

UK - NORTHERN IRELAND



Population 1895 500



GDP per capita
28 524 €
CoE Median 20 301 €



Clearance rate (%)

Efficiency

1st Instance

Avg gross annual salary 31 491 €

Disposition time (days)

Highest Instance

CoE Median 20 612 €

Implemented judicial system budget **Judicial system** Courts **Prosecution services** Legal aid 0.39% of GDP 111.9 per inh. 46.9 per inh. 22.2 per inh. 42.71 per inh. CoE Median: 64,50 CoE Median: 0.30% CoE Median: 43,53 CoE Median: 13,86 CoE Median: 3,08 146,5 111.9 110.7 73,53 0.39% 48.6 24.4 42.71 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020

Budget: UK- Northern Ireland spent 212 022 355 \in on the implemented judicial system budget which is 0.39% of the GDP (above the CoE median) and 111,9 \in per inhabitant which is well above the COE median. In 2020, 42% was spent on all courts, 20% on prosecution services, and 38% on legal aid which makes it the system with the highest percentual share allocated to legal aid.

Legal aid

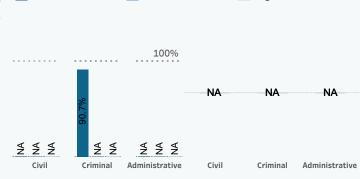
As in the most common law systems, UK - Northern Ireland continuously has some of the highest number of legal aid cases per 100.000 inhabitants, both in criminal and other than criminal cases. The average amount of legal aid granted per cases (1 273 €) is also almost three times higher than the COE median value.

Professionals

One of the notable characteristics of the system is a low number of judges per 100.000 inhabitants. With 3.9 judges per 100 000 the number is 4,5 times lower compared with the COE median. However, the ratio of non-judge staff per judge (9,4) is the highest in Europe. Judges have comparatively high absolute amounts of gross salaries both at the beginning and at the end of career. Contrary to the European trend, the number of prosecutors per 100.000 inh. (8.55) has decreased since 2010, and is now somewhat below the COE median value. The proportion of women is comparatively low among judges (36%) and comparatively high among prosecutors (64%). Similarly, women court presidents take 38% of the posts.

ICT in judiciary

UK - Northern Ireland has the ICT index of 2,9 which remains comparatively low, as in previous cycles. UK Northern Ireland is below the COE median values in all segments of ICT. However, percentage of courts budget spent of ICT is 6,5% which is much above the COE median.



2nd Instance

Efficiency: UK - Northern Ireland does not provide data on pending cases which makes the analysis of most of the efficiency indicators impossible. From the only provided data on incoming and resolved cases in the first instance, it could be concluded that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of incoming criminal and other than criminal cases decreased significantly compared to 2018 data (by 26% and 27,5% respectively). However, the drop in resolved cases was even larger (32% and 40%) which might lead to accumulation of pending cases and formation of backlogs.

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CEPEJ efficiency indicators

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

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

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

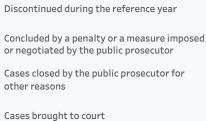
Instance
Highest Instance
2nd Instance
1st Instance

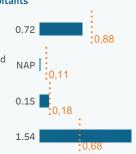
		Clearance Rate			Disposition Time (in days))	Evolution of Disposition Time									
									2010	2012		2014		2018		2020)
Civil	Highest Instance	NA		100% 103,0%	NA	172	Civil		- NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
	2nd Instance	NA		104,2%	NA	177			• NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
	1st Instance	NA		98,1%	NA	237			· NA		NA	•	NA		NA	•	NA
Criminal	Highest Instance	NA		101,0%	NA	120	Criminal		- NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
	2nd Instance	NA		99,4%	NA	121			• NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
	1st Instance	90.7%		94,7%	NA	149			• NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
Administrative	Highest Instance	NA		101,2%	NA	249	Administra	tive	- NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
	2nd Instance	NA		100,9%	NA	253			• NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
	1st Instance	NA		97,5%	NA		358		• NA		NA		NA		NA		NA

Public prosecution services

Total number of criminal cases of 1st instance per 100 inhabitants Distribution of processed 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 NAP | 0,09

Distribution of discontinued cases per 100 inhabitants

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

2. Case-law of the higher court/s

http://www.legislation.gov.uk

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