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NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, DECEMBER 2023

The comparison of the number of legal entities in the Register of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics with the number of active legal entities in other registers shows that the share of active legal entities was 60.3%.

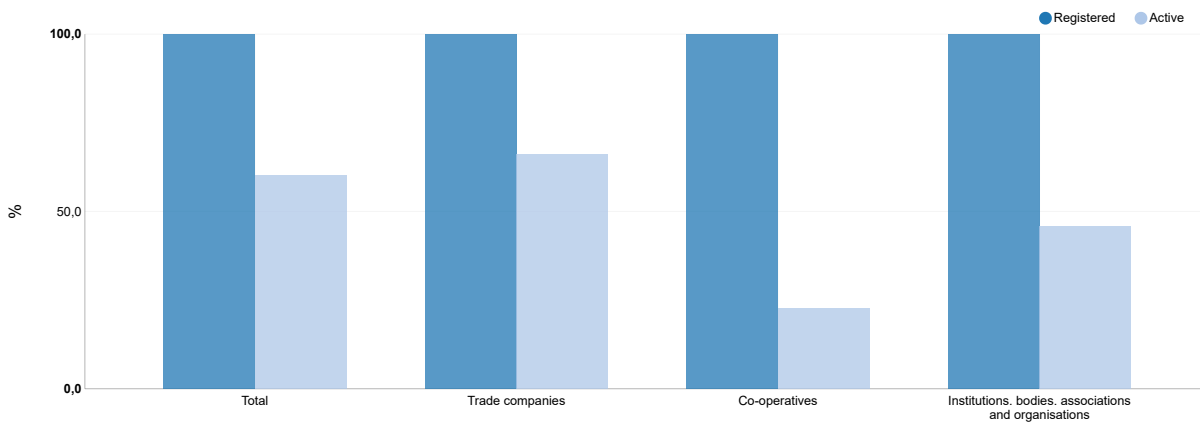
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 2023

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	293 791	177 120	60,3
Trade companies	215 239	141 981	66,0
Co-operatives	3 163	714	22,6
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	75 389	34 425	45,7
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	96 975	-

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



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

2 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS,
SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Number of legal entities				Active legal entities		Crafts and trades and free lances
	Registered	Structure of registered legal entities, %	Active	Structure of active legal entities, %	Profit	Non-profit	
Total	293 791	100,0	177 120	100,0	142 695	34 425	96 975
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5 188	1,8	2 875	1,6	2 873	2	2 604
B Mining and quarrying	304	0,1	182	0,1	182	-	35
C Manufacturing	21 929	7,5	15 479	8,7	15 476	3	8 340
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 865	0,6	964	0,5	964	-	17
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 216	0,4	832	0,5	829	3	109
F Construction	30 817	10,5	20 554	11,6	20 553	1	11 574
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	46 315	15,8	26 306	14,9	26 110	196	8 142
H Transportation and storage	10 809	3,7	6 954	3,9	6 920	34	6 221
I Accommodation and food service activities	20 694	7,0	13 018	7,3	12 967	51	6 334
J Information and communication	11 733	4,0	8 779	5,0	8 748	31	3 704
K Financial and insurance activities	1 706	0,6	983	0,6	947	36	501
L Real estate activities	10 941	3,7	6 352	3,6	6 352	-	609
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 022	10,6	22 904	12,9	22 735	169	16 928
N Administrative and support service activities	11 804	4,0	7 970	4,5	7 965	5	4 055
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 028	1,0	932	0,5	15	917	6 262
P Education	4 389	1,5	3 721	2,1	1 153	2 568	1 573
Q Human health and social work activities	5 305	1,8	3 599	2,0	1 205	2 394	4 961
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 572	8,0	11 837	6,7	1 926	9 911	3 259
S Other service activities	51 099	17,4	22 878	12,9	4 774	18 104	11 674
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	0,0	1	0,0	1	-	39
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	34

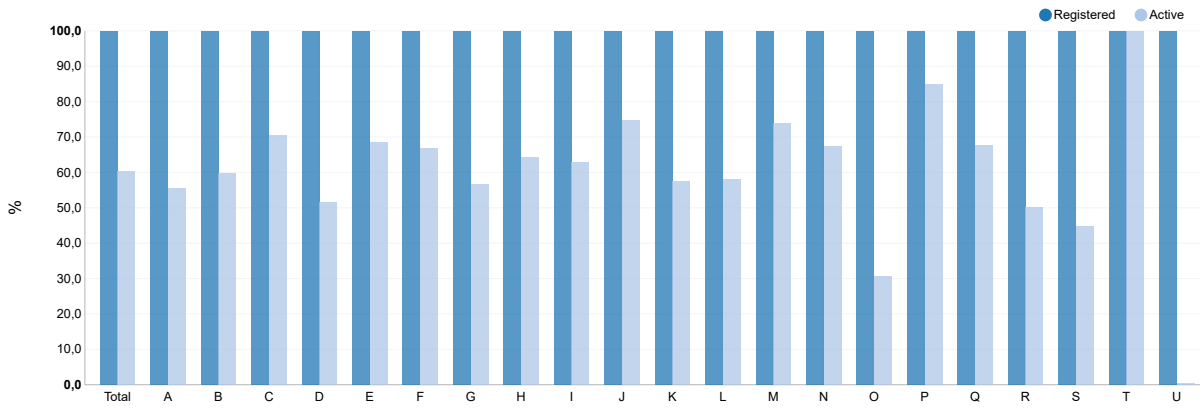
The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that more than a half of registered and active entities belong to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, with 15.8% of registered and 14.9% of active entities, Manufacturing, with 7.5% of registered and 8.7% of active entities, Professional, scientific and technical activities, with 10.6% of registered and 12.9% of active entities, and Other service activities, with 17.4% of registered and 12.9% of active entities.

The share of profit entities in the total active business entities was 80.6% and their structure by economic activities shows that 68.5% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of frequency: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (18.3%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (15.9%), Manufacturing (10.8%), Construction (14.4%) and Accommodation and food service activities (9.1%).

The share of non-profit active entities was 19.4%. Half of them were classified into the activity section Other service activities. The remaining half was distributed between Arts, entertainment and recreation (28.8%), Education (7.5%), Human health and social work activities (7.0%), and Public administration and defence; compulsory social security (2.7%).

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

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



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

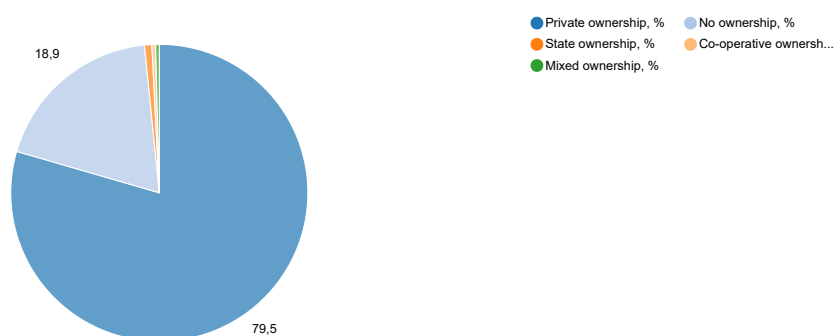
NKD 2007 activity sections

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

3 STRUCTURE OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, BY OWNERSHIP TYPES AND NKD 2007 SECTIONS, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Total	Ownership types									
		State ownership		Private ownership		Co-operative ownership		Mixed ownership		No ownership	
		Number of legal entities	Share in total, %	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %
Total	177 120	1 437	0,8	140 839	79,5	715	0,4	654	0,4	33 475	18,9
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 875	9	0,3	2 545	88,5	297	10,3	22	0,8	2	0,1
B Mining and quarrying	182	3	1,6	171	94,0	2	1,1	6	3,3	-	-
C Manufacturing	15 479	56	0,4	15 143	97,8	120	0,8	158	1,0	2	0,0
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	964	35	3,6	915	94,9	5	0,5	9	0,9	-	-
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	832	323	38,8	499	60,0	1	0,1	7	0,8	2	0,2
F Construction	20 554	64	0,3	20 390	99,2	58	0,3	41	0,2	1	0,0
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	26 306	30	0,1	25 932	98,6	81	0,3	116	0,4	147	0,6
H Transportation and storage	6 954	59	0,8	6 827	98,2	9	0,1	29	0,4	30	0,4
I Accommodation and food service activities	13 018	45	0,3	12 822	98,5	40	0,3	65	0,5	46	0,4
J Information and communication	8 779	40	0,5	8 667	98,7	7	0,1	39	0,4	26	0,3
K Financial and insurance activities	983	16	1,6	916	93,2	7	0,7	10	1,0	34	3,5
L Real estate activities	6 352	34	0,5	6 298	99,1	1	0,0	19	0,3	-	-
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 904	183	0,8	22 492	98,2	30	0,1	93	0,4	106	0,5
N Administrative and support service activities	7 970	82	1,0	7 852	98,5	19	0,2	14	0,2	3	0,0
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	932	35	3,8	3	0,3	1	0,1	1	0,1	892	95,7
P Education	3 721	209	5,6	1 323	35,6	-	-	3	0,1	2 186	58,7
Q Human health and social work activities	3 599	69	1,9	1 439	40,0	16	0,4	3	0,1	2 072	57,6
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 837	110	0,9	1 886	15,9	13	0,1	6	0,1	9 822	83,0
S Other service activities	22 878	35	0,2	4 718	20,6	8	0,0	13	0,1	18 104	79,1
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 2023



The structure of active legal entities by ownership types shows that the private ownership predominated with 79.5% 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 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; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles had a share of 98.6%, Real estate activities of 99.1% and Transportation and storage of 98.2%. Approximately the same share of private ownership existed in the productive activities such as Construction (99.2%), Manufacturing (97.8%) and Information and communication (98.7%).

4 NUMBER OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS AND BY NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Total	Number of persons in employment					
		0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more
Total	177 120	63 164	95 081	14 547	3 704	344	280
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 875	946	1 614	262	41	5	7
B Mining and quarrying	182	25	99	45	11	-	2
C Manufacturing	15 479	2 832	9 300	2 467	713	103	64
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	964	581	316	49	11	3	4
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	832	114	316	272	115	12	3
F Construction	20 554	5 324	12 856	2 063	288	16	7
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	26 306	6 373	17 327	2 203	311	44	48
H Transportation and storage	6 954	1 764	4 415	612	129	19	15
I Accommodation and food service activities	13 018	3 545	8 012	1 300	137	11	13
J Information and communication	8 779	2 400	5 568	663	124	14	10
K Financial and insurance activities	983	215	641	69	34	6	18
L Real estate activities	6 352	3 935	2 267	140	8	1	1
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 904	5 829	15 786	1 159	120	6	4
N Administrative and support service activities	7 970	3 174	4 187	474	108	14	13
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	932	32	272	413	166	31	18
P Education	3 721	442	1 218	972	1 064	19	6
Q Human health and social work activities	3 599	1 062	1 510	726	233	29	39
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 837	8 408	3 026	328	58	10	7
S Other service activities	22 878	16 162	6 351	330	33	1	1
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Observation of the structure of active legal entities according to the number of persons in paid employment shows that the highest share of 53.7% belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 35.7% of entities without persons in employment, 8.2% 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 2023

	Legal organisational forms					
	Total		Joint stock companies		Limited liability companies	
	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active
Total	215 239	141 981	896	638	157 471	105 165
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4 096	2 576	29	16	3 063	2 011
B Mining and quarrying	297	180	7	6	265	165
C Manufacturing	21 579	15 356	243	171	16 624	11 924
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 856	960	8	5	1 592	842
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 206	828	6	3	976	734
F Construction	30 025	20 496	93	58	20 718	13 663
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45 786	26 029	108	69	36 306	20 765
H Transportation and storage	10 722	6 911	39	29	6 193	4 414
I Accommodation and food service activities	20 523	12 927	99	81	12 011	7 842
J Information and communication	11 644	8 741	35	24	9 290	7 262
K Financial and insurance activities	1 333	939	80	68	1 141	799
L Real estate activities	10 932	6 351	34	30	9 616	5 667
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	30 736	22 705	94	65	24 055	18 084
N Administrative and support service activities	11 716	7 946	9	6	8 318	5 858
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	24	14	-	-	12	10
P Education	1 542	1 153	1	1	1 018	792
Q Human health and social work activities	1 503	1 189	-	-	1 195	975
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	2 859	1 913	8	5	1 738	1 157
S Other service activities	6 859	4 766	3	1	3 339	2 200
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	1	1
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-

5 TRADE COMPANIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS AND BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2023

(continued)

	Legal organisational forms							
	Simple limited liability companies		Public trade companies		Main subsidiaries of foreign trade companies or individual traders		Other legal forms	
	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active
Total	55 187	35 372	280	177	1 169	510	236	119
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	996	543	-	-	4	3	4	3
B Mining and quarrying	22	8	-	-	3	1	-	-
C Manufacturing	4 568	3 210	3	1	133	47	8	3
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	248	110	-	-	6	2	2	1
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	211	90	-	-	11	-	2	1
F Construction	8 865	6 641	32	8	310	125	7	1
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	9 091	5 074	6	1	261	114	14	6
H Transportation and storage	4 439	2 447	3	3	47	17	1	1
I Accommodation and food service activities	8 375	4 987	2	-	31	14	5	3
J Information and communication	2 262	1 422	6	4	49	28	2	1
K Financial and insurance activities	63	33	-	-	17	10	32	29
L Real estate activities	1 219	615	3	1	52	34	8	4
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	6 156	4 300	215	152	196	98	20	6
N Administrative and support service activities	3 326	2 054	4	3	39	13	20	12
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2	1	-	-	-	-	10	3
P Education	517	357	1	-	4	2	1	1
Q Human health and social work activities	306	213	1	1	1	-	-	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	1 097	735	1	1	1	1	14	14
S Other service activities	3 424	2 532	3	2	4	1	86	30
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Limited liability companies were markedly predominant in the structure of trade companies by legal organisational forms, with a share of 73.2% of registered and 74.1% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held the second place by their number, with a share of 25.6% of registered and 24.9% of active companies. Other legal forms of trade companies constituted the remaining share of 1.1%.

6 REGISTERED NON-PROFIT LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS AND BY ACTIVITY AND LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Total registered legal entities	Share of active legal entities, %	Groups of legal organisational forms	
			Associations, institutions, economic co-operations, foundations, fundraising campaigns, political parties and other organisations	State government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units
Total	75 389	45,7	72 970	2 419
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4	50,0	4	-
B Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-
C Manufacturing	7	42,9	7	-
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1	0,0	1	-
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	4	75,0	4	-
F Construction	1	100,0	1	-
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	223	87,9	223	-
H Transportation and storage	35	97,1	35	-
I Accommodation and food service activities	55	92,7	55	-
J Information and communication	68	45,6	68	-
K Financial and insurance activities	243	14,8	243	-
L Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	193	87,6	193	-
N Administrative and support service activities	8	62,5	8	-
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 003	30,5	584	2 419
P Education	2 845	90,3	2 845	-
Q Human health and social work activities	3 765	63,6	3 765	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	20 683	47,9	20 683	-
S Other service activities	44 197	41,0	44 197	-
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	54	-

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

Concerning the activity of the mentioned legal entities, there were 45.7% of active ones. Their structure by activities shows that they were entities belonging to four activity sections: Other service activities, with 58.6% of registered and 41.0% of active ones, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security, with 4.0% of registered and 30.5% of active ones, Human health and social work activities, with 5.0% of registered and 63.6% of active entities, and Education, with only 3.8% of registered ones but with the largest share of active entities (90.3%).

7 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY COUNTIES, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2023

	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	293 791	215 239	141 981	3 163	714	75 389	96 975
Zagreb	19 101	14 776	10 408	125	20	4 200	5 632
Krapina-Zagorje	5 475	3 568	2 569	70	14	1 837	2 633
Sisak-Moslavina	6 495	3 823	2 532	141	21	2 531	2 432
Karlovac	5 637	3 476	2 465	109	24	2 052	1 970
Varaždin	8 584	5 950	4 412	79	17	2 555	3 084
Koprivnica-Križevci	4 816	2 889	1 962	181	31	1 746	1 748
Bjelovar-Bilogora	5 455	3 399	2 343	190	39	1 866	1 331
Primorje-Gorski kotar	24 526	18 884	11 683	138	30	5 504	10 147
Lika-Senj	2 517	1 456	992	68	13	993	896
Virovitica-Podravina	3 171	1 745	1 218	98	19	1 328	1 214
Požega-Slavonia	2 558	1 344	993	46	7	1 168	1 209
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	5 564	3 367	2 316	78	16	2 119	2 391
Zadar	11 227	8 239	5 555	208	46	2 780	5 044
Osijek-Baranja	14 366	8 554	5 998	237	74	5 575	5 079
Šibenik-Knin	6 346	4 023	2 574	189	37	2 134	2 928
Vukovar-Sirmium	6 394	3 363	2 344	190	60	2 841	2 505
Split-Dalmatia	30 833	22 974	15 227	397	120	7 462	13 161
Istria	21 778	17 746	11 176	97	14	3 935	8 544
Dubrovnik-Neretva	8 626	5 777	4 058	94	32	2 755	4 091
Međimurje	6 419	4 744	3 526	39	8	1 636	1 457
City of Zagreb	93 903	75 142	47 630	389	72	18 372	19 479

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 20.1%. The County of Split-Dalmatia followed, with a share of 10.5% of legal entities and 13.6% of natural persons.

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

The territorial structure of active trade companies was different in relation to the structure of the registered ones. Hence, the City of Zagreb had a share of 34.9% of registered and 33.5% of active entities, while the second largest county, the County of Split-Dalmatia, had a share of 10.7% of active and 10.6% of registered entities.

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

	2022				2023			
	I – III	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII	I – III	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII
Creations	4 266	4 484	3 915	4 189	4 248	3 459	3 549	4 655
Trade companies	3 811	4 121	3 584	3 824	3 900	3 121	3 290	4 317
Other	455	363	331	365	348	338	259	338
Deletions	144	602	152	113	110	29 273	14 984	2 044
Enterprises	-	4 ¹⁾	-	2	-	210	202	9
Trade companies	88	113	61	80	69	28 854	14 623	1 858
Other	56	485	91	31	41	209	159	177
Harmonisations according to the Companies Act	2	3	6	3	3	4	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 deletions and harmonisations decreased, while the number of creations increased.

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

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

I Introduction

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

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

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

II Methods and sources of data collection

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

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

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

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

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

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

1) Registers kept by:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

III Meaning of individual terms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Abbreviations

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

Symbols

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

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