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# Report on the Quality of Hungarian Legislation – 2011-2016

*Data & figures*

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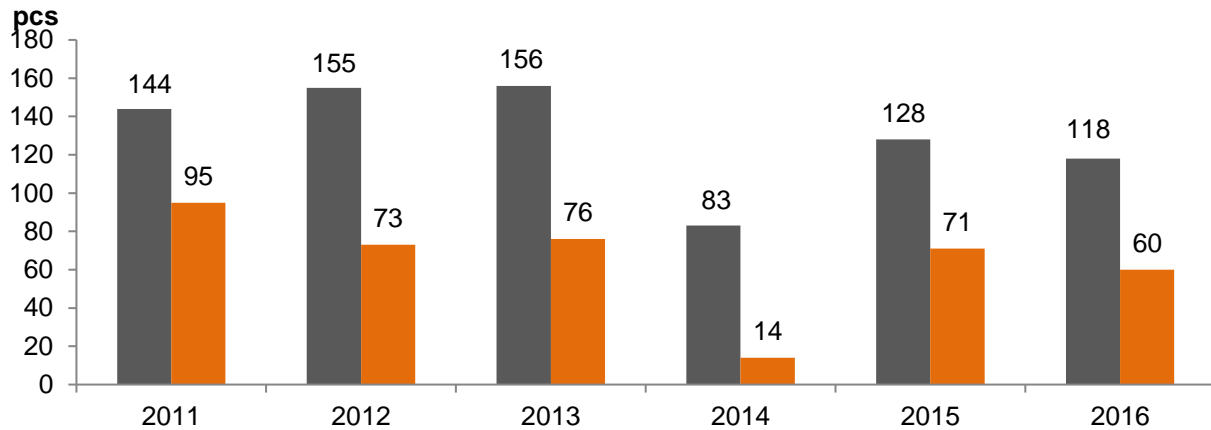
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**Figure 1.: Number of published laws and preparatory document packages, 2011-2016**

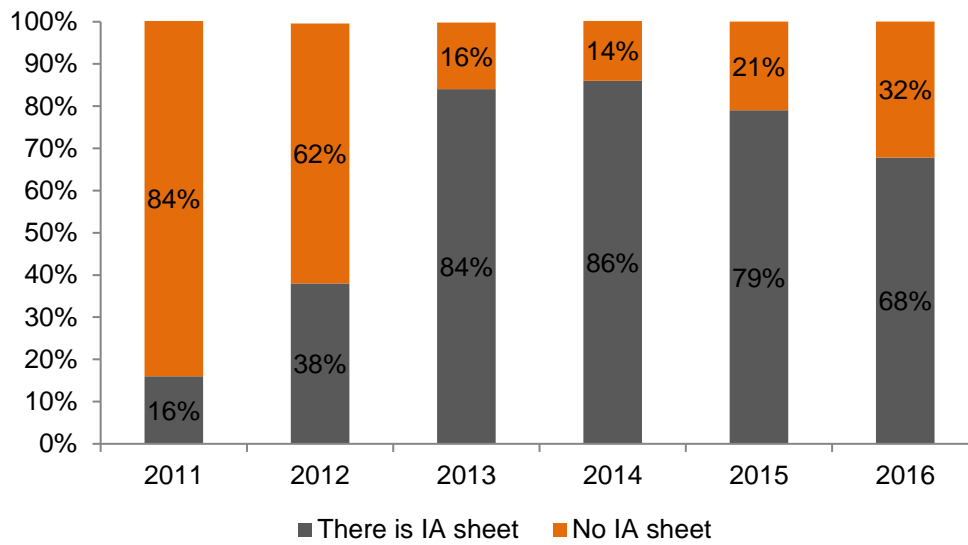


Year	Published laws	Preparatory document packages	%
2011	144	95	66.8
2012	155	73	47.1
2013	156	76	48.7
2014	83	14	16.9
2015	128	71	55.5
2016	118	60	50.8
Total	784	389	50.5

**Notes:**

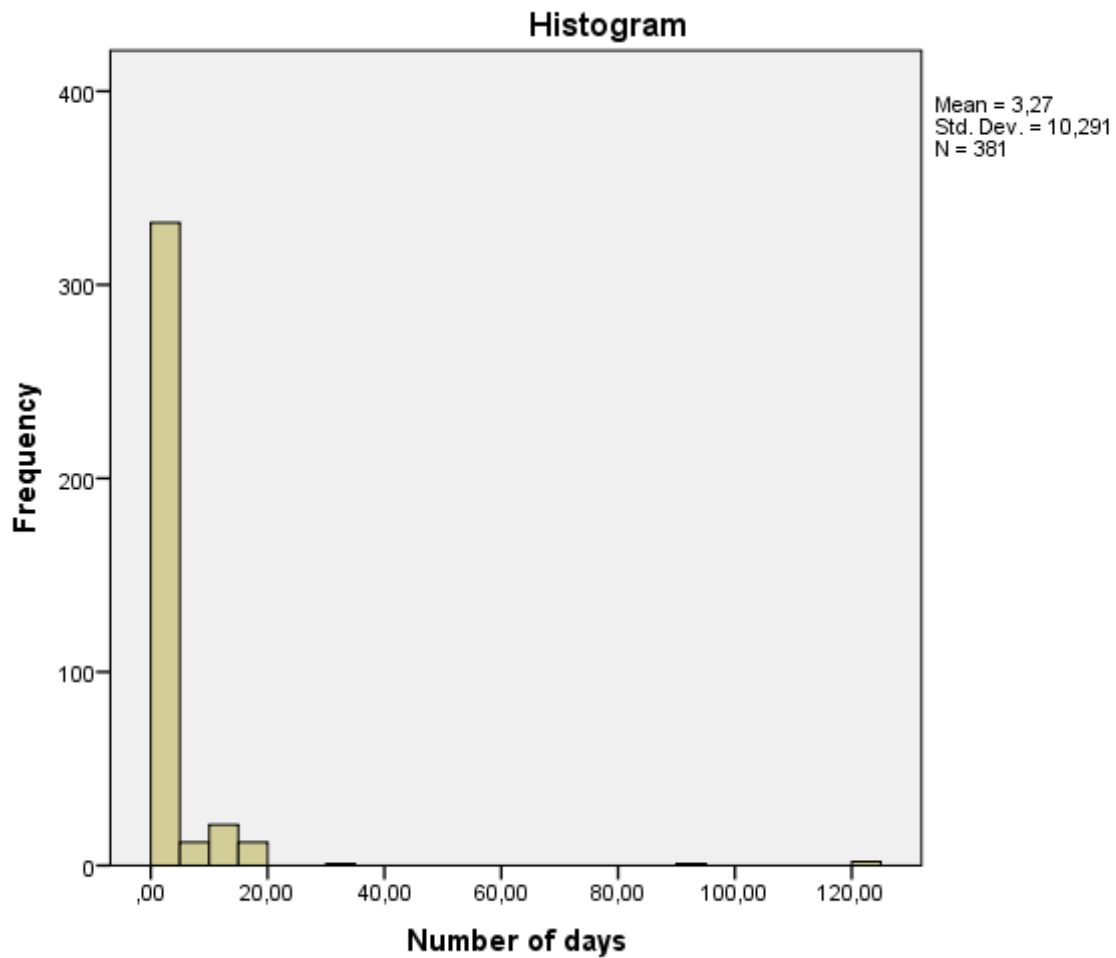
- 1) Grey - number of published laws      Orange - number of preparatory document packages
  - 2) We took into account only bills that were submitted by the government and the ministries, because only in this case is compulsory to prepare impact assessment.
- Source: calculations by CRCB

**Figure 2.: Rate of preparatory document packages that contain impact assessment sheet(s), 2011-2016, %**



Case numbers: 2011: 95 2012:73 2013:76 2014:14 2015: 71 2016: 60, Total: 389  
Source: calculations by CRCB

Figure 3.: Distribution of IA by number of working days spent on preparing it, 2011-2016

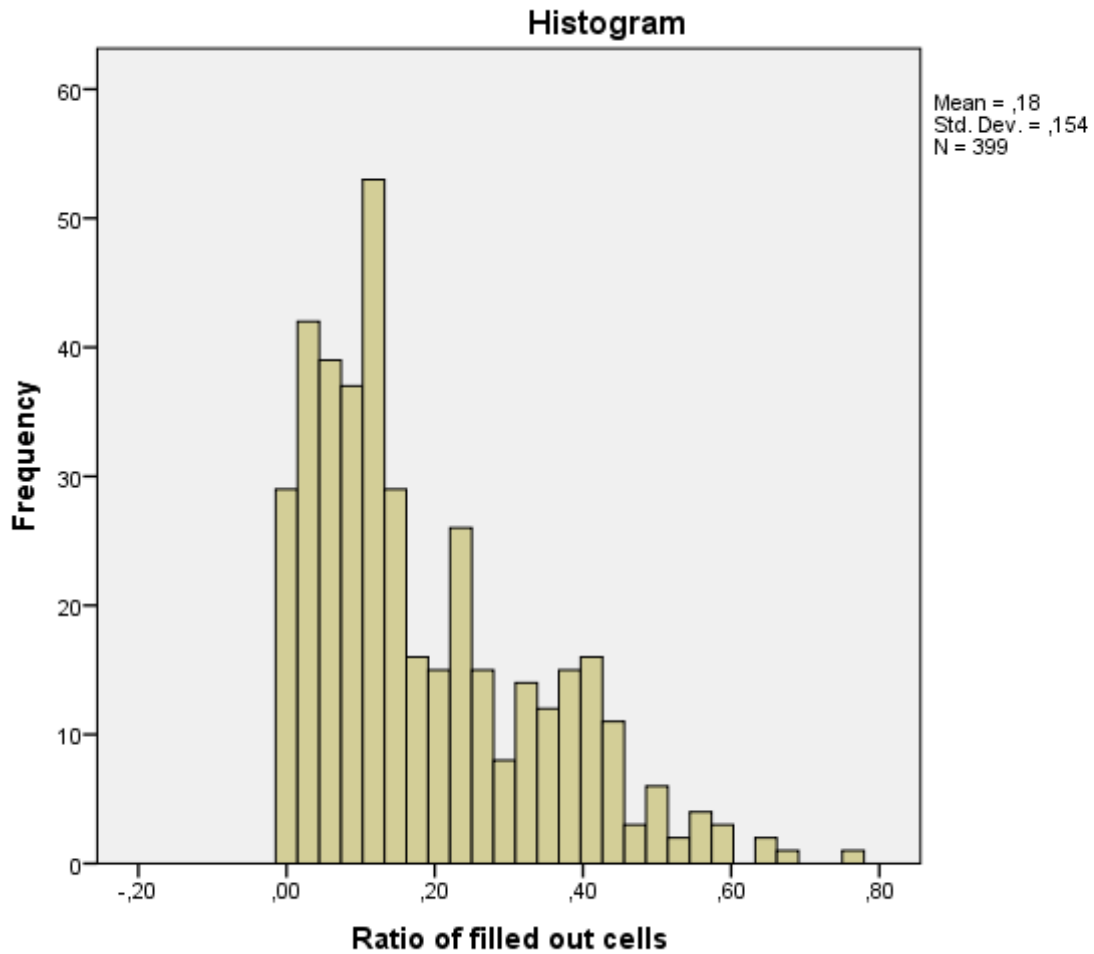


	N	Mean	Median	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
2011	2	15.50	15.50	20.51	1.00	30.00
2012	85	3.65	1.00	5.14	0.02	15.00
2013	109	2.19	1.00	3.10	0.04	17.00
2014	42	2.00	1.00	1.41	1.00	5.00
2015	105	4.87	1.00	18.45	0.08	120.00
2016	37	1.89	1.00	2.51	0.04	15.00
Total	336	3.48	1.00	10.91	0.02	120.00

Source: calculations by CRCB

Note: the measurement unit is day, however on some impact assessment sheets the preparation period was given in minutes or hours – this causes fractions.

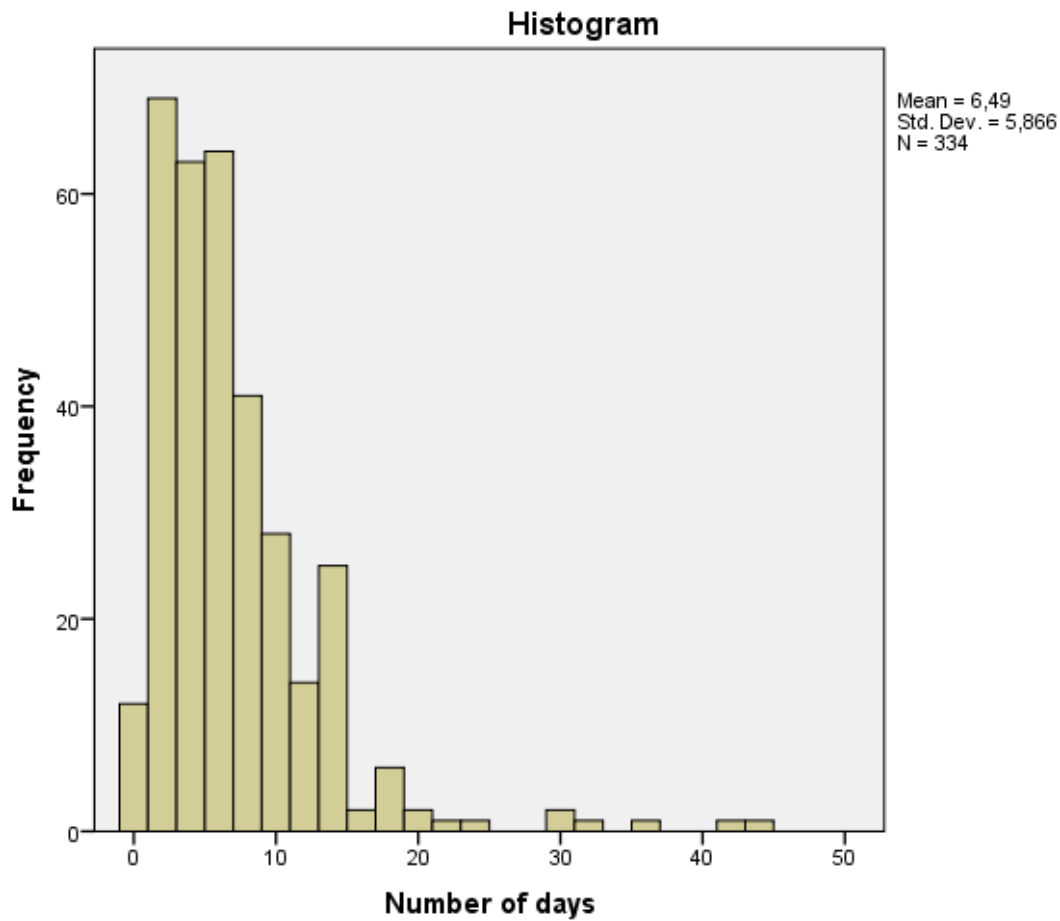
**Figure 4.: Distribution of the ratio of filled-out cells in impact assessment sheets 2011-2016**



	N	Mean	Median	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
2011	3	0.14	0.09	0.11	0.06	0.26
2012	93	0.15	0.09	0.13	0.00	0.68
2013	113	0.17	0.12	0.17	0.00	0.76
2014	42	0.15	0.09	0.14	0.00	0.50
2015	106	0.23	0.18	0.15	0.00	0.65
2016	41	0.21	0.15	0.14	0.06	0.59
Total	399	0.18	0.12	0.15	0.00	0.76

Source: calculations by CRCB

**Figure 5.: Distribution of consultation procedures according to the number of days between date of opening the public consultation and deadline for submitting views 2011-2016**



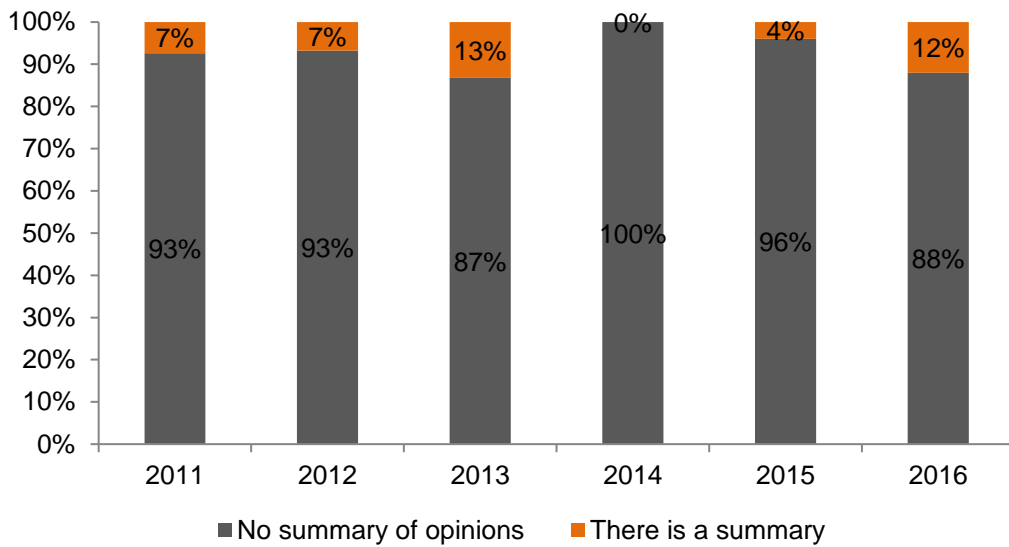
	Number of preparatory packages	Mean	Median (days)	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
2011	65	7.66	6.00	6.05	0	35
2012	66	6.94	5.50	6.77	1	43
2013	74	7.19	6.00	5.52	0	31
2014	13	4.38	5.00	2.96	0	12
2015	60	4.70	3.50	3.52	0	13
2016	56	6.07	5.00	6.98	0	41
Total	334	6.49	5.00	5.87	0	43

Source: calculations by CRCB

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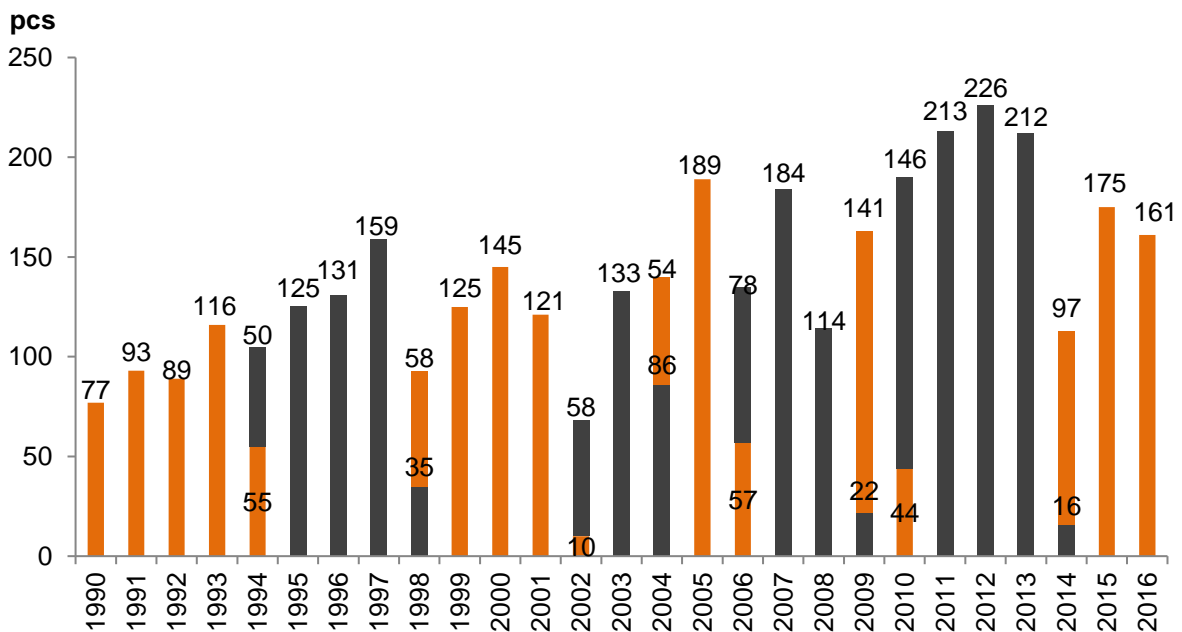
1) 6 negative values excluded from data and in 49 cases no deadline was given on the site.

**Figure 6.: Rate of preparatory document packages that contain summary of the public consultation, 2011-2016, %**



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**Figure 7.: Number of published laws per year and government 1990-2016**



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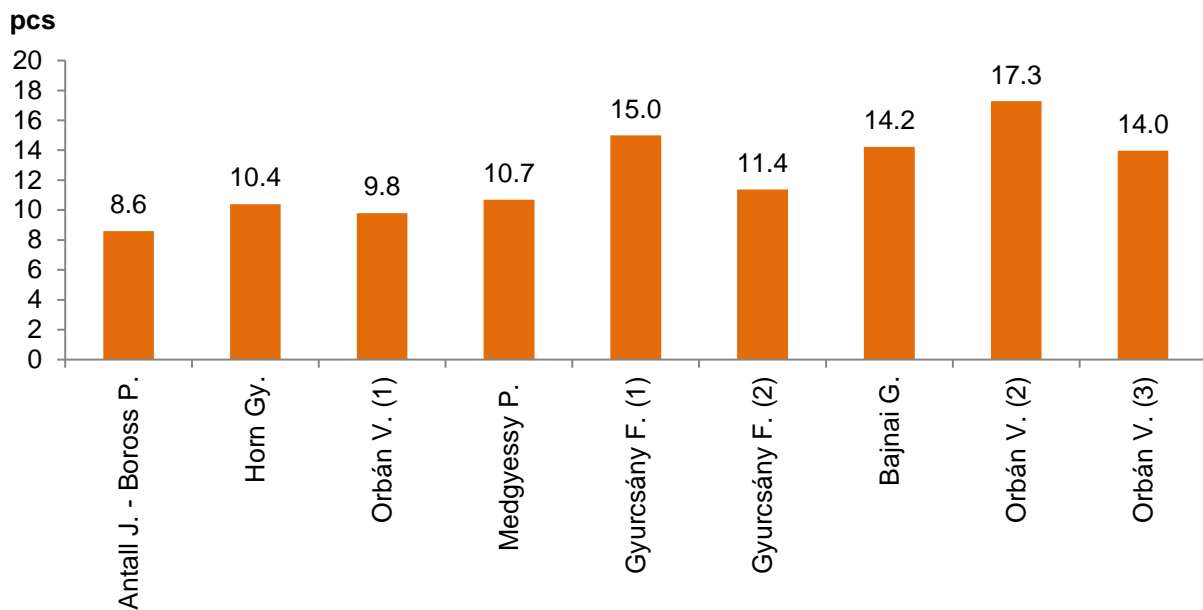
1) When data concerning one year are represented in two parts, an election took place or the prime minister was changed.

2) Election years: 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014

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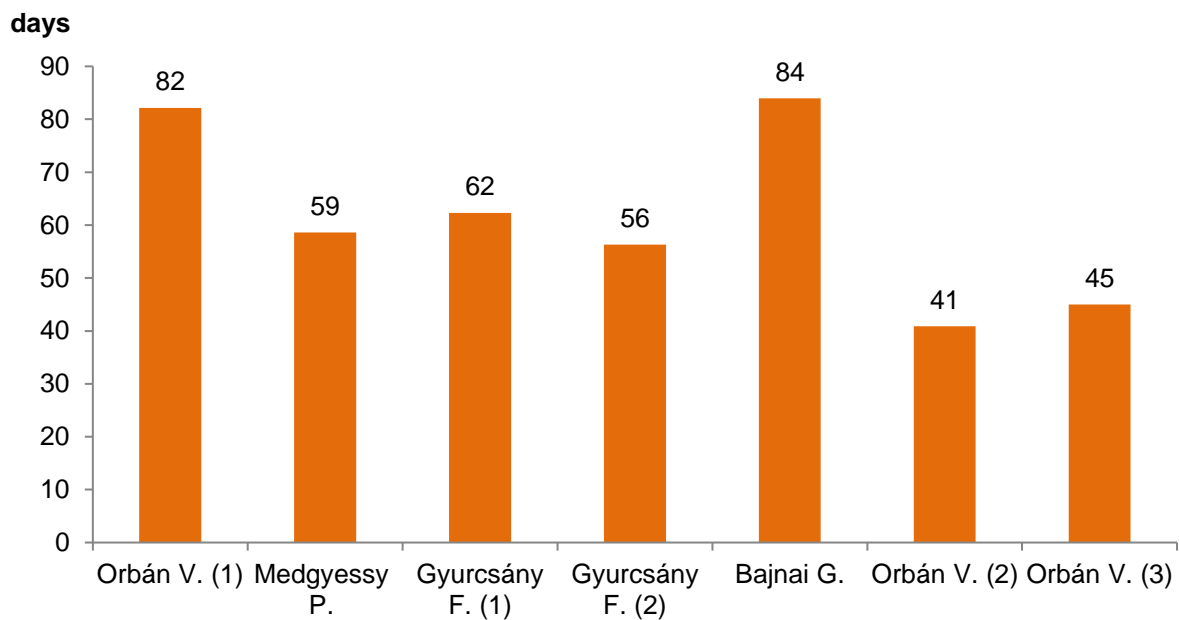


**Figure 8.: Number of published laws under each government, monthly average 1990-2016**



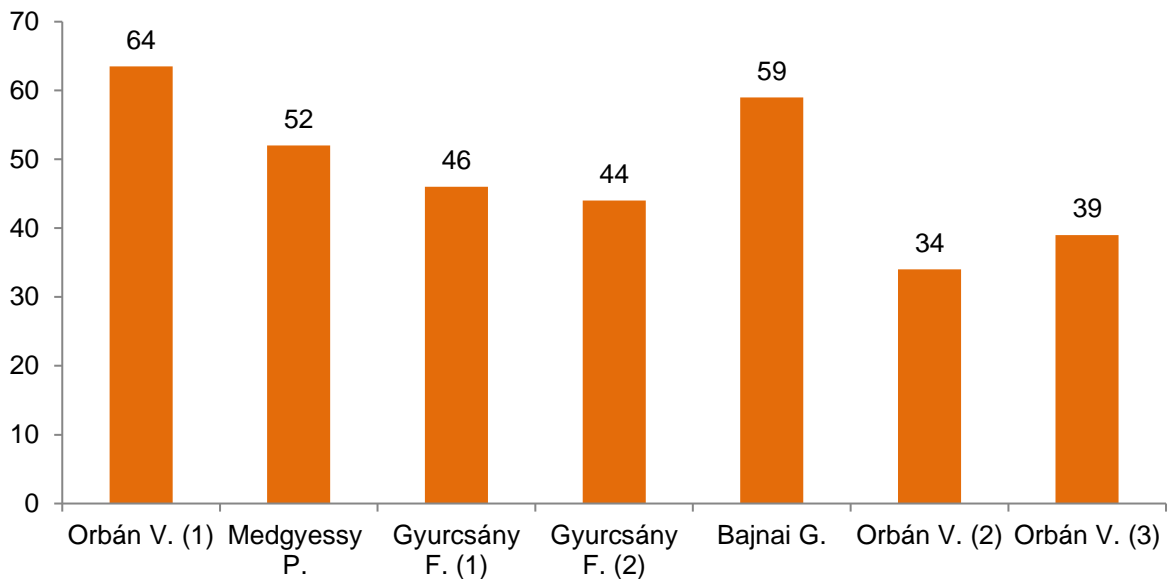
Note: In the last examined period (OV (3)) only 32 months were analysed (May 2014- Dec 2016).  
Source: calculations by CRCB

**Figure 9.: Average number of days between introduction of a bill and publication of the law in the official journal, 1998-2016, calendar days**



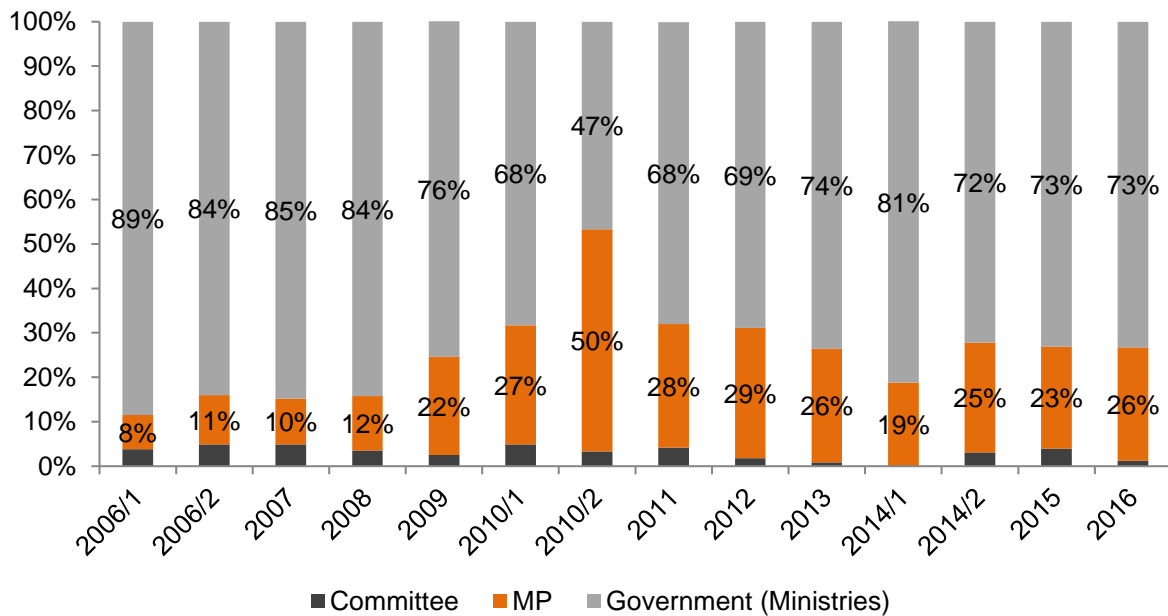
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**Figure 10.: Median number of days between introduction of a bill and publication of the law in the official journal, 1998-2016, calendar days**



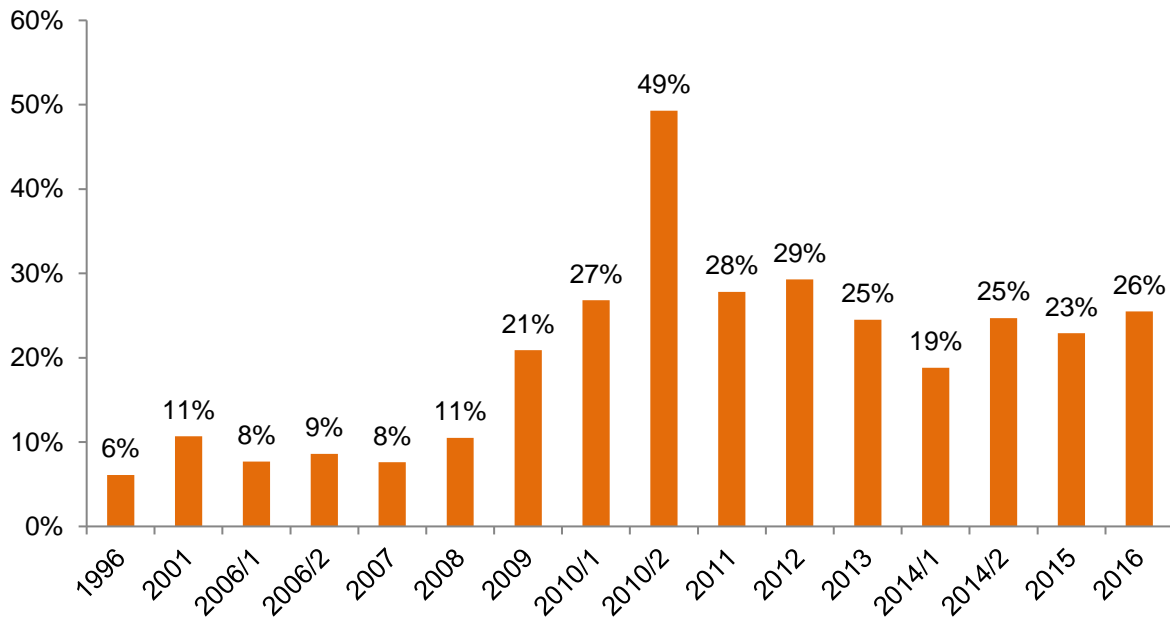
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**Figure 11.: The ratio of published laws by type of submitter per year, 2006-2016**



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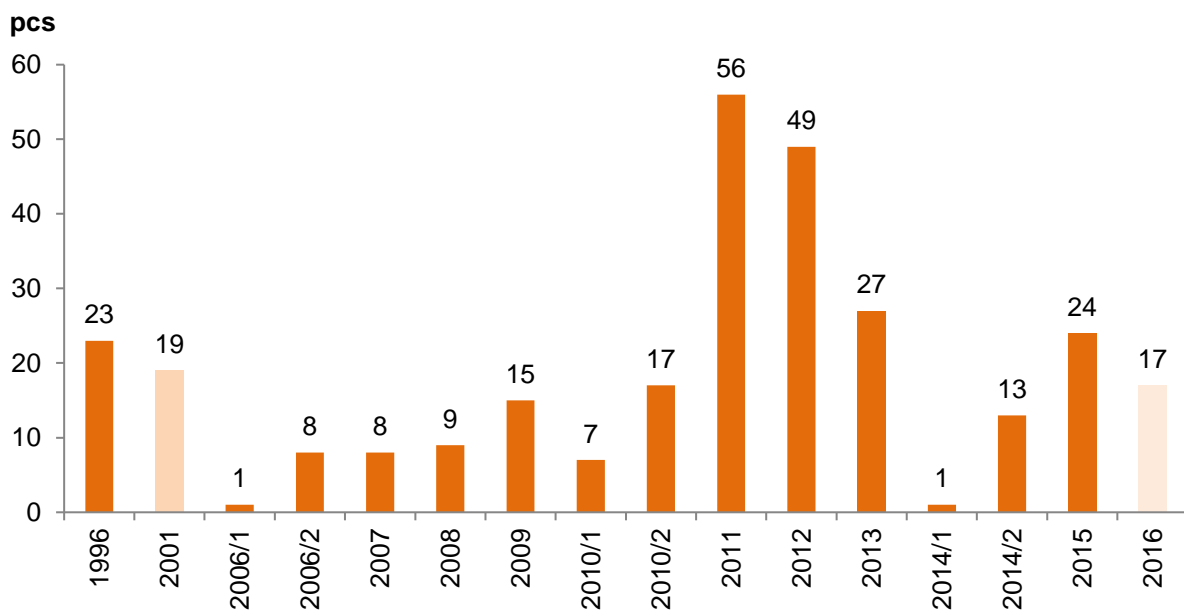
**Figure 12.: Share of bills submitted by MPs of ruling parties per year, 1996, 2001, 2006-2016, %**



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**Figure 13.: Number of laws modified within one year, 1996, 2001, 2006-2016**



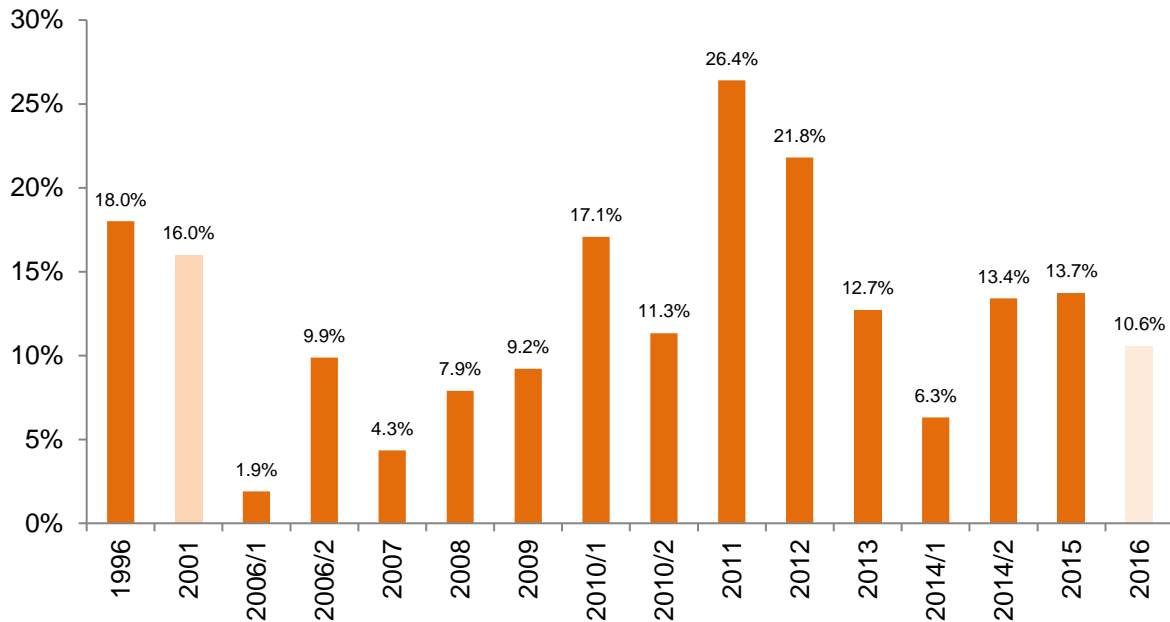
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The preliminary results for the last examined period (2016) are based on the amendments published until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Source: calculations by CRCB

**Figure 14.: Rate of laws modified within one year compared to all published laws, 1996, 2001, 2006-2016, %**



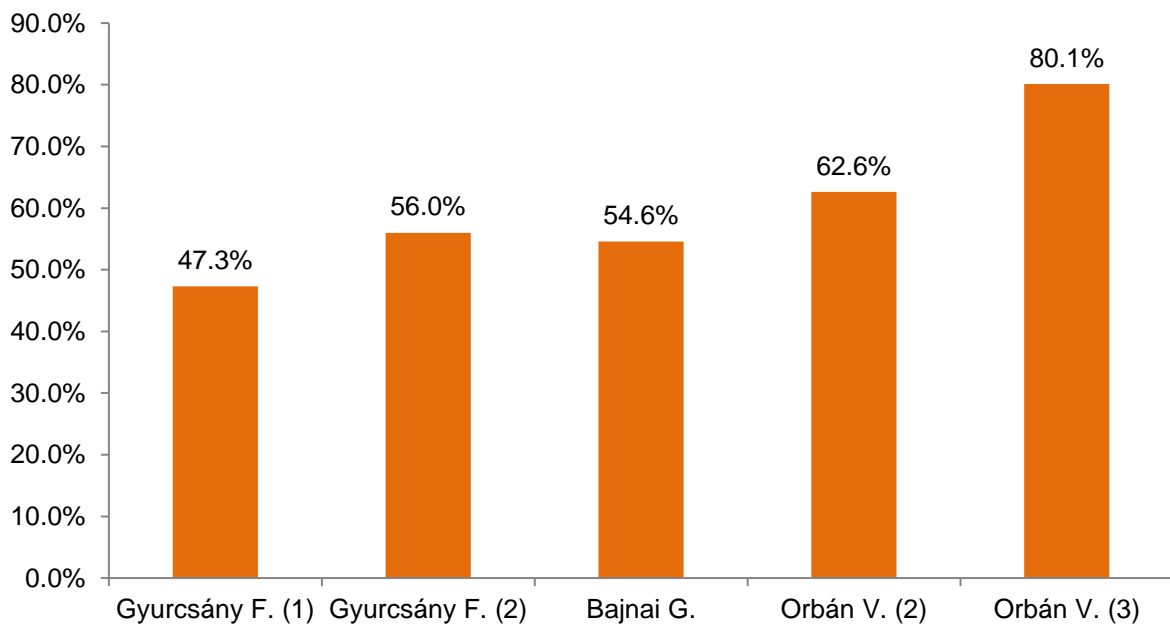
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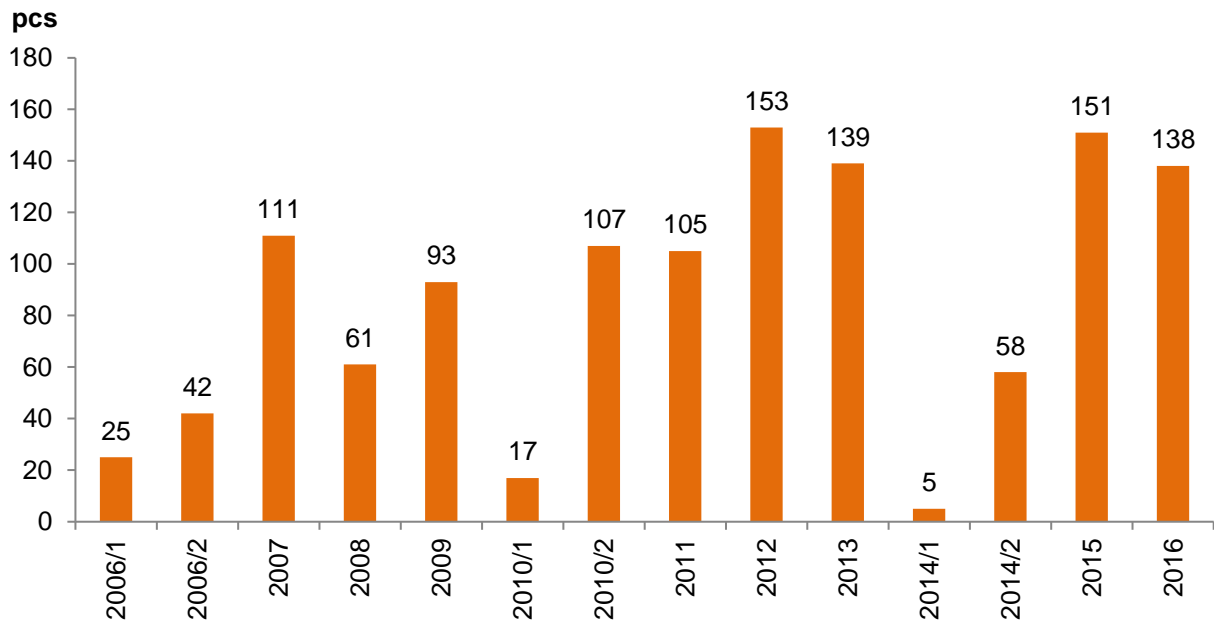
**Figure 15.: Share of amending acts in total bills by governments, 2006-2016, %**



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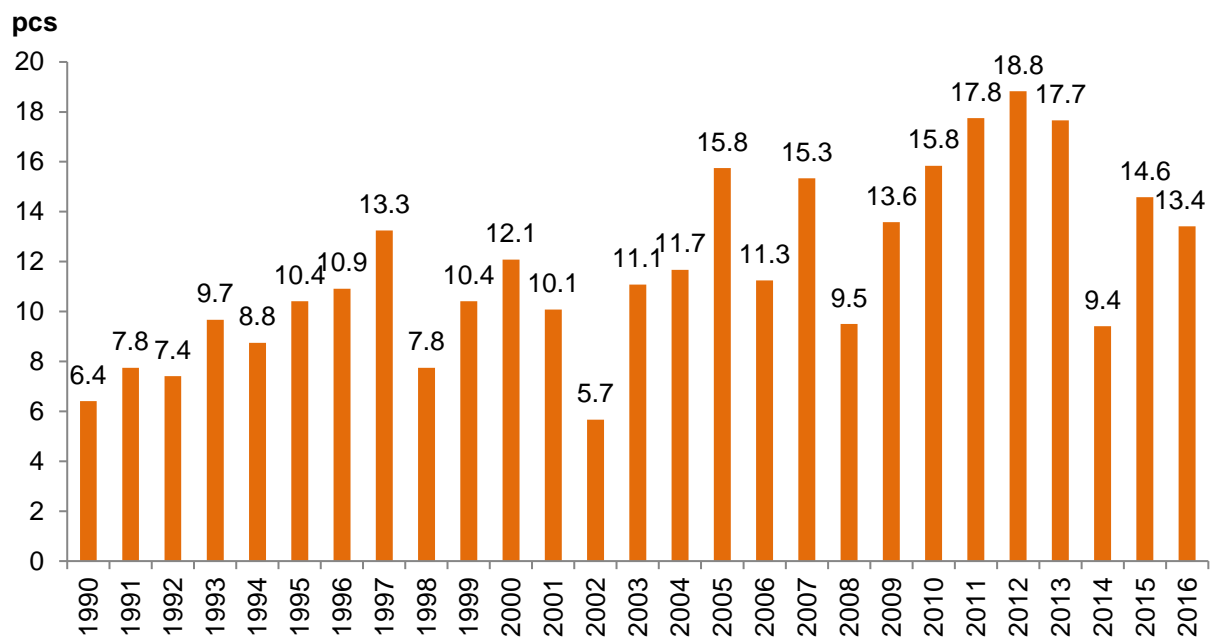
**Figure 16.: Number of amending acts per year, 2006-2016**



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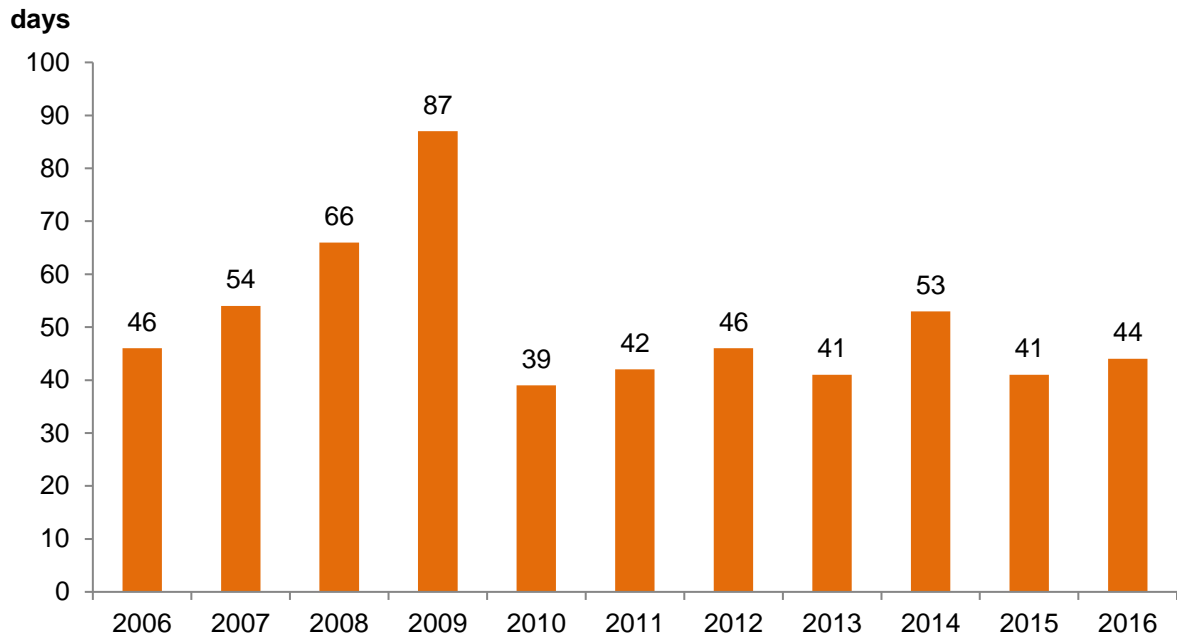
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**Figure 17.: Number of published laws per year, monthly average 1990-2016**



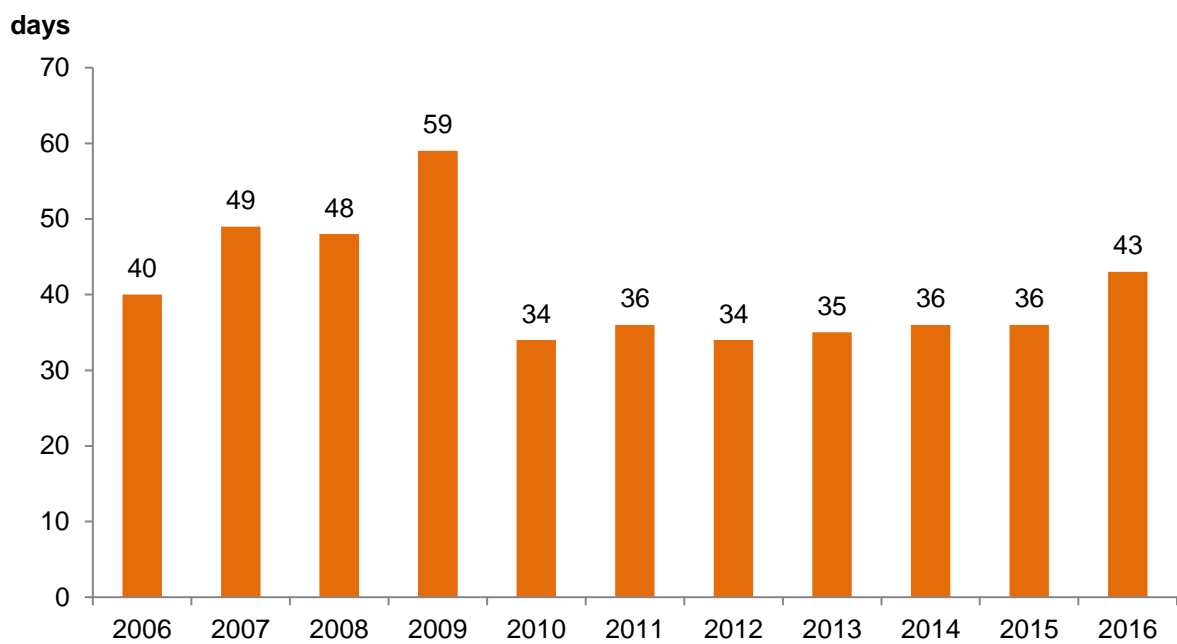
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**Figure 18.: Average number of days between introduction and publication of a bill by years, 2006-2016**



Source: calculations by CRCB

**Figure 19.: Median number of days between introduction and publication of a bill by years, 2006-2016**



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