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## NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, 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 55.3%.

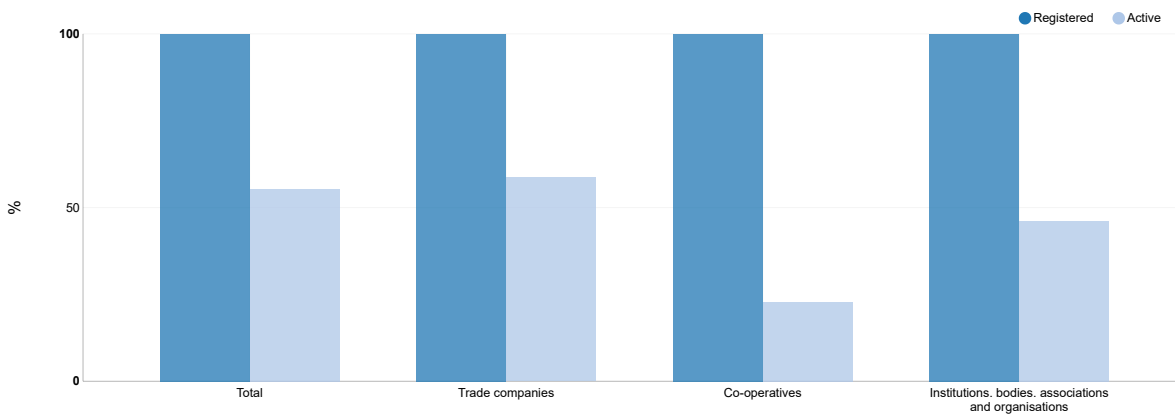
This discrepancy occurs due to differences in the methodology of data entry method and of defining activities applied in individual registers.

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 31 MARCH 2022

	Number of registered legal entities	Number of active entities	Share of active legal entities, %
Total	311 698	172 438	55,3
Trade companies	234 561	137 664	58,7
Co-operatives	3 548	809	22,8
Institutions, bodies, associations and organisations	73 589	33 965	46,2
Entities in crafts and trades and free lances	-	88 184	-

### G-1 STRUCTURE OF LEGAL ENTITIES<sup>1)</sup>, BY LEGAL ORGANISATIONAL FORMS AND ACTIVITY, MARCH 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 31 MARCH 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	311 698	100,0	172 438	100,0	138 473	33 965	88 184
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5 835	1,9	3 016	1,7	3 014	2	2 660
B Mining and quarrying	346	0,1	189	0,1	189	-	41
C Manufacturing	24 362	7,8	15 380	8,9	15 377	3	7 954
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 606	0,5	780	0,5	780	-	13
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 352	0,4	879	0,5	877	2	89
F Construction	31 541	10,1	18 730	10,9	18 729	1	9 895
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	55 311	17,7	27 579	16,0	27 382	197	8 288
H Transportation and storage	11 567	3,7	6 788	3,9	6 754	34	5 620
I Accommodation and food service activities	25 263	8,1	13 242	7,7	13 192	50	6 524
J Information and communication	11 418	3,7	7 821	4,5	7 793	28	3 512
K Financial and insurance activities	1 861	0,6	975	0,6	956	19	529
L Real estate activities	10 572	3,4	5 777	3,4	5 777	-	540
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 915	10,2	21 806	12,6	21 649	157	13 724
N Administrative and support service activities	12 211	3,9	7 289	4,2	7 286	3	3 118
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 070	1,0	912	0,5	18	894	6 345
P Education	4 482	1,4	3 647	2,1	1 109	2 538	904
Q Human health and social work activities	5 265	1,7	3 439	2,0	1 022	2 417	5 046
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	23 043	7,4	11 570	6,7	1 880	9 690	2 976
S Other service activities	50 622	16,2	22 618	13,1	4 688	17 930	10 318
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	2	0,0	1	0,0	1	-	45
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	54	0,0	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	43

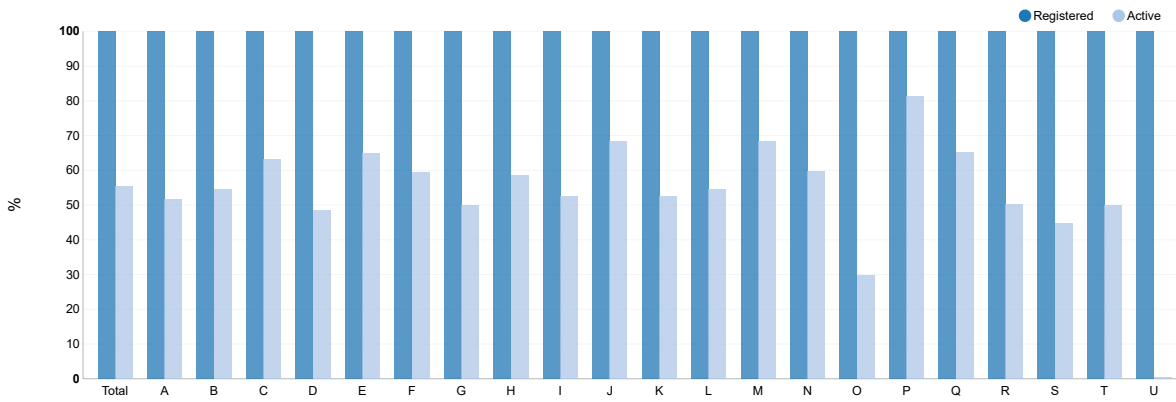
The data on the structure of business entities by economic activities show that more than a half of both registered and active entities belong to the following four activity sections: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles with 17.7% of registered and 16.0% of active entities, 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 16.2% of registered and 13.1% of active entities.

The share of profit entities in the total active business entities was 80.3% and their structure by economic activities shows that 69.5% of them belonged to five activity sections, shown in the following order of frequency: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (19.8%), Professional, scientific and technical activities (15.6%), Manufacturing (11.1%), Construction (13.5%) and Accommodation and food service activities (9.5%).

The share of non-profit active entities was 19.7%. Half of them were classified into the activity section Other service activities. The remaining half was distributed between Arts, entertainment and recreation (28.5%), Education (7.5%), 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 frequent 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, MARCH 2022



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

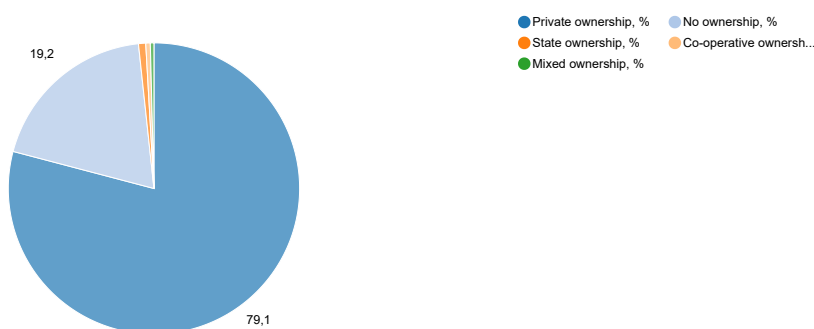
NKD 2007. activity sections

- 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 31 MARCH 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	172 438	1 363	0,8	136 342	79,1	812	0,5	730	0,4	33 191	19,2
A	3 016	14	0,5	2 623	87,0	348	11,5	29	1,0	2	0,1
B	189	5	2,6	174	92,1	2	1,1	8	4,2	-	-
C	15 380	61	0,4	15 001	97,5	135	0,9	181	1,2	2	0,0
D	780	35	4,5	732	93,8	4	0,5	9	1,2	-	-
E	879	320	36,4	550	62,6	1	0,1	7	0,8	1	0,1
F	18 730	76	0,4	18 536	99,0	70	0,4	47	0,3	1	0,0
G	27 579	40	0,1	27 167	98,5	86	0,3	127	0,5	159	0,6
H	6 788	61	0,9	6 651	98,0	9	0,1	36	0,5	31	0,5
I	13 242	42	0,3	13 040	98,5	46	0,3	67	0,5	47	0,4
J	7 821	39	0,5	7 707	98,5	6	0,1	44	0,6	25	0,3
K	975	18	1,8	921	94,5	9	0,9	10	1,0	17	1,7
L	5 777	37	0,6	5 717	99,0	2	0,0	21	0,4	-	-
M	21 806	180	0,8	21 384	98,1	33	0,2	100	0,5	109	0,5
N	7 289	68	0,9	7 187	98,6	18	0,2	14	0,2	2	0,0
O	912	33	3,6	4	0,4	1	0,1	1	0,1	873	95,7
P	3 647	166	4,6	1 271	34,9	-	-	4	0,1	2 206	60,5
Q	3 439	49	1,4	1 211	35,2	17	0,5	3	0,1	2 159	62,8
R	11 570	84	0,7	1 836	15,9	15	0,1	8	0,1	9 627	83,2
S	22 618	35	0,2	4 629	20,5	10	0,0	14	0,1	17 930	79,3
T	1	-	-	1	100,0	-	-	-	-	-	-
U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



The structure of active legal entities by ownership types shows that the private ownership predominated with 79.1% 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 19.2% 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 (97.5%) and Information and communication (98.5%).

#### 4 NUMBER OF ACTIVE LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007. SECTIONS AND BY NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT, SITUATION AS ON 31 MARCH 2022

	Total	Number of persons in employment					
		0	1 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 249	250 – 499	500 and more
Total	172 438	66 497	88 205	13 677	3 468	319	272
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3 016	1 158	1 550	251	46	4	7
B Mining and quarrying	189	38	101	38	10	-	2
C Manufacturing	15 380	3 554	8 627	2 377	668	92	62
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	780	449	259	54	12	3	3
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	879	162	321	274	106	14	2
F Construction	18 730	5 923	10 628	1 891	265	16	7
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	27 579	7 540	17 487	2 151	310	45	46
H Transportation and storage	6 788	1 887	4 197	561	109	19	15
I Accommodation and food service activities	13 242	3 926	8 103	1 089	106	6	12
J Information and communication	7 821	2 663	4 452	594	91	15	6
K Financial and insurance activities	975	229	612	77	28	10	19
L Real estate activities	5 777	3 754	1 893	121	7	1	1
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	21 806	6 089	14 543	1 051	116	3	4
N Administrative and support service activities	7 289	2 894	3 836	440	98	9	12
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	912	17	223	448	173	29	22
P Education	3 647	468	1 175	975	1 005	18	6
Q Human health and social work activities	3 439	1 147	1 337	668	224	25	38
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	11 570	8 297	2 895	303	59	9	7
S Other service activities	22 618	16 301	5 966	314	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 51.2% belonged to entities employing 1 – 9 persons, followed by 38.6% of entities without persons in employment, 7.9% 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 31 MARCH 2022

	Legal organisational forms					
	Total		Joint stock companies		Limited liability companies	
	Registered	Active	Registered	Active	Registered	Active
Total	234 561	137 664	1 212	721	168 599	100 979
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4 599	2 666	38	20	3 418	2 072
B Mining and quarrying	338	187	14	8	296	171
C Manufacturing	23 948	15 242	357	192	18 211	11 741
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1 598	777	8	5	1 351	690
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1 339	876	8	4	1 079	751
F Construction	30 722	18 660	126	72	21 393	12 520
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	54 742	27 297	163	80	42 906	21 656
H Transportation and storage	11 473	6 745	64	39	6 576	4 200
I Accommodation and food service activities	25 067	13 146	127	90	13 288	7 537
J Information and communication	11 334	7 787	37	27	8 792	6 291
K Financial and insurance activities	1 475	946	102	75	1 239	795
L Real estate activities	10 563	5 775	32	26	9 301	5 154
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	31 613	21 617	110	71	24 522	17 114
N Administrative and support service activities	12 113	7 268	10	6	8 467	5 361
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	33	17	-	-	20	12
P Education	1 593	1 109	2	1	1 066	760
Q Human health and social work activities	1 414	1 005	-	-	1 096	823
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	2 997	1 865	10	4	1 834	1 136
S Other service activities	7 598	4 678	4	1	3 743	2 194
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 31 MARCH 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	63 031	35 164	366	182	1 078	481	275	137
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1 134	568	1	1	4	2	4	3
B Mining and quarrying	25	6	-	-	3	2	-	-
C Manufacturing	5 239	3 259	3	1	128	47	10	2
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	233	79	-	-	5	2	1	1
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	242	120	-	-	9	1	1	-
F Construction	8 870	5 941	46	9	277	116	10	2
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	11 390	5 439	11	2	254	113	18	7
H Transportation and storage	4 782	2 481	6	3	44	21	1	1
I Accommodation and food service activities	11 616	5 503	2	-	30	14	4	2
J Information and communication	2 448	1 438	6	4	47	25	4	2
K Financial and insurance activities	75	32	-	-	18	11	41	33
L Real estate activities	1 172	564	6	2	41	21	11	8
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	6 506	4 175	274	153	176	91	25	13
N Administrative and support service activities	3 582	1 879	4	3	32	11	18	8
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2	1	-	-	-	-	11	4
P Education	519	345	1	-	4	2	1	1
Q Human health and social work activities	316	181	1	1	1	-	0	0
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	1 137	709	1	1	1	1	14	14
S Other service activities	3 742	2 444	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 71.9% of registered and 73.4% of active ones. Simple limited liability companies held the second place by their number, with a share of 26.9% of registered and 25.5% 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 31 MARCH 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	73 589	46,2	71 163	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	219	90,0	219	-
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	220	8,6	220	-
L Real estate activities	-	-	-	-
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	198	79,3	198	-
N Administrative and support service activities	8	37,5	8	-
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3 036	29,4	610	2 426
P Education	2 886	87,9	2 886	-
Q Human health and social work activities	3 806	63,5	3 806	-
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	20 013	48,4	20 013	-
S Other service activities	42 978	41,7	42 978	-
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	-	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 46.2% 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 41.7% of active ones, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security with 4.1% of registered and 29.4% of active ones, Human health and social work activities with 5.2% of registered and 63.5% of active entities and Education with only 3.9% of registered ones, but with the largest share of active entities (87.9%).



## 7 STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES, BY COUNTIES, SITUATION AS ON 31 MARCH 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	311 698	234 561	137 664	3 548	809	73 589	88 184
Zagreb	19 856	15 616	9 629	143	30	4 097	5 208
Krapina-Zagorje	5 609	3 732	2 385	75	17	1 802	2 502
Sisak-Moslavina	6 883	4 130	2 385	166	31	2 587	2 222
Karlovac	5 990	3 857	2 353	130	26	2 003	1 903
Varaždin	9 160	6 552	4 266	96	18	2 512	2 833
Koprivnica-Križevci	5 165	3 270	2 003	198	36	1 697	1 596
Bjelovar-Bilogora	5 861	3 825	2 285	209	44	1 827	1 274
Primorje-Gorski kotar	26 145	20 605	11 465	154	34	5 386	9 148
Lika-Senj	2 606	1 562	952	76	12	968	817
Virovitica-Podravina	3 365	1 937	1 191	117	21	1 311	1 121
Požega-Slavonia	2 699	1 508	980	52	7	1 139	1 124
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	5 800	3 658	2 180	90	21	2 052	2 153
Zadar	11 323	8 420	5 124	218	50	2 685	4 395
Osijek-Baranja	15 316	9 631	5 844	274	87	5 411	4 622
Šibenik-Knin	6 690	4 414	2 399	205	47	2 071	2 609
Vukovar-Sirmium	6 756	3 792	2 275	212	64	2 752	2 299
Split-Dalmatia	32 295	24 609	14 609	432	127	7 254	11 828
Istria	23 250	19 313	10 987	111	17	3 826	7 599
Dubrovnik-Neretva	9 013	6 239	3 963	100	34	2 674	3 749
Međimurje	7 150	5 510	3 448	48	9	1 592	1 384
City of Zagreb	100 766	82 381	46 941	442	77	17 943	17 798

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 20.2%. The County of Split-Dalmatia followed, with a share of 10.5% of legal entities and 13.4% 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 34.1% 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
Creating	3 720	3 805	3 599	4 078	4 266
Trade companies	3 278	3 436	3 262	3 695	3 811
Other	442	369	337	383	455
Deleting	179	120	76	195	144
Enterprises	-	1 <sup>1)</sup>	-	-	-
Trade companies	112	72	54	98	88
Other	67	47	22	97	56
Harmonising according to the Companies Act	1	2	2	-	2

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 increased in the mentioned period, while the number of deletions and harmonisations decreased

The share of trade companies in the number of newly created entities in the observed period was 89.3%.

## 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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