



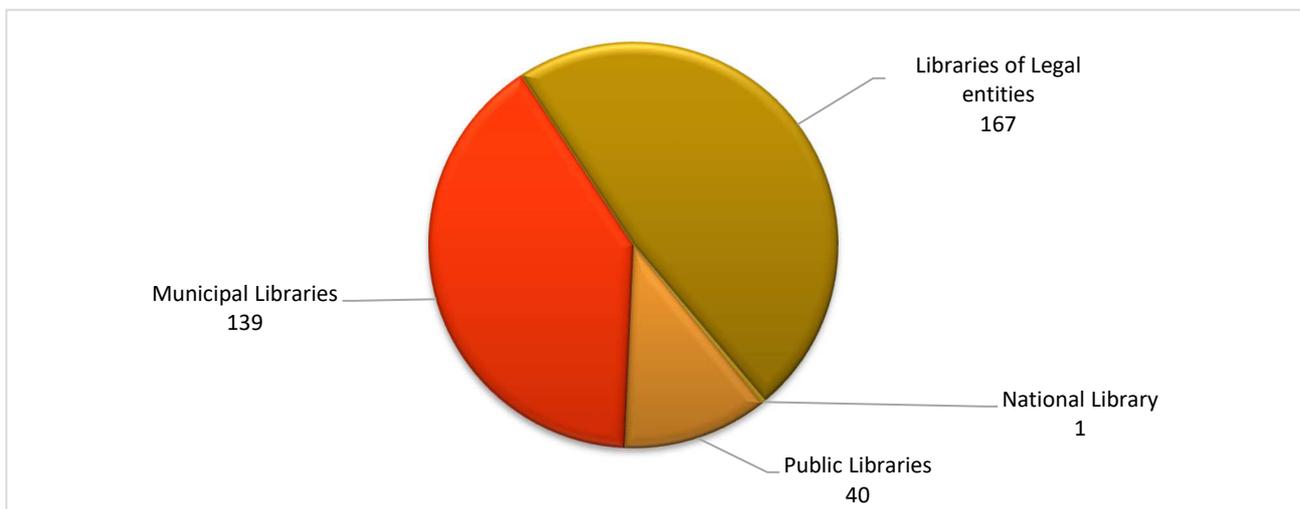
## SURVEY ON LIBRARIES OF GREECE, 2022

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on Libraries of Greece conducted for the year 2022.

The Survey on Libraries of Greece (excluding school libraries) is a census survey conducted every two years and it 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 library personnel, facilities and equipment, 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 2022, the total number of libraries amounted to 347, encompassing the National Library of Greece, 40 public libraries, 139 municipal libraries and 167 libraries of legal persons (under public and private law or of other legal form) (Graph 1). Out of the total number of libraries, 211 are general libraries and 136 are specialised libraries, the majority of them being university libraries. These libraries have 148 branches and 38 mobile units.

**Graph 1. Number of libraries by legal status, year 2022**



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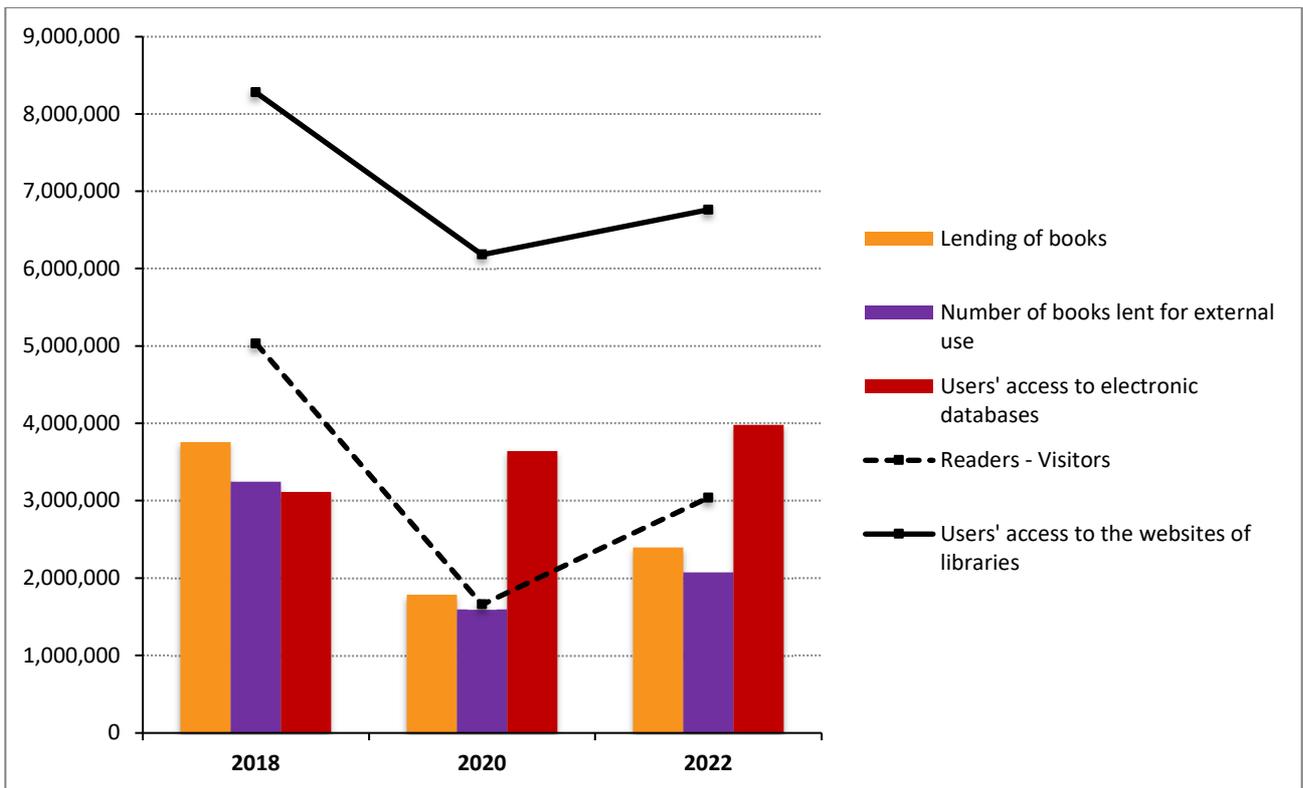
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As regards **library traffic and lending of books**, for the year 2022 compared to 2020, an increase of 83.1% is observed in the number of readers – visitors, of 34.3 % in the number of books lent, of 30.0 % in the lending of books for external use, of 9.4 % in the access of users to websites of libraries, whereas an increase of 9.3 % is observed in the access of users to electronic databases (Table 1, Graph 2).

**Table 1. Library traffic and lending of books, years 2018, 2020 and 2022**

LIBRARY TRAFFIC LENDING OF BOOKS	2018	2020	2022	Change (%) 2020/2018	Change (%) 2022/2020
<b>Readers – visitors</b>	5,032,860	1,658,460	3,036,202	-67.0	83.1
<b>Lending of books</b>	3,757,272	1,782,553	2,393,844	-52.6	34.3
<i>Thereof</i>					
<i>Number of books lent for external use</i>	3,243,111	1,593,890	2,071,812	-50.9	30.0
<b>Users' access to electronic databases</b>	3,110,575	3,640,027	3,979,450	17.0	9.3
<b>Users' access to the websites of libraries</b>	8,279,403	6,182,306	6,761,249	-25.3	9.4

**Graph 2. Library traffic- lending of books, years 2018, 2020 and 2022**

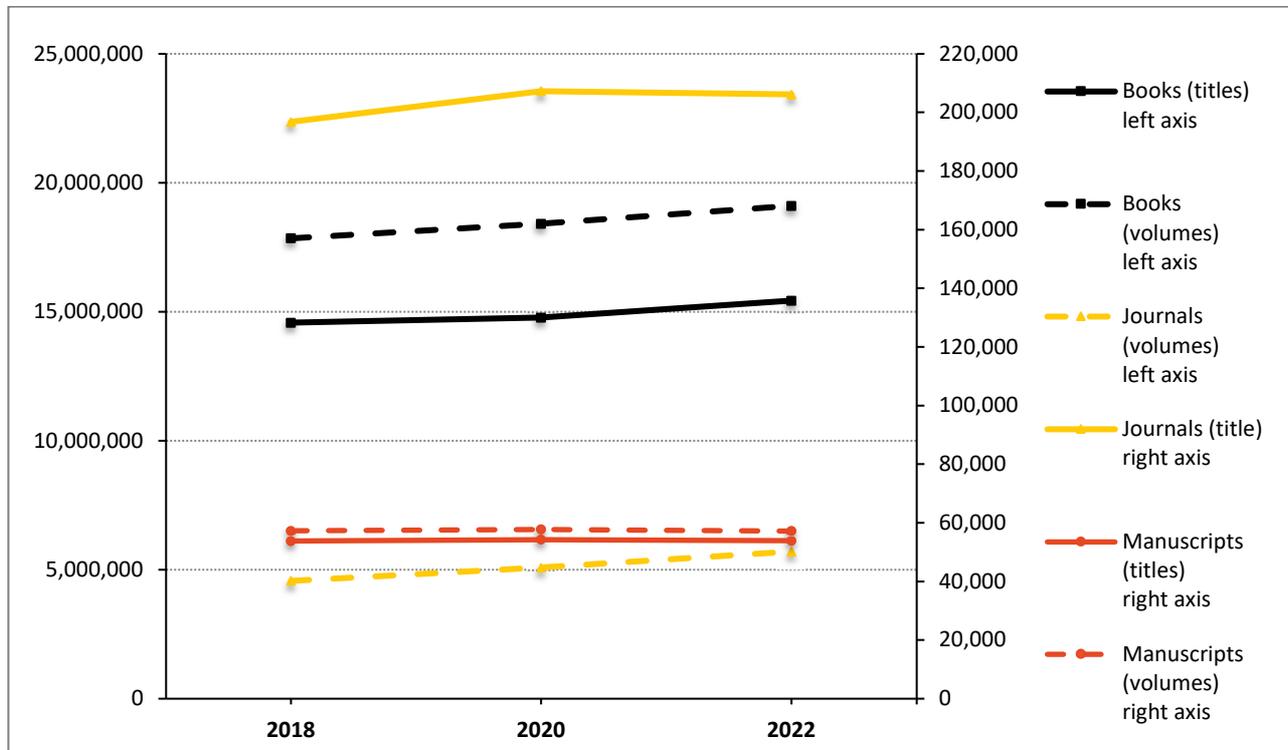


As regards the **collections of books, journals and manuscripts** for the year 2022 compared to 2020, an increase of 4.4 % in titles and of 3.8 % in the number of volumes of books is observed, a decrease of 0.5% in titles and an increase of 12.5 % in the number of volumes of journals is also observed, as well as a decrease of 0.7 % in the number of titles and of 0.9 % in the number of volumes of manuscripts (Table 2, Graph 3).

**Table 2. Collections of books, journals and manuscripts of libraries, years 2018, 2020 and 2022**

COLLECTIONS		2018	2020	2022	Change (%) 2020/2018	Change (%) 2022/2020
<b>Books</b>	<i>Titles</i>	14,575,374	14,775,453	15,428,885	1.4	4.4
	<i>Volumes</i>	17,852,484	18,406,697	19,109,246	3.1	3.8
<b>Journals</b>	<i>Titles</i>	196,762	207,287	206,167	5.3	-0.5
	<i>Volumes</i>	4,573,388	5,081,609	5,714,724	11.1	12.5
<b>Manuscripts</b>	<i>Titles</i>	53,785	54,270	53,881	0.9	-0.7
	<i>Volumes</i>	57,302	57,785	57,258	0.8	-0.9

**Graph 3. Collections of books, journals and manuscripts of libraries, years 2018, 2020 and 2022**

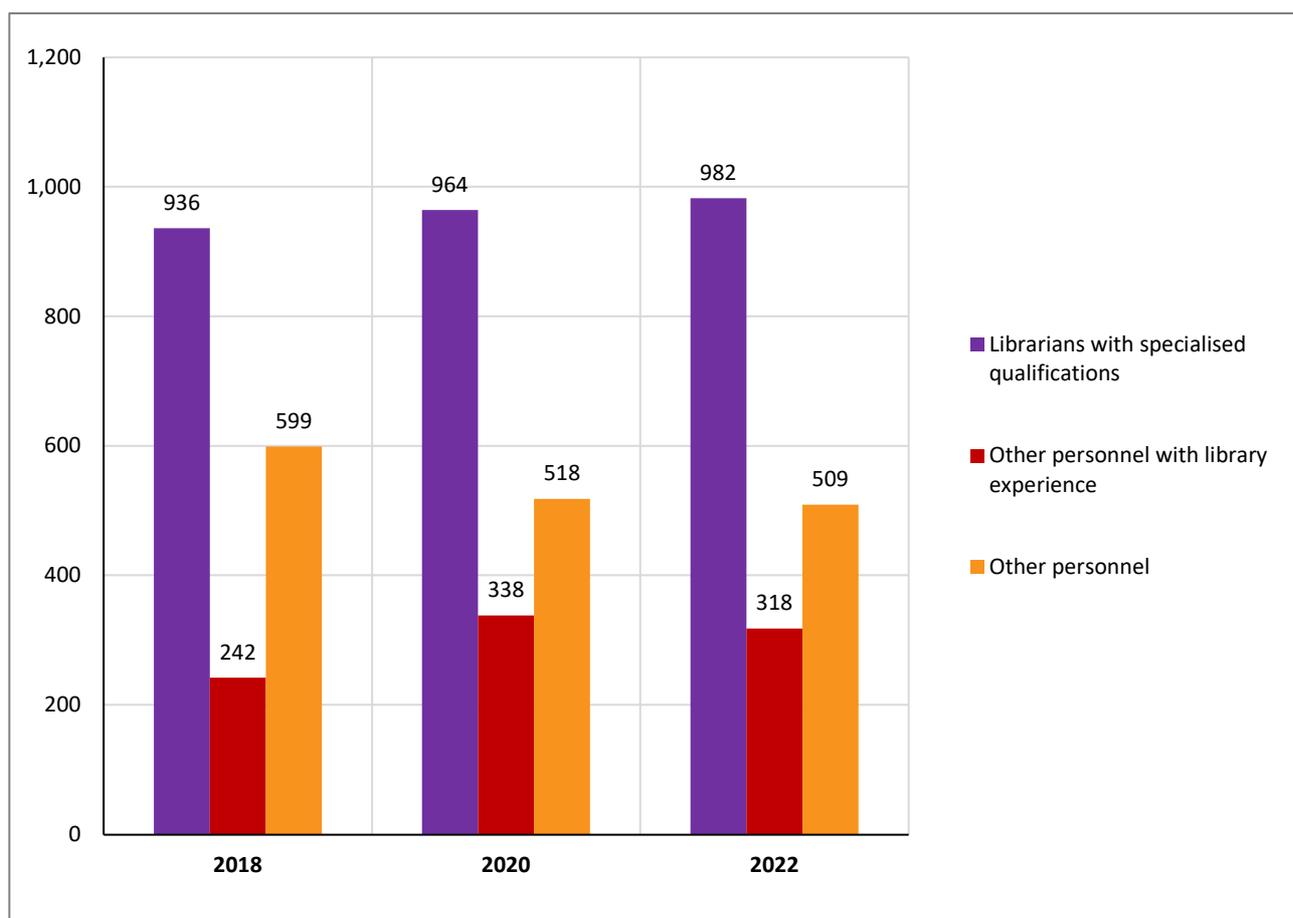


Regarding the **personnel employed in the libraries**, when comparing reference year 2022 with 2020, a decrease of 0.6 % is recorded in the total number of persons employed in libraries. More specifically, in 2022 compared to 2020 the number of librarians with specialised qualifications increased by 1.9 % and other personnel with library experience recorded a decrease of 5.9 %. Finally, a decrease of 1.7 % was recorded in the other personnel of the libraries.

**Table 3: Library personnel, years 2018, 2020 and 2022**

PERSONNEL	2018	2020	2022	Change (%) 2020/2018	Change (%) 2022/2020
Librarians with specialised qualifications	936	964	982	3.0	1.9
Other personnel with library experience	242	338	318	39.7	-5.9
Other personnel	599	518	509	-13.5	-1.7
<b>Total number of persons employed</b>	<b>1,777</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>1,809</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

**Graph 4. Library personnel, years 2018, 2020 and 2022**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Survey on libraries of Greece (excluding school libraries)</b>	<p>The Survey on Libraries of Greece (excluding school libraries) is being conducted since 1970, collecting data from 348 libraries, namely the National Library of Greece, university libraries, municipal libraries and libraries of other public and private bodies. It is noted that since reference year 2018 the number of libraries is decreased compared with the previous reference years mainly due to the merging of some university libraries.</p>
<b>Legal framework</b>	<p>Law 3832/2010, as amended and in force.</p>
<b>Reference period</b>	<p>The year 2022.</p>
<b>Methodology</b>	<p>It is a census survey and is carried out every two years. The term <i>title</i> refers to the name of a work (book, periodical, etc) which may consist of one or several volumes, e.g. an encyclopedia is a title that has many volumes. A <i>volume</i> means every bound physical book, many volumes comprising a monograph.</p>
<b>References</b>	<p>More information on the Survey on Libraries of Greece can be found on the website of the Hellenic Statistics Authority (<a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a>) at <a href="https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SCI06/">https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SCI06/</a></p>