

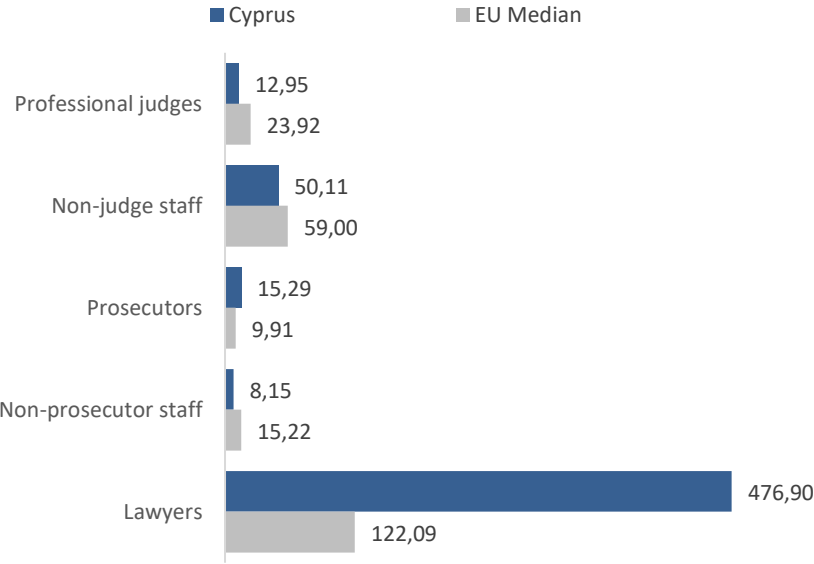
Judiciary at a glance in Cyprus

General data

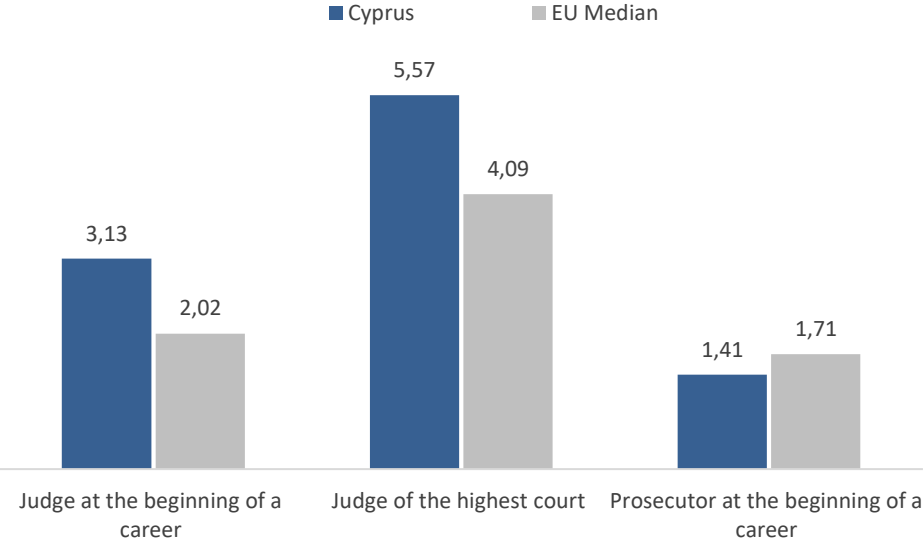
Population: 896 000 **GDP per capita:** 23 397 € **Average annual salary:** 24 882 €

Professionals

Judicial professionals per 100 000 inhabitants

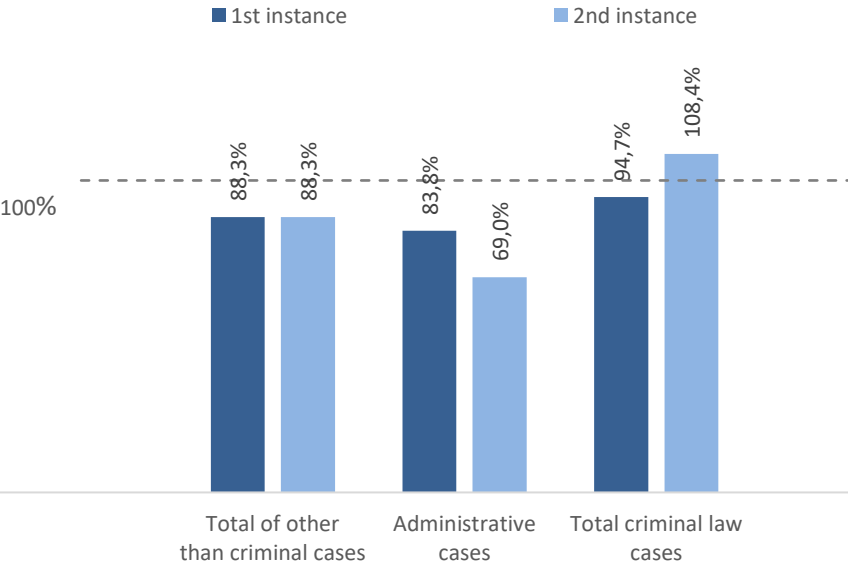


Gross salaries of judges and prosecutors vs average annual salary in the country

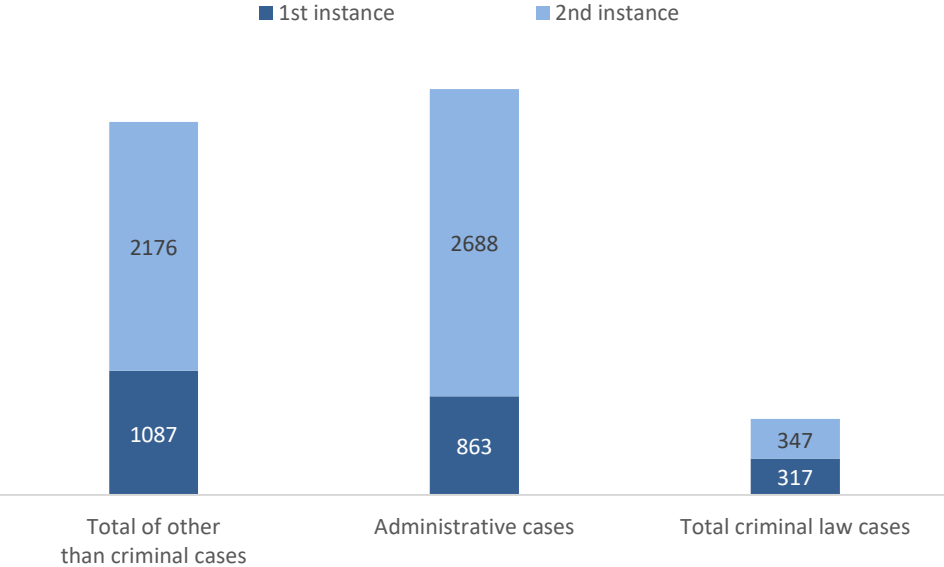


Efficiency

Clearance rate by instance and by matter (%)

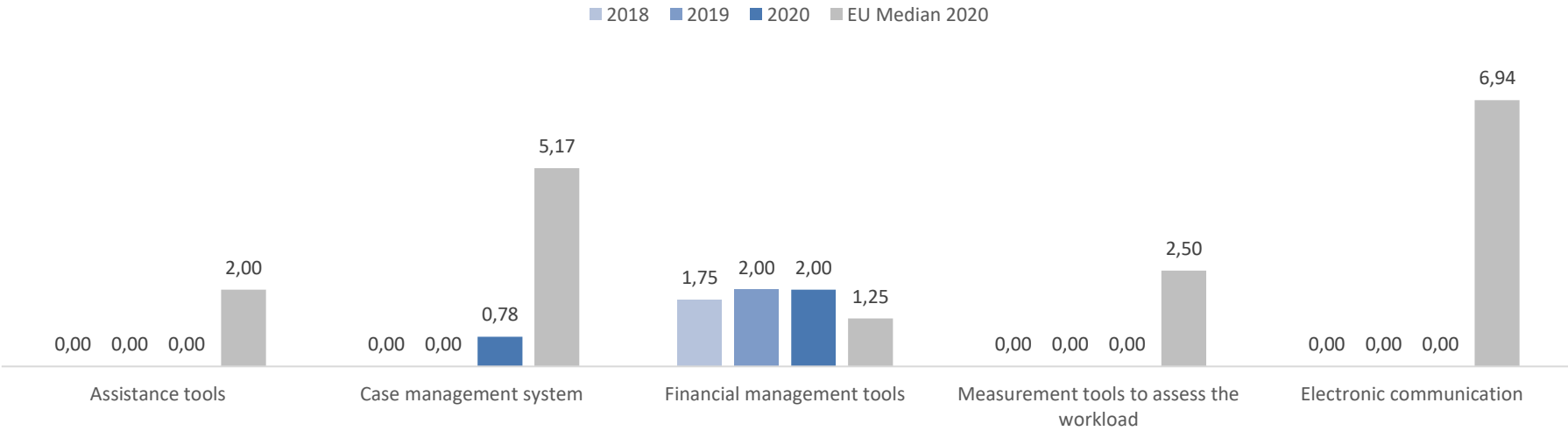


Disposition time by instance and by matter (in days)



Information and communication technology

ICT tools assessment from 2018 to 2020



*ICT calculations are described in more details in Annex 5 - IT Calculation methodology

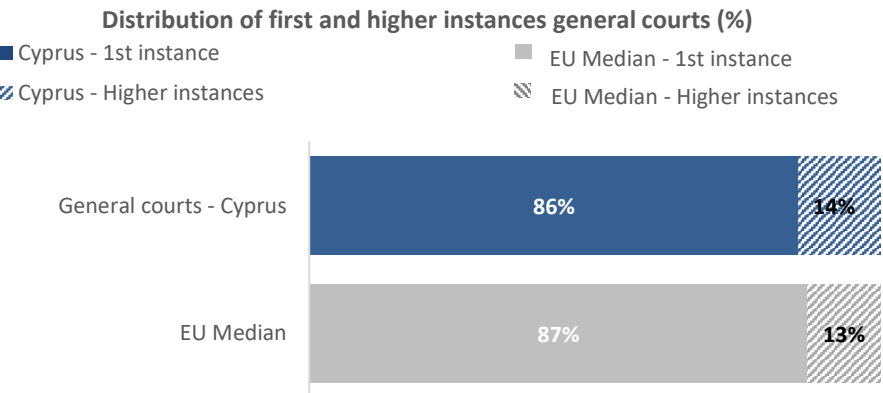
Synthesis table for the main indicators for: Cyprus

Economic and demographic data	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Variations					
										2012-2020	2014-2016	2016-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Population	865 900	858 000	858 000	848 300	848 300	854 800	875 900	888 000	896 000	3,5%	-1,1%	3,3%	2,5%	1,4%	0,9%
GDP per capita	20 512	19 033	20 454	20 931	21 282	22 770	24 633	25 270	23 397	14,1%	4,0%	15,7%	8,2%	2,6%	-7,4%
Exchange rate (local currency needed to obtain 1€)	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP
Average annual salary	24 124		22 764		22 548		22 896	23 742	24 882	3,1%	-0,9%	1,5%		3,7%	4,8%
Resources	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2012-2020	2014-2016	2016-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Professional judges per 100 000 inhab.	11,9	11,8	11,3	13,3	13,1	13,9	13,5	13,0	14,1	18,2%	15,7%	3,0%	-3,2%	-3,9%	8,6%
Non-judge staff per 100 000 inhab.	49,0	49,8	52,2	50,0	51,5	51,6	48,7	53,5	50,1	2,3%	-1,3%	-5,4%	-5,5%	9,7%	-6,3%
Lawyers per 100 000 inh															

1. Judicial organisation in Cyprus

Cyprus has a two tier system. The Supreme Court is the second and final instance court. All judges of the Supreme Court hear appeals. According to 2020 data, there are 6 first instance courts of general jurisdiction and 16 first instance specialised courts. The total number of courts as geographic locations is 23.

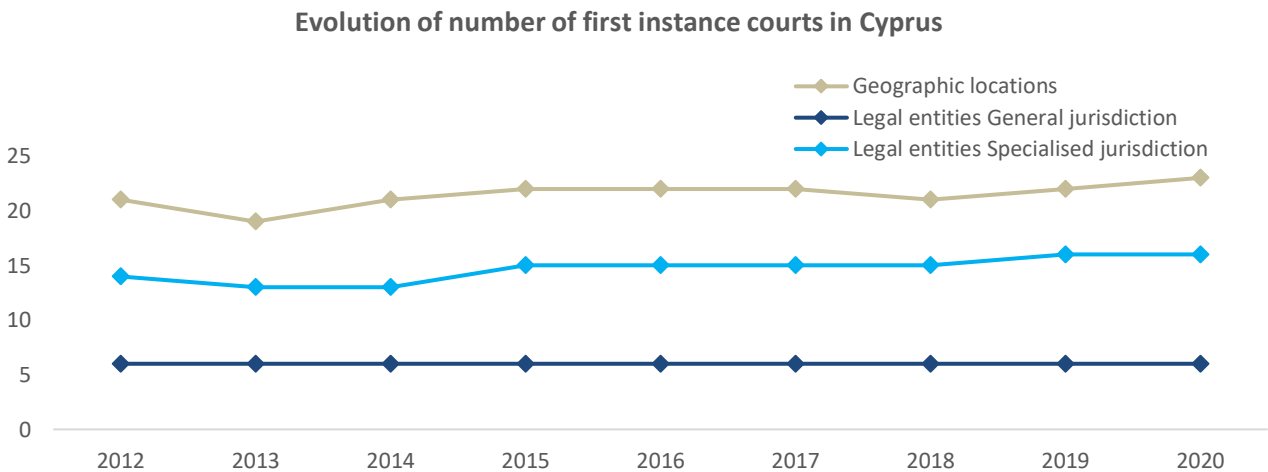
Distribution of general courts in Cyprus



According to 2020 data, the distribution between 1st instance and higher instances courts of general jurisdiction in Cyprus is around the EU median of 87% - 13%.

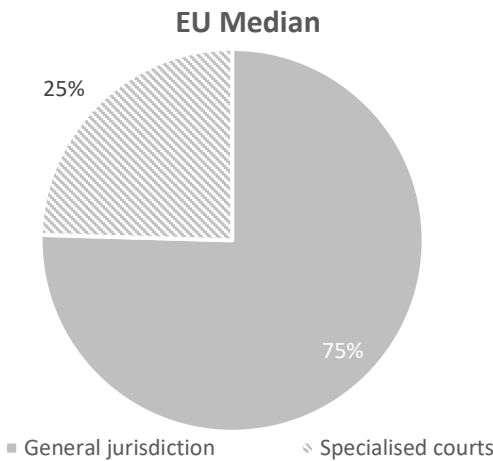
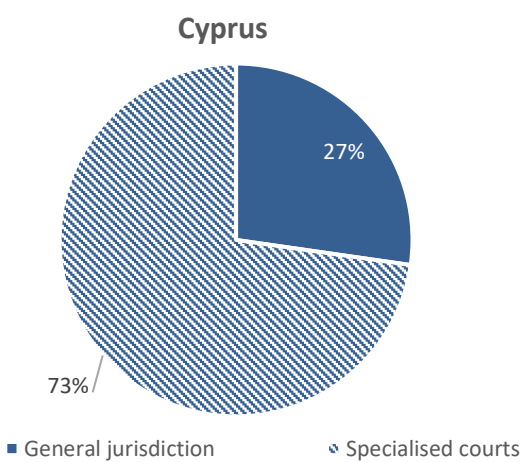
Evolution of number of first instance courts in Cyprus

	Geographic locations	Legal entities	
		General jurisdiction	Specialised jurisdiction
2012	21	6	14
2013	19	6	13
2014	21	6	13
2015	22	6	15
2016	22	6	15
2017	22	6	15
2018	21	6	15
2019	22	6	16
2020	23	6	16



Cyprus has a two-tier system, therefore the Supreme Court is the second, highest and final instance court. In the Organisation part of this country fiche, the Supreme Court is presented as the highest (third) instance court.

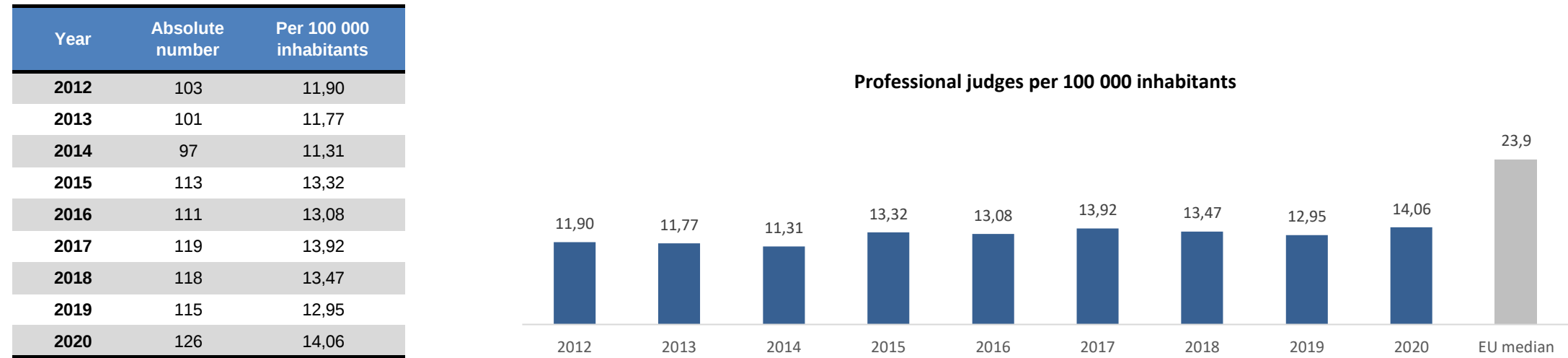
Distribution of first instance general jurisdiction and specialised courts



2. Professionals of justice in Cyprus

Professional judges and non-judge staff

Evolution of the number of professional judges since 2012 (Q46)



According to 2020 data, the total number of professional judges sitting in courts (all instances) in Cyprus is 126, which is 9,6% more than in previous cycle. More precisely, in Cyprus, there are 14,06 professional judges per 100 000 inhabitants (this figure is below the EU median of 23,92 judges per 100 000 inhabitants) and about 3,56 non-judge staff per judge .

There is no significant difference compared with previous cycle when this ratio was at 4,13 non-judge staff per judge.

Absolute number of professional judges by instance and gender

2020	Total	Distribution by instance	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
1st instance	113	89,7%	53	60	46,9%	53,1%
2nd instance	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NA	NA
Supreme courts	13	10,3%	7	6	53,8%	46,2%
Total	126		60	66	47,6%	52,4%



In this cycle, the total number of female professional judges (all instances) is 66, which represents 52,4% of the total number of judges.

The total number of judges is distributed among the different judicial instances in the following way: 113 are sitting in first instance courts (of which 60 are female) and 13 are sitting in Supreme Court (of which 6 are female).

As regards the methodology of presentation of data in respect of the number of judges, it should be noticed that the Supreme Court is the second and final instance court. All judges of the Supreme Court hear appeals and are counted in the category "Supreme court". That is why number of judges in second instance is presented as NA/NAP.

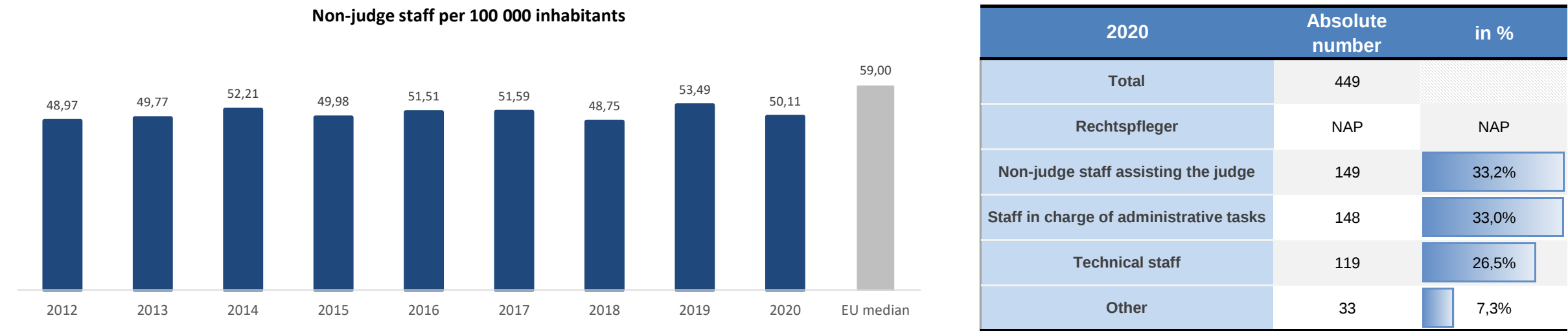
Considering this methodology of presentation of data, Cyprus cannot be fully compared with the EU distribution of professional judges per instance.

As regards the distribution of the number of judges among the different judicial instances, Cyprus presents some peculiarities considering that it is a two-tier system and has only first instance courts and the Supreme court.

As regards the distribution male/female, it has to be specified that females represent more than half of judges in the first instance (53.1%) but less than 50% in the Supreme Court (46.2%).</

Non-judge staff

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of non-judge staff	424	427	448	424	437	441	427	475	449
Per 100 000 inhabitants	48,97	49,77	52,21	49,98	51,51	51,59	48,75	53,49	50,11



In 2020, Cyprus has 449 non-judge staff (of which 304 are females). The total number of non-judge staff in comparison with the previous cycle reveals a decrease of -5,5%.

In this cycle, the non-judge staff is broken down as follows:

- 149 non-judge staff whose task is to assist the judges such as registrars (of which 139 are women);
- 148 staff in charge of different administrative tasks and of the court management (of which 135 are women);
- 119 technical staff (of which 21 are women);
- 33 other (of which 9 are women);

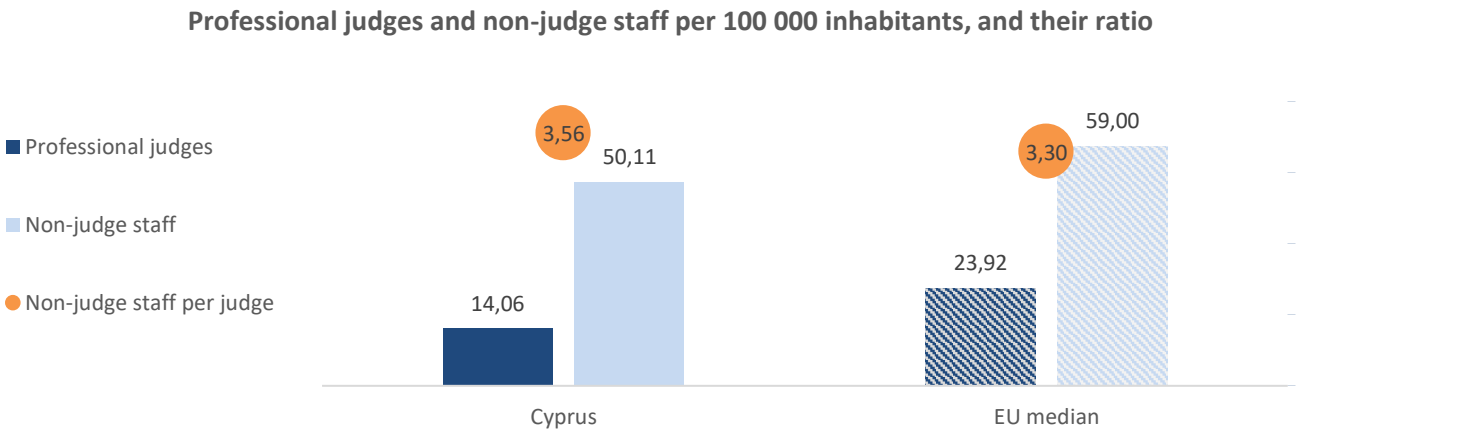
In 2020, the number of non-judge staff per 100 000 inhabitants has decreased (from 53,5 in 2019 to 50,1 in 2020).

During the same period, the number of judges per 100 000 inhabitants evolves from 13,0 judges per 100 000 inhabitants in 2019 to 14,1 in 2020.

It should be noted that the total number of non-judge staff includes clerical staff and also court bailiffs (which are categorized as Other non-judge staff). Differences in number of staff compared to previous year come from new appointments and retirements.

Professional judges, non-judge staff and their ratio (Q46, Q52)

Per 100 000 inhabitants	Cyprus	EU median
Professional judges	14,06	23,92
Non-judge staff	50,11	59,00
Non-judge staff per judge	3,56	3,30

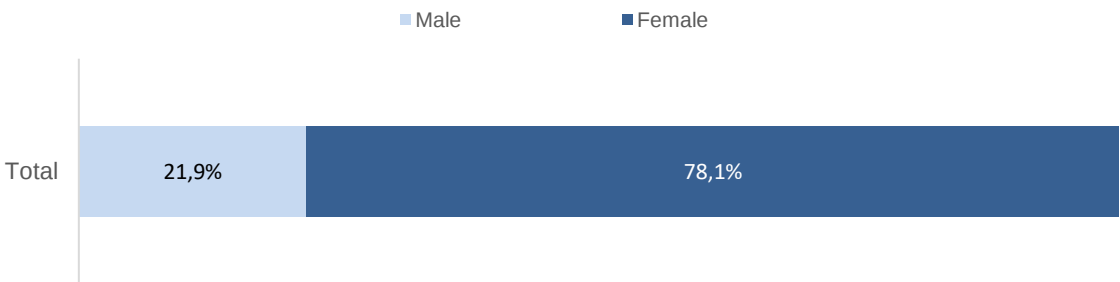


Public prosecutors and non-prosecutor staff

Absolute number of public prosecutors by instance and gender (Q55)

2020	Total	Distribution by instance	Male	Female	Male	Female
1st instance	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP
2nd instance	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP
Supreme courts	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP
Total	137		30	107	21,9%	78,1%

Distribution of the total number of public prosecutors by



In this cycle, the total number of female prosecutors (all instances) is 107, which represents 78,1% of the total number of prosecutors.

The total number of prosecutors cannot be distributed among the different judicial instances which represents a peculiarity of the Cyprus system.

As regards the distribution male/female, it has to be specified that females represent majority, whereas male prosecutors take 21,9%.

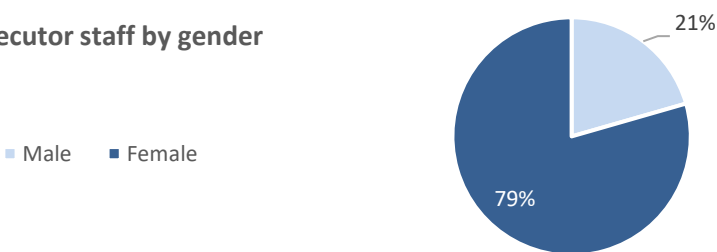
It should be noted that the number of prosecutors includes also legal advisors to the Attorney General's office.

The number increased in 2020 because more positions of prosecutors were approved.

Non-prosecutor staff by gender (Q60)

Non-prosecutor staff	Total	Male	Female
2020	73	15	58

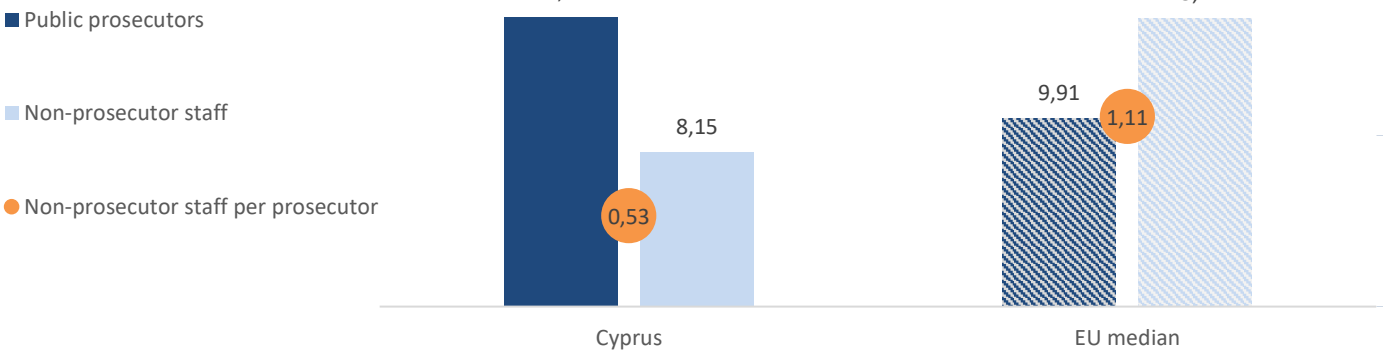
Non-prosecutor staff by gender



Public prosecutors, non-prosecutor staff and their ratio (Q55, Q60)

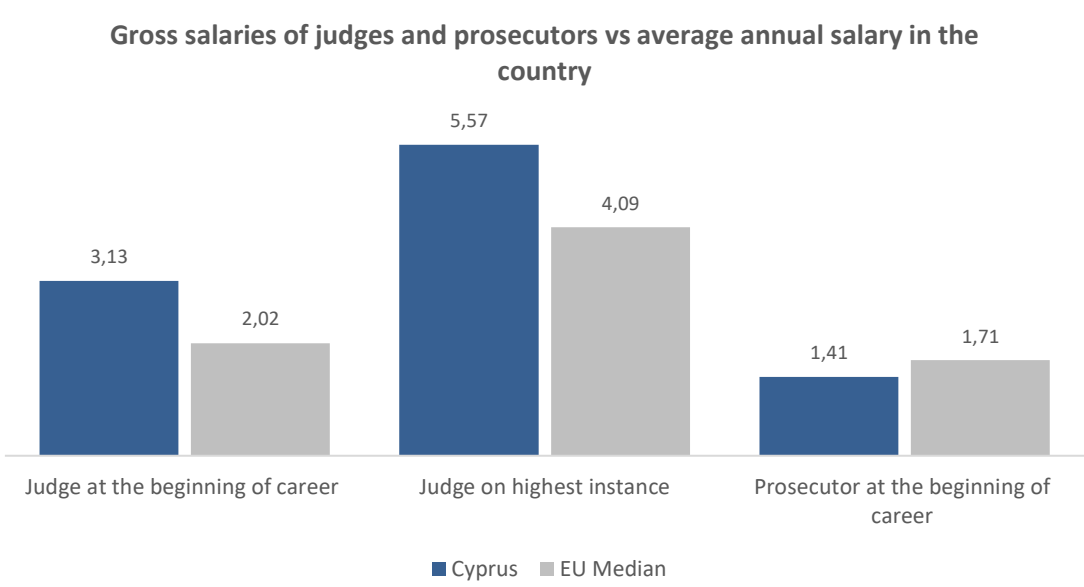
Per 100 000 inhabitants	Cyprus	EU median
Public prosecutors	15,29	9,91
Non-prosecutor staff	8,15	15,22
Non-prosecutor staff per prosecutor	0,53	1,11

Public prosecutors and non-prosecutor staff per 100 000 inhabitants, and their ratio



• Salaries of professional judges and prosecutors at beginning of a career and at the highest instance (Q132, Q4)

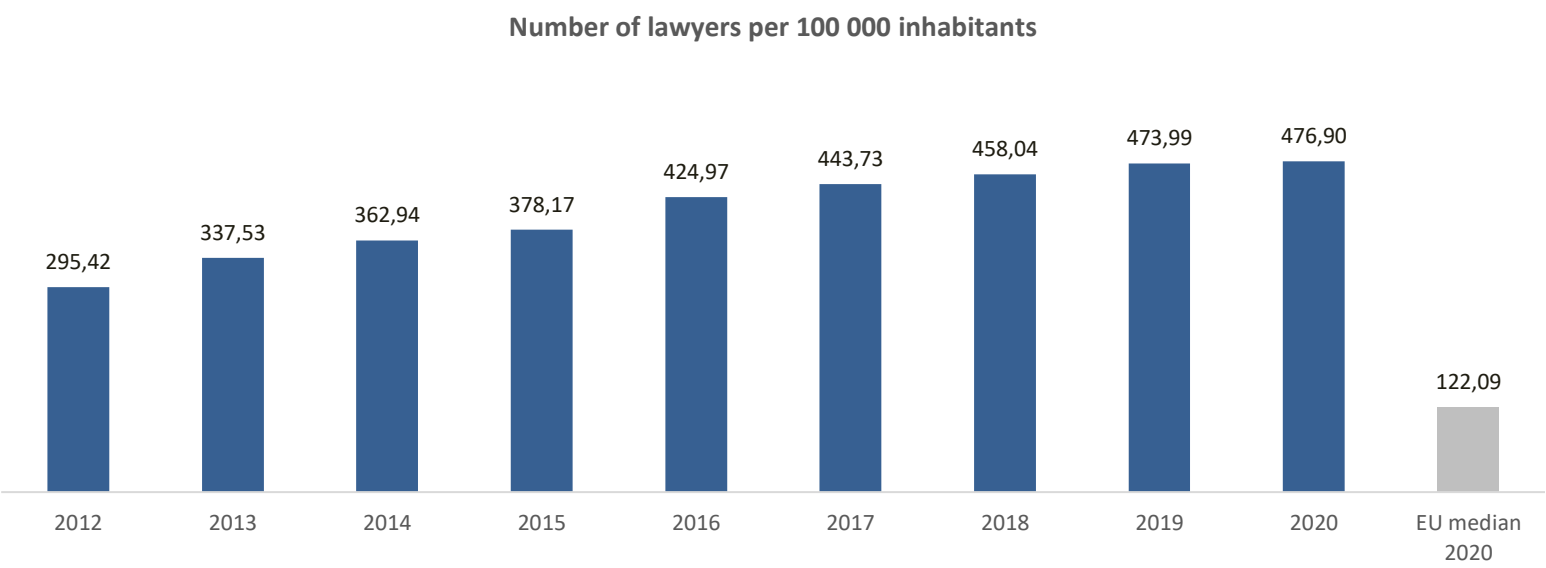
Salaries of professional judges and prosecutors (Q132, Q4)	Average gross annual salary in €	Average net annual salary in €	Ratio with national average annual gross salary
Judge at the beginning of a career	77 916 €	56 069 €	3,13
Judge of the highest court	138 494 €	105 500 €	5,57
Prosecutor at the beginning of a career	35 010 €	NA	1,41
Public prosecutor at highest instance	NAP	NAP	NAP



According to 2020 data, the absolute gross salary of a judge at the beginning of a career in Cyprus of 77 916€ is quite above when compared to the EU median of 51 946€. As a ratio with annual the average salary of the country, the salary for a judge at the beginning of career is: 3,13 compared with EU median of : 2,02.

• Lawyers

Lawyers	Absolute number	Per 100 000 inhabitants
2012	2 558	295,42
2013	2 896	337,53
2014	3 114	362,94
2015	3 208	378,17
2016	3 605	424,97
2017	3 793	443,73
2018	4 012	458,04
2019	4 209	473,99
2020	4 273	476,90



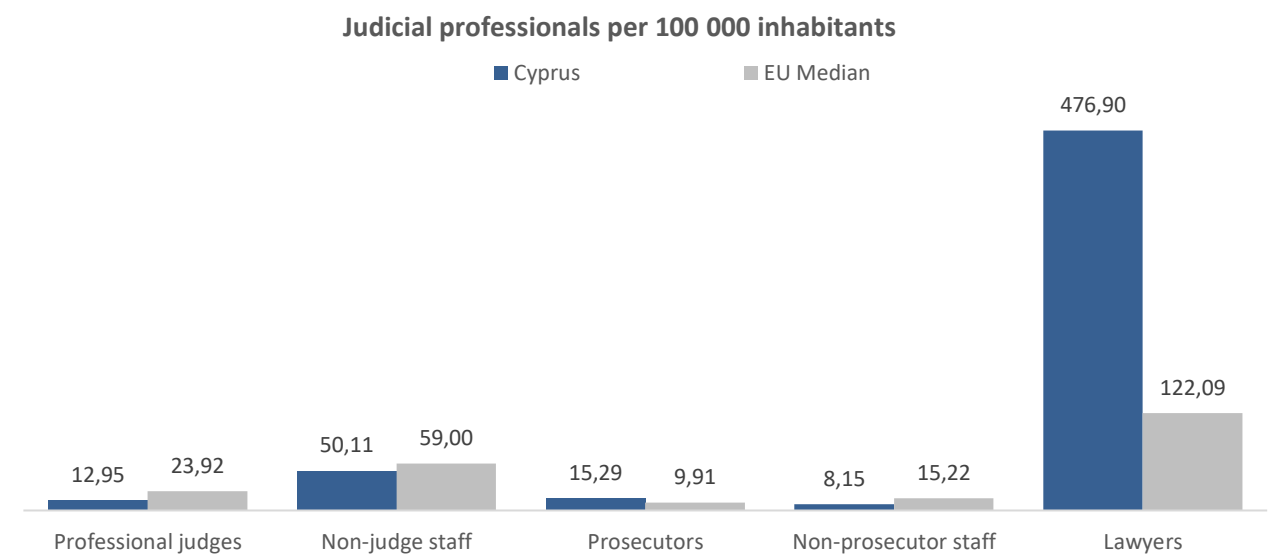
In 2020, there are 4 273 lawyers, which is 1,5% more than in 2019.

Cyprus has 476,9 lawyers per 100 000 inhabitants, which is well above the EU median of 122,1 lawyers per 100 000 inhabitants.

• Judicial professionals (summary)

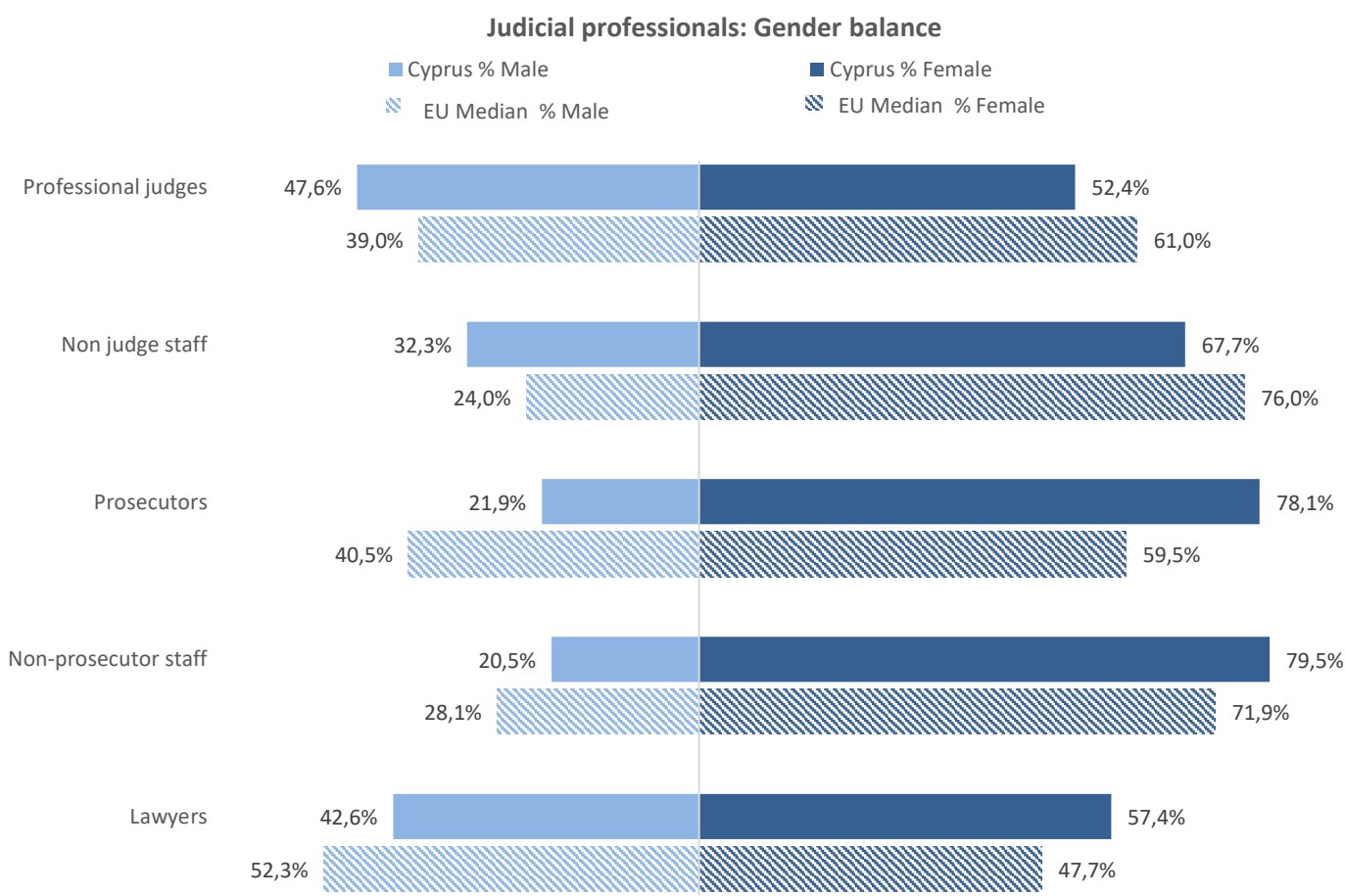
Judicial professionals in absolute number and per 100 000 inhabitants (Q46, Q52, Q55, Q60, Q146)

	Absolute number	Per 100 000 inhabitants	EU Median
Professional judges	115	12,95	23,92
Non-judge staff	449	50,11	59,00
Prosecutors	137	15,29	9,91
Non-prosecutor staff	73	8,15	15,22
Lawyers	4 273	476,90	122,09



Judicial professionals: Gender balance

	% Male	% Female
Professional judges	47,6%	52,4%
Non judge staff	32,3%	67,7%
Prosecutors	21,9%	78,1%
Non-prosecutor staff	20,5%	79,5%
Lawyers	42,6%	57,4%



3. Legal aid and court fees in Cyprus

In Cyprus, legal aid includes:

- Coverage of court fees: ✓
- Exemption from court fees: ✗

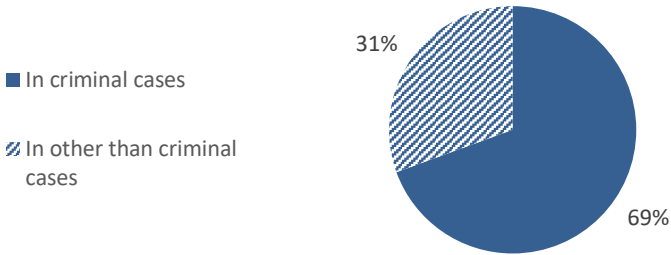
In Cyprus, legal aid is available for :

- > Representation in court:
 - Criminal cases ✓
 - Other than criminal cases ✓
- > Legal advice, ADR and other legal services:
 - Criminal cases ✓
 - Other than criminal cases ✓
- > Fees related to enforcement of judicial decisions as fees for enforcement agents (Q18) ✗
- > Other costs than above (Q19) ✗

Number of cases for which legal aid has been granted

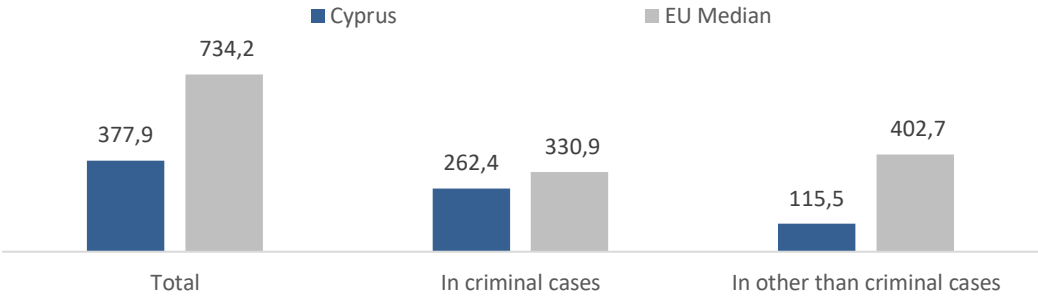
Absolute number (in 2020)	Total	Cases brought to court	Cases not brought to court
Total	3 386	3 386	NA
In criminal cases	2 351	2 351	NA
In other than criminal cases	1 035	1 035	NA

Ratio of number of cases brought to court for which legal aid has been granted



Per 100 000 inhabitants (in 2020)	Cyprus	EU Median
Total	377,9	734,2
In criminal cases	262,4	330,9
In other than criminal cases	115,5	402,7

Number of cases for which legal has been granted per 100 000 inhabitants



Other cases include civil cases for serious violations of human rights and family court cases (statistics on the family court cases was not available in the previous cycle).

5. Public prosecution services in Cyprus

• Role and powers of the public prosecutor

In the criminal procedure, the public prosecutor in Cyprus has the following 5 out of 11 possible roles and powers:

To conduct or supervise police investigation	✓	To appeal	✓
To conduct investigations	✗	To supervise the enforcement procedure	✗
When necessary, to request investigation measures from the judge	✗	To discontinue a case without needing a decision by a judge	✓
To charge	✓	To end the case by imposing or negotiating a penalty or measure without requiring a judicial decision	✗
To present the case in the court	✓	Other significant powers	✗
To propose a sentence to the judge	✗		

The public prosecutor also has a role in civil and administrative cases.

Public prosecutor is also the attorney for the republic and defends the State in cases filed against it.

• Public prosecutors: Number of first instance criminal cases

The data for the public prosecutors' first instance criminal cases are not available.

6. Existence and use of alternative dispute resolution in Cyprus

Number of mediators

The information about the number of registered court-related mediators is not available (NA).

Number of court related mediations

Data on the number of court-related mediation procedures is not available.

7. ICT tools of courts in Cyprus

●The ICT tools of courts and for court users

The use of ICT in courts in 2020 has been evaluated as :

EU Median

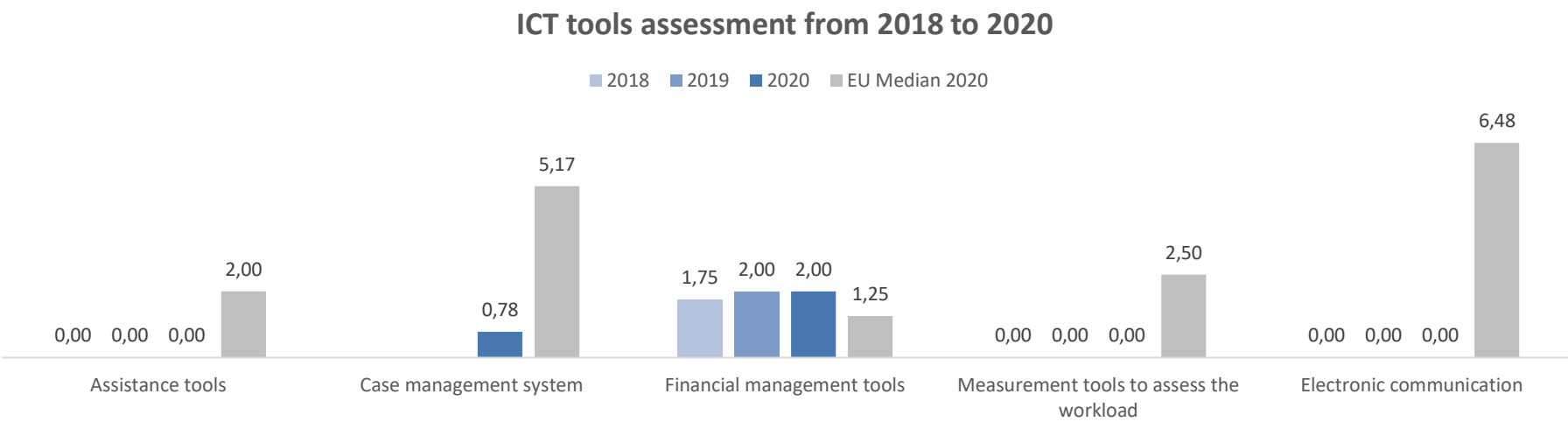
Total	1,0	6,6
Assistance tools (0 to 3)	0,0	2,0
Case management system (0 to 7)	0,8	5,2
Financial management tools (0 to 3)	2,0	1,3
Measurement tools to assess the workload (0 to 5)	0,0	2,5
Electronic communication (0 to 10)	0,0	6,9

The calculation of this values for each field is based on the answers for that question/s and weighted according the availability or deployment rate. The total value is normalised to max 10 points for readability and comparison.

The details of the calculation are given in Annex 5 - IT calculations

The result by area may be summarized in these graphics, where each field has been evaluated from 0 to 4 points.

Note: index is modified based on the available questions. This cycle the recalculation was made for the last three cycles to be able to follow the development.



In April 2021 the e-justice system was introduced.

