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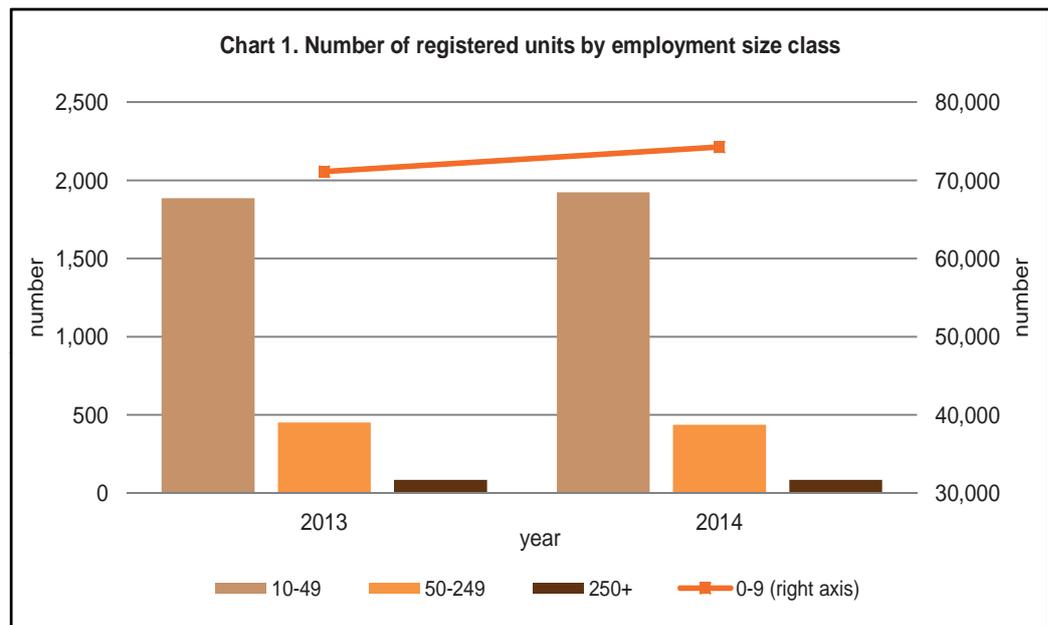
Wholesale and retail trade businesses accounted for 21.1 per cent of the total registered business units in 2014.

Business Demographics: 2009-2014

In 2014, registered business units amounted to 76,713 (Table 1), an increase of 4.3 per cent, or 3,169, over the number of business units recorded in 2013.

Furthermore, registered business units in financial and insurance activities (Section K), professional, scientific and technical activities (Section M), construction (Section F), administrative and support service activities (Section N) and accommodation amounted to 15.3, 10.6, 8.3 and 7.2 per cent respectively of the total registered units in 2014.

By employment size class, 96.8 per cent of business units (Table 4) employ less than 10 persons and are considered micro entities. This varies between 99.6 per cent in agriculture, forestry and fishing (Section A) and 62.4 per cent in public administration and defence (Section O). On the other hand, only 84 enterprises employ more than 250 persons and are classified as large undertakings ■



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Table 1. Structure of business units by type of legal organisation: 2009-2014 ...

NACE Section	2009				2010				2011			
	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other	Total
A	3,943	112	81	4,136	3,869	113	62	4,044	3,804	113	43	3,960
B	46	61	4	111	43	60	4	107	42	c	c	102
C	2,371	1,187	109	3,667	2,361	1,218	91	3,670	2,325	1,253	77	3,655
D	-	c	c	11	-	c	c	12	-	c	c	13
E	152	63	9	224	152	66	8	226	151	72	8	231
F	4,514	2,032	233	6,779	4,527	2,125	188	6,840	4,520	2,143	143	6,806
G	9,632	5,233	486	15,351	9,706	5,488	427	15,621	9,770	5,760	326	15,856
H	1,673	1,228	103	3,004	1,757	1,490	114	3,361	1,770	1,847	106	3,723
I	2,010	1,063	232	3,305	2,128	1,115	164	3,407	2,250	1,165	102	3,517
J	1,129	949	147	2,225	1,182	1,071	119	2,372	1,208	1,216	90	2,514
K	50	6,221	136	6,407	60	6,926	159	7,145	66	7,816	176	8,058
L	1,179	1,651	68	2,898	1,222	1,706	57	2,985	1,226	1,755	38	3,019
M	4,352	2,477	265	7,094	4,589	2,711	216	7,516	4,661	3,076	148	7,885
N	1,888	1,718	210	3,816	2,060	1,953	188	4,201	2,110	2,274	192	4,576
O	-	-	212	212	-	-	208	208	-	-	210	210
P	2,042	178	430	2,650	2,066	180	344	2,590	2,066	205	307	2,578
Q	1,276	92	125	1,493	1,304	99	125	1,528	1,301	104	124	1,529
R	1,593	553	327	2,473	1,789	643	328	2,760	1,880	773	328	2,981
S	2,623	145	541	3,309	2,913	166	545	3,624	3,110	183	532	3,825
T	c	-	-	c	c	-	-	c	c	-	-	c
U	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	5	c	c
Unclassified	145	83	89	317	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	40,622	25,062	3,812	69,496	41,734	27,146	3,351	72,231	42,266	29,831	2,955	75,052

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NACE Section	2012				2013				2014			
	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other	Total	Sole Ownership/ Partnership	Limited Liability/ Plc	Other	Total
A	3,367	113	33	3,513	3,260	117	32	3,409	3,170	117	31	3,318
B	39	63	4	106	42	71	3	116	45	77	3	125
C	1,932	1,292	70	3,294	1,831	1,338	66	3,235	1,777	1,417	66	3,260
D	-	c	c	13	-	18	c	c	-	22	5	27
E	140	77	8	225	136	83	8	227	133	83	8	224
F	3,994	2,160	122	6,276	3,996	2,219	132	6,347	3,992	2,269	137	6,398
G	9,028	6,144	250	15,422	8,898	6,681	246	15,825	8,838	7,121	250	16,209
H	1,452	2,072	77	3,601	1,409	2,074	80	3,563	1,403	2,053	79	3,535
I	2,182	1,226	59	3,467	2,268	1,290	48	3,606	2,343	1,390	42	3,775
J	900	1,375	69	2,344	861	1,573	71	2,505	898	1,764	71	2,733
K	55	8,871	217	9,143	54	10,322	273	10,649	62	11,333	313	11,708
L	921	1,799	25	2,745	924	1,843	29	2,796	1,011	1,907	29	2,947
M	3,410	3,431	108	6,949	3,335	3,946	115	7,396	3,494	4,486	129	8,109
N	1,578	2,757	170	4,505	1,508	3,320	188	5,016	1,470	3,814	204	5,488
O	c	-	c	220	c	-	c	240	c	c	c	173
P	1,344	229	279	1,852	1,230	253	280	1,763	1,228	283	272	1,783
Q	1,143	121	117	1,381	1,111	130	119	1,360	1,091	139	115	1,345
R	1,287	882	252	2,421	1,161	958	246	2,365	1,160	1,009	235	2,404
S	2,639	195	379	3,213	2,517	208	370	3,095	2,558	217	365	3,140
T	c	-	-	c	c	-	-	c	c	-	-	c
U	c	c	c	c	c	6	c	10	c	c	c	c
Total	35,415	32,824	2,462	70,701	34,546	36,450	2,548	73,544	34,679	39,507	2,527	76,713

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Table 2. Births of business units: 2009-2014

NACE Section	Births					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
A	65	77	73	45	51	58
B	19	4	3	10	12	13
C	183	166	138	142	152	177
D	c	c	c	c	6	c
E	15	11	13	c	12	10
F	330	337	273	343	405	386
G	1,007	1,011	1,003	1,226	1,277	1,236
H	259	442	448	352	197	147
I	267	301	339	301	374	429
J	291	291	277	294	324	335
K	752	963	1,196	1,405	1,795	1,370
L	160	147	139	169	178	239
M	792	747	720	704	944	1,090
N	464	621	611	781	870	762
O	c	-	c	20	31	24
P	178	149	88	72	69	76
Q	43	62	31	46	20	20
R	359	371	306	293	196	229
S	428	515	487	261	220	259
T	-	c	-	-	-	c
U	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unclassified	32	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5,649	6,218	6,149	6,474	7,133	6,871

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* Data for business unit births in respect of 2014 are partial since information in respect of the reference year is being updated

Table 3. Deaths of business units: 2009-2014

NACE Section	Deaths					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
A	158	149	501	153	149	119
B	4	c	7	c	5	4
C	157	167	506	207	149	116
D	-	-	c	-	c	c
E	6	8	18	10	13	5
F	354	314	878	337	337	272
G	738	722	1,615	873	847	736
H	130	129	480	234	171	174
I	219	227	351	245	259	200
J	152	125	459	161	109	123
K	244	278	316	296	308	471
L	104	136	449	131	89	89
M	352	353	1,655	499	380	304
N	241	221	857	356	293	248
O	c	c	9	c	91	4
P	215	126	800	153	58	9
Q	25	30	198	42	34	16
R	87	100	858	253	188	116
S	209	259	870	338	217	119
T	-	-	c	-	-	-
U	c	-	-	-	c	c
Unclassified	99	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3,498	3,350	10,832	4,299	3,699	3,128

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Table 4. Structure of business units by employment size: 2009-2014 ...

NACE Section	2009					2010				
	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total
A	4,118	c	c	-	4,136	4,029	c	c	-	4,044
B	102	9	-	-	111	100	7	-	-	107
C	3,381	215	57	14	3,667	3,388	211	58	13	3,670
D	c	c	-	c	11	c	-	-	c	12
E	213	c	c	c	224	217	c	c	c	226
F	6,644	114	17	4	6,779	6,708	112	16	4	6,840
G	14,861	426	64	-	15,351	15,110	452	c	c	15,621
H	2,902	80	17	5	3,004	3,257	84	14	6	3,361
I	3,097	141	60	7	3,305	3,184	154	62	7	3,407
J	2,148	57	16	4	2,225	2,288	64	15	5	2,372
K	6,324	65	14	4	6,407	7,056	69	16	4	7,145
L	2,887	c	c	-	2,898	2,971	c	c	-	2,985
M	6,950	128	c	c	7,094	7,352	145	c	c	7,516
N	3,692	81	31	12	3,816	4,066	94	29	12	4,201
O	168	13	19	12	212	164	13	19	12	208
P	2,561	54	30	5	2,650	2,492	63	31	4	2,590
Q	1,437	32	16	8	1,493	1,466	38	15	9	1,528
R	2,422	39	c	c	2,473	2,699	46	c	c	2,760
S	3,277	28	c	c	3,309	3,591	29	c	c	3,624
T	c	-	-	-	c	c	-	-	-	c
U	c	-	-	-	c	c	-	-	-	c
Unclassified	c	c	-	-	317	-	-	-	-	-
Total	67,522	1,521	371	82	69,496	70,163	1,614	370	84	72,231

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... Table 4. Structure of business units by employment size: 2009-2014

NACE Section	2011					2012				
	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total
A	3,942	13	c	c	3,960	3,497	11	c	c	3,513
B	93	9	-	-	102	101	5	-	-	106
C	3,376	208	58	13	3,655	3,025	202	53	14	3,294
D	c	-	-	c	13	c	-	-	c	13
E	219	c	c	c	231	210	c	c	c	225
F	6,669	114	20	3	6,806	6,141	112	20	3	6,276
G	15,338	452	c	c	15,856	14,905	450	c	c	15,422
H	3,617	82	18	6	3,723	3,484	95	16	6	3,601
I	3,286	161	64	6	3,517	3,238	158	65	6	3,467
J	2,425	67	18	4	2,514	2,248	73	19	4	2,344
K	7,967	68	19	4	8,058	9,050	69	20	4	9,143
L	3,003	c	c	-	3,019	2,728	c	c	-	2,745
M	7,718	149	14	4	7,885	6,776	155	c	c	6,949
N	4,432	98	34	12	4,576	4,357	101	35	12	4,505
O	102	54	46	8	210	106	59	46	9	220
P	2,480	62	30	6	2,578	1,753	55	37	7	1,852
Q	1,463	35	19	12	1,529	1,315	35	21	10	1,381
R	2,915	50	c	c	2,981	2,355	47	c	c	2,421
S	3,798	24	c	c	3,825	3,187	22	c	c	3,213
T	c	-	-	-	c	c	-	-	-	c
U	c	-	-	-	c	c	-	-	-	c
Unclassified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	72,869	1,671	428	84	75,052	68,499	1,677	440	85	70,701

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... Table 4. Structure of business units by employment size: 2009-2014

NACE Section	2013					2014				
	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Total
A	3,393	c	4	c	3,409	3,304	10	c	c	3,318
B	110	6	-	-	116	119	c	c	-	125
C	2,955	213	54	13	3,235	2,968	226	54	12	3,260
D	c	-	-	c	c	c	-	-	c	27
E	211	c	c	c	227	208	c	c	c	224
F	6,202	123	19	3	6,347	6,254	121	c	c	6,398
G	15,251	503	c	c	15,825	15,615	523	68	3	16,209
H	3,438	103	16	6	3,563	3,406	106	17	6	3,535
I	3,333	202	63	8	3,606	3,490	212	64	9	3,775
J	2,403	75	24	3	2,505	2,632	74	23	4	2,733
K	10,552	72	21	4	10,649	11,605	79	20	4	11,708
L	2,778	18	-	-	2,796	2,927	20	-	-	2,947
M	7,213	163	c	c	7,396	7,916	173	17	3	8,109
N	4,851	115	38	12	5,016	5,311	126	37	14	5,488
O	117	70	44	9	240	108	33	27	5	173
P	1,652	68	37	6	1,763	1,667	68	42	6	1,783
Q	1,282	45	22	11	1,360	1,270	45	20	10	1,345
R	2,286	59	c	c	2,365	2,321	61	c	c	2,404
S	3,064	27	c	c	3,095	3,110	27	c	c	3,140
T	c	-	-	-	c	4	-	-	-	4
U	10	-	-	-	10	8	-	-	-	8
Unclassified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	71,121	1,887	451	85	73,544	74,269	1,923	437	84	76,713

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Methodological Notes

1. The source of this news release is the Business Register (BR) that is administered by the National Statistics Office. The BR provides one of the most detailed local business profiles in Malta. It is classified by economic activity according to the NACE (*Nomenclature Statistique des Activités Économiques dans la Communauté Européenne*). The scope and nature of the national business register is the basis on which sample surveys with regards to business are conducted. Furthermore, the business register is a tool that can be used as a source of statistics in its own right. The scope of this release is to show the demographic patterns of business units in Malta and their evolvement over time.
2. Births and Deaths record the demographic change in the number of units, that is, registrations and/or deregistrations, and do not precisely record commencement or cessation of an activity by a unit. Demographic events such as takeovers, mergers, split-offs are not catered for and may affect the data presented. The recorded births and deaths from 2011 are being affected by Legal Notice 524 of 2010 (see Note 6).
3. For the purpose of this news release all legal units, irrespective of any threshold, are deemed to be equal to an enterprise and are recorded. Other types of enterprise legal structures may include corporations, cooperatives and joint ventures.
4. Updates in the Business Register are ongoing and all figures reported are subject to revision.
5. Business units that have ceased operating as indicated in Table 3, are included in the registered business units in Tables 1 and 4 respectively if they have operated for at least one day in the year that they ceased operation.
6. On 1 January 2011, the Value Added Tax (Exemption from Registration) Regulations, 2010, came into force, as notified in Legal Notice 524 of 2010. The Regulations state that the VAT Commissioner shall not register any taxable person established in Malta whose turnover does not exceed €7,000 in a calendar year. Therefore business demographics from 2011 onwards may not be strictly comparable to the business demographics of previous years and should be treated with caution.
7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

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Definitions

The following are the definitions of the employment size class breakdowns shown in Table 4:

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

NACE Rev. 2 Classification

Section	Description
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing
B	Mining and quarrying
C	Manufacturing
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
F	Construction
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
H	Transportation and storage
I	Accommodation and food service activities
J	Information and communication
K	Financial and insurance activities
L	Real estate activities
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities
N	Administrative and support service activities
O	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
P	Education
Q	Human health and social work activities
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation
S	Other service activities
T	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use
U	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies

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Section	Division	Description
A	01	Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities
	02	Forestry and logging
	03	Fishing and aquaculture
B	05	Mining of coal and lignite
	06	Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas
	07	Mining of metal ores
	08	Other mining and quarrying
	09	Mining support service activities
C	10	Manufacture of food products
	11	Manufacture of beverages
	12	Manufacture of tobacco products
	13	Manufacture of textiles
	14	Manufacture of wearing apparel
	15	Manufacture of leather and related products
	16	Manufacture of wood and products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials
	17	Manufacture of paper and paper products
	18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media
	19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products
	20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products
	21	Manufacture of basic pharmaceuticals products and pharmaceutical preparations
	22	Manufacture of rubber and plastic products
	23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products
	24	Manufacture of basic metals
	25	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment
	26	Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products
	27	Manufacture of electrical equipment
	28	Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c
	29	Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
	30	Manufacture of other transport equipment
31	Manufacture of furniture	
32	Other manufacturing	
33	Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	
D	35	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
E	36	Water collection, treatment and supply
	37	Sewerage
	38	Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery
	39	Remediation activities and other waste management services
F	41	Construction of buildings
	42	Civil engineering
	43	Specialised construction activities
G	45	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
	46	Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
	47	Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
H	49	Land transport and transport via pipelines
	50	Water transport
	51	Air transport
	52	Warehousing and support activities for transportation
	53	Postal and courier activities

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Section	Division	Description
I	55	Accommodation
	56	Food and beverage service activities
J	58	Publishing activities
	59	Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities
	60	Broadcasting and programming activities
	61	Telecommunications
	62	Computer programming, consultancy and related activities
	63	Information service activities
K	64	Financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding
	65	Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security
	66	Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities
L	68	Real estate activities
M	69	Legal and accounting activities
	70	Activities of head offices; management consultancy activities
	71	Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis
	72	Scientific research and development
	73	Advertising and market research
	74	Other professional, scientific and technical activities
	75	Veterinary activities
	N	77
78		Employment activities
79		Travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities
80		Security and investigation activities
81		Services to buildings and landscape activities
82		Office administrative, office support and other business support activities
O		84
P	85	Education
Q	86	Human health activities
	87	Residential care activities
	88	Social work activities without accommodation
R	90	Creative, arts and entertainment activities
	91	Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities
	92	Gambling and betting activities
	93	Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities
S	94	Activities of membership organisations
	95	Repair of computers and personal and household goods
	96	Other personal service activities
T	97	Activities of households as employers of domestic personnel
	98	Undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of private households for own use
U	99	Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies