



## PRESS RELEASE EDUCATIONAL VISITS IN ELSTAT (Action for Fostering Statistical Literacy)

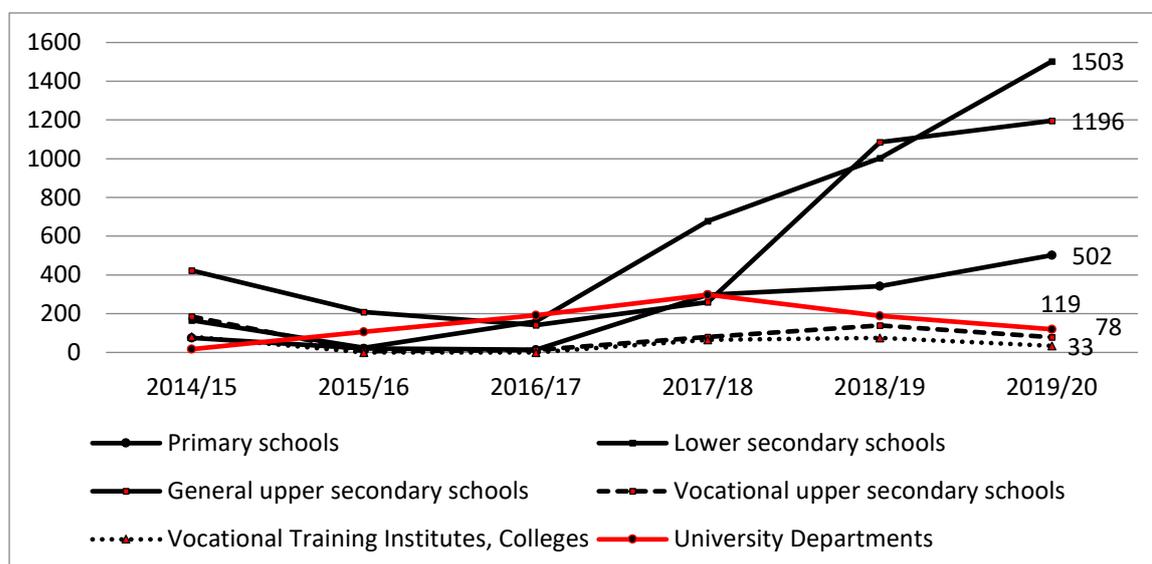
In the framework of its strategy for “Fostering statistical literacy” in Greece, the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) continued, during the school/academic year 2019/2020, to organise on the premises of the Central Office (46 Peiraios & Eponiton St. - Piraeus) educational visits for pupils and students. During the same school/academic year, this action was also implemented by the Regional Statistical Office of Thessaloniki (218, Delfon St. – Thessaloniki), while an ELSTAT official from the Regional Statistical Office of Rethymno visited and presented the relevant programme in a school unit in Irakleio.

During these visits, the pupils/students are given the opportunity to comprehend the statistical science, enhance their understanding about the usefulness of statistical data in everyday life and become aware of the importance of Official Statistics for the Country.

In the beginning of March 2020, the educational programme of ELSTAT was suspended following the suspension of all educational units’ operation, in the framework of the national measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nevertheless, the number of pupils/students who attended the programme during the period from October 2019 until the beginning of March 2020 was remarkable, as 3,431 pupils/students from 66 school units and university schools and departments attended the educational programme.

**Number of pupils/students in educational visits of ELSTAT  
(school/academic years 2014/2015-2019/2020)**



The purpose of the visits is to acquaint pupils/students with the world of statistics and to inform them on the processes for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics, following European and international statistical standards in all areas, and unswervingly observing the rules laid down in the Greek and Union legislation. Moreover, the important role and use of official statistics in politics, economy and everyday life is highlighted. In addition, the pupils/students learn how to find easily the information they are looking for and they have the opportunity to navigate ELSTAT and Eurostat websites.

More detailed data are presented in the following table:

**Educational visits in ELSTAT  
(school/academic years 2014/2015-2019/2020)**

	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
<b>Schools, University Departments and Schools</b>						
Primary schools	2	1	7		6	10
Lower secondary schools	4	1	2	11	16	23
General Upper secondary schools	8	4	3	6	17	22
Vocational upper secondary schools	6	1	1	4	6	3
Vocational Training Institutes / Colleges	3	0	0	3	3	3
University Departments	1	2	4	5	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Number of pupils, students</b>						
Primary schools	75	20	14	297	342	502
Lower secondary schools	166	24	160	679	1,003	1,503
General Upper secondary schools	422	209	141	259	1,085	1,196
Vocational upper secondary schools	185	6	13	80	139	78
Vocational Training Institutes / Colleges	81	0	0	65	75	33
University Departments	17	107	192	298	189	119
<b>Total</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>3,431</b>
<b>Accompanying teaching staff</b>						
Primary schools	5	2	2	17	17	36
Lower secondary schools	11	2	9	47	69	104
General Upper secondary schools	23	13	10	20	78	82
Vocational upper secondary schools	16	1	2	8	13	9
Vocational Training Institutes / Colleges	2	0	0	5	3	3
University Departments	2	4	0	4	3	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>243</b>

Those who are interested in attending the educational programme of ELSTAT in the Regions of **Attiki, Thessaloniki, Rethymno** and **Rodopi** can organise their visit through the following link: <http://www.statistics.gr/el/edu-programs-participation>.