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ACTIVITIES OF NOTARIES: Year 2017

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) presents statistics on the activities of notaries for the year 2017. The data derive from the annual census survey on notaries which is conducted by ELSTAT on the basis of a standard statistical questionnaire filled in by the notaries all over Greece, with the cooperation of their Regional Associations. The coverage rate of the survey amounts to 97%.

In 2017, the concluded notaries' deeds were 599,159 in comparison with 551,076 in 2016, recording an increase of 8.7% (Table 1). On the basis of the available data for the period 2008 – 2017, a decrease of 49.4% is observed taking into account the conclusion of 599,159 deeds in 2017 compared with 1,184,879 deeds in 2008 (Tables 1 and 3).

As regards the change in the number of notaries' activities over the period 2016 - 2017, the notices of seizure increased considerably by 97.6% (4,520 deeds in 2017, 2,288 deeds in 2016). The auctions increased by 63.8% (1,186 deeds in 2017, 724 deeds in 2016). The real estate transactions recorded an increase of 15.3% (69,826 deeds in 2017, 60,540 deeds in 2016). It should be clarified that the data on real estate transactions refer to the relevant deeds concluded (a deed may relate to more than one real estate or share/s of immovable property) (Table3).

Detailed tables and graphs follow below.

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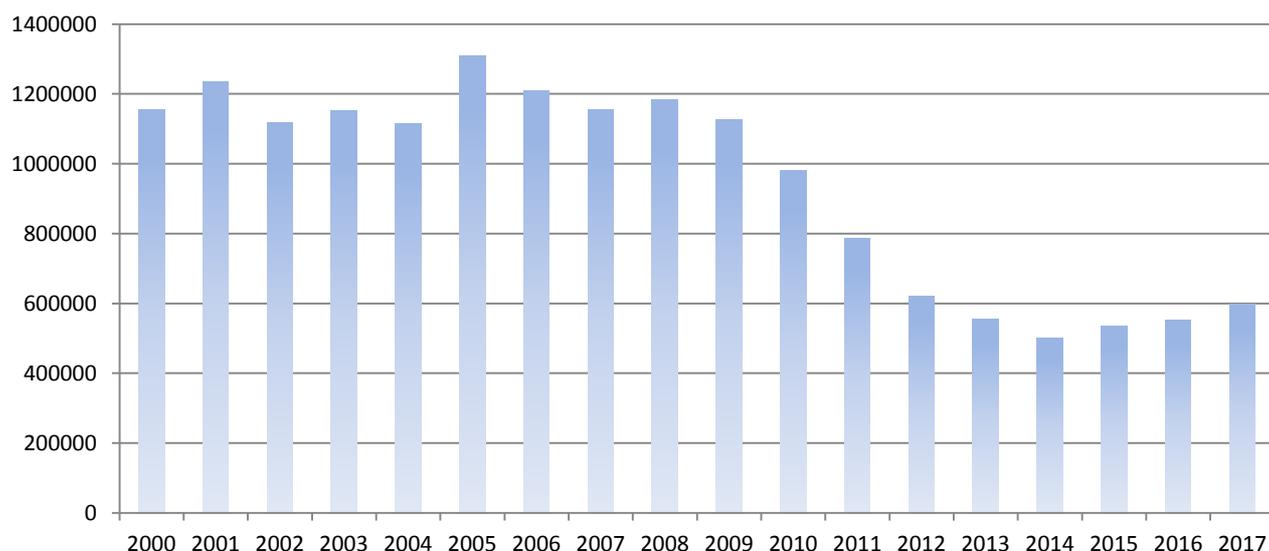
Table 1. Notarial deeds by type, 2008 - 2017

| Type of notarial deed | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total | 1,184,879 | 1,127,428 | 980,865 | 787,664 | 620,998 | 555,473 | 500,992 | 535,992 | 551,076 | 599,159 |
| Notices of seizure | 23,252 | 28,089 | 22,329 | 18,686 | 11,855 | 8,310 | 6,291 | 4,088 | 2,288 | 4,520 |
| Auctions | 5,562 | 5,181 | 3,644 | 4,039 | 2,975 | 2,724 | 2,428 | 1,204 | 724 | 1,186 |
| Protests | 4,296 | 5,578 | 7,245 | 7,339 | 6,549 | 3,435 | 2,022 | 1,347 | 1,069 | 961 |
| Wills and testaments | 28,020 | 31,730 | 29,978 | 30,673 | 31,001 | 29,952 | 30,856 | 31,528 | 32,256 | 31,708 |
| Establishment of companies | 5,708 | 5,061 | 4,297 | 3,791 | 3,278 | 2,604 | 1,940 | 1,565 | 1,663 | 1,747 |
| Dissolution of companies | 1,360 | 1,574 | 2,165 | 2,155 | 2,006 | 1,816 | 2,510 | 2,078 | 1,655 | 1,303 |
| Real estate transactions | 157,978 | 135,967 | 117,948 | 83,665 | 57,650 | 49,774 | 43,443 | 54,631 | 60,540 | 69,826 |
| Car transactions | 4,281 | 3,116 | 2,419 | 2,678 | 2,400 | 2,754 | 2,364 | 2,772 | 2,232 | 1,332 |
| Donations in life | 55,133 | 60,670 | 57,713 | 38,750 | 26,357 | 20,541 | 17,882 | 19,110 | 20,953 | 19,512 |
| Donations in prospect of death | 1,538 | 1,326 | 1,146 | 630 | 542 | 391 | 391 | 498 | 539 | 336 |
| Parental grants | 90,718 | 139,015 | 115,962 | 65,111 | 44,543 | 28,680 | 23,221 | 28,258 | 34,307 | 31,719 |
| Loans | 699 | 1,105 | 1,097 | 433 | 602 | 352 | 364 | 367 | 427 | 83 |
| Deeds of procuration | 333,674 | 305,286 | 265,070 | 234,598 | 205,454 | 192,637 | 176,611 | 192,196 | 190,318 | 201,864 |
| Other deeds | 472,660 | 403,730 | 349,852 | 295,116 | 225,786 | 211,503 | 190,669 | 196,350 | 202,105 | 233,062 |

“Other deeds” may refer to: lease contracts, statements in writing sworn, statements of legal capacity, approvals of private agreements, zone reservation contracts, distributions, exchanges, assignments, mergers, acceptance of inheritance, registered partnerships, civil partnerships acknowledgment of paternity of child, etc.

Table 2. Value of stamp duties, 2008-2017

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Value of stamp (in '000 Euros) | 3,137 | 2,014 | 1,284 | 1,079 | 840 | 685 | 963 | 807 | 936 | 1,124 |

Graph 1. Number of notarial deeds, 2000-2017**Table 3. Notarial deeds, by type and annual percentage change, 2008, 2014-2017**

| Type of notarial deed | Number of notarial deeds | | | | | Annual change (%) | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2008 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2015/ 2014 | 2016/ 2015 | 2017/ 2016 | 2017/ 2008 |
| Total | 1,184,879 | 500,992 | 535,992 | 551,076 | 599,159 | 7.0 | 2.8 | 8.7 | -49.4 |
| Notices of seizure | 23,252 | 6,291 | 4,088 | 2,288 | 4,520 | -35.0 | -44.0 | 97.6 | -80.6 |
| Auctions | 5,562 | 2,428 | 1,204 | 724 | 1,186 | -50.4 | -39.9 | 63.8 | -78.7 |
| Protests | 4,296 | 2,022 | 1,347 | 1,069 | 961 | -33.4 | -20.6 | -10.1 | -77.6 |
| Wills and testaments | 28,020 | 30,856 | 31,528 | 32,256 | 31,708 | 2.2 | 2.3 | -1.7 | 13.2 |
| Establishment of companies | 5,708 | 1,940 | 1,565 | 1,663 | 1,747 | -19.3 | 6.3 | 5.1 | -69.4 |
| Dissolution of companies | 1,360 | 2,510 | 2,078 | 1,655 | 1,303 | -17.2 | -20.4 | -21.3 | -4.2 |
| Real estate transactions | 157,978 | 43,443 | 54,631 | 60,540 | 69,826 | 25.8 | 10.8 | 15.3 | -55.8 |
| Car transactions | 4,281 | 2,364 | 2,772 | 2,232 | 1,332 | 17.3 | -19.5 | -40.3 | -68.9 |
| Donations in prospect of death | 55,133 | 17,882 | 19,110 | 20,953 | 19,512 | 6.9 | 9.6 | -6.9 | -64.6 |
| Donations in life | 1,538 | 391 | 498 | 539 | 336 | 27.4 | 8.2 | -37.7 | -78.2 |
| Parental grants | 90,718 | 23,221 | 28,258 | 34,307 | 31,719 | 21.7 | 21.4 | -7.5 | -65.0 |
| Loans | 699 | 364 | 367 | 427 | 83 | 0.8 | 16.3 | -80.6 | -88.1 |
| Deeds of procuration | 333,674 | 176,611 | 192,196 | 190,318 | 201,864 | 8.8 | -1.0 | 6.1 | -39.5 |
| Other deeds | 472,660 | 190,669 | 196,350 | 202,105 | 233,062 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 15.3 | -50.7 |

Table 4 below presents the number of notaries who responded to the survey per regional Court of Appeal, for the years 2015 - 2017. The coverage rates for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 are 97.7%, 95.2% and 96.9%, respectively.

Table 4. Number of notaries who responded to the survey by regional Courts of Appeal, 2015 - 2017

| Courts of Appeal | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total | 2,750 | 2,680 | 2,863 |
| Athens | 1,004 | 983 | 1,029 |
| Aigaio | 44 | 42 | 53 |
| Dodecanese | 39 | 39 | 40 |
| Thessaloniki | 451 | 431 | 473 |
| Thraki | 99 | 99 | 109 |
| Ioannina | 51 | 48 | 54 |
| Kerkyra | 40 | 39 | 40 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 51 | 52 | 58 |
| Kriti | 44 | 42 | 54 |
| Larisa | 161 | 161 | 169 |
| Nafplio | 124 | 119 | 136 |
| Patra | 142 | 137 | 138 |
| Piraeus | 148 | 145 | 147 |
| Lamia | 64 | 63 | 69 |
| Kalamata | 63 | 57 | 64 |
| Anatoliki Kriti | 72 | 71 | 75 |
| Dytiki Sterea Ellada | 46 | 47 | 49 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 45 | 43 | 42 |
| Evia | 62 | 62 | 64 |

Table 5. Notarial deeds by type of deed and by regional Courts of Appeal, 2017

| Courts of Appeal | Deeds in total | Type of notarial deed | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Notices of seizure | Auctions | Protests | Will and testaments | Establishment of companies | Dissolution of companies | Real estate transactions | Car transactions | Donations in total | Parental grants | Deeds of procuration | Other deeds ¹ |
| Total | 599,159 | 4,520 | 1,186 | 961 | 31,708 | 1,747 | 1,303 | 69,826 | 1,332 | 19,848 | 31,719 | 201,864 | 233,145 |
| Athens | 203,144 | 1,478 | 229 | 344 | 5,966 | 1,035 | 733 | 19,477 | 1,075 | 4,431 | 8,951 | 81,382 | 78,043 |
| Aigaio | 11,967 | 25 | 43 | 36 | 646 | 13 | 7 | 1,282 | 9 | 381 | 635 | 4,855 | 4,035 |
| Dodecanese | 11,276 | 114 | 46 | 31 | 363 | 21 | 12 | 871 | 23 | 305 | 620 | 4,949 | 3,921 |
| Thessaloniki | 97,226 | 836 | 189 | 193 | 7,046 | 211 | 202 | 14,599 | 61 | 3,742 | 5,741 | 28,964 | 35,442 |
| Thraki | 31,835 | 125 | 76 | 11 | 2,988 | 39 | 28 | 4,776 | 7 | 1,749 | 1,805 | 9,855 | 10,376 |
| Ioannina | 12,986 | 60 | 30 | 2 | 847 | 19 | 15 | 1,171 | 28 | 514 | 889 | 3,808 | 5,603 |
| Kerkyra | 9,589 | 52 | 13 | 11 | 532 | 14 | 17 | 1,176 | 12 | 264 | 379 | 3,601 | 3,518 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 13,772 | 129 | 26 | 30 | 1,297 | 7 | 14 | 1,804 | 12 | 810 | 926 | 3,653 | 5,064 |
| Kriti | 13,581 | 102 | 13 | 21 | 617 | 37 | 9 | 1,946 | 7 | 369 | 683 | 4,645 | 5,132 |
| Larisa | 41,649 | 310 | 99 | 65 | 2,659 | 77 | 51 | 4,704 | 6 | 1,602 | 2,306 | 8,744 | 21,026 |
| Nafplio | 23,311 | 180 | 63 | 36 | 1,328 | 18 | 19 | 3,142 | 8 | 941 | 1,367 | 6,482 | 9,727 |
| Patra | 28,443 | 144 | 56 | 36 | 1,723 | 39 | 29 | 2,793 | 33 | 1,024 | 1,542 | 8,569 | 12,455 |
| Piraeus | 29,049 | 201 | 90 | 55 | 1,261 | 92 | 82 | 2,361 | 11 | 789 | 1,487 | 11,024 | 11,596 |
| Lamia | 11,436 | 192 | 76 | 15 | 790 | 23 | 13 | 1,574 | 5 | 463 | 695 | 2,939 | 4,651 |
| Kalamata | 11,499 | 69 | 29 | 1 | 762 | 18 | 18 | 1,692 | 1 | 551 | 774 | 3,348 | 4,236 |
| Anatoliki Kriti | 16,820 | 244 | 18 | 27 | 718 | 40 | 26 | 2,719 | 16 | 513 | 763 | 5,264 | 6,472 |
| Dytiki Sterea Ellada | 9,986 | 103 | 33 | 1 | 652 | 15 | 3 | 1,192 | 10 | 500 | 685 | 2,976 | 3,816 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 9,471 | 63 | 20 | 11 | 644 | 14 | 6 | 1,158 | 5 | 394 | 645 | 3,411 | 3,100 |
| Evia | 12,119 | 93 | 37 | 35 | 869 | 15 | 19 | 1,389 | 3 | 506 | 826 | 3,395 | 4,932 |

¹ In "Other deeds" loans are also included

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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| Survey on Notaries' activities | <p>The survey on Notaries' Activities is a census survey; it is conducted on a yearly basis, during the 1st semester of the year n for the data referring to the year n-1. The survey collects information on the number of notarial deeds per year by type of deed and on the value of the stamp used. The collected data are broken down by Judicial Regions of Courts of Appeal.</p> <p>The competent persons for the completion of the annual statistical table of notarial deeds are the Notaries.</p> <p>The main variables of the survey are: the Judicial Region and the type of deeds, such as notices for seizure, protests, wills and testaments, real estate transactions, donations, parental grants, deeds of procuration, etc.</p> |
| Legal basis | <p>The survey on the notaries' activities is conducted by virtue of the Greek Statistical Law 3832/2010, as in force, and the Joint Ministerial Decision 10498/B115/16.05.1963.</p> |
| Periodicity | <p>Annual.</p> |
| Definitions | <p>Notaries are unsalaried public officials. They are appointed to existing places following a public competition; their main duty is to draft contracts, wills, memoranda of agreement etc. Their professional status is governed by the Notaries Code, and they are organised in professional associations of notaries. The geographical distribution of the deeds is according to the seat of the notaries who concluded the acts, aggregated by the regions of Courts of Appeal.</p> <p>Type of notarial deeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notices of seizure• Auctions: refers to the concluded auctions. Postponements, annulments, non awarded auctions are included in "Other deeds"• Protests• Wills and testaments• Establishment/dissolution of companies• Real estate transactions: a deed that refers to more than one transaction of immovable property or share/s of immovable property is counted as one transaction.• Vehicles purchase and sales• Donations (in life, in prospect of death)• Parental grants• Loans deeds• Procuracy deeds• Other deeds: lease contracts, statements in writing sworn, statements of legal capacity, approvals of private agreements, zone reservation contracts, distributions, exchanges, assignments, mergers, acceptance of inheritance, registered partnerships, civil partnerships acknowledgment of paternity of child, etc. |
| Methodology | <p>Data are collected through a standard statistical table which is filled in by the Notaries. More information on the methodology of the survey is available on the webpage of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr), Statistics → Population and Social Conditions → Civil Justice → Notarial acts → Methodology</p> |
| References | <p>More information on the survey is available on the webpage of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr) Section: Statistics → Population and Social Conditions → Civil Justice → Notarial acts</p> |