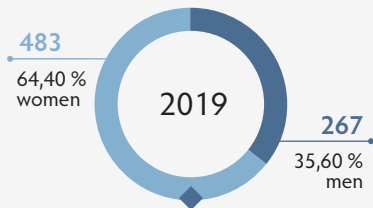


In 2019, **750*** judges worked in the courts (758 in 2018, 767 in 2017), of which:

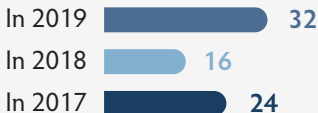
- ◆ 466 – in district courts,
- ◆ 155 – in regional courts,
- ◆ 24 – in Vilnius Regional Administrative Court,
- ◆ 22 – in Regional Administrative Court,
- ◆ 31 – in the Court of Appeal of Lithuania,
- ◆ 19 – in the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania,
- ◆ 33 – in the Supreme Court of Lithuania.

The largest court in Lithuania, Vilnius City District Court, had **102 judges**, the least judges worked in Plungė (16) and Telšiai (15) district courts.

Gender distribution in the Lithuanian courts in 2019:



Newly appointed judges:



* data as of 31 December 2019.



The Judicial Council consists of 23 members. From October 2019 the Judicial Council had 21 members.

There were **21** meetings of the Judicial Council last year. They approved **211** resolutions (of which-147 judges' careers).

In 2019, the Judicial Council paid a lot of attention to evaluation of judges' activities, the fight against corruption, the workload of judges, and the quality of personal service in courts.



As previous years, 2019 was considered to be a year of intensive development of judicial mediation in Lithuania - during the campaign to promote judicial mediation, the public interest in peaceful dispute resolution increased.

The purpose of judicial mediation is to assist the parties in civil and administrative cases, to resolve the dispute amicably through one or more mediators.

- ◆ In 2019, opportunity to resolve legal disputes through mediation not only in civil but also in **administrative cases** appeared.
- ◆ At the end of 2019, **98 judges** had the status of court mediators. Most court mediators-judges work in district courts (72.5%) and regional courts (16.3%).
- ◆ In 2019 **533** judicial mediation proceedings were completed and peace agreements were signed for almost half of them (47%).



Currently, 15 highly qualified court psychologists work in Lithuanian courts.

Number of criminal cases involving forensic psychologists:



In 2019 psychologists in Lithuanian courts were increasingly used for interviews not only in criminal matters as active involvement of forensic psychologists in civil proceedings (e.g. in divorce and residence or international adoption cases) was also encouraged; with the help of psychologists, children's opinions were heard in 343 civil cases (224 in 2018).



At the established Institute of Court Volunteers, support for court visitors was provided by 51 volunteers in 6 courts:

- ◆ More than **4,300** people were assisted.
- ◆ Volunteers worked in the courts for more than **2,500 hours**.

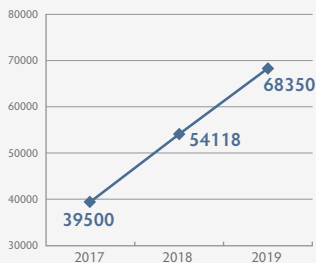


MODERN

In 2019 the portal  **e.teismas.lt** already counted the seventh year of its existence.

With the modernization of society, the use of the services provided by the portal e.teismas.lt continues to grow and becomes an integral part of the modern court system and society.

14 232 new users have registered on the portal e.teismas.lt in 2019.



At the end of last year, the number of users of the e.teismas.lt portal services reached **68 350**. In two years, the number of users doubled.

In 2019 more than 3.7 million electronic procedural documents were signed by using the portal e.teismas.lt.

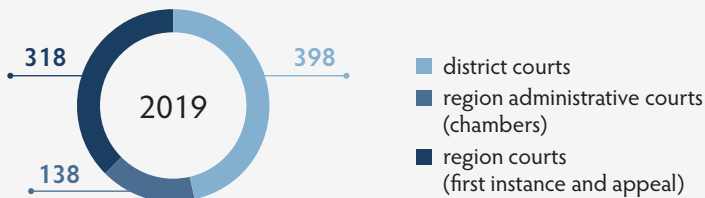
On the e.teismas.lt portal it is possible to:

- ◆ form and submit procedural documents to the court;
- ◆ view information about cases in which you are a party to the proceedings;
- ◆ pay stamp duty, court-imposed fines, awarded costs to the state.

In 2019 the number of remote court hearings organized in Lithuanian courts almost doubled and amounted to **2 612**.



Throughout 2019, one judge, on average, heard cases:



In district courts, the average number of cases heard by a single judge per year remains the highest compared to other courts of first instance. On average a judge hears **1.58 cases per day**.

In civil cases, disputes concerning the repayment of a loan, purchase and sale obligations, in family law relations - on divorce, and maintenance of children were examined the most. 2019 saw an increase in civil bankruptcy cases.

Also, there was an increase in the number of **cases of administrative** misconduct due to driving under the influence of alcohol or psychotropic substances or other psychoactive substances, or driving without the right. Administrative cases show an increasing trend in the number of cases on tax law, fine enforcement and arrest, but there has been a decline in civil liability for damage caused by illegal actions by public authorities.

Last year, Lithuanian courts mostly heard **criminal cases** of health impairment to a close relative or family member, driving under the influence of alcohol, theft and other property crimes.

Cases received in Lithuanian courts in 2019:



The following were examined in Lithuanian courts in 2019:



Court decisions remain stable. On average in 2019 5.6% of complaints on all decisions made in Lithuanian courts were examined and only 1.86% of court decisions were amended or annulled.



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elektroninių paslaugų
portalas

Statistical data show that the provision of procedural documents to the court in electronic form among the participants of the proceedings and the use of other services of the portal e.teismas.lt continues to become more popular. Electronic means of communication are also increasingly trusted in court proceedings for the resolution of more complex disputes.

In 2019 about 74% of cases were handled by using only the electronic form (civil and administrative).

The number of electronic cases is increasing in the Supreme Court of Lithuania - here in cassation the share of electronic civil cases in 2019 reached 71%. The number of examined electronic civil cases by the Supreme Court of Lithuania in 2019 reached 281, which is twice as many as the cases examined using the paper form.

In 2019 Lithuanian courts examined **142 030** electronic cases. Of which 132,041 civil and 9,989 administrative cases.

In electronic civil cases of the first instance, the majority of decisions were made on the award of fines, complaints and interest.

In 2019, European Court of Human Rights received 448 petitions against Lithuania, 406 petitions were rejected as inadmissible or removed from the list of cases.



◆ 22 courts

◆ 750 judges

◆ 3500 judicial staff

◆ 216 971 cases were heard within a year

◆ 51 volunteers helped 4 300 court visitors

◆ 15 qualified psychologists

◆ 400 people attended the Justice Room campaign in Lithuania.

Do you have any questions?

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