



ELSTAT: Adoptions in Greece Decline Amidst the Financial Crisis

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According to data released by the [Hellenic Statistical Authority \(ELSTAT\)](#), last year [adoptions](#) in Greece fell to its lowest level in a decade.

There are many factors that have contributed to this drop, including a nine-month strike by lawyers last year as well as the financial crisis making it more difficult for couples to afford adoption.

The data shows that only 271 children were adopted in 2015 compared to 361 in 2014, a drop of 24.9 percent.

The process for adoption in Greece is also a major deterrent for couples wishing to adopt a child. It takes up to five years in most cases and involves complex bureaucracy that sometimes drives couples to seek adopting a child from outside of Greece in order to begin their family sooner.

