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ACTIVITIES OF NOTARIES, 2004-2014

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) presents, for the first time through this press release, time series of statistics on the activities of notaries for the years 2004 – 2014. 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 coverage rate of the survey, amounting to 94.0% for 2014, is considered satisfactory.

On the basis of the available data for the period 2004 -2014, a steady decrease is observed in the activities of notaries. The **decrease** is up to -55.0%, taking into account the conclusion of 500,992 deeds in 2014 compared with 1,114,479 deeds in 2004 (Table 4). A similar trend (**decrease**) is observed in the value of the collected stamp duties (Table 2); however, comparisons from year to year should be avoided due to the amendments that have been made over the time in the legislation concerning the collection of stamp duties on notary deeds.

As regards the change in the number of notaries' activities over the period 2014/2004, the most notable **decrease** is recorded for, in descending order, the deeds concerning loans (-78.1%), the donations in prospect of death (-74.5%), the real estate transactions (-73.8%) and the parental grants (-72.2%). In contrast, over the same period, the dissolutions of companies and the wills recorded an **increase** of 90.3% and 19.0%, respectively (Table 4).

In 2014, "other deeds" accounted for 40.0% of the total of notarial deeds, followed by deeds of procuration with 35.0%, real estate transactions with 9.0% and parental grants with 5.0% (Graph 2).

Detailed tables and graphs follow below.

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Table 1. Notarial deeds by type, 2004 - 2014

Type of notarial deed	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total	1,114,479	1,310,280	1,210,705	1,154,740	1,184,879	1,127,428	980,865	787,664	620,998	555,473	500,992
Notices of seizure	20,008	22,484	23,619	22,320	23,252	28,089	22,329	18,686	11,855	8,310	6,291
Auctions	3,404	4,382	4,728	5,090	5,562	5,181	3,644	4,039	2,975	2,724	2,428
Protests	6,958	7,453	6,548	4,741	4,296	5,578	7,245	7,339	6,549	3,435	2,022
Wills and testaments	25,924	28,146	26,611	26,365	28,020	31,730	29,978	30,673	31,001	29,952	30,856
Establishment of companies	4,010	4,549	5,019	5,950	5,708	5,061	4,297	3,791	3,278	2,604	1,940
Dissolution of companies	1,319	1,120	1,048	1,080	1,360	1,574	2,165	2,155	2,006	1,816	2,510
Real estate transactions	165,988	215,148	172,897	167,699	157,978	135,967	117,948	83,665	57,650	49,774	43,443
Car transactions	5,366	5,259	3,790	4,253	4,281	3,116	2,419	2,678	2,400	2,754	2,364
Donations in prospect of death	1,532	2,068	1,138	783	1,538	1,326	1,146	630	542	391	391
Donations in life	46,447	58,254	57,516	51,228	55,133	60,670	57,713	38,750	26,357	20,541	17,882
Parental grants	83,641	120,801	112,802	94,011	90,718	139,015	115,962	65,111	44,543	28,680	23,221
Loans	2,380	1,281	1,504	1,309	699	1,105	1,097	433	602	352	522
Deeds of procuration	315,310	347,755	324,770	330,114	333,674	305,286	265,070	234,598	205,454	192,637	176,600
Other deeds	432,192	491,580	468,715	439,797	472,660	403,730	349,852	295,116	225,786	211,503	190,522

“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, acceptance of inheritance, registered partnerships, acknowledgment of paternity of child, etc.

Table 2. Value of stamp duties, 2004-2014

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Value of stamp (in '000 Euros)	4,349	20,674	7,168	3,891	3,137	2,014	1,284	1,079	840	685	963

Graph 1. Number of notarial deeds, 2004-2014

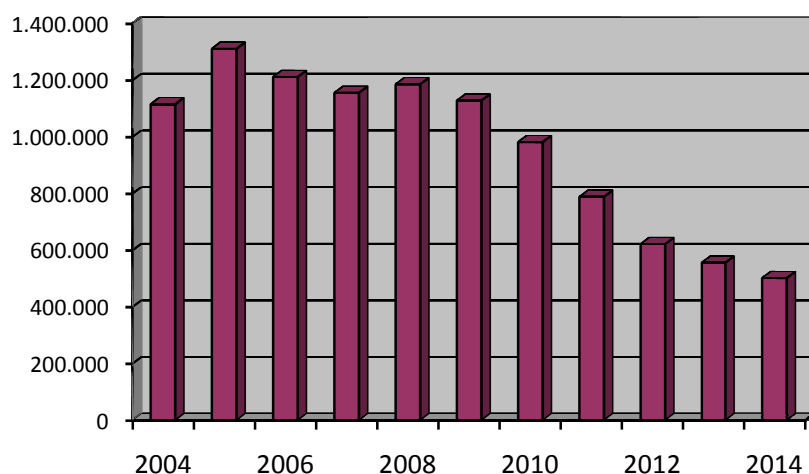


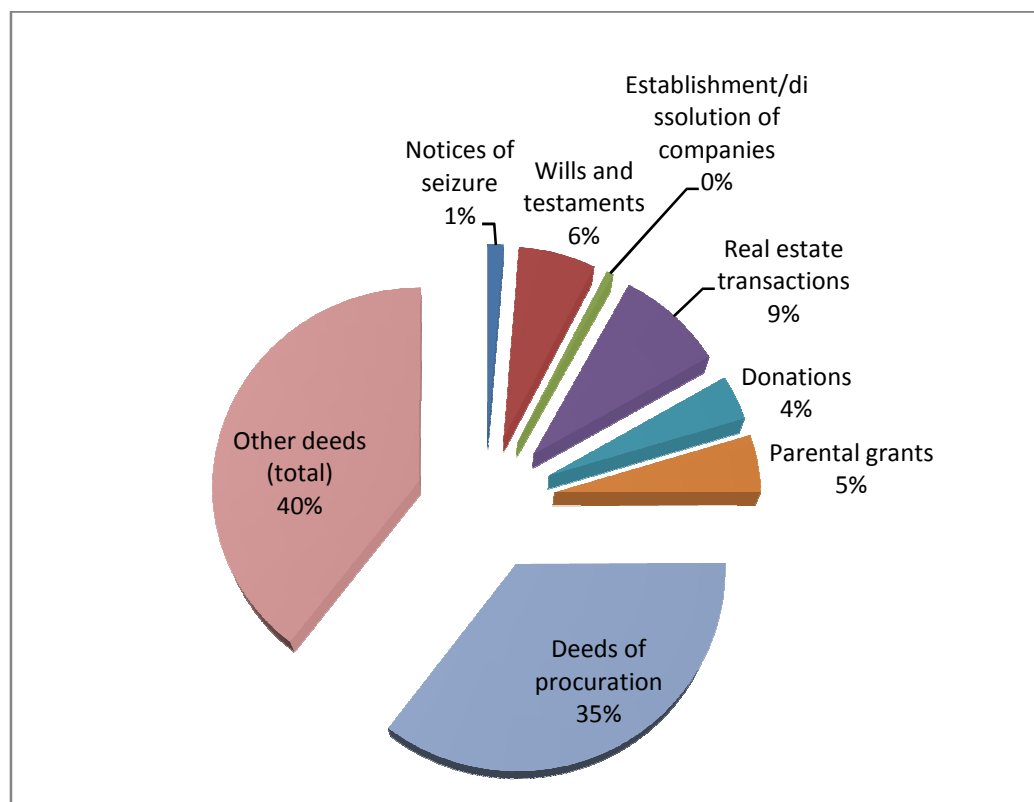
Table 3. Annual percentage change in notarial deeds

Years	Annual change (%)
2004/2003	-3.2
2005/2004	17.6
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2008/2007	2.6
2009/2008	-4.8
2010/2009	-13.0
2011/2010	-19.7
2012/2011	-21.2
2013/2012	-10.6
2014/2013	-9.8

Table 4. Percentage change (2014/2004) in notarial deeds, by type

Type of notarial deed	2004	2014	Change (%) 2014/2004
Total	1,114,479	500,992	-55.0
Notices of seizure	20,008	6,291	-68.6
Auctions	3,404	2,428	-28.7
Protests	6,958	2,022	-70.9
Wills and testaments	25,924	30,856	19.0
Establishment of companies	4,010	1,940	-51.6
Dissolution of companies	1,319	2,510	90.3
Real estate transactions	165,988	43,443	-73.8
Car transactions	5,366	2,364	-55.9
Donations in prospect of death	1,532	391	-74.5
Donations in life	46,447	17,882	-61.5
Parental grants	83,641	23,221	-72.2
Loans	2,380	522	-78.1
Deeds of procuration	315,310	176,600	-44.0
Other deeds	432,192	190,522	-55.9

Graph 2. Percentage distribution of notarial deeds by type, 2014



Graph 3. Comparison of notarial deeds by type for the years 2004, 2009, 2014

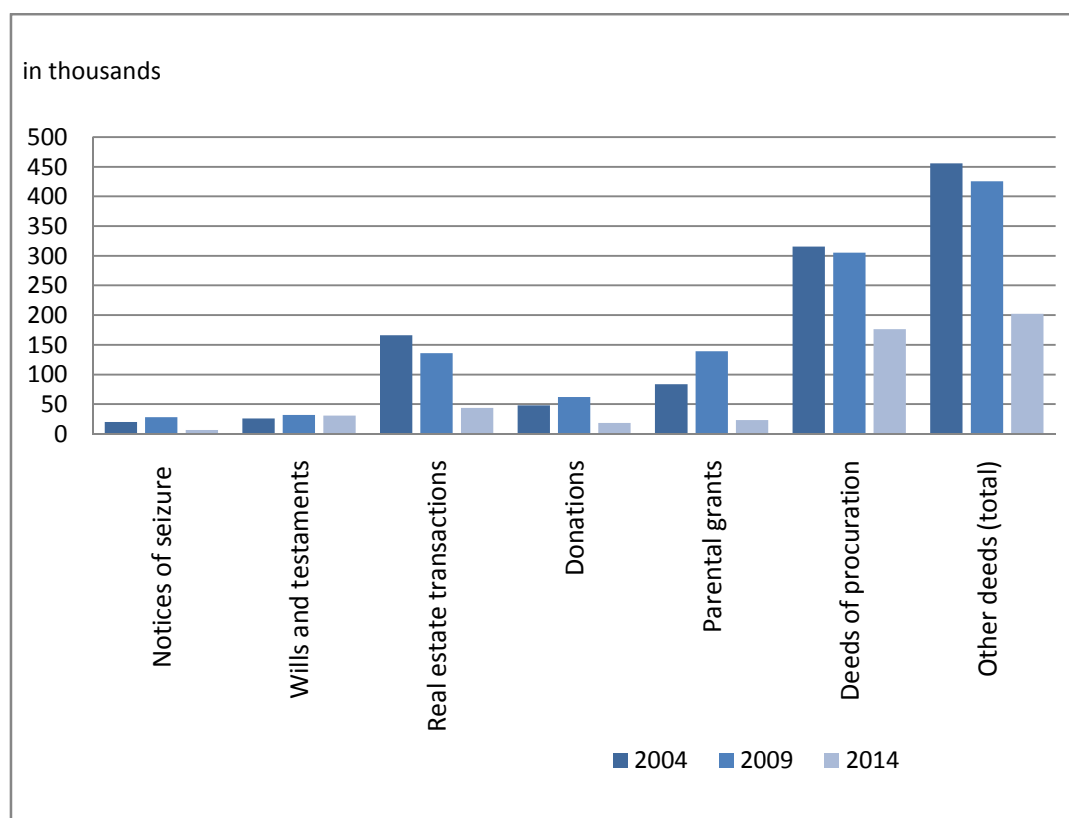


Table 5 below presents the number of notaries who responded to the survey (coverage rate up to 94% for the year 2014), per regional Court of Appeal, for the years 2004 and 2010-2014. No particular changes are observed over time.

Table 5. Number of notaries who responded to the survey, by regional Courts of Appeal, 2004, 2010-2014

Courts of Appeal	2004	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
TOTAL	2,759	2,881	2,912	2,860	2,717	2,844
Appeal Court of Athens	1,149	1,133	1,155	1,138	1,077	1,111
Appeal Court of Aegean	85	94	92	95	91	92
Appeal Court of Dodecanese	32	35	36	34	31	39
Appeal Court of Thessaloniki	419	437	441	426	415	449
Appeal Court of Thrace	87	106	108	103	107	102
Appeal Court of Ioannina	47	53	53	54	52	55
Appeal Court of Corfu	31	41	38	39	38	42
Appeal Court of West Macedonia	50	57	53	53	41	54
Appeal Court of Crete	118	127	123	119	119	125
Appeal Court of Larissa	154	167	166	169	155	176
Appeal Court of Nafplio	128	128	132	127	121	121
Appeal Court of Patra	178	191	195	192	179	189
Appeal Court of Piraeus	155	167	173	165	155	152
Appeal Court of Lamia	68	78	81	79	71	73
Appeal Court of Kalamata	58	67	66	67	65	64

Table 6 presents the deeds concluded in 2014 and the value of collected stamp duties by type of deed and by regional Court of Appeal.

Table 6. Notarial deeds and value of stamp duties by type of deed and by regional Courts of Appeal, 2014

Courts of Appeal	Deeds in total	Type of notarial deed											Value of stamp (in Euros)
		Notices of seizure	Auctions	Protests	Wills and testaments	Establishment of companies	Dissolution of companies	Real estate transactions	Donations	Parental grants	Deeds of procuration	Other deeds	
TOTAL	500,992	6,291	2,428	2,022	30,856	1,940	2,510	43,443	18,273	23,221	176,600	193,408	963,100
Appeal Court of Athens	170,557	1,836	421	704	6,326	1,175	1,393	11,618	4,047	6,080	68,965	67,992	670,413
Appeal Court of Aegean	16,591	151	105	91	1,191	20	29	1,536	669	880	6,608	5,311	10,925
Appeal Court of Dodecanese	9,161	56	43	38	278	19	16	527	223	359	4,379	3,223	1,151
Appeal Court of Thessaloniki	83,064	1,385	589	224	6,693	229	452	9,336	3,587	4,352	26,381	29,836	49,633
Appeal Court of Thrace	28,125	312	134	124	2,834	30	52	3,184	1,698	1,424	9,180	9,153	31,312
Appeal Court of Ioannina	11,713	153	67	29	918	34	24	876	569	712	3,921	4,410	12,412
Appeal Court of Corfu	8,361	41	74	31	597	21	22	639	241	337	3,131	3,227	3,619
Appeal Court of West Macedonia	17,692	107	55	32	1,321	10	20	1,629	1,344	1,560	3,841	7,773	4,514
Appeal Court of Crete	25,364	556	107	270	1,415	92	71	2,629	654	852	8,984	9,734	32,972
Appeal Court of Larissa	32,412	415	168	93	2,804	97	86	3,238	1,482	1,967	9,336	12,726	36,221
Appeal Court of Nafplio	20,006	188	112	100	1,224	25	70	1,974	735	937	5,659	8,982	6,784
Appeal Court of Patra	34,167	567	272	99	2,433	70	76	2,563	1,462	1,677	10,977	13,971	49,139
Appeal Court of Piraeus	22,806	103	88	130	1,175	102	170	1,431	573	851	9,107	9,076	50,554
Appeal Court of Lamia	11,409	323	139	31	787	10	15	1,198	485	689	3,291	4,441	931
Appeal Court of Kalamata	9,564	98	54	26	860	6	14	1,065	504	544	2,840	3,553	2,520

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Notaries' activities	<p>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 and on the value of the stamp used. The collected data are broken down by Judicial Regions of Courts of Appeal.</p> <p>The competent persons for the completion of the annual statistical table of notarial deeds are the Notaries.</p> <p>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.</p>
Legal basis	<p>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.</p>
Periodicity	<p>Annual.</p>
Definitions	<p>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 organised in professional associations of notaries.</p>
Methodology	<p>Data are collected through a standard statistical table which is filled in by the Notaries. The table may be submitted mail, fax or e-mail.</p>
References	<p>More information on the survey is available on the webpage of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr) Section: Statistics → Population and Social Conditions → Civil Justice → Notaries</p> <p>http://www.statistics.gr/el/statistics/-/publication/SJU24/-</p>