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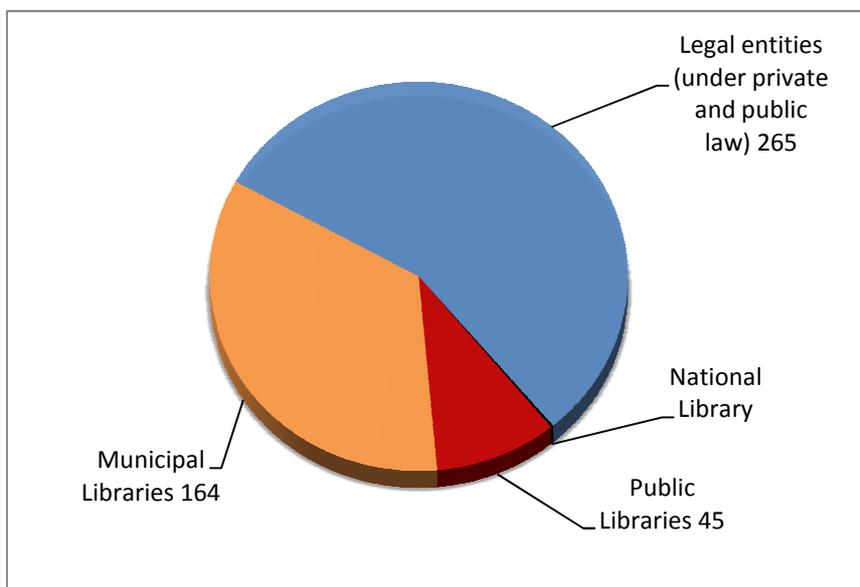
SURVEY ON LIBRARIES OF GREECE, 2014

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces, for the first time through this Press Release, data of the Survey on Libraries of Greece conducted for the year 2014.

The Survey on Libraries of Greece (excluding school libraries) is a census survey conducted every two years and records important information concerning libraries, such as: their legal status, the type of the library, the existence of branches and mobile units, collections of books, journals and manuscripts, data on personnel, facilities and equipment of the library, library traffic and services provided to readers, classification of library material, information on audiovisual material and on the access of the library to electronic documentation over the Internet.

This survey covers all libraries, excluding school libraries. In 2014, the total number of libraries amounted to 474, encompassing the National Library of Greece, 45 public libraries, 164 municipal libraries and 265 libraries of legal persons (under public and private law). Out of the total number of libraries, 244 are general libraries and 230 are specialised libraries, the majority of which are university libraries. These libraries have 150 branches and 31 mobile units.

Graph 1. Number of libraries by legal status



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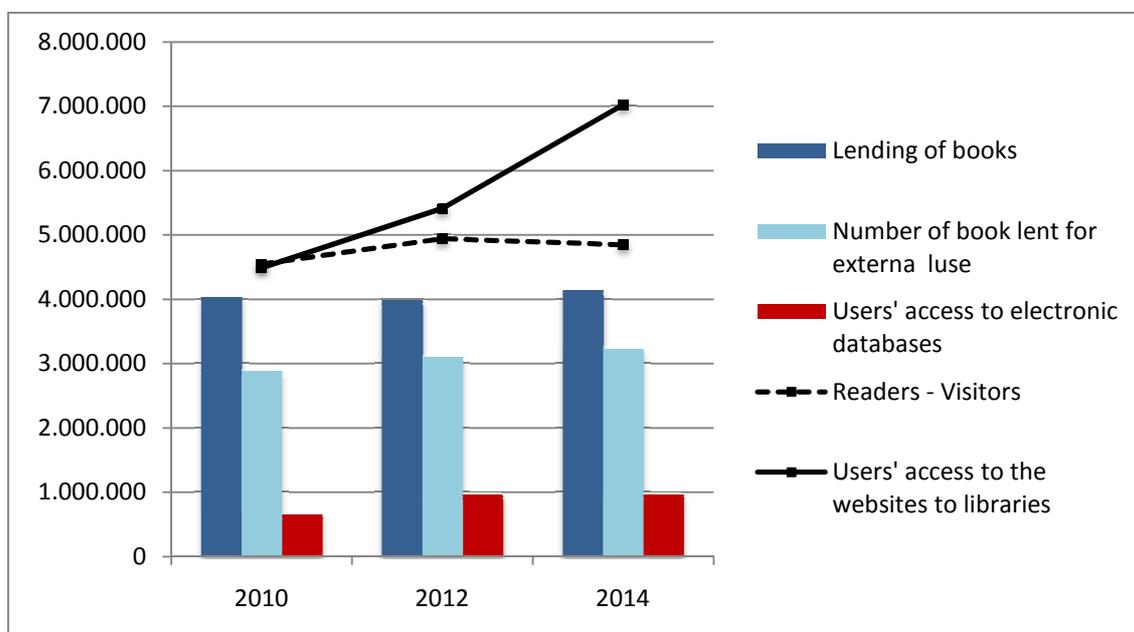
As regards library traffic and lending of books, the following comparative data are observed for the years 2014/2012 and 2012/2010:

- a decrease of 1.9 % and an increase of 8.7 %, respectively, in the number of readers — visitors;
- an increase of 3.8 % and a decrease of 1.2 %, respectively, in the number of books lent;
- an increase of 4.3 % and 7.6 %, respectively, in the lending of books for external use;
- a decrease of 48.8 % and an increase of 0.5%, respectively, in the access of users to electronic databases;
- an increase of 29.9 % and 20.5 %, respectively, in the access of users to websites of libraries (Table 1, Graph 2).

Table 1: Library traffic and lending of books, 2010, 2012 and 2014

COLLECTIONS	2010	2012	2014	Change (%) 2012/2010	Change (%) 2014/2012
Readers — visitors	4,547,809	4,942,328	4,848,431	8.7	- 1.9
Lending of books	4,032,143	3,983,386	4,136,525	- 1.2	3.8
Thereof books lent for external use	2,880,921	3,099,011	3,232,540	7.6	4.3
Users' access to electronic databases	645,639	960,629	956,206	48.8	-0.5
Users' access to the websites of libraries	4,489,889	5,411,292	7,026,788	20.5	29.9

Figure 2. Library traffic- lending of books, 2010, 2012 and 2014



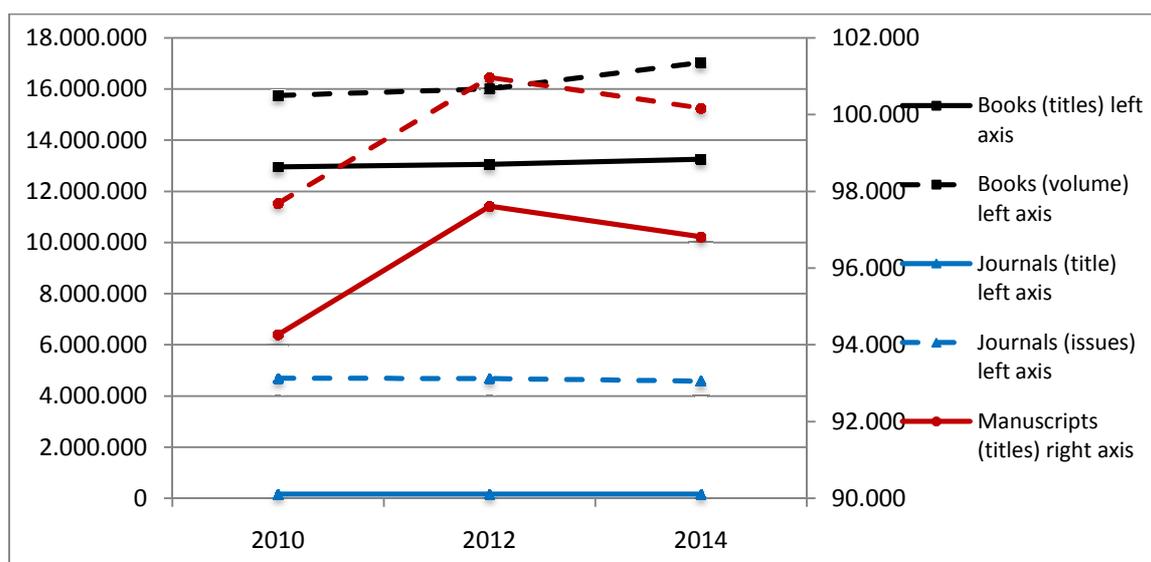
As regards the collections of books, journals and manuscripts the following comparative data are observed for the years 2014/2012 and 2012/2010:

- books: an increase of 1.5 % and 0.7 % , respectively, in titles and an increase of 6.5 % and 1.6 % , respectively, in the number of volumes;
- journals: a decrease of 1.5 % and an increase of 2.6 % , respectively in titles and a decrease of 2.2 % and 0.2 % , respectively, in the number of issues;
- manuscripts: a decrease of 0.8 % and an increase of 3.6 % , respectively, in the number of titles and a decrease of 0.8 % and an increase of 3.4 % , respectively, in the number of volumes (Table 2, Graph 3).

Table 2: Collections of books, journals and manuscripts of libraries, 2010, 2012 and 2014

COLLECTIONS		2010	2012	2014	Change (%) 2012/2010	Change (%) 2014/2012
<i>Books</i>	<i>Titles</i>	12,961,047	13,057,064	13,256,701	0.7	1.5
	<i>Volumes</i>	15,750,286	16,001,428	17,037,827	1.6	6.5
<i>Journals</i>	<i>Titles</i>	157,879	162,009	159,619	2.6	-1.5
	<i>Issues</i>	4,692,638	4,685,205	4,584,584	- 0.2	- 2.2
<i>Manuscripts</i>	<i>Titles</i>	94,267	97,616	96,812	3.6	- 0.8
	<i>Volumes</i>	97,691	100,970	100,166	3.4	- 0.8

Graph 3: Collections of books, journals and manuscripts of libraries, 2010, 2012 and 2014

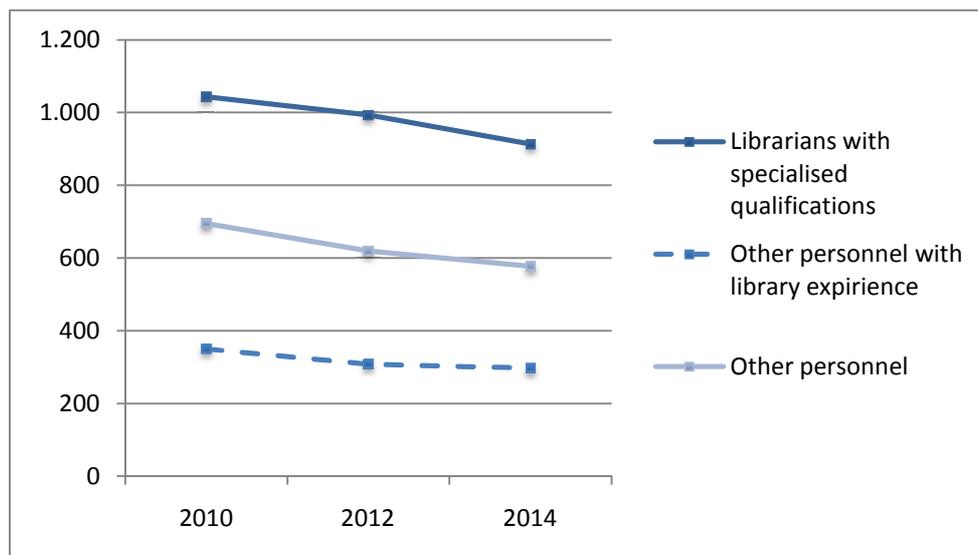


With regard to personnel employed in the libraries, when comparing the years 2014 with 2012 and 2012 with 2010, a decrease of 6.9 % and 8.1 %, respectively, is recorded in the total number of personnel employed in libraries. More specifically, the number of “librarians with specialized qualification” fall by 8.1 % and by 4.8 %, respectively, and the “other personnel with library experience” showed a decrease of 3.6 % and 12 % respectively. Finally, a decrease of 6.8 % and 10.9 %, respectively, was observed in the “other personnel” of the libraries.

Table 3: Library personnel, 2010, 2012 and 2014

PERSONNEL	2010	2012	2014	Change (%) 2012/2010	Change (%) 2014/2012
Librarians with specialised qualifications	1,043	993	913	-4.8	-8.1
Other personnel with library experience	350	308	297	-12.0	-3.6
Other personnel	695	619	577	-10.9	-6.8
Total number of persons employed	2,088	1,920	1,787	-8.1	-6.9

Graph 4. Library personnel, 2010, 2012 and 2014



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on libraries of Greece (excluding school libraries)

The Survey on Libraries of Greece (excluding school libraries) is being conducted since 1970, every two years, collecting data from the National Library of Greece, university libraries and municipal libraries and libraries of other public and private bodies.

Legal framework

Law 3832/2010, as amended and in force.

Reference period

The year 2014.

Methodology

It is a census survey.

Information about the survey

“Title” means the name of a work (book, periodical, etc) which may consist of one or several volumes, e.g.

References

More information on the Survey on Libraries of Greece for 2014, as well as information from previous years can be found on the website of the Hellenic Statistics Authority (www.statistics.gr) under Population/Social conditions/Culture, libraries.