

Business Register

Year 2019

Tirana, June 1, 2020: Business register at the end of 2019 counted 162,342 active enterprises, and it is approximately the same number as active enterprises by the end of 2018. Moreover 44,473 are farmers registered to tax offices with Identification Number to Persons of Taxation (NIPT).

Albanian economy is focused mainly in trade activity as well as for new registrations. Enterprises registered during 2019 in trade activity are 23.0 % out of 23.2% during 2018.

Big enterprises with 50 and more employed represent only 1.2 % of total active enterprises and their contribution on employment in 2019 is 47.8 % out of 48.1 % in 2018.

Municipality of Tirana territory numerates the biggest number of enterprises and municipality of Pustec the lowest ones.

In 2019 women managed 25.4% of total active enterprises out of 25.7 % on year 2018. The highest percentage of enterprises managed by women is in municipality of Tirana with 32.4 %. Enterprises leaded by women are mainly micro enterprises with 1-4 employed and represent 90.5 % of this group. However 20.3 % of big enterprises, with 50 and more employed are managed or owned by women.

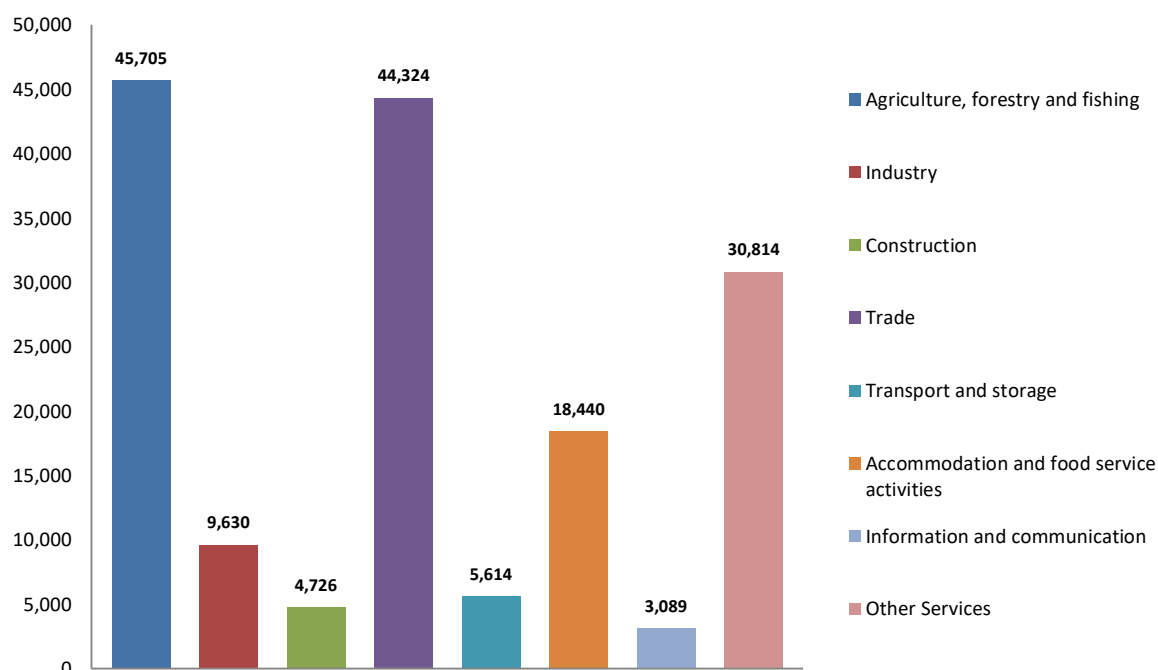
Enterprises with foreigner owner or foreigner and Albanian partners covered 4.0 % of total active enterprises, out of 3.8 % in 2018, and employ 11.9 % of total of employment.

Enterprises from European countries represent 65.3 % of total foreign and joint enterprises. Enterprises with partners from Italy and Greece are 53.4 % of total foreign and joint enterprises. The prefectures Tirana and Durrës counted 77.1 % of total foreign and join enterprises.

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Fig. 1 Active enterprises by economic activity



In 2019 are 172.296 active local units of which 160,527 have just one location. Multi-location enterprises are 1,815 and represent only 1.1 % of total number of active enterprises and employ 26.6 % of total employment. Financial activities have the highest number of employed for multi-location enterprises.

Local units are concentrated in the centre region (Tirana and Elbasan prefecture) with 41.0% of the total local units.

The most developed region is the centre region (Tirana and Elbasan prefecture), where operate 41.3 % of total enterprises. The situation is the same for new registrations during 2019 with 50.1 %. Trade economic activity represents 30.6 % of active enterprises in the centre region. This phenomenon is similar in all prefectures as well as all municipalities.

Tab. 1 Active enterprises by economic activity and legal form

End of the year

Economic activity	Total	Farmers	Physical Persons	Juridical Persons
Total	162,342	44,473	88,310	29,559
Producers of goods	60,061	44,473	8,010	7,578
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	45,705	44,473	771	461
Industry	9,630	-	5,747	3,883
Construction	4,726	-	1,492	3,234
Producers of services	102,281	-	80,300	21,981
Trade	44,324	-	35,999	8,325
Transport and storage	5,614	-	4,488	1,126
Accommodation and food service activities	18,440	-	17,290	1,150
Information and communication	3,089	-	1,884	1,205
Other Services	30,814	-	20,639	10,175

Tab. 2 Active enterprises by economic activity and size

End of the year

Economic Activity	Total	Group by the number of employed			
		1-4	5-9	10-49	50+
Total	162,342	144,857	8,569	6,932	1,984
Producers of goods	60,061	55,342	1,871	2,052	796
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	45,705	45,543	85	66	11
Industry	9,630	6,681	1,122	1,251	576
Construction	4,726	3,118	664	735	209
Producers of services	102,281	89,515	6,698	4,880	1,188
Trade	44,324	39,971	2,498	1,658	197
Transport and storage	5,614	5,101	251	208	54
Accommodation and food service activities	18,440	15,819	1,758	794	69
Information and communication	3,089	2,554	267	213	55
Other Services	30,814	26,070	1,924	2,007	813

Methodology

Statistical Business Register holds all legal unit, all enterprises carrying on economic activities contributing to the gross domestic product (GDP), and their local unit.

The variables of Business Register

Identification variables (ID number (NIPT), Legal form, Ownership, Name, Address, Communication (Tel, Mobile, Email, Web etc.).

Economic variables (Main economic activity, Size by employed, Geographical location, Institutional sector).

Demographic variables (Date of creation, Date of cessation).

Definitions

Legal unit

Legal unit is not direct statistical unit. Legal unit can be:

- **Legal person**, whose existence is recognized by law independently of the individuals or institutions which may own or are members of him;
- **Physical person**, who is engaged in an economic activity in its own right.

Enterprise

An enterprise is: "the smallest combination of legal units that is an organisational unit producing goods or services which benefits from a certain degree of autonomy in decision-making, especially for the allocation of its current resources. An enterprise carries out one or more activities at one or more locations (local unit)".

The relationship between an enterprise and a legal unit is therefore defined as: "the enterprise corresponds either to a legal unit or to a combination of legal units".

Local unit

The local unit is an enterprise or part thereof (e.g. a workshop, factory, warehouse, office, mine or depot) situated in a geographically identified place. At or from this place economic activity is carried out for

which - save for certain exceptions - one or more persons work (even if only part-time) for one and the same enterprise.

Enterprises economic activity is based on Nomenclatures for Economic Activities, NACE Rev.2.

The classification of Economic Activities (NACE) is a four-digit classification performed by different subjects. The classification in Albania is adopted by Government Decision No. 320, date 28.05.2014 and is the translation and adoption of Classification of Economic Activities of European Union, NACE Rev.2.

Size of enterprises

Size of enterprises is determined by number of employed:

- Enterprise with 1 to 4 employed classified as micro-enterprises;
- Enterprise with 5 to 9 employed classified as small enterprises;
- Enterprise with 10 to 49 employed classified as medium enterprises;
- Enterprise with 50 and more employed classified as big enterprises

Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics, NUTS

Albania territory is dividing in three regions based on prefectures:

- Region I: Dibër, Durrës, Kukës, Lezhë, Shkodër;
- Region II: Elbasan, Tiranë;
- Region III: Berat, Fier, Gjirokastër, Korçë, Vlorë.

Farmers registered since 2014 are identified by unique code (NIPT) and Enforcement the specific scheme compensation for purposes of agricultural producers of Value Added Tax.

Based on Census 2011 data average size of the household declined is 3.9 members. Considering that the farmers work mainly as family business is evaluated and reported to include in size 1-4 employed.

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