



FREEDOM IN THE WORLD 2025

Greece

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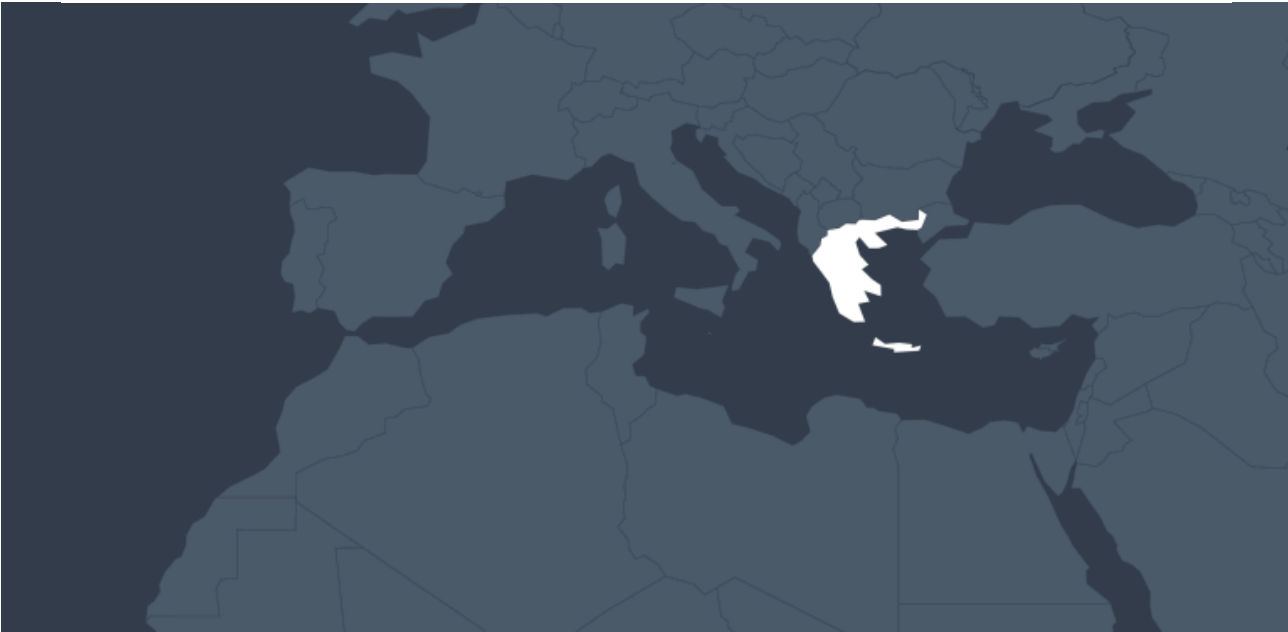
85
/100

<u>Political Rights</u>	35/40
<u>Civil Liberties</u>	50/60

LAST YEAR'S SCORE & STATUS

85/100 Free

A country or territory's Freedom in the World status depends on its aggregate Political Rights score, on a scale of 0–40, and its aggregate Civil Liberties score, on a scale of 0–60. See the methodology.



Overview

Greece's parliamentary democracy features vigorous competition between political parties, and civil liberties are largely upheld. Ongoing concerns include corruption, government surveillance, discrimination against immigrants and religious and ethnic minority groups, and poor conditions for irregular migrants and asylum seekers.

Key Developments in 2024

- In February, Parliament approved legislation that legalized same-sex marriage as well as adoption and parental rights for same-sex couples.
- Elections for the European Parliament in June featured record-low voter turnout of just 41 percent. The ruling center-right New Democracy party placed first with seven of the 21 contested seats, though it lost ground compared with the previous elections, and several smaller opposition parties made gains. The Supreme Court in April had banned the far-right Spartans party from participating, finding that it was effectively controlled by the imprisoned former leader of the outlawed Golden Dawn party.
- In July, the Supreme Court prosecutor closed an investigation into the use of Predator spyware against dozens of prominent people, including journalists, stating that there had been no wrongdoing by any government agencies or officials. Only individuals from private companies involved in the use of the spyware were set to face prosecution. The decision drew strong objections from opposition parties and press freedom groups.
- In a related case in October, a court dismissed a defamation suit filed in 2022 by Grigoris Dimitriadis, a former official in Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis's office, against journalists who reported on his alleged involvement in the spyware scandal. Dimitriadis, who was also the prime minister's nephew, had been responsible for oversight of the National Intelligence Service. The defamation case was widely denounced as an example of strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs). Separately in July, the suspects on trial for the 2021 murder of organized crime reporter Giorgos Karaivaz were acquitted, stoking concerns about impunity for crimes against journalists in Greece.
- Greek authorities continued to face criticism from human rights groups for their treatment of migrants and asylum seekers. Among other problems, nongovernmental experts noted the widespread use of detention—including

for those with no viable prospect for repatriation—and the lack of state-provided legal assistance, which contributed to low rates of appeal against detention and deportation orders. Alleged pushbacks of migrants and asylum seekers who attempted to enter irregularly from Turkey by land and sea also continued to be reported during the year.

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Political Rights

A. Electoral Process

A1 0-4 pts

Was the current head of government or other chief national authority elected through free and fair elections?

4/4

A2 0-4 pts

Were the current national legislative representatives elected through free and fair elections?

4/4

A3 0-4 pts

Are the electoral laws and framework fair, and are they implemented impartially by the relevant election management bodies?

4/4

B. Political Pluralism and Participation

B1 0-4 pts

Do the people have the right to organize in different political parties or other competitive political groupings of their choice, and is the system free of undue obstacles to the rise and fall of these competing parties or groupings?

4/4

B2 0-4 pts

Is there a realistic opportunity for the opposition to increase its support or gain power through elections?

4/4

B3 0-4 pts

Are the people's political choices free from domination by forces that are external to the political sphere, or by political forces that employ extrapolitical means?

4/4

B4 0-4 pts

Do various segments of the population (including ethnic, racial, religious, gender, LGBT+, and other relevant groups) have full political rights and electoral opportunities?

3/4

C. Functioning of Government

C1 0-4 pts

Do the freely elected head of government and national legislative representatives determine the policies of the government?

4/4

C2 0-4 pts

Are safeguards against official corruption strong and effective?

2/4

C3 0-4 pts

Does the government operate with openness and transparency?

2/4

Civil Liberties

D. Freedom of Expression and Belief

D1 0-4 pts

Are there free and independent media?

3/4

D2 0-4 pts

Are individuals free to practice and express their religious faith or nonbelief in public and private?

3/4

D3 0-4 pts

Is there academic freedom, and is the educational system free from extensive political indoctrination?

4/4

D4 0-4 pts

Are individuals free to express their personal views on political or other sensitive topics without fear of surveillance or retribution?

3/4

E. Associational and Organizational Rights

E1 0-4 pts

Is there freedom of assembly?	4/4
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E2 0-4 pts

Is there freedom for nongovernmental organizations, particularly those that are engaged in human rights– and governance-related work?	4/4
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E3 0-4 pts

Is there freedom for trade unions and similar professional or labor organizations?	4/4
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F. Rule of Law

F1 0-4 pts

Is there an independent judiciary?	3/4
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F2 0-4 pts

Does due process prevail in civil and criminal matters?	3/4
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F3 0-4 pts

Is there protection from the illegitimate use of physical force and freedom from war and insurgencies?	3/4
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F4 0-4 pts

Do laws, policies, and practices guarantee equal treatment of various segments of the population?	2/4
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G. Personal Autonomy and Individual Rights

G1 0-4 pts

Do individuals enjoy freedom of movement, including the ability to change their place of residence, employment, or education?

4/4

G2 0-4 pts

Are individuals able to exercise the right to own property and establish private businesses without undue interference from state or nonstate actors?

3/4

G3 0-4 pts

Do individuals enjoy personal social freedoms, including choice of marriage partner and size of family, protection from domestic violence, and control over appearance?

4/4

G4 0-4 pts

Do individuals enjoy equality of opportunity and freedom from economic exploitation?

3/4



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Country Facts

Population

10,430,000

Global Freedom Score

85/100 **Free**

Other Years

2024

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