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NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, SEPTEMBER 2023

The comparison of the number of legal entities in the Register of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics with the number of active legal entities in other registers shows that the share of active legal entities was 59.5%.

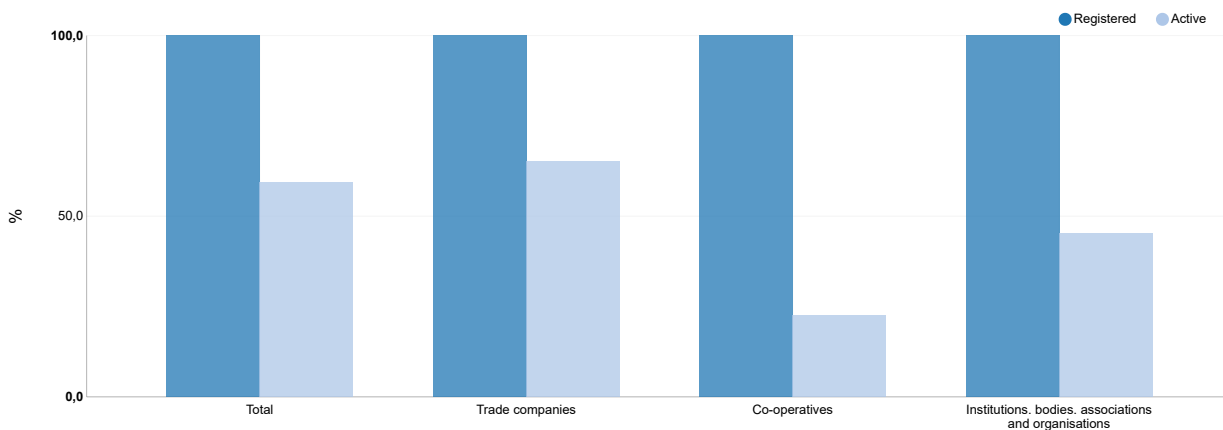
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

The data on the number of entities in crafts and trades and free lances refer to the number of self-employed entrepreneurs, with or without employees, as well as to the number of persons engaged in a professional activity according to pension insurance records.

1 BUSINESS ENTITIES, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	291 169	173 276	59,5
Trade companies	212 778	138 468	65,1
Co-operatives	3 169	713	22,5
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	75 222	34 095	45,3
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	100 092	-

G-1 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES¹⁾, BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SEPTEMBER 2023



1) Including government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units.

2 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS,
SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Number of legal entities				Active legal entities		Crafts and trades and free lances
	Registered	Structure of registered legal entities, %	Active	Structure of active legal entities, %	Profit	Non-profit	
Total	291 169	100,0	173 276	100,0	139 181	34 095	100 092
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5 181	1,8	2 843	1,6	2 841	2	2 628
B Mining and quarrying	305	0,1	183	0,1	183	-	34
C Manufacturing	21 781	7,5	15 240	8,8	15 237	3	8 415
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 782	0,6	883	0,5	883	-	17
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 212	0,4	825	0,5	822	3	112
F Construction	30 257	10,4	19 827	11,4	19 826	1	11 254
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	46 209	15,9	25 965	15,0	25 772	193	9 126
H Transportation and storage	10 672	3,7	6 741	3,9	6 707	34	6 703
I Accommodation and food service activities	20 605	7,1	12 770	7,4	12 719	51	7 773
J Information and communication	11 506	4,0	8 517	4,9	8 487	30	3 671
K Financial and insurance activities	1 694	0,6	960	0,6	929	31	513
L Real estate activities	10 697	3,7	6 074	3,5	6 074	-	594
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 594	10,5	22 370	12,9	22 201	169	16 774
N Administrative and support service activities	11 534	4,0	7 640	4,4	7 635	5	4 741
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 078	1,1	925	0,5	17	908	6 330
P Education	4 358	1,5	3 683	2,1	1 128	2 555	1 419
Q Human health and social work activities	5 258	1,8	3 544	2,0	1 169	2 375	4 976
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 461	8,1	11 691	6,7	1 880	9 811	3 298
S Other service activities	50 930	17,5	22 594	13,0	4 670	17 924	11 633
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	0,0	1	0,0	1	-	45
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	36

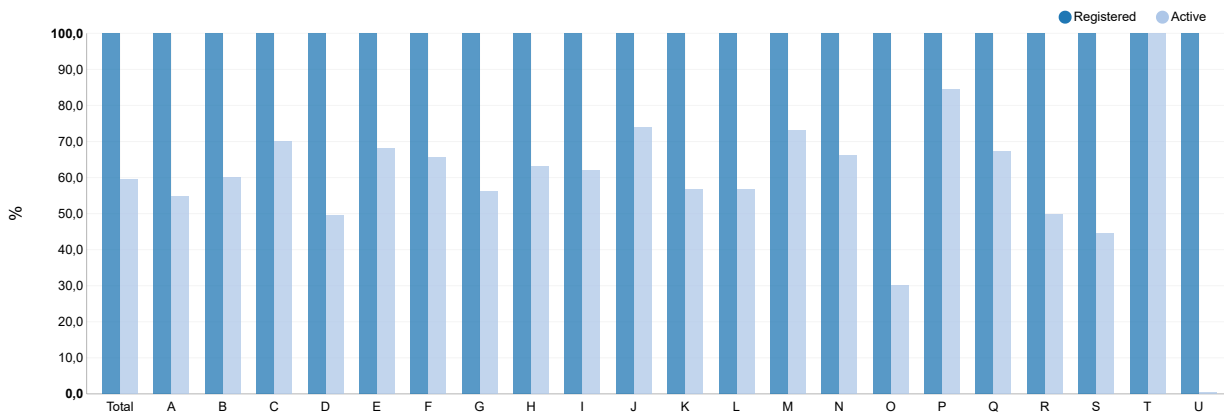
The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that more than a half of registered and active entities belong to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, with 15.9% of registered and 15.0% of active entities, Manufacturing, with 7.5% of registered and 8.8% of active entities, Professional, scientific and technical activities, with 10.5% of registered and 12.9% of active entities, and Other service activities, with 17.5% of registered and 13.0% of active entities.

The share of profit entities in the total active business entities was 80.3% and their structure by economic activities shows that 68.7% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of frequency: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (18.5%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (16.0%), Manufacturing (10.9%), Construction (14.2%), and Accommodation and food service activities (9.1%).

The share of non-profit active entities was 19.7%. Half of them were classified into the activity section Other service activities. The remaining half was distributed between Arts, entertainment and recreation (28.8%), Education (7.5%), Human health and social work activities (7.0%) and Public administration and defence; compulsory social security (2.7%).

The structure of entities in crafts and trades and free lances by economic activities was much more balanced than the structure of legal entities. Professional, scientific and technical activities was the most represented activity section. Besides this activity section, five other activities covered one half of the total number of entities.

G-2 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES¹⁾, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS, SEPTEMBER 2023



1) Including government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units.

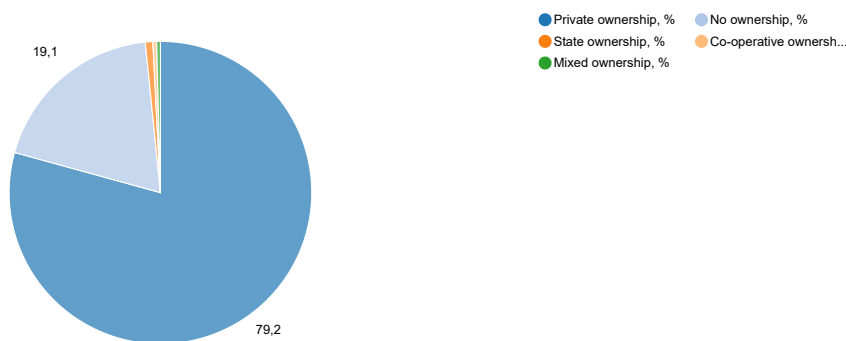
NKD 2007 activity sections

- A Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- B Mining and quarrying
- C Manufacturing
- D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
- E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
- F Construction
- G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
- H Transportation and storage
- I Accommodation and food service activities
- J Information and communication
- K Financial and insurance activities
- L Real estate activities
- M Professional, scientific and technical activities
- N Administrative and support service activities
- O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
- P Education
- Q Human health and social work activities
- R Arts, entertainment and recreation
- S Other service activities
- T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods - and services - producing activities of households for own use
- U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies

3 STRUCTURE OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, BY OWNERSHIP TYPES AND NKD 2007 SECTIONS, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Total	Ownership types									
		State ownership		Private ownership		Co-operative ownership		Mixed ownership		No ownership	
		Number of legal entities	Share in total, %	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %
Total	173 276	1 422	0,8	137 303	79,2	713	0,4	658	0,4	33 180	19,1
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 843	9	0,3	2 513	88,4	296	10,4	23	0,8	2	0,1
B Mining and quarrying	183	3	1,6	171	93,4	2	1,1	7	3,8	-	-
C Manufacturing	15 240	55	0,4	14 903	97,8	120	0,8	160	1,0	2	0,0
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	883	34	3,9	836	94,7	4	0,5	9	1,0	-	-
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	825	320	38,8	495	60,0	1	0,1	7	0,8	2	0,2
F Construction	19 827	66	0,3	19 660	99,2	59	0,3	41	0,2	1	0,0
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	25 965	30	0,1	25 590	98,6	81	0,3	116	0,4	148	0,6
H Transportation and storage	6 741	59	0,9	6 614	98,1	9	0,1	29	0,4	30	0,4
I Accommodation and food service activities	12 770	46	0,4	12 573	98,5	41	0,3	64	0,5	46	0,4
J Information and communication	8 517	40	0,5	8 406	98,7	7	0,1	39	0,5	25	0,3
K Financial and insurance activities	960	16	1,7	898	93,5	7	0,7	10	1,0	29	3,0
L Real estate activities	6 074	37	0,6	6 017	99,1	1	0,0	19	0,3	-	-
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 370	183	0,8	21 958	98,2	29	0,1	94	0,4	106	0,5
N Administrative and support service activities	7 640	78	1,0	7 527	98,5	18	0,2	14	0,2	3	0,0
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	925	36	3,9	4	0,4	1	0,1	1	0,1	883	95,5
P Education	3 683	205	5,6	1 290	35,0	-	-	3	0,1	2 185	59,3
Q Human health and social work activities	3 544	64	1,8	1 394	39,3	16	0,5	3	0,1	2 067	58,3
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 691	106	0,9	1 839	15,7	13	0,1	6	0,1	9 727	83,2
S Other service activities	22 594	35	0,2	4 614	20,4	8	0,0	13	0,1	17 924	79,3
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	-	-	1	100,0	-	-	-	-	-	-
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

G-3 STRUCTURE OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, BY OWNERSHIP TYPES, SEPTEMBER 2023



The structure of active legal entities by ownership types shows that the private ownership predominated with 79.2% of entities, while 0.8% of entities were owned by the state, 0.4% of them were in mixed ownership and 0.4% of entities were in co-operative ownership. The ownership of 19.1% of legal entities was not monitored.

The ownership structure by activities shows that privately owned entities were predominant in service activities, e.g. Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles had a share of 98.6%, Real estate activities of 99.1%, and Transportation and storage of 98.1%. Approximately the same share of private ownership existed in the productive activities such as Construction (99.2%), Manufacturing (97.8%), and Information and communication (98.7%).

4 NUMBER OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS AND BY NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Total	Number of persons in employment					
		0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more
Total	173 276	58 709	95 664	14 571	3 708	344	280
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 843	907	1 621	262	41	5	7
B Mining and quarrying	183	26	99	45	11	-	2
C Manufacturing	15 240	2 552	9 343	2 464	714	103	64
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	883	499	317	49	11	3	4
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	825	105	320	271	114	12	3
F Construction	19 827	4 530	12 919	2 069	286	16	7
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	25 965	5 907	17 448	2 206	312	44	48
H Transportation and storage	6 741	1 491	4 472	614	130	19	15
I Accommodation and food service activities	12 770	3 153	8 154	1 301	138	11	13
J Information and communication	8 517	2 117	5 589	663	124	14	10
K Financial and insurance activities	960	187	646	69	34	6	18
L Real estate activities	6 074	3 650	2 271	143	8	1	1
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 370	5 249	15 824	1 166	121	6	4
N Administrative and support service activities	7 640	2 821	4 206	478	108	14	13
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	925	23	273	414	166	31	18
P Education	3 683	397	1 224	973	1 064	19	6
Q Human health and social work activities	3 544	1 006	1 513	724	233	29	39
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 691	8 252	3 035	328	59	10	7
S Other service activities	22 594	15 836	6 390	332	34	1	1
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Observation of the structure of active legal entities according to the number of persons in paid employment shows that the highest share of 55.2% belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 33.9% of entities without persons in employment, 8.4% of entities employing 10 – 49 persons, and 2.1% of entities employing 50 – 249 persons, while entities employing more than 250 persons had a share of only 0.4%.

5 TRADE COMPANIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS AND BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Legal organisational forms					
	Total		Joint stock companies		Limited liability companies	
	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active
Total	212 778	138 468	903	644	155 641	102 891
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4 088	2 545	30	17	3 057	1 993
B Mining and quarrying	298	181	8	7	265	165
C Manufacturing	21 430	15 117	244	172	16 487	11 752
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 773	879	8	5	1 519	771
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 202	821	6	3	970	727
F Construction	29 462	19 768	93	58	20 361	13 236
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45 682	25 691	110	70	36 227	20 554
H Transportation and storage	10 585	6 698	40	30	6 120	4 323
I Accommodation and food service activities	20 433	12 678	100	82	11 914	7 706
J Information and communication	11 418	8 480	35	24	9 105	7 062
K Financial and insurance activities	1 317	921	80	68	1 127	783
L Real estate activities	10 688	6 073	34	30	9 389	5 424
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 309	22 172	94	65	23 732	17 696
N Administrative and support service activities	11 446	7 617	9	6	8 126	5 646
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	26	16	-	-	13	11
P Education	1 522	1 128	1	1	1 007	780
Q Human health and social work activities	1 469	1 153	-	-	1 166	946
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	2 828	1 867	8	5	1 732	1 141
S Other service activities	6 801	4 662	3	1	3 323	2 174
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	1	1
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-

5 TRADE COMPANIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS AND BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

(continued)

	Legal organisational forms							
	Simple limited liability companies		Public trade companies		Main subsidiaries of foreign trade companies or individual traders		Other legal forms	
	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active
Total	54 576	34 154	278	175	1 145	486	235	118
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	993	529	-	-	4	3	4	3
B Mining and quarrying	22	8	-	-	3	1	-	-
C Manufacturing	4 556	3 143	3	1	132	46	8	3
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	239	101	-	-	6	2	1	-
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	214	91	-	-	11	-	1	-
F Construction	8 666	6 347	32	8	303	118	7	1
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	9 069	4 951	6	1	256	109	14	6
H Transportation and storage	4 375	2 325	3	3	46	16	1	1
I Accommodation and food service activities	8 381	4 873	2	-	31	14	5	3
J Information and communication	2 221	1 361	6	4	49	28	2	1
K Financial and insurance activities	60	30	-	-	17	10	33	30
L Real estate activities	1 207	585	3	1	47	29	8	4
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	6 058	4 161	213	150	192	94	20	6
N Administrative and support service activities	3 250	1 939	4	3	38	12	19	11
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2	1	-	-	-	-	11	4
P Education	508	344	1	-	4	2	1	1
Q Human health and social work activities	301	206	1	1	1	-	-	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	1 072	705	1	1	1	1	14	14
S Other service activities	3 382	2 454	3	2	4	1	86	30
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Limited liability companies were markedly predominant in the structure of trade companies by legal organisational forms, with a share of 73.1% of registered and 74.3% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held the second place by their number, with a share of 25.6% of registered and 24.7% of active companies. Other legal forms of trade companies constituted the remaining share of 1.1%.

6 REGISTERED NON-PROFIT LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS AND BY ACTIVITY AND LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Total registered legal entities	Share of active legal entities, %	Groups of legal organisational forms	
			Associations, institutions, economic co-operations, foundations, fundraising campaigns, political parties and other organisations	State government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units
Total	75 222	45,3	72 783	2 439
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4	50,0	4	-
B Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-
C Manufacturing	7	42,9	7	-
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1	0,0	1	-
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	4	75,0	4	-
F Construction	1	100,0	1	-
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	220	87,7	220	-
H Transportation and storage	35	97,1	35	-
I Accommodation and food service activities	55	92,7	55	-
J Information and communication	67	44,8	67	-
K Financial and insurance activities	247	12,6	247	-
L Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	193	87,6	193	-
N Administrative and support service activities	8	62,5	8	-
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 051	29,8	612	2 439
P Education	2 834	90,2	2 834	-
Q Human health and social work activities	3 752	63,3	3 752	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	20 603	47,6	20 603	-
S Other service activities	44 086	40,7	44 086	-
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	54	-

The structure of registered non-profit legal entities by legal forms shows that associations, institutions, co-operations and similar organisations had a share of 96.8%, while state government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units had a share of 3.2%.

Concerning the activity of the mentioned legal entities, there were 45.3% of active ones. Their structure by activities shows that they were entities belonging to four activity sections: Other service activities, with 58.6% of registered and 40.7% of active ones, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security, with 4.1% of registered and 29.8% of active ones, Human health and social work activities, with 5.0% of registered and 63.3% of active entities, and Education, with only 3.8% of registered ones but with the largest share of active entities (90.2%).

7 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY COUNTIES, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

County of	Total registered legal entities	Trade companies		Co-operatives		Registered institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	Entities in crafts and trades and free lances
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active		
Republic of Croatia	291 169	212 778	138 468	3 169	713	75 222	100 092
Zagreb	18 831	14 517	10 064	125	21	4 189	5 581
Krapina-Zagorje	5 422	3 516	2 492	70	14	1 836	2 625
Sisak-Moslavina	6 538	3 770	2 447	141	21	2 627	2 391
Karlovac	5 573	3 422	2 397	109	24	2 042	1 952
Varaždin	8 503	5 867	4 304	80	17	2 556	3 025
Koprivnica-Križevci	4 782	2 867	1 924	181	31	1 734	1 716
Bjelovar-Bilogora	5 403	3 355	2 292	191	39	1 857	1 340
Primorje-Gorski kotar	24 288	18 664	11 433	138	30	5 486	10 458
Lika-Senj	2 502	1 442	977	69	13	991	974
Virovitica-Podravina	3 143	1 718	1 184	98	19	1 327	1 190
Požega-Slavonia	2 537	1 325	969	46	7	1 166	1 211
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	5 503	3 317	2 252	78	16	2 108	2 393
Zadar	11 069	8 087	5 386	208	46	2 774	5 455
Osijek-Baranja	14 218	8 440	5 868	237	73	5 541	5 042
Šibenik-Knin	6 285	3 967	2 512	189	37	2 129	3 322
Vukovar-Sirmium	6 330	3 315	2 285	191	60	2 824	2 487
Split-Dalmatia	30 503	22 660	14 853	397	120	7 446	14 520
Istria	21 544	17 527	10 913	98	14	3 919	9 100
Dubrovnik-Neretva	8 536	5 702	3 976	94	32	2 740	4 573
Međimurje	6 407	4 736	3 505	40	8	1 631	1 454
City of Zagreb	93 252	74 564	46 435	389	71	18 299	19 283

The data on the territorial distribution of business entities at the county level show that slightly less than one third of the total number of registered business entities (legal entities) were situated in the City of Zagreb. The City of Zagreb, however, had a significantly lower share of entities in crafts and trades and free lances, amounting to 19.3%. The County of Split-Dalmatia followed, with a share of 10.5% of legal entities and 14.5% of natural persons.

Three counties had a share larger than 5.0% of registered legal entities: the County of Primorje-Gorski kotar (8.3%), the County of Istria (7.4%) and the County of Zagreb (6.5%). The number of natural persons came in the same order.

The territorial structure of active trade companies was different in relation to the structure of the registered ones. Hence, the City of Zagreb had a share of 35.0% of registered and 33.5% of active entities, while the second largest county, the County of Split-Dalmatia, had a share of 10.7% of active and 10.6% of registered entities.

8 CREATING, DELETING AND HARMONISING OF REGISTERED LEGAL ENTITIES, 2022 AND 2023

	2022				2023		
	I – III	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII	I – III	IV – VI	VII – IX
Creations	4 266	4 484	3 915	4 189	4 248	3 459	3 549
Trade companies	3 811	4 121	3 584	3 824	3 900	3 121	3 290
Other	455	363	331	365	348	338	259
Deletions	144	602	152	113	110	29 273	14 984
Enterprises	-	4 ¹⁾	-	2	-	210	202
Trade companies	88	113	61	80	69	28 854	14 623
Other	56	485	91	31	41	209	159
Harmonisations according to the Companies Act	2	3	6	3	3	4	5

1) Enterprises and co-operatives.

Data on changes in registered entities are divided into three groups: creations, deletions and harmonisations. They show that in the mentioned period the number of deletions decreased, while the number of creations and harmonisations increased.

The share of trade companies in the number of newly created entities was 92.7% in the observed period.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

I Introduction

Based on the Act on the National Classification of Activities (NN, No. 98/94), the Decision on the National Classification of Activities – NKD 2007 (NN, Nos 58/07 and 72/07) and the Ordinance on the Classification of Business Entities According to the National Classification of Activities – NKD 2007 (NN, Nos 55/16 and 35/18), the Croatian

Bureau of Statistics keeps the Register of Business Entities (hereinafter referred to as: the Register). The Register, pursuant to provisions of the aforementioned Ordinance, includes legal entities, state government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units and parts thereof (hereinafter referred to as: business entities). The Register does not presently include natural persons engaged in activities according to regulations, foreign associations headquartered in the Republic of Croatia and business entities not headquartered in the Republic of Croatia.

The NKD 2007 is based on the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community – NACE Rev. 2, which is obligatory in EU Member States.

II Methods and sources of data collection

On registration, each business entity is assigned a seven-digit registration number, while its constituent parts are assigned an additional four-digit ordinal number besides that number.

Moreover, each business entity and parts thereof are assigned an activity code according to the NKD 2007.

Registered business entities are classified according to their prevailing activities in such a way that a numerical denotation of a class of the main activity is defined according to the NKD 2007. When, on the basis of a formal decision on registration with a competent authority or by law, a business entity is established to be engaged in more than one activity, the first classification according to the NKD 2007 is made upon the proposal of the business entity. Every subsequent classification of the business entity resulting in a change of the main activity is made in the following cases:

- 1) Upon the request of the business entity
- 2) Upon official duty, based on a change in the decision on registration with a competent authority or a change in the law.

The activity of the constituent parts of a business entity is established on the basis of a decision on registration with a competent authority or law on creation, irrespective of the activity of the business entity they are a part of.

Entry, registration, change and withdrawal of business entities are updated daily in the Register. Legal bases for updating the Register are the following:

1) Registers kept by:

- trade courts
- ministries
- state administration offices
- other registration bodies

2) Laws, decisions and other legal documents published in "Narodne novine".

Registered business entities are structured according to the legal basis, as follows:

- trade companies, enterprises, co-operatives and institutions registered in the Register upon decisions of registration bodies (trade courts),
- state government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units registered according to the law
- associations, foundations, political parties and others registered on the basis of decisions of registry bodies according to specific laws.

Difficulties in updating of a significant proportion of units in the Register are a consequence of long-term transition periods during which register bodies harmonise business entities according to a new legislation. This also postpones the procedure of deletions of business entities that have not submitted a request for harmonisation in line with new regulations. Consequently, the Register data have constantly been changed in line with data on business entities subsequently collected from publicly available data bases.

A lack in the coverage of the Register is related to business entities engaged in activities of crafts and free lances, foreign associations headquartered in the Republic of Croatia and business entities not headquartered in the Republic of Croatia. In addition, it must be pointed out that there are methodological discrepancies between the Register as an administrative data base and the Statistical Business Register (hereinafter referred to as: eSPRI).

The data of the Register of Business Entities are linked to administrative data bases through an identification number, a registration number and a personal identification number.

III Meaning of individual terms

Business entities are legal entities and natural persons that perform activities according to the law, public government bodies (government administration bodies, other government bodies, bodies of local and regional self-government units, legal entities and other public authorities, legal entities established by the Republic of Croatia or local and regional self-government units, legal entities performing public service, legal entities financed mostly or completely from the state or local and regional self-government units budgets, that is, from public funds (taxes, provisions etc.), on the basis of a special act as well as trade companies in which the Republic of Croatia or the local and regional self-government units hold individual or joint majority ownership.

Registered legal entities (business entities) are units that are registered in the Register. These are: trade companies, institutions, co-operatives, associations, political parties, public government bodies and other non-harmonised units that held a legal subjectivity status according to previously valid laws.

Active legal entities (business entities) are registered legal entities entered into the Register, for which the activity status has been determined according to the eSPRI data.

Natural persons are units that carry out activities in line with the law and refer to crafts and trades and free lances.

Main activity is an activity established according to the largest share in the total value added in the case of business entities that make profit through production, trade or rendering of services on the market or by the largest share in the number of persons in employment according to the payroll and gross paid-off salaries in the case of business entities that do not make profit through production, trade and rendering of services on the market.

Identification number is a permanent identification denomination of each business entity. It is used in all activities of official statistics. It is determined in the process of allocation of a control number according to module 11, while any part of a business entity is at the same time determined a four-digit ordinal number along with the identification number.

Registration number is a number under which a business entity is entered in a court or another specific register.

Personal identification number (OIB) is a permanent identification designation of an OIB holder, used by OIB users in official records, in everyday activities and in data exchange. OIB is unique, non-revealing, unchangeable and non-iterative.

Legal organisational form is a characteristic of units in the Register that divides them as joint-stock companies, limited liability companies, simple limited liability companies, co-operatives, institutions, associations, state government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units and other legal organisational forms. A legal organisational form of the Register has been determined by a decision of a competent registration body or by act on creation that is a basis for their entry into the Register.

Type of ownership is a characteristic of units entered into the Register that indicates the ownership structure of the unit and refer to the ownership of assets, that is, to startup deposit of a business entity.

Number of persons in employment is the feature used for indicating the size and structure of business entities. It is derived from Fina's annual financial reports. In order to update this feature, as indicated in tables, the data have been harmonised with the regular monthly statistical survey that covers employment.

Abbreviations

EU	European Union
Fina	Financial Agency
NKD 2007	National Classification of Activities, 2007 version
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

-	no occurrence
0,0	value not zero but less than 0.05 of the unit of measure used

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