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NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, SEPTEMBER 2026

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 **71.2%**.

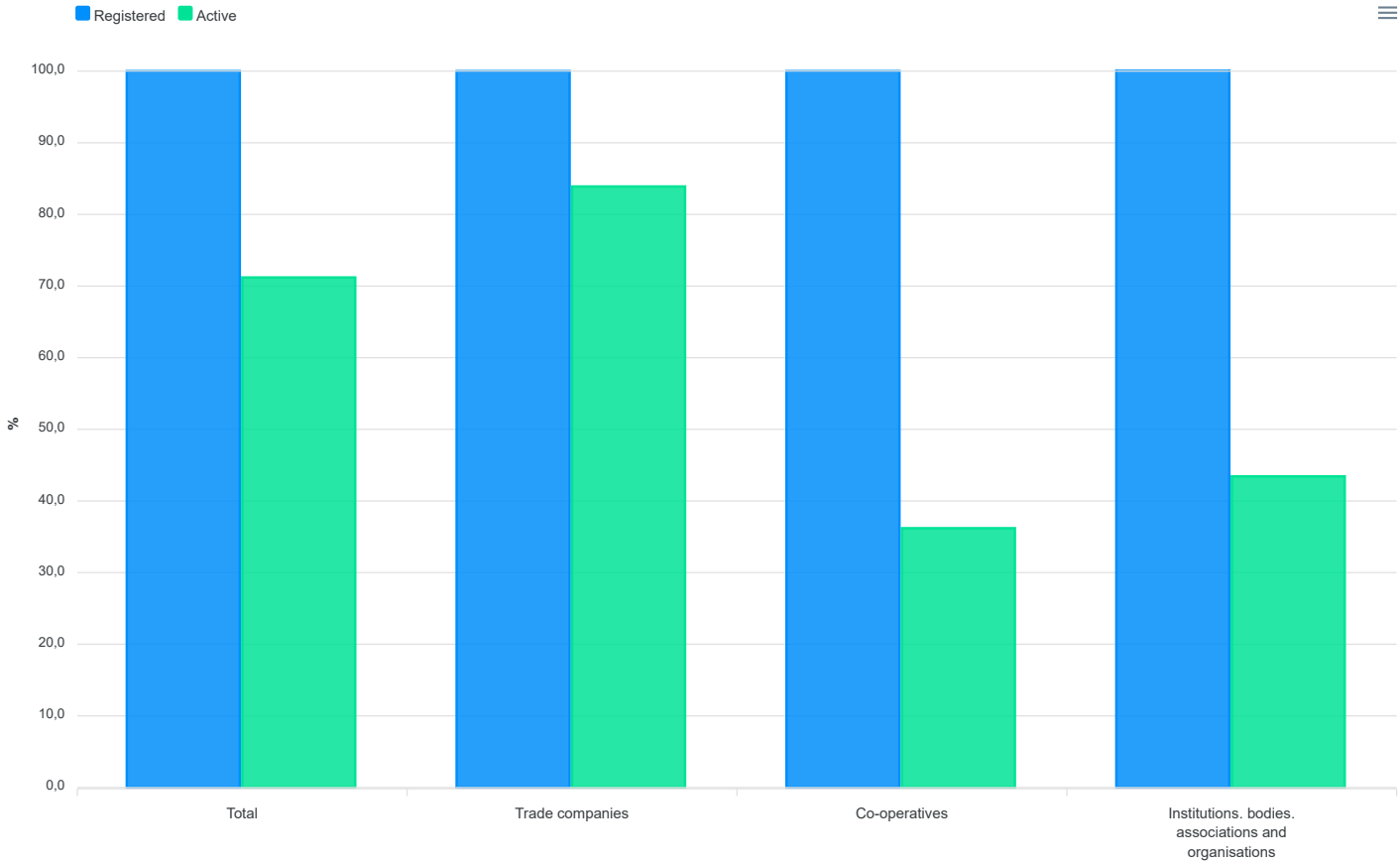
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of the data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 SEPTEMBER 2026

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	259 248	184 561	71,2
Trade companies	178 738	150 014	83,9
Co-operatives	1 614	585	36,2
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	78 896	33 962	43,0
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	114 948	-

G-1 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES[1)], BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SEPTEMBER 2026



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

2 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD 2025 SECTIONS, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2026[1)]

		Legal entities				Active legal entities	
		Registered	Structure of registered legal entities, %	Active	Structure of active legal entities, %	Profit	Non-profit
	Total	259 248	100,0	184 561	100,0	150 599	33 962
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 609	1,4	2 569	1,4	2 567	2
B	Mining and quarrying	228	0,1	189	0,1	189	-
C	Manufacturing	17 622	6,8	15 529	8,4	15 526	3
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 692	0,7	964	0,5	964	-
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	850	0,3	678	0,4	677	1
F	Construction	27 043	10,4	23 202	12,6	23 201	1
G	Wholesale and retail trade	28 423	11,0	23 106	12,5	22 918	188
H	Transportation and storage	9 233	3,6	7 766	4,2	7 733	33
I	Accommodation and food service activities	16 064	6,2	13 031	7,1	12 982	49
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 942	0,7	1 649	0,9	1 620	29
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	9 212	3,6	8 229	4,5	8 226	3
L	Financial and insurance activities	1 454	0,6	965	0,5	927	38
M	Real estate activities	11 749	4,5	7 885	4,3	7 885	-
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	27 807	10,7	24 437	13,2	24 273	164
O	Administrative and support service activities	10 114	3,9	8 343	4,5	8 338	5
P	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2 870	1,1	919	0,5	16	903
Q	Education	4 225	1,6	3 831	2,1	1 182	2 649
R	Human health and social work activities	5 555	2,1	3 810	2,1	1 560	2 250
S	Arts, sports and recreation	24 535	9,5	12 326	6,7	2 178	10 148
T	Other service activities	54 966	21,2	25 132	13,6	7 636	17 496
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	0,0	1	0,0	1	-
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	-	-	-	-

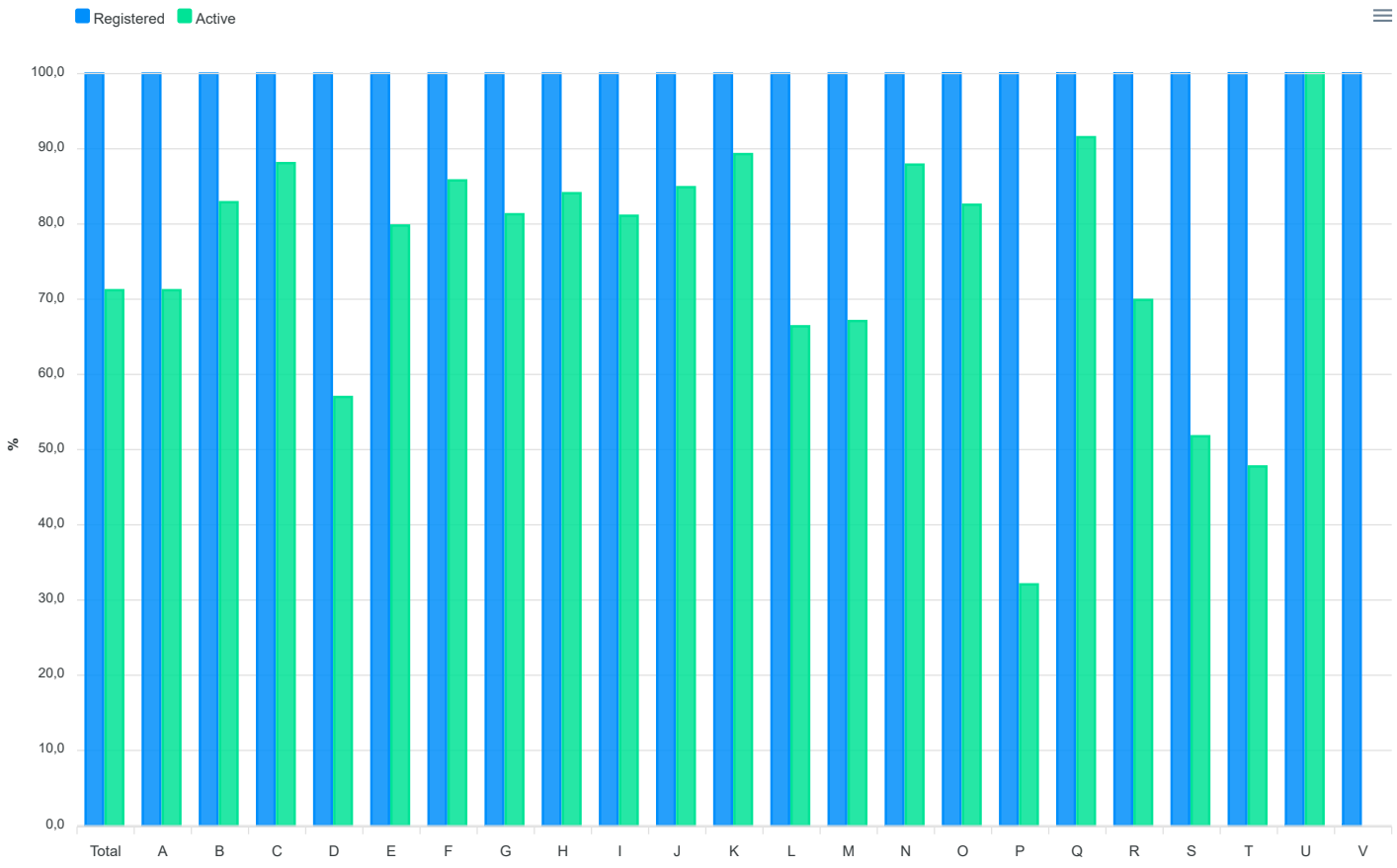
1) As of 2025, the "Crafts and trades and free lances" data are not displayed due to data incomparability.

The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that half of the registered and active entities belonged to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade, with 11.0% of registered and 12.5% of active entities, Manufacturing, with 6.8% of registered and 8.4% of active entities, Professional, scientific and technical activities, with 10.7% of registered and 13.2% of active entities, and Other service activities, with 21.2% of registered and 13.6% of active entities.

The share of profit entities in the total active business entities was 81.6% and their structure by economic activities shows that 65.8% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of share size: Wholesale and retail trade (15.4%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (16.1%), Manufacturing (10.3%), Construction (15.4%), and Accommodation and food service activities (8.6%).

The share of non-profit active entities was 18.4%. Half of them were classified into the activity section Other service activities. The remaining half was distributed between Arts, sports and recreation (29.9%), Education (7.8%), Human health and social work activities (6.6%), and Public administration and defence; compulsory social security (2.7%).

G-2 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES[1)], BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD 2025 SECTIONS, SEPTEMBER 2026



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

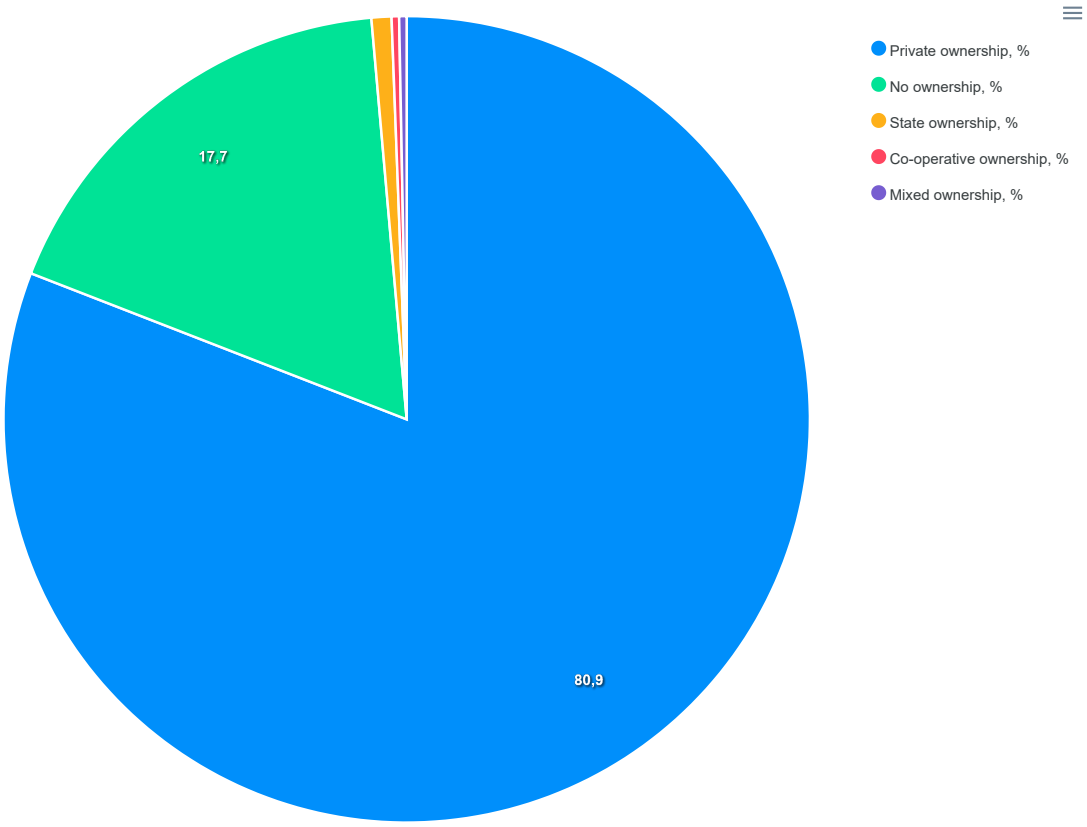
NKD 2025 activity sections

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
H Transportation and storage
I Accommodation and food service activities
J Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities
K Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities
L Financial and insurance activities
M Real estate activities
N Professional, scientific and technical activities
O Administrative and support service activities
P Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
Q Education
R Human health and social work activities
S Arts, sports and recreation
T Other service activities
U Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use
V Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies

3 STRUCTURE OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, BY OWNERSHIP TYPES AND NKD 2025 SECTIONS, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

		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	184 561	1 484	0,8	149 224	80,9	585	0,3	535	0,3	32 733	17,7
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 569	9	0,4	2 304	89,7	236	9,2	18	0,7	2	0,1
B	Mining and quarrying	189	2	1,1	179	94,7	2	1,1	6	3,2	-	-
C	Manufacturing	15 529	48	0,3	15 262	98,3	98	0,6	119	0,8	2	0,0
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	964	34	3,5	920	95,4	2	0,2	8	0,8	-	-
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	678	239	35,3	429	63,3	2	0,3	7	1,0	1	0,1
F	Construction	23 202	61	0,3	23 069	99,4	42	0,2	29	0,1	1	0,0
G	Wholesale and retail trade	23 106	30	0,1	22 795	98,7	69	0,3	77	0,3	135	0,6
H	Transportation and storage	7 766	58	0,7	7 644	98,4	7	0,1	29	0,4	28	0,4
I	Accommodation and food service activities	13 031	43	0,3	12 860	98,7	32	0,2	54	0,4	42	0,3
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 649	32	1,9	1 563	94,8	2	0,1	28	1,7	24	1,5
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	8 229	14	0,2	8 197	99,6	5	0,1	10	0,1	3	0,0
L	Financial and insurance activities	965	16	1,7	901	93,4	3	0,3	9	0,9	36	3,7
M	Real estate activities	7 885	38	0,5	7 823	99,2	7	0,1	17	0,2	-	-
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	24 437	167	0,7	24 062	98,5	28	0,1	81	0,3	99	0,4
O	Administrative and support service activities	8 343	88	1,1	8 226	98,6	14	0,2	12	0,1	3	0,0
P	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	919	41	4,5	2	0,2	1	0,1	1	0,1	874	95,1
Q	Education	3 831	293	7,6	1 383	36,1	-	-	4	0,1	2 151	56,1
R	Human health and social work activities	3 810	89	2,3	1 899	49,8	13	0,3	2	0,1	1 807	47,4
S	Arts, sports and recreation	12 326	143	1,2	2 136	17,3	10	0,1	6	0,0	10 031	81,4
T	Other service activities	25 132	39	0,2	7 569	30,1	12	0,0	18	0,1	17 494	69,6
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	-	-	1	100,0	-	-	-	-	-	-
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

G-3 STRUCTURE OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, BY OWNERSHIP TYPES, SEPTEMBER 2026



The structure of active legal entities by ownership types shows that private ownership predominated with **80.9%** of entities, while **0.8%** of entities were owned by the state, **0.3%** of them were in mixed ownership and **0.3%** of entities were in co-operative ownership. The ownership of **17.7%** 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 had a share of 98.7%, Real estate activities of 99.2%, and Transportation and storage of 98.4%. Approximately the same share of private ownership existed in the productive activities such as Construction (99.4%), Manufacturing (98.3%), and Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities (99.6%).

4 NUMBER OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025 SECTIONS AND BY NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

		Total	Number of persons in employment					
			0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more
	Total	184 561	66 315	98 203	15 467	3 945	350	281
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 569	765	1 476	271	45	5	7
B	Mining and quarrying	189	36	96	46	9	-	2
C	Manufacturing	15 529	2 884	9 234	2 530	720	103	58
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	964	523	370	47	16	4	4
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	678	73	265	206	119	13	2
F	Construction	23 202	6 417	14 057	2 379	325	18	6
G	Wholesale and retail trade	23 106	5 795	14 754	2 148	327	36	46
H	Transportation and storage	7 766	2 096	4 808	686	141	18	17
I	Accommodation and food service activities	13 031	3 772	7 565	1 503	162	12	17
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 649	476	1 039	110	18	4	2
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	8 229	2 324	5 180	587	120	10	8
L	Financial and insurance activities	965	270	573	68	30	7	17
M	Real estate activities	7 885	4 587	3 113	165	17	2	1
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	24 437	6 321	16 772	1 188	144	9	3
O	Administrative and support service activities	8 343	3 199	4 424	554	134	16	16
P	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	919	16	231	448	175	30	19
Q	Education	3 831	504	1 217	986	1 101	16	7
R	Human health and social work activities	3 810	1 157	1 625	714	240	34	40
S	Arts, sports and recreation	12 326	8 691	3 198	356	63	11	7
T	Other service activities	25 132	16 408	8 206	475	39	2	2
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
V	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 (**53.2%**) belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 35.9% of entities without persons in employment, 8.4% of entities employing 10 – 49 persons and 2.1% of entities employing 50 – 249 persons, while entities employing more than 250 persons had a share of only 0.4%.

5 TRADE COMPANIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025 SECTIONS AND BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

		Legal organisational forms					
		Total		Joint-stock companies		Limited liability companies	
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active
	Total	178 738	150 014	709	565	132 390	112 198
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 018	2 331	20	15	2 329	1 858
B	Mining and quarrying	226	187	6	5	207	171
C	Manufacturing	17 399	15 428	183	134	13 446	12 048
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 686	962	7	5	1 509	860
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	842	675	4	2	701	603
F	Construction	26 901	23 159	74	52	17 867	15 195
G	Wholesale and retail trade	28 063	22 849	80	57	22 867	18 979
H	Transportation and storage	9 171	7 726	33	26	5 584	4 935
I	Accommodation and food service activities	15 955	12 950	78	71	9 878	8 178
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	1 870	1 618	17	15	1 516	1 341
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	9 199	8 221	11	10	7 618	6 987
L	Financial and insurance activities	1 115	923	71	65	955	792
M	Real estate activities	11 605	7 879	32	29	10 458	7 123
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	27 569	24 245	68	60	22 090	19 663
O	Administrative and support service activities	10 061	8 325	7	5	7 362	6 252
P	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	18	14	-	-	11	10
Q	Education	1 305	1 182	1	1	904	836
R	Human health and social work activities	1 770	1 547	-	-	1 445	1 288
S	Arts, sports and recreation	2 544	2 168	7	6	1 600	1 377
T	Other service activities	8 420	7 624	10	7	4 042	3 701
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	1	1
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-

5 TRADE COMPANIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025 SECTIONS AND BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

(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	44 568	36 445	197	166	703	536	171	104
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	663	453	-	-	4	3	2	2
B	Mining and quarrying	12	10	-	-	1	1	-	-
C	Manufacturing	3 699	3 190	2	1	65	53	4	2
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	163	95	-	-	5	2	2	-
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	134	68	-	-	2	1	1	1
F	Construction	8 769	7 774	7	6	181	132	3	-
G	Wholesale and retail trade	4 973	3 704	-	-	137	104	6	5
H	Transportation and storage	3 526	2 743	3	3	24	18	1	1
I	Accommodation and food service activities	5 967	4 678	1	-	27	23	4	-
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	328	255	4	4	5	3	-	-
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	1 537	1 197	-	-	33	27	-	-
L	Financial and insurance activities	41	21	-	-	15	15	33	30
M	Real estate activities	1 049	677	3	3	53	41	10	6
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	5 116	4 287	170	143	114	87	11	5
O	Administrative and support service activities	2 642	2 034	4	3	32	24	14	7
P	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1	1	-	-	-	-	6	3
Q	Education	397	343	-	-	2	1	1	1
R	Human health and social work activities	323	258	1	1	1	-	-	-
S	Arts, sports and recreation	921	769	1	1	-	-	15	15
T	Other service activities	4 307	3 888	1	1	2	1	58	26
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V	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 74.1% of registered and 74.8% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held second place by their number, with a share of 24.9% of registered and 24.3% 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 2025 SECTIONS AND BY ACTIVITY AND LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

		Total registered legal entities	Share of active legal entities, %	Groups of legal organisational forms	
				Associations, institutions, economic co-operations, judiciary, foundations, fundraising campaigns, political parties and other organisations	State government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units
	Total	78 896	43,0	76 489	2 407
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	-	-	-	-
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	3	33,3	3	-
F	Construction	1	100,0	1	-
G	Wholesale and retail trade	198	94,9	198	-
H	Transportation and storage	34	97,1	34	-
I	Accommodation and food service activities	50	98,0	50	-
J	Publishing, broadcasting and content production and distribution activities	67	43,3	67	-
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	6	50,0	6	-
L	Financial and insurance activities	251	15,1	251	-
M	Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	185	88,6	185	-
O	Administrative and support service activities	7	71,4	7	-
P	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2 850	31,7	443	2 407
Q	Education	2 920	90,7	2 920	-
R	Human health and social work activities	3 764	59,8	3 764	-
S	Arts, sports and recreation	21 970	46,2	21 970	-
T	Other service activities	46 525	37,6	46 525	-
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	54	-

The structure of registered non-profit legal entities by legal organisational forms shows that associations, institutions, co-operations and similar organisations had a share of 96.9%, while state government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units had a share of 3.1%.

Concerning the activity of the mentioned legal entities, there were **43.0%** of active ones. Their structure by activities shows that they were entities belonging to four activity sections: Other service activities, with 59.0% of registered and 37.6% of active ones, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security, with 3.6% of registered and 31.7% of active ones, Human health and social work activities, with 4.8% of registered and 59.8% of active entities, and Education, with only 3.7% of registered ones but with the largest share of active entities (90.7%).

7 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY COUNTIES, SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

	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	259 248	178 738	150 014	1 614	585	78 896	114 948
Zagreb	17 820	13 295	11 754	64	18	4 461	6 522
Krapina-Zagorje	5 274	3 321	2 910	44	11	1 909	2 959
Sisak-Moslavina	5 848	3 185	2 758	72	21	2 591	2 602
Karlovac	5 187	3 018	2 640	46	16	2 123	2 039
Varaždin	8 189	5 483	4 810	45	15	2 661	3 541
Koprivnica-Križevci	4 124	2 265	2 016	37	23	1 822	1 989
Bjelovar-Bilogora	4 682	2 705	2 468	52	34	1 925	1 501
Primorje-Gorski Kotar	20 269	14 457	12 018	63	25	5 749	11 471
Lika-Senj	2 295	1 238	1 020	30	9	1 027	1 010
Virovitica-Podravina	2 785	1 391	1 244	22	9	1 372	1 389
Požega-Slavonia	2 479	1 235	1 106	22	7	1 222	1 359
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	5 333	3 074	2 694	47	14	2 212	2 896
Zadar	10 666	7 549	6 224	112	41	3 005	6 425
Osijek-Baranja	13 061	7 096	6 266	155	67	5 810	5 935
Šibenik-Knin	5 739	3 415	2 735	77	30	2 247	3 801
Vukovar-Srijem	5 941	2 856	2 521	119	46	2 966	2 993
Split-Dalmatia	27 667	19 561	16 227	241	101	7 865	17 022
Istria	18 626	14 475	11 470	41	10	4 110	10 303
Dubrovnik-Neretva	7 877	4 953	4 167	54	26	2 870	4 879
Međimurje	5 878	4 072	3 589	19	6	1 787	1 672
City of Zagreb	79 508	60 094	49 377	252	56	19 162	22 640

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 19.7%. The County of Split-Dalmatia followed, with a share of 10.7% of legal entities and 14.8% of natural persons.

Three counties had a share larger than 5.0% of registered legal entities: the County of Primorje-Gorski Kotar (7.8%), the County of Istria (7.2%), and the County of Zagreb (6.9%). 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 33.6% of registered and 33.0% of active entities, while the second largest county, the County of Split-Dalmatia, had a share of 10.8% of active and 10.9% of registered entities.

8 CREATING, DELETING AND HARMONISING OF REGISTERED LEGAL ENTITIES, 2025 AND 2026

	2025				2026		
	I – III	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII	I – III	IV – VI	VII – IX
Creations	4 038	3 634	3 227	3 605	3 542	3 517	3 198
Trade companies	3 641	3 296	2 923	3 253	3 114	3 147	2 881
Other	397	338	304	352	428	370	317
Deletions	2 591	2 293	1 764	1 980	2 602	3 086	2 618
Enterprises[1)]	18	11	10	9	8	131	335
Trade companies	2 542	2 263	1 737	1 944	2 566	2 918	2 260
Other	31	19	17	27	28	37	23
Harmonisations according to the Companies Act	5	4	1	6	6	1	4

1) Enterprises and co-operatives.

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

The share of trade companies in the number of newly created entities was **90.1%** in the observed period.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

I Introduction

On the basis of the Act on the National Classification of Activities (NN, No. 98/94), the Decision on the National Classification of Activities – NKD 2025 (NN, No. 47/24) and the Ordinance on the Classification of Business Entities According to the National Classification of Activities – NKD 2025 (NN, No. 81/24), the Croatian Bureau of Statistics keeps the Register of Business Entities (hereinafter referred to as: the Register). The Register, pursuant to the 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 2025 is based on the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community – NACE Rev. 2.1, which is obligatory in EU Member States.

II Methods and sources of data collection

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

All business entities and parts thereof entered into the Register are also assigned an activity code according to the NKD 2025.

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 2025. 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 2025 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 or the underlying purpose of 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 databases.

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 database and the Statistical Business Register (hereinafter referred to as: eSPRi).

The data of the Register of Business Entities are linked to administrative databases 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, 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 (levies, duties, 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 entered into the Register. These are: trade companies, institutions, co-operatives, associations, political parties, public government bodies and other non-harmonised units that had legal personality according to the legislation previously in force.

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

Registration number is the 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 units has been determined by a decision of a competent registration body or by a regulation 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 refers to the ownership of assets, that is, to start-up deposit of a business entity.

Concerning business entities entered into the Commercial Court register, an ownership mark is designated when registering to the Register of Business Entities. As for business entities entered at other registry bodies, the ownership mark is not designated when registering to the Register of Business Entities and, therefore, they are entered under ''No ownership'' under the item Ownership types.

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

Abbreviations

EU	European Union
Fina	Financial Agency
NKD 2025	National Classification of Activities, 2025 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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