

UK - SCOTLAND



Budget : In 2022, UK-Scotland allocated 574 776 058 € to its judicial system, representing 104,9 € per inhabitant, which is well above the CoE median. As a percentage of GDP (0,27%), this budget remains slightly below the CoE median. A significant portion of the judicial system budget, 26,5%, is dedicated to legal aid, 27,8 € per inhabitant, which is more than ten times the CoE median. A very high number of cases are granted with legal aid (3 cases per 100 inhabitants compared to the CoE median of 0,9). The average amount of legal aid granted per case (680 €) is almost 50% higher than the European median value.

Professionals: One of the notable characteristics of the system is a low number of judges per 100 000 inhabitants (3.65) compared to the CoE median (17,6). However, the ratio of non-judge staff per judge (9,82) is among the highest in Europe. The number of prosecutors gradually increased and exceeded the CoE median in 2022. Women represent the majority of prosecutors (68%) but not of judges (28%).

Specialised public prosecutors: The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service offers specialist domestic abuse training courses to staff designed to increase knowledge and understanding of the typologies and dynamics of domestic abuse. It provides mandatory sexual offences training for all staff involved in the investigation of sexual offences.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT): UK-Scotland with an ICT Deployment index of 1,9, is at the beginning of digitalisation of judiciary. Nevertheless, there seems to be many online services as life stream of court cases or applications as the online Simple Procedure Claims (up to 5000£) or its traditionally established mechanisms for reviews of SCTS digital investment projects including user requirement, service provision and right technology governance.

Efficiency : UK-Scotland provided very few case flow data. Indeed, the case management system is not structured in a way that allows these figures to be retrieved.

From the available information it could be noted that first instance courts are efficient in criminal matters with a Clearance Rate above the 100% threshold and a Disposition Time below the CoE median. Conversely, it seems that first instance courts encounter some difficulties in civil matters, the Clearance Rate value being only at 86%.

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Training of Justice Professionals



* 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	UK - Scotland	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				
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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

		Clearance Rate		Disp	osition Time (in days)		Evolution of D	isposition Tir	ne			
							2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Civil	1st Instance	86%	100% 99%	NA	239	Civil	• NA	• NA	• NA	• NA	• NA	• NA
	2nd Instance	NA	99%	NA	200		- NA	- NA	• NA	- NA	• NA	• NA
	Highest Instance	NAP	105%	NAP	152		• NAP	• NAP	 NAP 	 NAP 	• NA	• NAP
Criminal	1st Instance	116%	99%	100	133	Criminal	• NA	• NA	• NA	• NA	71	100
	2nd Instance	NA	99%	NA	110		- NA	- NA	• NA	- NA	- NA	• NA
	Highest Instance	NAP	100%	NAP	101		• NAP	• NAP	 NAP 	 NAP 	• NA	• NAP
Administrative	1st Instance	NA	98%	NA	292	Administrative	• NA	• NA	• NA	• NA	• NA	• NA
	2nd Instance	NA	103%	NA	215		- NA	- NA	• NA	- NA	- NA	• NA
	Highest Instance	NAP	102%	NAP	234		• NAP	• NAP	 NAP 	• NAP	• NA	• NAP

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Incoming Cases



Total number of 2nd instance cases per 100 inhabitants Civil Criminal 0.01 2022 0.01 0.02 2020 NA **2018** 0.01 NA 0.03 **2016** 0.01

0.02

0.01

2014 0.00

0.06

2012

Total number of Supreme Court cases per 100 inhabitants

Administrative		Civil	Criminal	Administrative
A	2022	NAP	NAP	NAP
A	2020	NA	NA	NA
A	2018	NAP	N <mark>A</mark> P	NAP
A	2016	NAP	NAP	NAP
NA	2014	NAP	NAP	NAP
A	2012	NAP	NAP	NAP

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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.

ICT Deployment and Usage Index (from 0 to 10) **Deployment index by matter** (0 to 10) **Deployment index by category** (0 to 10) Administrative matter Decision support 4.1 2.6 Total deployment rate : 1,92 4,16 0.83 Total usage rate : 1,43 0.00 1.82 2,15 2,03 (experimental) 3,93 4,5 Civil matter 5,7 Case management 3,4 Digital access to justice 4,1 Criminal matter **Judiciary Related Websites** Legal texts Case-law of the higher court/s Information about the judicial system www.legislation.gov.uk www.scotcourts.gov.uk , www.scotcourts... www.legislation.gov.uk www.legislation.gov.uk www.scotcourts.gov.uk www.scotcourts.gov.uk www.judiciary.scot