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ACTIVITIES OF NOTARIES: Year 2020

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) presents statistics on the activities of notaries for the year 2020. 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 95.5%.

In 2020, the concluded notaries' deeds were 619,944 in comparison with 919,258 in 2019, recording a decrease of 32.6% (Table 1). On the basis of the available data for the period 2011 – 2020, a decrease of 21.3% is observed taking into account the conclusion of 619,944 deeds in 2020 compared with 787,664 deeds in 2011 (Table 2).

As regards the change in the number of notarial deeds, the only increase observed in 2020 in comparison with 2019 concerns the category "Loans" by 72.4%, which, however, amounts for a small percentage over the total notarial deeds (293 deeds in 2020, 170 in 2019). The real estate transactions recorded a decrease of 22.6% (74,769 deeds in 2020, 96,662 deeds in 2019). 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) (Table 2).

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Table 1. Notarial deeds by type, 2011 – 2020

Type of notarial deed	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total	787,664	620,998	555,473	500,992	535,992	551,076	599,159	638,522	919,258	619,944
Notices of seizure	18,686	11,855	8,310	6,291	4,088	2,288	4,520	6,994	8,255	6,846
Auctions	4,039	2,975	2,724	2,428	1,204	724	1,186	3,388	4,829	2,683
Protests	7,339	6,549	3,435	2,022	1,347	1,069	961	-	-	-
Wills and testaments	30,673	31,001	29,952	30,856	31,528	32,256	31,708	31,106	31,615	30,204
Establishment of companies	3,791	3,278	2,604	1,940	1,565	1,663	1,747	1,713	1,672	1,271
Dissolution of companies	2,155	2,006	1,816	2,510	2,078	1,655	1,303	886	903	547
Real estate transactions	83,665	57,650	49,774	43,443	54,631	60,540	69,826	79,532	96,662	74,769
Car transactions	2,678	2,400	2,754	2,364	2,772	2,232	1,332	1,360	1,763	1,200
Donations in life	38,750	26,357	20,541	17,882	19,110	20,953	19,512	19,020	22,691	15,693
Donations in prospect of death	630	542	391	391	498	539	336	316	372	219
Parental grants	65,111	44,543	28,680	23,221	28,258	34,307	31,719	31,385	34,924	25,944
Loans	433	602	352	364	367	427	83	58	170	293
Deeds of procuration	234,598	205,454	192,637	176,611	192,196	190,318	201,864	206,148	224,682	170,532
Acknowledgement of paternity of child ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,623	4,598	4,000
Unilateral dissolution of registered partnership ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	212	233	233
Dissolution of registered partnership by mutual consent ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	622	838	758
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children) ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,175	3,763	3,487
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children) ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,621	7,259	7,151
Other deeds	295,116	225,786	211,503	190,669	196,350	202,105	233,062	242,363	474,029	274,114

¹ From reference year 2018, the notary deed "Protests" is included in "Other deeds"

² Addition of notarial deed from reference year 2018

³ "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, registered partnerships, acceptance of inheritance etc.

Graph 1. Number of notarial deeds, 2001-2020

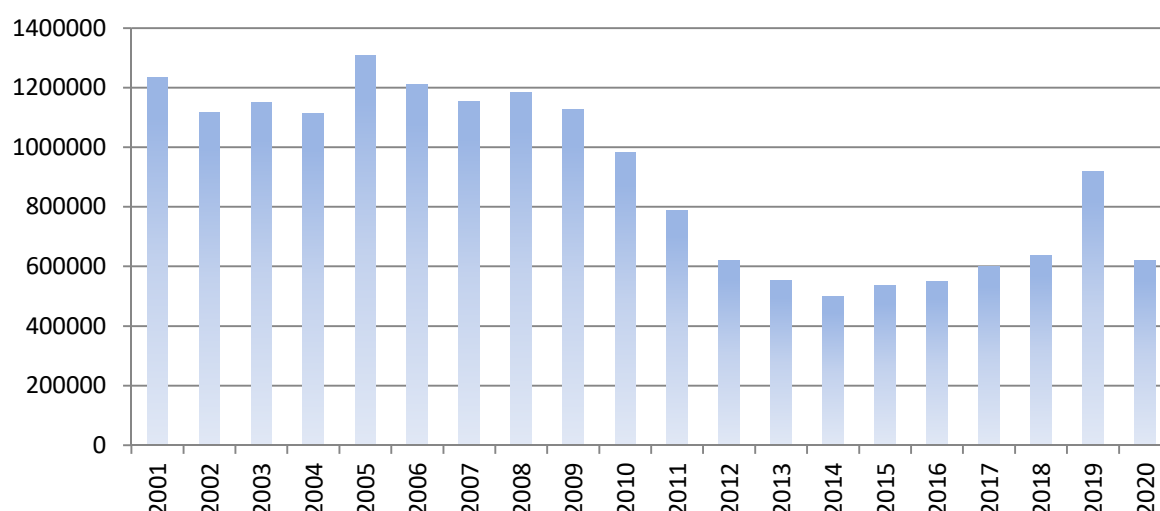


Table 2. Notarial deeds, by type and annual percentage change, 2011, 2017-2020

Type of notarial deed	Number of notarial deeds					Annual change (%)			
	2011	2017	2018	2019	2020	2018/ 2017	2019/ 2018	2020/ 2019	2020/ 2011
Total	787,664	599,159	638,522	919,258	619,944	6.6	44.0	-32.6	-21.3
Notices of seizure	18,686	4,520	6,994	8,255	6,846	54.7	18.0	-17.1	-63.4
Auctions	4,039	1,186	3,388	4,829	2,683	185.7	42.5	-44.4	-33.6
Protests	7,339	961	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wills and testaments	30,673	31,708	31,106	31,615	30,204	-1.9	1.6	-4.5	-1.5
Establishment of companies	3,791	1,747	1,713	1,672	1,271	-1.9	-2.4	-24.0	-66.5
Dissolution of companies	2,155	1,303	886	903	547	-32.0	1.9	-39.4	-74.6
Real estate transactions	83,665	69,826	79,532	96,662	74,769	13.9	21.5	-22.6	-10.6
Car transactions	2,678	1,332	1,360	1,763	1,200	2.1	29.6	-31.9	-55.2
Donations in life	38,750	19,512	19,020	22,691	15,693	-2.5	19.3	-30.8	-59.5
Donations in prospect of death	630	336	316	372	219	-6.0	17.7	-41.1	-65.2
Parental grants	65,111	31,719	31,385	34,924	25,944	-1.1	11.3	-25.7	-60.2
Loans	433	83	58	170	293	-30.1	193.1	72.4	-32.3
Deeds of procuration	234,598	201,864	206,148	224,682	170,532	2.1	9.0	-24.1	-27.3
Acknowledgement of paternity of child ²	-	-	4,623	4,598	4,000	-	-0.5	-13.0	-
Unilateral dissolution of registered partnership ²	-	-	212	233	233	-	9.9	0.0	-
Dissolution of registered partnership by mutual consent ²	-	-	622	838	758	-	34.7	-9.5	-
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children) ²	-	-	3,175	3,763	3,487	-	18.5	-7.3	-
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children) ²	-	-	5,621	7,259	7,151	-	29.1	-1.5	-
Other deeds	295,116	233,062	242,363	474,029	274,114	4.0	95.6	-42.2	-7.1

¹ From reference year 2018, the notary deed "Protests" is included in "Other deeds"

² Addition of notarial deed from reference year 2018

Table 3 below presents the number of notaries who responded to the survey per regional Court of Appeal, for the years 2017 - 2020. The coverage rates for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 are 96.9%, 92.9%, 95.9% and 95.5% respectively.

Table 3. Number of notaries who responded to the survey by regional Courts of Appeal, 2017 - 2020

Courts of Appeal	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total	2,863	2,662	2,708	2,756
Athens	1,029	975	979	990
Aigaio	53	51	49	54
Dodecanese	40	41	39	41
Thessaloniki	473	445	452	450
Thraki	109	104	102	107
Ioannina	54	45	47	52
Kerkyra	40	40	41	39
Dytiki Makedonia	58	49	53	46
Kriti	54	48	53	54
Larisa	169	157	166	176
Nafplio	136	119	123	125
Patra	138	127	130	134
Piraeus	147	140	138	143
Lamia	69	61	64	65
Kalamata	64	61	59	62
Anatoliki Kriti	75	64	73	74
Dytiki Sterea Ellada	49	41	42	46
Voreio Aigaio	42	40	40	41
Evia	64	54	58	57

Table 4. Notarial deeds by type of deed and by regional Courts of Appeal, 2020

Courts of Appeal	Deeds in total	Type of notarial deed															
		Notices of seizure	Auctions (real estate)	Auctions (chattels)	Wills and testaments	Establishment of companies	Dissolution of companies	Real estate transactions	Car transactions	Donations Total	Parental grants	Deeds of procurator	Acknowledgement of paternity of child	Dissolution of registered partnership	Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children)	Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children)	Other deeds ¹
Total	619,944	6,846	2,647	36	30,204	1,271	547	74,769	1,200	15,912	25,944	170,532	4,000	991	3,487	7,151	274,407
Athens	203,411	1,773	780	14	6,114	727	296	23,839	890	3,500	6,818	69,856	1,407	549	1,477	2,601	82,770
Aigaio	13,399	90	23	0	564	10	2	1,406	8	404	808	4,805	67	9	44	94	5,065
Dodecanese	10,667	137	97	0	370	13	3	974	10	362	673	3,681	155	28	51	142	3,971
Thessaloniki	95,463	1,665	581	8	6,348	165	69	14,462	153	2,720	4,298	23,949	537	99	551	1,164	38,694
Thraki	30,283	257	113	4	2,590	27	22	4,605	25	1,255	1,612	8,095	191	18	125	320	11,024
Ioannina	15,962	2	55	0	960	14	8	1,740	14	553	860	3,400	72	9	61	190	8,024
Kerkyra	8,096	0	0	0	593	25	6	943	12	223	325	2,793	77	17	39	108	2,935
Dytiki Makedonia	13,026	194	43	4	1,215	5	8	1,660	7	592	801	2,690	63	4	54	140	5,546
Kriti	14,650	345	86	1	679	26	14	1,901	9	330	707	4,337	98	30	73	177	5,837
Larisa	35,465	687	156	0	2,656	58	32	4,781	4	1,192	1,651	7,910	233	20	168	400	15,517
Nafplio	28,168	383	93	0	1,206	26	9	3,078	4	721	1,071	5,079	148	27	101	210	16,012
Patra	32,463	431	118	0	1,554	29	13	3,265	24	943	1,534	7,216	241	38	169	355	16,533
Piraeus	27,096	209	88	3	1,262	82	20	2,637	8	592	1,092	8,809	244	50	216	440	11,344
Lamia	15,478	307	149	0	795	8	20	1,671	3	518	755	2,692	60	9	47	118	8,326
Kalamata	13,495	116	21	0	770	6	5	1,589	2	435	612	2,828	64	13	58	111	6,865
Anatoliki Kriti	22,056	80	30	1	626	35	9	2,142	17	348	457	4,500	173	34	90	237	13,277
Dytiki Sterea Ellada	10,909	33	4	0	584	6	2	1,468	4	497	648	2,573	56	4	39	80	4,911
Voreio Aigaio	13,574	29	161	0	515	2	3	1,169	6	347	557	2,582	54	14	56	88	7,991
Evia	16,283	108	49	1	803	7	6	1,439	0	380	665	2,737	60	19	68	176	9,765

¹ In "Other deeds" loans are also included

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Notaries' activities

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.

The competent persons for the completion of the annual statistical table of notarial deeds are the Notaries.

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.

From reference year 2018, the following notarial deeds have been added: acknowledgement of paternity of child, registered partnerships, dissolution of registered partnerships, dissolution of marriages by mutual consent

Legal basis

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.

Periodicity

Annual

Definitions

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.

Type of notarial deeds:

- Notices of seizure
- Auctions: refers to the concluded auctions. Postponements, annulments, non awarded auctions are included in "Other deeds"
- 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
- Acknowledgement of paternity of child
- Registered partnerships
- Dissolution of registered partnerships
- Dissolution of marriages by mutual consent
- 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, etc.

Methodology

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

References

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