

## 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: 100% of wages if employed by same employer for at least one year, 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	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). Employers may provide additional benefit.

### 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 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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