

Business Register

Year 2018

Tirana, June 3, 2019: Business register at the end of 2018 counted 162,835 active enterprises, and it is approximately the same number as active enterprises by the end of 2017. Moreover 40,935 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 2018 in trade activity are 23.2 % out of 25.0 % during 2017.

Big enterprises with 50 and more employed represent only 1.2 % of total active enterprises and their contribution on employment in 2018 is 48.1 % out of 47.8 % in 2017.

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

In 2018 women managed 25.7 % of total active enterprises out of 29.7 % on year 2017. The highest percentage of enterprises managed by women is in municipality of Tirana with 33.2 %. The highest percentage of enterprises managed by women is in prefecture of Tirana with 41.4 %. Enterprises leaded by women are mainly micro enterprises with 1-4 employed and represent 91.2 % of this group. However 19.6 % of big enterprises, with 50 and more employed are managed or owned by women.

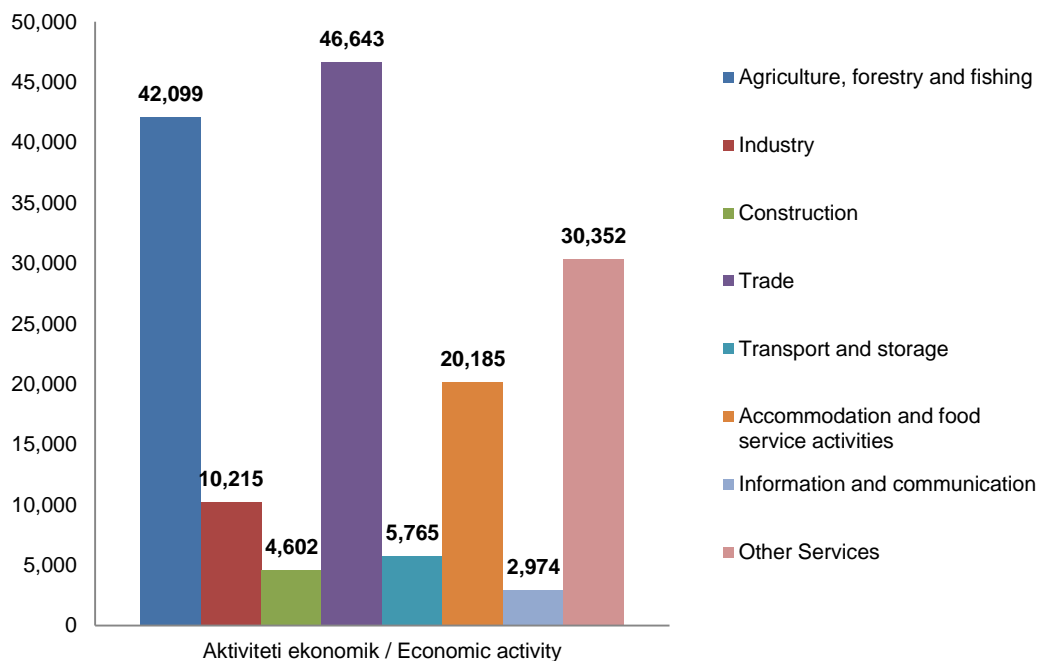
Enterprises with foreigner owner or foreigner and Albanian partners covered 3.8 % of total active enterprises, out of 3.9 % in 2017, and employ 9.6 % of total of employment.

Enterprises from European countries represent 64.8 % of total foreign and joint enterprises. Enterprises with partners from Italy and Greece are 52.8 % of total foreign and joint enterprises. The prefectures Tirana and Durrës counted 81.7 % of total foreign and join enterprises.

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Fig. 1 Active enterprises by economic activity



In 2018 are 172.554 active local units of which 160,928 have just one location. Multi-location enterprises are 1,524 and represent only 1.0 % of total number of 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, Fier and Elbasan municipalities with 54.1 % of total active 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 2018 with 48.7 %. Trade economic activity represents 31.6 % 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	162,835	40,953	93,048	28,834
Producers of goods	56,916	40,953	8,432	7,531
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	42,099	40,953	700	446
Industry	10,215	0	6,266	3,949
Construction	4,602	0	1,466	3,136
Producers of services	105,919	0	84,616	21,303
Trade	46,643	0	38,342	8,301
Transport and storage	5,765	0	4,613	1,152
Accommodation and food service activities	20,185	0	19,199	986
Information and communication	2,974	0	1,859	1,115
Other Services	30,352	0	20,603	9,749

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	162,835	145,549	8,518	6,801	1,967
Producers of goods	56,916	52,269	1,858	1,987	802
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	42,099	41,946	76	63	14
Industry	10,215	7,247	1,153	1,240	575
Construction	4,602	3,076	629	684	213
Producers of services	105,919	93,280	6,660	4,814	1,165
Trade	46,643	42,337	2,458	1,651	197
Transport and storage	5,765	5,257	245	211	52
Accommodation and food service activities	20,185	17,455	1,923	756	51
Information and communication	2,974	2,523	212	196	43
Other Services	30,352	25,708	1,822	2,000	822

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.

Quality in Statistics

Quality Report of Business register 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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