



State Probation Service
Republic of Latvia

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The State Probation Service is an institution of direct administration under supervision of the Ministry for Justice of Latvia which implements State policy in the field of public security within the framework of the functions referred to in this Law.

State Probation Service developed in 2003, operating in entire country since 2005

44 territorial divisions all over the country and headquarters office in Riga.

Number of staff : 387 (February, 2022)

Number of clients:

- 16 391 total cases per year
- 9 998 new cases per year (2021)



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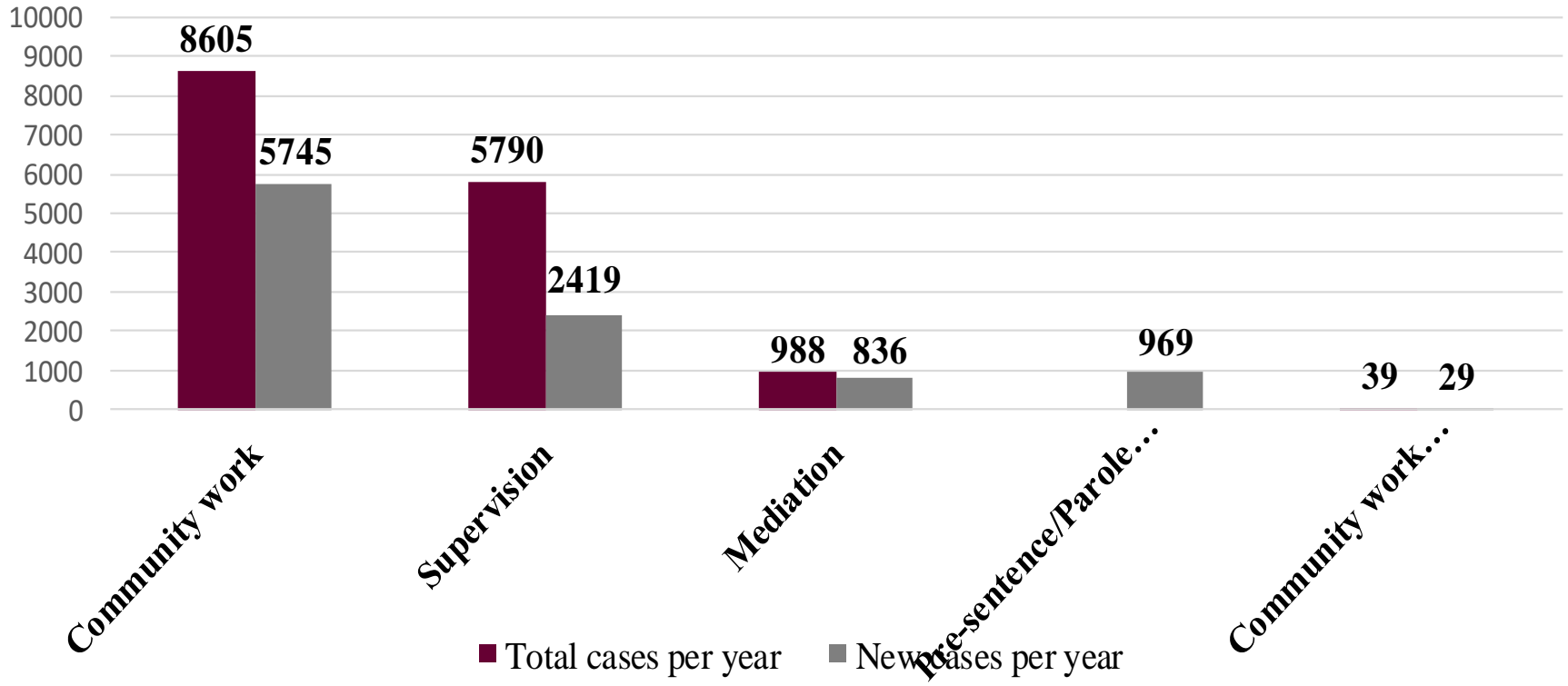
THE FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE PROBATION SERVICE

- 1) to provide an evaluation report on a probation client;
- 2) to ensure the development of probation programmes and the implementation of licensed programmes;
- 3) to organise the execution of the criminal punishment - community service;
- 4) to organise the execution of a compulsory measure of correctional nature - community service;
- 5) during a term of probation to supervise persons against whom criminal proceedings have been terminated by conditionally releasing them from criminal liability;
- 6) to organise and manage mediation in the criminal proceedings and cases concerning application of a compulsory measure of correctional nature to children;
- 7) to supervise persons conditionally sentenced or conditionally released before term from prisons;
- 8) to ensure the execution of the additional punishment - probation supervision.



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NUMBER OF PROBATION CLIENTS IN FUNCTIONS





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PROBATION SUPERVISION

Probation supervision from 1st January 2022 is basic and also additional punishment (with deprivation of liberty).

	Adults	Minors
Basic punishment	1-5years (some articles of the Criminal law)	3-6 years
Additional punishment	1-3 years (5 years for sex offenders).	1-3 years



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OBLIGATIONS (I)

After 1st February, 2015 SPS can impose one or more of the following duties (except to probation clients who are conditionally Released from Criminal Liability):

- 1.to observe a prohibition to leave his or her place of residence during a certain time of the day;
- 2.to observe a prohibition to change the place of residence without the consent of the SPS;
- 3.to observe a prohibition to stay in specific public places;
- 4.to observe a prohibition to contact certain people;
- 5.to observe a prohibition to depart from certain administrative territory without permission of the SPS;
- 6.to observe a prohibition to use alcohol and other intoxicating substances;



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OBLIGATIONS (II)

7. to **co-ordinate the movement route** with the official of the SPS;
8. to **participate in** one or several **probation programmes**;
9. to comply with a **prohibition to purchase, carry or store specific objects**;
10. to comply with a **prohibition to approach certain objects, locations or institutions**;
11. for the purpose of **solving the problems** of criminogenic nature, to visit the specialist indicated by the SPS, if the probationer agrees to pay additional costs associated with such visit or the probationer does not incur additional expenditures therewith;
12. to **fulfil the instructions** of the SPS, aimed at getting legal means of subsistence or solving domestic issues in a socially acceptable way.



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The RESOURCES

✓ **Specific training for staff**

E-learning course “Working with people with mental health problems” (State Probation Service, 2022).

26 probational specialists trained for work with mental health issues specifically.

E-learning course "Social work with adults with mental disorders” (School of Public Administration, 2022)

1 probational senior expert trained for work with mental health issues specifically.

✓ **Multiagency meetings**

More than **600 meetings** per year (on-line 2021)

Mental health professionals (psychologists, psychologists) are invited to meetings in order to get involved in solving a specific case - client's therapeutic intervention if necessary.

✓ **Probation Programmes**

✓ **Social Rehabilitation Services**



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Probation Programmes

The general aim - reintegration in society and reducing the risk of criminal behavior or new offence.

Correctional programmes of social behavior:

- Sex Offender Treatment Programme for providing in society and in prison (improved & updated, 2022).
- Violence Prevention Programme.
- Substance Use Management.
- Forming Respectful Relationships.

Programmes for young people (18-25):

- Motivation for change
- Ready! Steady! Go!

Rehabilitation programmes:

- The School of Life – 2 («life skills»).
- Simply About the Complex (for persons with intellectual difficulties) .



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Social Rehabilitation Services

State Probation Service co-finance the social rehabilitation services for supervision probation clients for 12 months (not more).

Social rehabilitation services providers are able to help/assistance with:

- The stay (accommodation and meals);
- Support for the learning and strengthening work skills;
- Maintenance and development of social functioning skills;
- Psychosocial assistance and support;
- Consultations of specialists (social work, psychologist and others).
- Educational and informative measures with the aim to restore ability of social functioning, integration in labour market and society and spending useful leisure time.

In 2021 social rehabilitation services is co-finance for 18 probation clients.



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Thank You!

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