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Population **41 418 717**



GDP per capita
3 262 €

CoE Median 20 301 €

Clearance rate (%)

Efficiency

Avg gross annual salary 4 520 €

Disposition time (days)

CoE Median 20 612 €

Implemented judicial system budget **Judicial system Courts Prosecution services** Legal aid NA of GDP 0.50 per inh. NA per inh. 12.5 per inh. NA per inh. CoE Median: 13,86 CoE Median: 0.30% CoE Median: 64.50 CoE Median: 43.53 CoE Median: 3.08 33,3 0.30% 15.0 NA 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020

Budget: As data on the implemented budget for prosecution services are not available for 2020, it is not possible to analyse the judicial system budget. At the same time, the spending per inhabitant for courts $(12,53\mathfrak{E})$ and legal aid $(0,5\mathfrak{E})$ in Ukraine remains considerably below the CoE median. Most notable increases were in respect of salaries of judges due to the entry into force of new legal provisions to this effect, placing judges' salaries at the beginning of the career closer to the CoE median and those at the Supreme Court well above the median both in absolute values and in ratio with the average salary of the country.

Legal Aid

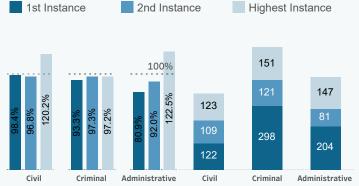
In 2020, significant changes in the free legal aid services in Ukraine have been introduced. The COVID-19 pandemic acted as a catalyst for enhancing the access to free legal aid and the Ukrainian free legal aid system quickly adapted to new modus operandi. The free legal aid system is accessible through various digital communication channels.

Professionals and Gender balance

Per 100 000 inhabitants, there are 13,09 professional judges (lower than the CoE median); 64,65 non-court staff (higher than the CoE median); 21,25 prosecutors (two times more than the median) and 9,3 non-prosecution staff (lower than the median). In 2020, there are 53,8% women judges and 38% of courts presidents were women. Conversely, 40,4% prosecutors and only 4% heads of prosecution services are females.

Supreme Court reform

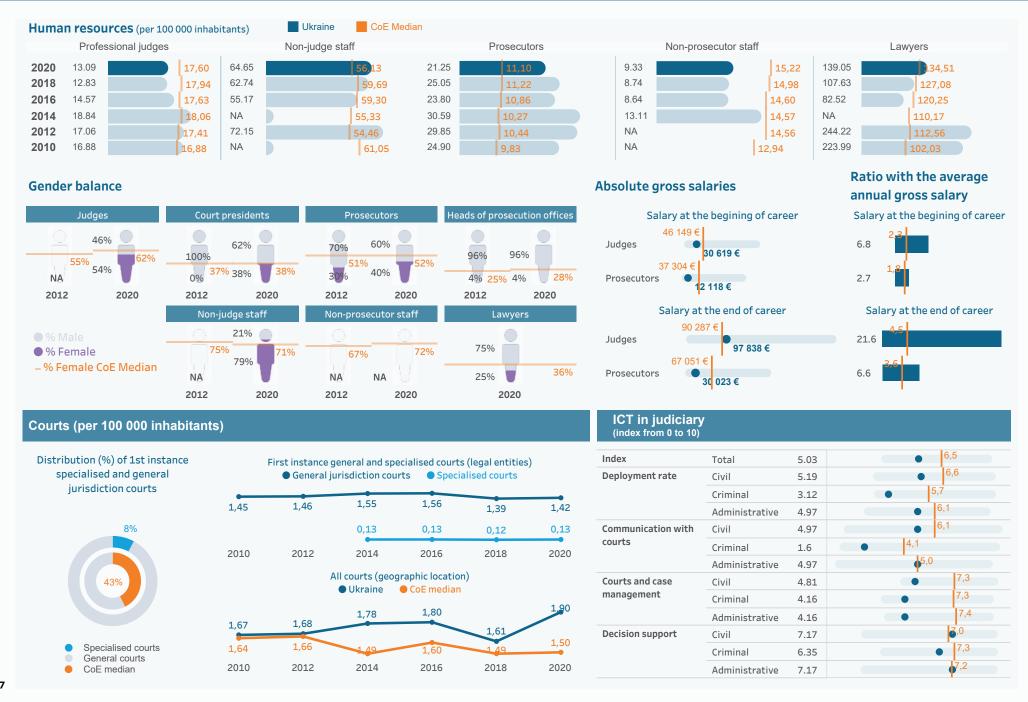
In pursuit of the country's judicial reforms, the number of judges in the new Supreme Court has increased by 55% compared to 2018. A consolidated jurisdiction of the Supreme Court also brought an increase in pending cases at the beginning of the year, due to the transfer of cases from the previous supreme court and specialised courts, which ceased to exist.



Efficiency: Looking at all jurisdictions combined, criminal cases took the longest time to be processed by the courts, contrary to the European trend in 2020. It seems that second instance courts process cases the fastest. In particular, second instance administrative cases are resolved faster than other types of cases with a Disposition Time of 80 days. The Disposition Time in all courts and in all cases is lower than the CoE median, except criminal law cases in the first instance courts and the Supreme Court.

In spite of the pandemic, the number of incoming cases in all categories increased in first instance courts. The reform of the Supreme Court appears to have had a positive effect on the Clearance Rate in civil and commercial litigious cases and in administrative cases in 2020, and its efficiency in these categories of cases appears to be less affected by the pandemic.

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