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NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, DECEMBER 2022

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 53.5%.

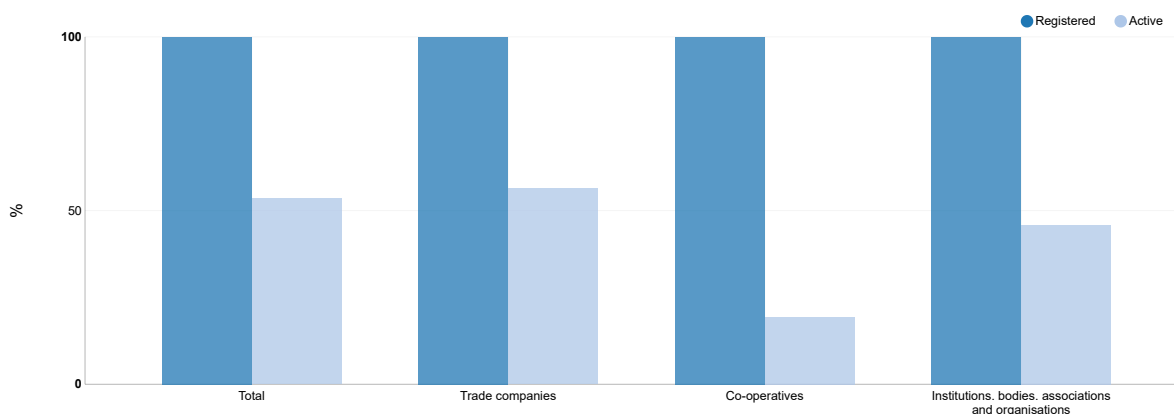
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	323 945	173 462	53,5
Trade companies	245 815	138 627	56,4
Co-operatives	3 563	686	19,3
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	74 567	34 149	45,8
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	91 326	-

G-1 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES¹⁾, BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, DECEMBER 2022



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 31 DECEMBER 2022

	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	323 945	100,0	173 462	100,0	139 313	34 149	91 326
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5 994	1,9	2 532	1,5	2 530	2	2 611
B Mining and quarrying	356	0,1	190	0,1	190	-	38
C Manufacturing	25 333	7,8	15 467	8,9	15 464	3	8 162
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 786	0,6	848	0,5	848	-	16
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 406	0,4	862	0,5	859	3	96
F Construction	33 638	10,4	19 469	11,2	19 468	1	10 570
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	56 556	17,5	26 681	15,4	26 482	199	8 199
H Transportation and storage	12 161	3,8	6 810	3,9	6 776	34	5 784
I Accommodation and food service activities	26 485	8,2	13 073	7,5	13 023	50	6 361
J Information and communication	12 321	3,8	8 310	4,8	8 285	25	3 476
K Financial and insurance activities	1 880	0,6	970	0,6	943	27	522
L Real estate activities	11 459	3,5	6 068	3,5	6 068	-	569
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	33 399	10,3	22 261	12,8	22 094	167	15 314
N Administrative and support service activities	12 955	4,0	7 477	4,3	7 474	3	3 437
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 073	0,9	914	0,5	16	898	6 029
P Education	4 601	1,4	3 668	2,1	1 108	2 560	1 179
Q Human health and social work activities	5 407	1,7	3 463	2,0	1 092	2 371	5 011
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 523	7,3	11 665	6,7	1 891	9 774	3 051
S Other service activities	51 556	15,9	22 733	13,1	4 701	18 032	10 827
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	2	0,0	1	0,0	1	-	37
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	37

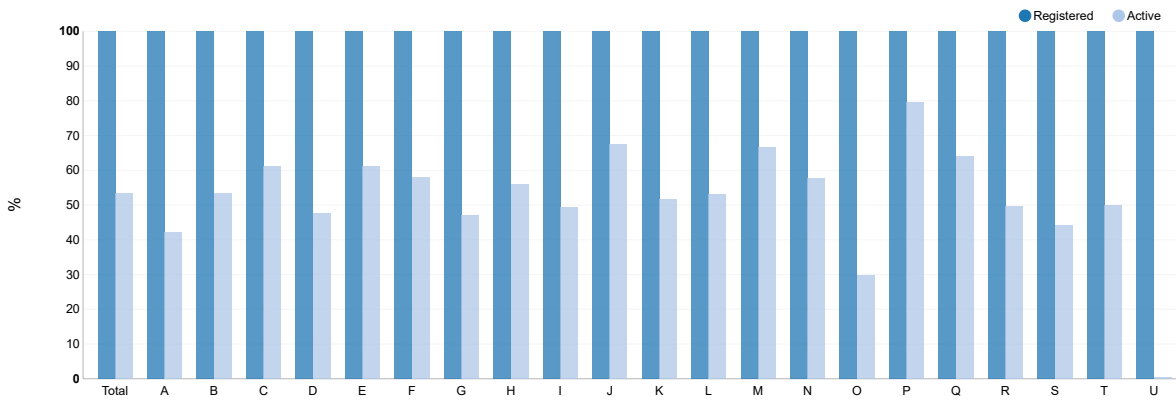
The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that more than a half of both registered and active entities belong to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles with 17.5% of registered and 15.4% of active entities, Manufacturing with 7.8% of registered and 8.9% of active entities, Professional, scientific and technical activities with 10.3% of registered and 12.8% of active entities and Other service activities with 15.9% of registered and 13.1% 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 69.3% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of frequency: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (19.0%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (15.9%), Manufacturing (11.1%), Construction (14.0%) and Accommodation and food service activities (9.3%).

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 (28.6%), Education (7.5%), Human health and social work activities (6.9%) and Public administration and defence; compulsory social security (2.6%).

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 present 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-a 2007. SECTIONS, DECEMBER 2022



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

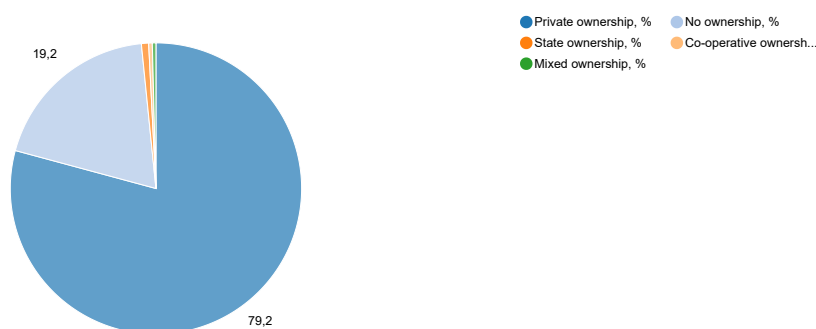
NKD 2007. activity sections

- 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 31 DECEMBER 2022

	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	173 462	1 403	0,8	137 402	79,2	686	0,4	687	0,4	33 284	19,2
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 532	12	0,5	2 245	88,7	249	9,8	24	0,9	2	0,1
B Mining and quarrying	190	4	2,1	176	92,6	2	1,1	8	4,2	-	-
C Manufacturing	15 467	59	0,4	15 112	97,7	126	0,8	168	1,1	2	0,0
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	848	34	4,0	804	94,8	1	0,1	9	1,1	-	-
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	862	316	36,7	537	62,3	1	0,1	6	0,7	2	0,2
F Construction	19 469	69	0,4	19 287	99,1	66	0,3	46	0,2	1	0,0
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	26 681	36	0,1	26 288	98,5	81	0,3	122	0,5	154	0,6
H Transportation and storage	6 810	60	0,9	6 676	98,0	11	0,2	33	0,5	30	0,4
I Accommodation and food service activities	13 073	41	0,3	12 880	98,5	41	0,3	64	0,5	47	0,4
J Information and communication	8 310	39	0,5	8 203	98,7	6	0,1	40	0,5	22	0,3
K Financial and insurance activities	970	18	1,9	910	93,8	7	0,7	10	1,0	25	2,6
L Real estate activities	6 068	37	0,6	6 010	99,0	1	0,0	20	0,3	-	-
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 261	184	0,8	21 841	98,1	31	0,1	97	0,4	108	0,5
N Administrative and support service activities	7 477	76	1,0	7 367	98,5	18	0,2	14	0,2	2	0,0
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	914	38	4,2	2	0,2	1	0,1	1	0,1	872	95,4
P Education	3 668	193	5,3	1 268	34,6	-	-	4	0,1	2 203	60,1
Q Human health and social work activities	3 463	56	1,6	1 302	37,6	19	0,5	3	0,1	2 083	60,2
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 665	97	0,8	1 849	15,9	15	0,1	5	0,0	9 699	83,1
S Other service activities	22 733	34	0,1	4 644	20,4	10	0,0	13	0,1	18 032	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, DECEMBER 2022



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 19.2% 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 98.5%, Real estate activities of 99.0% and Transportation and storage of 98.0%. Approximately the same share of private ownership existed in the productive activities such as Construction (99.1%), Manufacturing (97.7%) 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 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Total	Number of persons in employment					
		0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more
Total	173 462	63 289	91 867	14 114	3 593	325	274
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 532	678	1 542	255	46	4	7
B Mining and quarrying	190	32	105	40	11	-	2
C Manufacturing	15 467	3 130	9 086	2 400	697	90	64
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	848	493	285	52	12	2	4
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	862	136	326	275	109	14	2
F Construction	19 469	5 299	11 895	1 976	275	17	7
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	26 681	6 514	17 607	2 163	308	42	47
H Transportation and storage	6 810	1 708	4 383	565	120	21	13
I Accommodation and food service activities	13 073	3 717	8 055	1 167	114	7	13
J Information and communication	8 310	2 630	4 916	641	102	14	7
K Financial and insurance activities	970	206	629	79	29	8	19
L Real estate activities	6 068	3 903	2 030	123	10	1	1
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 261	5 885	15 140	1 110	117	5	4
N Administrative and support service activities	7 477	2 943	3 948	460	101	13	12
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	914	15	222	451	177	28	21
P Education	3 668	446	1 192	968	1 037	19	6
Q Human health and social work activities	3 463	1 050	1 399	715	232	29	38
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 665	8 344	2 925	321	59	9	7
S Other service activities	22 733	16 159	6 182	353	37	2	-
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 53.0% belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 36.5% 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 2007. SECTIONS AND BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Legal organisational forms					
	Total		Joint stock companies		Limited liability companies	
	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active
Total	245 815	138 627	1 185	689	175 471	102 011
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4 751	2 281	37	19	3 494	1 815
B Mining and quarrying	348	188	14	8	303	169
C Manufacturing	24 918	15 338	353	186	18 800	11 801
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 778	847	9	6	1 510	750
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 393	858	7	3	1 109	741
F Construction	32 817	19 403	124	67	22 558	12 901
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	55 982	26 401	164	76	43 565	20 962
H Transportation and storage	12 065	6 765	60	35	6 872	4 272
I Accommodation and food service activities	26 290	12 982	123	85	13 840	7 623
J Information and communication	12 236	8 279	38	27	9 517	6 765
K Financial and insurance activities	1 480	935	86	72	1 263	792
L Real estate activities	11 451	6 067	33	25	10 051	5 419
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	33 094	22 063	111	68	25 615	17 537
N Administrative and support service activities	12 856	7 456	10	6	8 922	5 505
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	33	15	-	-	20	10
P Education	1 675	1 108	2	1	1 105	749
Q Human health and social work activities	1 524	1 073	-	-	1 179	882
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	3 164	1 876	10	4	1 919	1 144
S Other service activities	7 958	4 691	4	1	3 828	2 173
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	2	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 31 DECEMBER 2022

(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	67 403	35 154	365	175	1 121	477	270	121
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1 211	442	1	-	4	2	4	3
B Mining and quarrying	28	10	-	-	3	1	-	-
C Manufacturing	5 621	3 303	3	1	132	45	9	2
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	253	90	-	-	5	1	1	-
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	265	111	-	-	11	3	1	-
F Construction	9 784	6 307	45	8	296	119	10	1
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	11 966	5 248	11	1	258	108	18	6
H Transportation and storage	5 081	2 435	6	3	45	19	1	1
I Accommodation and food service activities	12 290	5 258	2	-	31	14	4	2
J Information and communication	2 623	1 455	6	4	48	26	4	2
K Financial and insurance activities	79	28	-	-	17	11	35	32
L Real estate activities	1 306	593	6	1	45	24	10	5
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	6 888	4 212	274	150	181	89	25	7
N Administrative and support service activities	3 864	1 919	4	3	35	11	21	12
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2	1	-	-	-	-	11	4
P Education	562	355	1	-	4	2	1	1
Q Human health and social work activities	343	190	1	1	1	-	-	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	1 219	712	1	1	1	1	14	14
S Other service activities	4 017	2 485	4	2	4	1	101	29
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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 71.4% of registered and 73.6% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held the second place by their number, with a share of 27.4% of registered and 25.4% of active companies. Other legal forms of trade companies constituted the remaining share of 1.2%.

6 REGISTERED NON-PROFIT LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007. SECTIONS AND BY ACTIVITY AND LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2022

	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	74 567	45,8	72 140	2 427
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	5	60,0	5	-
F Construction	1	100,0	1	-
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	224	88,8	224	-
H Transportation and storage	35	97,1	35	-
I Accommodation and food service activities	56	89,3	56	-
J Information and communication	63	39,7	63	-
K Financial and insurance activities	233	11,6	233	-
L Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	199	83,9	199	-
N Administrative and support service activities	8	37,5	8	-
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 039	29,5	612	2 427
P Education	2 923	87,6	2 923	-
Q Human health and social work activities	3 838	61,8	3 838	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	20 325	48,1	20 325	-
S Other service activities	43 552	41,4	43 552	-
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 96.7%, while state government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units had a share of 3.3%.

Concerning the activity of the mentioned legal entities, there were 45.8% of active ones. Their structure by activities shows that they were entities belonging to four activity sections: Other service activities with 58.4% of registered and 41.4% of active ones, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security with 4.1% of registered and 29.5% of active ones, Human health and social work activities with 5.1% of registered and 61.8% of active entities and Education with only 3.9% of registered ones, but with the largest share of active entities (87.6%).

7 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY COUNTIES, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2022

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	323 945	245 815	138 627	3 563	686	74 567	91 326
Zagreb	20 731	16 440	9 862	143	23	4 148	5 330
Krapina-Zagorje	5 852	3 951	2 481	75	13	1 826	2 556
Sisak-Moslavina	7 133	4 354	2 430	168	23	2 611	2 301
Karlovac	6 169	4 019	2 353	130	25	2 020	1 922
Varaždin	9 524	6 881	4 270	98	19	2 545	2 928
Koprivnica-Križevci	5 330	3 417	1 971	198	31	1 715	1 663
Bjelovar-Bilogora	6 088	4 037	2 329	209	40	1 842	1 311
Primorje-Gorski kotar	27 114	21 507	11 487	154	28	5 453	9 437
Lika-Senj	2 698	1 643	958	76	7	979	834
Virovitica-Podravina	3 459	2 024	1 186	117	15	1 318	1 160
Požega-Slavonia	2 797	1 586	994	52	6	1 159	1 154
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	6 049	3 883	2 191	92	19	2 074	2 289
Zadar	11 919	8 958	5 253	218	41	2 743	4 623
Osijek-Baranja	15 927	10 161	5 861	276	69	5 490	4 811
Šibenik-Knin	6 974	4 669	2 462	205	36	2 100	2 753
Vukovar-Sirmium	7 016	4 020	2 289	213	55	2 783	2 384
Split-Dalmatia	33 613	25 808	14 836	436	110	7 369	12 209
Istria	24 213	20 215	10 916	111	15	3 887	7 959
Dubrovnik-Neretva	9 294	6 490	3 982	101	30	2 703	3 884
Međimurje	7 427	5 760	3 498	48	7	1 619	1 403
City of Zagreb	104 618	85 992	47 018	443	74	18 183	18 415

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 20.2%. The County of Split-Dalmatia followed, with a share of 10.4% of legal entities and 13.4% of natural persons.

Three counties had a share larger than 5.0% of registered legal entities: the County of Primorje-Gorski kotar (8.4%), the County of Istria (7.5%) and the County of Zagreb (6.4%). 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 34.0% of active entities, while the share of the second largest county, the County of Split-Dalmatia, was 10.7% of active and 10.5% of registered entities.

8 CREATING, DELETING AND HARMONISING OF REGISTERED LEGAL ENTITIES, 2021 AND 2022

	2021				2022			
	I – III	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII	I – III	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII
Creations	3 720	3 805	3 599	4 078	4 266	4 484	3 915	4 189
Trade companies	3 278	3 436	3 262	3 695	3 811	4 121	3 584	3 824
Other	442	369	337	383	455	363	331	365
Deletions	179	120	76	195	144	602	152	113
Enterprises	-	1 ¹⁾	-	-	-	4	-	2
Trade companies	112	72	54	98	88	113	61	80
Other	67	47	22	97	56	485	91	31
Harmonisations according to the Companies Act	1	2	2	-	2	3	6	3

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 and harmonisations decreased, while the number of creations increased.

The share of trade companies in the number of newly created entities was 91.3% 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: 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 basis 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 are 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 who have not submitted a request for harmonisation in line with new regulations. Consequently, the Register data have constantly been changing 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

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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