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Greece, compared to other developed countries, has the smallest percentage of extra – marital births. In spite of this situation, it is obvious that the traditional ideas attitudes and values towards family formation tend to change, as has happened in the rest of Europe ones a few decades ago.

Using data from the Greek Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), we examine the evolution of the extra-marital births from 1980 onwards, variations at county (secont-tier local authority) level as well as the social and demographic profile of unmarried mothers (educational status, age and citizenship). An important conclusion emerging is that, due to a high degree births attributed to non-Greek mothers, the percentage of extra-marital births from the 1990's onwards is increasing. The profile of these women is totally different from that of Greek ones, pointing out that when they give a birth out of marriage they do it consciously and not “by accident”, as Greek unmarried mothers very often tend to.