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### NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, SEPTEMBER 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 **72.5%**.

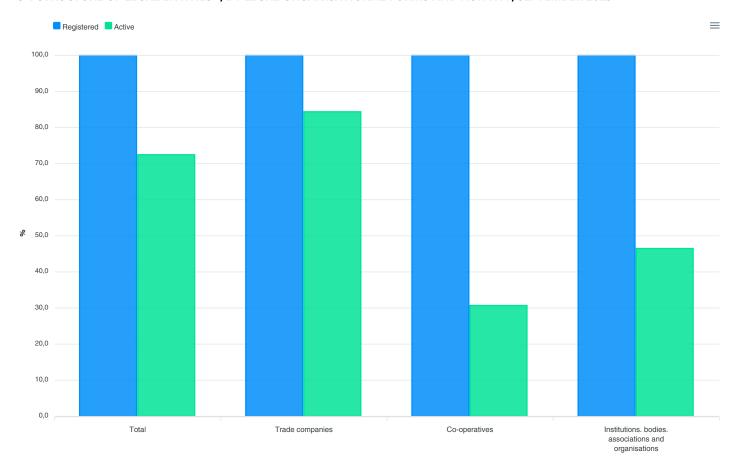
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of the data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	255 633	185 256	72,5
Trade companies	176 035	148 542	84,4
Co-operatives	2 084	639	30,7
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	77 514	36 075	46,5
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	111 816	-

### G-1 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES<sup>1)</sup>, BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SEPTEMBER 2025



<sup>1)</sup> 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 SEPTEMBER 2025 $^{1)}$

			Active leg	al entities			
		Registered	Structure of registered legal entities, %	Active	Structure of active legal entities, %	Profit	Non-profit
	Total	255 633	100,0	185 256	100,0	149 181	36 075
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 727	1,5	2 735	1,5	2 733	2
В	Mining and quarrying	231	0,1	189	0,1	189	-
C	Manufacturing	17 797	7,0	15 753	8,5	15 750	3
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 669	0,7	1 025	0,6	1 025	-
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	897	0,4	741	0,4	739	2
F	Construction	25 709	10,1	22 173	12,0	22 172	1
G	Wholesale and retail trade	28 729	11,2	23 396	12,6	23 204	192
Н	Transportation and storage	9 074	3,5	7 643	4,1	7 609	34
1	Accommodation and food service activities	16 034	6,3	13 091	7,1	13 042	49
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 932	0,8	1 654	0,9	1 625	29
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	8 837	3,5	7 883	4,3	7 881	2
L	Financial and insurance activities	1 429	0,6	946	0,5	912	34
М	Real estate activities	11 832	4,6	7 849	4,2	7 849	-
Ν	Professional, scientific and technical activities	27 187	10,6	23 994	13,0	23 833	161
0	Administrative and support service activities	10 172	4,0	8 467	4,6	8 462	5
Р	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2 865	1,1	971	0,5	16	955
Q	Education	4 163	1,6	3 787	2,0	1 166	2 621
R	Human health and social work activities	5 379	2,1	3 789	2,0	1 430	2 359
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 958	9,4	12 532	6,8	2 083	10 449
Т	Other service activities	53 957	21,1	26 636	14,4	7 460	19 176
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

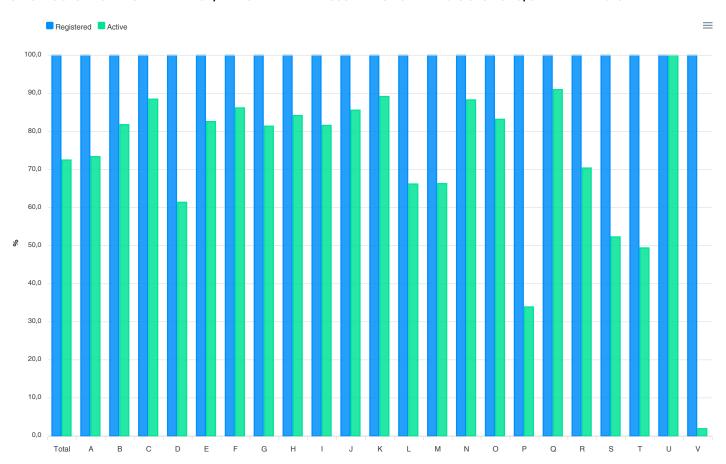
<sup>1)</sup> As of 2025, the "Crafts and trades and free lances" data are not displayed due to data incomparability.

The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that approximately half of the registered and active entities belonged to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade, with 11.2% of registered and 12.6% 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 13.0% 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 economic activities shows that 65.8% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of share size: Wholesale and retail trade (15.6%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (16.0%), Manufacturing (10.6%), Construction (14.9%) and Accommodation and food service activities (8.7%).

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 (29.0%), Education (7.3%), Human health and social work activities (6.5%), and Public administration and defence; compulsory social security (2.6%).

### G-2 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES<sup>1)</sup>, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD 2025 SECTIONS, SEPTEMBER 2025



<sup>1)</sup> Including government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units.

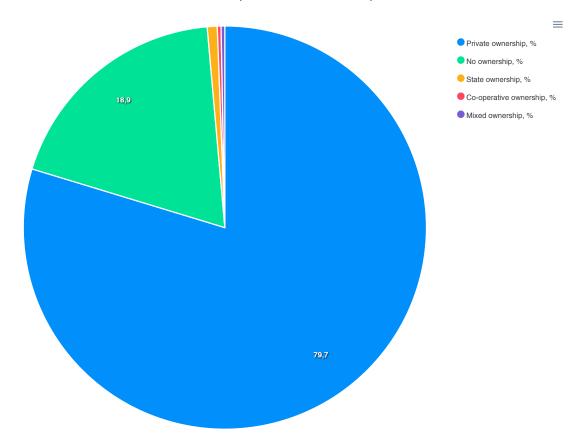
### **NKD 2025 activity sections**

- 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
- K 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 SEPTEMBER 2025

			Ownership types									
		Total	State ow	nership	Private ov	vnership	Co-ope owne		Mixed ow	nership/	No owr	ership
		Total	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %								
	Total	185 256	1 439	0,8	147 665	79,7	639	0,3	569	0,3	34 944	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	189	3	1,6	178	94,2	2	1,1	6	3,2	-	-
С	Manufacturing	15 753	50	0,3	15 463	98,2	107	0,7	131	0,8	2	0,0
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 025	33	3,2	983	95,9	3	0,3	6	0,6	-	-
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	741	262	35,4	469	63,3	1	0,1	7	0,9	2	0,3
F	Construction	22 173	61	0,3	22 033	99,4	47	0,2	31	0,1	1	0,0
G	Wholesale and retail trade	23 396	30	0,1	23 068	98,6	69	0,3	89	0,4	140	0,6
Н	Transportation and storage	7 643	60	0,8	7 517	98,4	9	0,1	28	0,4	29	0,4
ı	Accommodation and food service activities	13 091	44	0,3	12 910	98,6	36	0,3	59	0,5	42	0,3
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 654	32	1,9	1 568	94,8	2	0,1	28	1,7	24	1,5
К	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	7 883	11	0,1	7 854	99,6	6	0,1	9	0,1	3	0,0
L	Financial and insurance activities	946	18	1,9	881	93,1	5	0,5	10	1,1	32	3,4
М	Real estate activities	7 849	37	0,5	7 787	99,2	6	0,1	19	0,2	-	-
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	23 994	171	0,7	23 614	98,4	26	0,1	83	0,3	100	0,4
0	Administrative and support service activities	8 467	85	1,0	8 353	98,7	14	0,2	12	0,1	3	0,0
Р	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	971	39	4,0	2	0,2	1	0,1	1	0,1	928	95,6
Q	Education	3 787	257	6,8	1 372	36,2	-	-	4	0,1	2 154	56,9
R	Human health and social work activities	3 789	75	2,0	1 739	45,9	13	0,3	3	0,1	1 959	51,7
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	12 532	126	1,0	2 044	16,3	10	0,1	5	0,0	10 347	82,6
Т	Other service activities	26 636	36	0,1	7 395	27,8	12	0,0	18	0,1	19 175	72,0
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	-	-	1	100,0	-	-	-	-	-	-
٧	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	100,0

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



The structure of active legal entities by ownership types shows that private ownership predominated with **79.7%** of entities, while **0.8%** of entities were owned by the state, **0.3%** of them were in mixed ownership and **0.3%** 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 98.4%. Approximately the same share of private ownership existed in the productive activities such as Construction (99.4%), Manufacturing (98.2%) 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 SEPTEMBER 2025

			Number of persons in employment					
		Total	0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more
	Total	185 256	71 705	94 349	14 806	3 759	357	280
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 735	920	1 488	276	39	5	7
В	Mining and quarrying	189	38	93	46	10	-	2
C	Manufacturing	15 753	3 260	9 108	2 502	713	109	61
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 025	617	339	51	11	3	4
Ε	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	741	118	260	233	115	12	3
F	Construction	22 173	6 756	12 927	2 172	297	15	6
G	Wholesale and retail trade	23 396	6 329	14 578	2 097	310	37	45
Н	Transportation and storage	7 643	2 418	4 434	618	138	19	16
I	Accommodation and food service activities	13 091	4 200	7 343	1 373	149	12	14
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 654	487	1 027	116	18	4	2
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	7 883	2 401	4 776	574	111	13	8
L	Financial and insurance activities	946	240	584	66	31	7	18
M	Real estate activities	7 849	4 853	2 807	174	11	3	1
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	23 994	6 721	15 955	1 177	130	6	5
0	Administrative and support service activities	8 467	3 606	4 216	496	118	18	13
Р	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	971	28	311	416	165	29	22
Q	Education	3 787	528	1 169	986	1 079	19	6
R	Human health and social work activities	3 789	1 245	1 600	653	219	33	39
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	12 532	9 015	3 098	344	58	11	6
Т	Other service activities	26 636	17 924	8 236	435	37	2	2
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services- producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
٧	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 (**50.9%**) belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 38.7% of entities without persons in employment, 8.0% of entities employing 10 – 49 persons and 2.0% 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 SEPTEMBER 2025

		Legal organisational forms							
		Total		Joint stock co	mpanies	Limited liability	companies		
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active		
	Total	176 035	148 542	738	595	129 696	110 746		
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 108	2 463	20	15	2 390	1 964		
В	Mining and quarrying	229	187	6	6	208	170		
С	Manufacturing	17 570	15 643	198	144	13 554	12 205		
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 663	1 023	7	5	1 478	912		
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	890	738	5	3	744	659		
F	Construction	25 565	22 125	76	53	16 878	14 475		
G	Wholesale and retail trade	28 367	23 135	83	63	23 009	19 142		
Н	Transportation and storage	9 011	7 600	34	28	5 409	4 774		
I	Accommodation and food service activities	15 926	13 006	82	76	9 714	8 156		
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 861	1 623	17	15	1 515	1 344		
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	8 824	7 875	12	11	7 277	6 677		
L	Financial and insurance activities	1 087	906	71	67	929	772		
M	Real estate activities	11 269	7 844	32	28	10 088	7 068		
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	26 948	23 807	69	61	21 445	19 198		
0	Administrative and support service activities	10 105	8 448	8	5	7 325	6 266		
Р	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	18	14	-	-	11	10		
Q	Education	1 288	1 166	1	1	883	814		
R	Human health and social work activities	1 621	1 417	-	-	1 319	1 174		
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	2 450	2 073	7	7	1 520	1 299		
Т	Other service activities	8 234	7 448	10	7	3 999	3 666		
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services- producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	1	1		
٧	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 SEPTEMBER 2025

(continued)

		Legal organisational forms								
		Simple lir liability con		Public t compa		Main subsic foreign t compani individual	rade ies or	Other legal f		
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	
	Total	44 519	36 378	201	166	703	543	178	114	
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	691	478	-	-	4	3	3	3	
В	Mining and quarrying	14	10	-	-	1	1	-	-	
С	Manufacturing	3 749	3 243	2	1	63	49	4	1	
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	171	103	-	-	5	2	2	1	
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	137	74	-	-	3	1	1	1	
F	Construction	8 421	7 457	7	6	180	134	3	-	
G	Wholesale and retail trade	5 129	3 815	1	1	138	108	7	6	
Н	Transportation and storage	3 539	2 777	3	2	25	18	1	1	
I	Accommodation and food service activities	6 101	4 752	1	-	24	21	4	1	
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	320	256	4	4	5	4	-	-	
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	1 504	1 158	-	-	30	28	1	1	
L	Financial and insurance activities	41	24	-	-	13	13	33	30	
М	Real estate activities	1 080	696	3	2	56	43	10	7	
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	5 128	4 308	173	144	120	91	13	5	
0	Administrative and support service activities	2 721	2 140	4	3	30	24	17	10	
Р	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1	1	-	-	-	-	6	3	
Q	Education	401	348	-	-	2	2	1	1	
R	Human health and social work activities	300	242	1	1	1	-	-	-	
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	907	752	1	1	1	-	14	14	
Т	Other service activities	4 164	3 744	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 73.7% of registered and 74.6% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held second place by their number, with a

share of 25.3% of registered and 24.5% 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 SEPTEMBER 2025

				Groups of legal org	anisational forms
		Total registered legal entities	Share of active legal entities, %	Associations, institutions, economic cooperations, judiciary, foundations, fundraising campaigns, political parties and other organisations	State government bodies and bodies of local and regional self- government units
	Total	77 514	46,5	75 112	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	200	96,0	200	-
Н	Transportation and storage	34	100,0	34	-
I	Accommodation and food service activities	50	98,0	50	-
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	66	43,9	66	-
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	5	40,0	5	-
L	Financial and insurance activities	253	13,4	253	-
М	Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	185	87,0	185	-
0	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	2 875	91,2	2 875	-
R	Human health and social work activities	3 737	63,1	3 737	-
S	Arts, entertainment and recreation	21 486	48,6	21 486	-
Т	Other service activities	45 702	42,0	45 702	-
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 **46.5%** 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 42.0% 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 63.1% of active entities, and Education, with only 3.7% of registered ones but with the largest share of active entities (91.2%).

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

	Total	Trade com	npanies	Co-opera	atives	Registered institutions,	Entities in crafts and
	registered legal entities	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	bodies, associations and organisations	trades and free lances
Republic of Croatia	255 633	176 035	148 542	2 084	639	77 514	111 816
Zagreb	17 269	12 810	11 359	89	22	4 370	6 338
Krapina-Zagorje	5 117	3 195	2 804	54	13	1 868	2 886
Sisak-Moslavina	5 769	3 103	2 676	102	22	2 564	2 578
Karlovac	5 111	2 952	2 584	68	20	2 091	2 070
Varaždin	8 063	5 388	4 759	55	16	2 620	3 423
Koprivnica-Križevci	4 099	2 262	2 001	40	22	1 797	1 910
Bjelovar-Bilogora	4 650	2 692	2 467	63	35	1 895	1 441
Primorje-Gorski Kotar	19 984	14 251	11 935	96	27	5 637	11 512
Lika-Senj	2 253	1 209	1 018	37	10	1 007	1 000
Virovitica-Podravina	2 748	1 368	1 220	29	11	1 351	1 328
Požega-Slavonia	2 403	1 171	1 052	30	7	1 202	1 315
Slavonski Brod- Posavina	5 227	2 997	2 633	58	14	2 172	2 746
Zadar	10 443	7 384	6 119	149	44	2 910	6 137
Osijek-Baranja	12 898	6 998	6 164	187	69	5 713	5 623
Šibenik-Knin	5 658	3 364	2 714	99	31	2 195	3 685
Vukovar-Srijem	5 847	2 784	2 452	148	54	2 915	2 825
Split-Dalmatia	27 042	19 034	15 868	304	109	7 704	16 651
Istria	18 611	14 499	11 545	71	10	4 041	10 149
Dubrovnik-Neretva	7 805	4 919	4 169	60	33	2 826	4 787
Međimurje	5 855	4 078	3 592	23	7	1 754	1 610
City of Zagreb	78 781	59 577	49 411	322	63	18 882	21 802

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 19.5%. 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 (6.8%). 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 33.8% 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

		20	24	2025			
	1 – 111	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII	1 – 111	IV – VI	VII – IX
Creations	4 085	4 054	3 518	3 956	4 038	3 634	3 227
Trade companies	3 731	3 741	3 210	3 641	3 641	3 296	2 923
Other	354	313	308	315	397	338	304
Deletions	1 545	52 127	994	3 665	2 591	2 293	1 764
Enterprises <sup>1)</sup>	6	1 036	7	12	18	11	10
Trade companies	1 343	50 859	971	3 625	2 542	2 263	1 737
Other	196	232	16	28	31	19	17
Harmonisations according to the Companies Act	5	1	5	5	5	4	1

<sup>1)</sup> 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 **90.6%** 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

NKD 2025 National Classification of Activities, 2025 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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