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### NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, DECEMBER 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 **71.0%**.

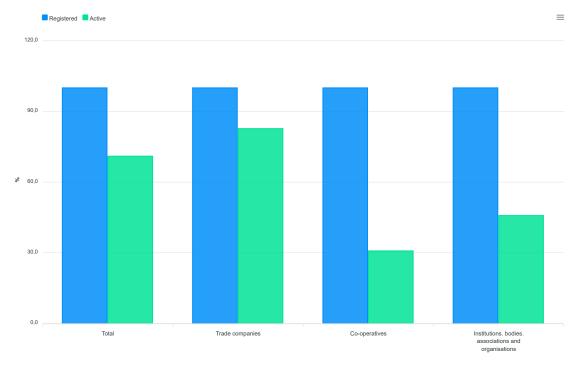
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of the data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	251 254	178 443	71,0
Trade companies	172 627	142 732	82,7
Co-operatives	2 116	652	30,8
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	76 511	35 059	45,8
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	102 817	-

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



### 2 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2024

			Number of leg	al entities		Active lega	al entities	6 6 1
		Registered	Structure of registered legal entities, %	Active	Structure of active legal entities, %	Profit	Non-profit	Crafts and trades and free lances
	Total	251 254	100,0	178 443	100,0	143 384	35 059	102 817
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 773	1,5	2 730	1,5	2 728	2	2 549
В	Mining and quarrying	229	0,1	186	0,1	186	-	31
C	Manufacturing	17 619	7,0	15 384	8,6	15 381	3	8 428
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 634	0,7	963	0,5	963	-	16
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	987	0,4	813	0,5	811	2	106
F	Construction	26 566	10,6	21 580	12,1	21 579	1	12 800
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	31 524	12,5	25 433	14,3	25 242	191	8 206
Н	Transportation and storage	8 805	3,5	7 199	4,0	7 165	34	6 602
L	Accommodation and food service activities	15 947	6,3	12 670	7,1	12 621	49	6 263
J	Information and communication	10 390	4,1	9 064	5,1	9 036	28	3 964
K	Financial and insurance activities	1 424	0,6	912	0,5	891	21	489
L	Real estate activities	9 501	3,8	6 500	3,6	6 500	-	637
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	26 602	10,6	23 174	13,0	23 013	161	18 587
Ν	Administrative and support service activities	10 027	4,0	8 169	4,6	8 164	5	4 647
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2 862	1,1	965	0,5	15	950	6 532
Р	Education	4 120	1,6	3 724	2,1	1 145	2 579	1 987
Q	Human health and social work activities	5 199	2,1	3 600	2,0	1 284	2 316	4 935
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 553	9,4	12 105	6,8	1 980	10 125	3 435
S	Other service activities	50 437	20,1	23 270	13,0	4 679	18 591	12 536
т	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	0,0	1	0,0	1	-	37
U	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	1	0,0	-	1	-
	Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	30

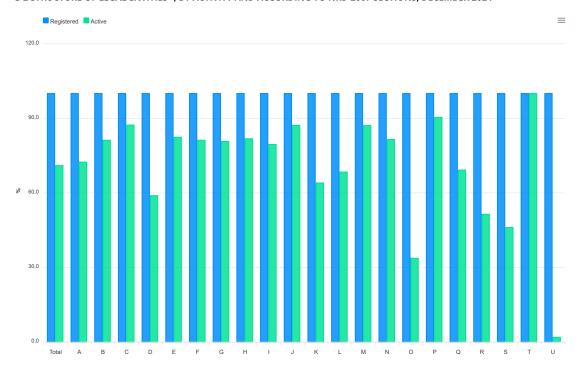
The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that more than a half of registered and active entities belonged to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, with 12.5% of registered and 14.3% of active entities, Manufacturing, with 7.0% of registered and 8.6% of active entities, Professional, scientific and technical activities, with 10.6% of registered and 13.0% 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 80.4% and their structure by economic activities shows that 68.1% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of share size: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (17.6%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (16.0%), Manufacturing (10.7%), Construction (15.0%) and Accommodation and food service activities (8.8%).

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 (28.9%), Education (7.4%), Human health and social work activities (6.6%), 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 ENTITIES<sup>1)</sup>, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS, DECEMBER 2024



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

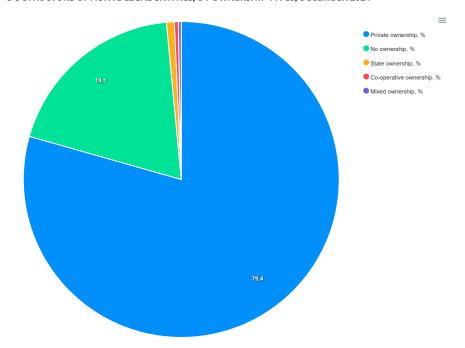
#### NKD 2007 activity sections

- 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
- 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
- Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households
- for own use
- U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies

# 3 STRUCTURE OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, BY OWNERSHIP TYPES AND NKD 2007 SECTIONS, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2024

							Ownersh	ip types				
			State ow	nership	Private ov	vnership	Co-operative	ownership	Mixed ow	nership	No own	ership
		Total	Number of legal entities	Share in total, %								
	Total	178 443	1 461	0,8	141 716	79,4	653	0,4	593	0,3	34 020	19,1
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 730	9	0,3	2 426	88,9	273	10,0	20	0,7	2	0,1
В	Mining and quarrying	186	3	1,6	175	94,1	2	1,1	6	3,2	-	-
C	Manufacturing	15 384	52	0,3	15 075	98,0	112	0,7	143	0,9	2	0,0
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	963	32	3,3	922	95,7	3	0,3	6	0,6	-	-
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	813	319	39,2	484	59,5	1	0,1	7	0,9	2	0,2
F	Construction	21 580	67	0,3	21 421	99,3	56	0,3	35	0,2	1	0,0
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	25 433	30	0,1	25 083	98,6	74	0,3	103	0,4	143	0,6
н	Transportation and storage	7 199	62	0,9	7 072	98,2	8	0,1	28	0,4	29	0,4
ı	Accommodation and food service activities	12 670	44	0,3	12 487	98,6	36	0,3	59	0,5	44	0,3
J	Information and communication	9 064	40	0,4	8 956	98,8	7	0,1	37	0,4	24	0,3
K	Financial and insurance activities	912	18	2,0	859	94,2	6	0,7	10	1,1	19	2,1
L	Real estate activities	6 500	33	0,5	6 447	99,2	1	0,0	19	0,3	-	-
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	23 174	174	0,8	22 791	98,3	25	0,1	84	0,4	100	0,4
N	Administrative and support service activities	8 169	81	1,0	8 057	98,6	16	0,2	12	0,1	3	0,0
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	965	38	3,9	2	0,2	1	0,1	1	0,1	923	95,6
Р	Education	3 724	234	6,3	1 337	35,9	-	-	3	0,1	2 150	57,7
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 600	71	2,0	1 556	43,2	14	0,4	3	0,1	1 956	54,3
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	12 105	118	1,0	1 941	16,0	10	0,1	5	0,0	10 031	82,9
S	Other service activities	23 270	36	0,2	4 624	19,9	8	0,0	12	0,1	18 590	79,9
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	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	100,0

### G-3 STRUCTURE OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, BY OWNERSHIP TYPES, DECEMBER 2024



The structure of active legal entities by ownership types shows that private ownership predominated with **79.4%** of entities, while **0.8%** of entities were owned by the state, **0.3%** 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 99.2% and Transportation and storage of 98.2%. Approximately the same share of private ownership existed in the productive activities such as Construction (99.3%), Manufacturing (98.0%) and Information and communication (98.8%).

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

		<b>T</b>	Number of persons in employment						
		Total	0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more	
	Total	178 443	62 222	96 839	14 958	3 786	357	281	
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 730	867	1 532	279	40	5	7	
В	Mining and quarrying	186	33	94	48	9	-	2	
С	Manufacturing	15 384	2 676	9 302	2 516	718	110	62	
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	963	542	351	51	12	3	4	
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	813	109	302	269	118	12	3	
F	Construction	21 580	5 290	13 744	2 222	302	16	6	
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	25 433	5 882	16 926	2 224	318	37	46	
Н	Transportation and storage	7 199	1 815	4 575	634	140	19	16	
1	Accommodation and food service activities	12 670	3 371	7 735	1 387	151	12	14	
J	Information and communication	9 064	2 292	5 920	695	130	17	10	
K	Financial and insurance activities	912	192	594	70	31	7	18	
L	Real estate activities	6 500	3 929	2 419	140	9	2	1	
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	23 174	5 596	16 250	1 185	132	6	5	
Ν	Administrative and support service activities	8 169	3 154	4 363	500	121	18	13	
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	965	22	311	416	165	29	22	
Р	Education	3 724	437	1 198	985	1 079	19	6	
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 600	1 046	1 605	655	222	33	39	
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	12 105	8 562	3 124	344	58	11	6	
S	Other service activities	23 270	16 406	6 494	337	31	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	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	

Observation of the structure of active legal entities according to the number of persons in paid employment shows that the highest share (54.3%) belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 34.9% 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 2007 SECTIONS AND BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2024

				Legal organisati	onal forms		
		Total		Joint stock co	mpanies	Limited liability o	companies
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active
	Total	172 627	142 732	760	604	126 661	106 559
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 142	2 455	19	14	2 398	1 947
В	Mining and quarrying	227	184	6	6	206	167
C	Manufacturing	17 385	15 269	208	152	13 404	11 941
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 628	961	7	5	1 439	850
Е	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	980	810	5	3	820	725
F	Construction	25 857	21 524	79	55	17 441	14 351
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	31 152	25 168	92	70	24 449	20 179
Н	Transportation and storage	8 743	7 157	34	28	5 243	4 553
I	Accommodation and food service activities	15 839	12 585	87	77	9 492	7 834
J	Information and communication	10 309	9 029	27	24	8 473	7 649
K	Financial and insurance activities	1 083	884	75	69	918	751
L	Real estate activities	9 498	6 499	31	27	8 422	5 848
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	26 364	22 988	71	61	20 848	18 485
Ν	Administrative and support service activities	9 957	8 148	8	5	7 191	6 057
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	20	14	-	-	12	10
Р	Education	1 283	1 145	1	1	877	801
Q	Human health and social work activities	1 480	1 270	-	-	1 198	1 051
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	2 374	1 970	7	7	1 442	1 213
S	Other service activities	5 305	4 671	3	-	2 387	2 146
Т	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	1	1
U	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-

## 5 TRADE COMPANIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007 SECTIONS AND BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2024

(continued)

		Legal organisational forms										
		Simple limited compani		Public trade co	mpanies	Main subsidia foreign trade co or individual t	mpanies	Other legal forms				
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active			
	Total	44 146	34 780	204	168	677	509	179	112			
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	719	489	-	-	3	2	3	3			
В	Mining and quarrying	14	10	-	-	1	1	-	-			
C	Manufacturing	3 707	3 128	2	1	60	46	4	1			
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	175	103	-	-	5	2	2	1			
Ε	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	150	79	-	-	4	2	1	1			
F	Construction	8 147	6 983	8	7	178	127	4	1			
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6 465	4 806	1	1	138	106	7	6			
Н	Transportation and storage	3 438	2 556	3	2	24	17	1	1			
I	Accommodation and food service activities	6 233	4 654	1	-	22	19	4	1			
J	Information and communication	1 769	1 320	4	4	35	31	1	1			
K	Financial and insurance activities	44	21	-	-	13	13	33	30			
L	Real estate activities	992	587	2	1	44	32	7	4			
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	5 137	4 203	176	146	118	88	14	5			
Ν	Administrative and support service activities	2 710	2 052	4	3	26	20	18	11			
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1	1	-	-	-	-	7	3			
Р	Education	402	340	-	-	2	2	1	1			
Q	Human health and social work activities	280	218	1	1	1	-	-	-			
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	910	736	1	1	1	-	13	13			
S	Other service activities	2 853	2 494	1	1	2	1	59	29			
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 73.4% of registered and 74.7% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held the second place by their number, with a share of 25.6% of registered and 24.4% 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 31 DECEMBER 2024

				Groups of legal orga	anisational forms
		Total registered legal entities	Share of active legal entities, %	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	76 511	45,8	74 114	2 397
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	3	66,7	3	-
F	Construction	1	100,0	1	-
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	200	95,5	200	-
Н	Transportation and storage	34	100,0	34	-
1	Accommodation and food service activities	50	98,0	50	-
J	Information and communication	68	41,2	68	-
K	Financial and insurance activities	250	8,4	250	-
L	Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
М	Professional, scientific and technical activities	185	87,0	185	-
Ν	Administrative and support service activities	7	71,4	7	-
0	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2 841	33,4	444	2 397
Р	Education	2 837	90,9	2 837	-
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 697	62,6	3 697	-
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	21 157	47,9	21 157	-
S	Other service activities	45 116	41,2	45 116	-
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	1,9	54	-

The structure of registered non-profit legal entities by legal organisational forms shows that associations, institutions, cooperations 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 **45.8%** 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 41.2% of active ones, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security, with 3.7% of registered and 33.4% of active ones, Human health and social work activities, with 4.8% of registered and 62.6% of active entities, and Education, with only 3.7% of registered ones but with the largest share of active entities (90.9%).

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

	Total registered	Trade com	panies	Co-opera	tives	Registered institutions, bodies,	Entities in crafts
	legal entities	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	associations and organisations	and trades and free lances
Republic of Croatia	251 254	172 627	142 732	2 116	652	76 511	102 817
Zagreb	16 818	12 429	10 822	90	21	4 299	6 037
Krapina-Zagorje	4 960	3 059	2 643	54	13	1 847	2 770
Sisak-Moslavina	5 674	3 026	2 548	103	22	2 545	2 512
Karlovac	5 014	2 881	2 471	70	22	2 063	2 014
Varaždin	7 876	5 225	4 552	56	17	2 595	3 272
Koprivnica-Križevci	4 031	2 218	1 937	44	24	1 769	1 809
Bjelovar-Bilogora	4 559	2 622	2 373	66	37	1 871	1 400
Primorje-Gorski kotar	19 753	14 075	11 563	96	27	5 582	10 535
Lika-Senj	2 241	1 206	999	38	11	997	907
Virovitica-Podravina	2 691	1 326	1 170	30	12	1 335	1 268
Požega-Slavonia	2 339	1 124	999	30	7	1 185	1 255
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	5 067	2 855	2 474	59	14	2 153	2 590
Zadar	10 155	7 147	5 807	149	44	2 859	5 338
Osijek-Baranja	12 699	6 879	5 942	188	69	5 632	5 343
Šibenik-Knin	5 545	3 281	2 599	102	31	2 162	3 110
Vukovar-Srijem	5 751	2 721	2 344	153	58	2 877	2 664
Split-Dalmatia	26 463	18 573	15 219	306	110	7 584	14 394
Istria	18 400	14 339	11 128	72	11	3 989	9 166
Dubrovnik-Neretva	7 691	4 841	4 042	60	32	2 790	4 181
Međimurje	5 775	4 020	3 503	25	7	1 730	1 574
City of Zagreb	77 752	58 780	47 597	325	63	18 647	20 678

The data on the territorial distribution of business entities at the county level show that slightly less than one third of the total number of registered business entities (legal entities) were situated in the City of Zagreb. The City of Zagreb, however, had a significantly lower share of entities in crafts and trades and free lances, amounting to 20.1%. The County of Split-Dalmatia followed, with a share of 10.4% of legal entities and 14.0% 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 (6.7%). 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 34.1% of registered and 33.4% 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

		202	23					
	I – III	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII	I – III	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII
Creations	4 248	3 459	3 549	4 655	4 085	4 054	3 518	3 956
Trade companies	3 900	3 121	3 290	4 317	3 731	3 741	3 210	3 641
Other	348	338	259	338	354	313	308	315
Deletions	110	29 273	14 984	2 044	1 545	52 127	994	3 665
Enterprises	-	210 <sup>1)</sup>	202	9	6	1 036	7	12
Trade companies	69	28 854	14 623	1 858	1 343	50 859	971	3 625
Other	41	209	159	177	196	232	16	28
Harmonisations according to the Companies Act	3	4	5	4	5	1	5	5

<sup>1)</sup> Enterprises and co-operatives.

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

The share of trade companies in the number of newly created entities was 92.0% 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 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 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 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

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 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 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 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 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.

**Number of persons in employment** is a 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 the 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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