Data collection took place in December 2017 by the ESWG in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, aiming at assessing the number of children 5-17 years old, residing in accommodation programmes and unaccompanied children shelters, enrolled in Greek schools throughout the country. In total, with the support of the 23 agencies participating in the assessment, data was collected for 4,704 children 5-17 years old. Out of all 4,704 children, 55% were residing in Attica, 18% in Central Macedonia, 6% in Epirus, 6% in Northern Aegean, 4% in Central Greece, 4% in Crete, 3% in Thessaly, 1% in Western Greece, 1% in South Aegean and 0.3% in Eastern Macedonia and Thrace.

In total, 4,600 refugee and migrant children 5-17 years old are enrolled in primary and secondary education (calculated by adding enrolled children from accommodation programmes, shelters for unaccompanied children and open accommodation sites).

2,707 refugee and migrant children 5-17 years old are enrolled in schools throughout Greece. (Source: Education Sector Working Group assessment)

1,630 refugee and migrant children 6-17 years old residing in 25 open accommodation sites are regularly attending morning or afternoon reception classes. (Source: Ministry of Education)

248 children 5-6 years old are enrolled in 17 kindergartens within open accommodation sites throughout Greece. (Source: Ministry of Education)

It is observed that the enrollment rate is higher in locations where the number of refugee and migrant children is lower and there is limited movement between different types of accommodation.
While the majority of enrolled children were from Syria and Afghanistan, this is mainly due to the fact that children among those assessed were primarily from these two countries. The enrollment rate of Syrians, Afghans and Iraqis is around half, while children from Iran, Pakistan have a higher enrollment.
The data presented below concern children 5-17 years old who are residing in apartments with their families or shelters for unaccompanied children. The total enrollment rate is 55%.

Age groups and gender (children 5-17 years old)

Enrollment rate between genders does not significantly change based on age with the exemption of girls above the compulsory school age (16-17 years old), where it drops by nearly half.

Enrollment rate for boys age 5-17 years old: 54%
Enrollment rate for girls age 5-17 years old: 56%

Out of all 4,704 children assessed, 14% were children 5-6 years old, 48% were 6-12 years old, 19% were 13-15 years old and 19% were 16-17 years old.