

BUSINESS REGISTER

2025

The Business Registers contain all active legal units, enterprises, and local units, classified according to their economic activities and enterprise size.

The Business Registers are maintained and updated in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 on European Business Statistics (EBS), which establishes the legal framework for the harmonised production of these statistics.

At the end of 2025, the register of legal units comprises:

- 250,097 active legal units, an increase of 5.1% compared with 2024;
- 112,205 farmers, an increase of 6.1% compared with 2024;
- 137,892 active enterprises, an increase of 4.3% compared with 2024.

A total of 18,297 enterprises were registered during 2025, compared with 15,970 registered in 2024.

The register of local units contains 146,527 active local units, representing an increase of 4.0% compared with 2024.

- 136,068 enterprises carry out economic activity in a single location;
- 1,824 enterprises carry out economic activity in more than one location.

Within the group “Producers of goods” (Agriculture, forestry and fishing; Industry; and Construction according to NACE Rev. 2), 14.1% of active enterprises operate, compared with 14.0% in 2024, generating 31.8% of net sales.

Within the group “Producers of services” (Trade, Transportation and storage, Accommodation and food service activities, Information and communication, and Other Services according to NACE Rev. 2), 85.9% of active enterprises operate, compared with 86.0% in 2024, generating 68.2% of net sales.

Enterprises with foreign owner or foreign and Albanian partners covers 5,0% of total active enterprises and employ 12.5% of total employed.

Women manage/own 31.6% of all active enterprises, compared with 31.4% in 2024. The activities “Trade” and “Other Services” record the highest participation of women in decision-making, at 34.3% and 41.2%, respectively. Women-led enterprises are predominantly enterprises with 1–4 employees.

Enterprises with 50 and more employed represent 1,5 % of total number of enterprises, employ 48.6% of total number of employed and realize 44.8% of the total annual net sales.

Methodology

Legislative base

- Law no 17/2018 date 5.4.2018 "For official statistics";
- The European Parliament and Council Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of 27 November 2019 on European business statistics;
- Albanian Law no 30/2022 date 24/03/2022 "On Official Statistics Program 2022-2026";
- Decision of Albanian Government "On nomenclature of economic activities, NACE Rev.2", no. 320 date 28/05/2014;
- Law no.115/2014 "On territorial Law no. 115/2014 On the Administrative-Territorial Division of the Local Government Units in the Republic of Albania;
- Law no. 9920 dated 19.5.2008 "On Tax Procedures in the Republic of Albania";
- Law no 43/2022 date 21.04.2002 "For the development of micro, small and medium enterprises"
- Decision of Albanian Government No 1037, date 15/12/2010 " On implementation of territorial nomenclature "Albania in three regions, NUTS II" based on European Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics;
- Memorandum of Understanding between General Directory of Taxation and Institute of Statistics; date 04.06.2024;
- Memorandum of Understanding between National Business Centre and Institute of Statistics; date 13.06.2017;
- Directive of the Minister of Finance No. 19 dated 3.11.2014 "On Enforcement Regime Scheme specific compensation for purposes of agricultural producers of Value Added Tax".
- Decision of Albanian Government, No. 541, date 29.9.2021 "On implementation on Nomenclature of Countries and Territories for the European statistics on international trade in goods and on the geographical breakdown for other business statistics".

The variables of Business Registers

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

Stratification variables (Main economic activity, Secondary activity, Net Sales, Number of employed, Number of employees, Size of employed, Number of female employed, Geographical location, Institutional sector)

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

Sources for updating

Administrative sources

- Information from National Business Centre (NBC);
- Information from General Directory of Taxation (GDT);
- VAT file;

- Annual account of enterprises.

Statistical sources

- Annual Structure Survey, SBS;
- Quarterly survey, STS;
- Accommodation Establishments Survey, AES;
- Other surveys.

Updated variables

- Activity status (active or inactive);
- Main economic activity;
- Ownership
- Size by employed;
- Address;
- County/Prefecture
- Communication variables (telephone, mobile phone, e-mail, etc...).

Definitions

Legal unit

Legal unit is not directly a 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, the economic activity is carried out, for which - save for certain exceptions - one or more people work (even if only part-time) for one single 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 II

Albania territory is divided 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 during last years are identified by unique code (NIPT) and enforcement the specific scheme compensation for purposes of agricultural producers of Value Added Tax. The registration process to tax offices, made enables farmers to have legal personality and to be part of legal unit register that INSTAT updates and maintains.

Turnover (Net Sales) comprises the totals amount invoiced by the enterprises during the reference period, and this corresponds to market sales of goods or services supplied to third parties.

Employed include all persons working in the enterprise including owners, paid employees as well as unpaid family members.

Employees are all persons who work directly with the enterprise on the basis of a contract of employment and receives compensation in the form of wages, salaries etc.

Quality in Statistics

Quality Report of Business registers is based on the quality concept of the European Statistical System (ESS) and on the principles regarding the quality of statistical products according to the European Statistics Code of Practice.

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