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ACTIVITIES OF LAND REGISTRIES, 2004-2014

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) publishes a press release presenting time series of statistics on the Activities of Land Registries, interim Cadastral Offices and Pledge Registries (hereinafter “Land Registries”) for the years 2004 – 2014. The data derive from the annual census survey conducted by ELSTAT on the basis of a standard statistical table filled in by the aforementioned registries all over Greece, under the auspices of the Prosecution offices of the regional Courts of First Instance. The coverage rate of the survey, amounting to 96.0% for 2014, is considered satisfactory.

On the basis of the data for the period 2004-2014, a **decrease** is observed in the activities of Land Registries, with an average annual percent change amounting to -8.6%. A similar **decrease** is observed in the duties collected, with an average annual percent change amounting to -9.3%. In 2014 compared with 2013, a decrease of -20.6% is recorded for deeds and a -22.7% decrease for duties collected (Table 1).

As regards the distribution of the deeds, on the basis of the applied categorisation, it is observed that “registrations” account, longitudinally, for the biggest share of the total of deeds (on average 63%), followed by “mortgages”. “Claims” and “confiscations” account for less than 8% of the total of deeds, however, during the last years, the percentage share of confiscations to the total deeds has been growing from 4% in 2004 to 7% in 2014 (Graph 2). As regards the distribution of the duties collected by type of deed, it is observed that, while, in 2009 the duties collected from mortgages accounted for the majority of the total duties (more than 50%), in 2010 the duties collected by registrations took the lead (Graph 3a and 3b).

In **2014**, a total number of 380 active Land Registries, which responded to the survey, carried out 384,546 deeds and collected duties amounting to 57,278,826 euro; 47.2% of these duties were attributed to the State and 52.8 % to the Land Registries (Table 2, Graph 5). On average and per working day, 1,544 deeds were carried out and the duties collected amounted to 230,000 euro, 109,000 euro being collected in favour of the State.

Detailed tables and graphs follow below.

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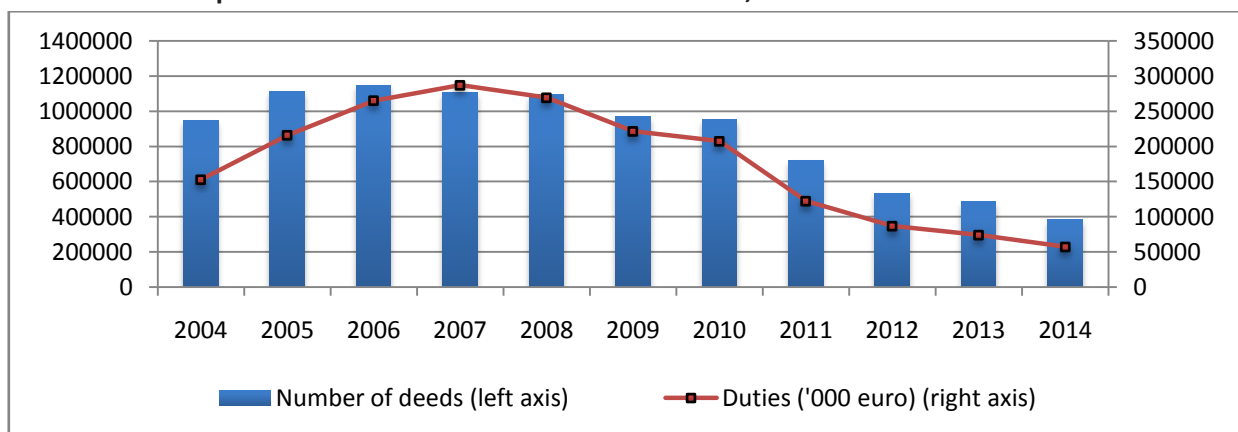
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Table 1. Number of deeds and duties collected by type, 2004 - 2014

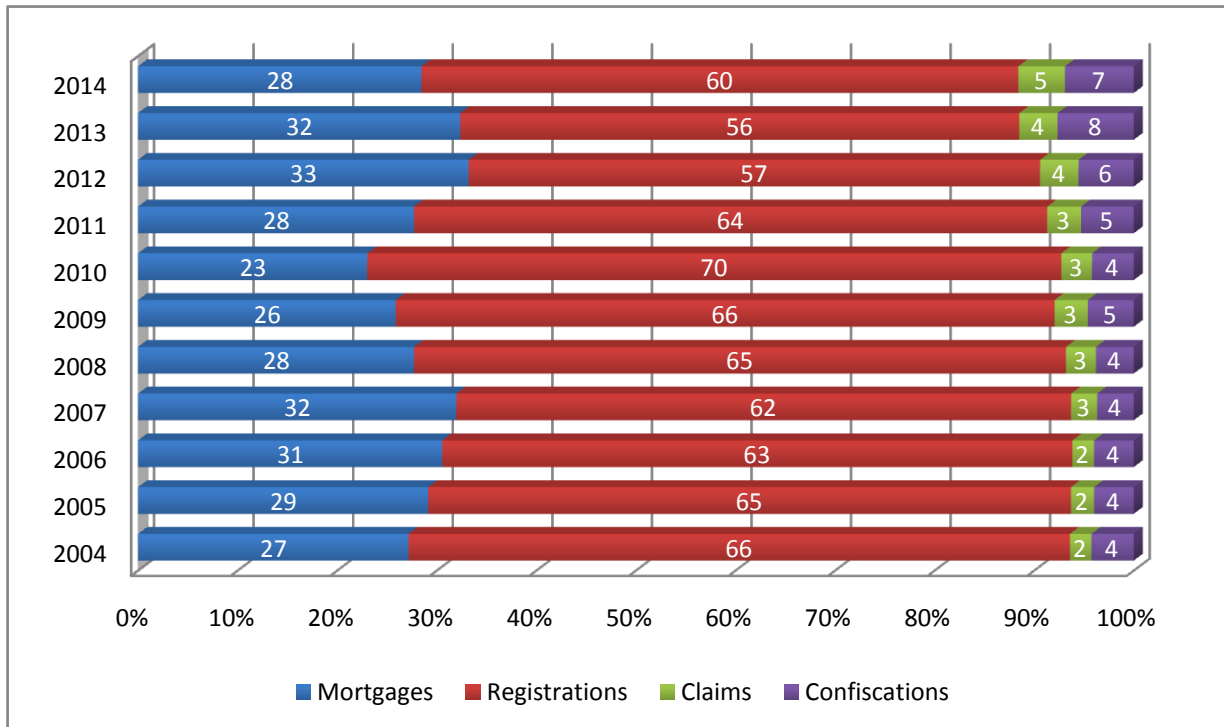
Year	Activities of Land Registries									
	Total		thereof							
	Total number of deeds	Duties (in '000 euro)	Mortgages		Registrations		Claims		Confiscations	
			Number of deeds	Duties (in '000 euro)	Number of deeds	Duties (in '000 euro)	Number of deeds	Duties (in '000 euro)	Number of deeds	Duties (in '000 euro)
2004	947,610	152,745	257,319	86,913	629,543	60,305	20,469	1,522	40,279	4,005
2005	1,113,758	215,735	324,609	132,028	718,917	79,481	25,785	871	44,447	3,355
2006	1,148,131	264,802	350,758	167,609	726,660	92,728	25,035	348	45,678	4,117
2007	1,107,575	287,003	353,954	181,966	683,925	100,527	28,962	454	40,734	4,056
2008	1,093,500	269,098	303,010	161,185	716,115	103,016	33,001	450	41,374	4,447
2009	969,723	221,412	250,990	114,439	641,648	101,161	32,254	470	44,831	5,342
2010	951,627	207,417	219,069	84,220	663,290	117,700	29,374	394	39,894	5,103
2011	721,776	122,256	200,076	54,429	459,011	61,058	24,489	355	38,200	6,414
2012	535,459	86,671	177,761	42,755	307,318	37,241	20,690	373	29,690	6,302
2013	484,407	74,118	156,730	36,366	272,025	32,674	18,606	210	37,046	4,868
2014	384,546	57,279	109,451	23,550	230,535	29,931	18,005	326	26,555	3,472
Compound average annual change 2014/2004 ¹	-8.6	-9.3	-8.2	-12.2	-9.6	-6.8	-1.3	-14.3	-4.1	-1.4
Annual change (%) 2014/2013	-20.6	-22.7	-30.2	-35.2	-15.3	-8.4	-3.2	55.4	-28.3	-28.7

¹ Geometric mean

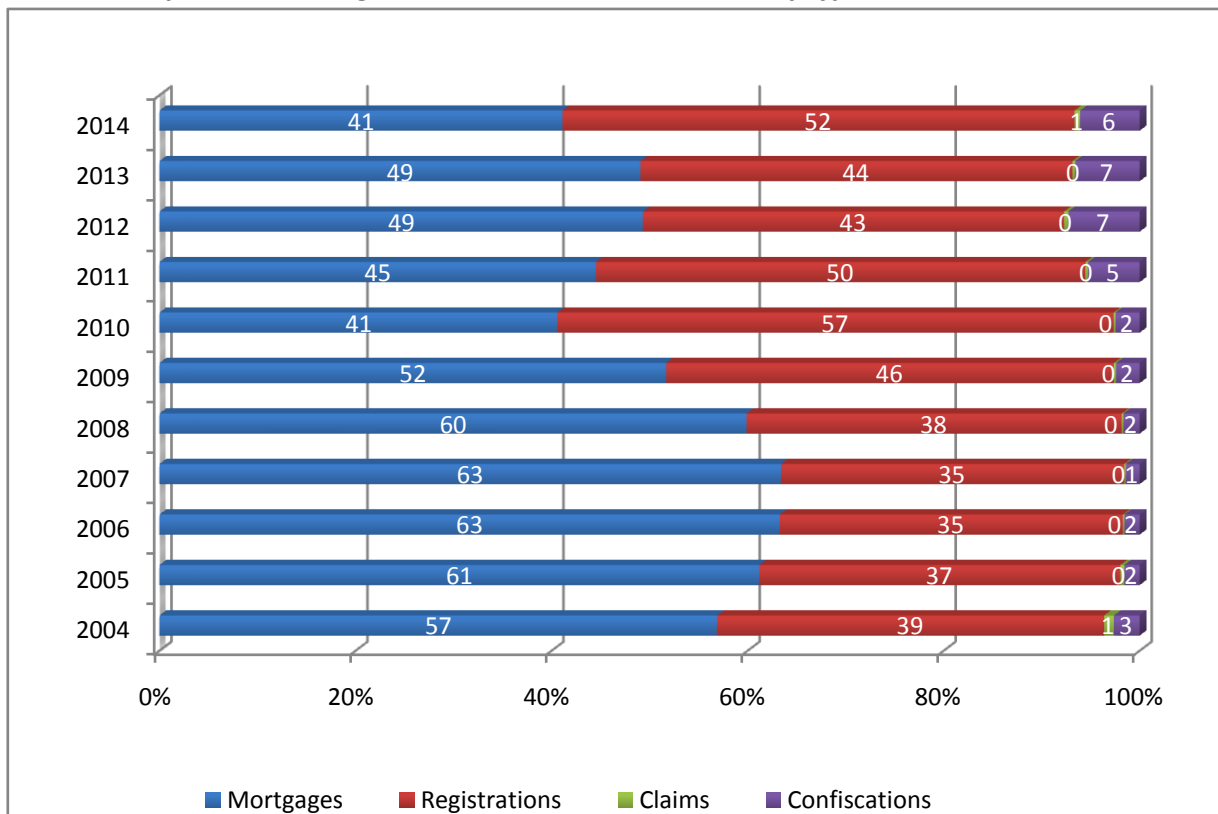
Graph 1. Number of deeds and duties collected, 2004-2014



Graph 2. Percentage distribution of deeds by type, 2004-2014



Graph 3a. Percentage distribution of duties collected by type of deeds, 2004-2014



Graph 3b. Value of duties by type of deed, 2004-2014

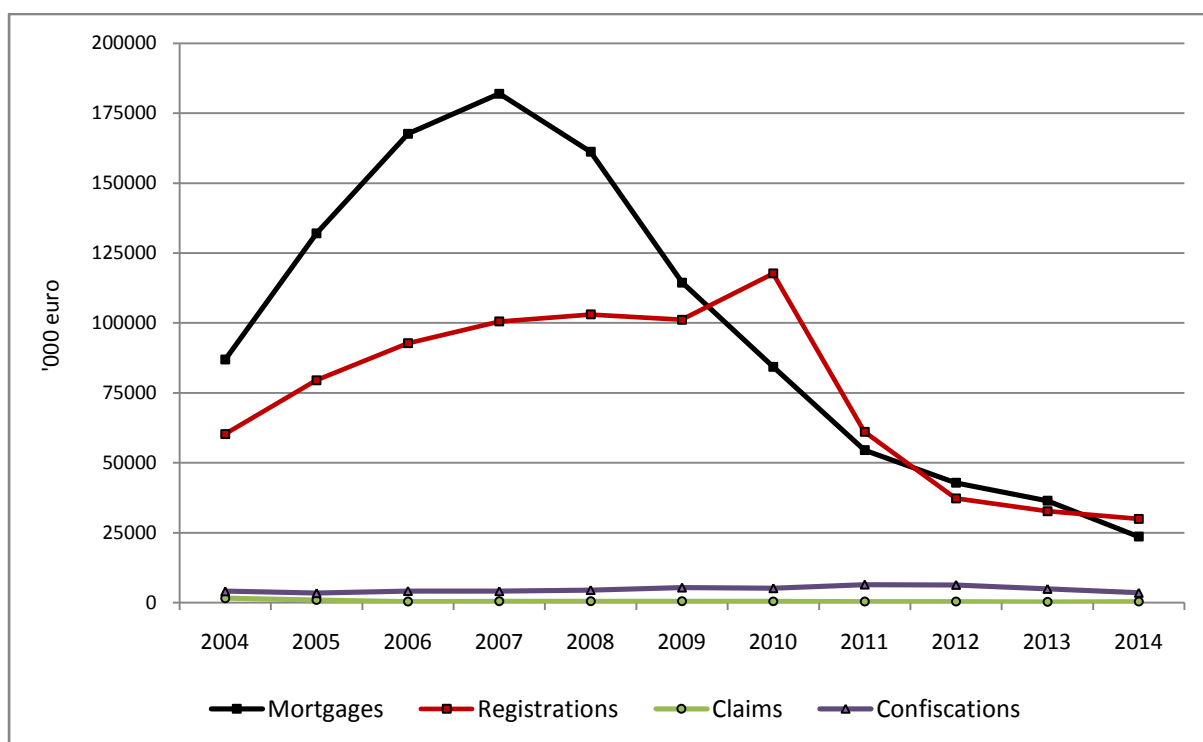
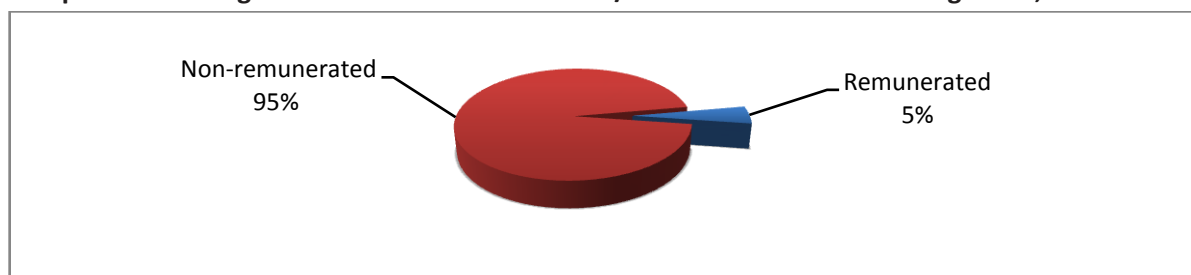


Table 2. Number of Land Registries¹, deeds and duties by Courts of Appeal, 2014

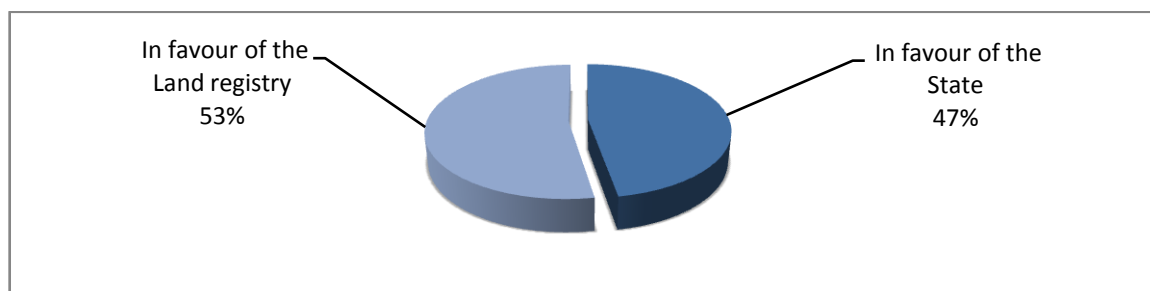
Courts of Appeal	Number of Land Registries 2014			Number of deeds 2014	Duties collected (in '000 euro) 2014			Average value of duties collected per deed (in euro)
	Total	Remun- erated	Non- remun- erated		Total	in favour of the State	in favour of the Land Registry	
Total	380	19	361	384,546	57,279	27,063	30,216	149
Percentage %	100.0	5.0	95.0		100.0	47.2	52.8	
Appeal Court of Athens	46	2	44	103,481	23,551	11,661	11,890	228
Appeal Court of Aigaio	38	2	36	14,725	2,526	818	1,708	172
Appeal Court of Dodekanisa	11	4	7	6,912	902	731	171	131
Appeal Court of Thessaloniki	34	2	32	71,627	8,733	4,616	4,118	122
Appeal Court of Thraki	17	0	17	22,281	2,177	677	1,500	98
Appeal Court of Ioannina	13	2	11	10,379	1,180	933	247	114
Appeal Court of Kerkira	9	0	9	6,576	831	252	579	126
Appeal Court of Dytiki Makedonia	14	0	14	16,896	1,207	381	826	71
Appeal Court of Kriti	25	3	22	18,092	3,103	1,479	1,624	172
Appeal Court of Larissa	28	0	28	27,319	2,937	907	2,030	108
Appeal Court of Nafplio	37	1	36	17,593	2,289	898	1,391	130
Appeal Court of Patra	47	1	46	29,770	3,470	1,551	1,919	117
Appeal Court of Piraeus	7	2	5	18,256	1,884	1,259	625	103
Appeal Court of Lamia	28	0	28	10,990	1,338	541	797	122
Appeal Court of Kalamata	26	0	26	9,649	1,150	360	790	119

¹ Number of Land Registries that responded to the survey out of a total of 396 Land Registries.

Graph 4. Percentage distribution of remunerated/non-remunerated Land Registries, Greece total, 2014



Graph 5. Percentage distribution of duties collected, Greece total, 2014



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Land Registries	<p>The Survey on Land Registries (Land Registries, interim Cadastral Offices and Pledge Registries) is an annual census survey that collects data on the number of deeds and the duties collected during the reference year by Judicial Region of Courts of Appeal.</p> <p>The competent persons for the completion of the annual statistical table are the Heads of the Land Registries all over Greece.</p> <p>According to the “National Cadastre and Mapping Agency S.A.” once the cadastral mapping of a region is completed, the system of “Registrations and Mortgages” is discontinued and replaced by the “Operative Cadastre”. Until the completion of the mapping, the local competent Land Registry Office operates as the <i>interim</i> Cadastral Office and undertakes the operation of the Cadastre for the surveyed region coming under its competence. At a later stage, the interim Cadastral Offices will become <i>permanent</i> Cadastral Offices.</p> <p>The Land Registry Offices of Rodos and of Kos-Leros, which are property-centred, operate as bodies of the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights.</p> <p>Main variables: judicial region, mortgages, registrations, claims, confiscations, duties collected in favour of the State, duties collected in favour of the Land Register.</p>
Legal basis	The survey is conducted by virtue of the Greek Statistical Law 3832/2010, as in force, and the Law 3493/56.
Periodicity	Annual.
Definitions	<p>Land Registries are distinguished into remunerated land registries and non-remunerated land registries and belong to the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights.</p> <p>The non-remunerated land registries encompass: a) specialized non-remunerated land registries which are run by a Land Registrar nominated by the Minister of Justice following a public competition and b) non-specialized non-remunerated land registries run by a notary, appointed to the local Land Registry.</p> <p>Land Registrars: Their tasks encompass keeping records of a) mortgages, ratings and confiscations on property, b) registration deeds and c) actions brought to the court or other deeds pertaining to property.</p> <p>Cadastral Offices: The competencies of the interim Cadastral Offices are the processing of any applications submitted by citizens concerning registration of deeds and update of cadastral data, the provision of copies and relevant files or certificates kept by the cadastral offices, the maintenance and safekeeping of such data (kept in digital or in paper form) and the provision of information and services to the general public, professionals and other stakeholders (source National Cadastre and Mapping Agency S.A.).</p> <p>Duties collected in favour of the State by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remunerated Land Registries/Cadastral Offices: a) proportional duty amounting to 6^o/00, b) fixed duty.- Non-remunerated Land Registries/Cadastral Offices: proportional duty amounting to 3^o/00.
Methodology	The data are provided through the completion of the statistical table by the competent Land Registrar/Head of Cadastral Offices.
References	More information can be found on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (www.statistics.gr) at the link: “Statistics → Population and Social Conditions → Justice → Civil Justice → Land Registries” http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SJU27/2014