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Budget: In 2020, Morocco spent 534 359 626€ on the implemented judicial system budget which represents 14,7 € per inhabitant (significantly below the CoE median) and 0.53% of the GDP (above the CoE median). It is not possible to isolate the court budget from the one allocated to public prosecution services. The legal aid budget represents 0,06 € per inhabitant which is very low and below the CoE median.

Professionals of justice

The number of professional judges (8) and prosecutors (3) per 100 000 inhabitants fell between 2016 and 2020, while the number of lawyers increased (37). All these values are below the respective CoE medians. Women continue to be a minority within the different categories of professionals of justice (going from minimum 5% among court presidents to maximum 28% among judges), except for non-judge staff where 51% are women.

Access to justice

The Moroccan judicial system is characterised by the existence of local courts organised into 2 divisions: those within 1st instance courts (urban municipalities) and those in the jurisdiction of the resident judge (rural municipalities). They follow simplified procedures, namely for small claim cases (below 5,000 dirhams) and minor criminal offenses. They sit as a single judge assisted by a clerk. The procedure is oral and free.

Court users

The Ministry of Justice website is rich in practical information providing any interested party with simple and direct access to justice. A litigant can consult his/her file online, follow it in real time and take note of the precise decision from a judge, and if necessary, the date of the next hearing. The platform also contains a selection of legal texts. "Front offices" in the courts' entrance halls facilitate the orientation of litigants.

Efficiency: With regard to available data for 2020, the courts are most efficient in the first instance criminal cases. At first instance, the Disposition Time indicator is below the respective CoE medians for all three matters. On the other hand, the Disposition Time is the highest in the second instance administrative cases, exceeding the CoE median. In 2020, the courts decreased their efficiency over the previous cycle, as demonstrated by increases in Disposition Times in respect of all available case categories. In Morocco, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a decrease in the number of first instance incoming and resolved civil and administrative cases but had no impact on first instance incoming and resolved criminal cases whose number increased.

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2020

Gender balance



Absolute gross salaries



Ratio with the average annual gross salary

Salary at the begining of career



57 717

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717

			4,5
	:	3,6	

Courts (per 100 000 inhabitants)

Distribution (%) of 1st instance specialised and general jurisdiction courts	First
18%	0,19 0,05
43%	2016
	1,60
 Specialised courts General courts 	0,32
 CoE median 	2016

	stance general and specialised courts (lega eneral jurisdiction courts Specialised	
19	0,23	0,23
05	0,05	0,05
16	2018	2020
	All courts (geographic location) Morocco CoE median 	
60	1,49	1,50
32	0,35	0,36

2018

ICT in judiciary (index from 0 to 10)

Index	Total	5.29	• 6,5
Deployment rate	Civil	4.98	● ^{6,6}
	Criminal	3.03	• 5,7
	Administrative	4.81	• 6,1
Communication with	Civil	3.42	• 6,1
courts	Criminal	0.28	• 4,1
	Administrative	3.42	• 5,0
Courts and case	Civil	6.21	• 7,3
management	Criminal	5.56	• 7,3
	Administrative	6.21	• 7,4
Decision support	Civil	8.26	7,0
	Criminal	7.31	•7,3
	Administrative	6.96	7,2

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CEPEJ efficiency indicators





Public prosecution services



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

www.ism.ma;https://adala.justice.gov.ma

2. Case-law of the higher court/s

www.ism.ma;https://portailjugements.justice.gov.ma

3. Information about the judicial system www.ism.ma;http://www.justice.gov.ma; https://www.mahakim.ma/