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ACTIVITIES OF NOTARIES: Year 2019

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) presents statistics on the activities of notaries for the year 2019. 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 95.9%.

In 2019, the concluded notaries' deeds were 919,258 in comparison with 638,522 in 2018, recording an increase of 44.0% (Table 1). On the basis of the available data for the period 2010 – 2019, a decrease of 6.3% is observed taking into account the conclusion of 919,258 deeds in 2019 compared with 980,865 deeds in 2010 (Table 2).

As regards the change in the number of notarial deeds, the most significant increase observed in 2019 in comparison with 2018 concerns the category "Loans" by 193.1%, which, however, amounts for the smallest percentage over the total notarial deeds (170 deeds in 2019, 58 in 2018). The category "Other deeds" increased by 95.6% mainly due to the increase of statements in writing sworn for the Cadastral Offices in the areas under cadastral mapping for the reported year (474,029 deeds in 2019, 242,363 deeds in 2018). The real estate transactions recorded an increase of 21.5% (96,662 deeds in 2019, 79,532 deeds in 2018). 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, 2010 – 2019

Type of notarial deed	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total	980,865	787,664	620,998	555,473	500,992	535,992	551,076	599,159	638,522	919,258
Notices of seizure	22,329	18,686	11,855	8,310	6,291	4,088	2,288	4,520	6,994	8,255
Auctions	3,644	4,039	2,975	2,724	2,428	1,204	724	1,186	3,388	4,829
Protests ¹	7,245	7,339	6,549	3,435	2,022	1,347	1,069	961	-	-
Wills and testaments	29,978	30,673	31,001	29,952	30,856	31,528	32,256	31,708	31,106	31,615
Establishment of companies	4,297	3,791	3,278	2,604	1,940	1,565	1,663	1,747	1,713	1,672
Dissolution of companies	2,165	2,155	2,006	1,816	2,510	2,078	1,655	1,303	886	903
Real estate transactions	117,948	83,665	57,650	49,774	43,443	54,631	60,540	69,826	79,532	96,662
Car transactions	2,419	2,678	2,400	2,754	2,364	2,772	2,232	1,332	1,360	1,763
Donations in life	57,713	38,750	26,357	20,541	17,882	19,110	20,953	19,512	19,020	22,691
Donations in prospect of death	1,146	630	542	391	391	498	539	336	316	372
Parental grants	115,962	65,111	44,543	28,680	23,221	28,258	34,307	31,719	31,385	34,924
Loans	1,097	433	602	352	364	367	427	83	58	170
Deeds of procuration	265,070	234,598	205,454	192,637	176,611	192,196	190,318	201,864	206,148	224,682
Acknowledgement of paternity of child ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,623	4,598
Unilateral dissolution of registered partnerships ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	212	233
Dissolution of registered partnerships by mutual consent ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	622	838
Dissolution of marriages by mutual consent (without children) ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,175	3,763
Dissolution of marriages by mutual consent (with children) ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,621	7,259
Other deeds	349,852	295,116	225,786	211,503	190,669	196,350	202,105	233,062	242,363	474,029

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, 2000-2019

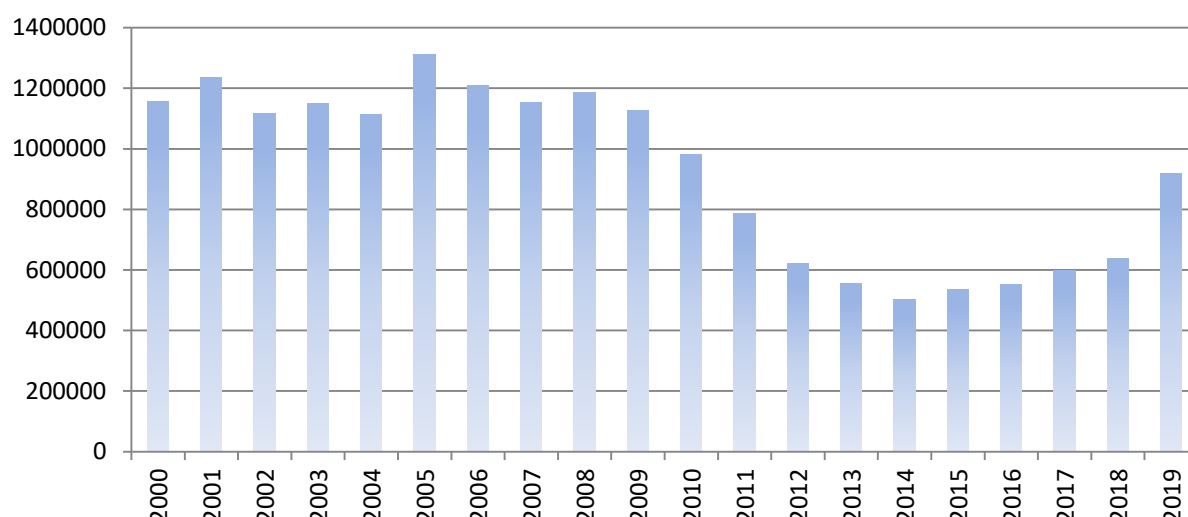


Table 2. Notarial deeds, by type and annual percentage change, 2010, 2016-2019

Type of notarial deed	Number of notarial deeds					Annual change (%)			
	2010	2016	2017	2018	2019	2017/ 2016	2018/ 2017	2019/ 2018	2019/ 2010
Total	980,865	551,076	599,159	638,522	919,258	8.7	6.6	44.0	-6.3
Notices of seizure	22,329	2,288	4,520	6,994	8,255	97.6	54.7	18.0	-63.0
Auctions	3,644	724	1,186	3,388	4,829	63.8	185.7	42.5	32.5
Protests ¹	7,245	1,069	961	-	-	-10.1	-	-	-
Wills and testaments	29,978	32,256	31,708	31,106	31,615	-1.7	-1.9	1.6	5.5
Establishment of companies	4,297	1,663	1,747	1,713	1,672	5.1	-1.9	-2.4	-61.1
Dissolution of companies	2,165	1,655	1,303	886	903	-21.3	-32.0	1.9	-58.3
Real estate transactions	117,948	60,540	69,826	79,532	96,662	15.3	13.9	21.5	-18.0
Car transactions	2,419	2,232	1,332	1,360	1,763	-40.3	2.1	29.6	-27.1
Donations in life	57,713	20,953	19,512	19,020	22,691	-6.9	-2.5	19.3	-60.7
Donations in prospect of death	1,146	539	336	316	372	-37.7	-6.0	17.7	-67.5
Parental grants	115,962	34,307	31,719	31,385	34,924	-7.5	-1.1	11.3	-69.9
Loans	1,097	427	83	58	170	-80.6	-30.1	193.1	-84.5
Deeds of procuration	265,070	190,318	201,864	206,148	224,682	6.1	2.1	9.0	-15.2
Acknowledgement of paternity of child ²	-	-	-	4,623	4,598	-	-	-0.5	-
Unilateral dissolution of registered partnerships ²	-	-	-	212	233	-	-	9.9	-
Dissolution of registered partnerships by mutual consent ²	-	-	-	622	838	-	-	34.7	-
Dissolution of marriages by mutual consent (without children) ²	-	-	-	3,175	3,763	-	-	18.5	-
Dissolution of marriages by mutual consent (with children) ²	-	-	-	5,621	7,259	-	-	29.1	-
Other deeds	349,852	202,105	233,062	242,363	474,029	15.3	4.0	95.6	35.5

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 2016 - 2019. The coverage rates for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 are 95.2%, 96.9%, 92.9% and 95.9% respectively.

Table 3. Number of notaries who responded to the survey by regional Courts of Appeal, 2016 - 2019

Courts of Appeal	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total	2,680	2,863	2,662	2,708
Athens	983	1,029	975	979
Aigaio	42	53	51	49
Dodecanese	39	40	41	39
Thessaloniki	431	473	445	452
Thraki	99	109	104	102
Ioannina	48	54	45	47
Kerkyra	39	40	40	41
Dytiki Makedonia	52	58	49	53
Kriti	42	54	48	53
Larisa	161	169	157	166
Nafplio	119	136	119	123
Patra	137	138	127	130
Piraeus	145	147	140	138
Lamia	63	69	61	64
Kalamata	57	64	61	59
Anatoliki Kriti	71	75	64	73
Dytiki Sterea Ellada	47	49	41	42
Voreio Aigaio	43	42	40	40
Evia	62	64	54	58

Table 4. Notarial deeds by type of deed and by regional Courts of Appeal, 2019

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 procuration	Acknowledgement of paternity of child	Dissolution of registered partnerships	Dissolution of marriages by mutual consent (without children)	Dissolution of marriages by mutual consent (with children)	Other deeds ¹
Total	919,258	8,255	4,742	87	31,615	1,672	903	96,662	1,763	23,063	34,924	224,682	4,598	1,071	3,763	7,259	474,199
Athens	284,533	2,811	1,383	21	6,333	1,017	522	33,857	1,303	4,989	8,751	94,896	1,675	649	1,643	2,621	122,062
Aigaio	15,798	167	81	1	622	4	3	1,832	13	432	831	5,565	73	9	46	132	5,987
Dodecanese	14,340	162	124	0	362	21	9	1,211	31	472	982	5,255	136	16	74	149	5,336
Thessaloniki	130,730	2,095	797	18	7,143	227	137	19,035	190	3,954	6,014	31,104	679	125	582	1,176	57,454
Thraki	41,085	272	137	6	3,013	38	29	5,685	8	2,151	2,298	10,883	176	18	155	340	15,876
Ioannina	37,083	39	74	2	806	38	10	1,550	20	682	933	3,880	104	11	65	162	28,707
Kerkyra	11,142	0	0	0	585	15	6	1,307	18	281	459	3,644	85	12	56	125	4,549
Dytiki Makedonia	22,765	206	88	3	1,357	6	16	2,199	9	990	1,168	4,087	61	3	50	149	12,373
Kriti	17,789	42	612	0	665	24	12	2,287	16	404	827	5,347	133	19	88	190	7,123
Larisa	48,492	634	279	7	2,776	51	37	5,686	19	1,542	2,216	9,136	252	18	171	448	25,220
Nafplio	53,143	509	163	2	1,184	10	8	3,689	14	1,166	1,585	6,817	143	13	96	222	37,522
Patra	44,649	341	202	5	1,623	34	26	3,538	28	1,293	1,945	9,455	248	42	150	330	25,389
Piraeus	35,680	208	129	15	1,290	96	50	3,276	23	855	1,491	11,729	261	76	252	420	15,509
Lamia	33,260	249	223	2	658	9	4	1,892	5	677	896	3,011	75	4	45	111	25,399
Kalamata	22,860	109	36	1	708	6	4	1,881	0	632	976	3,677	83	5	38	104	14,600
Anatoliki Kriti	44,201	6	4	0	625	45	18	2,975	46	569	774	5,410	221	27	96	266	33,119
Dytiki Sterea Ellada	19,710	36	9	1	536	15	3	1,608	10	831	1,015	3,395	57	7	31	74	12,082
Voreio Aigaio	16,499	209	309	1	604	6	2	1,353	6	403	769	3,944	53	7	58	111	8,664
Evia	25,499	160	92	2	725	10	7	1,801	4	740	994	3,447	83	10	67	129	17,228

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
- Procuration 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