

Business Register

Year 2020

Tirana, June 2, 2021: Business register at the end of 2020 counts 166,386 active enterprises, marking a 2.5 % increase compared with the end of year 2019. Farmers registered to tax offices with Identification Number to Persons of Taxation (NIPT) are 49,053 at the end of 2020 marking a 9.3 % increase compared with the end of year 2019 (for more detailed informations, see page 5, "Methodological Notes").

Albanian economy is focused mainly in trade activity as well as for new registrations during year 2020. Enterprises registered during 2020 in trade activity are 22.1 % compared with 23.0% during 2019. Economic activities of the enterprises are defined by European Economic Classification.

Big enterprises with 50 and more employed represent only 1.2 % of total active enterprises and their contribution on employment in 2020 is 48.5 % compared with 47.8 % in 2019.

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

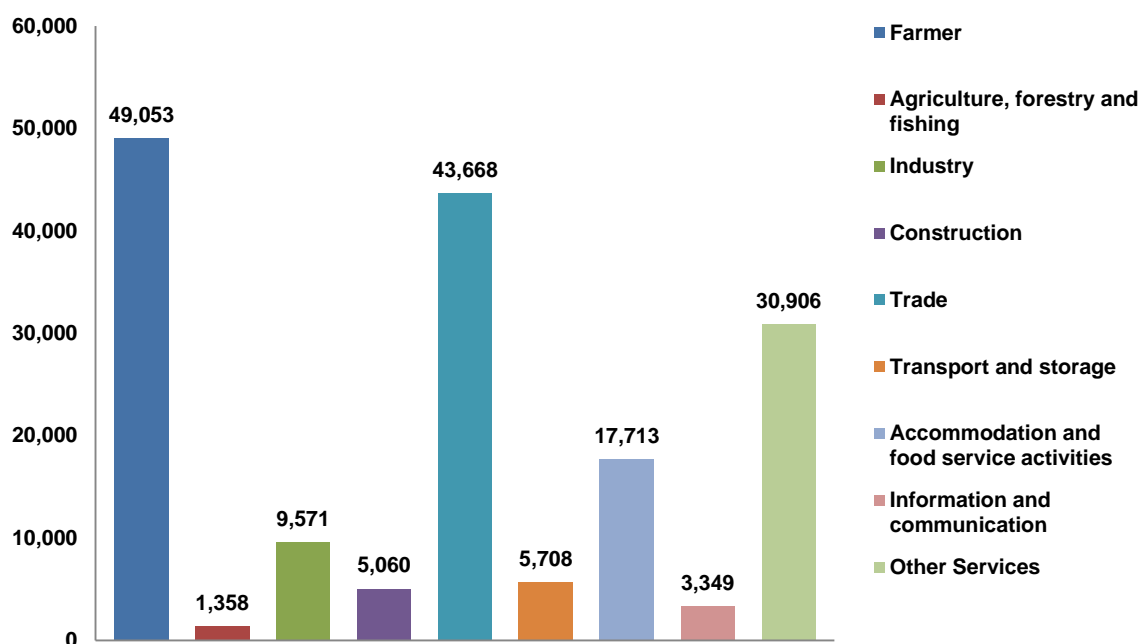
In 2020 women managed 25.5% of total active enterprises compared with 25.4 % on year 2019. The highest percentage of enterprises managed by women is in municipality of Tirana with 32.8 %. Enterprises leaded by women are mainly micro enterprises with 1- 4 employed and represent 91.0 % of this group. However 22.8 % of big enterprises, with 50 and more employed are managed or owned by women.

Enterprises with foreigner owners and albanian partners covered 3.6 % of total active enterprises, compared with 4.0 % in 2019, and employ 12.4 % of total of employment.

Enterprises from European countries represent 62.2 % of total foreign and joint enterprises. Enterprises with partners from Italy and Greece represent 77.8 % of total foreign and joint enterprises. Foreign and joint enterprises are mainly concentrated in the municipalities of Tirana and Durrës, respectively 64.9% and 12.1%.

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Fig. 1 Active enterprises by economic activity, 2020



At the end of 2020 are 176,216 active local units of which 164,608 have just one location. The number of multi-location enterprises is 1,778 and represents only 1.1 % of total number of active enterprises. The number of employees represents 25.4 % of total employment.

Local units are concentrated mainly in Tirana, Fier and Korça prefectures with 54.9% of total active local units.

The most developed region is the centre region (Tirana and Elbasan prefecture), where operate 41.0 % of total active enterprises. The situation is the same for new registrations during 2020 with 46.9%. The contribution in employment is 54.4%.

Tab. 1 Active enterprises by economic activity and legal form

End of the year 2020

Economic activity	Total	Farmer	Physical Persons	Juridical Persons
Total	166,386	49,053	88,243	29,090
Producers of goods	65,042	49,053	8,489	7,500
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	50,411	49,053	881	477
Industry	9,571	-	5,849	3,722
Construction	5,060	-	1,759	3,301
Producers of services	101,344	-	79,754	21,590
Trade	43,668	-	35,581	8,087
Transport and storage	5,708	-	4,583	1,125
Accommodation and food service activities	17,713	-	16,473	1,240
Information and communication	3,349	-	2,066	1,283
Other Services	30,906	-	21,051	9,855

Tab. 2 Active enterprises by economic activity and size

End of the year 2020

Economic Activity	Total	Grupuar sipas numrit të të punësuarve Group by the number of employed			
		1-4	5-9	10-49	50+
Total	166,386	149,772	7,583	7,052	1,979
Producers of goods	65,042	60,403	1,704	2,177	758
Farmers	49,053	49,053	-	-	-
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,358	1,186	86	74	12
Industry	9,571	6,714	1,042	1,282	533
Construction	5,060	3,450	576	821	213
Producers of services	101,344	89,369	5,879	4,875	1,221
Trade	43,668	39,367	2,330	1,748	223
Transport and storage	5,708	5,177	248	235	48
Accommodation and food service activities	17,713	15,572	1,357	735	49
Information and communication	3,349	2,858	216	220	55
Other Services	30,906	26,395	1,728	1,937	846

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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.

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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