# GERMANY



Population 83 155 031



2014 2016 2018 2020

GDP per capita
40 027 €

CoE Median 20 301 €

2014 2016 2018 2020

€

Avg gross annual salary **52 464** €

CoE Median 20 612 €

#### Implemented judicial system budget **Judicial system** Courts **Prosecution services** Legal aid 0.35% of GDP 140.7 per inh. NA per inh. NA per inh. 7.10 per inh. CoE Median: 0,30% CoE Median: 64,50 CoE Median: 43,53 CoE Median: 13,86 CoE Median: 3,08 0.35% 51,4 45.9 33,3 9,8 10,5 12,1 13,9

**Budget**: In Germany, the budgets of courts and public prosecution services cannot be separated and only the judicial system budget (12 176 683 899€) is analysed. Germany is one of the five countries with highest spending in judicial system per inhabitant (146 €) and also follows the European trend of increasing budget over years. The legal aid budget, on the other side, is close the CoE median with around  $7 \in \text{per inhabitant}$  that represents only 6% of the German judicial system budget. The tendency for legal aid shows even slight decrease over years.

2014 2016 2018 2020

#### Salaries of judges and prosecutors

2014 2016 2018 2020

Germany belongs to the richest group of countries by GDP per capita but the absolute salaries of judges remain on the CoE median level. The situation for prosecutors' salaries is the same as for judges within Germany but it seems a bit different from most of European systems where prosecutors have slightly lower salaries then judges.

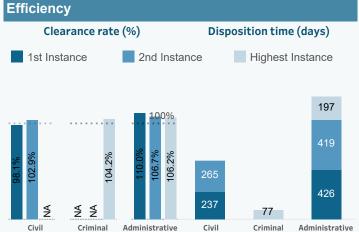
#### ICT in judiciary

2020

The ICT index for Germany of 7,6 is on the same level as in last cycle which is above the CoE median. At present, almost all federal and Lander courts have to enable reception of e-documents and lawyers and other legal professionals are obliged to open an e-communication channel with the courts. There is also regulation in place foreseeing obligatory e-documentation exchange as early as beginning of 2022.

#### Gender balance

For prosecutors the ratio men/women is slightly below the CoE median in respect of women but has significantly increased since 2012. This information is not available for judges. Germany is one of the five CoE countries that have specially dedicated person in courts and prosecution services responsible for gender balance and equal opportunities (equal opportunities officer).



**Efficiency:** According to available data, in 2020, the courts are more efficient in civil cases on first and second instance then in administrative, similarly as the European tendency. Criminal cases are not available for analysis.

The European trend of decrease of number of incoming and resolved cases during the pandemic seems to be existing in Germany only for administrative cases in both first and second instance. This affected more incoming then resolved cases and consequently the number of pending cases was reduced as well as their DT. Nevertheless, they still remain the least efficient category in Germany. Civil and commercial litigious cases in the first instance seem not to be too much affected by COVID-19 and unexpectedly the number of both incoming and resolved cases in the second instance increased considerable.

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## **CEPEJ** efficiency indicators

Clearance Rate (CR) = (Resolved cases / Incoming cases) \*100

 ${\it CR} > 100\%, court/judicial\ system\ is\ able\ to\ resolve\ more\ cases\ than\ it\ received\ =>\ backlog\ is\ decreasing$ 

CR < 100%, court/judicial system is able to resolve fewer cases than it received => backlog is increasing

## Dispostion Time (DT) = (Pending cases / Resolved cases) \*365

The Disposition Time (DT) is the theoretical time for a pending case to be resolved, taken into consideration the current pace of work

Instance
Highest Instance
2nd Instance
1st Instance

		Clearance Rate			Disposition Time (in days)		Evolution of Disposition Time						
								2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
Civil	Highest Instance	NA		00% 03,0%	NA	172	Civil	- NA	- NA	358	- NA	- NA	- NA
	2nd Instance	102.9%	1	04,2%	265	177		• NA	• NA	233	245	262	265
	1st Instance	98.1%	98	,1%	237	237		184	183	198	196	220	237
Criminal	Highest Instance	104.2%	10	01,0%	77	120	Criminal	<b>51</b>	<b>5</b> 6	86	95	107	77
	2nd Instance	NA	99	9,4%	NA	121		109	109	116	127	• NA	• NA
	1st Instance	NA	94,	7%	NA	149		104	104	111	117	• NA	· NA
Administrative	Highest Instance	106.2%	10	01,2%	197	249	Administrative	191	197	206	172	228	197
	2nd Instance	106.7%	10	00,9%	419	253		437	431	320	452	443	419
	1st Instance	110.0%	97	,5%	426	358		373	354	367	375	435	426

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## Public prosecution services

### Total number of criminal cases of 1st instance per 100 inhabitants Distribution of processed cases per 100 inhabitants



Discontinued during the reference year

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

Cases closed by the public prosecutor for other reasons

Cases brought to court

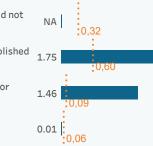
#### Distribution of discontinued cases per 100 inhabitants

Discontinued because the offender could not be identified

Discontinued due to the lack of an established offence or a specific legal situation

Discontinued by the public prosecutor for reasons of opportunity

Discontinued for other reasons



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

https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de https://justiz.de

## 2. Case-law of the higher court/s

https://www.rechtsprechung-im-internet.de https://www.bundesverfassungsgericht.de

## 3. Information about the judicial system

https://www.bmj.de