

# BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



Inhabitants 3 453 000



GDP per capita
6 781 €

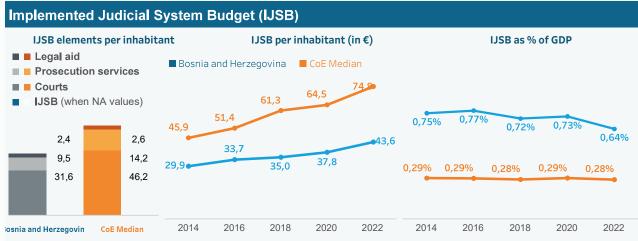
CoE Median 27 406 €



Average gross annual salary

10 571 €

CoE Median 22 878 €



**Budget**: In 2022, the total implemented budget for judicial system is 150 421 437 €, which translates to 43,6 € per inhabitant, below CoE median. Conversely as 0,64% of GDP, this budget is among the highest in Europe by this metric and well above the CoE median. The implemented courts' budget is 31,6 € per inhabitant, an increase from 27,4 € in 2020. However, the budget for legal aid is 2,4 € per inhabitant, slightly below the CoE median.

**Court organisation:** The judiciary in BiH consists of 55 first instance courts handling general jurisdiction cases and 17 second instance courts, all divided between the Federation of BiH and Republika Srpska. Three highest instance courts intervene at last instance - one in each federal entity and one at the State level. The latter is also competent at 1st instance for some specific criminal and administrative cases. 7 commercial courts operate in Republika Srpska.

**Information and Communication Technologies (ICT):** The ICT Deployment index of 3,8 is below the CoE median. The strongest ICT category is Case Management, over twice the total index, indicating e-services are less developed than the digital court case registry. Recently, the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council deployed electronic filing and adding documentation for enforcement and small claims cases from utility companies burdening the courts.

**Reforms:** A Reform Programme of May 2021 integrates recommendations from the European Commission's Peer Review assessments. Legislative debates are ongoing regarding the reform of state-level judicial institutions, drafting a new Law on Courts, and implementing a new Book of Rules aimed at enhancing prosecutorial efficiency, especially for complex cases like economic crime and high-level corruption.

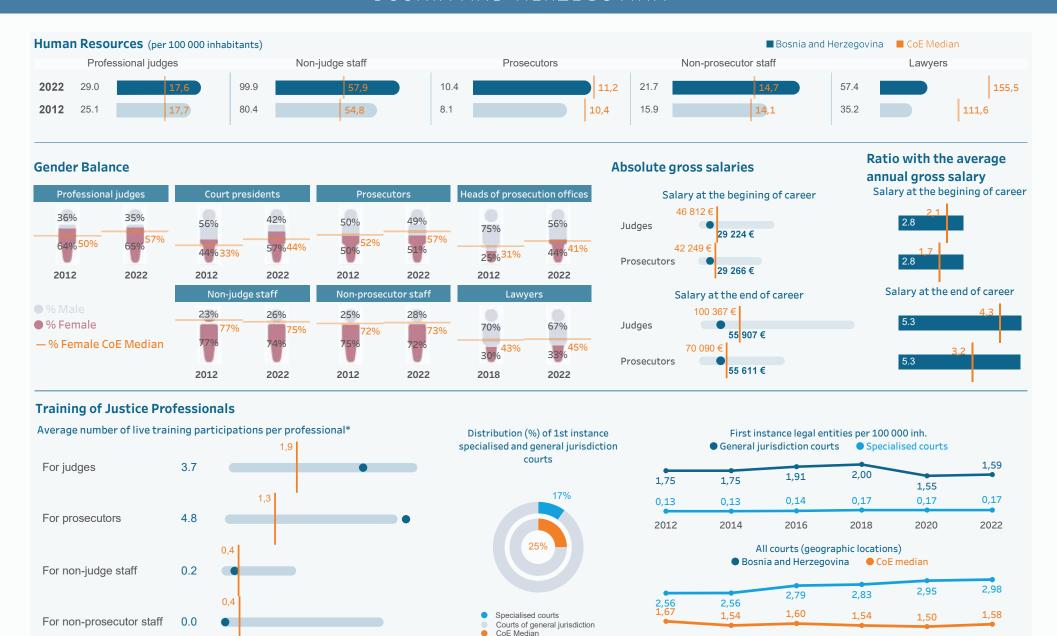


Efficiency: Criminal justice retains its position as the most efficient area of law, with a combined Disposition Time of approximately one year across all three instances. Conversely, civil and commercial litigious cases are the least efficient area of law. The highest individual Disposition Time is reported in first instance civil and commercial litigious cases, while the lowest is in highest instance criminal cases.

The highest disposition time, particularly affecting several largest courts in the country, persists mostly due to a backlog of civil and commercial litigious cases, which includes significant number of small claims disputes related to unpaid utility bills.

Notably, courts decreased their Disposition Times across case types and instances, except for the second instance criminal cases, where the Disposition Time remained stable and favourable.

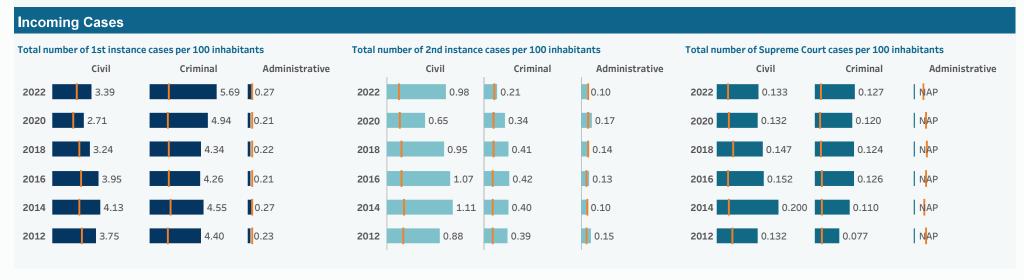
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<sup>\*</sup> This indicator is calculated as follows: the number of participants in live trainings is divided by the number of professionals for that category. For example, if the CoE Median for judges is 3,9, this means that, each judge in Europe participated to 3,9 live trainings (as mid value). Indeed, this analysis allows to better understand quantity of training per professional if all were trained.

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#### **CEPEJ Efficiency Indicators** Clearance Rate (CR) = (Resolved cases / Incoming cases) \*100 Instance CR > 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve more cases than it received => backlog is decreasing ■ Bosnia and 1st Instance CR < 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve fewer cases than it received => backlog is increasing Herzegovina 2nd Instance Dispostion Time (DT) = (Pending cases / Resolved cases) \*365 ■ CoE Median Highest Instance The Disposition Time (DT) is the theoretical time for a pending case to be resolved, taken into consideration the current pace of work of the courts Clearance Rate Disposition Time (in days) **Evolution of Disposition Time** 2012 2020 2022 2014 2016 2018 100% Civil Civil 1st Instance 98% 518 113% 238 2nd Instance 238 101% Highest Instance 151 151 105% Criminal 1st Instance 102% 250 Criminal 101% 60 55 65 77 64 59 60 2nd Instance 100% 58 78 Highest Instance 48 **41** 60 63 58 101 100% Administrative 1st Instance 88% 389 Administrative 339 389 271 2nd Instance 148% 271 Highest Instance NAP NAP NAP NAP NAP NAP NAP NAP 102% 234



## **Public Prosecution Services**

Total number of received cases (1st instance) per prosecutor



#### Distribution of processed cases in %

Discontinued during the reference year

Concluded by a penalty or a measure imposed or negotiated by the public prosecutor

Cases brought to court



Note: There are different methodologies for calculating the number of cases in the prosecution services' statistics: by event or by perpetrator. The CEPEJ collects data per case (event), but some countries present it per perpetrator.

## ICT Deployment and Usage Index (from 0 to 10)

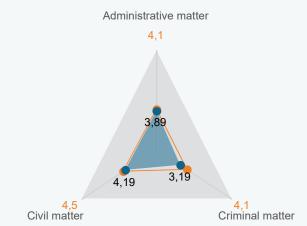




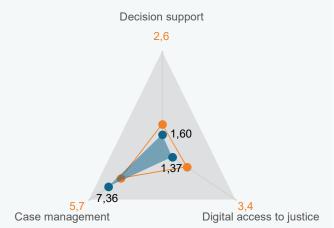
Total usage rate: 3,42

(experimental)

## **Deployment index by matter** (0 to 10)



### **Deployment index by category** (0 to 10)



### **Judiciary Related Websites**

Legal texts

http://www.sluzbenilist.ba/Docs/index/bih
https://www.parlament.ba
https://www.narodnaskupstinars.net

Case-law of the higher court/s

https://www.ustavnisud.ba/en/home https://csd.pravosudje.ba Information about the judicial system

https://vstv.pravosudje.ba/vstvfo/B/141