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NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, SEPTEMBER 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 56.5%.

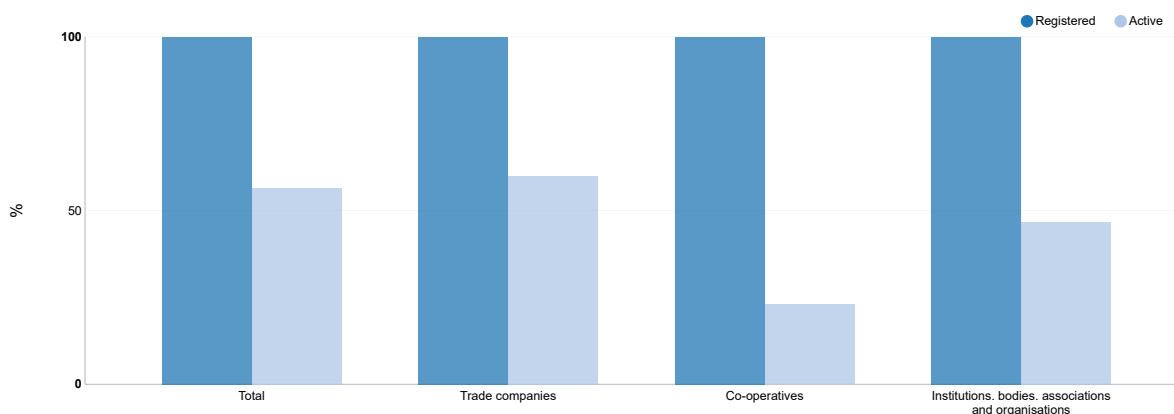
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	319 817	180 762	56,5
Trade companies	242 047	145 301	60,0
Co-operatives	3 559	820	23,0
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	74 211	34 641	46,7
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	93 622	-

G-1 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES¹⁾, BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, SEPTEMBER 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 2007. SECTIONS,
SITUATION AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 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	319 817	100,0	180 762	100,0	146 121	34 641	93 622
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5 945	1,9	3 130	1,7	3 128	2	2 654
B Mining and quarrying	349	0,1	192	0,1	192	-	39
C Manufacturing	24 972	7,8	16 000	8,9	15 997	3	8 182
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 710	0,5	885	0,5	885	-	14
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 392	0,4	920	0,5	918	2	95
F Construction	33 012	10,3	20 204	11,2	20 203	1	10 309
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	56 117	17,5	28 427	15,7	28 228	199	9 198
H Transportation and storage	11 947	3,7	7 174	4,0	7 140	34	6 247
I Accommodation and food service activities	26 064	8,1	14 055	7,8	14 005	50	7 853
J Information and communication	12 053	3,8	8 463	4,7	8 435	28	3 443
K Financial and insurance activities	1 863	0,6	1 020	0,6	986	34	539
L Real estate activities	11 186	3,5	6 392	3,5	6 392	-	564
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	32 872	10,3	22 782	12,6	22 624	158	14 313
N Administrative and support service activities	12 702	4,0	7 781	4,3	7 778	3	4 063
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 070	1,0	914	0,5	18	896	6 064
P Education	4 558	1,4	3 725	2,1	1 164	2 561	1 055
Q Human health and social work activities	5 357	1,7	3 535	2,0	1 095	2 440	5 022
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 354	7,3	11 895	6,6	1 984	9 911	3 092
S Other service activities	51 238	16,0	23 267	12,9	4 948	18 319	10 787
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	2	0,0	1	0,0	1	-	46
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	43

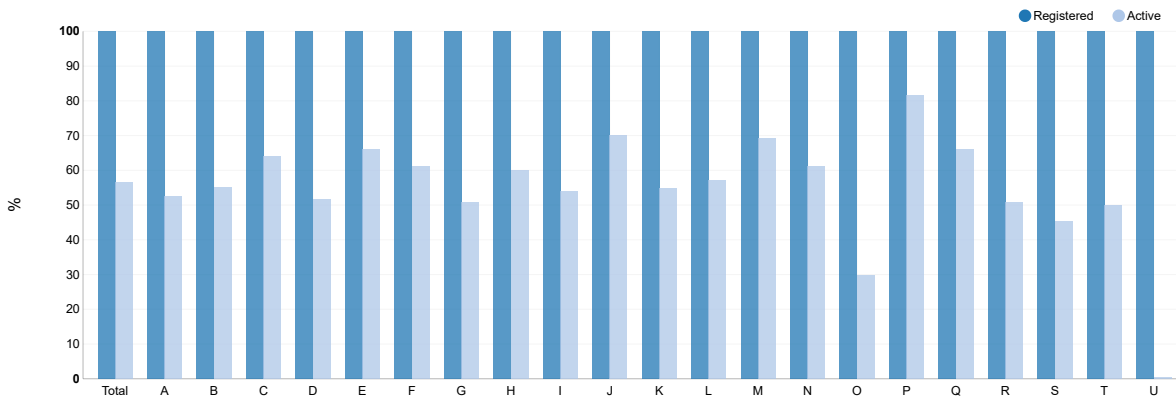
The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that more than a half of both registered and active entities belong to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles with 17.5% of registered and 15.7% of active entities, Manufacturing with 7.8% of registered and 8.9% of active entities, Professional, scientific and technical activities with 10.3% of registered and 12.6% of active entities and Other service activities with 16.0% of registered and 12.9% of active entities.

The share of profit entities in the total active business entities was 80.8% and their structure by economic activities shows that 69.1% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of frequency: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (19.3%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (15.5%), Manufacturing (10.9%), Construction (13.8%) and Accommodation and food service activities (9.6%).

The share of non-profit active entities was 19.2%. 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 (7.0%) 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 ENTITIES¹⁾, BY ACTIVITY AND ACCORDING TO NKD-a 2007. SECTIONS, SEPTEMBER 2022



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

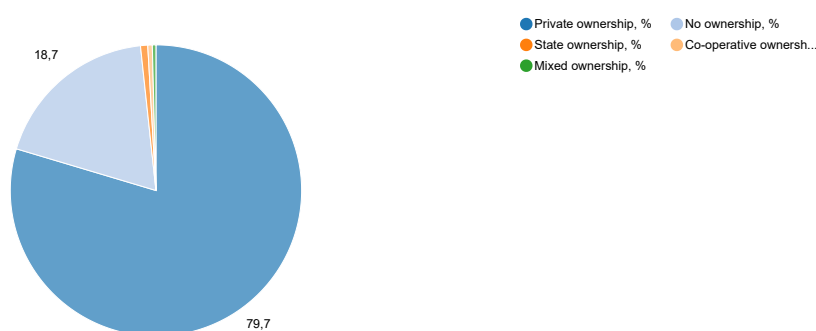
NKD 2007. activity sections

- 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 SEPTEMBER 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	180 762	1 401	0,8	144 014	79,7	823	0,5	716	0,4	33 808	18,7
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 130	14	0,4	2 733	87,3	355	11,3	26	0,8	2	0,1
B Mining and quarrying	192	5	2,6	177	92,2	2	1,0	8	4,2	-	-
C Manufacturing	16 000	61	0,4	15 628	97,7	135	0,8	174	1,1	2	0,0
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	885	35	4,0	837	94,6	4	0,5	9	1,0	-	-
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	920	320	34,8	591	64,2	1	0,1	7	0,8	1	0,1
F Construction	20 204	74	0,4	20 009	99,0	72	0,4	48	0,2	1	0,0
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	28 427	40	0,1	28 019	98,6	86	0,3	124	0,4	158	0,6
H Transportation and storage	7 174	61	0,9	7 039	98,1	10	0,1	34	0,5	30	0,4
I Accommodation and food service activities	14 055	40	0,3	13 855	98,6	45	0,3	68	0,5	47	0,3
J Information and communication	8 463	41	0,5	8 349	98,7	6	0,1	42	0,5	25	0,3
K Financial and insurance activities	1 020	18	1,8	951	93,2	9	0,9	10	1,0	32	3,1
L Real estate activities	6 392	38	0,6	6 331	99,0	2	0,0	21	0,3	-	-
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 782	183	0,8	22 356	98,1	34	0,1	101	0,4	108	0,5
N Administrative and support service activities	7 781	74	1,0	7 672	98,6	19	0,2	14	0,2	2	0,0
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	914	35	3,8	4	0,4	1	0,1	1	0,1	873	95,5
P Education	3 725	182	4,9	1 332	35,8	-	-	4	0,1	2 207	59,2
Q Human health and social work activities	3 535	53	1,5	1 301	36,8	17	0,5	3	0,1	2 161	61,1
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 895	92	0,8	1 940	16,3	15	0,1	8	0,1	9 840	82,7
S Other service activities	23 267	35	0,2	4 889	21,0	10	0,0	14	0,1	18 319	78,7
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, SEPTEMBER 2022



The structure of active legal entities by ownership types shows that the private ownership predominated with 79.7% 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 18.7% 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; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles had a share of 98.6%, Real estate activities of 99.0% and Transportation and storage of 98.1%. Approximately the same share of private ownership existed in the productive activities such as Construction (99.0%), Manufacturing (97.7%) and Information and communication (98.7%).

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

	Total	Number of persons in employment					
		0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more
Total	180 762	74 865	88 172	13 672	3 464	317	272
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 130	1 262	1 561	251	45	4	7
B Mining and quarrying	192	40	101	39	10	-	2
C Manufacturing	16 000	4 148	8 645	2 386	668	91	62
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	885	553	261	54	11	3	3
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	920	203	322	273	106	14	2
F Construction	20 204	7 363	10 654	1 898	266	16	7
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	28 427	8 445	17 443	2 138	310	45	46
H Transportation and storage	7 174	2 283	4 189	560	109	18	15
I Accommodation and food service activities	14 055	4 770	8 075	1 086	106	6	12
J Information and communication	8 463	3 304	4 450	596	92	15	6
K Financial and insurance activities	1 020	278	611	75	27	10	19
L Real estate activities	6 392	4 363	1 896	124	7	1	1
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	22 782	7 076	14 537	1 045	117	3	4
N Administrative and support service activities	7 781	3 386	3 838	439	97	9	12
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	914	20	223	448	172	29	22
P Education	3 725	546	1 175	975	1 005	18	6
Q Human health and social work activities	3 535	1 240	1 341	669	222	25	38
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 895	8 627	2 889	304	59	9	7
S Other service activities	23 267	16 957	5 961	312	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 48.8% belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 41.4% of entities without persons in employment, 7.6% of entities employing 10 – 49 persons and 1.9% 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 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Legal organisational forms					
	Total		Joint stock companies		Limited liability companies	
	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active
Total	242 047	145 301	1 186	712	173 089	105 510
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4 702	2 773	37	19	3 467	2 123
B Mining and quarrying	341	190	14	8	299	174
C Manufacturing	24 558	15 862	353	188	18 574	12 111
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 702	882	9	6	1 444	782
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 379	917	7	3	1 099	770
F Construction	32 191	20 132	125	71	22 227	13 340
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	55 546	28 143	163	80	43 295	22 066
H Transportation and storage	11 852	7 130	61	36	6 769	4 389
I Accommodation and food service activities	25 869	13 960	124	88	13 630	7 878
J Information and communication	11 969	8 429	38	28	9 301	6 803
K Financial and insurance activities	1 469	976	86	75	1 254	823
L Real estate activities	11 177	6 390	32	26	9 810	5 666
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	32 568	22 591	111	72	25 222	17 824
N Administrative and support service activities	12 603	7 759	10	6	8 756	5 649
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	33	17	-	-	20	12
P Education	1 646	1 164	2	1	1 092	786
Q Human health and social work activities	1 486	1 078	-	-	1 149	877
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	3 100	1 969	10	4	1 877	1 181
S Other service activities	7 854	4 938	4	1	3 803	2 255
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 SEPTEMBER 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	66 027	38 245	366	182	1 111	515	268	137
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1 189	625	1	1	4	2	4	3
B Mining and quarrying	25	6	-	-	3	2	-	-
C Manufacturing	5 488	3 510	3	1	131	50	9	2
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	243	91	-	-	5	2	1	1
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	262	142	-	-	10	2	1	-
F Construction	9 490	6 578	45	8	294	133	10	2
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	11 802	5 871	11	2	257	117	18	7
H Transportation and storage	4 970	2 679	6	3	45	22	1	1
I Accommodation and food service activities	12 078	5 977	2	-	31	15	4	2
J Information and communication	2 573	1 567	6	4	47	25	4	2
K Financial and insurance activities	77	34	-	-	17	11	35	33
L Real estate activities	1 276	667	6	2	43	22	10	7
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	6 755	4 433	275	154	180	95	25	13
N Administrative and support service activities	3 780	2 079	4	3	34	13	19	9
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2	1	-	-	-	-	11	4
P Education	546	374	1	-	4	2	1	1
Q Human health and social work activities	335	200	1	1	1	-	-	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	1 197	768	1	1	1	1	14	14
S Other service activities	3 938	2 643	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 71.5% of registered and 72.6% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held the second place by their number, with a share of 27.3% of registered and 26.3% 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 SEPTEMBER 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	74 211	46,7	71 785	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	221	90,0	221	-
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	228	14,9	228	-
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	2 909	88,0	2 909	-
Q Human health and social work activities	3 826	63,8	3 826	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	20 221	49,0	20 221	-
S Other service activities	43 338	42,3	43 338	-
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 46.7% 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 42.3% 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 63.8% 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 SEPTEMBER 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	319 817	242 047	145 301	3 559	820	74 211	93 622
Zagreb	20 425	16 153	10 169	142	30	4 130	5 311
Krapina-Zagorje	5 766	3 874	2 528	75	17	1 817	2 538
Sisak-Moslavina	7 055	4 287	2 546	168	32	2 600	2 285
Karlovac	6 118	3 972	2 466	130	26	2 016	1 892
Varaždin	9 394	6 764	4 484	98	20	2 532	2 864
Koprivnica-Križevci	5 275	3 370	2 104	198	36	1 707	1 653
Bjelovar-Bilogora	6 014	3 967	2 428	209	44	1 838	1 301
Primorje-Gorski kotar	26 802	21 229	12 102	154	34	5 419	9 806
Lika-Senj	2 671	1 620	1 010	76	12	975	908
Virovitica-Podravina	3 430	1 997	1 253	117	21	1 316	1 133
Požega-Slavonia	2 748	1 550	1 024	52	7	1 146	1 130
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	5 969	3 811	2 331	91	22	2 067	2 241
Zadar	11 737	8 799	5 501	218	50	2 720	4 950
Osijek-Baranja	15 723	9 978	6 194	276	89	5 469	4 773
Šibenik-Knin	6 877	4 585	2 573	205	47	2 087	3 091
Vukovar-Sirmium	6 920	3 935	2 417	212	64	2 773	2 350
Split-Dalmatia	33 173	25 410	15 427	436	131	7 327	13 273
Istria	23 930	19 952	11 644	111	17	3 867	8 376
Dubrovnik-Neretva	9 196	6 403	4 130	101	35	2 692	4 224
Međimurje	7 317	5 660	3 600	48	9	1 609	1 367
City of Zagreb	103 277	84 731	49 370	442	77	18 104	18 156

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 19.4%. The County of Split-Dalmatia followed, with a share of 10.4% of legal entities and 14.2% 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 35.0% 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	VII – IX
Creating	3 720	3 805	3 599	4 078	4 266	4 484	3 915
Trade companies	3 278	3 436	3 262	3 695	3 811	4 121	3 584
Other	442	369	337	383	455	363	331
Deleting	179	120	76	195	144	602	152
Enterprises	-	1 ¹⁾	-	-	-	4	-
Trade companies	112	72	54	98	88	113	61
Other	67	47	22	97	56	485	91
Harmonising according to the Companies Act	1	2	2	-	2	3	6

1) Enterprises and co-operatives.

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

The share of trade companies in the number of newly created entities was 91.5% 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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