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Statistics on the demographic events of enterprises, 2021-2023

Tirana, May 5, 2025: INSTAT publishes for the first time data on the demographic events of enterprises in Albania, for the period 2021–2023.

This publication provides an overview of enterprise developments during the years 2021–2023, including the number of active, births and deaths of enterprises. It also presents data on the employment structure in these enterprises, highlighting the economic activities where they are most concentrated, as well as the distribution by size class of enterprises, based on the number of employees.

The compilation of statistical data on enterprise demography is based on the analysis and processing of data from the Statistical Business Register (SBR). The economic activities covered include sections B to N and P to R, as well as divisions S95 and S96 of the Nomenclature of Economic Activities, NACE Rev.2.

In 2023:

- The number of active enterprises was 125,736;
- The number of births of enterprises was 13,346;
- The number of deaths of enterprises was 810.

Tab. 1 Number of enterprises by activity status, 2021-2023

Activity status	2021	2022	2023
Number of active enterprises	114,191	120,587	125,736
Number of enterprise births	14,509	15,261	13,346
Number of enterprise deaths	1,003	565	810

Source: INSTAT, Statistical Business Registers

The economic activities with the biggest percentage of **active enterprises** during 2023 were:

- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, with 35.2 %;
- Accommodation and food service activities, with 14.3 %;
- Professional, scientific and technical activities, with 7.9 %.

The economic activities with the highest share of **employment** of active enterprises during 2023 were:

- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, with 21.8 %;
- Manufacturing, with 15.5 %
- Construction, with 9.1 %.

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Tab. 2 The structure in percentage of active enterprises and employment by section, 2021-2023

Economic activity		2021		2022		2023	
		Number of enterprises	Number of employed	Number of enterprises	Number of employed	Number of enterprises	Number of employed
Total		100	100	100	100	100	100
B	Mining and quarrying	0.7	1.5	0.6	1.4	0.6	1.5
C	Manufacturing	6.5	16.0	6.4	16.1	6.4	15.5
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0.5	1.7	0.4	1.8	0.5	1.8
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0.3	2.2	0.2	2.0	0.2	2.0
F	Construction	4.8	8.7	5.2	8.9	5.5	9.1
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	37.7	21.3	36.4	21.9	35.2	21.8
H	Transportation and storage	5.0	3.6	5.0	3.7	5.1	3.8
I	Accommodation and food service activities	15.0	8.0	14.5	7.9	14.3	8.2
J	Information and communication	3.5	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.2
K	Financial and insurance activities	0.9	2.2	1.0	2.2	1.2	2.2
L	Real estate activities	1.0	0.5	1.3	0.6	1.4	0.6
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	7.3	4.1	7.7	4.3	7.9	4.3
N	Administrative and support service activities	3.5	6.8	3.9	6.3	4.2	6.2
P	Education	1.2	9.7	1.1	8.9	1.1	8.6
Q	Human health and social work activities	3.7	6.7	3.8	6.7	3.8	6.7
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.1
S	Other service activities	7.3	2.2	7.1	2.3	7.0	2.4

Source: INSTAT, Statistical Business Registers

In 2023, the economic activities with the biggest percentage of **enterprise biths** were:

- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, with 26.2 % ;
- Accommodation and food service activities, with 13.3 %;
- Professional, scientific and technical activities, with 8.8 %.

Economic activities with the highest percentage of **employment** of **enterprise births** during 2023 were:

- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, with 20.9 %;
- Accommodation and food service activities, with 14.0 %;
- Construction, with 11.2 %.

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Tab. 3 The structure in percentage of enterprise births and employment by section, 2021-2023

	Economic activity	2021		2022		2023	
		Number of enterprises	Number of employed	Number of enterprises	Number of employed	Number of enterprises	Number of employed
Total		100	100	100	100	100	100
B	Mining and quarrying	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5
C	Manufacturing	4.7	10.0	5.5	11.5	5.2	8.3
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.7
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.7	0.2	1.8
F	Construction	6.4	8.2	7.2	9.5	7.9	11.2
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	30.8	21.4	27.3	22.1	26.2	20.9
H	Transportation and storage	3.8	3.0	4.3	3.5	4.7	3.6
I	Accommodation and food service activities	13.4	14.0	12.8	13.1	13.3	14.0
J	Information and communication	8.6	11.1	9.4	8.6	8.2	9.0
K	Financial and insurance activities	1.4	0.9	1.5	0.9	2.3	1.4
L	Real estate activities	2.1	1.3	2.9	1.8	2.7	1.8
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	9.8	9.6	10.1	9.8	8.8	7.4
N	Administrative and support service activities	6.0	10.0	6.7	7.5	7.8	8.0
P	Education	0.9	1.8	0.8	0.9	0.6	2.2
Q	Human health and social work activities	4.0	3.7	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.3
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.8	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.3
S	Other service activities	5.2	3.2	6.0	4.2	6.0	4.4

Source: INSTAT, Statistical Business Registers

During 2023, the economic activities with the biggest percentage of **active enterprises by size class of enterprise** are presented in the table below:

- 51.1 % of active enterprises result with no employees;
- 37.1% of active enterprises result with 1-4 employees;
- 5.4 % of active enterprises result with 5-9 employees;
- 6.4 % of active enterprises result with 10 or more employees.

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Tab. 4 The structure in percentage of active enterprises and enterprise births by section and size class of enterprise, 2023

Economic activity	Active enterprises				Births of enterprises			
	0 employees	1-4 employees	5-9 employees	>=10 employees	0 employees	1-4 employees	5-9 employees	>=10 employes
Total	51.1	37.1	5.4	6.4	56.1	38.6	3.3	2.0
B Mining and quarrying	14.8	49.0	15.7	20.5	21.2	57.6	9.1	12.1
C Manufacturing	33.3	40.3	9.5	16.9	44.6	43.3	5.2	6.9
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	4.4	68.7	11.5	15.4	4.3	94.0	0.9	0.9
E Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	19.0	37.7	7.2	36.1	29.6	63.0	3.7	3.7
F Construction	22.5	50.6	11.7	15.2	33.5	54.3	7.5	4.7
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	54.8	36.3	4.6	4.4	60.4	36.9	1.6	1.1
H Transportation and storage	66.9	24.5	4.1	4.4	68.0	28.2	2.7	1.1
I Accommodation and food service activities	54.5	35.9	5.8	3.8	55.4	36.8	6.1	1.7
J Information and communication	56.2	32.3	4.7	6.7	66.3	28.8	2.4	2.5
K Financial and insurance activities	41.9	48.5	5.1	4.4	54.2	43.9	1.6	0.3
L Real estate activities	45.6	48.0	3.9	2.5	48.2	50.4	0.6	0.8
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	55.8	36.7	3.9	3.5	59.5	36.1	2.8	1.5
N Administrative and support service activities	43.7	43.3	5.4	7.6	55.6	39.5	2.5	2.4
P Education	21.0	44.5	11.8	22.7	51.8	33.7	6.0	8.4
Q Human health and social work activities	42.1	38.1	6.1	13.7	48.0	45.2	5.2	1.6
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	51.6	37.8	3.8	6.8	58.4	38.8	2.4	0.4
S Other service activities	68.0	29.4	1.8	0.8	68.4	29.7	1.3	0.6

Source: INSTAT, Statistical Business Registers

During 2023, the economic activities with the biggest percentage of **enterprise deaths by size** class of enterprise are presented in the table below:

- 61.5% of enterprise deaths result with no employees;
- 28.5% of enterprise deaths result with 1-4 employees;
- 4.6 % of enterprise deaths result with 5-9 employees;
- 5.4 % of enterprise deaths result with 10 or more employees.

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Tab. 5 The structure in percentage of enterprise deaths by sector and size class of enterprise, 2023

Economic activity		Enterprise Deaths			
		0 employees	1-4 employees	5-9 employees	>=10 employees
Total		**61.5**	**28.5**	**4.6**	**5.4**
B	Mining and quarrying	C	C	-	-
C	Manufacturing	50.9	38.6	5.3	5.3
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	-	-	-	-
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	C	-	-	C
F	Construction	33.3	39.4	C	C
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	67.2	29.2	2.5	1.1
H	Transportation and storage	70.6	C	-	C
I	Accommodation and food service activities	66.9	22.8	7.9	2.4
J	Information and communication	51.6	29.0	C	C
K	Financial and insurance activities	C	C	-	-
L	Real estate activities	C	C	C	-
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	66.7	28.2	C	C
N	Administrative and support service activities	37.5	45.8	-	16.7
P	Education	33.3	C	-	C
Q	Human health and social work activities	30.4	C	39.1	C
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	58.3	C	-	C
S	Other service activities	66.7	C	-	C

Source: INSTAT, Statistical Business Registers
Note: C – Further details affects confidentiality

Methodology

The publication "Statistics on Demographic Events of Enterprises" a crucial role in supporting various stakeholders, including the business community, policy-makers, and academics. By analysing business statistics, this publication enables informed decision-making and fosters economic development.

Legal basis

- 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 30/2023 date 24/03/2023 "On Official Statistics Program 2012-2026"; Decision of Albanian Government "On nomenclature of economic activities, NACE Rev.2", no. 320 date 28/05/2014;

The compilation of statistical data for business demography is based on the analysis and processing of data obtained from the Statistical Business Register (SBR).

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. The economic activities covered by business demography are NACE Rev.2 sections B to N, and P to R and divisions S95 and S96.

Definitions

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.

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

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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.

Business demography statistics refer to active enterprises, births of enterprises and deaths of enterprises, which are defined as follows:

Active enterprises: The number of all statistical units which at any time during the reference period were "enterprises" and also active (have turnover or employment) during the same reference period.

Births of enterprises: An enterprise birth occurs when an enterprise is registered and begins operations, amounting to the creation of a combination of production factors.

Deaths of enterprises: An enterprise death is the termination of an enterprise, amounting to the dissolution of a combination of production factors.