Business Demography: 2025

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Salient Points

- Malta had 65,732 active enterprises, supporting an employment of 289,943 jobs, in 2025.
- In 2025, enterprises in Professional, scientific and technical activities (N); Wholesale and retail trade (G) and Construction (F) covered 38.1 per cent of total enterprises and supported 31.4 per cent of jobs.
- In 2025, 74.1 per cent of active enterprises were sole proprietors and partnerships while 25.4 per cent were limited liability companies and plc.
- Provisional figures indicate that there were 21,431 employer enterprises in Malta in 2025.
- In 2025, enterprises employing at least 50 persons accounted for 47.3 per cent of total employment.

Commentary

Effective from reference year 2025, Business Demography data will be classified according to the recently updated version of the EU statistical classification of economic activities, NACE Revision 2 Update 1 (NACE Rev. 2.1). More information on the reclassification can be found in the relevant press information notice published on 28 April 2026.

Provisional figures for 2025 indicate that there were 65,732 active enterprises in Malta, supporting an employment of 289,943 persons.

This news release is compiled using the statistical unit 'enterprise'. An enterprise may consist of one or more legal business units, producing goods or services, which has a certain degree of autonomy in decision-making (Methodological Note 6). Provisional figures for 2025 show that there were 65,732 active enterprises in Malta, an increase of 6.4 per cent, or 3,956 active enterprises, over 2024.

The Professional, scientific and technical activities (section N) accounted for 15.7 per cent of the active enterprises; Wholesale and retail trade (section G) accounted for 13.4 per cent, while Construction (section F) accounted for 9.0 per cent (Table 1, Chart 1).

Compared to the situation a year earlier, micro enterprises employing between 0 and 9 persons increased by 6.6 per cent, while small enterprises employing between 10 and 49 persons, increased by 3.0 per cent. Medium-sized enterprises employing between 50 and 249 persons increased by 1.3 per cent. Enterprises employing more than 250 persons increased by 8.5 per cent (Table 1, Chart 2).

Chart 1. Enterprises and Employment by NACE rev 2.1 Section in 2025

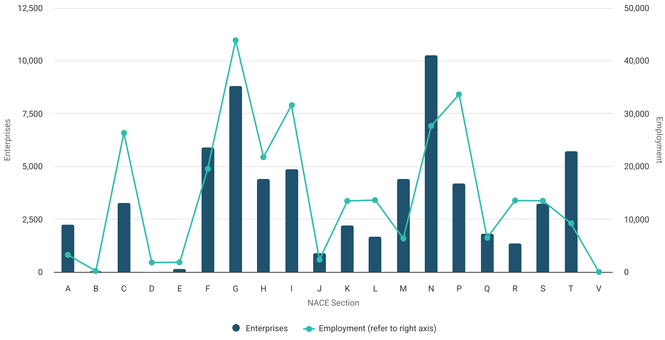
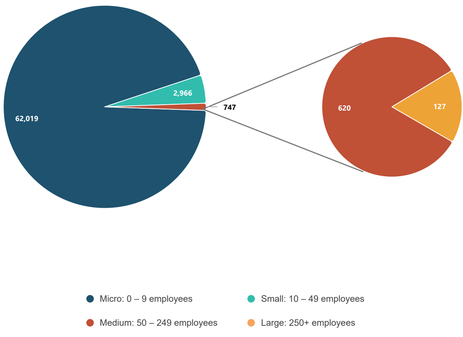


Chart 2. Enterprises split by employment size class for 2025

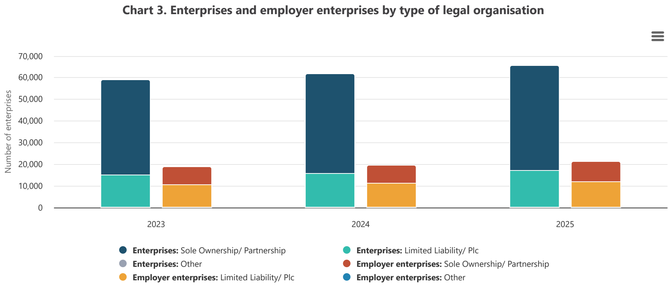


In 2025, 74.1 per cent of the enterprises were sole proprietors and partnerships, 25.4 per cent were limited liability companies or public limited liability companies, while 0.4 per cent were cooperatives, corporations, branches or joint ventures (Table 2, Chart 3).

Provisional figures indicate that there were 21,431 employer enterprises in Malta in 2025, of which 55.7 per cent were limited liability companies or public limited liability companies and 43.4 per cent were sole proprietors and partnerships (Tables 3 and 4, Chart 3).

Wholesale and Retail Trade (Section G) accounted for 15.1 per cent of employment in Malta, in 2025. Administrative and support service activities (Section O) accounted for 11.6 per cent, and Accommodation and Food Services (Section I) accounted for 10.9 per cent (Tables 5 and 6).

Chart 3. Enterprises and employer enterprises by type of legal organisation



Notes:

1. Data for 2025 is to be considered as provisional.
2. **Employer enterprises** refer to enterprises with more than one employee.

Table 1. Structure of active enterprises by year, employment size and NACE Rev. 2.1

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023					2024					2025[p]				
		0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,250	11	3	-	2,264	2,222	11	4	-	2,237	2,224	12	2	-	2,238
B	Mining and quarrying	57	5	-	-	62	56	6	-	-	62	54	5	-	-	59
C	Manufacturing	2,701	236	66	15	3,018	2,786	246	73	14	3,119	2,929	254	75	16	3,274
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	20	3	1	1	25	21	3	1	1	26	24	4	-	1	29
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	148	14	-	2	164	146	16	1	2	165	149	17	1	1	168
F	Construction	5,233	180	33	10	5,456	5,360	197	40	7	5,604	5,643	221	38	8	5,910
G	Wholesale and retail trade	8,015	542	101	12	8,670	8,035	559	111	11	8,716	8,105	584	110	12	8,811
H	Transportation and storage	3,569	171	29	12	3,781	3,691	183	35	13	3,922	4,167	180	45	12	4,404
I	Accommodation and food service activities	3,710	383	56	10	4,159	4,048	432	67	10	4,557	4,355	446	69	10	4,880
J	Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities	764	19	8	-	791	800	20	9	-	829	875	24	8	-	907
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	1,819	131	31	7	1,988	1,909	138	30	6	2,083	2,043	133	35	7	2,218
L	Financial and insurance activities	1,307	132	22	7	1,468	1,358	133	26	7	1,524	1,528	143	25	8	1,704
M	Real estate activities	3,702	59	4	1	3,766	3,940	57	5	1	4,003	4,344	64	8	1	4,417
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	8,492	330	47	5	8,874	9,221	359	50	5	9,635	9,883	357	50	6	10,296
O	Administrative and support service activities	3,282	210	88	20	3,600	3,538	236	88	22	3,884	3,867	222	79	27	4,195
Q	Education	1,519	56	16	2	1,593	1,575	62	18	2	1,657	1,724	71	15	3	1,813
R	Human health and social work activities	1,217	87	21	3	1,328	1,187	95	22	5	1,309	1,246	92	25	6	1,369
S	Arts, sports and recreation	2,502	104	27	11	2,644	2,840	91	28	11	2,970	3,107	93	29	9	3,238
T	Other service activities	5,063	29	4	-	5,096	5,391	35	4	-	5,430	5,698	44	6	-	5,748
U	Activities of households as employers and undifferentiated goods - and service-producing activities of households for own use	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**55,649**	**2,702**	**557**	**118**	**59,026**	**58,168**	**2,879**	**612**	**117**	**61,776**	**62,019**	**2,966**	**620**	**127**	**65,732**

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Table 2. Structure of active enterprises by year, type of legal organisation and NACE Rev. 2.1

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023				2024				2025[p]			
		Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,198	65	1	2,264	2,172	64	1	2,237	2,172	65	1	2,238
B	Mining and quarrying	41	21	-	62	43	19	-	62	41	18	-	59
C	Manufacturing	2,201	808	9	3,018	2,279	830	10	3,119	2,406	858	10	3,274
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1	23	1	25	1	24	1	26	2	26	1	29
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	111	49	4	164	111	51	3	165	114	51	3	168
F	Construction	4,571	865	20	5,456	4,685	904	15	5,604	4,900	993	17	5,910
G	Wholesale and retail trade	6,095	2,550	25	8,670	6,070	2,622	24	8,716	6,080	2,707	24	8,811
H	Transportation and storage	3,198	556	27	3,781	3,275	620	27	3,922	3,667	707	30	4,404
I	Accommodation and food service activities	2,966	1,187	6	4,159	3,291	1,261	5	4,557	3,514	1,361	5	4,880
J	Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities	594	192	5	791	613	211	5	829	665	237	5	907
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activitie	1,094	879	15	1,988	1,146	922	15	2,083	1,196	1,007	15	2,218
L	Financial and insurance activities	96	1,329	43	1,468	111	1,372	41	1,524	130	1,529	45	1,704
M	Real estate activities	1,687	2,069	10	3,766	1,884	2,109	10	4,003	2,183	2,225	9	4,417
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	6,672	2,175	27	8,874	7,295	2,312	28	9,635	7,810	2,448	38	10,296
O	Administrative and support service activities	2,404	1,162	34	3,600	2,619	1,230	35	3,884	2,800	1,359	36	4,195
Q	Education	1,319	269	5	1,593	1,366	285	6	1,657	1,501	306	6	1,813
R	Human health and social work activities	1,184	140	4	1,328	1,154	151	4	1,309	1,199	166	4	1,369
S	Arts, sports and recreation	2,219	418	7	2,644	2,521	442	7	2,970	2,769	458	11	3,238
T	Other service activities	4,934	161	1	5,096	5,246	183	1	5,430	5,536	205	7	5,748
U	Activities of households as employers and undifferentiated goods - and service-producing activities of households for own us	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**43,864**	**14,918**	**244**	**59,026**	**45,926**	**15,612**	**238**	**61,776**	**48,739**	**16,726**	**267**	**65,732**

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Table 3. Structure of employer enterprises by year, employment size and NACE Rev. 2.1

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023					2024					2025[p]				
		0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	271	11	3	-	285	283	11	4	-	298	286	12	2	-	300
B	Mining and quarrying	19	5	-	-	24	17	6	-	-	23	20	5	-	-	25
C	Manufacturing	835	236	66	15	1,152	867	246	73	14	1,200	928	254	75	16	1,273
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	5	3	1	1	10	5	3	1	1	10	6	4	-	1	11
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	66	14	-	2	82	63	16	1	2	82	70	17	1	1	89
F	Construction	1,260	180	33	10	1,483	1,357	197	40	7	1,601	1,522	221	38	8	1,789
G	Wholesale and retail trade	3,523	542	101	12	4,178	3,553	559	111	11	4,234	3,758	584	110	12	4,464
H	Transportation and storage	812	171	29	12	1,024	924	183	35	13	1,155	1,117	180	45	12	1,354
I	Accommodation and food service activities	1,645	383	56	10	2,094	1,681	432	67	10	2,190	1,899	446	69	10	2,424
J	Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities	150	19	8	-	177	159	20	9	-	188	178	24	8	-	210
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	563	131	31	7	732	607	138	30	6	781	678	133	35	7	853
L	Financial and insurance activities	397	132	22	7	558	423	133	26	7	589	488	143	25	8	664
M	Real estate activities	783	59	4	1	847	843	57	5	1	906	948	64	8	1	1,021
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,124	330	47	5	2,506	2,230	358	50	5	2,643	2,533	356	50	6	2,945
O	Administrative and support service activities	828	210	88	20	1,146	869	236	88	22	1,215	1,021	222	79	27	1,349
Q	Education	242	56	16	2	316	257	62	18	2	339	278	71	15	3	367
R	Human health and social work activities	237	87	21	3	348	236	95	22	5	358	270	92	25	6	393
S	Arts, sports and recreation	322	104	27	11	464	367	91	28	11	497	390	93	29	9	521
T	Other service activities	1,064	28	4	-	1,096	1,135	34	4	-	1,173	1,283	44	6	-	1,333
U	Activities of households as employers and undifferentiated goods - and service-producing activities of households for own use	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**15,409**	**2,701**	**557**	**118**	**18,785**	**15,914**	**2,877**	**612**	**117**	**19,520**	**17,719**	**2,965**	**620**	**127**	**21,431**

Table 4. Structure of employer enterprises by year, type of legal organisation and NACE Rev. 2.1

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023				2024				2025[p]			
		Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	238	47	-	285	250	48	-	298	251	49	-	300
B	Mining and quarrying	9	15	-	24	10	13	-	23	11	14	-	25
C	Manufacturing	426	721	5	1,152	445	749	6	1,200	498	769	6	1,273
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	-	9	1	10	-	9	1	10	-	10	1	11
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	39	40	3	82	39	40	3	82	43	43	3	89
F	Construction	780	692	11	1,483	850	738	13	1,601	961	815	13	1,789
G	Wholesale and retail trade	2,039	2,124	15	4,178	2,031	2,188	15	4,234	2,171	2,279	14	4,464
H	Transportation and storage	552	448	24	1,024	625	507	23	1,155	770	561	23	1,354
I	Accommodation and food service activities	1,079	1,012	3	2,094	1,108	1,079	3	2,190	1,246	1,174	4	2,424
J	Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities	28	145	4	177	28	156	4	188	35	170	5	210
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	54	665	13	732	63	705	13	781	80	760	13	853
L	Financial and insurance activities	11	522	25	558	16	547	26	589	21	616	27	664
M	Real estate activities	95	748	4	847	120	782	4	906	164	853	4	1,021
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	874	1,614	18	2,506	907	1,716	20	2,643	1,064	1,856	25	2,945
O	Administrative and support service activities	211	909	26	1,146	217	971	27	1,215	269	1,052	28	1,349
Q	Education	109	203	4	316	113	221	5	339	126	236	5	367
R	Human health and social work activities	222	123	3	348	224	131	3	358	242	150	1	393
S	Arts, sports and recreation	133	327	4	464	147	347	3	497	168	348	5	521
T	Other service activities	947	149	-	1,096	1,008	165	-	1,173	1,145	182	6	1,333
U	Activities of households as employers and undifferentiated goods - and service-producing activities of households for own use	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**8,109**	**10,513**	**163**	**18,785**	**8,239**	**11,112**	**169**	**19,520**	**9,311**	**11,937**	**183**	**21,431**

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Table 5. Employment structure by year, employment size and NACE Rev. 2.1

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023					2024					2025[p]				
		0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,733	231	330	-	3,294	2,707	209	412	-	3,328	2,659	272	301	-	3,232
B	Mining and quarrying	111	67	-	-	178	102	86	-	-	188	107	71	-	-	178
C	Manufacturing	4,811	5,077	6,420	8,991	25,299	5,005	5,329	7,208	8,594	26,136	5,076	5,358	7,103	8,806	26,343
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	13	96	57	1,695	1,861	13	98	58	1,620	1,789	14	147	-	1,629	1,790
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	294	284	-	1,429	2,007	284	303	50	1,477	2,114	318	375	71	1,064	1,828
F	Construction	7,988	3,504	3,369	3,499	18,360	8,320	3,777	4,505	2,421	19,023	8,645	4,166	4,018	2,689	19,518
G	Wholesale and retail trade	15,992	10,208	9,247	4,976	40,423	16,073	10,613	10,397	5,286	42,369	16,282	11,223	10,676	5,707	43,888
H	Transportation and storage	5,284	3,588	2,768	6,643	18,283	5,691	3,842	3,604	7,021	20,158	6,292	3,810	4,665	6,979	21,746
I	Accommodation and food service activities	7,994	7,264	5,519	6,012	26,789	8,434	8,366	6,613	6,544	29,957	9,090	8,833	6,834	6,842	31,599
J	Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities	1,052	403	828	-	2,283	1,110	493	699	-	2,302	1,159	524	638	-	2,321
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	2,653	2,853	2,440	3,821	11,767	2,789	3,019	2,856	3,887	12,551	2,958	2,923	3,132	4,434	13,447
L	Financial and insurance activities	1,297	2,857	2,718	5,308	12,180	1,343	2,820	3,072	5,679	12,914	1,571	3,055	2,884	6,098	13,608
M	Real estate activities	3,428	1,102	383	272	5,185	3,559	1,147	524	279	5,509	3,903	1,257	887	293	6,340
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	12,359	6,197	4,289	2,231	25,076	13,165	6,690	4,421	2,383	26,659	13,956	6,692	4,372	2,658	27,678
O	Administrative and support service activities	4,936	4,600	10,147	10,487	30,170	5,200	4,939	9,374	11,869	31,382	5,493	4,623	8,315	15,216	33,647
Q	Education	1,975	1,224	1,848	551	5,598	2,071	1,382	2,137	560	6,150	2,146	1,658	1,846	816	6,466
R	Human health and social work activities	1,825	1,788	2,095	5,590	11,298	1,803	1,838	1,925	6,489	12,055	1,943	1,802	2,231	7,561	13,537
S	Arts, sports and recreation	3,129	2,066	2,863	5,978	14,036	3,589	1,896	2,797	5,862	14,144	3,741	1,860	2,907	4,974	13,482
T	Other service activities	7,036	600	310	-	7,946	7,537	676	307	-	8,520	7,885	814	511	-	9,210
U	Activities of households as employers and undifferentiated goods - and service-producing activities of households for own use	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**85,263**	**54,009**	**55,631**	**67,483**	**262,386**	**88,848**	**57,523**	**60,959**	**69,971**	**277,301**	**93,323**	**59,463**	**61,391**	**75,766**	**289,943**

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Table 6. Employment structure by year, type of legal organisation and NACE Rev. 2.1

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023				2024				2025[p]			
		Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,684	606	4	3,294	2,675	649	4	3,328	2,640	588	4	3,232
B	Mining and quarrying	67	111	-	178	73	115	-	188	73	105	-	178
C	Manufacturing	3,586	21,623	90	25,299	3,805	22,243	88	26,136	3,898	22,349	96	26,343
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2	164	1,695	1,861	2	167	1,620	1,789	2	159	1,629	1,790
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	210	693	1,104	2,007	219	834	1,061	2,114	226	527	1,075	1,828
F	Construction	6,754	11,176	430	18,360	7,080	11,768	175	19,023	7,435	11,984	99	19,518
G	Wholesale and retail trade	12,232	27,853	338	40,423	12,298	29,721	350	42,369	12,439	31,046	403	43,888
H	Transportation and storage	4,966	12,197	1,120	18,283	5,386	13,555	1,217	20,158	5,864	14,768	1,114	21,746
I	Accommodation and food service activities	7,588	18,962	239	26,789	8,384	21,306	267	29,957	8,931	22,390	278	31,599
J	Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities	678	1,473	132	2,283	694	1,418	190	2,302	724	1,411	186	2,321
K	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activitie	1,238	10,399	130	11,767	1,305	11,073	173	12,551	1,335	11,943	169	13,447
L	Financial and insurance activities	139	10,859	1,182	12,180	159	11,459	1,296	12,914	190	12,096	1,322	13,608
M	Real estate activities	1,879	3,027	279	5,185	1,946	3,281	282	5,509	2,180	3,862	298	6,340
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities	11,390	13,513	173	25,076	12,592	13,828	239	26,659	13,060	14,378	240	27,678
O	Administrative and support service activities	3,737	25,239	1,194	30,170	3,966	26,482	934	31,382	3,953	28,914	780	33,647
Q	Education	2,787	2,739	72	5,598	2,901	3,160	89	6,150	3,025	3,359	82	6,466
R	Human health and social work activities	2,542	8,725	31	11,298	2,602	9,420	33	12,055	2,751	10,743	43	13,537
S	Arts, sports and recreation	2,634	11,369	33	14,036	3,038	11,065	41	14,144	3,149	10,276	57	13,482
T	Other service activities	6,845	1,077	24	7,946	7,360	1,136	24	8,520	7,748	1,412	50	9,210
U	Activities of households as employers and undifferentiated goods - and service-producing activities of households for own us	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:
V	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**72,311**	**181,805**	**8,270**	**262,386**	**76,538**	**192,680**	**8,083**	**277,301**	**79,708**	**202,310**	**7,925**	**289,943**

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Table 7. Structure of active enterprises by year, employment size and NACE Rev. 2

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023					2024					2025[p]				
		0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,250	11	3	-	2,264	2,222	11	4	-	2,237	2,224	12	2	-	2,238
B	Mining and quarrying	57	5	-	-	62	56	6	-	-	62	54	5	-	-	59
C	Manufacturing	2,702	236	66	15	3,019	2,787	245	73	14	3,119	2,930	253	75	16	3,274
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	20	2	1	1	24	21	2	1	1	25	24	3	-	1	28
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	148	14	-	2	164	146	16	1	2	165	149	17	1	1	168
F	Construction	5,630	194	35	10	5,869	5,769	207	43	7	6,026	6,082	232	42	8	6,364
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	9,153	548	101	12	9,814	9,192	569	111	11	9,883	9,293	596	110	12	10,011
H	Transportation and storage	3,569	172	29	12	3,782	3,691	184	35	13	3,923	4,167	181	45	12	4,405
I	Accommodation and food service activities	3,402	375	56	10	3,843	3,743	422	67	10	4,242	4,053	437	67	10	4,567
J	Information and communication	2,583	150	39	7	2,779	2,709	158	39	6	2,912	2,918	157	43	7	3,125
K	Financial and insurance activities	1,307	132	22	7	1,468	1,358	133	26	7	1,524	1,528	143	25	8	1,704
L	Real estate activities	3,613	52	2	1	3,668	3,836	56	2	1	3,895	4,206	61	6	1	4,274
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	8,492	330	47	5	8,874	9,221	360	50	5	9,636	9,883	358	50	6	10,297
N	Administrative and support service activities	3,282	211	88	20	3,601	3,538	237	88	22	3,885	3,869	223	79	27	4,198
P	Education	1,520	56	16	2	1,594	1,576	62	18	2	1,658	1,725	71	15	3	1,814
Q	Human health and social work activities	1,217	87	21	3	1,328	1,187	95	22	5	1,309	1,246	92	25	6	1,369
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,500	104	27	11	2,642	2,838	91	28	11	2,968	3,105	93	29	9	3,236
S	Other service activities	3,925	23	4	-	3,952	4,234	25	4	-	4,263	4,509	32	6	-	4,547
T	Activities of households as employers	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:
U	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**55,649**	**2,702**	**557**	**118**	**59,026**	**58,168**	**2,879**	**612**	**117**	**61,776**	**62,019**	**2,966**	**620**	**127**	**65,732**

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Table 8. Structure of active enterprises by year, type of legal organisation and NACE Rev. 2

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023				2024				2025[p]			
		Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,198	65	1	2,264	2,172	64	1	2,237	2,172	65	1	2,238
B	Mining and quarrying	41	21	-	62	43	19	-	62	41	18	-	59
C	Manufacturing	2,202	808	9	3,019	2,280	829	10	3,119	2,407	857	10	3,274
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1	22	1	24	1	23	1	25	2	25	1	28
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	111	49	4	164	111	51	3	165	114	51	3	168
F	Construction	4,609	1,240	20	5,869	4,722	1,289	15	6,026	4,945	1,402	17	6,364
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	7,183	2,606	25	9,814	7,174	2,685	24	9,883	7,215	2,772	24	10,011
H	Transportation and storage	3,198	557	27	3,782	3,275	621	27	3,923	3,667	708	30	4,405
I	Accommodation and food service activities	2,744	1,093	6	3,843	3,065	1,172	5	4,242	3,290	1,272	5	4,567
J	Information and communication	1,688	1,071	20	2,779	1,759	1,133	20	2,912	1,861	1,244	20	3,125
K	Financial and insurance activities	96	1,329	43	1,468	111	1,372	41	1,524	130	1,529	45	1,704
L	Real estate activities	1,871	1,787	10	3,668	2,073	1,812	10	3,895	2,362	1,903	9	4,274
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	6,672	2,175	27	8,874	7,295	2,313	28	9,636	7,810	2,449	38	10,297
N	Administrative and support service activities	2,404	1,163	34	3,601	2,619	1,231	35	3,885	2,801	1,361	36	4,198
P	Education	1,320	269	5	1,594	1,367	285	6	1,658	1,502	306	6	1,814
Q	Human health and social work activities	1,184	140	4	1,328	1,154	151	4	1,309	1,199	166	4	1,369
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,217	418	7	2,642	2,519	442	7	2,968	2,767	458	11	3,236
S	Other service activities	3,846	105	1	3,952	4,142	120	1	4,263	4,400	140	7	4,547
T	Activities of households as employers	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:
U	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**43,864**	**14,918**	**244**	**59,026**	**45,926**	**15,612**	**238**	**61,776**	**48,739**	**16,726**	**267**	**65,732**

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Table 9. Structure of employer enterprises by year, employment size and NACE Rev. 2

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023					2024					2025[p]				
		0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	271	11	3	-	285	283	11	4	-	298	286	12	2	-	300
B	Mining and quarrying	19	5	-	-	24	17	6	-	-	23	20	5	-	-	25
C	Manufacturing	835	236	66	15	1,152	867	245	73	14	1,199	928	253	75	16	1,272
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	5	2	1	1	9	5	2	1	1	9	6	3	-	1	10
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	66	14	-	2	82	63	16	1	2	82	70	17	1	1	89
F	Construction	1,370	194	35	10	1,609	1,480	207	43	7	1,737	1,662	232	42	8	1,944
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	3,827	548	101	12	4,488	3,872	569	111	11	4,563	4,096	596	110	12	4,814
H	Transportation and storage	812	172	29	12	1,025	924	184	35	13	1,156	1,117	181	45	12	1,355
I	Accommodation and food service activities	1,584	375	56	10	2,025	1,620	422	67	10	2,119	1,829	437	67	10	2,343
J	Information and communication	713	150	39	7	909	766	158	39	6	969	856	157	43	7	1,063
K	Financial and insurance activities	397	132	22	7	558	423	133	26	7	589	488	143	25	8	664
L	Real estate activities	734	52	2	1	789	781	56	2	1	840	878	61	6	1	946
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,124	330	47	5	2,506	2,230	359	50	5	2,644	2,533	357	50	6	2,946
N	Administrative and support service activities	828	211	88	20	1,147	869	237	88	22	1,216	1,021	223	79	27	1,350
P	Education	242	56	16	2	316	257	62	18	2	339	278	71	15	3	367
Q	Human health and social work activities	237	87	21	3	348	236	95	22	5	358	270	92	25	6	393
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	322	104	27	11	464	367	91	28	11	497	390	93	29	9	521
S	Other service activities	760	22	4	-	786	816	24	4	-	844	945	32	6	-	983
T	Activities of households as employers	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:
U	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**15,409**	**2,701**	**557**	**118**	**18,785**	**15,914**	**2,877**	**612**	**117**	**19,520**	**17,719**	**2,965**	**620**	**127**	**21,431**

Table 10. Structure of employer enterprises by year, type of legal organisation and NACE Rev. 2

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023				2024				2025[p]			
		Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	238	47	-	285	250	48	-	298	251	49	-	300
B	Mining and quarrying	9	15	-	24	10	13	-	23	11	14	-	25
C	Manufacturing	426	721	5	1,152	445	748	6	1,199	498	768	6	1,272
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	-	8	1	9	-	8	1	9	-	9	1	10
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	39	40	3	82	39	40	3	82	43	43	3	89
F	Construction	784	814	11	1,609	855	869	13	1,737	967	964	13	1,944
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	2,298	2,175	15	4,488	2,308	2,240	15	4,563	2,469	2,331	14	4,814
H	Transportation and storage	552	449	24	1,025	625	508	23	1,156	770	562	23	1,355
I	Accommodation and food service activities	1,063	959	3	2,025	1,091	1,025	3	2,119	1,221	1,118	4	2,343
J	Information and communication	82	810	17	909	91	861	17	969	115	930	18	1,063
K	Financial and insurance activities	11	522	25	558	16	547	26	589	21	616	27	664
L	Real estate activities	107	678	4	789	132	704	4	840	183	759	4	946
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	874	1,614	18	2,506	907	1,717	20	2,644	1,064	1,857	25	2,946
N	Administrative and support service activities	211	910	26	1,147	217	972	27	1,216	269	1,053	28	1,350
P	Education	109	203	4	316	113	221	5	339	126	236	5	367
Q	Human health and social work activities	222	123	3	348	224	131	3	358	242	150	1	393
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	133	327	4	464	147	347	3	497	168	348	5	521
S	Other service activities	688	98	-	786	731	113	-	844	847	130	6	983
T	Activities of households as employers	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:
U	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**8,109**	**10,513**	**163**	**18,785**	**8,239**	**11,112**	**169**	**19,520**	**9,311**	**11,937**	**183**	**21,431**

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Table 11. Employment structure by year, employment size and NACE Rev. 2

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023					2024					2025[p]				
		0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,733	231	330	-	3,294	2,707	209	412	-	3,328	2,659	272	301	-	3,232
B	Mining and quarrying	111	67	-	-	178	102	86	-	-	188	107	71	-	-	178
C	Manufacturing	4,812	5,077	6,420	8,991	25,300	5,006	5,313	7,208	8,594	26,121	5,077	5,343	7,103	8,806	26,329
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	13	71	57	1,695	1,836	13	70	58	1,620	1,761	14	119	-	1,629	1,762
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	294	284	-	1,429	2,007	284	303	50	1,477	2,114	318	375	71	1,064	1,828
F	Construction	8,272	3,798	3,539	3,499	19,108	8,634	4,029	4,819	2,421	19,903	8,998	4,417	4,521	2,689	20,625
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	17,707	10,304	9,247	4,976	42,234	17,829	10,765	10,397	5,286	44,277	18,054	11,409	10,676	5,707	45,846
H	Transportation and storage	5,284	3,613	2,768	6,643	18,308	5,691	3,870	3,604	7,021	20,186	6,292	3,838	4,665	6,979	21,774
I	Accommodation and food service activities	7,666	7,124	5,519	6,012	26,321	8,133	8,130	6,613	6,544	29,420	8,738	8,631	6,712	6,842	30,923
J	Information and communication	3,705	3,256	3,268	3,821	14,050	3,899	3,512	3,555	3,887	14,853	4,117	3,447	3,770	4,434	15,768
K	Financial and insurance activities	1,297	2,857	2,718	5,308	12,180	1,343	2,820	3,072	5,679	12,914	1,571	3,055	2,884	6,098	13,608
L	Real estate activities	3,472	937	213	272	4,894	3,546	1,119	210	279	5,154	3,902	1,194	506	293	5,895
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	12,359	6,197	4,289	2,231	25,076	13,165	6,706	4,421	2,383	26,675	13,956	6,707	4,372	2,658	27,693
N	Administrative and support service activities	4,936	4,611	10,147	10,487	30,181	5,200	4,951	9,374	11,869	31,394	5,494	4,637	8,315	15,216	33,662
P	Education	1,976	1,224	1,848	551	5,599	2,072	1,382	2,137	560	6,151	2,146	1,658	1,846	816	6,466
Q	Human health and social work activities	1,825	1,788	2,095	5,590	11,298	1,803	1,838	1,925	6,489	12,055	1,943	1,802	2,231	7,561	13,537
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	3,127	2,066	2,863	5,978	14,034	3,587	1,896	2,797	5,862	14,142	3,740	1,860	2,907	4,974	13,481
S	Other service activities	5,321	504	310	-	6,135	5,781	524	307	-	6,612	6,112	628	511	-	7,251
T	Activities of households as employers	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	:
U	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**85,263**	**54,009**	**55,631**	**67,483**	**262,386**	**88,848**	**57,523**	**60,959**	**69,971**	**277,301**	**93,323**	**59,463**	**61,391**	**75,766**	**289,943**

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Table 12. Employment structure by year, type of legal organisation and NACE Rev. 2

NACE Section	Economic activity	2023				2024				2025[p]			
		Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other[1]	Total
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,684	606	4	3,294	2,675	649	4	3,328	2,640	588	4	3,232
B	Mining and quarrying	67	111	-	178	73	115	-	188	73	105	-	178
C	Manufacturing	3,587	21,623	90	25,300	3,806	22,227	88	26,121	3,899	22,334	96	26,329
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2	139	1,695	1,836	2	139	1,620	1,761	2	131	1,629	1,762
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	210	693	1,104	2,007	219	834	1,061	2,114	226	527	1,075	1,828
F	Construction	6,799	11,879	430	19,108	7,126	12,602	175	19,903	7,494	13,032	99	20,625
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	13,814	28,082	338	42,234	13,950	29,977	350	44,277	14,134	31,309	403	45,846
H	Transportation and storage	4,966	12,222	1,120	18,308	5,386	13,583	1,217	20,186	5,864	14,796	1,114	21,774
I	Accommodation and food service activities	7,343	18,739	239	26,321	8,165	20,988	267	29,420	8,656	21,989	278	30,923
J	Information and communication	1,916	11,872	262	14,050	1,999	12,491	363	14,853	2,059	13,354	355	15,768
K	Financial and insurance activities	139	10,859	1,182	12,180	159	11,459	1,296	12,914	190	12,096	1,322	13,608
L	Real estate activities	2,079	2,536	279	4,894	2,119	2,753	282	5,154	2,396	3,201	298	5,895
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	11,390	13,513	173	25,076	12,592	13,844	239	26,675	13,060	14,393	240	27,693
N	Administrative and support service activities	3,737	25,250	1,194	30,181	3,966	26,494	934	31,394	3,954	28,928	780	33,662
P	Education	2,788	2,739	72	5,599	2,902	3,160	89	6,151	3,025	3,359	82	6,466
Q	Human health and social work activities	2,542	8,725	31	11,298	2,602	9,420	33	12,055	2,751	10,743	43	13,537
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,632	11,369	33	14,034	3,036	11,065	41	14,142	3,148	10,276	57	13,481
S	Other service activities	5,263	848	24	6,135	5,708	880	24	6,612	6,052	1,149	50	7,251
T	Activities of households as employers	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:	:	-	-	:
U	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		**72,311**	**181,805**	**8,270**	**262,386**	**76,538**	**192,680**	**8,083**	**277,301**	**79,708**	**202,310**	**7,925**	**289,943**

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Methodological Notes

1. The Business Demography data is covered by Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 on European business statistics which came in force on 1st January 2021. It stipulates that business demography data is to be based on the concept of active enterprises in a reference year. Active enterprises had either turnover or employment at any time during the reference period.

2. The data is classified by economic activity according to the NACE (Nomenclature Statistique des Activités Économiques dans la Communauté Européenne) classification of economic activities in the European Union. The data is presented in accordance with NACE Revision 2 Update 1 (NACE Rev. 2.1), reflecting the latest updates to the classification system. To support continuity and facilitate comparison with previous releases, data tables compiled according to NACE Rev. 2 are also provided. Dual coding of economic activity classifications, covering both NACE Rev. 2 and NACE Rev. 2.1 has been implemented in the statistical business register from 2021 onwards.

The main changes in the classification at NACE section level introduced by NACE Rev. 2.1, compared with NACE Rev. 2, include:

a. Section J of NACE Rev. 2 has been split into two sections: Section J, 'Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities' and Section K 'Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities'. As a result, all the subsequent sections in NACE Rev. 2.1 shifted up one letter.

b. Group 41.1 'Development of building projects' has been removed from section F. Its sole class, 41.10, has been reclassified under class 68.12 within section M (formerly section L).

c. Division 45 'Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles' has been discontinued from section G. The wholesale and retail activities of motor vehicles and motorcycles have been allocated to division 46 and 47 respectively, while the activities of maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles were moved to section T (formerly section S).

d. The classification of real estate rental activities has been refined: rentals of own or leased real estate for periods of less than one year are now classified under Division 55 (Section I), whereas rentals for one year or longer remain under Division 68 (Section M – formerly section L).
More information on the reclassification can be found in the relevant Press Information Notice and in the News article by Eurostat.

3. Other types of legal structures include public corporations, cooperatives, joint ventures and branches. Public corporations are all the government-controlled units that are often established by government as market producers principally engaged in the production of goods, non-financial and financial services, and as such they are classified in non-financial and financial sectors.

4. New business registrations are mainly identified through Value-added tax (VAT) registrations as well as through Malta Business Registry (MBR) new companies registrations.

5. Updates in the Statistical Business Register are ongoing and all figures reported are subject to revision. Data for 2025 are to be considered as provisional.

6. The business demography 2023 news release includes a break in series, and as such, the data presented are not directly comparable to those in previous Business Demography News Releases. The break in series results from a shift in the statistical unit used for data compilation. Whereas prior releases were based on active business units at legal unit level, the current data are derived using the enterprise as the statistical unit (refer to definition). This methodological change aligns with updated statistical standards and aims to provide a more comprehensive representation of the business economy. The table below highlights the percentage changes in figures that may be attributed to this methodological transition.

Table A. Changes attributed to the methodological definition from Legal Unit to Enterprise on reference year 2024

NACE Section	% Change in number of units	% Change in Employment
A	0.0	0.0
B	0.0	0.0
C	-1.5	0.8
D	-7.1	283.1
E	-2.9	-1.1
F	-0.6	1.4
G	-1.8	4.5
H	-1.4	2.7
I	-1.7	4.6
J	-1.8	1.9
K	-4.8	-3.3
L	-28.7	-5.1
M	-7.5	3.8
N	-2.4	-9.4
0	-4.0	-19.7
Q	-0.8	0.2
R	-1.1	39.3
S	-2.5	21.7
T	-0.8	-1.9
U	0.0	0.0
V	.	.
Total	**-3.1**	**0.0**

7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Statistical Concepts
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Classifications

8. A detailed news release calendar is available online.

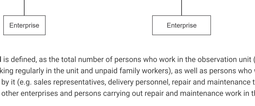
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Definitions

The **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 may consist of one or more legal units. An enterprise carries out one or more activities at one or more locations (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Relationships between legal units and enterprises



The number of **persons employed** is defined, as the total number of persons who work in the observation unit (inclusive of working proprietors, partners working regularly in the unit and unpaid family workers), as well as persons who work outside the unit who belong to it and are paid by it (e.g. sales representatives, delivery personnel, repair and maintenance teams). It excludes manpower supplied to the unit by other enterprises and persons carrying out repair and maintenance work in the enquiry unit on behalf of other enterprises.

A worker is considered to be an employee of a particular unit if he or she receives a wage or salary from the unit regardless of where the work is performed (even from remote locations). A worker from a temporary employment agency is considered to be the agency's employee and not that of the business unit to which he or she is assigned.

Part-time workers, seasonal workers, persons on strike or on short-term leave are all considered employees, while volunteers or workers on long-term leave are excluded.

Employer enterprises refer to enterprises with more than one employee.

The following are the definitions of the employment size class breakdowns shown in Table 1, Table 3 and Table 5:

Size class	Persons employed
Micro	0-9
Small	10-49
Medium	50-249
Large	250+

The following are the definitions of the legal forms:

Sole ownership is defined as enterprises owned exclusively by one natural person.

Partnership is defined as an association of persons who conduct a business under a collective name.

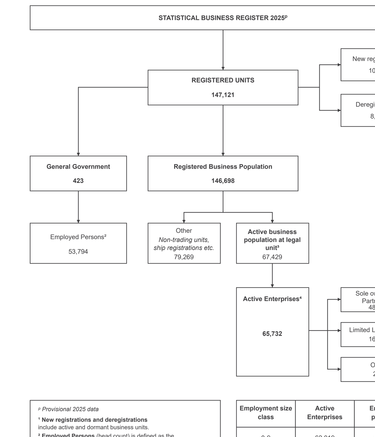
Limited liability companies refer to enterprises comprising joint-stock companies, private limited companies.

Public corporations are all the government-controlled units that are often established by government as market producers principally engaged in the production of goods, non-financial and financial services, and as such they are classified in non-financial and financial sectors.

Cooperatives are bodies set down by law that observe a number of general principles; for example profits are often distributed in proportion to members' dealings with the society.

Total Registered Business Units





p Provisional 2025 data

1 **New registrations and deregistrations** include active and dormant business units.

2 **Employed Persons** (head count) is defined as the total number of both self-employed and employees. Employment is in terms of jobs, comprising full-time and part-time (primary and secondary) workers. A person engaged with two units is counted twice.

* **Active Business Population at legal unit** includes public corporations.

* **Active Enterprises** may consist of more than one registered legal unit, with a certain degree of autonomy in decision-making.

Employment size class	Active Enterprises	Employed persons*
0-9	62,019	93,323
10-49	2,966	59,463
50-249	620	61,391
250+	127	75,766