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**ACTIVITIES OF LAND REGISTRIES: Year 2017**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) presents statistics on the activities of Land Registries, interim Cadastral Offices and Pledge Registries (hereinafter “Land Registries”) for the year 2017. The data derive from the annual census survey conducted by ELSTAT on the basis of a standard statistical table filled in by the aforementioned registries all over Greece, under the auspices of the Prosecution offices of the regional Courts of First Instance. The coverage rate of the survey for the year 2017 is 94.1%.

On the basis of the data for the period 2008 - 2017, a decrease is observed in the activities of Land Registries, with an average annual percent change amounting to -10.0%. A similar decrease is observed in the duties collected, with an average annual percent change amounting to -13.8%. In 2017 compared with 2016, an increase of 5.9% is recorded for deeds and a 19.7% increase for duties collected (Table 1).

As regards the distribution of the deeds, on the basis of the applied categorisation, it is observed that “registrations” account, longitudinally, for the biggest share of the total of deeds (on average 65.4%), followed by “mortgages”. “Claims” and “confiscations” account for less than 7.0% of the total of deeds, however, during the last years, the percentage share of confiscations to the total deeds has been growing from 3.8% in 2008 to 6.6% in 2017 (Graph 2). As regards the distribution of the duties collected by type of deed, it is observed that, while, in 2009 the duties collected from mortgages accounted for the majority of the total duties (more than 50.0%), in 2010 the duties collected by registrations took the lead (Graph 3a and 3b).

In 2017, a total number of 369 active Land Registries, which responded to the survey (coverage rate 94.1%), carried out 381,073 deeds and collected duties amounting to 60,667,756 euro; 48.9% of these duties were collected in favour of the State and 51.1% in favour of the Land Registries (Table 2, Graph 5). On average and per working day, 1,518 deeds were carried out and the duties collected amounted to 242 thousands euro, 118 thousands euro being collected in favour of the State.

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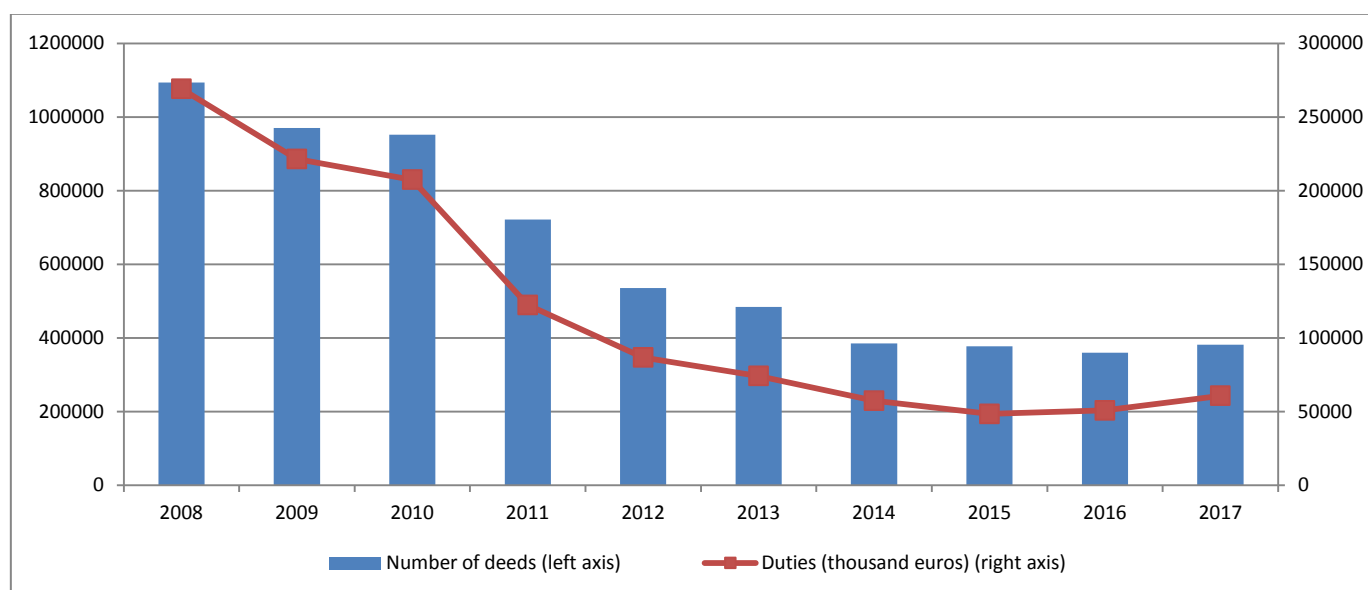
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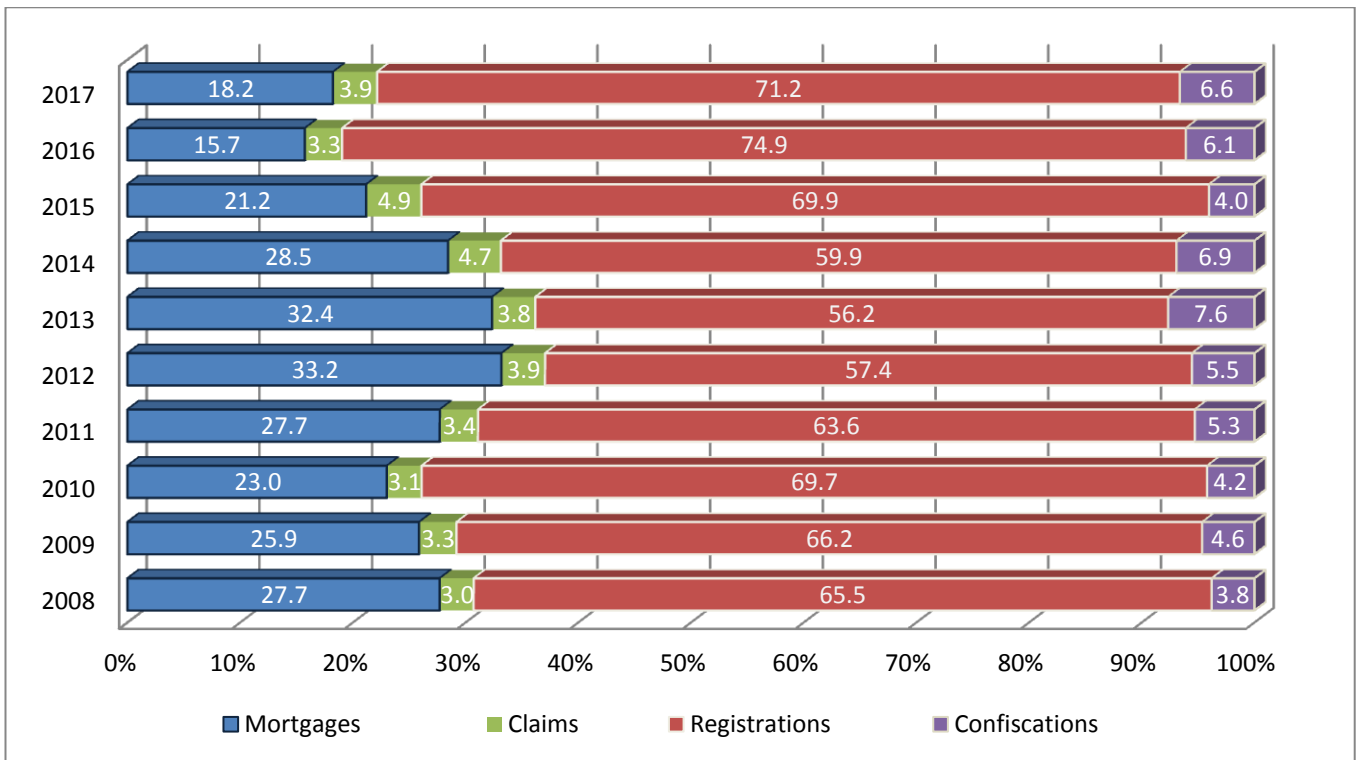
**Table 1. Number of deeds and duties collected by type, 2008 - 2017**

Year	Activities of Land Registries									
	Total		thereof							
	Total number of deeds	Duties (in thousand euros)	Mortgages		Registrations		Claims		Confiscations	
			Number of deeds	Duties (in thousand euros)	Number of deeds	Duties (in thousand euros)	Number of deeds	Duties (in thousand euros)	Number of deeds	Duties (in thousand euros)
2008	1,093,500	269,098	303,010	161,185	716,115	103,016	33,001	450	41,374	4,447
2009	969,723	221,412	250,990	114,439	641,648	101,161	32,254	470	44,831	5,342
2010	951,627	207,417	219,069	84,220	663,290	117,700	29,374	394	39,894	5,103
2011	721,776	122,256	200,076	54,429	459,011	61,058	24,489	355	38,200	6,414
2012	535,459	86,671	177,761	42,755	307,318	37,241	20,690	373	29,690	6,302
2013	484,407	74,118	156,730	36,366	272,025	32,674	18,606	210	37,046	4,868
2014	384,546	57,279	109,451	23,550	230,535	29,931	18,005	326	26,555	3,472
2015	377,171	48,285	79,911	13,989	263,591	32,203	18,478	163	15,191	1,930
2016	359,885	50,680	56,676	11,965	269,434	36,320	11,896	68	21,879	2,327
2017	381,073	60,668	69,536	15,082	271,480	41,248	14,908	79	25,149	4,259
Compound average annual change (%) 2008-2017 <sup>1</sup>	-10.0	-13.8	-13.7	-21.1	-9.2	-8.7	-7.6	-16.0	-4.9	-0.4
Annual change (%) 2017-2016	5.9	19.7	22.7	26.1	0.8	13.6	25.3	16.2	14.9	83.0

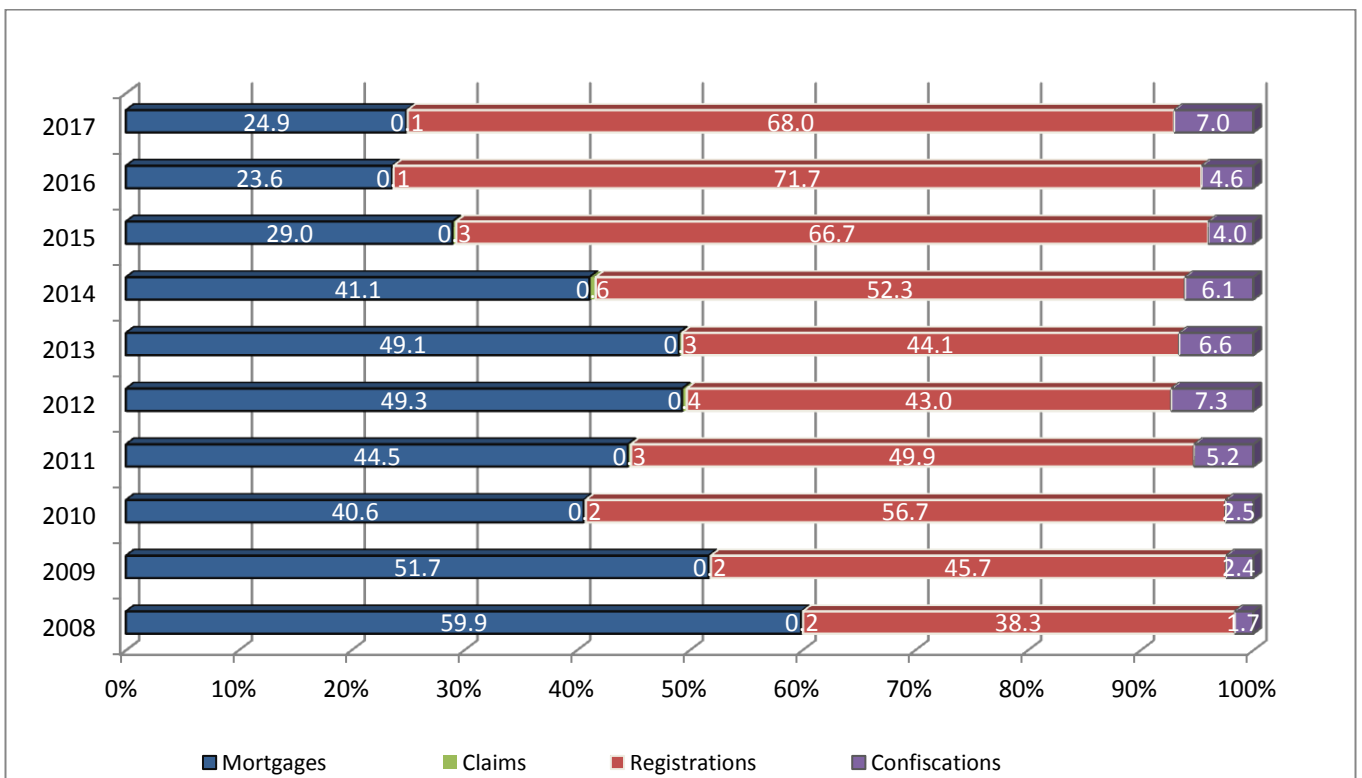
<sup>1</sup> Geometric mean

**Graph 1. Number of deeds and duties collected, 2008 - 2017**


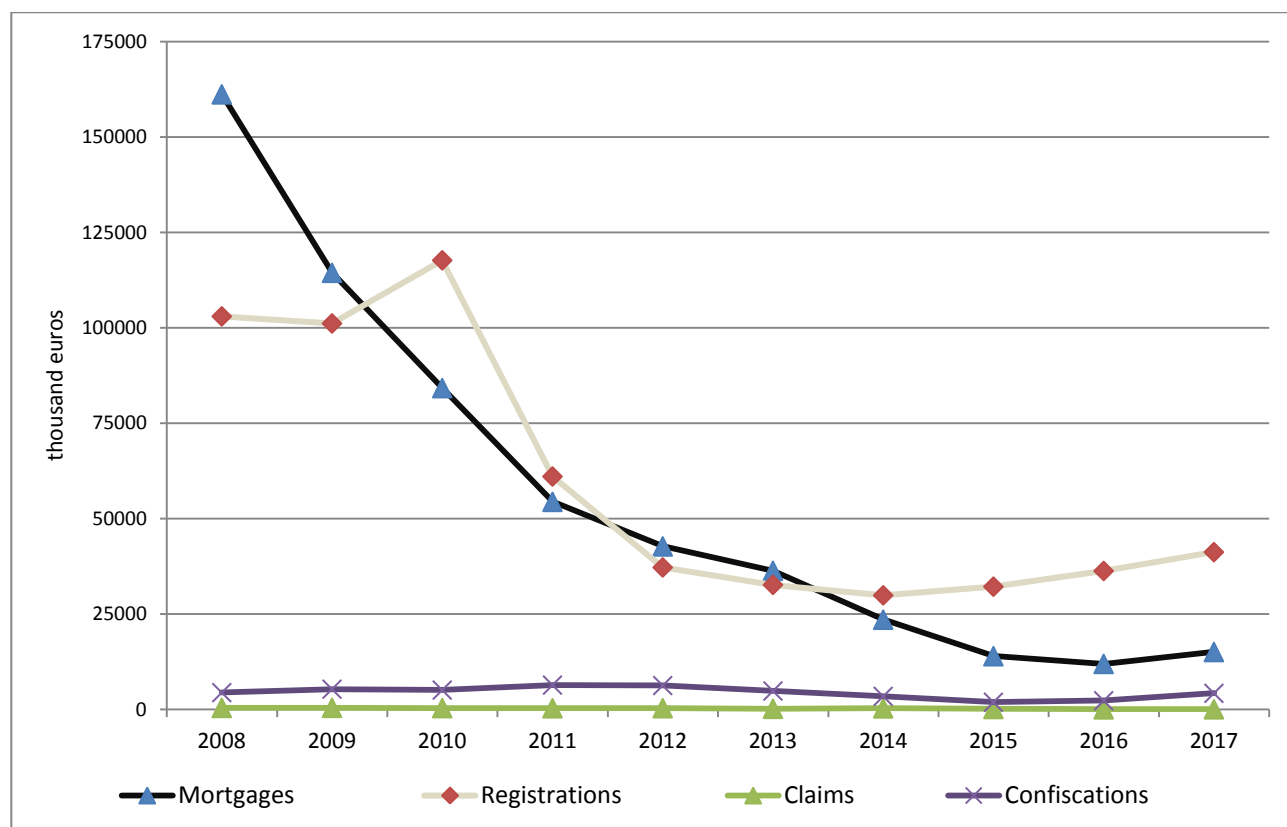
**Graph 2. Percentage distribution of deeds by type, 2008 - 2017**



**Graph 3a. Percentage distribution of duties collected by type of deeds, 2008 - 2017**



Graph 3b. Value of duties by type of deed, 2008 - 2017



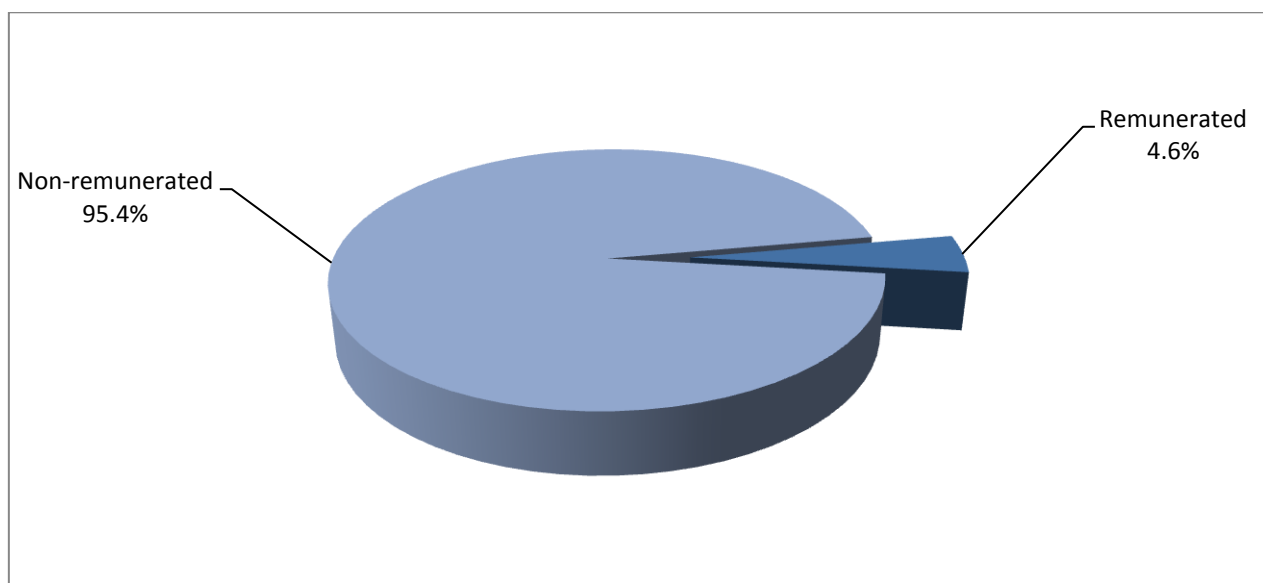
**Table 2. Number of Land Registries<sup>2</sup>, deeds and duties by Courts of Appeal, 2017**

Courts of Appeal <sup>3</sup>	Number of Land Registries			Number of deeds	Duties collected (in thousand euros)		
	Total	Remunerated	Non-remunerated		Total	in favour of the State	in favour of the Land Registry
<b>Total</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>381,073</b>	<b>60,668</b>	<b>29,664</b>	<b>31,004</b>
<b>Percentage %</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>95.4</b>		<b>100.0</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>51.1</b>
Athens	29	2	27	92,164	20,359	10,626	9,733
Aigaio	23	1	22	10,264	3,743	1,625	2,118
Dodecanese	9	2	7	6,176	1,277	1,124	153
Thessaloniki	34	2	32	74,062	9,485	4,871	4,614
Thraki	15	0	15	20,029	2,020	528	1,492
Ioannina	12	2	10	9,854	1,257	980	277
Kerkyra	9	0	9	7,360	978	285	693
Dytiki Makedonia	15	0	15	11,381	948	309	639
Kriti	10	1	9	8,469	1,599	719	880
Larisa	28	0	28	30,295	3,971	1,384	2,587
Nafplio	35	1	34	16,340	2,322	849	1,473
Patra	29	1	28	21,042	2,914	1,505	1,409
Piraeus	7	2	5	14,461	2,033	1,284	749
Lamia	28	0	28	10,963	1,077	330	747
Kalamata	24	0	24	10,263	1,052	292	760
Anatoliki Kriti	14	2	12	11,684	2,545	1,716	829
Dytiki Sterea Ellada	18	0	18	8,579	904	255	649
Voreio Aigaio	14	1	13	6,803	745	410	335
Evia	16	0	16	10,884	1,439	572	867

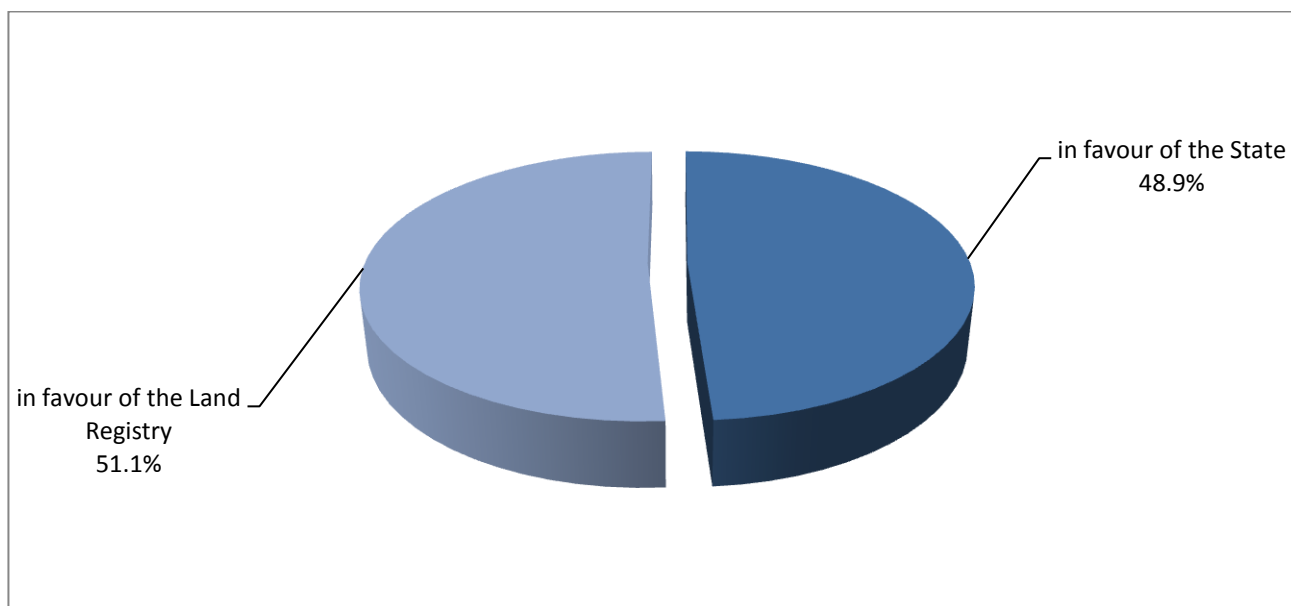
<sup>2</sup> Number of Land Registries that responded to the survey out of a total of 392 Land Registries.

<sup>3</sup> In 2015 the Register of the Courts of Appeals of the country was updated. Four (4) new Courts of Appeal were established (Anatoliki Kriti, Dytiki Sterea Ellada, Voreio Aigaio and Evia).

**Graph 4. Percentage distribution of remunerated/non-remunerated Land Registries, Greece total, 2017**



**Graph 5. Percentage distribution of duties collected, Greece total, 2017**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Survey on Land Registries** The Survey on Land Registries (Land Registries, interim Cadastral Offices and Pledge Registries) is an annual census survey that collects data on the number of deeds and the duties collected during the reference year by Judicial Region of Courts of Appeal.

The competent persons for the completion of the annual statistical table are the Heads of the Land Registries all over Greece.

According to the “National Cadastre and Mapping Agency S.A.” once the cadastral mapping of a region is completed, the system of “Registrations and Mortgages” is discontinued and replaced by the “Operative Cadastre”. Until the completion of the mapping, the local competent Land Registry Office operates as the *interim* Cadastral Office and undertakes the operation of the Cadastre for the surveyed region coming under its competence. At a later stage, the interim Cadastral Offices will become *permanent* Cadastral Offices.

Main variables: judicial region, mortgages, registrations, claims, confiscations, duties collected in favour of the State, duties collected in favour of the Land Register.

**Legal basis** The survey is conducted by virtue of the Greek Statistical Law 3832/2010, as in force, and the Law 3493/56.

**Periodicity** Annual.

**Definitions** **Land Registries:** are distinguished into remunerated land registries and non-remunerated land registries and belong to the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights. The non-remunerated land registries encompass: a) specialized non-remunerated land registries which are run by a Land Registrar nominated by the Minister of Justice following a public competition and b) non-specialized non-remunerated land registries run by a notary, appointed to the local Land Registry.

**Land Registrars:** their tasks encompass keeping records of a) mortgages, ratings and confiscations on property, b) registration deeds and c) actions brought to the court or other deeds pertaining to property.

**Cadastral Offices:** the competencies of the interim Cadastral Offices are the processing of any applications submitted by citizens concerning registration of deeds and update of cadastral data, the provision of copies and relevant files or certificates kept by the cadastral offices, the maintenance and safekeeping of such data (kept in digital or in paper form) and the provision of information and services to the general public, professionals and other stakeholders (source National Cadastre and Mapping Agency S.A.).

**Methodology** The data are provided through the completion of the statistical table by the competent Land Registrar/Head of Cadastral Offices.

**References** More information can be found on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority ([www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr)) at the link: “Statistics → Population and Social Conditions → Justice → Civil Justice → Land Registries”.  
<http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SJU27/2017>