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## NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, MARCH 2024

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 60.9%.

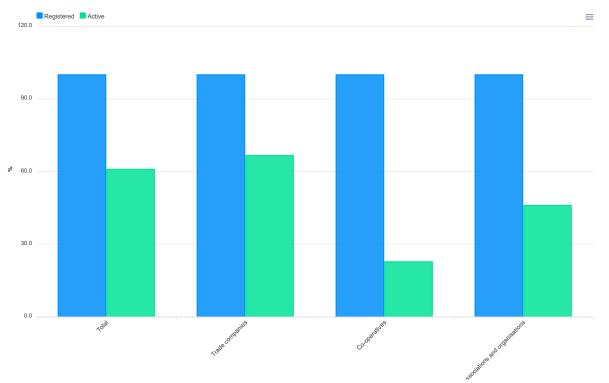
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 MARCH 2024

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	296 259	180 448	60,9
Trade companies	217 482	144 918	66,6
Co-operatives	3 161	716	22,7
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	75 616	34 814	46,0
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	98 466	-

### G-1 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES<sup>1)</sup>, BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, MARCH 2024



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 MARCH 2024

			Number of le	gal entities	Active lega	al entities		
		Registered	Structure of registered legal entities, %	Active	Structure of active legal entities, %	Profit	Non-profit	Crafts and trades and free lances
	Total	296 259	100,0	180 448	100,0	145 634	34 814	98 466
А	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5 182	1,7	2 893	1,6	2 891	2	2 593
В	Mining and quarrying	308	0,1	188	0,1	188	-	33
С	Manufacturing	22 054	7,4	15 659	8,7	15 656	3	8 291
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 895	0,6	997	0,6	997	-	15
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 211	0,4	833	0,5	830	3	110
F	Construction	31 274	10,6	21 113	11,7	21 112	1	11 766
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	46 454	15,7	26 605	14,7	26 409	196	8 117
н	Transportation and storage	11 002	3,7	7 189	4,0	7 155	34	6 320
I.	Accommodation and food service activities	20 827	7,0	13 258	7,3	13 207	51	6 276
J	Information and communication	11 922	4,0	8 993	5,0	8 962	31	3 762
к	Financial and insurance activities	1 704	0,6	993	0,6	948	45	508
L	Real estate activities	11 138	3,8	6 580	3,6	6 580	-	619
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 417	10,6	23 356	12,9	23 187	169	17 432
Ν	Administrative and support service activities	12 029	4,1	8 237	4,6	8 232	5	4 169
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2 877	1,0	937	0,5	15	922	6 651
Ρ	Education	4 397	1,5	3 734	2,1	1 164	2 570	1 628
Q	Human health and social work activities	5 361	1,8	3 658	2,0	1 245	2 413	4 961
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 723	8,0	11 995	6,6	1 974	10 021	3 328
S	Other service activities	51 429	17,4	23 229	12,9	4 881	18 348	11 819
т	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	0,0	1	0,0	1	-	36
U	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	32

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 15.7% of registered and 14.7% of active entities, Manufacturing, with 7.4% 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.

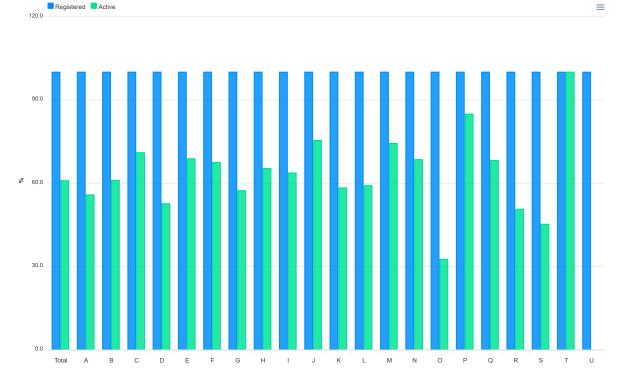
The share of profit entities in the total active business entities was 80.7% and their structure by economic activities shows that 68.7% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of frequency: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (18.4%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (15.9%), Manufacturing (10.8%), Construction (14.5%) and Accommodation and food service activities (9.1%).

The share of non-profit active entities was 19.3%. 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 (7.4%), 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 represented activity section. Besides this activity section, five other activities covered one half of the total number of entities.

#### G-2 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES<sup>1)</sup>, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS, MARCH 2024

Registered Active



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

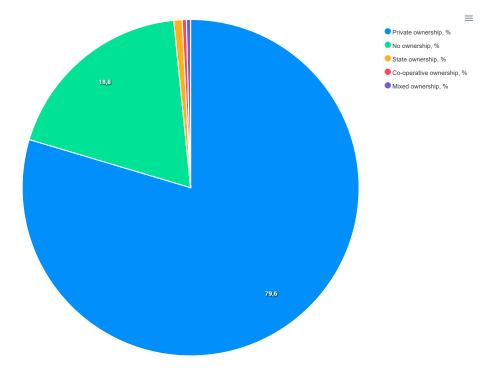
### NKD 2007 activity sections

- 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
- Accommodation and food service activities 1
- Information and communication J.
- 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
- Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and Т
- 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 MARCH 2024

			Ownership types									
		Total	State ov	vership	Private ov	wnership	Co-ope owne		Mixed owership		No ow	ership
		, otai	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %								
	Total	180 448	1 448	0,8	143 797	79,7	717	0,4	648	0,4	33 838	18,8
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 893	9	0,3	2 563	88,6	297	10,3	22	0,8	2	0,1
В	Mining and quarrying	188	3	1,6	177	94,1	2	1,1	6	3,2	-	-
C	Manufacturing	15 659	56	0,4	15 323	97,9	120	0,8	158	1,0	2	0,0
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	997	34	3,4	951	95,4	5	0,5	7	0,7	-	-
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	833	324	38,9	499	59,9	1	0,1	7	0,8	2	0,2
F	Construction	21 113	63	0,3	20 948	99,2	60	0,3	41	0,2	1	0,0
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	26 605	30	0,1	26 233	98,6	81	0,3	114	0,4	147	0,6
н	Transportation and storage	7 189	59	0,8	7 062	98,2	9	0,1	29	0,4	30	0,4
I	Accommodation and food service activities	13 258	44	0,3	13 064	98,5	40	0,3	64	0,5	46	0,3
J	Information and communication	8 993	40	0,4	8 881	98,8	7	0,1	39	0,4	26	0,3
К	Financial and insurance activities	993	16	1,6	917	92,3	7	0,7	10	1,0	43	4,3
L	Real estate activities	6 580	34	0,5	6 526	99,2	1	0,0	19	0,3	-	-
Μ	Professional, scientific and technical activities	23 356	185	0,8	22 945	98,2	29	0,1	92	0,4	105	0,4
N	Administrative and support service activities	8 237	82	1,0	8 119	98,6	19	0,2	14	0,2	3	0,0
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	937	35	3,7	3	0,3	1	0,1	1	0,1	897	95,7
Ρ	Education	3 734	216	5,8	1 338	35,8	-	-	3	0,1	2 177	58,3
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 658	71	1,9	1 489	40,7	17	0,5	3	0,1	2 078	56,8
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 995	111	0,9	1 934	16,1	13	0,1	6	0,1	9 931	82,8
S	Other service activities	23 229	36	0,2	4 824	20,8	8	0,0	13	0,1	18 348	79,0
т	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, MARCH 2024



The structure of active legal entities by ownership types shows that the private ownership predominated with 79.7% 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 18.8% 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 99.2% 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 (97.9%) and Information and communication (98.8%).

## 4 NUMBER OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS AND BY NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT, SITUATION AS ON 31 MARCH 2024

		Tatal	Number of persons in employment							
		Total	0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more		
	Total	180 448	67 133	94 471	14 521	3 699	344	280		
А	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 893	978	1 600	262	41	5	7		
В	Mining and quarrying	188	29	100	46	11	-	2		
С	Manufacturing	15 659	3 066	9 250	2 464	712	103	64		
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	997	617	316	46	11	3	4		
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	833	120	311	272	115	12	3		
F	Construction	21 113	5 996	12 749	2 057	288	16	7		
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	26 605	6 819	17 185	2 201	309	43	48		
н	Transportation and storage	7 189	2 047	4 370	611	127	19	15		
I.	Accommodation and food service activities	13 258	3 949	7 853	1 295	137	11	13		
J	Information and communication	8 993	2 613	5 568	663	125	14	10		
К	Financial and insurance activities	993	235	631	69	34	6	18		
L	Real estate activities	6 580	4 166	2 264	139	8	2	1		
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	23 356	6 310	15 755	1 161	120	6	4		
Ν	Administrative and support service activities	8 237	3 467	4 167	467	109	14	13		
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	937	37	272	413	166	31	18		
Ρ	Education	3 734	466	1 209	972	1 062	19	6		
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 658	1 114	1 516	727	233	29	39		
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 995	8 571	3 022	327	58	10	7		
S	Other service activities	23 229	16 532	6 333	329	33	1	1		
т	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 52.4% belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 37.2% 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 2007 SECTIONS AND BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SITUATION AS ON 31 MARCH 2024

		Legal organisational forms									
		Total		Joint stock cor	mpanies	Limited liability	companies				
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active				
	Total	217 482	144 918	887	631	159 195	107 214				
А	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4 093	2 594	28	15	3 074	2 033				
В	Mining and quarrying	301	186	7	6	269	171				
С	Manufacturing	21 704	15 536	241	169	16 731	12 065				
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 886	993	8	5	1 616	868				
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 201	829	6	3	975	739				
F	Construction	30 481	21 053	92	57	21 047	14 036				
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45 925	26 328	109	70	36 431	20 981				
н	Transportation and storage	10 915	7 146	39	29	6 307	4 535				
I.	Accommodation and food service activities	20 656	13 167	99	81	12 128	7 984				
J	Information and communication	11 833	8 955	34	24	9 469	7 452				
К	Financial and insurance activities	1 327	940	77	65	1 135	801				
L	Real estate activities	11 129	6 579	34	30	9 790	5 866				
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 132	23 158	92	64	24 376	18 439				
Ν	Administrative and support service activities	11 941	8 213	9	6	8 469	6 024				
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	24	14	-	-	12	10				
Ρ	Education	1 551	1 164	1	1	1 022	797				
Q	Human health and social work activities	1 540	1 228	-	-	1 221	1 002				
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	2 898	1 961	8	5	1 765	1 189				
S	Other service activities	6 944	4 873	3	1	3 357	2 221				
т	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 MARCH 2024

(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	55 701	36 253	273	171	1 189	530	237	119		
А	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	983	540	-	-	4	3	4	3		
В	Mining and quarrying	22	8	-	-	3	1	-	-		
С	Manufacturing	4 587	3 250	3	1	134	48	8	3		
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	254	117	-	-	6	2	2	1		
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	207	86	-	-	11	-	2	1		
F	Construction	8 991	6 824	31	7	313	128	7	1		
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	9 102	5 154	6	1	263	116	14	6		
н	Transportation and storage	4 517	2 560	3	3	48	18	1	1		
I	Accommodation and food service activities	8 387	5 081	2	-	35	18	5	3		
J	Information and communication	2 273	1 446	6	4	49	28	2	1		
К	Financial and insurance activities	63	33	-	-	19	12	33	29		
L	Real estate activities	1 240	642	3	1	54	36	8	4		
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	6 235	4 400	209	147	200	102	20	6		
Ν	Administrative and support service activities	3 399	2 154	4	3	40	14	20	12		
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2	1	-	-	-	-	10	3		
Ρ	Education	522	363	1	-	4	2	1	1		
Q	Human health and social work activities	317	225	1	1	1	-	-	-		
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1 109	751	1	1	1	1	14	14		
S	Other service activities	3 491	2 618	3	2	4	1	86	30		
т	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 74.0% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held the second place by their number, with a share of 25.6% of registered and 25.0% 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 MARCH 2024

				Groups of legal org	anisational forms
		Total registered legal entities	Share of active legal entities, %	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	75 616	46,0	73 216	2 400
А	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4	50,0	4	-
В	Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-
С	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	-
н	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	-
К	Financial and insurance activities	247	18,2	247	-
L	Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	193	87,6	193	-
Ν	Administrative and support service activities	8	62,5	8	-
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2 852	32,3	452	2 400
Ρ	Education	2 844	90,4	2 844	-
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 783	63,8	3 783	-
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	20 795	48,2	20 795	-
S	Other service activities	44 442	41,3	44 442	-
т	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 46.0% of active ones. Their structure by activities shows that they were entities belonging to four activity sections: Other service activities, with 58.8% of registered and 41.3% of active ones, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security, with 3.8% of registered and 32.3% of active ones, Human health and social work activities, with 5.0% of registered and 63.8% of active entities, and Education, with only 3.8% of registered ones but with the largest share of active entities (90.4%).

### 7 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY COUNTIES, SITUATION AS ON 31 MARCH 2024

	Total registered	Trade cor	npanies	Co-oper	atives	Registered institutions, bodies,	Entities in crafts and trades and free
	legal entities	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	associations and organisations	lances
Republic of Croatia	296 259	217 482	144 918	3 161	716	75 616	98 466
Zagreb	19 314	14 971	10 648	124	19	4 219	5 706
Krapina-Zagorje	5 535	3 632	2 641	71	15	1 832	2 628
Sisak-Moslavina	6 536	3 866	2 600	141	21	2 529	2 454
Karlovac	5 673	3 515	2 511	108	23	2 050	1 994
Varaždin	8 703	6 056	4 526	79	17	2 568	3 111
Koprivnica-Križevci	4 834	2 903	1 989	179	31	1 752	1 752
Bjelovar-Bilogora	5 488	3 434	2 390	190	39	1 864	1 363
Primorje-Gorski kotar	24 673	19 020	11 870	137	30	5 516	10 331
Lika-Senj	2 529	1 469	1 007	68	13	992	888
Virovitica-Podravina	3 176	1 749	1 225	98	19	1 329	1 222
Požega-Slavonia	2 581	1 367	1 017	46	7	1 168	1 211
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	5 625	3 419	2 378	78	16	2 128	2 430
Zadar	11 443	8 436	5 777	208	46	2 799	5 170
Osijek-Baranja	14 472	8 655	6 115	238	75	5 579	5 117
Šibenik-Knin	6 408	4 081	2 646	189	37	2 138	2 957
Vukovar-Srijem	6 465	3 416	2 405	191	61	2 858	2 532
Split-Dalmatia	31 104	23 216	15 532	396	120	7 492	13 660
Istria	21 951	17 905	11 400	97	14	3 949	8 611
Dubrovnik-Neretva	8 686	5 832	4 123	96	34	2 758	4 142
Međimurje	6 468	4 780	3 573	39	8	1 649	1 498
City of Zagreb	94 595	75 760	48 545	388	71	18 447	19 689

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 20.0%. The County of Split-Dalmatia followed, with a share of 10.5% of legal entities and 13.9% 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 10.7% of registered entities.

### 8 CREATING, DELETING AND HARMONISING OF REGISTERED LEGAL ENTITIES, 2023 AND 2024

		2023					
	1 – 111	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII	1 – 111		
Creations	4 248	3 459	3 549	4 655	4 085		
Trade companies	3 900	3 121	3 290	4 317	3 731		
Other	348	338	259	338	354		
Deletions	110	29 273	14 984	2 044	1 545		
Enterprises	-	210 <sup>1)</sup>	202	9	6		
Trade companies	69	28 854	14 623	1 858	1 343		
Other	41	209	159	177	196		
Harmonisations according to the Companies Act	3	4	5	4	5		

1) Enterprises and co-operatives.

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

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