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# NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, JUNE 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 58.7%.

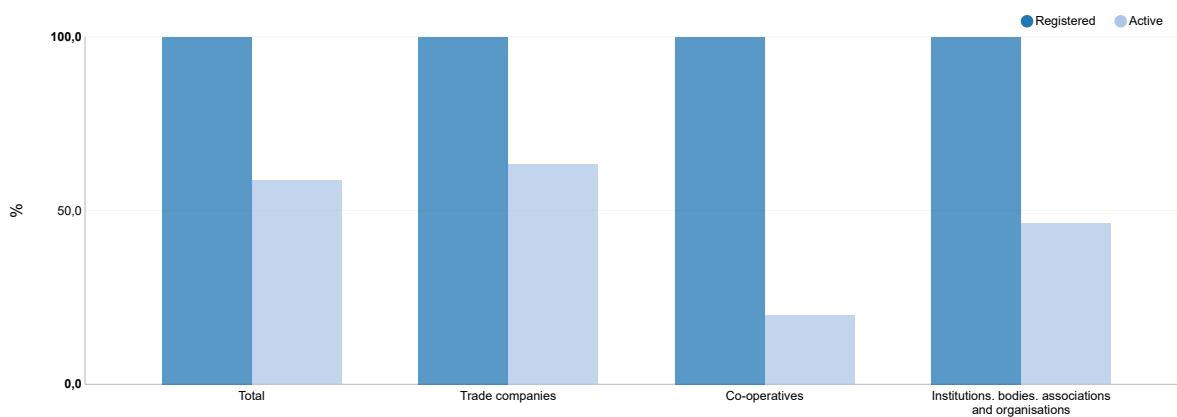
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 30 JUNE 2023

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	302 518	177 576	58,7
Trade companies	224 065	142 103	63,4
Co-operatives	3 367	673	20,0
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	75 086	34 800	46,3
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	98 848	-

## G-1 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES<sup>1)</sup>, BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, JUNE 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 30 JUNE 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	302 518	100,0	177 576	100,0	142 776	34 800	98 848
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5 515	1,8	2 566	1,4	2 564	2	2 630
B Mining and quarrying	339	0,1	190	0,1	190	-	34
C Manufacturing	23 229	7,7	15 558	8,8	15 555	3	8 310
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 817	0,6	988	0,6	988	-	20
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 291	0,4	869	0,5	866	3	103
F Construction	31 463	10,4	20 228	11,4	20 227	1	10 902
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	50 204	16,6	26 802	15,1	26 603	199	9 217
H Transportation and storage	11 012	3,6	6 960	3,9	6 926	34	6 555
I Accommodation and food service activities	21 654	7,2	13 292	7,5	13 242	50	7 946
J Information and communication	11 792	3,9	8 630	4,9	8 601	29	3 556
K Financial and insurance activities	1 804	0,6	1 007	0,6	963	44	512
L Real estate activities	11 258	3,7	6 515	3,7	6 515	-	595
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 810	10,5	22 888	12,9	22 721	167	16 236
N Administrative and support service activities	11 883	3,9	7 782	4,4	7 778	4	4 642
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 082	1,0	926	0,5	15	911	6 541
P Education	4 444	1,5	3 702	2,1	1 138	2 564	1 310
Q Human health and social work activities	5 320	1,8	3 533	2,0	1 140	2 393	4 978
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 483	7,8	11 929	6,7	1 944	9 985	3 290
S Other service activities	51 063	16,9	23 210	13,1	4 799	18 411	11 388
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	0,0	1	0,0	1	-	45
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	38

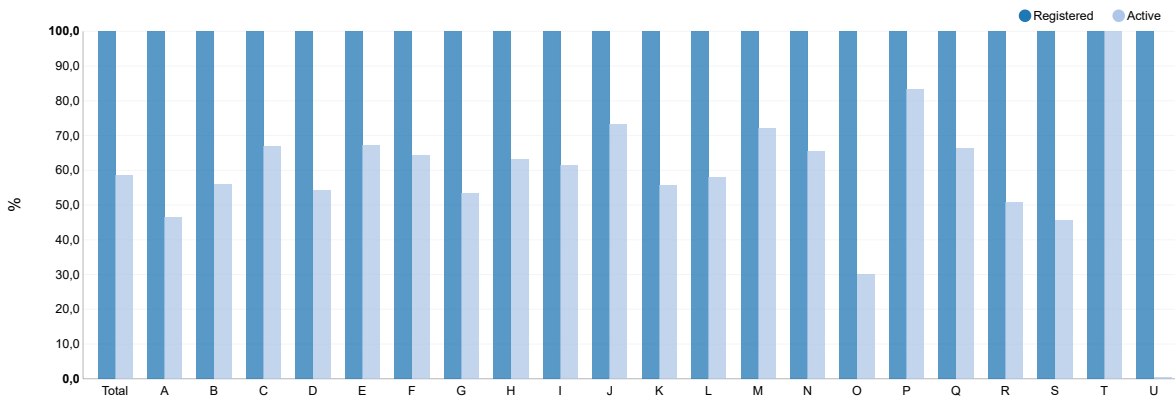
The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that more than a half of both registered and active entities belong to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles with 16.6% of registered and 15.1% of active entities, Manufacturing with 7.7% of registered and 8.8% of active entities, Professional, scientific and technical activities with 10.5% of registered and 12.9% of active entities, and Other service activities with 16.9% of registered and 13.1% of active entities.

The share of profit entities in the total active business entities was 80.4% and their structure by economic activities shows that 68.9% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of frequency: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (18.6%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (15.9%), Manufacturing (10.9%), Construction (14.2%) and Accommodation and food service activities (9.3%).

The share of non-profit active entities was 19.6%. Half of them were classified into the activity section Other service activities. The remaining half was distributed between Arts, entertainment and recreation (28.7%), 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 present 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, JUNE 2023**



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

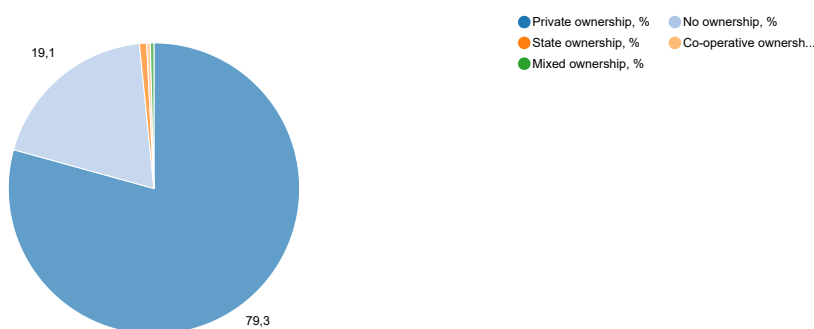
**NKD 2007 activity sections**

- 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 30 JUNE 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	177 576	1 425	0,8	140 906	79,3	673	0,4	672	0,4	33 900	19,1
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 566	9	0,4	2 287	89,1	244	9,5	24	0,9	2	0,1
B Mining and quarrying	190	4	2,1	177	93,2	2	1,1	7	3,7	-	-
C Manufacturing	15 558	58	0,4	15 212	97,8	122	0,8	164	1,1	2	0,0
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	988	34	3,4	944	95,5	1	0,1	9	0,9	-	-
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	869	318	36,6	542	62,4	1	0,1	6	0,7	2	0,2
F Construction	20 228	69	0,3	20 050	99,1	64	0,3	44	0,2	1	0,0
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	26 802	33	0,1	26 416	98,6	80	0,3	120	0,4	153	0,6
H Transportation and storage	6 960	60	0,9	6 828	98,1	13	0,2	29	0,4	30	0,4
I Accommodation and food service activities	13 292	43	0,3	13 098	98,5	41	0,3	63	0,5	47	0,4
J Information and communication	8 630	40	0,5	8 520	98,7	7	0,1	39	0,5	24	0,3
K Financial and insurance activities	1 007	18	1,8	930	92,4	7	0,7	10	1,0	42	4,2
L Real estate activities	6 515	37	0,6	6 455	99,1	2	0,0	21	0,3	-	-
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 888	188	0,8	22 469	98,2	30	0,1	95	0,4	106	0,5
N Administrative and support service activities	7 782	79	1,0	7 670	98,6	16	0,2	15	0,2	2	0,0
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	926	38	4,1	2	0,2	1	0,1	1	0,1	884	95,5
P Education	3 702	202	5,5	1 296	35,0	-	-	4	0,1	2 200	59,4
Q Human health and social work activities	3 533	60	1,7	1 366	38,7	17	0,5	3	0,1	2 087	59,1
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 929	101	0,8	1 901	15,9	15	0,1	5	0,0	9 907	83,0
S Other service activities	23 210	34	0,1	4 742	20,4	10	0,0	13	0,1	18 411	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, JUNE 2023



The structure of active legal entities by ownership types shows that the private ownership predominated with 79.3% 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 19.1% 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 98.1%. Approximately the same share of private ownership existed in the productive activities such as Construction (99.1%), 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 30 JUNE 2023

	Total	Number of persons in employment					
		0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more
Total	177 576	70 150	89 237	14 007	3 583	325	274
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 566	752	1 503	255	45	4	7
B Mining and quarrying	190	34	102	41	11	-	2
C Manufacturing	15 558	3 501	8 818	2 389	696	90	64
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	988	640	279	51	12	2	4
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	869	159	311	274	109	14	2
F Construction	20 228	6 500	11 465	1 965	274	17	7
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	26 802	7 246	17 025	2 134	308	42	47
H Transportation and storage	6 960	2 096	4 160	553	117	21	13
I Accommodation and food service activities	13 292	4 463	7 539	1 156	114	7	13
J Information and communication	8 630	3 014	4 857	635	103	14	7
K Financial and insurance activities	1 007	256	616	79	29	8	19
L Real estate activities	6 515	4 370	2 008	126	9	1	1
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 888	6 693	14 973	1 097	116	5	4
N Administrative and support service activities	7 782	3 393	3 817	449	98	13	12
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	926	28	221	451	177	28	21
P Education	3 702	498	1 175	967	1 037	19	6
Q Human health and social work activities	3 533	1 137	1 383	714	232	29	38
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 929	8 635	2 898	321	59	9	7
S Other service activities	23 210	16 734	6 087	350	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 50.3% belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 39.5% of entities without persons in employment, 7.9% 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 30 JUNE 2023

	Legal organisational forms					
	Total		Joint stock companies		Limited liability companies	
	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active
Total	224 065	142 103	1 150	678	165 466	104 773
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4 351	2 320	36	18	3 282	1 841
B Mining and quarrying	332	188	13	7	294	171
C Manufacturing	22 854	15 433	344	180	17 704	11 922
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 809	987	9	6	1 546	870
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 281	865	7	3	1 036	739
F Construction	30 652	20 164	122	65	21 546	13 421
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	49 649	26 523	159	76	39 738	21 056
H Transportation and storage	10 916	6 913	57	32	6 454	4 373
I Accommodation and food service activities	21 475	13 201	115	82	12 535	7 860
J Information and communication	11 702	8 594	36	25	9 318	7 062
K Financial and insurance activities	1 402	955	85	73	1 205	811
L Real estate activities	11 249	6 513	35	29	9 951	5 819
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 516	22 691	107	69	24 765	18 044
N Administrative and support service activities	11 789	7 762	9	6	8 486	5 706
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	29	14	-	-	16	9
P Education	1 579	1 138	2	1	1 061	772
Q Human health and social work activities	1 477	1 123	-	-	1 175	924
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	2 921	1 929	10	5	1 816	1 172
S Other service activities	7 081	4 789	4	1	3 537	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 30 JUNE 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	55 712	35 854	342	172	1 139	508	256	118
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1 025	456	-	-	4	2	4	3
B Mining and quarrying	22	9	-	-	3	1	-	-
C Manufacturing	4 663	3 283	3	1	131	45	9	2
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	247	109	-	-	6	2	1	-
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	226	120	-	-	11	3	1	-
F Construction	8 626	6 539	45	8	304	130	9	1
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	9 468	5 271	9	1	257	113	18	6
H Transportation and storage	4 352	2 484	6	3	46	20	1	1
I Accommodation and food service activities	8 788	5 242	2	-	31	15	4	2
J Information and communication	2 291	1 476	6	4	48	26	3	1
K Financial and insurance activities	61	28	-	-	17	11	34	32
L Real estate activities	1 201	632	6	1	47	27	9	5
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	6 178	4 328	255	147	187	96	24	7
N Administrative and support service activities	3 236	2 024	4	3	37	13	17	10
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2	1	-	-	-	-	11	4
P Education	510	362	1	-	4	2	1	1
Q Human health and social work activities	300	198	1	1	1	-	-	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	1 079	736	1	1	1	1	14	14
S Other service activities	3 437	2 556	3	2	4	1	96	29
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 73.8% of registered and 73.7% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held the second place by their number, with a share of 24.9% of registered and 25.2% of active companies. Other legal forms of trade companies constituted the remaining share of 1.3%.

6 REGISTERED NON-PROFIT LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS AND BY ACTIVITY AND LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 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	75 086	46,3	72 647	2 439
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	89,2	223	-
H Transportation and storage	35	97,1	35	-
I Accommodation and food service activities	56	89,3	56	-
J Information and communication	67	43,3	67	-
K Financial and insurance activities	241	18,3	241	-
L Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	197	84,8	197	-
N Administrative and support service activities	8	50,0	8	-
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 052	29,8	613	2 439
P Education	2 862	89,6	2 862	-
Q Human health and social work activities	3 805	62,9	3 805	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	20 532	48,6	20 532	-
S Other service activities	43 937	41,9	43 937	-
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 46.3% of active ones. Their structure by activities shows that they were entities belonging to four activity sections: Other service activities with 58.5% of registered and 41.9% of active ones, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security with 4.1% of registered and 29.8% of active ones, Human health and social work activities with 5.1% of registered and 62.9% of active entities and Education with only 3.8% of registered ones, but with the largest share of active entities (89.6%).



## 7 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY COUNTIES, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2023

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	302 518	224 065	142 103	3 367	673	75 086	98 848
Zagreb	19 422	15 110	10 184	131	21	4 181	5 470
Krapina-Zagorje	5 559	3 651	2 539	71	13	1 837	2 568
Sisak-Moslavina	6 784	4 010	2 527	150	22	2 624	2 310
Karlovac	5 812	3 655	2 421	121	24	2 036	1 934
Varaždin	8 982	6 341	4 347	90	17	2 551	2 960
Koprivnica-Križevci	4 955	3 037	1 983	189	30	1 729	1 670
Bjelovar-Bilogora	5 606	3 546	2 337	203	38	1 857	1 331
Primorje-Gorski kotar	25 464	19 838	11 802	146	26	5 480	10 467
Lika-Senj	2 580	1 520	996	72	7	988	993
Virovitica-Podravina	3 241	1 809	1 187	108	15	1 324	1 183
Požega-Slavonia	2 621	1 410	996	49	7	1 162	1 170
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	5 701	3 517	2 260	85	18	2 099	2 340
Zadar	11 235	8 257	5 434	207	41	2 771	5 550
Osijek-Baranja	14 775	8 982	5 977	261	73	5 532	4 953
Šibenik-Knin	6 604	4 284	2 555	199	34	2 121	3 317
Vukovar-Sirmium	6 559	3 540	2 336	206	56	2 813	2 442
Split-Dalmatia	31 393	23 550	15 263	413	108	7 430	14 320
Istria	22 796	18 779	11 179	107	14	3 910	8 969
Dubrovnik-Neretva	8 864	6 033	4 040	97	30	2 734	4 538
Međimurje	6 885	5 208	3 542	47	8	1 630	1 426
City of Zagreb	96 680	77 988	48 198	415	71	18 277	18 937

The data on the territorial distribution of business entities at the county level show that slightly less than one third of the total number of registered business entities (legal entities) were situated in the City of Zagreb. The City of Zagreb, however, had a significantly lower share of entities in crafts and trades and free lances, amounting to 19.2%. The County of Split-Dalmatia followed, with a share of 10.4% of legal entities and 14.5% 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 34.8% of registered and 33.9% of active entities, while the second largest county, the County of Split-Dalmatia, had a share of 10.7% of active and 10.5% 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
Creations	4 266	4 484	3 915	4 189	4 248	3 459
Trade companies	3 811	4 121	3 584	3 824	3 900	3 121
Other	455	363	331	365	348	338
Deletions	144	602	152	113	110	29 273
Enterprises	-	4 <sup>1)</sup>	-	2	-	210
Trade companies	88	113	61	80	69	28 854
Other	56	485	91	31	41	209
Harmonisations according to the Companies Act	2	3	6	3	3	4

1) Enterprises and co-operatives.

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

The share of trade companies in the number of newly created entities was 90.2% 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

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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