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NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, 2025

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 **72.1%**.

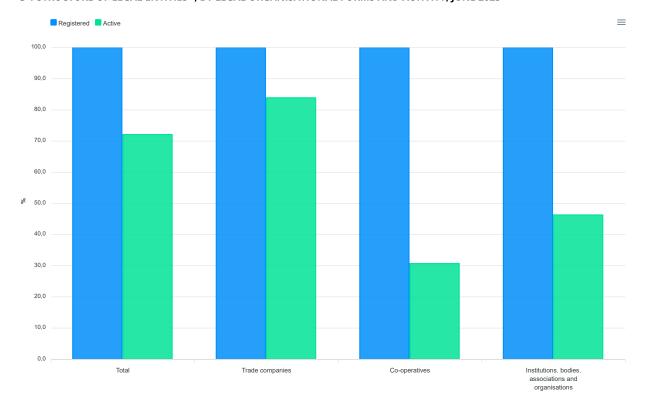
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of the data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 JUNE 2025

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	254 132	183 148	72,1
Trade companies	174 810	146 720	83,9
Co-operatives	2 092	642	30,7
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	77 230	35 786	46,3
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	_	111 322	

G-1 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES¹⁾, BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, JUNE 2025



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

2 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD 2025 SECTIONS, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2025¹⁾

			Number of leg	al entities		Active legal entities		
		Registered	Structure of registered legal entities, %	Active	Structure of active legal entities, %	Profit	Non-profit	
	Total	254 132	100,0	183 148	100,0	147 362	35 786	
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 742	1,5	2 735	1,5	2 733	2	
В	Mining and quarrying	230	0,1	187	0,1	187	-	
C	Manufacturing	17 741	7,0	15 638	8,5	15 635	3	
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 660	0,7	1 011	0,6	1 011	-	
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	906	0,4	749	0,4	747	2	
F	Construction	25 232	9,9	21 629	11,8	21 628	1	
G	Wholesale and retail trade	28 724	11,3	23 267	12,7	23 074	193	
Н	Transportation and storage	9 010	3,5	7 550	4,1	7 516	34	
I	Accommodation and food service activities	16 041	6,3	13 004	7,1	12 955	49	
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 922	0,8	1 641	0,9	1 612	29	
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	8 721	3,4	7 751	4,2	7 749	2	
L	Financial and insurance activities	1 426	0,6	938	0,5	906	32	
M	Real estate activities	11 728	4,6	7 700	4,2	7 700	-	
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	26 960	10,6	23 695	12,9	23 534	161	
О	Administrative and support service activities	10 128	4,0	8 387	4,6	8 382	5	
Р	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2 865	1,1	970	0,5	15	955	
Q	Education	4 140	1,6	3 759	2,1	1 153	2 606	
R	Human health and social work activities	5 319	2,1	3 724	2,0	1 383	2 341	
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 836	9,4	12 408	6,8	2 055	10 353	
Т	Other service activities	53 746	21,1	26 403	14,4	7 386	19 017	
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	0,0	1	0,0	1	-	
٧	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	1	0,0	-	1	

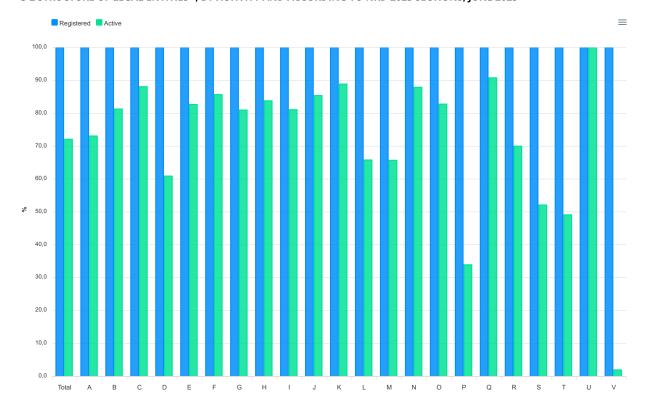
1) As of 2025, the "Crafts and trades and free lances" data are not displayed due to data incomparability.

The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that more than a half of registered and active entities belonged to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade, with 11.3% of registered and 12.7% of active entities, Manufacturing, with 7.0% of registered and 8.5% of active entities, Professional, scientific and technical activities, with 10.6% of registered and 12.9% of active entities, and Other service activities, with 21.1% of registered and 14.4% of active entities.

The share of profit entities in the total active business entities was 80.5% and their structure by activities shows that 65.8% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of share size: Wholesale and retail trade (15.7%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (16.0%), Manufacturing (10.6%), Construction (14.7%) and Accommodation and food service activities (8.8%).

The share of non-profit active entities was 19.5%. Half of them were classified into the activity section Other service activities. The remaining half was distributed between Arts, entertainment and recreation (28.9%), Education (7.3%), Human health and social work activities (6.5%), and Public administration and defence; compulsory social security (2.7%).

G-2 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES¹⁾, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD 2025 SECTIONS, JUNE 2025



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

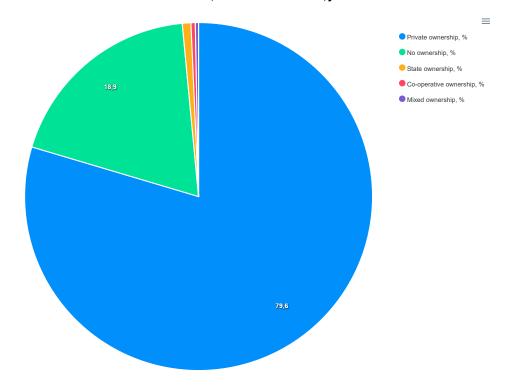
NKD 2025 activity sections

- 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
- H Transportation and storage
- I Accommodation and food service activities
- J Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities
- ${\sf K}\ \ {\sf Telecommunication},$ computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities
- L Financial and insurance activities
- M Real estate activities
- N Professional, scientific and technical activities
- O Administrative and support service activities
- P Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
- Q Education
- R Human health and social work activities
- S Arts, entertainment and recreation
- T Other service activities
- U Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of
- households for own use
- V Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies

3 STRUCTURE OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, BY OWNERSHIP TYPES AND NKD 2025 SECTIONS, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2025

			Ownership types									
		Total	State ow	nership	Private o	wnership	Co-ope owne		Mixed ov	vnership	No owr	nership
		, oto.	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %								
	Total	183 148	1 428	0,8	145 811	79,6	643	0,4	576	0,3	34 690	18,9
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 735	9	0,3	2 434	89,0	270	9,9	20	0,7	2	0,1
В	Mining and quarrying	187	3	1,6	176	94,1	2	1,1	6	3,2	-	-
C	Manufacturing	15 638	50	0,3	15 345	98,1	108	0,7	133	0,9	2	0,0
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 011	33	3,3	969	95,8	3	0,3	6	0,6	-	-
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	749	272	36,3	467	62,3	1	0,1	7	0,9	2	0,3
F	Construction	21 629	62	0,3	21 484	99,3	50	0,2	32	0,1	1	0,0
G	Wholesale and retail trade	23 267	30	0,1	22 936	98,6	69	0,3	91	0,4	141	0,6
Н	Transportation and storage	7 550	61	0,8	7 423	98,3	9	0,1	28	0,4	29	0,4
ı	Accommodation and food service activities	13 004	42	0,3	12 824	98,6	36	0,3	59	0,5	43	0,3
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 641	31	1,9	1 555	94,8	2	0,1	29	1,8	24	1,5
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	7 751	11	0,1	7 722	99,6	6	0,1	9	0,1	3	0,0
L	Financial and insurance activities	938	18	1,9	874	93,2	6	0,6	10	1,1	30	3,2
М	Real estate activities	7 700	37	0,5	7 639	99,2	5	0,1	19	0,2	-	-
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	23 695	171	0,7	23 313	98,4	26	0,1	85	0,4	100	0,4
0	Administrative and support service activities	8 387	83	1,0	8 275	98,7	14	0,2	12	0,1	3	0,0
Р	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	970	38	3,9	2	0,2	1	0,1	1	0,1	928	95,7
Q	Education	3 759	245	6,5	1 354	36,0	-	-	3	0,1	2 157	57,4
R	Human health and social work activities	3 724	74	2,0	1 681	45,1	13	0,3	3	0,1	1 953	52,4
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	12 408	122	1,0	2 016	16,2	10	0,1	5	0,0	10 255	82,6
Т	Other service activities	26 403	36	0,1	7 321	27,7	12	0,0	18	0,1	19 016	72,0
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	-	-	1	100,0	-	-	-	-	-	-
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	100,0

G-3 STRUCTURE OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, BY OWNERSHIP TYPES, JUNE 2025



The structure of active legal entities by ownership types shows that private ownership predominated with **79.6%** of entities, while **0.8%** of entities were owned by the state, **0.3%** of them were in mixed ownership and **0.4%** of entities were in co-operative ownership. The ownership of **18.9%** 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 had a share of 98.6%, Real estate activities of 99.2% and Transportation and storage of 98.3%. Approximately the same share of private ownership existed in the productive activities such as Construction (99.3%), Manufacturing (98.1%) and Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities (99.6%).

4 NUMBER OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025 SECTIONS AND BY NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2025

		T		Nur	nber of perso	ns in employr	nent	
		Total	0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more
	Total	183 148	68 898	95 006	14 842	3 764	357	281
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 735	901	1 505	277	40	5	7
В	Mining and quarrying	187	36	94	46	9	-	2
C	Manufacturing	15 638	3 093	9 153	2 508	713	109	62
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 011	602	340	51	11	3	4
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	749	112	268	239	115	12	3
F	Construction	21 629	6 123	13 012	2 174	299	15	6
G	Wholesale and retail trade	23 267	6 081	14 693	2 100	311	37	45
Н	Transportation and storage	7 550	2 268	4 486	623	138	19	16
1	Accommodation and food service activities	13 004	3 997	7 454	1 378	149	12	14
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 641	470	1 030	117	18	4	2
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	7 751	2 236	4 808	575	111	13	8
L	Financial and insurance activities	938	229	586	67	31	7	18
М	Real estate activities	7 700	4 697	2 813	175	11	3	1
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	23 695	6 342	16 029	1 181	132	6	5
О	Administrative and support service activities	8 387	3 496	4 245	497	118	18	13
Р	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	970	27	311	416	165	29	22
Q	Education	3 759	493	1 176	986	1 079	19	6
R	Human health and social work activities	3 724	1 177	1 603	653	219	33	39
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	12 408	8 886	3 104	343	58	11	6
Т	Other service activities	26 403	17 631	8 296	435	37	2	2
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

Observation of the structure of active legal entities according to the number of persons in paid employment shows that the highest share (51.9%) belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 37.6% of entities without persons in employment, 8.1% 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 2025 SECTIONS AND BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2025

		Legal organisational forms							
		Total		Joint stock cor	mpanies	Limited liability	companies		
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active		
	Total	174 810	146 720	740	595	128 724	109 467		
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 121	2 463	20	15	2 397	1 961		
В	Mining and quarrying	228	185	6	6	207	168		
C	Manufacturing	17 513	15 527	199	145	13 503	12 119		
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 654	1 009	7	5	1 469	899		
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	899	746	5	3	753	669		
F	Construction	25 085	21 578	76	53	16 594	14 153		
G	Wholesale and retail trade	28 359	23 005	82	62	22 970	19 023		
Н	Transportation and storage	8 947	7 507	34	28	5 377	4 726		
I	Accommodation and food service activities	15 933	12 919	85	77	9 670	8 089		
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 851	1 610	17	15	1 507	1 334		
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	8 708	7 743	12	11	7 186	6 573		
L	Financial and insurance activities	1 079	899	71	67	921	765		
М	Real estate activities	11 166	7 696	31	27	10 003	6 950		
Ν	Professional, scientific and technical activities	26 721	23 508	69	61	21 230	18 955		
0	Administrative and support service activities	10 060	8 368	8	5	7 303	6 227		
Р	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	19	14	-	-	11	10		
Q	Education	1 280	1 153	1	1	876	804		
R	Human health and social work activities	1 578	1 370	-	-	1 283	1 137		
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	2 426	2 045	7	7	1 500	1 276		
Т	Other service activities	8 182	7 374	10	7	3 963	3 628		
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	1	1		
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-		

5 TRADE COMPANIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025 SECTIONS AND BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2025

(continued)

		Legal organisational forms								
		Simple limite compa		Public trade c	ompanies	Main subsid foreign trade o or individua	companies	Other legal	forms	
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	
	Total	44 278	35 850	203	168	686	526	179	114	
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	697	481	-	-	4	3	3	3	
В	Mining and quarrying	14	10	-	-	1	1	-	-	
C	Manufacturing	3 743	3 213	2	1	62	48	4	1	
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	171	102	-	-	5	2	2	1	
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	137	72	-	-	3	1	1	1	
F	Construction	8 228	7 235	7	6	177	131	3	-	
G	Wholesale and retail trade	5 164	3 808	1	1	135	105	7	6	
Н	Transportation and storage	3 509	2 734	3	2	23	16	1	1	
1	Accommodation and food service activities	6 149	4 731	1	-	24	21	4	1	
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	318	253	4	4	5	4	-	-	
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	1 479	1 130	-	-	30	28	1	1	
L	Financial and insurance activities	40	23	-	-	14	14	33	30	
М	Real estate activities	1 068	672	3	2	52	39	9	6	
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	5 116	4 252	175	146	118	89	13	5	
0	Administrative and support service activities	2 700	2 101	4	3	27	21	18	11	
Р	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1	1	-	-	-	-	7	3	
Q	Education	400	345	-	-	2	2	1	1	
R	Human health and social work activities	293	232	1	1	1	-	-	-	
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	903	747	1	1	1	-	14	14	
Т	Other service activities	4 148	3 708	1	1	2	1	58	29	
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services- producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
V	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 73.6% of registered and 74.6% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held the second place by their number, with a share of 25.3% of registered and 24.4% of active companies. Other legal forms of trade companies constituted the remaining share of 1.0%.

6 REGISTERED NON-PROFIT LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025 SECTIONS AND BY ACTIVITY AND LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2025

				Groups of legal org	anisational forms
		Total registered legal entities	Share of active legal entities, %	Associations, institutions, economic co-operations, judiciary, foundations, fundraising campaigns, political parties and other organisations	State government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units
	Total	77 230	46,3	74 828	2 402
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4	50,0	4	-
В	Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-
C	Manufacturing	7	42,9	7	-
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	-	-	-	-
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	3	66,7	3	-
F	Construction	1	100,0	1	-
G	Wholesale and retail trade	202	95,5	202	-
Н	Transportation and storage	34	100,0	34	-
1	Accommodation and food service activities	50	98,0	50	-
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	66	43,9	66	-
К	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	5	40,0	5	-
L	Financial and insurance activities	256	12,5	256	-
М	Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
Ν	Professional, scientific and technical activities	185	87,0	185	-
О	Administrative and support service activities	7	71,4	7	-
Р	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2 845	33,6	443	2 402
Q	Education	2 860	91,1	2 860	-
R	Human health and social work activities	3 720	62,9	3 720	-
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	21 388	48,4	21 388	-
Т	Other service activities	45 543	41,8	45 543	-
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-
٧	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	1,9	54	-

The structure of registered non-profit legal entities by legal organisational forms shows that associations, institutions, co-operations and similar organisations had a share of 96.9%, while state government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units had a share of 3.1%.

Concerning the activity of the mentioned legal entities, there were **46.3%** of active ones. Their structure by activities shows that they were entities belonging to four activity sections: Other service activities, with 59.0% of registered and 41.8% of active ones, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security, with 3.7% of registered and 33.6% of active ones, Human health and social work activities, with 4.8% of registered and 62.9% of active entities, and Education, with only 3.7% of registered ones but with the largest share of active entities (91.1%).

7 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY COUNTIES, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2025

	Total	Trade com	panies	Co-opera	atives	Registered institutions, bodies,	Entities in crafts and trades and
	registered legal entities	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	associations and organisations	free lances
Republic of Croatia	254 132	174 810	146 720	2 092	642	77 230	111 322
Zagreb	17 145	12 705	11 219	89	22	4 351	6 271
Krapina-Zagorje	5 062	3 150	2 756	54	13	1 858	2 856
Sisak-Moslavina	5 727	3 065	2 627	103	22	2 559	2 566
Karlovac	5 062	2 915	2 539	70	22	2 077	2 058
Varaždin	8 005	5 338	4 697	55	16	2 612	3 382
Koprivnica-Križevci	4 094	2 260	1 993	41	22	1 793	1 864
Bjelovar-Bilogora	4 612	2 662	2 432	63	35	1 887	1 428
Primorje-Gorski kotar	19 935	14 221	11 842	96	27	5 618	11 519
Lika-Senj	2 252	1 210	1 013	37	10	1 005	1 033
Virovitica-Podravina	2 725	1 351	1 197	30	12	1 344	1 317
Požega-Slavonia	2 383	1 154	1 032	30	7	1 199	1 300
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	5 170	2 946	2 576	58	14	2 166	2 699
Zadar	10 349	7 305	6 026	148	43	2 896	6 216
Osijek-Baranja	12 808	6 924	6 075	187	69	5 697	5 564
Šibenik-Knin	5 632	3 344	2 679	99	31	2 189	3 703
Vukovar-Srijem	5 807	2 755	2 410	149	55	2 903	2 784
Split-Dalmatia	26 849	18 875	15 671	305	110	7 669	16 543
Istria	18 518	14 417	11 421	71	10	4 030	10 156
Dubrovnik-Neretva	7 763	4 883	4 125	60	33	2 820	4 874
Međimurje	5 814	4 047	3 556	23	7	1 744	1 581
City of Zagreb	78 420	59 283	48 834	324	62	18 813	21 608

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 19.4%. The County of Split-Dalmatia followed, with a share of 10.6% of legal entities and 14.9% of natural persons.

Three counties had a share larger than 5.0% of registered legal entities: the County of Primorje-Gorski kotar (7.8%), the County of Istria (7.3%) and the County of Zagreb (6.7%). 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 33.9% of registered and 33.3% of active entities, while the second largest county, the County of Split-Dalmatia, had a share of 10.7% of active and 10.8% of registered entities.

8 CREATING, DELETING AND HARMONISING OF REGISTERED LEGAL ENTITIES, 2024 AND 2025

		202	2025			
	1 – III	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII	1 – III	IV – VI
Creations	4 085	4 054	3 518	3 956	4 038	3 634
Trade companies	3 731	3 741	3 210	3 641	3 641	3 296
Other	354	313	308	315	397	338
Deletions	1 545	52 127	994	3 665	2 591	2 293
Enterprises ¹⁾	6	1 036	7	12	18	11
Trade companies	1 343	50 859	971	3 625	2 542	2 263
Other	196	232	16	28	31	19
Harmonisations according to the Companies Act	5	1	5	5	5	4

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 creations, deletions and harmonisations decreased.

The share of trade companies in the number of newly created entities was 90.1% in the observed period.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

I Introduction

On the basis of the Act on the National Classification of Activities (NN, No. 98/94), the Decision on the National Classification of Activities – NKD 2025 (NN, No. 47/24) and the Ordinance on the Classification of Business Entities According to the National Classification of Activities – NKD 2025 (NN, No. 81/24), the Croatian Bureau of Statistics keeps the Register of Business Entities (hereinafter referred to as: the Register). The Register, pursuant to the 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 2025 is based on the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community – NACE Rev. 2.1, which is obligatory in EU Member States.

II Methods and sources of data collection

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

All business entities and parts thereof entered into the Register are also assigned an activity code according to the NKD 2025.

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 2025. 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 2025 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 or the underlying purpose of 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 databases.

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 database and the Statistical Business Register (hereinafter referred to as: eSPRi).

The data of the Register of Business Entities are linked to administrative databases 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, 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 (levies, duties, 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 entered into the Register. These are: trade companies, institutions, co-operatives, associations, political parties, public government bodies and other non-harmonised units that had legal personality according to the legislation previously in force.

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

Registration number is the 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 units has been determined by a decision of a competent registration body or by a regulation 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 refers to the ownership of assets, that is, to start-up deposit of a business entity.

Concerning business entities entered into the Commercial Court register, an ownership mark is designated when registering to the Register of Business Entities. As for business entities entered at other registry bodies, the ownership mark is not designated when registering to the Register of Business Entities and, therefore, they are entered under "No ownership" under the item Ownership types.

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

Abbreviations

EU European Union Fina Financial Agency

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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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