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ACTIVITIES OF NOTARIES: Year 2018

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) presents statistics on the activities of notaries for the year 2018. 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 amounts to 92.9%.

In 2018, the concluded notaries' deeds were 638,522 in comparison with 599,159 in 2017, recording an increase of 6.6% (Table 1). On the basis of the available data for the period 2009 – 2018, a decrease of 43.4% is observed taking into account the conclusion of 638,522 deeds in 2018 compared with 1,127,428 deeds in 2009 (Table 3).

As regards the change in the number of notaries' activities over the period 2017 - 2018, the auctions increased considerably by 185.7% (3,388 deeds in 2018, 1.186 deeds in 2017). The notices of seizure increased by 54.7% (6,994 deeds in 2018, 4,520 deeds in 2017). The real estate transactions recorded an increase of 13.9% (79,532 deeds in 2018, 69,826 deeds in 2017). 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) (Table3).

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Table 1. Notarial deeds by type, 2009 – 2018

Type of notarial deed	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total	1,127,428	980,865	787,664	620,998	555,473	500,992	535,992	551,076	599,159	638,522
Notices of seizure	28,089	22,329	18,686	11,855	8,310	6,291	4,088	2,288	4,520	6,994
Auctions	5,181	3,644	4,039	2,975	2,724	2,428	1,204	724	1,186	3,388
Protests ¹	5,578	7,245	7,339	6,549	3,435	2,022	1,347	1,069	961	-
Wills and testaments	31,730	29,978	30,673	31,001	29,952	30,856	31,528	32,256	31,708	31,106
Establishment of companies	5,061	4,297	3,791	3,278	2,604	1,940	1,565	1,663	1,747	1,713
Dissolution of companies	1,574	2,165	2,155	2,006	1,816	2,510	2,078	1,655	1,303	886
Real estate transactions	135,967	117,948	83,665	57,650	49,774	43,443	54,631	60,540	69,826	79,532
Car transactions	3,116	2,419	2,678	2,400	2,754	2,364	2,772	2,232	1,332	1,360
Donations in life	60,670	57,713	38,750	26,357	20,541	17,882	19,110	20,953	19,512	19,020
Donations in prospect of death	1,326	1,146	630	542	391	391	498	539	336	316
Parental grants	139,015	115,962	65,111	44,543	28,680	23,221	28,258	34,307	31,719	31,385
Loans	1,105	1,097	433	602	352	364	367	427	83	58
Deeds of procuration	305,286	265,070	234,598	205,454	192,637	176,611	192,196	190,318	201,864	206,148
Acknowledgement of paternity of child ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,623
Registered partnership ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,119
Unilateral dissolution of registered partnership ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	212
Dissolution of registered partnership by mutual consent ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	622
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children) ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,175
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children) ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,621
Other deeds	403,730	349,852	295,116	225,786	211,503	190,669	196,350	202,105	233,062	236,244

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

² Addition of notarial deed from reference year 2018

³"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 etc.

Table 2. Value of stamp duties, 2009-2018

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Value of stamp (in '000 Euros)	2,014	1,284	1,079	840	685	963	807	936	1,124	762

Graph 1. Number of notarial deeds, 2000-2018

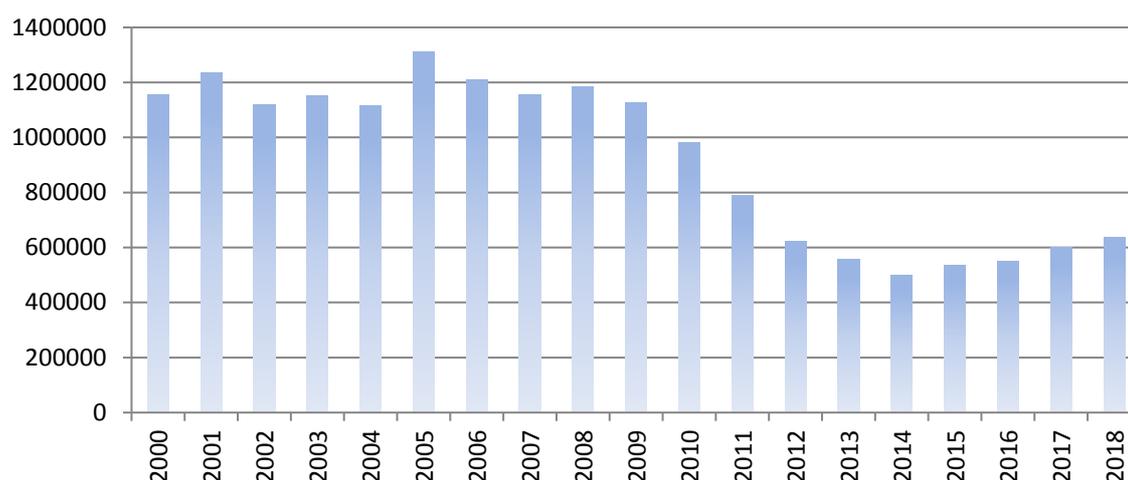


Table 3. Notarial deeds, by type and annual percentage change, 2009, 2015-2018

Type of notarial deed	Number of notarial deeds					Annual change (%)			
	2009	2015	2016	2017	2018	2016/ 2015	2017/ 2016	2018/ 2017	2018/ 2009
Total	1,127,428	535,992	551,076	599,159	638,522	2.8	8.7	6.6	-43.4
Notices of seizure	28,089	4,088	2,288	4,520	6,994	-44.0	97.6	54.7	-75.1
Auctions	5,181	1,204	724	1,186	3,388	-39.9	63.8	185.7	-34.6
Protests ¹	5,578	1,347	1,069	961	-	-20.6	-10.1	-	-
Wills and testaments	31,730	31,528	32,256	31,708	31,106	2.3	-1.7	-1.9	-2.0
Establishment of companies	5,061	1,565	1,663	1,747	1,713	6.3	5.1	-1.9	-66.2
Dissolution of companies	1,574	2,078	1,655	1,303	886	-20.4	-21.3	-32.0	-43.7
Real estate transactions	135,967	54,631	60,540	69,826	79,532	10.8	15.3	13.9	-41.5
Car transactions	3,116	2,772	2,232	1,332	1,360	-19.5	-40.3	2.1	-56.4
Donations in life	60,670	19,110	20,953	19,512	19,020	9.6	-6.9	-2.5	-68.7
Donations in prospect of death	1,326	498	539	336	316	8.2	-37.7	-6.0	-76.2
Parental grants	139,015	28,258	34,307	31,719	31,385	21.4	-7.5	-1.1	-77.4
Loans	1,105	367	427	83	58	16.3	-80.6	-30.1	-94.8
Deeds of procuration	305,286	192,196	190,318	201,864	206,148	-1.0	6.1	2.1	-32.5
Acknowledgement of paternity of child ²	-	-	-	-	4,623	-	-	-	-
Registered partnership ²	-	-	-	-	6,119	-	-	-	-
Unilateral dissolution of registered partnership ²	-	-	-	-	212	-	-	-	-
Dissolution of registered partnership by mutual consent ²	-	-	-	-	622	-	-	-	-
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children) ²	-	-	-	-	3,175	-	-	-	-
Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children) ²	-	-	-	-	5,621	-	-	-	-
Other deeds	403,730	196,350	202,105	233,062	236,244	2.9	15.3	1.4	-41.5

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Table 4 below presents the number of notaries who responded to the survey per regional Court of Appeal, for the years 2015 - 2018. The coverage rates for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 are 97.7%, 95.2%, 96.9% and 92.9% respectively.

Table 4. Number of notaries who responded to the survey by regional Courts of Appeal, 2015 - 2018

Courts of Appeal	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total	2,750	2,680	2,863	2,662
Athens	1,004	983	1,029	975
Aigaio	44	42	53	51
Dodecanese	39	39	40	41
Thessaloniki	451	431	473	445
Thraki	99	99	109	104
Ioannina	51	48	54	45
Kerkyra	40	39	40	40
Dytiki Makedonia	51	52	58	49
Kriti	44	42	54	48
Larisa	161	161	169	157
Nafplio	124	119	136	119
Patra	142	137	138	127
Piraeus	148	145	147	140
Lamia	64	63	69	61
Kalamata	63	57	64	61
Anatoliki Kriti	72	71	75	64
Dytiki Sterea Ellada	46	47	49	41
Voreio Aigaio	45	43	42	40
Evia	62	62	64	54

Table 5. Notarial deeds by type of deed and by regional Courts of Appeal, 2018

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	Registered partnership	Dissolution of registered partnership	Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children)	Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children)	Other deeds ¹
Total	638,522	6,994	3,287	101	31,106	1,713	886	79,532	1,360	19,336	31,385	206,148	4,623	6,119	834	3,175	5,621	236,302
Athens	230,793	1,681	973	26	6,027	978	486	26,427	920	4,552	8,902	90,534	1,777	3,258	491	1,384	2,090	80,287
Aigaio	13,228	153	40	5	594	5	3	1,603	13	400	839	5,151	49	141	17	51	86	4,078
Dodecanese	12,830	184	72	0	402	28	9	945	20	353	679	5,322	142	170	15	65	138	4,286
Thessaloniki	105,298	2,043	784	22	6,902	206	119	15,767	213	3,520	5,456	27,638	659	594	102	522	948	39,803
Thraki	34,364	227	146	11	2,981	37	35	5,167	17	1,633	1,772	9,939	190	117	11	130	303	11,648
Ioannina	14,123	57	75	0	817	24	16	1,316	15	506	875	3,516	87	106	13	54	136	6,510
Kerkyra	8,628	6	0	0	517	19	14	995	11	273	441	3,147	58	107	10	38	84	2,908
Dytiki Makedonia	13,449	208	86	2	1,283	7	4	1,786	16	728	800	3,021	49	44	8	49	75	5,283
Kriti	14,596	43	48	0	608	21	8	1,973	19	430	800	4,496	146	137	15	56	127	5,669
Larisa	37,690	485	149	3	2,562	54	56	4,781	7	1,394	2,044	8,692	238	195	30	130	345	16,525
Nafplio	22,051	409	145	7	1,199	18	14	3,117	15	805	1,255	5,580	130	105	10	90	148	9,004
Patra	28,650	193	171	2	1,609	44	23	3,054	29	1,031	1,546	8,078	236	209	25	122	225	12,053
Piraeus	30,876	302	205	14	1,317	158	38	2,755	10	818	1,541	11,205	262	369	41	207	310	11,324
Lamia	12,628	334	177	0	716	23	9	1,682	2	541	776	2,828	66	49	3	31	69	5,322
Kalamata	11,677	131	24	0	870	13	9	1,650	1	591	769	3,298	108	68	12	39	76	4,018
Anatoliki Kriti	15,289	220	62	1	650	46	20	2,575	29	403	614	4,466	196	230	14	72	170	5,521
Dytiki Sterea Ellada	9,170	19	5	1	547	8	4	1,220	11	478	679	2,694	59	53	2	37	69	3,284
Voreio Aigaio	10,494	119	70	0	683	10	3	1,334	5	408	747	3,380	51	72	4	51	103	3,454
Evia	12,688	180	55	7	822	14	16	1,385	7	472	850	3,163	120	95	11	47	119	5,325

¹ In "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 and on the value of the stamp used. 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 partnership, dissolution of registered partnership, dissolution of marriage by mutual consent

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 organised 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
- Procuracy deeds
- Acknowledgement of paternity of child
- Registered partnership
- Dissolution of registered partnership
- Dissolution of marriage 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, 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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