

Budget: In 2022, Spain implemented a judicial system budget of 4 650 433 004 €, which represents 96,8 € per inhabitant, exceeding the CoE median. As a % of GDP, this budget is also above the CoE median. Over 80% of the judicial system budget was dedicated to courts. Indeed, the courts' budget per inhabitant (82 €) remains high above the CoE median, while the public prosecution services' budget is half the CoE median. Spain's expenditure on legal aid (7 € per inhabitant) is significantly above the CoE median.

Judicial organisation: Spain has some of the highest numbers of courts per 100 000 inhabitants due to a specific concept of "one judge-one court" in the first instance. Specialisation is also very present as Spain has around 40% of courts specialised for various areas of law, including very unique Criminal Courts of Violence against Women.

Access to justice: In 2022, Spain has granted the highest number of cases with legal aid in Europe. Furthermore, it is one of the rare states where court fees to start judicial proceedings are required only from companies and not from individuals, while proceedings for the enforcement of judicial decisions are not subject to any fees. In locations without courts, Peace Judges deal with small claims and birth and death registrations.

Number of judges and non-judge staff: The number of judges per 100 000 inhabitants is significantly below the COE median (11,92 compared to 17,43) but there is a very high number of non-judge staff (8,7 non-judge staff per judge is one of the highest rates in Europe). Among non-judge staff, around 9% take posts similar to Rechtspfleger and fulfil various tasks instead of judges, including exclusive competences in some matters.

Efficiency : Courts remain most efficient in the 2nd instance, with criminal matters being the domain of highest efficiency. The DT is the highest in 3d instance civil litigious cases, similar to 2020.

Courts did not manage to return to pre-pandemic DT for most case types and instances. In administrative matters, this indicator improved compared to 2020 across all instances, while in civil and criminal matters it decreased in the first and last instance, but increased in the second instance. The reduced CR in second instance civil cases is mainly due to the increase in appeals against judgements in ordinary trials related to floor clauses (cláusulas suelo).

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2022

55%

2022

43%

NA

2018

45% 45%

Judges

Prosecutors

Salary at the end of career

140 534 €

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100 367 €

70 090 €

Salary at the end of career

22

5.5

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Training of Justice Professionals

2022

•% Male

% Female

- % Female CoE Median

2022

NA

2022

75%

Non-prosecutor staff

73%

NA

2022

72%

NA

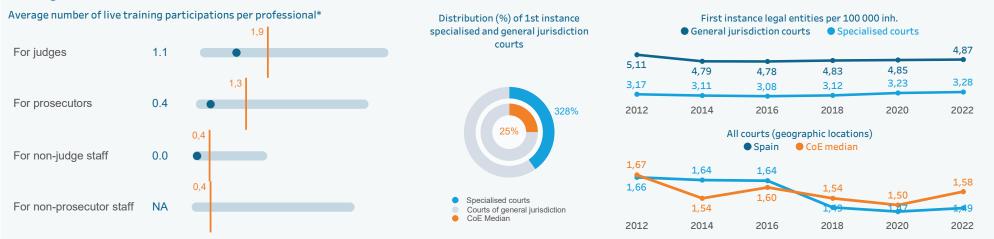
2012

Non-judge staff

77%

NA

2012



* This indicator is calculated as follows: the number of participants in live trainings is divided by the number of professionals for that category. For example, if the CoE Median for judges is 3,9, this means that, each judge in Europe participated to 3,9 live trainings (as mid value). Indeed, this analysis allows to better understand quantity of training per professional if all were trained.

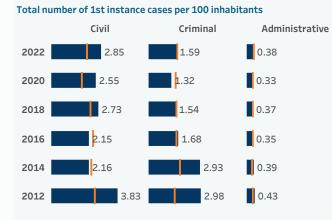
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CEPEJ Efficiency Indicators

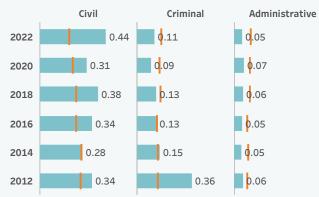
Clearance Rate (CR) = (Resolved cases / Incoming cases) *100		Instance
CR > 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve more cases than it received => backlog is decreasing	Spain	1st Instance
CR < 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve fewer cases than it received => backlog is increasing	CoE Median	2nd Instance
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 of the courts		Highest Instance

		Clearance Rate			Di	sposition Time (in days)	Evolution of Disposition Time						
								2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Civil	1st Instance	98%		100% 99%	359	239	Civil	264	318	282	362	468	359
	2nd Instance	85%		99%	343	200		211	178	181	271	227	343
	Highest Instance	89%		105%	691	152		320	496	513	608	888	591
Criminal	1st Instance	99%		99%	203	133	Criminal	136	125	163	170	247	203
	2nd Instance	99%		99%	71	110		73	70	5 6	55	59	71
	Highest Instance	91%		100%	304	101		191	136	157	239	412	304
Administrative	1st Instance	97%		98%	369	292	Administrative	427	361	312	331	406	369
	2nd Instance	130%		103%	325	215		357	332	319	355	452	325
	Highest Instance	91%		102%	321	234		298	458	854	233	350	321

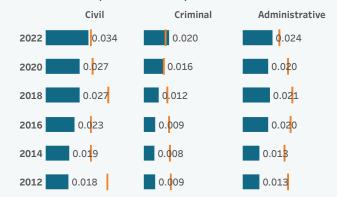
Incoming Cases



Total number of 2nd instance cases per 100 inhabitants

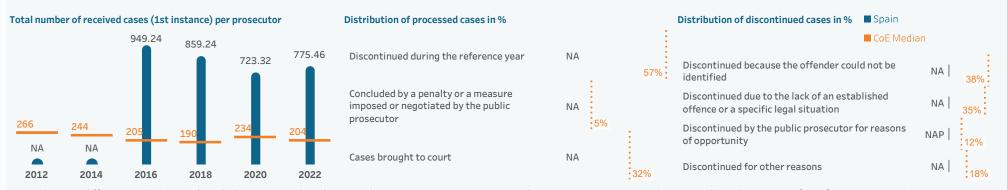


Total number of Supreme Court cases per 100 inhabitants



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Public Prosecution Services



Note: There are different methodologies for calculating the number of cases in the prosecution services' statistics: by event or by perpetrator. The CEPEJ collects data per case (event), but some countries present it per perpetrator.

