

Judges preside over civil and criminal proceedings, hearings and trials in courts of law. The Eurostat crime statistics requires a count of officials authorised to preside over criminal cases *professionally* . The authorisation includes to reach a verdict in criminal cases (conviction or acquittal); and pass a sentence for those convicted. Jurors, clerks, and voluntary or honorary judges are not supposed to be counted as *professional* judges.

Further information

- [Persons in the criminal justice system metadata file](#)

Statistical data

- [Police, court and prison personnel statistics](#)

Source

- [The United Nations Survey of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems](#)
- [The International Standard Classification of Occupations](#)