

Descriptive note

A survey is conducted each year on notarial activity by collecting data directly from the approximately 5,000 notaries in operation. Notaries submit quarterly statistical data to the relevant District Notarial Archive which first checks that the data are complete and compliant with quality requirements then transmits them to the Central Notarial Archives Office. The latter, after performing further verification, sends the data to Istat.

The survey model used¹ provides a comprehensive overview of notarial activity and a set of socio-economic information that is significant for the collectivity as a whole. The agreements stipulated by notaries are organised into groups to highlight the most significant phenomena.

Symbols and convention used

Conventional symbols

In the statistical tables the following conventional symbols have been adopted:

line (-): when the phenomenon does not exist or when the phenomenon exists and is surveyed but no cases are recorded;

four dots (....): when the phenomenon exists, but the data are unknown for whatever reason;

two dots (..): for absolute or relative numbers which are less than half of the minimum significant unit considered.

Percentage compositions

Percentage compositions are automatically rounded to one or two decimal places. The sum of the percentage values thus calculated may therefore not equal 100.

Adjusted data

Data contained in previous publications which do not match with those in the downloaded tables are to be considered adjusted data.

Year-over-year percentage change

Percentage change compared with the same quarter or the same period of the previous year.

¹ Cf. Appendix to Information Volume n. 43 of 2001 "Notarial activity. Years 1998-1999. A regional analysis."