

Civil Justice

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3. Statistical presentation	
3.1 Short description	
<p>For decrees issued by the Magistrate's Court, the Ministry of Justice and Public Order forward the Courts of First Instance and the Courts of Appeal, relative returns or tables, duly completed by the Magistrate in charge of the case or the secretary of the court, to the Hellenic Statistical Authority.</p> <p>Data on the notarial acts executed, on the number of protests and the deeds registered in the Mortgage Registry are collected through statistical tables, annually, submitted by the Notaries and the Registrars of Mortgages in the Country.</p>	
3.2 Classification system used	
<p>Judicial District is classified using a specific, for Civil Justice, classification.</p> <p>Economic activity (for Bankruptcies) is classified according to STAKOD 03 (till 2007), which is the Greek version of NACE Rev1.1. From 2008 onwards STAKOD 08 is used, which is identical (at 3 digits level) to NACE Rev2.</p>	

Geographical areas (for Bankruptcies) are classified by NUTS classification.

3.4 Concepts and definitions (main variables)

Political Courts are the courts, which are responsible for the resolution of private differences.

Magistrate's Courts have jurisdiction:

1. over all disputes assessable in monetary terms whose value does not exceed €2.000,
2. over all disputes whether main or supplemental arising from rental agreements if the agreed rental fee for each month does not exceed €450.

Regardless of the value of the item at dispute the minor differences and other special proceeding are subject to the Courts of Magistrate, such as damage to trees, vines, fruit trees and restrictions on ownership.

Single – Member Court of First instance:

- a. Disputes which can be expressed in terms of monetary are subject to these courts where the value of the object at dispute is above €12.000 but does not exceed €80,000.
- b. over all disputes whether main or supplemental arising from rental agreements if the agreed rental fee for each month is above €450.

According to the articles 16 & 17 of the Code of Civil Justice, regardless of the value of the item at dispute, the Single-Member Court of First Instance has exclusive jurisdiction, such as, disputes between professionals or small industries either between themselves or with their customers - disputes arising from a collective work agreement - disputes with social security organizations - disputes relating to pay, remuneration and expenses of lawyers - disputes relating to the percentage or payment of insurance premiums – disputes from challenges to ownership or possession of movable or immovable property - disputes relating to the maintenance and guardianship of children as well as those relating to deciding on the location of the family home and the allocation of movable property between spouses in the case where they cease to co-habit -disputes between owners of floors or apartments resulting from horizontal property relationships - disputes relating to the quashing of decisions of general meetings of unions or cooperatives and other disputes.

Multi-member Court of First Instance has jurisdiction over:

1. Value of the item is above €80.000.
2. All disputes which the Courts of Magistrate or the Single-Member Courts of First Instance do not have jurisdiction and
3. Appeals against the decisions of Courts of Magistrate within their district.

Courts of Appeal: Appeals against the decisions of the Single-Member and Multi-Member Courts of First Instance within their district fall within the jurisdiction of the Courts of Appeal.

Notaries: 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 conditions of service are governed by the Notaries Code, and they are organised in professional associations of notaries.

Mortgage registrars are generally unsalaried public officials. Their main function is to keep registers of: a) real estate mortgages and confiscations, b) registrations and c) court actions and other steps taken in connection with real estate.

3.5 Statistical units

- Decisions issued by Magistrate’s Courts, Courts of First Instance and Courts of Appeal
- Notarial acts executed
- Deeds registered in the Mortgage Registry

3.7 Reference area (geographical coverage)

All Judicial Districts of Greece are covered.

3.8 Time coverage

Surveys on the Magistrates Courts, on the Courts of First Instance, on the Courts of Appeal and on the notaries are producing results since 1958, on a yearly bases.

Survey on the Mortgage Registries is producing results since 1969, on a yearly bases.

4. Unit of measure

1. Number of decisions issued by Magistrate’s Courts – Courts of First Instance – Courts of Appeal
2. Number of declared bankruptcies and value of liabilities (in euro)
3. Number of notarial acts and value of stamp (in euro)
4. Number of deeds of Mortgage Registries and duties (in euro)

5. Reference period

A calendar year

6. Institutional mandate
6.1 Legal acts and other agreements
<p>According to the Law 3832/05.03.2010, the National Statistics Service in Greece (NSSG) functions as Independent Administrative Authority, which called Hellenic Statistical Authority and is reported directly to the Hellenic Parliament.</p> <p>General legislation: Decree 3627/56, Law 2392/96, Law 3470/2006, Regulation (EP) 223/2009 and the Law 3832/2010 governing the statistical work (NSSG - Hellenic Statistical Authority), the obligation of respondents to supply data and safeguarding the confidentiality of data.</p> <p>Furthermore, the legal acts of Civil Justice are the Common Ministerial Decision 10498/B115/63 and the Law 3493/56.</p>

7. Confidentiality
7.1 Confidentiality policy
<p>Provisions there are in specific articles of the Decree 3627/56, Law 2392/96, Law 3470/2006, Regulation (EP) 223/2009 and the Law 3832/2010 so as to ensure the confidentiality of individual data. These laws govern the collection of statistical information (data) by the Hellenic Statistical Authority.</p> <p>According to the above laws, individual data are subject to confidentiality and cannot be published or made available to any person or organization.</p>
7.2 Confidentiality – data treatment
<p>Anonymity and confidentiality are observed the data are assembled in anonymous files and in the tables are presented the minimum number of units of research, which are 3.</p>

9. Frequency of dissemination
<p>The finally annual results are disseminated 1 year after the end of the reference year.</p>

10. Dissemination format

10.2 Publications

- 1) «Statistical Yearbook of Greece» available for a fee to subscribers and upon request to the Hellenic Statistical Authority.

It publishes yearly final data on:

- ✓ Proceedings of courts
- ✓ Private law cases presented at the Magistrate's Court and issued decisions
- ✓ Private law decisions issued by the Court of First Instance, by districts of Courts of Appeal
- ✓ Divorces by grounds for divorce, by party against whom issued and duration of dissolved marriage
- ✓ Bankruptcies, by category of bankrupts
- ✓ Bankruptcies reported, by category of bankrupts and economic activity branches
- ✓ Executed notarial acts, by object and value of stamp
- ✓ Proceedings of Mortgage Registries

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- ✓ Divorces by grounds for divorce, by duration of dissolved marriage
- ✓ Bankruptcies, by category of bankrupts
- ✓ Bankruptcies reported, by economic activity branches
- ✓ Executed notarial acts, by object

All the above publications are available at:

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10.3 On-line database

On-line database is available at Hellenic Statistical Authority's website:

<http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/PAGE-database>

10.4 Micro – data access

Micro – data access are available for a fee to users upon request to:
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The confidentiality of data is always ensured (chapter 7).

10.5 Other dissemination

A number of tabulated data are available to users at the website (<http://www.statistics.gr>).

Moreover tabulated data are available to users upon request to:
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13. Relevance

13.1 User needs

More important users – short descriptions of their needs.

- ✓ Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human rights → Proceedings of courts, divorces, private law cases presented at the Magistrate’s Court, bankruptcies, executed notarial acts, Proceedings of Mortgage Registries
- ✓ Universities → Proceedings of courts, divorces, executed notarial acts, Proceedings of Mortgage Registries
- ✓ Bank of Greece → Executed notarial acts, Proceedings of Mortgage Registries

16. Comparability
16.2 Comparability over time
<p>Major changes in the surveys questionnaires during the last years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Economic activity (for Bankruptcies) is classified according to STAKOD 03 (till 2007), which is the Greek version of NACE Rev1.1. From 2008 onwards STAKOD 08 is used, which is identical (at 3 digits level) to NACE Rev2. ✓ In 2005 (for notarial acts) the payment of stamp for copies and certificates abolished. ✓ In 2007 (for divorces) the regrouping during marriage changed.

17. Coherence
17.1 Coherence – cross domain
<p>The statistics of researches of Civil Justice are not always reconcilable (number of decisions) with those of Courts because the Magistrate in charge of the case or the secretary of the court does not complete some of statistical bulletins.</p>

19. Data revision
19.1 Revision policy
<p>Data weights are revised when the relative Legislation is changed.</p>

20. Statistical processing
20.1 Type of source data
<p>The source data is based on administrative data sources.</p>
20.2 Frequency of data collection
<p>The frequency of data collection is quarterly.</p> <p>The year is divided in 4 quarters: 1st (January, February, March), 2nd (April, May, June), 3rd (July, August, September) and 4th (October, November, December).</p>

20.3 Data collection methods

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