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PRESS RELEASE

STRUCTURAL BUSINESS STATISTICS SURVEY, 2019

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on the Structure of Enterprises in Greece for the year 2019.

Structural Business Statistics are compiled in the framework of the obligations of the Country, as they arise from the European Union law (Regulation (EC) 295/2008) and Regulation(EC) 2019/2152, with the aim to provide an illustration of the structure and development of enterprises activities, the production factors use, the performance and competitiveness of enterprises, the regional, national, Community and international development of enterprises and markets, the policy implemented by enterprises and the special characteristics and special distribution of their activities. Moreover, Structural Business Statistics are used for the compilation of Gross Domestic Product (from the side of production, expenditure and income) and of regional data on GDP, Gross Value Added, Employment and Investment.

In general, Structural Business Statistics cover all economic activities sectors, except of agriculture and personal services, i.e. they cover services provided to enterprises, trade, manufacture and construction.

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On the basis of the results of the 2019 Structural Business Statistics survey, the total turnover of the enterprises that are active in Greece in the sectors of manufacture, construction, trade and services (except of the personal services) amounted to 266.5 billion euro. The corresponding production value and the gross value added were 163.4 and 51.0 billion euro, respectively.

As regards labour input, the aforementioned enterprises counted 2.6 million persons employed, out of which 2.0 million were employees.

On the basis of the available survey data, the enterprises of these specific sectors spent 225.7 billion euro on purchases of goods and services during their operation in 2019, while 112.7 billion euro of the above amount pertaining to purchases of goods and services for resale at the same condition as they were received. The enterprises made investments amounting to 6.6 billion euro in 2019 (Table 1).

Table 1: Results on the Structure of Enterprises, year 2019

RESULTS OF ENTERPRISES (in thousand €)		LABOUR INPUT (in units)		GOODS AND SERVICES INPUT (in thousand €)		CAPITAL INPUT (in thousand €)	
Turnover	266,452,167	Number of persons employed	2,647,560	Total purchases of goods and services	225,738,406	Gross investments in tangible goods	6,621,020
Production value	163,400,613	Number of employees	1,982,137	Purchases of goods and services for resale	112,704,911		
Gross value added	51,020,352						

In 2019, a total number of 718,624 enterprises were active in Greece in the sections of manufacture, construction, trade and services (except of the personal services). The sections with the biggest number of enterprises were wholesale and retail trade with 227,183 enterprises, accounting for 31.6% of the total number of enterprises, professional, scientific and technical services with 137,925 enterprises, accounting for 19.2%, followed by accommodation and food service activities with 109,215 enterprises corresponding to 15.2% (Table 2).

As regards the total turnover recorded by enterprises in 2019, the wholesale and retail trade section accounted for the biggest share with 44.8% or 119.3 billion euro in absolute terms, followed by manufacturing and transportation and storage accounting for 22.6% and 5.9% or, in absolute terms, 60.1 billion euro and 15.7 billion euro, respectively.

The sections with the largest contribution to the value added in the Greek economy for the year 2019 were wholesale and retail trade with 13.4 billion euro (26.2%), manufacturing with 11.7 billion euro (22.9%), and transportation and storage with 6.1 billion euro (12.0%).

As regards the personnel costs, the sections with the biggest relevant expenditure were wholesale and retail trade with 9.0 billion euro (27.6%), manufacturing with 6.6 billion euro (20.0%) and accommodation and food service activities with 3.9 billion euro (11.9%).

Wholesale and retail trade held also the first place in 2019 as regards the employment sizes with 761,116 persons employed (28.7%), out of which 538,036 were employees (27.1% of the total number of employees). Accommodation and food service activities followed with 652,179 persons employed (24.6%), out of which 547,077 were employees (27.6%) and manufacturing with 350,149 persons employed (13.2%), out of which 295,121 were employees (14.9%).

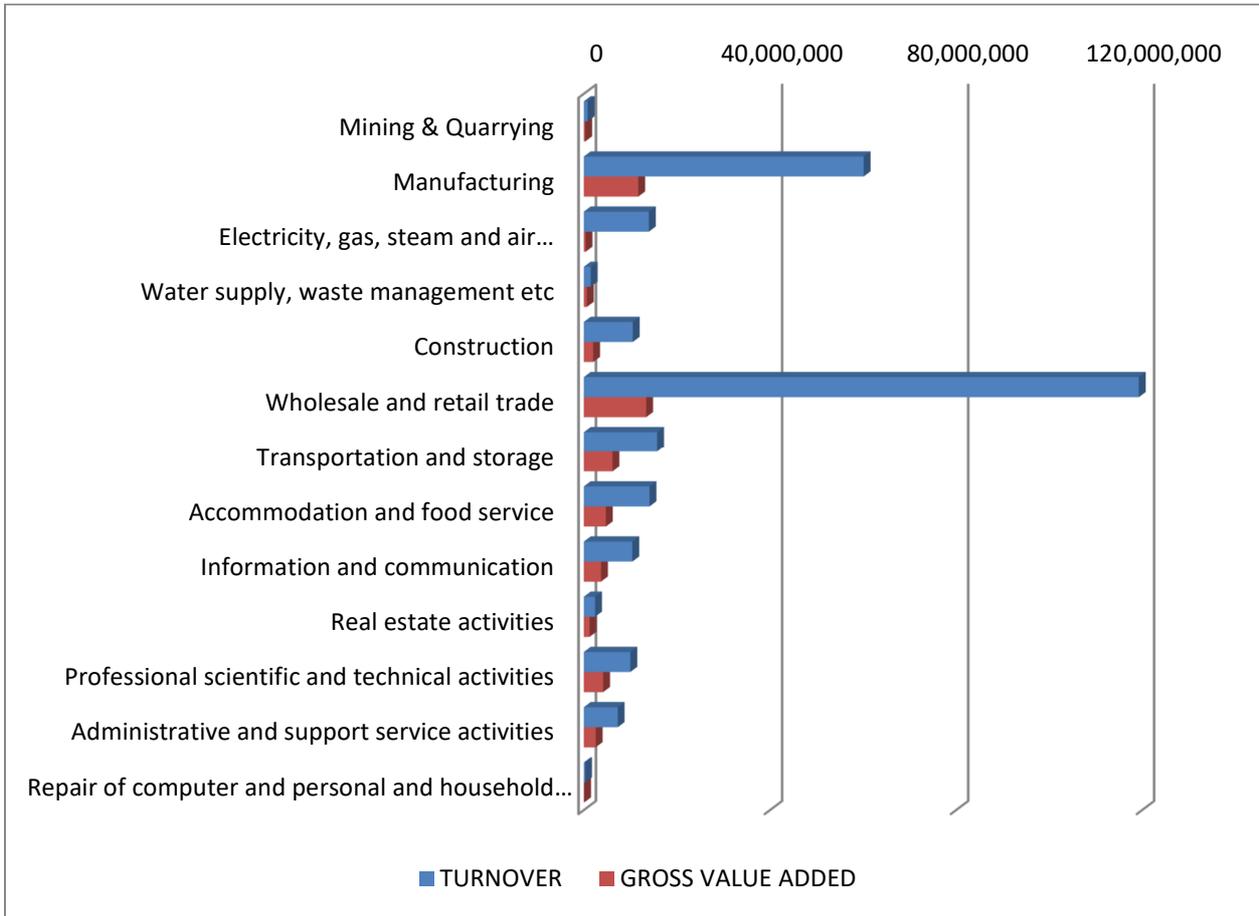
Table 2: Basic economic figures of enterprises by economic activity section, 2019

SECTION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES		TURNOVER		GROSS VALUE ADDED		PERSONNEL COSTS		NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED		NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	
	(in units)	%	(in thousand €)	%	(in thousand €)	%	(in thousand €)	%	(in units)	%	(in units)	%
Total	718,624		266,452,167		51,020,352		32,763,816		2,647,560		1,982,137	
Section B - Mining and quarrying	599	0.1	834,563	0.3	307,482	0.6	204,104	0.6	6,322	0.2	5,898	0.3
Section C- Manufacturing	57,117	7.9	60,115,529	22.6	11,697,226	22.9	6,566,573	20.0	350,149	13.2	295,121	14.9
Section D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	7,973	1.1	13,963,767	5.2	391,223	0.8	1,060,315	3.2	30,835	1.2	22,962	1.2
Section E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1,958	0.3	1,476,250	0.6	664,856	1.3	394,007	1.2	15,745	0.6	14,475	0.7
Section F - Construction	61,771	8.6	10,504,506	3.9	2,005,121	3.9	1,221,727	3.7	140,832	5.3	86,986	4.4
Section G- Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	227,183	31.6	119,309,938	44.8	13,390,825	26.2	9,027,388	27.6	761,116	28.7	538,036	27.1
Section H - Transportation and storage	60,077	8.4	15,734,175	5.9	6,147,235	12.0	3,778,224	11.5	184,850	7.0	133,918	6.8
Section I - Accommodation and food service activities	109,215	15.2	14,119,062	5.3	4,748,837	9.3	3,907,975	11.9	652,179	24.6	547,077	27.6

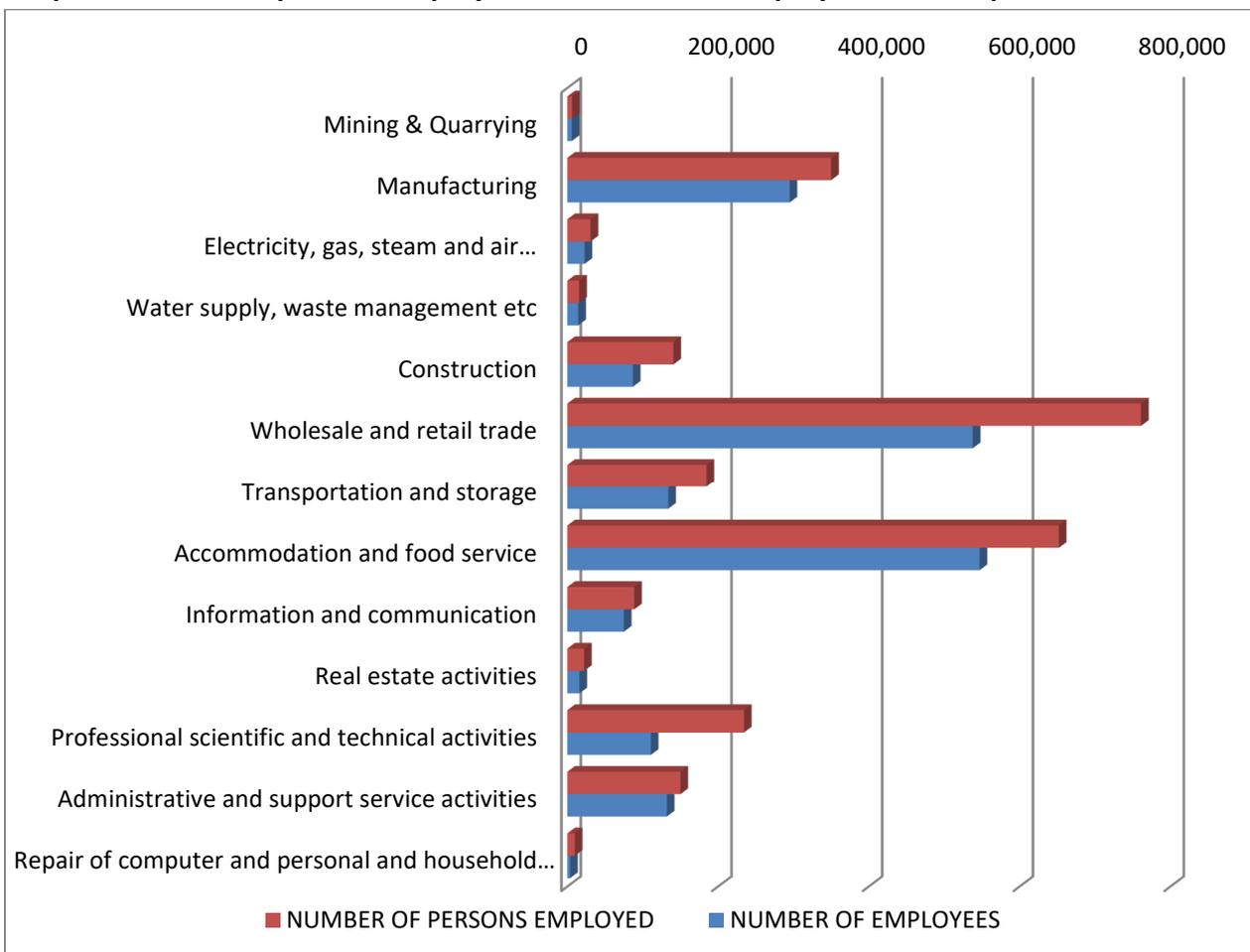
Table 2: Basic economic figures of enterprises by economic activity section, 2019(continued)

SECTION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES		TURNOVER		GROSS VALUE ADDED		PERSONNEL COSTS		NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED		NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	
	(in units)	%	(in thousand €)	%	(in thousand €)	%	(in thousand €)	%	(in units)	%	(in units)	%
Section J - Information and communication	16,918	2.4	10,425,243	3.9	3,688,234	7.2	2,355,714	7.2	88,819	3.4	75,036	3.8
Section L - Real estate activities	9,778	1.4	2,415,645	0.9	1,229,055	2.4	273,389	0.8	22,247	0.8	16,118	0.8
Section M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	137,925	19.2	9,984,515	3.7	4,152,140	8.1	2,196,747	6.7	234,400	8.9	110,776	5.6
Section N - Administrative and support service activities	21,495	3.0	7,280,903	2.7	2,549,703	5.0	1,735,976	5.3	150,118	5.7	132,011	6.7
Division 95 - Repair of computers and personal and household goods	6,615	0.9	288,070	0.1	48,417	0.1	41,677	0.1	9,949	0.4	3,723	0.2

Graph 1: Turnover and gross value added of enterprises, 2019



Graph 2: Number of persons employed and number of employees of enterprises, 2019



On the basis of available survey data on the size classes of enterprises in 2019, the sections with the biggest number of small enterprises (with 0 to 9 persons employed) are wholesale and retail trade with 217,937 enterprises and turnover amounting to 42.3 billion euro, followed by professional, scientific and technical activities with 136,073 enterprises and turnover amounting to 5.1 billion euro and accommodation and food service activities with 92,819 enterprises and turnover of 3.6 billion euro (Table 3).

As regards the enterprise size class with 10 to 19 persons employed, accommodation and food service activities account for the biggest number of such enterprises with 10,163 units and turnover amounting to 2.2 billion euro, followed by wholesale and retail trade with 5,956 enterprises and turnover of 12.8 billion euro and manufacturing with 2,894 enterprises and turnover of 3.2 billion euro.

The sections recording the biggest number of enterprises with 20 to 49 persons employed are accommodation and food service activities counting 4,953 units and turnover of 2.7 billion euro, wholesale and retail trade with 2,416 enterprises and turnover of 16.7 billion euro and manufacturing with 1,724 enterprises and turnover of 5.5 billion euro.

As regards the size class of enterprises with 50 to 249 persons employed, accommodation and food service activities account for the biggest number with 1,189 units and turnover of 3.6 billion euro, followed by wholesale and retail trade with 780 enterprises and turnover of 24.3 billion euro and manufacturing with 767 enterprises and turnover of 12.4 billion euro.

For large enterprises (with 250 or more persons employed), manufacturing records the biggest number with 142 enterprises and turnover of 33.4 billion euro, followed by wholesale and retail trade with 94 enterprises and turnover of 23.2 billion euro and accommodation and food service activities with 91 enterprises and turnover of 2.1 billion.

Table 3: Number of enterprises and turnover by employment size class and economic activity, 2019

SECTION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED									
	0-9		10-19		20-49		50-249		250+	
	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES (in units)	TURNOVER (in thousand €)	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES (in units)	TURNOVER (in thousand €)	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES (in units)	TURNOVER (in thousand €)	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES (in units)	TURNOVER (in thousand €)	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES (in units)	TURNOVER (in thousand €)
Section B - Mining and quarrying	511	83,137	48	58,894	23	66,905	11	136,179	6	489,448
Section C- Manufacturing	51,590	5,548,522	2,894	3,226,148	1,724	5,532,728	767	12,372,028	142	33,436,102
Section D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	7,904	1,518,607	26	64,311	21	777,537	16	1,878,196	6	9,725,117
Section E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1,742	256,170	75	98,588	79	269,427	58	416,238	4	435,827
Section F - Construction	59,800	4,107,055	1,187	1,028,384	580	1,734,959	190	1,651,264	14	1,982,845
Section G- Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	217,937	42,257,287	5,956	12,828,454	2,416	16,732,998	780	24,331,671	94	23,159,528
Section H - Transportation and storage	58,130	3,970,027	1,033	1,142,512	616	1,971,796	241	3,913,571	57	4,736,269

Table 3: Number of enterprises and turnover by employment size class and economic activity, 2019 (continued)

SECTION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED									
	0-9		10-19		20-49		50-249		250+	
	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES (in units)	TURNOVER (in thousand €)	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES (in units)	TURNOVER (in thousand €)	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES (in units)	TURNOVER (in thousand €)	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES (in units)	TURNOVER (in thousand €)	NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES (in units)	TURNOVER (in thousand €)
Section I - Accommodation and food service activities	92,819	3,598,885	10,163	2,204,814	4,953	2,655,368	1,189	3,559,880	91	2,100,115
Section J - Information and communication	15,915	1,295,741	491	420,762	306	847,261	169	1,734,965	37	6,126,513
Section L - Real estate activities	9,486	1,067,498	162	203,812	82	398,742	44	528,525	4	217,069
Section M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	136,073	5,143,898	1,100	949,523	514	1,222,120	211	1,939,366	27	729,608
Section N - Administrative and support service activities	19,741	1,581,391	826	746,260	573	1,534,681	287	1,438,029	68	1,980,541
Division 95 - Repair of computers and personal and household goods	6,558	183,516	43	29,068	11	22,544	3	52,942	0	0

During the previous period, a revision of the Structural Business Statistics data for the reference years 2014-2017 was carried out due to the design and implementation of new scrutiny methods of administrative data. The following table presents the basic economic figures for the time series of the years 2014-2019.

Table 4: Structural Business Statistics 2014-2019, Basic economic figures

Basic economic figures	Years					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of enterprises	839,849	789,977	794,007	719,506	709,696	718,624
Turnover	241,574,700,483	234,133,461,329	228,250,135,427	246,060,332,042	256,489,299,227	266,452,166,540
Production value	141,331,692,914	140,870,941,627	137,125,455,947	151,226,768,868	158,780,634,298	163,400,612,809
Gross Value Added	46,282,331,183	47,710,090,850	46,211,447,287	49,356,963,964	49,191,873,706	51,020,352,463
Personnel costs	26,638,243,244	26,639,514,286	29,589,193,115	28,896,486,705	30,444,003,820	32,763,816,227
Wages and salaries	21,079,540,923	21,450,398,697	23,575,122,373	23,137,620,768	24,274,638,666	26,217,138,792
Number of persons employed	2,377,920	2,164,514	2,378,778	2,345,022	2,596,210	2,647,560
Number of employees	1,430,245	1,444,145	1,672,953	1,646,111	1,951,668	1,982,137
Gross investments in tangible goods	7,796,637,515	9,190,097,533	8,404,165,140	8,139,448,009	6,260,861,351	6,621,019,981
Total purchases of goods and services	202,455,806,454	192,056,823,887	190,772,764,894	208,773,67,377	218,130,105,988	225,738,406,286

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Structural Business Statistics Survey	The purpose of the Structural Business Statistics survey is the collection, compilation and publication of statistics on the structure, the activities and the performance of enterprises. The aim of the compilation of these statistics is the analysis of the structure and development of the activities of the enterprises, the production factors as well as other characteristics that enable the measurement of their activity, their competitiveness and their performance, as well as the analysis of the policy implemented by the enterprises, the analysis of the small and medium sized enterprises and the analysis of the special characteristics of enterprises that are related to the special distribution of activities.
Reference period	Calendar year.
Legal framework	Regulation (EC) 295/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) 2019/2152 and Implementing Regulations (EC) 250/2009, 251/2009, 439/2014, 446/2014, 1042/2015, 2112/2015 and 2020/1197 of the European Commission.
Classification System	Sections of economic activities according to the European classification Nace Revision 2.
Coverage	Sections B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, L, M, N and division S95 of the statistical classification of economic activities Nace Revision 2.
Main variables	The main variables compiled are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• variables related to the economic results (e.g. turnover and value added)• variables related to the inputs and more specifically the labour input (e.g. employment and hours worked), the input on goods and services (e.g. total purchases) and the capital input (e.g. investment in tangible goods).
Definitions	<p><u>Turnover</u>: Turnover comprises the total invoiced by the enterprise during the reference period and corresponds to the sales of goods and services to third parties.</p> <p><u>Production value</u>: The production value measures the quantity that is actually produced by the enterprise, based on its sales, including the changes in stocks and the resale of goods and services.</p> <p><u>Gross value added (at production factor costs)</u>: It is the gross income from operating activities after adjusting for operating subsidies and indirect taxes.</p> <p><u>Total purchases of goods and services</u>: They include the value of all goods and services purchased during the accounting period for resale or consumption in the production process, except of the capital goods, the consumption of which is recorded as consumption of fixed capital.</p> <p><u>Purchases of goods and services purchased for resale in the same condition as received</u>: Purchases for resale are purchases of goods for resale to third parties,</p>

without further processing.

Gross investments in tangible goods: Investments during the reference period in all tangible goods. New and existing tangible capital goods are included, whether bought from third parties, acquired under a financial lease contract, produced for own use, having a useful life of more than one year.

Number of persons employed: The total number of persons who work in the enterprise, including the working proprietors, partners and unpaid family members, as well as persons who work outside the enterprise, belong to it and are paid by it.

Number of employees: The number of persons who work for an employer, have a contract of employment and receive compensation in the form of wages, salaries, fees, gratuities, piecework pay or remuneration in kind.

Comparability Due to the change of the methodology used for the compilation of Structural Business Statistics for the reference year 2015 and the revision of data provided for the reference year 2014 according to the new methodology, the data that are published on the website of ELSTAT for the reference year 2019, are comparable with those of the reference years 2014- 2018.

Methodology For the compilation of the Structural Business Statistics (from the reference year 2015 onwards), administrative tax and other data were used, with main source the tax declaration form “E3”, which provides the majority of information on the economic results of enterprises.

The tax data cover only part of the statistical variables that is required, according to the relevant Regulation, to be calculated for Structural Business Statistics. For the calculation of the remaining variables, a survey is conducted on the large enterprises of each sector, which dominate the economy of these sectors, in order to estimate the respective figures for the total enterprises population, based on the collected data.

References More information regarding the Structural Business Statistics can be found on ELSTAT website www.statistics.gr, at the link «[Structural Business Statistics](#)».