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NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, JUNE 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 72.2%.

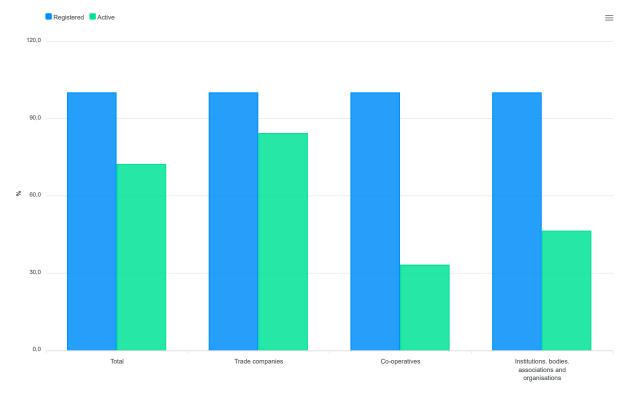
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 2024

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	248 255	179 241	72,2
Trade companies	170 417	143 512	84,2
Co-operatives	2 129	704	33,1
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	75 709	35 025	46,3
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	105 222	-

G-1 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES¹⁾, BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, JUNE 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 30 JUNE 2024

			Number of le	egal 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	248 255	100,0	179 241	100,0	144 216	35 025	105 222
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 825	1,5	2 815	1,6	2 813	2	2 594
В	Mining and quarrying	227	0,1	185	0,1	185	-	33
C	Manufacturing	17 493	7,0	15 402	8,6	15 399	3	8 515
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 566	0,6	1 039	0,6	1 039	-	17
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	989	0,4	830	0,5	827	3	111
F	Construction	25 801	10,4	21 317	11,9	21 316	1	12 128
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	31 702	12,8	26 027	14,5	25 836	191	9 274
Н	Transportation and storage	8 577	3,5	7 183	4,0	7 149	34	7 114
1	Accommodation and food service activities	15 982	6,4	13 021	7,3	12 971	50	7 916
J	Information and communication	10 154	4,1	8 951	5,0	8 920	31	3 849
K	Financial and insurance activities	1 410	0,6	965	0,5	917	48	511
L	Real estate activities	9 274	3,7	6 636	3,7	6 636	-	639
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	26 235	10,6	23 106	12,9	22 937	169	17 976
N	Administrative and support service activities	9 779	3,9	8 190	4,6	8 185	5	5 297
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2 859	1,2	945	0,5	15	930	6 718
Р	Education	4 072	1,6	3 692	2,1	1 124	2 568	1 741
Q	Human health and social work activities	5 098	2,1	3 592	2,0	1 245	2 347	4 954
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 234	9,4	12 090	6,7	1 976	10 114	3 467
S	Other service activities	49 923	20,1	23 254	13,0	4 725	18 529	12 289
Т	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	34

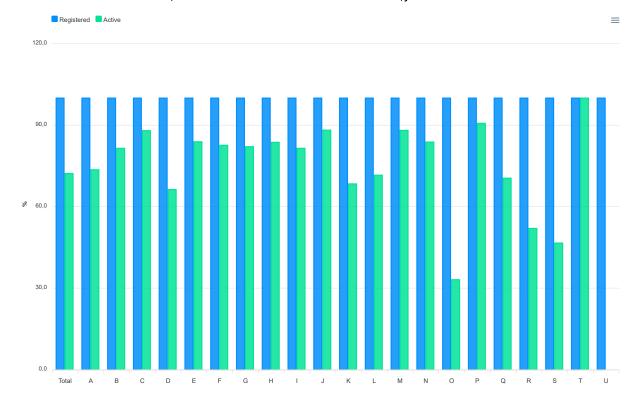
The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that more than a half of registered and active entities belonged to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, with 12.8% of registered and 14.5% of active entities, Manufacturing, with 7.0% of registered and 8.6% of active entities, Professional, scientific and technical activities, with 10.6% of registered and 12.9% of active entities, and Other service activities, with 20.1% of registered and 13.0% of active entities.

The share of profit entities in the total active business entities was 80.5% and their structure by economic activities shows that 68.3% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of frequency: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (17.9%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (15.9%), Manufacturing (10.7%), Construction (14.8%) and Accommodation and food service activities (9.0%).

The share of non-profit active entities was 19.5%. Half of them were classified into the activity section Other service activities. The remaining half was distributed between Arts, entertainment and recreation (28.9%), Education (7.3%), Human health and social work activities (6.7%), 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, JUNE 2024



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

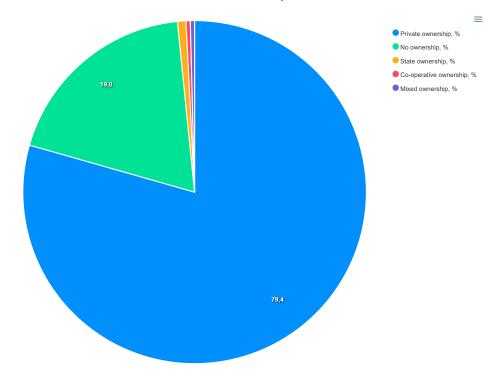
NKD 2007 activity sections

- 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 2024

			Ownership types									
		Total	State ov	vership	Private o	wnership		erative ership	Mixed o	wership	No ow	ership
		, otal	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %								
	Total	179 241	1 447	0,8	142 409	79,5	705	0,4	637	0,4	34 043	19,0
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 815	9	0,3	2 491	88,5	293	10,4	20	0,7	2	0,1
В	Mining and quarrying	185	3	1,6	174	94,1	2	1,1	6	3,2	-	-
C	Manufacturing	15 402	55	0,4	15 071	97,9	118	0,8	156	1,0	2	0,0
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 039	34	3,3	993	95,6	5	0,5	7	0,7	-	-
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	830	324	39,0	496	59,8	1	0,1	7	0,8	2	0,2
F	Construction	21 317	65	0,3	21 152	99,2	60	0,3	39	0,2	1	0,0
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	26 027	30	0,1	25 663	98,6	78	0,3	111	0,4	145	0,6
Н	Transportation and storage	7 183	59	0,8	7 058	98,3	8	0,1	28	0,4	30	0,4
ı	Accommodation and food service activities	13 021	44	0,3	12 828	98,5	39	0,3	64	0,5	46	0,4
J	Information and communication	8 951	39	0,4	8 840	98,8	7	0,1	39	0,4	26	0,3
K	Financial and insurance activities	965	16	1,7	886	91,8	7	0,7	10	1,0	46	4,8
L	Real estate activities	6 636	33	0,5	6 583	99,2	1	0,0	19	0,3	-	-
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	23 106	181	0,8	22 701	98,2	28	0,1	91	0,4	105	0,5
N	Administrative and support service activities	8 190	82	1,0	8 071	98,5	20	0,2	14	0,2	3	0,0
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	945	35	3,7	3	0,3	1	0,1	1	0,1	905	95,8
Р	Education	3 692	221	6,0	1 297	35,1	-	-	3	0,1	2 171	58,8
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 592	71	2,0	1 496	41,6	17	0,5	3	0,1	2 005	55,8
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	12 090	110	0,9	1 936	16,0	12	0,1	6	0,0	10 026	82,9
S	Other service activities	23 254	36	0,2	4 669	20,1	8	0,0	13	0,1	18 528	79,7
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, JUNE 2024



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 19.0% 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 98.3%. 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 30 JUNE 2024

		Total		N	umber of perso	ns in employme	ent	
		Total	0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more
	Total	179 241	69 167	91 433	14 350	3 673	341	277
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 815	964	1 539	259	41	5	7
В	Mining and quarrying	185	29	98	45	11	-	2
C	Manufacturing	15 402	3 140	8 947	2 442	706	103	64
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 039	661	314	46	11	3	4
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	830	127	302	271	115	12	3
F	Construction	21 317	6 568	12 390	2 049	288	16	6
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	26 027	6 891	16 562	2 180	307	42	45
Н	Transportation and storage	7 183	2 211	4 211	601	126	19	15
1	Accommodation and food service activities	13 021	4 154	7 421	1 287	135	11	13
J	Information and communication	8 951	2 718	5 434	652	124	13	10
K	Financial and insurance activities	965	240	601	67	33	6	18
L	Real estate activities	6 636	4 286	2 202	137	8	2	1
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	23 106	6 440	15 380	1 156	119	6	5
N	Administrative and support service activities	8 190	3 587	4 009	459	108	14	13
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	945	45	272	414	165	31	18
Р	Education	3 692	475	1 160	971	1 061	19	6
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 592	1 145	1 496	659	225	28	39
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	12 090	8 694	2 994	328	57	10	7
S	Other service activities	23 254	16 791	6 101	327	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 51.0% belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 38.6% 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 30 JUNE 2024

		Legal organisational forms								
		Tot	al	Joint stock co	ompanies	Limited liability	companies			
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active			
	Total	170 417	143 512	764	618	124 680	106 543			
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 185	2 520	20	14	2 402	1 980			
В	Mining and quarrying	225	183	6	6	203	168			
C	Manufacturing	17 261	15 281	212	165	13 304	11 929			
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 560	1 035	7	5	1 370	905			
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	981	826	5	3	825	738			
F	Construction	25 090	21 257	80	55	16 933	14 189			
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	31 326	25 758	92	69	24 518	20 548			
Н	Transportation and storage	8 515	7 141	35	29	5 123	4 509			
1	Accommodation and food service activities	15 871	12 932	88	80	9 413	7 920			
J	Information and communication	10 074	8 913	27	23	8 222	7 471			
K	Financial and insurance activities	1 071	909	71	63	911	776			
L	Real estate activities	9 270	6 635	31	30	8 189	5 925			
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	25 997	22 909	72	63	20 499	18 310			
N	Administrative and support service activities	9 709	8 165	8	6	6 975	6 001			
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	19	14	-	-	11	10			
Р	Education	1 254	1 124	1	1	849	782			
Q	Human health and social work activities	1 395	1 228	-	-	1 128	1 008			
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	2 327	1 964	6	5	1 408	1 200			
S	Other service activities	5 286	4 717	3	1	2 396	2 173			
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 30 JUNE 2024

(continued)

		Legal organisational forms									
			Simple limited liability companies Public trade companies Main subsidiaries of foreign trade companies or individual traders				nies or Other legal forms				
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active		
	Total	43 936	35 546	203	169	654	517	180	119		
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	757	520	-	-	3	3	3	3		
В	Mining and quarrying	15	8	-	-	1	1	-	-		
C	Manufacturing	3 679	3 140	2	1	60	44	4	2		
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	177	122	-	-	4	2	2	1		
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	146	84	-	-	4	-	1	1		
F	Construction	7 893	6 874	8	7	172	131	4	1		
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6 571	5 026	1	1	136	108	8	6		
Н	Transportation and storage	3 328	2 581	3	3	25	18	1	1		
1	Accommodation and food service activities	6 344	4 910	1	-	21	19	4	3		
J	Information and communication	1 789	1 386	4	4	31	28	1	1		
K	Financial and insurance activities	43	29	-	-	13	12	33	29		
L	Real estate activities	998	639	2	1	43	36	7	4		
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	5 123	4 288	175	146	114	96	14	6		
Ν	Administrative and support service activities	2 684	2 127	4	3	21	15	17	13		
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1	1	-	-	-	-	7	3		
Р	Education	401	338	-	-	2	2	1	1		
Q	Human health and social work activities	265	219	1	1	1	-	-	-		
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	897	743	1	1	1	1	14	14		
S	Other service activities	2 825	2 511	1	1	2	1	59	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 74.2% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held the second place by their number, with a share of 25.8% of registered and 24.8% of active companies. Other legal forms of trade companies constituted the remaining share of 1.0%.

6 REGISTERED NON-PROFIT LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS AND BY ACTIVITY AND LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2024

				Groups of legal or	ganisational 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	75 709	46,3	73 313	2 396
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4	50,0	4	-
В	Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-
C	Manufacturing	7	42,9	7	-
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	-	-	-	-
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	4	75,0	4	-
F	Construction	1	100,0	1	-
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	202	94,6	202	-
Н	Transportation and storage	34	100,0	34	-
1	Accommodation and food service activities	51	98,0	51	-
J	Information and communication	68	45,6	68	-
K	Financial and insurance activities	248	19,4	248	-
L	Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	185	91,4	185	-
N	Administrative and support service activities	7	71,4	7	-
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2 839	32,8	443	2 396
Р	Education	2 818	91,1	2 818	-
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 681	63,8	3 681	-
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	20 885	48,4	20 885	-
S	Other service activities	44 621	41,5	44 621	-
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 46.3% of active ones. Their structure by activities shows that they were entities belonging to four activity sections: Other service activities, with 58.9% of registered and 41.5% of active ones, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security, with 3.7% of registered and 32.8% of active ones, Human health and social work activities, with 4.9% of registered and 63.8% of active entities, and Education, with only 3.7% of registered ones but with the largest share of active entities (91.1%).

7 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY COUNTIES, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2024

	Total registered	Trade con	npanies	Co-oper	atives	Registered institutions, bodies,	Entities in crafts and trades and
	legal entities	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	associations and organisations	free lances
Republic of Croatia	248 255	170 417	143 512	2 129	704	75 709	105 222
Zagreb	16 390	12 063	10 639	90	21	4 237	5 849
Krapina-Zagorje	4 860	2 974	2 606	54	14	1 832	2 691
Sisak-Moslavina	5 636	3 007	2 574	104	21	2 525	2 510
Karlovac	4 977	2 859	2 504	70	23	2 048	1 999
Varaždin	7 738	5 109	4 467	56	17	2 573	3 170
Koprivnica-Križevci	3 995	2 201	1 941	45	28	1 749	1 778
Bjelovar-Bilogora	4 504	2 581	2 352	66	37	1 857	1 407
Primorje-Gorski kotar	19 577	13 965	11 667	95	29	5 517	11 106
Lika-Senj	2 213	1 184	994	39	13	990	1 030
Virovitica-Podravina	2 673	1 314	1 193	32	18	1 327	1 247
Požega-Slavonia	2 312	1 117	991	30	7	1 165	1 215
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	4 942	2 754	2 386	60	16	2 128	2 500
Zadar	9 915	6 956	5 752	149	46	2 810	5 914
Osijek-Baranja	12 591	6 815	6 000	191	74	5 585	5 208
Šibenik-Knin	5 476	3 238	2 613	103	36	2 135	3 536
Vukovar-Srijem	5 720	2 709	2 386	153	59	2 858	2 613
Split-Dalmatia	26 180	18 359	15 313	308	120	7 513	15 632
Istria	18 179	14 153	11 298	74	13	3 952	9 443
Dubrovnik-Neretva	7 650	4 824	4 083	60	33	2 766	4 653
Međimurje	5 651	3 967	3 518	25	8	1 659	1 531
City of Zagreb	77 076	58 268	48 235	325	71	18 483	20 190

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 10.5% of legal entities and 14.9% of natural persons.

Three counties had a share larger than 5.0% of registered legal entities: the County of Primorje-Gorski kotar (7.9%), the County of Istria (7.3%) and the County of Zagreb (6.6%). 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 34.2% of registered and 33.6% of active entities, while the second largest county, the County of Split-Dalmatia, had a share of 10.7% of active and 10.8% of registered entities.

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

		20:	2024			
	1 – 111	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII	I – III	IV – VI
Creations	4 248	3 459	3 549	4 655	4 085	4 054
Trade companies	3 900	3 121	3 290	4 317	3 731	3 741
Other	348	338	259	338	354	313
Deletions	110	29 273	14 984	2 044	1 545	52 127
Enterprises	-	210 ¹⁾	202	9	6	1 036
Trade companies	69	28 854	14 623	1 858	1 343	50 859
Other	41	209	159	177	196	232
Harmonisations according to the Companies Act	3	4	5	4	5	1

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 harmonisations decreased, while the number of deletions increased.

The share of trade companies in the number of newly created entities was 92.3% 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 haves

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

European Union EU Fina

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

Symbols

no occurrence

0,0 value not zero but less than 0.05 of the unit of measure used

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