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ACTIVITIES OF NOTARIES: Year 2021

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) presents statistics on the activities of notaries for the year 2021. 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 total of notaries for the year 2021 is 2,805. The coverage rate of the survey amounts to 96.3%.

In 2021, the concluded notaries' deeds were 727,610 in comparison with 619,944 in 2020, recording an increase of 17.4%. On the basis of the available data for the period 2012 – 2021, an increase of 17.2% is observed taking into account the conclusion of 727,610 deeds in 2021 compared with 620,998 deeds in 2012 (Tables 1, 2).

As regards the change in the number of notarial deeds, in the category "Parental grants" observed in 2021 in comparison with 2020 a remarkable increase by 90.6% (49,452 deeds in 2021, 25,944 in 2020). In the category "Donations in life" observed in 2021 in comparison with 2020 an increase by 44.5% (22,669 deeds in 2021, 15,693 in 2020). In the category "Real estate transactions" recorded an increase of 40.1% (104,746 deeds in 2021, 74,769 deeds in 2020). 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) (Tables 1, 2).

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Table 1. Notarial deeds by type, 2012 – 2021

| Type of notarial deed | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total | 620,998 | 555,473 | 500,992 | 535,992 | 551,076 | 599,159 | 638,522 | 919,258 | 619,944 | 727,610 |
| Notices of seizure | 11,855 | 8,310 | 6,291 | 4,088 | 2,288 | 4,520 | 6,994 | 8,255 | 6,846 | 6,199 |
| Auctions | 2,975 | 2,724 | 2,428 | 1,204 | 724 | 1,186 | 3,388 | 4,829 | 2,683 | 2,393 |
| Protests | 6,549 | 3,435 | 2,022 | 1,347 | 1,069 | 961 | - | - | - | - |
| Wills and testaments | 31,001 | 29,952 | 30,856 | 31,528 | 32,256 | 31,708 | 31,106 | 31,615 | 30,204 | 33,655 |
| Establishment of companies | 3,278 | 2,604 | 1,940 | 1,565 | 1,663 | 1,747 | 1,713 | 1,672 | 1,271 | 1,474 |
| Dissolution of companies | 2,006 | 1,816 | 2,510 | 2,078 | 1,655 | 1,303 | 886 | 903 | 547 | 545 |
| Real estate transactions | 57,650 | 49,774 | 43,443 | 54,631 | 60,540 | 69,826 | 79,532 | 96,662 | 74,769 | 104,746 |
| Car transactions | 2,400 | 2,754 | 2,364 | 2,772 | 2,232 | 1,332 | 1,360 | 1,763 | 1,200 | 1,481 |
| Donations in life | 26,357 | 20,541 | 17,882 | 19,110 | 20,953 | 19,512 | 19,020 | 22,691 | 15,693 | 22,669 |
| Donations in prospect of death | 542 | 391 | 391 | 498 | 539 | 336 | 316 | 372 | 219 | 269 |
| Parental grants | 44,543 | 28,680 | 23,221 | 28,258 | 34,307 | 31,719 | 31,385 | 34,924 | 25,944 | 49,452 |
| Loans | 602 | 352 | 364 | 367 | 427 | 83 | 58 | 170 | 293 | 200 |
| Deeds of procuration | 205,454 | 192,637 | 176,611 | 192,196 | 190,318 | 201,864 | 206,148 | 224,682 | 170,532 | 210,600 |
| Acknowledgement of paternity of child ² | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,623 | 4,598 | 4,000 | 4,273 |
| Unilateral dissolution of registered partnership ² | - | - | - | - | - | - | 212 | 233 | 233 | 268 |
| Dissolution of registered partnership by mutual consent ² | - | - | - | - | - | - | 622 | 838 | 758 | 857 |
| Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children) ² | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,175 | 3,763 | 3,487 | 3,750 |
| Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children) ² | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,621 | 7,259 | 7,151 | 7,897 |
| Other deeds | 225,786 | 211,503 | 190,669 | 196,350 | 202,105 | 233,062 | 242,363 | 474,029 | 274,114 | 276,882 |

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, registered partnerships, acceptance of inheritance etc.

Graph 1. Number of notarial deeds, 2002-2021

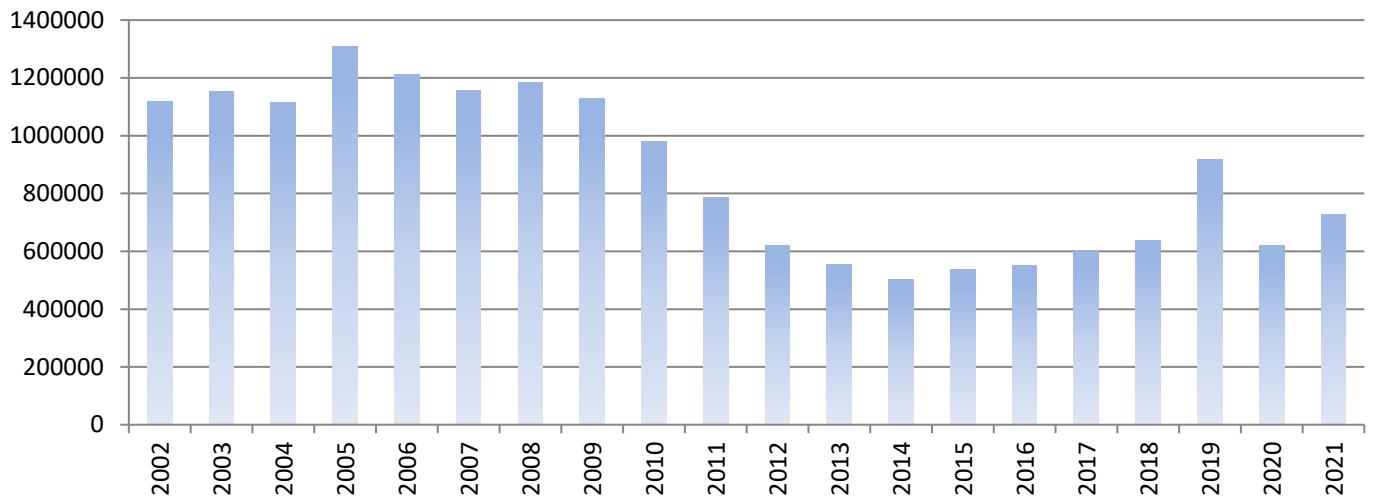


Table 2. Notarial deeds, by type and annual percentage change, 2012, 2018-2021

| Type of notarial deed | Number of notarial deeds | | | | | Annual change (%) | | | |
|---|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2012 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2019/2018 | 2020/2019 | 2021/2020 | 2021/2012 |
| Total | 620,998 | 638,522 | 919,258 | 619,944 | 727,610 | 44.0 | -32.6 | 17.4 | 17.2 |
| Notices of seizure | 11,855 | 6,994 | 8,255 | 6,846 | 6,199 | 18.0 | -17.1 | -9.5 | -47.7 |
| Auctions | 2,975 | 3,388 | 4,829 | 2,683 | 2,393 | 42.5 | -44.4 | -10.8 | -19.6 |
| Protests | 6,549 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wills and testaments | 31,001 | 31,106 | 31,615 | 30,204 | 33,655 | 1.6 | -4.5 | 11.4 | 8.6 |
| Establishment of companies | 3,278 | 1,713 | 1,672 | 1,271 | 1,474 | -2.4 | -24.0 | 16.0 | -55.0 |
| Dissolution of companies | 2,006 | 886 | 903 | 547 | 545 | 1.9 | -39.4 | -0.4 | -72.8 |
| Real estate transactions | 57,650 | 79,532 | 96,662 | 74,769 | 104,746 | 21.5 | -22.6 | 40.1 | 81.7 |
| Car transactions | 2,400 | 1,360 | 1,763 | 1,200 | 1,481 | 29.6 | -31.9 | 23.4 | -38.3 |
| Donations in life | 26,357 | 19,020 | 22,691 | 15,693 | 22,669 | 19.3 | -30.8 | 44.5 | -14.0 |
| Donations in prospect of death | 542 | 316 | 372 | 219 | 269 | 17.7 | -41.1 | 22.8 | -50.4 |
| Parental grants | 44,543 | 31,385 | 34,924 | 25,944 | 49,452 | 11.3 | -25.7 | 90.6 | 11.0 |
| Loans | 602 | 58 | 170 | 293 | 200 | 193.1 | 72.4 | -31.7 | -66.8 |
| Deeds of procuration | 205,454 | 206,148 | 224,682 | 170,532 | 210,600 | 9.0 | -24.1 | 23.5 | 2.5 |
| Acknowledgement of paternity of child ² | - | 4,623 | 4,598 | 4,000 | 4,273 | - | -13.0 | 6.8 | - |
| Unilateral dissolution of registered partnership ² | - | 212 | 233 | 233 | 268 | - | 0.0 | 15.0 | - |
| Dissolution of registered partnership by mutual consent ² | - | 622 | 838 | 758 | 857 | - | -9.5 | 13.1 | - |
| Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children) ² | - | 3,175 | 3,763 | 3,487 | 3,750 | - | -7.3 | 7.5 | - |
| Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children) ² | - | 5,621 | 7,259 | 7,151 | 7,897 | - | -1.5 | 10.4 | - |
| Other deeds | 225,786 | 242,363 | 474,029 | 274,114 | 276,882 | 95.6 | -42.2 | 1.0 | 22.6 |

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

² Addition of notarial deed from reference year 2018

Table 3 below presents the number of notaries who responded to the survey per regional Court of Appeal, for the years 2018 - 2021. The coverage rate for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 is 92.9%, 95.9%, 95.5% and 96.3% respectively.

Table 3. Number of notaries who responded to the survey by regional Courts of Appeal, 2018 - 2021

| Courts of Appeal | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total | 2,662 | 2,708 | 2,756 | 2,700 |
| Athens | 975 | 979 | 990 | 962 |
| Aigaio | 51 | 49 | 54 | 48 |
| Dodecanese | 41 | 39 | 41 | 38 |
| Thessaloniki | 445 | 452 | 450 | 459 |
| Thraki | 104 | 102 | 107 | 107 |
| Ioannina | 45 | 47 | 52 | 52 |
| Kerkyra | 40 | 41 | 39 | 36 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 49 | 53 | 46 | 45 |
| Kriti | 48 | 53 | 54 | 46 |
| Larisa | 157 | 166 | 176 | 183 |
| Nafplio | 119 | 123 | 125 | 120 |
| Patra | 127 | 130 | 134 | 132 |
| Piraeus | 140 | 138 | 143 | 137 |
| Lamia | 61 | 64 | 65 | 63 |
| Kalamata | 61 | 59 | 62 | 62 |
| Anatoliki Kriti | 64 | 73 | 74 | 72 |
| Dytiki Sterea Ellada | 41 | 42 | 46 | 44 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 40 | 40 | 41 | 40 |
| Evia | 54 | 58 | 57 | 54 |

Table 4. Notarial deeds by type of deed and by regional Courts of Appeal, 2021

| 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 | Dissolution of registered partnership | Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (without children) | Dissolution of marriage by mutual consent (with children) | Other deeds ¹ |
| Total | 727,610 | 6,199 | 2,343 | 50 | 33,655 | 1,474 | 545 | 104,746 | 1,481 | 22,938 | 49,452 | 210,600 | 4,273 | 1,125 | 3,750 | 7,897 | 277,082 |
| Athens | 241,368 | 1,854 | 472 | 21 | 6,258 | 798 | 263 | 31,655 | 1,076 | 5,318 | 14,581 | 80,875 | 1,454 | 473 | 1,518 | 2,882 | 91,870 |
| Aigaio | 15,094 | 58 | 29 | 1 | 554 | 3 | 1 | 1,957 | 9 | 433 | 1,002 | 6,046 | 66 | 16 | 42 | 119 | 4,758 |
| Dodecanese | 12,587 | 71 | 56 | 0 | 422 | 21 | 5 | 1,142 | 24 | 473 | 1,066 | 4,824 | 108 | 37 | 63 | 165 | 4,110 |
| Thessaloniki | 124,072 | 1,704 | 512 | 9 | 7,605 | 140 | 75 | 21,876 | 220 | 4,364 | 8,901 | 31,313 | 636 | 130 | 686 | 1,321 | 44,580 |
| Thraki | 36,560 | 238 | 66 | 3 | 3,138 | 220 | 29 | 6,067 | 17 | 1,699 | 2,614 | 10,666 | 216 | 41 | 147 | 314 | 11,085 |
| Ioannina | 17,578 | 17 | 33 | 0 | 873 | 14 | 7 | 2,378 | 19 | 719 | 1,474 | 4,059 | 90 | 17 | 83 | 198 | 7,597 |
| Kerkyra | 10,399 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 598 | 13 | 2 | 1,563 | 16 | 272 | 540 | 3,859 | 72 | 24 | 49 | 126 | 3,265 |
| Dytiki Makedonia | 14,864 | 172 | 45 | 1 | 1,350 | 11 | 13 | 2,240 | 6 | 787 | 1,264 | 3,212 | 71 | 8 | 43 | 150 | 5,491 |
| Kriti | 18,514 | 183 | 326 | 2 | 610 | 13 | 8 | 2,503 | 17 | 483 | 1,113 | 5,357 | 122 | 31 | 77 | 186 | 7,483 |
| Larisa | 44,902 | 453 | 83 | 0 | 3,267 | 33 | 26 | 7,460 | 9 | 2,001 | 3,525 | 10,126 | 252 | 34 | 170 | 508 | 16,955 |
| Nafplio | 28,263 | 442 | 84 | 3 | 1,286 | 15 | 13 | 4,098 | 2 | 1,082 | 2,015 | 6,624 | 148 | 34 | 93 | 216 | 12,108 |
| Patra | 36,670 | 394 | 89 | 0 | 1,829 | 39 | 23 | 4,598 | 25 | 1,333 | 2,755 | 9,887 | 229 | 45 | 178 | 358 | 14,888 |
| Piraeus | 33,293 | 217 | 123 | 6 | 1,339 | 84 | 36 | 3,912 | 7 | 847 | 2,388 | 10,647 | 237 | 98 | 219 | 478 | 12,655 |
| Lamia | 15,468 | 140 | 39 | 0 | 833 | 6 | 8 | 2,088 | 4 | 582 | 1,288 | 3,218 | 79 | 13 | 63 | 94 | 7,013 |
| Kalamata | 15,327 | 89 | 22 | 0 | 887 | 12 | 7 | 2,360 | 1 | 581 | 1,079 | 4,012 | 75 | 13 | 62 | 117 | 6,010 |
| Anatoliki Kriti | 22,587 | 98 | 23 | 0 | 689 | 29 | 9 | 3,177 | 17 | 390 | 699 | 5,559 | 219 | 72 | 127 | 279 | 11,200 |
| Dytiki Sterea Ellada | 12,337 | 16 | 6 | 0 | 611 | 8 | 4 | 1,830 | 7 | 614 | 1,030 | 3,246 | 56 | 12 | 35 | 99 | 4,763 |
| Voreio Aigaio | 12,273 | 9 | 300 | 0 | 609 | 7 | 5 | 1,765 | 1 | 419 | 891 | 3,486 | 57 | 10 | 42 | 125 | 4,547 |
| Evia | 15,454 | 44 | 35 | 4 | 897 | 8 | 11 | 2,077 | 4 | 541 | 1,227 | 3,584 | 86 | 17 | 53 | 162 | 6,704 |

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. 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 partnerships, dissolution of registered partnerships, dissolution of marriages 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
- Dissolution of registered partnerships
- Dissolution of marriages 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, registered partnerships 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

References

More information on the survey is available on the webpage of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr) Section: Statistics → Population and Social Conditions → Civil Justice → Notarial acts