

## Greece

**Distinctive Features:** Fragmented, categorical and work-focused policies; policies targeted on the poor and disadvantaged; “familism” – stress on supportive role of the family.

### Maternity / Parental Leave

Benefit	Maternity: cash benefit and job-protected leave; Parental: job-protected leave
Eligibility Criteria	Maternity: working mothers; Parental: working parents
Duration of Leave	Maternity: 17 weeks; Parental: 3.5 months; Paternity: 1 day
Compensation Rate	Maternity: 50-100% of wages if employed for 200 days or more. Means-tested cash assistance if do not qualify; Parental: unpaid; Paternity: paid

### Early Childhood Education and Care

Age Group Served	0 – 6
Eligibility Criteria	Children of working parents, low-income families in need of protection
Fees	Income-related in public programs
Locus of Care	Centers and nursery schools, and large firms with 300+ employees
Funding Strategies	Government; parent fees; employers
Access/Coverage (%)	Ages 0 – 3 (3–11%), Ages 3 – 6 (70%)

### Family and Child Allowances

Benefit & Eligibility	Employer based allowances. Universal allowance for families with four or more children; means-tested allowance for orphans, large families (3+ children), and lone-parent families.
Compensation Rate	Allowances vary based on number of children, ordinal position of child, and parental employment (public or private sector). Both parents are eligible to collect benefit from employer.

### Child Support

Benefit	Guaranteed means-tested allowances are provided.
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### Child and Family Tax Benefits

Tax Deductions/Relief	Individual is the filing unit for income taxes; tax exemptions for large families, child care, dependent care, tuition and housing.
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### Other Child-Conditioned Income Transfers

Benefits	Survivor's benefits; Old Age pensions and disability benefits include child supplements
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### Child and Adolescent Health

Access to Coverage	Universal coverage through national health system
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### Housing Benefits

Benefit	Housing subsidies for housing purchase and repair and for rent assistance.
Eligibility Criteria	Income-tested

### School-Age Children Policies

Compulsory School	6 – 14.5
School Hours	8:30 – 1:00 or 1:15 – 4:30

### Youth Policies

Distinctive Features	Few after-school programs; increasing number of summer school programs
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