



Greece's tumbling birth rates will be difficult if not impossible to reverse

## Description

**GREECE : In 2022, Greece recorded the lowest number of births in 92 years, according to most recent data, driven by the debt crisis that led to years of austerity and emigration, and changed attitudes among the young. Preliminary unofficial data indicate another drop in 2023.**

Greece's fertility rate is one of the lowest in Europe: some villages have not recorded a single birth in years.

The government is planning in May to unveil new measures to boost birth rates, officials told Reuters.

The plan includes cash benefits for families, affordable housing for young people, financial incentives for assisted reproduction, and incorporating migrants into the workforce, according to officials drafting the initiatives including the family minister.

However, similar measures have fallen flat in other EU countries in recent decades, and demographers expect little difference in Greece. Even those behind the plans have doubts.

"If I were to tell you that any given minister at any given ministry ... can reverse the trend, it would be a lie," Sofia Zacharaki, Greece's minister for social cohesion and family affairs, told Reuters.

Still, she said, "We need to keep trying."

Greece's economy has rebounded in recent years, but falling birth rates are, according to Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, a "national threat" and a "ticking time bomb" for pensions.

"This is one of the most serious problems we face not only in Greece but in the EU as a whole," Finance Minister Kostis Hatzidakis told Reuters. "It is our priority ... whatever it takes."

The above was extracted from the article 'The losing battle against Greece's tumbling birth rate'

published by Kathimerini English Edition which is also published in Greece and Cyprus along with the New York Times International.

Kathimerini's article is a reproduction of a report made by Reuters.

Surprisingly, Kathimerini and Reuters make no mention of the "deadly" impact of covid, as corporate media outlets have constantly and falsely promoted for years. And as is usual for corporate media, the elephant in the room – the harmful and deadly effects of the covid injections – is completely ignored.

In the slideshow below are three charts taken from Our World in Data's Population & Demography Data Explorer. Click on the arrows to the left or right of the display image or swipe left or right to move from one image to the next.

The first chart is the birth rate for Greece from 1950 to 2021; the second is the death rate over the same period and the third is the population growth rate for the ten years 2011 to 2021. All images included in this article were retrieved from Our World in Data's website on 10 April 2024.

The mass covid injection campaign in Greece began on 27 December 2020. According to Our World in Data's Covid-19 Data Explorer, as of 5 February 2022, 75% of roughly 10.5 million Greek residents had received at least one covid injection.

Below is Our World in Data's chart for cumulative excess mortality from all causes in Greece from 5 January 2020 to 31 December 2023. The first chart is for the number of people and the second is the percentage of excess mortality compared to a projection based on previous years.

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