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ACTIVITIES OF NOTARIES: Year 2023

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces statistics on the activities of notaries for the year 2023. 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 total of notaries for the year 2023 was 2,654.

In 2023, the concluded notaries' deeds were 837,726 in comparison with 804,322 in 2022, recording an increase of 4.2%. On the basis of the available data for the period 2014 – 2023, an increase of 67.2% is recorded taking into account the conclusion of 837,726 deeds in 2023 compared with 500,992 deeds in 2014 (Tables 1, 2).

In the year 2023 compared to the year 2022, the following categories recorded the greater increase:

- "Real estate transactions", 122,123 deeds compared to 112,283
- "Auctions", 7,291 deeds compared to 5,760 and
- "Loans", 653 deeds compared to 485 (Tables 1, 2).

In the year 2023, the main notarial deeds drawn up concern the following categories:

- "Deeds of procuration" (207,848 deeds)
- "Real estate transactions" (122,123 deeds). 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).
- "Wills and testaments" (33,124 deeds) (Tables 1, 2).

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Table 1. Notarial deeds by type, 2014 – 2023

Type of notarial deed	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	500,992	535,992	551,076	599,159	638,522	919,258	619,944	727,610	804,322	837,726
Notices of seizure	6,291	4,088	2,288	4,520	6,994	8,255	6,846	6,199	14,939	14,821
Auctions	2,428	1,204	724	1,186	3,388	4,829	2,683	2,393	5,760	7,291
Protests	2,022	1,347	1,069	961	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wills and testaments	30,856	31,528	32,256	31,708	31,106	31,615	30,204	33,655	33,206	33,124
Establishment of companies	1,940	1,565	1,663	1,747	1,713	1,672	1,271	1,474	1,109	1,120
Dissolution of companies	2,510	2,078	1,655	1,303	886	903	547	545	630	548
Real estate transactions	43,443	54,631	60,540	69,826	79,532	96,662	74,769	104,746	112,283	122,123
Car transactions	2,364	2,772	2,232	1,332	1,360	1,763	1,200	1,481	1,816	1,816
Donations in life	17,882	19,110	20,953	19,512	19,020	22,691	15,693	22,669	18,870	16,312
Donations in prospect of death	391	498	539	336	316	372	219	269	241	299
Parental grants	23,221	28,258	34,307	31,719	31,385	34,924	25,944	49,452	46,113	30,843
Loans	364	367	427	83	58	170	293	200	485	653
Deeds of procuration	176,611	192,196	190,318	201,864	206,148	224,682	170,532	210,600	210,236	207,848
Acknowledgement of paternity of child ²	-	-	-	-	4,623	4,598	4,000	4,273	4,673	4,159
Unilateral dissolution of registered partnership ²	-	-	-	-	212	233	233	268	447	466
Dissolution of registered partnership by mutual consent ²	-	-	-	-	622	838	758	857	1,118	1,331
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children) ^{2,3}	-	-	-	-	3,175	3,763	3,487	3,750	4,142	4,218
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children) ^{2,3}	-	-	-	-	5,621	7,259	7,151	7,897	8,269	8,400
Other deeds ⁴	190,669	196,350	202,105	233,062	242,363	474,029	274,114	276,882	339,985	382,354

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

² Addition of notarial deed from reference year 2018.

³ It is noted that these are notarial deeds of dissolution of marriages by mutual consent which were carried out in the corresponding year, which are then required to be declared in the competent Registries.

⁴ "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, 2004-2023

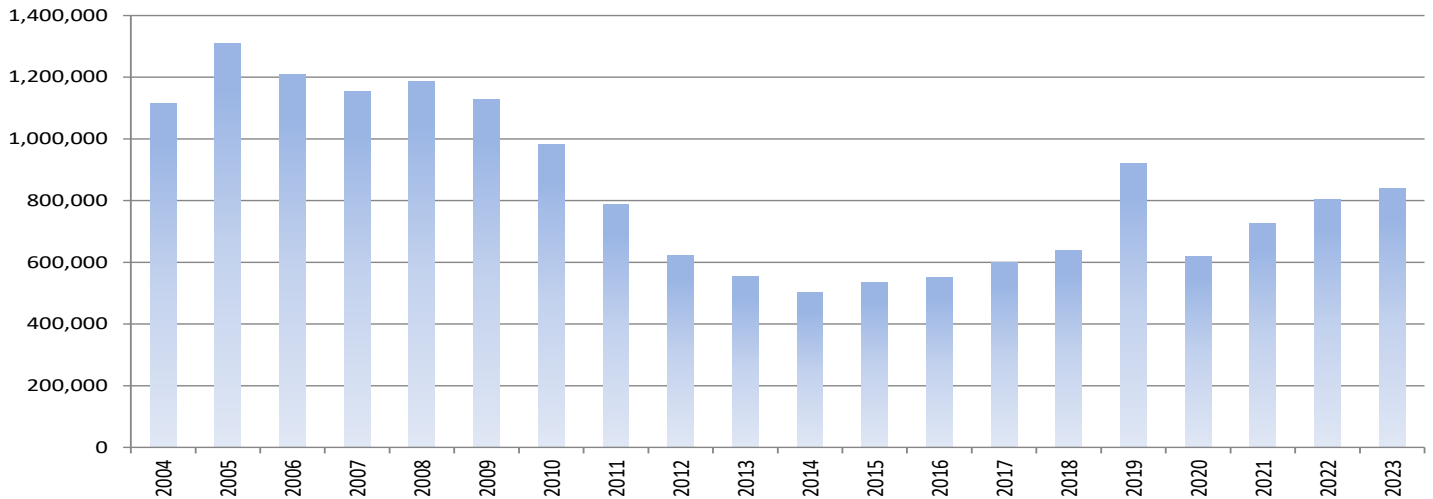


Table 2. Notarial deeds, by type and annual percentage change, 2014, 2020-2023

Type of notarial deed	Number of notarial deeds					Annual change (%)			
	2014	2020	2021	2022	2023	2021/ 2020	2022/ 2021	2023/ 2022	2023/ 2014
Total	500,992	619,944	727,610	804,322	837,726	17.4	10.5	4.2	67.2
Notices of seizure	6,291	6,846	6,199	14,939	14,821	-9.5	141.0	-0.8	135.6
Auctions	2,428	2,683	2,393	5,760	7,291	-10.8	140.7	26.6	200.3
Protests	2,022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wills and testaments	30,856	30,204	33,655	33,206	33,124	11.4	-1.3	-0.2	7.4
Establishment of companies	1,940	1,271	1,474	1,109	1,120	16.0	-24.8	-1.0	-42.3
Dissolution of companies	2,510	547	545	630	548	-0.4	15.6	-13.0	-78.2
Real estate transactions	43,443	74,769	104,746	112,283	122,123	40.1	7.2	8.8	181.1
Car transactions	2,364	1,200	1,481	1,816	1,816	23.4	22.6	0.0	-23.2
Donations in life	17,882	15,693	22,669	18,870	16,312	44.5	-16.8	-13.6	-8.8
Donations in prospect of death	391	219	269	241	299	22.8	-10.4	-24.1	-23.5
Parental grants	23,221	25,944	49,452	46,113	30,843	90.6	-6.8	-33.1	32.8
Loans	364	293	200	485	653	-31.7	142.5	34.6	79.4
Deeds of procuration	176,611	170,532	210,600	210,236	207,848	23.5	-0.2	-1.1	17.7
Acknowledgement of paternity of child ²	-	4,000	4,273	4,673	4,159	6.8	9.4	-11.0	-
Unilateral dissolution of registered partnership ²	-	233	268	447	466	15.0	66.8	4.3	-
Dissolution of registered partnership by mutual consent ²	-	758	857	1,118	1,331	13.1	30.5	19.1	-
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children) ²	-	3,487	3,750	4,142	4,218	7.5	10.5	1.8	-
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children) ²	-	7,151	7,897	8,269	8,400	10.4	4.7	1.6	-
Other deeds	190,669	274,114	276,882	339,985	382,354	1.0	22.8	12.5	100.5

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 2020 - 2023. The coverage rate for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 is 95.5%, 96.3%, 95.9% and 97.6% respectively.

Table 3. Number of notaries who responded to the survey by regional Courts of Appeal, 2020 - 2023

Courts of Appeal	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,756	2,700	2,607	2,589
Athens	990	962	944	920
Aigaio	54	48	39	47
Dodecanese	41	38	37	37
Thessaloniki	450	459	456	454
Thraki	107	107	106	107
Ioannina	52	52	50	49
Kerkyra	39	36	35	36
Dytiki Makedonia	46	45	44	46
Kriti	54	46	45	47
Larisa	176	183	178	175
Nafplio	125	120	118	117
Patra	134	132	123	121
Piraeus	143	137	128	125
Lamia	65	63	55	55
Kalamata	62	62	58	57
Anatoliki Kriti	74	72	64	62
Dytiki Sterea Ellada	46	44	40	43
Voreio Aigaio	41	40	38	38
Evia	57	54	49	53

Table 4. Notarial deeds by type of deed and by regional Courts of Appeal, 2023

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 partnership	Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children)	Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children)	Other deeds ¹
Total	837,726	14,821	7,201	90	33,124	1,120	548	122,123	1,816	16,611	30,843	207,848	4,159	1,797	4,218	8,400	383,007
Athens	293,542	4,046	2,256	23	6,785	609	289	39,156	1,340	3,765	8,754	80,894	1,431	869	1,745	3,016	138,564
Aigaio	16,099	162	64	1	685	7	4	1,855	17	346	762	6,158	55	31	57	128	5,767
Dodecanese	13,200	184	45	1	514	20	9	1,399	34	257	612	5,023	107	42	76	183	4,694
Thessaloniki	158,458	3,338	1,849	33	7,519	200	82	27,441	248	3,686	6,116	32,150	642	214	697	1,463	72,780
Thraki	41,371	700	470	9	2,722	31	24	7,544	14	1,140	1,463	10,048	210	39	197	432	16,328
Ioannina	19,057	340	146	3	883	10	7	2,435	8	499	883	3,888	67	32	74	224	9,558
Kerkyra	11,166	0	0	0	634	10	6	1,653	35	215	482	3,557	55	23	67	133	4,296
Dytiki Makedonia	17,534	527	173	1	1,333	9	9	2,703	15	530	683	3,660	75	15	75	173	7,553
Kriti	21,735	276	195	1	613	27	7	2,895	22	416	902	5,555	113	55	100	202	10,356
Larisa	46,727	1,391	250	2	2,715	33	31	7,992	12	1,298	2,093	9,285	273	55	226	419	20,652
Nafplio	31,197	942	355	2	1,341	20	11	4,127	1	701	1,241	6,870	125	39	103	229	15,090
Patra	39,471	894	336	3	1,672	31	16	4,795	20	893	1,644	9,378	223	70	150	392	18,954
Piraeus	35,789	302	389	3	1,323	39	28	3,901	4	614	1,368	9,536	251	125	232	424	17,250
Lamia	15,245	513	321	1	797	9	9	2,477	3	347	651	2,784	55	18	45	124	7,091
Kalamata	15,923	365	93	4	898	6	3	2,496	0	470	704	3,751	75	21	60	114	6,863
Anatoliki Kriti	19,549	211	45	0	572	25	7	3,373	39	355	585	5,085	189	76	129	295	8,563
Dytiki Sterea Ellada	12,930	23	30	0	625	16	4	2,006	2	438	668	3,287	75	30	61	153	5,512
Voreio Aigaio	11,438	284	42	1	624	9	1	1,542	1	247	567	3,552	56	14	48	106	4,344
Evia	17,295	323	142	2	869	9	1	2,333	1	394	665	3,387	82	29	76	190	8,792

¹In "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. 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. It is noted that these are notarial deeds of dissolution of marriages by mutual consent which were carried out in the corresponding year, which are then required to be declared in the competent Registries.

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 organized 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
- 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, registered partnerships 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

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