group of countries of origin and degree of urbanization of the place of their usual residence during the 2011 Census**

Degree of urbanization of usual residence during the 2011 Census	Total	Countries of origin						
		EU Countries	Other European countries	Africa	Caribbean, South or Central America	North America	Asia	Oceania
<b>Greece Total</b>	<b>79.554</b>	<b>42.992</b>	<b>13.780</b>	<b>4.159</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>4.926</b>	<b>12.017</b>	<b>1.315</b>
<b>a. Urban areas</b>	<b>55.742</b>	<b>29.386</b>	<b>8.405</b>	<b>3.494</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>3.128</b>	<b>10.306</b>	<b>712</b>
Urban areas with 200.000 residents and more	12.352	4.848	1.139	1.484	57	484	4.260	80
Urban areas with 100.000 - 199.999 residents	3.748	1.978	538	292	27	174	707	32
Urban areas with 50.000 - 99.999 residents	12.467	7.219	1.616	730	88	821	1.850	143
Urban areas with 30.000 - 49.999 residents	4.926	2.981	881	101	29	326	559	49
Urban areas with 10.000 - 29.999 residents	8.824	4.844	1.657	250	74	612	1.192	195
Urban areas with 5.000 - 9.999 residents	5.557	2.652	1.103	413	17	328	978	66
Urban areas with 2.000 - 4.999 residents	7.868	4.864	1.471	224	19	383	760	147
<b>b. Rural areas</b>	<b>23.812</b>	<b>13.606</b>	<b>5.375</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1.798</b>	<b>1.711</b>	<b>603</b>
Rural areas with 1.000 - 1.999 residents	6.194	3.610	1.496	169	12	321	474	112
Rural areas with 500 - 999 residents	7.591	4.591	1.694	212	16	484	435	159
Rural areas less than 500 residents	10.027	5.405	2.185	284	26	993	802	332



**Table 6. Immigrants who settled during the last 5 year before the Census, by group of countries of origin and degree of urbanization of the place of their usual residence during the 2011 Census**

Degree of urbanization of usual residence during the 2011 Census	Total	Countries of origin								
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<b>Greece Total</b>	<b>329.556</b>	<b>160.703</b>	<b>81.579</b>	<b>12.708</b>		<b>1.430</b>	<b>15.063</b>	<b>54.508</b>	<b>3.564</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>a. Urban areas</b>	<b>244.410</b>	<b>116.178</b>	<b>55.557</b>	<b>11.472</b>		<b>1.221</b>	<b>10.655</b>	<b>47.169</b>	<b>2.158</b>	<b>0</b>
Urban areas with 200.000 residents and more	51.508	19.599	8.449	5.099		237	1.462	16.417	245	0
Urban areas with 100.000 - 199.999 residents	17.167	8.339	3.839	867		120	739	3.143	120	0
Urban areas with 50.000 - 99.999 residents	58.814	30.559	12.495	2.379		379	3.044	9.472	486	0
Urban areas with 30.000 - 49.999 residents	22.711	12.210	5.381	402		127	1.126	3.282	183	0
Urban areas with 10.000 - 29.999 residents	39.530	18.865	10.592	943		237	2.151	6.173	569	0
Urban areas with 5.000 - 9.999 residents	24.300	11.041	6.104	1.097		59	1.048	4.741	210	0
Urban areas with 2.000 - 4.999 residents	30.380	15.565	8.697	685		62	1.085	3.941	345	0
<b>b. Rural areas</b>	<b>85.146</b>	<b>44.525</b>	<b>26.022</b>	<b>1.236</b>		<b>209</b>	<b>4.408</b>	<b>7.339</b>	<b>1.406</b>	<b>1</b>
Rural areas with 1.000 - 1.999 residents	23.669	12.226	7.568	275		47	863	2.410	280	0
Rural areas with 500 - 999 residents	27.242	14.760	8.324	399		79	1.184	2.127	368	1
Rural areas less than 500 residents	34.235	17.539	10.130	562		83	2.361	2.802	758	0

Furthermore, on the basis of the wealth of information drawn by the results of the 2011 Population-Housing Census, it is observed that 2.037.196, or 18,8%, permanent residents declared that they were immigrants who had moved to Greece coming from abroad where they had been living for at least one (1) year, and more specifically 68,8% of them moved to Greece from 1990 onwards.

Respective data for EU countries are as follows: high immigration rates are observed in Luxembourg (34,9%) and in Cyprus (27,4%). In Ireland immigration amounts to 17,8%, in Portugal to 17,4% and in the United Kingdom to 12,6%. Low immigration percentages are recorded in Romania, with 0,7% and in Slovakia with 1,9%.

Graph 5 illustrates the overall inflow of immigrants by citizenship (Greek or foreign) during 1960-2010.

**Graph 5. Inflow of immigrants**



On the basis of the above graph, it is clear that until 1996 the biggest share of immigrants were Greeks, yet from 1997 onwards an opposite trend is observed.

More detailed information on internal migration and immigration of the Resident Population of the Country, for every administrative division and up to the level of the Region, are available on the website of ELSTAT, at the following link:

<http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/PAGE-cencus2011tables>

Furthermore, users can submit an electronic request for statistical data through the website of ELSTAT to the following address:

<http://www.statistics.gr/pls/apex/f?p=106:1030:1997544963532252::NO::>

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

### 1. Legal Framework

The conduct of the General Censuses of Population-Housing and Buildings is provided for in article 10 of the Law 3832/2010 "*Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS) Establishment of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) as an independent authority*". In particular, the 2011 Censuses of Buildings and of Population - Housing were conducted on the basis of Presidential Decree 168 (Government Gazette 223, issue A/2008) and in compliance with the methodological principles of Regulation (EC) 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and its implementing Regulations related to Population and Housing Censuses, the Joint Ministerial Decision 1524/Γ5-473 (Government Gazette 425, issue B/2011) and its amendment (Government Gazette 783, issue B/2011), and with the Legislative Act relating to the Conduct of the Population-Housing Census (Government Gazette 106 issue A/2011), as it was ratified by the Law 3995/2011 (Government Gazette 166 issue A/2011).

### 2. Purpose

The purpose of the General Censuses is to collect data on the Resident Population of the Country, the demographic, economic and social characteristics of the population, their housing conditions and the characteristics of their dwellings, along with data on the stock of buildings of the Country.

### 3. Statistical concepts and definitions

**3.1 Usual residence:** means the place where a person normally spends the daily period of rest, regardless any temporary absence for purpose of recreation, holiday, visits to friends and relatives, business, medical treatment or religious pilgrimage.

As usual resident population in a given geographical area should be considered the persons who: i) reside for a period of at least 12 months in the place of their usual residence, before the reference date or ii) have moved during the 12 months before the reference date to the place of usual residence with intention to stay for at least one year. If it cannot be proved that cases i) and ii) apply, then usual residence is considered the place of declared residence.

**3.2 Urban** is the municipal or local commune whose largest settlement has over 2.000 inhabitants.

**3.3 Rural** is the municipal or local commune whose largest settlement has less than 2.000 inhabitants.

The classification of a municipal or local commune as Urban or Rural is based on the concentrated population of the largest settlement (dispersed population is not taken into account).

**3.4 Migration** means the action by which a person changes the place of his/her usual residence.