

AZERBAIJAN

2020



Budget: In 2020, Azerbaijan spent 96 538 011 € on the implemented judicial system budget, which is 9.6 € per inhabitant (less than the CoE median) and 0.28% of the GDP (close to the European median). In 2020, 63,4% was spent for all courts, 34,7% for prosecution services and 2% for legal aid. Azerbaijan has one of the lowest judicial system budgets in Europe.

Organisation of Courts

The distribution between the number of general jurisdiction courts and specialised courts (79% - 21%) is similar to the CoE median. Since 2020, 6 commercial and 6 administrative courts replace the former 7 administrative-economic courts.

Gender Balance

In 2020 in Azerbaijan, women are still hardly represented in the legal professions. Only 14,4% of judges, 6,7% of prosecutors and 2% of court presidents are females. Since 2012, the percentage of female professional judges and prosecutors have increased but only moderately. Similar tendency is for practicing lawyers where only 14% are women.

ICT in judiciary

Azerbaijan has an ICT index of 7,7 which is a very high increase of 1,1 points compared with the previous cycle. This is due to the increase registered in both communication and decision support and as a result of their very strong budgetary commitment to invest in ICT. Azerbaijan is dedicating the highest percentage of courts' budget to ICT in Europe (13,5%).

Efficiency: In 2020, the second instance courts appear to be the most efficient instance, while civil and commercial litigious cases, combined for three instances, are the most efficient area of law. The criminal cases are the longest in total which differs from the European tendency, even if the Dispositions Times are close to CoE medians except on highest instance where it is much higher. The lowest DT is calculated for the third instance administrative cases (with a DT of 50 days). In opposition, the highest Disposition Time is recorded in third instance criminal cases (with a DT of 207 days).

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on courts' efficiency differed among instances and court types but the Disposition Times mostly remain well under European medians.

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Absolute gross salaries



Ratio with the average annual gross salary

Lawyers

134,51

127.08

120,25

110,17

112,56

102,03





Salary at the end of career



Gender balance



Courts (per 100 000 inhabitants)



First instance general and specialis	ed courts (legal entities)
General jurisdiction courts	Specialised courts



ICT in judiciary (index from 0 to 10)

Index	Total	7.66	6,5
Deployment rate	Civil	7.35	66
	Criminal	7.54	5,7
	Administrative	7.35	6,1
Communication with courts	Civil	7.72	6,1
	Criminal	7.35	4,1
	Administrative	7.35	5,0 •
Courts and case management	Civil	6.84	• 7,3
	Criminal	6.84	7,3
	Administrative	6.84	• 7,4
Decision support	Civil	8.74	7,0
	Criminal	8.5	7,3
	Administrative	8.74	7,2

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CEPEJ efficiency indicators



49

249

253

358

144

128

180

50

94.7%

101,2%

100.9%

97,5%

63

56

51

75

70

107

59

105

73

98

60

76

144

50

128

180

56

119

135

103

50

• NA

NA

NAP

Administrative

Public prosecution services

Administrative

1st Instance

2nd Instance

1st Instance

Highest Instance

85.9%

109.1%

90.5%

91.1%



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

Judiciary related websites		
1. Legal texts	2. Case-law of the higher court/s	3. Information about the judicial system
e-qanun.az	<u>courts.gov.az</u>	courts.gov.az