

Business Register

Year 2017

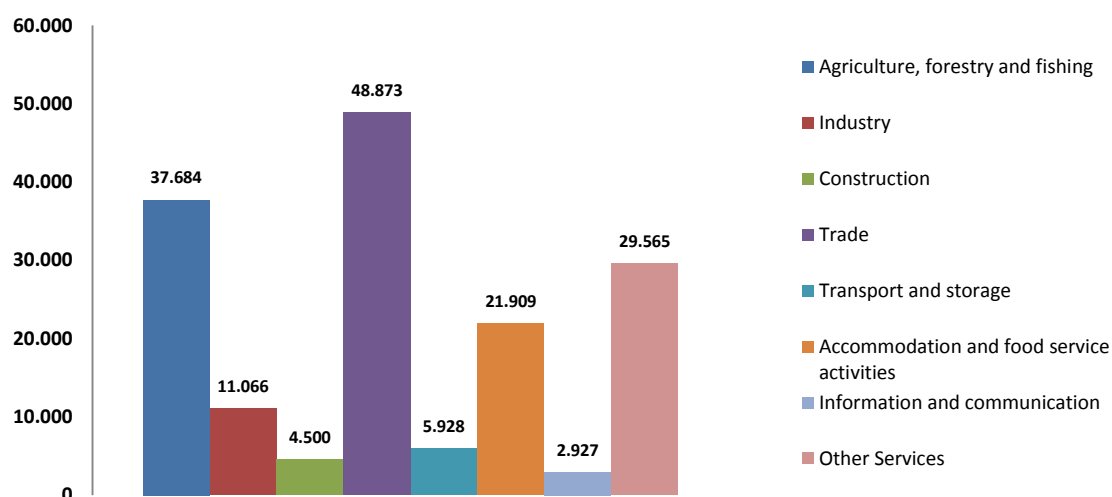
Tirana, June 1, 2018: Business register at the end of 2017 counted 162,452 active enterprises, marking an increase with 1.1 % by the end of 2016. Moreover 36,520 are farmers registered to tax offices with Identification Number to Persons of Taxation (NIPT).

Albanian economy is focused mainly in trade activity as well as for new registrations. Enterprises registered during 2017 in trade activity are 25.0 % out of 21.0% during 2016.

Big enterprises with 50 and more employed represent only 1.1 % of total active enterprises and their contribution on employment in 2017 is 47.8 % out of 48.3 % in 2016.

Enterprises with foreigner owner or foreigner and Albanian partners covered 3.9 % of total active enterprises, out of 3.5 % in 2016, and employ 12.5 % of total of employment.

Fig. 1 Active enterprises by economic activity



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In 2017 women managed 29.7% of total active enterprises out of 26.8 % on year 2016. The highest percentage of enterprises managed by women is in municipality of Tirana with 35.6 %. The lowest number of women as manager is in municipality of Maliq with 13.3 %.

“Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles” continues to be dominant in total economy by 23.0 % in the end of 2017, out of 24.6 % in 2016.

Municipality of Tirana territory numerates the biggest number of enterprises and municipality of Fushë-Arrëz the lowest ones.

Foreign and joint enterprises

Enterprises from European countries represent 66.7 % of total foreign and joint enterprises. Enterprises with partners from Italy and Greece are 54.0 % of total foreign and joint enterprises. Economic activity such as: call centre and wholesale trade activities are mainly with foreigner owners or co-owners. Foreign and joint enterprises are concentrated mainly in municipalities Tirana and Durrës with 77.9 % of them.

Women as manager

Trade activity marks the highest participation of women in decision-making, by 39.2%. Enterprises leaded by women are mainly micro enterprises with 1-4 employed and represent 91.6 % of this group. However 24.2 % of big enterprises, with 50 and more employed are managed or owned by women out of 19.2 % on year 2016.

Local unit

In 2017 are 174,306 active local units of which 160,928 have just one location. Multi-location enterprises are 1,524 and represent only 1.0 % of total active enterprises and employ 26.5 % of total employment. Financial activities have the highest number of employed for multi-location enterprises. Local units are concentrated mainly in Tirana, Durrës and Shkodra municipalities with 39.5 % of total active local units.

Economic development by regions, NUTS

The most developed region is the centre region (Tirana and Elbasan prefecture), where operate 41.5 % of total enterprises. The situation is the same for new registrations during 2017 with 46.2 %. The contribution in employment is 54.4 %. Trade economic activity represents 32.8 % 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	162.452	36.520	98.264	27.668
Producers of goods	53.250	36.520	9.258	7.472
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	37.684	36.520	761	403
Industry	11.066	-	7.024	4.042
Construction	4.500	-	1.473	3.027
Producers of services	109.202	-	89.006	20.196
Trade	48.873	-	40.729	8.144
Transport and storage	5.928	-	4.813	1.115
Accommodation and food service activities	21.909	-	21.054	855
Information and communication	2.927	-	1.951	976
Other Services	29.565	-	20.459	9.106

Tab. 2 Active enterprises by economic activity and size

End of the year

Economic activity	Total	Grouped by number of employed			
		1-4	5-9	10-49	50+
Total	162.452	146.304	8.023	6.297	1.828
Producers of goods	53.250	48.819	1.842	1.851	738
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	37.684	37.535	71	60	18
Industry	11.066	8.208	1.163	1.156	539
Construction	4.500	3.076	608	635	181
Producers of services	109.202	97.485	6.181	4.446	1.090
Trade	48.873	44.964	2.251	1.487	171
Transport and storage	5.928	5.481	203	194	50
Accommodation and food service activities	21.909	19.330	1.880	648	51
Information and communication	2.927	2.519	206	161	41
Other Services	29.565	25.191	1.641	1.956	777

Methodological Notes

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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