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# NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, JUNE 2022

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 56.0%.

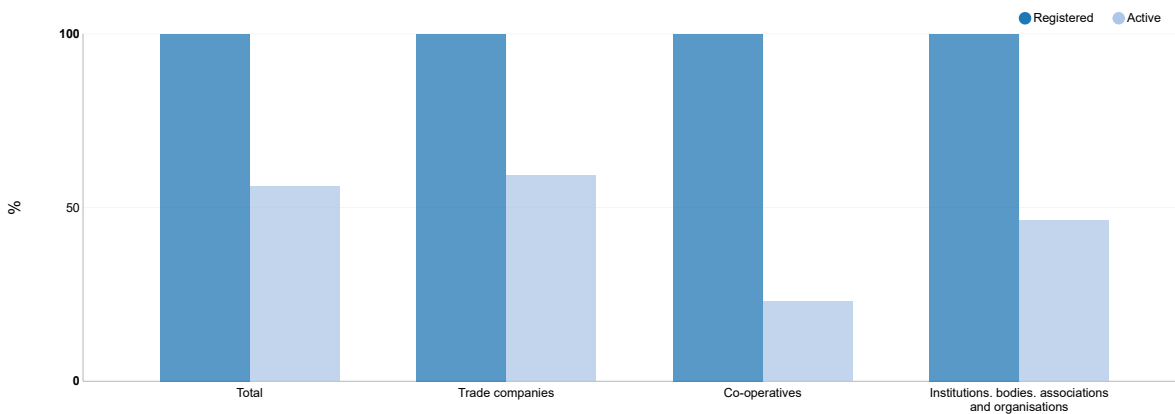
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 2022

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	316 052	176 882	56,0
Trade companies	238 572	141 743	59,4
Co-operatives	3 556	817	23,0
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	73 924	34 322	46,4
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	93 393	-

## G-1 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES<sup>1)</sup>, BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, JUNE 2022



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

2 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD-a 2007. SECTIONS, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2022

	Number of legal entities				Active legal entities		Crafts and trades and free lances
	Registered	Structure of registered legal entities, %	Active	Structure of active legal entities, %	Profit	Non-profit	
Total	316 052	100,0	176 882	100,0	142 560	34 322	93 393
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5 905	1,9	3 086	1,7	3 084	2	2 676
B Mining and quarrying	347	0,1	190	0,1	190	-	41
C Manufacturing	24 694	7,8	15 722	8,9	15 719	3	8 171
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 655	0,5	827	0,5	827	-	16
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 385	0,4	913	0,5	911	2	94
F Construction	32 304	10,2	19 501	11,0	19 500	1	10 094
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	55 756	17,6	28 050	15,9	27 852	198	9 357
H Transportation and storage	11 755	3,7	6 978	3,9	6 944	34	6 172
I Accommodation and food service activities	25 732	8,1	13 708	7,7	13 658	50	8 124
J Information and communication	11 763	3,7	8 169	4,6	8 141	28	3 477
K Financial and insurance activities	1 841	0,6	995	0,6	974	21	538
L Real estate activities	10 918	3,5	6 108	3,5	6 108	-	549
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	32 378	10,2	22 268	12,6	22 110	158	13 870
N Administrative and support service activities	12 479	3,9	7 558	4,3	7 555	3	4 043
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 069	1,0	912	0,5	17	895	6 246
P Education	4 520	1,4	3 687	2,1	1 136	2 551	991
Q Human health and social work activities	5 318	1,7	3 493	2,0	1 066	2 427	5 046
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 222	7,3	11 750	6,6	1 940	9 810	3 106
S Other service activities	50 955	16,1	22 966	13,0	4 827	18 139	10 685
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	2	0,0	1	0,0	1	-	50
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	47

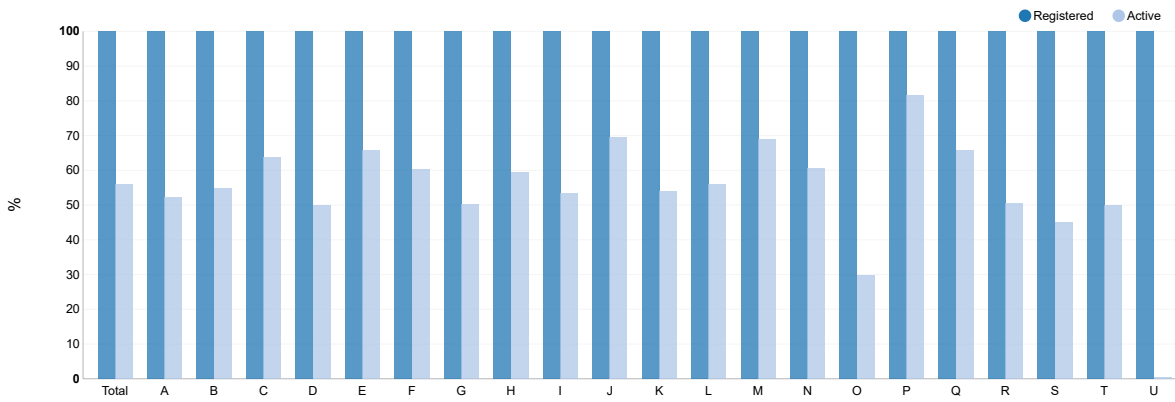
The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that more than a half of both registered and active entities belong to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles with 17.6% of registered and 15.9% of active entities, Manufacturing with 7.8% of registered and 8.9% of active entities, Professional, scientific and technical activities with 10.2% of registered and 12.6% of active entities and Other service activities with 16.1% of registered and 13.0% of active entities.

The share of profit entities in the total active business entities was 80.6% and their structure by economic activities shows that 69.2% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of frequency: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (19.5%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (15.5%), Manufacturing (11.0%), Construction (13.7%) and Accommodation and food service activities (9.5%).

The share of non-profit active entities was 19.4%. Half of them were classified into the activity section Other service activities. The remaining half was distributed between Arts, entertainment and recreation (28.6%), Education (7.4%), Human health and social work activities (7.1%) and Public administration and defence; compulsory social security (2.6%).

The structure of entities in crafts and trades and free lances by economic activities was much more balanced than the structure of legal entities. Professional, scientific and technical activities was the most present activity section. Besides this activity section, five other activities covered one half of the total number of entities.

G-2 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES<sup>1)</sup>, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD-a 2007. SECTIONS, JUNE 2022



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

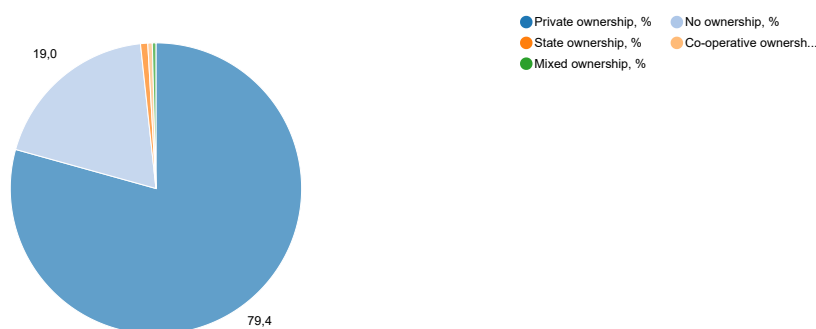
**NKD 2007. activity sections**

- 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 2022

	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	176 882	1 380	0,8	140 435	79,4	820	0,5	725	0,4	33 522	19,0	
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 086	14	0,5	2 689	87,1	352	11,4	29	0,9	2	0,1
B	Mining and quarrying	190	5	2,6	175	92,1	2	1,1	8	4,2	-	-
C	Manufacturing	15 722	61	0,4	15 346	97,6	135	0,9	178	1,1	2	0,0
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	827	35	4,2	779	94,2	4	0,5	9	1,1	-	-
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	913	320	35,0	584	64,0	1	0,1	7	0,8	1	0,1
F	Construction	19 501	74	0,4	19 307	99,0	72	0,4	47	0,2	1	0,0
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	28 050	40	0,1	27 639	98,5	86	0,3	126	0,4	159	0,6
H	Transportation and storage	6 978	61	0,9	6 841	98,0	10	0,1	36	0,5	30	0,4
I	Accommodation and food service activities	13 708	40	0,3	13 509	98,5	45	0,3	67	0,5	47	0,3
J	Information and communication	8 169	40	0,5	8 055	98,6	6	0,1	43	0,5	25	0,3
K	Financial and insurance activities	995	18	1,8	939	94,4	9	0,9	10	1,0	19	1,9
L	Real estate activities	6 108	37	0,6	6 048	99,0	2	0,0	21	0,3	-	-
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 268	182	0,8	21 843	98,1	34	0,2	100	0,4	109	0,5
N	Administrative and support service activities	7 558	72	1,0	7 451	98,6	19	0,3	14	0,2	2	0,0
O	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	912	34	3,7	4	0,4	1	0,1	1	0,1	872	95,6
P	Education	3 687	172	4,7	1 300	35,3	-	-	4	0,1	2 211	60,0
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 493	51	1,5	1 261	36,1	17	0,5	3	0,1	2 161	61,9
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 750	89	0,8	1 896	16,1	15	0,1	8	0,1	9 742	82,9
S	Other service activities	22 966	35	0,2	4 768	20,8	10	0,0	14	0,1	18 139	79,0
T	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	-	-	1	100,0	-	-	-	-	-	-
U	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

G-3 STRUCTURE OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, BY OWNERSHIP TYPES, JUNE 2022



The structure of active legal entities by ownership types shows that the private ownership predominated with 79.4% of entities, while 0.8% of entities were owned by the state, 0.4% of them were in mixed ownership and 0.5% 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 98.5%, Real estate activities of 99.0% and Transportation and storage of 98.0%. Approximately the same share of private ownership existed in the productive activities such as Construction (99.0%), Manufacturing (97.6%) and Information and communication (98.6%).

#### 4 NUMBER OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007. SECTIONS AND BY NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2022

	Total	Number of persons in employment					
		0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more
Total	176 882	70 962	88 189	13 673	3 467	319	272
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 086	1 222	1 557	251	45	4	7
B Mining and quarrying	190	38	101	39	10	-	2
C Manufacturing	15 722	3 882	8 634	2 385	667	92	62
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	827	497	258	54	12	3	3
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	913	196	321	274	106	14	2
F Construction	19 501	6 670	10 649	1 894	265	16	7
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	28 050	8 053	17 453	2 142	311	45	46
H Transportation and storage	6 978	2 082	4 194	559	109	19	15
I Accommodation and food service activities	13 708	4 411	8 087	1 086	106	6	12
J Information and communication	8 169	3 009	4 452	595	92	15	6
K Financial and insurance activities	995	251	612	76	27	10	19
L Real estate activities	6 108	4 080	1 896	123	7	1	1
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 268	6 556	14 541	1 048	116	3	4
N Administrative and support service activities	7 558	3 160	3 839	439	99	9	12
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	912	18	223	448	172	29	22
P Education	3 687	508	1 175	975	1 005	18	6
Q Human health and social work activities	3 493	1 199	1 339	668	224	25	38
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 750	8 480	2 891	304	59	9	7
S Other service activities	22 966	16 649	5 967	313	35	1	1
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Observation of the structure of active legal entities according to the number of persons in paid employment shows that the highest share of 49.9% belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 40.1% of entities without persons in employment, 7.7% 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 2022

	Legal organisational forms					
	Total		Joint stock companies		Limited liability companies	
	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active
Total	238 572	141 743	1 191	716	171 014	103 401
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4 665	2 732	37	19	3 452	2 105
B Mining and quarrying	339	188	14	8	297	172
C Manufacturing	24 280	15 584	357	192	18 406	11 942
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 647	824	9	6	1 398	734
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 372	910	8	4	1 092	764
F Construction	31 483	19 429	125	71	21 826	12 949
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	55 186	27 767	163	80	43 123	21 888
H Transportation and storage	11 660	6 934	63	38	6 681	4 305
I Accommodation and food service activities	25 537	13 613	125	88	13 486	7 727
J Information and communication	11 679	8 135	37	27	9 064	6 564
K Financial and insurance activities	1 457	964	85	74	1 243	812
L Real estate activities	10 909	6 106	32	26	9 593	5 433
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	32 074	22 077	110	71	24 868	17 456
N Administrative and support service activities	12 380	7 536	10	6	8 621	5 517
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	32	16	-	-	19	11
P Education	1 618	1 136	2	1	1 080	774
Q Human health and social work activities	1 458	1 049	-	-	1 132	859
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	3 058	1 925	10	4	1 858	1 160
S Other service activities	7 736	4 817	4	1	3 774	2 228
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	2	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 2022

(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	64 643	36 811	364	181	1 091	496	269	138
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1 167	602	1	1	4	2	4	3
B Mining and quarrying	25	6	-	-	3	2	-	-
C Manufacturing	5 376	3 399	3	1	129	48	9	2
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	234	81	-	-	5	2	1	1
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	262	141	-	-	9	1	1	-
F Construction	9 193	6 276	45	8	284	123	10	2
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	11 616	5 675	11	2	255	115	18	7
H Transportation and storage	4 864	2 565	6	3	45	22	1	1
I Accommodation and food service activities	11 889	5 781	2	-	31	15	4	2
J Information and communication	2 521	1 513	6	4	47	25	4	2
K Financial and insurance activities	77	34	-	-	17	11	35	33
L Real estate activities	1 225	615	6	2	42	22	11	8
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	6 621	4 292	273	153	177	92	25	13
N Administrative and support service activities	3 693	1 989	4	3	33	12	19	9
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2	1	-	-	-	-	11	4
P Education	530	358	1	-	4	2	1	1
Q Human health and social work activities	324	189	1	1	1	-	-	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	1 174	745	1	1	1	1	14	14
S Other service activities	3 849	2 549	4	2	4	1	101	36
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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 71.7% of registered and 72.9% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held the second place by their number, with a share of 27.1% of registered and 26.0% of active companies. Other legal forms of trade companies constituted the remaining share of 1.3%.

6 REGISTERED NON-PROFIT LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007. SECTIONS AND BY ACTIVITY AND LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2022

	Total registered legal entities	Share of active legal entities, %	Groups of legal organisational forms	
			Associations, institutions, economic co-operations, foundations, fundraising campaigns, political parties and other organisations	State government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units
Total	73 924	46,4	71 498	2 426
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4	50,0	4	-
B Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-
C Manufacturing	7	42,9	7	-
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1	0,0	1	-
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	5	40,0	5	-
F Construction	1	100,0	1	-
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	220	90,0	220	-
H Transportation and storage	35	97,1	35	-
I Accommodation and food service activities	56	89,3	56	-
J Information and communication	62	45,2	62	-
K Financial and insurance activities	218	9,6	218	-
L Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	199	79,4	199	-
N Administrative and support service activities	8	37,5	8	-
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 036	29,5	610	2 426
P Education	2 899	88,0	2 899	-
Q Human health and social work activities	3 815	63,6	3 815	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	20 131	48,7	20 131	-
S Other service activities	43 173	42,0	43 173	-
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	54	-

The structure of registered non-profit legal entities by legal forms shows that associations, institutions, co-operations and similar organisations had a share of 96.7%, while state government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units had a share of 3.3%.

Concerning the activity of the mentioned legal entities, there were 46.4% of active ones. Their structure by activities shows that they were entities belonging to four activity sections: Other service activities with 58.4% of registered and 42.0% of active ones, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security with 4.1% of registered and 29.5% of active ones, Human health and social work activities with 5.2% of registered and 63.6% of active entities and Education with only 3.9% of registered ones, but with the largest share of active entities (88.0%).



## 7 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY COUNTIES, SITUATION AS ON 30 JUNE 2022

County of	Total registered legal entities	Trade companies		Co-operatives		Registered institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	Entities in crafts and trades and free lances
		Registered	Active	Registered	Active		
Republic of Croatia	316 052	238 572	141 743	3 556	817	73 924	93 393
Zagreb	20 145	15 888	9 907	143	30	4 114	5 264
Krapina-Zagorje	5 687	3 802	2 454	75	17	1 810	2 513
Sisak-Moslavina	6 968	4 210	2 470	167	32	2 591	2 252
Karlovac	6 058	3 914	2 406	130	26	2 014	1 896
Varaždin	9 304	6 682	4 402	97	19	2 525	2 861
Koprivnica-Križevci	5 239	3 336	2 069	198	36	1 705	1 611
Bjelovar-Bilogora	5 945	3 906	2 367	209	44	1 830	1 294
Primorje-Gorski kotar	26 462	20 904	11 761	154	34	5 404	9 788
Lika-Senj	2 649	1 602	992	76	12	971	954
Virovitica-Podravina	3 403	1 968	1 223	117	21	1 318	1 129
Požega-Slavonia	2 722	1 528	1 002	52	7	1 142	1 130
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	5 892	3 745	2 263	90	21	2 057	2 220
Zadar	11 560	8 633	5 334	218	50	2 709	5 042
Osijek-Baranja	15 519	9 804	6 016	275	88	5 440	4 687
Šibenik-Knin	6 802	4 514	2 504	205	47	2 083	3 101
Vukovar-Sirmium	6 838	3 862	2 341	212	64	2 764	2 363
Split-Dalmatia	32 783	25 049	15 055	436	131	7 298	13 384
Istria	23 637	19 681	11 362	111	17	3 845	8 342
Dubrovnik-Neretva	9 116	6 332	4 058	101	35	2 683	4 171
Međimurje	7 237	5 589	3 528	48	9	1 600	1 366
City of Zagreb	102 086	83 623	48 229	442	77	18 021	18 025

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 19.3%. The County of Split-Dalmatia followed, with a share of 10.4% of legal entities and 14.3% of natural persons.

Three counties had a share larger than 5.0% of registered legal entities: the County of Primorje-Gorski kotar (8.4%), the County of Istria (7.5%) and the County of Zagreb (6.4%). The number of natural persons came in the same order.

The territorial structure of active trade companies was different in relation to the structure of the registered ones. Hence, the City of Zagreb had a share of 35.1% of registered and 34.0% of active entities, while the share of the second largest county, the County of Split-Dalmatia, was 10.6% of active and 10.5% of registered entities.

## 8 CREATING, DELETING AND HARMONISING OF REGISTERED LEGAL ENTITIES, 2021 AND 2022

	2021				2022	
	I – III	IV – VI	VII – IX	X – XII	I – III	IV – VI
Creating	3 720	3 805	3 599	4 078	4 266	4 484
Trade companies	3 278	3 436	3 262	3 695	3 811	4 121
Other	442	369	337	383	455	363
Deleting	179	120	76	195	144	602
Enterprises	-	1 <sup>1)</sup>	-	-	-	4
Trade companies	112	72	54	98	88	113
Other	67	47	22	97	56	485
Harmonising according to the Companies Act	1	2	2	-	2	3

1) Enterprises and co-operatives

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

The share of trade companies in the number of newly created entities was 91.9% in the observed period.

## NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

### I Introduction

Based on the Act on the National Classification of Activities (NN, No. 98/94), the Decision on the National Classification of Activities – NKD 2007. (NN, Nos 58/07 and 72/07) and the Ordinance on the Classification of Business Entities According to the National Classification of Activities – NKD 2007. (NN, Nos 55/16 and 35/18), the Croatian Bureau of Statistics keeps the Register of Business Entities (hereinafter referred to as: Register). The Register, pursuant to provisions of the aforementioned Ordinance, includes legal

entities, state government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units and parts thereof (hereinafter referred to as: business entities). The Register does not presently include natural persons engaged in activities according to regulations, foreign associations headquartered in the Republic of Croatia and business entities not headquartered in the Republic of Croatia.

The NKD 2007. is based on the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community – NACE Rev. 2, which is obligatory in EU Member States.

## II Methods and sources of data collection

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

Moreover, each business entity and parts thereof are assigned an activity code according to the NKD 2007.

Registered business entities are classified according to their prevailing activities in such a way that a numerical denotation of a class of the main activity is defined according to the NKD 2007. When, on the basis of a formal decision on registration with a competent authority or by law, a business entity is established to be engaged in more than one activity, the first classification according to the NKD 2007. is made upon the proposal of the business entity. Every subsequent classification of the business entity resulting in a change of the main activity is made in the following cases:

- 1) Upon the request of the business entity
- 2) Upon official duty, based on a change in the decision on registration with a competent authority or a change in the law.

The activity of the constituent parts of a business entity is established on the basis of a decision on registration with a competent authority or law on creation, irrespective of the activity of the business entity they are a part of.

Entry, registration, change and withdrawal of business entities are updated daily in the Register. Legal basis for updating the Register are the following:

1) Registers kept by:

- trade courts
- ministries
- state administration offices
- other registration bodies

2) Laws, decisions and other legal documents published in Narodne novine.

Registered business entities are structured according to the legal basis, as follows:

- trade companies, enterprises, co-operatives and institutions are registered in the Register upon decisions of registration bodies (trade courts),
- state government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units registered according to the law
- associations, foundations, political parties and others registered on the basis of decisions of registry bodies according to specific laws.

**Difficulties in updating** of a significant proportion of units in the Register are a consequence of long-term transition periods during which register bodies harmonise business entities according to a new legislation. This also postpones the procedure of deletions of business entities who have not submitted a request for harmonisation in line with new regulations. Consequently, the Register data have constantly been changing in line with data on business entities subsequently collected from publicly available data bases.

**A lack in the coverage of the Register** is related to business entities engaged in activities of crafts and free lances, foreign associations headquartered in the Republic of Croatia and business entities not headquartered in the Republic of Croatia. In addition, it must be pointed out that there are methodological discrepancies between the Register as an administrative data base and the Statistical Business Register (hereinafter referred to as: eSPRI).

The data of the Register of Business Entities are linked to administrative data bases through an identification number, a registration number and a personal identification number.

## III Meaning of individual terms

**Business entities** are legal entities and natural persons that perform activities according to the law, public government bodies (government administration bodies, other government bodies, bodies of local and regional self-government units, legal entities and other public authorities, legal entities established by the Republic of Croatia or local and regional self-government units, legal entities performing public service, legal entities financed mostly or completely from the state or local and regional self-government units budgets, that is, from public funds (taxes, provisions etc.), on the basis of a special act as well as trade companies in which the Republic of Croatia or the local and regional self-government units hold individual or joint majority ownership.

**Registered legal entities (business entities)** are units that are registered in the Register. These are: trade companies, institutions, co-operatives, associations, political parties, public government bodies and other non-harmonised units that held a legal subjectivity status according to previously valid laws.

**Active legal entities (business entities)** are registered legal entities entered into the Register, for which the activity status has been determined according to the eSPRI data.

**Natural persons** are units that carry out activities in line with the law and refer to crafts and trades and free lances.

**Main activity** is an activity established according to the largest share in the total value added in the case of business entities that make profit through production, trade or rendering of services on the market or by the largest share in the number of persons in employment according to the payroll and gross paid-off salaries in the case of business entities that do not make profit through production, trade and rendering of services on the market.

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

**Registration number** is a number under which a business entity is entered in a court or another specific register.

**Personal identification number (OIB)** is a permanent identification designation of an OIB holder, used by OIB users in official records, in everyday activities and in data exchange. OIB is unique, non-revealing, unchangeable and non-iterative.

**Legal organisational form** is a characteristic of units in the Register that divides them as joint-stock companies, limited liability companies, simple limited liability companies, co-operatives, institutions, associations, state government bodies and bodies of local and regional self-government units and other legal organisational forms. A legal organisational form of the Register has been determined by a decision of a competent registration body or by act on creation that is a basis for their entry into the Register.

**Type of ownership** is a characteristic of units entered into the Register that indicates the ownership structure of the unit and refer to the ownership of assets, that is, to startup deposit of a business entity.

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

## Abbreviations

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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