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STRUCTURAL BUSINESS STATISTICS SURVEY, 2020

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on the Structure of Enterprises in Greece for the year 2020.

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. 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 trade, manufacturing, construction and part of the services.

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On the basis of the results of the 2020 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 238.1 billion euro. The corresponding production value and the gross value added were 142.3 and 47.0 billion euro, respectively.

As regards labour input, the aforementioned enterprises counted 2.5 million persons employed, out of which 1.8 million were employees.

On the basis of the available survey data, the enterprises of these specific sectors spent 201.0 billion euro on purchases of goods and services during their operation in 2020, while 104.6 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 7.2 billion euro in 2020 (Table 1).

Table 1: Results on the Structure of Enterprises, year 2020

RESULTS OF ENTERPRISES (in thousand €)		LABOUR INPUT (in units)		GOODS AND SERVICES INPUT (in thousand €)		CAPITAL INPUT (in thousand €)	
Turnover	238,146,979	Number of persons employed	2,510,330	Total purchases of goods and services	201,014,247	Gross investments in tangible goods	7,241,057
Production value	142,345,967	Number of employees	1,813,300	Purchases of goods and services for resale	104,601,327		
Gross value added	47,033,271						

In 2020, a total number of 712,060 enterprises were active in Greece classified in the sections of manufacturing, construction, trade and services (except of the personal services). The sections with the biggest number of enterprises were wholesale and retail trade with 221,926 enterprises, accounting for 31.2% of the total number of enterprises, professional, scientific and technical services with 140,336 enterprises, accounting for 19.7%, followed by accommodation and food service activities with 104,170 enterprises corresponding to 14.6% (Table 2).

As regards the total turnover of enterprises in 2020, the wholesale and retail trade section accounted for the biggest share with 46.9% or 111.7 billion euro in absolute terms, followed by manufacturing and electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply accounting for 22.3% and 6.2% or, in absolute terms, 53.2 billion euro and 14.8 billion euro, respectively.

The sections with the largest contribution to the value added in the Greek economy for the year 2020 were wholesale and retail trade with 12.8 billion euro (27.2%), manufacturing with 10.2 billion euro (21.7%), and information and communication with 4.9 billion euro (10.3%).

As regards the personnel costs, the sections with the biggest relevant expenditure were wholesale and retail trade with 8.5 billion euro (29.0%), manufacturing with 6.3 billion euro (21.6%) and transportation and storage with 3.4 billion euro (11.7%).

Wholesale and retail trade held also the first place in 2020 as regards the employment sizes with 747,016 persons employed (29.8%), out of which 521,190 were employees (28.7% of the total number of employees). Accommodation and food service activities followed with 535,127 persons employed (21.3%), out of which 429,189 were employees (23.7%) and manufacturing with 348,393 persons employed (13.9%), out of which 292,368 were employees (16.1%).

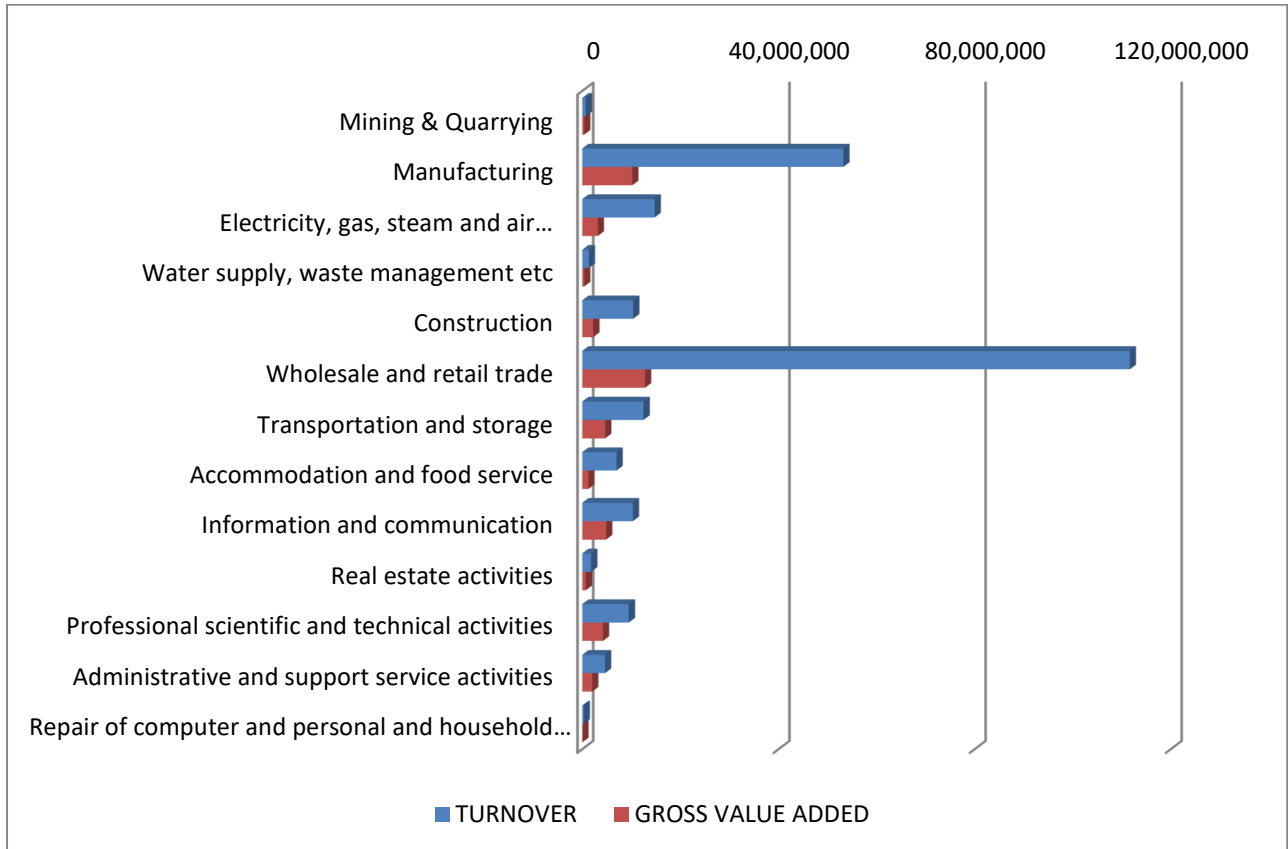
Table 2: Basic economic figures of enterprises by economic activity section, 2020

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	712,060		238,146,979		47,033,271		29,304,151		2,510,330		1,813,300	
Section B - Mining and quarrying	577	0.1	721,130	0.3	387,214	0.8	194,066	0.7	5,690	0.2	5,241	0.3
Section C- Manufacturing	56,140	7.9	53,225,300	22.3	10,193,942	21.7	6,342,708	21.6	348,393	13.9	292,368	16.1
Section D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	9,449	1.3	14,753,583	6.2	3,173,210	6.7	1,015,802	3.5	29,940	1.2	21,576	1.2
Section E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1,938	0.3	1,340,603	0.6	404,051	0.9	381,967	1.3	15,157	0.6	13,683	0.8
Section F - Construction	62,101	8.7	10,393,031	4.4	2,236,791	4.8	1,161,315	4.0	150,426	6.0	85,851	4.7
Section G- Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	221,926	31.2	111,665,747	46.9	12,813,069	27.2	8,492,286	29.0	747,016	29.8	521,190	28.7
Section H - Transportation and storage	58,770	8.3	12,490,757	5.2	4,683,628	10.0	3,430,083	11.7	181,903	7.2	128,518	7.1
Section I - Accommodation and food service activities	104,170	14.6	6,995,543	2.9	1,250,494	2.7	2,034,170	6.9	535,127	21.3	429,189	23.7

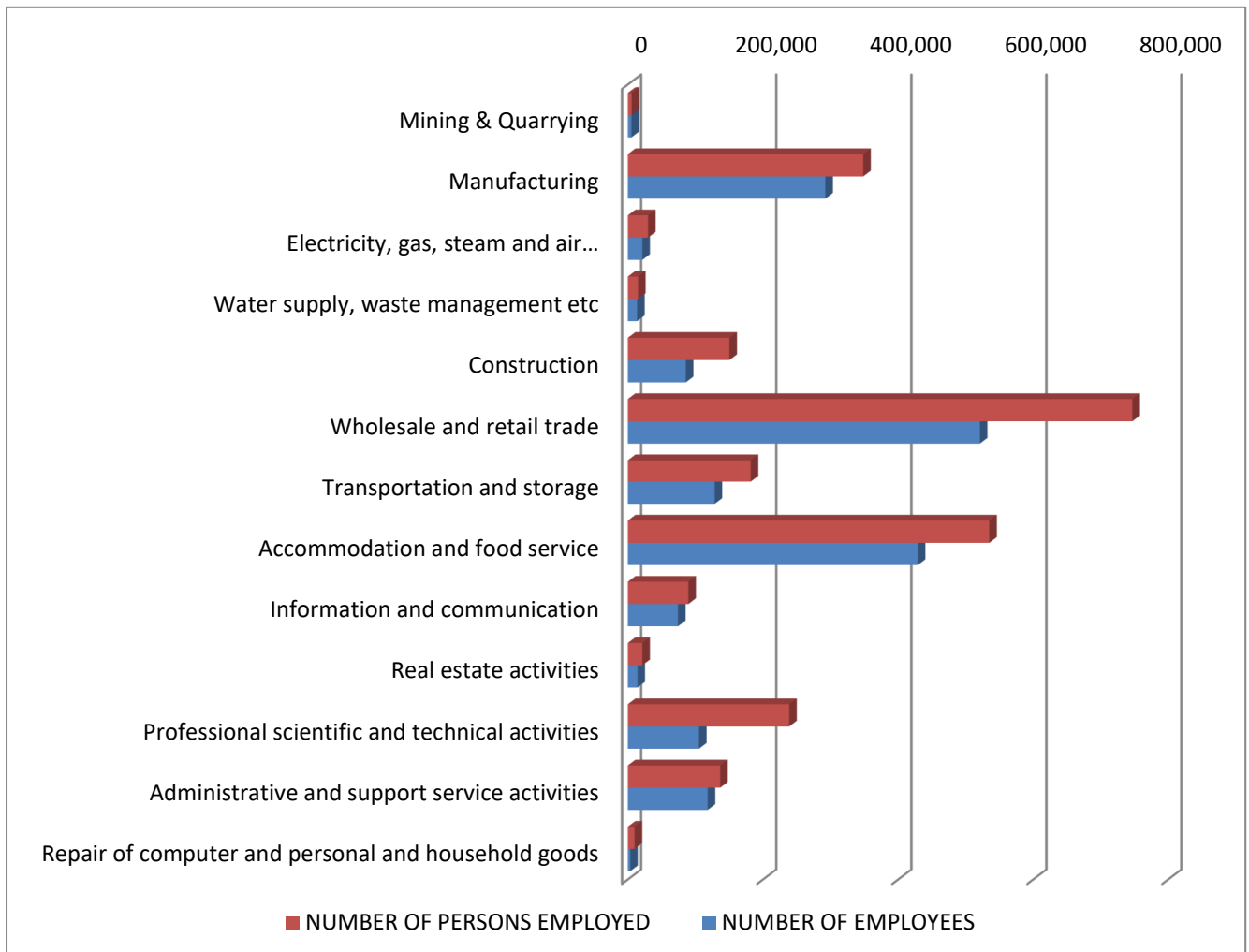
Table 2: Basic economic figures of enterprises by economic activity section, 2020 (continued)

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	17,827	2.5	10,326,425	4.3	4,864,157	10.3	2,378,635	8.1	89,545	3.6	74,266	4.1
Section L - Real estate activities	10,519	1.5	1,815,449	0.8	736,268	1.6	243,445	0.8	21,567	0.9	14,317	0.8
Section M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	140,336	19.7	9,490,281	4.0	4,207,962	8.9	2,044,164	7.0	238,844	9.5	105,330	5.8
Section N - Administrative and support service activities	21,656	3.0	4,641,087	1.9	2,037,913	4.3	1,547,069	5.3	136,731	5.4	118,129	6.5
Division 95 - Repair of computers and personal and household goods	6,651	0.9	288,042	0.1	44,572	0.1	38,439	0.1	9,991	0.4	3,642	0.2

Graph 1: Turnover and gross value added of enterprises, 2020 (in thousand €)



Graph 2: Number of persons employed and number of employees of enterprises, 2020



On the basis of available survey data on the size classes of enterprises in 2020, the sections with the biggest number of small enterprises (with 0 to 9 persons employed) are wholesale and retail trade with 213,319 enterprises and turnover amounting to 40.8 billion euro, followed by professional, scientific and technical activities with 138,619 enterprises and turnover amounting to 5.0 billion euro and accommodation and food service activities with 90,548 enterprises and turnover of 2.3 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 8,812 units and turnover amounting to 1.3 billion euro, followed by wholesale and retail trade with 5,553 enterprises and turnover of 11.9 billion euro and manufacturing with 2,796 enterprises and turnover of 3.0 billion euro.

The sections recording the biggest number of enterprises with 20 to 49 persons employed are accommodation and food service activities counting 4,026 units and turnover of 1.4 billion euro, wholesale and retail trade with 2,205 enterprises and turnover of 15.4 billion euro and manufacturing with 1,623 enterprises and turnover of 5.3 billion euro.

As regards the size class of enterprises with 50 to 249 persons employed, wholesale and retail trade accounts for the biggest number with 766 units and turnover of 22.4 billion euro, followed by manufacturing with 764 enterprises and turnover of 12.3 billion euro and accommodation and food service activities with 748 enterprises and turnover of 1.3 billion euro.

For large enterprises (with 250 or more persons employed), manufacturing records the biggest number with 143 enterprises and turnover of 27.6 billion euro, followed by wholesale and retail trade with 83 enterprises and turnover of 21.2 billion euro and transportation and storage with 57 enterprises and turnover of 3.5 billion euro.

Table 3: Number of enterprises and turnover by employment size class and economic activity, 2020

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	499	61,642	44	54,928	18	64,954	11	149,839	5	389,769
Section C- Manufacturing	50,814	5,084,745	2,796	2,962,106	1,623	5,260,328	764	12,284,586	143	27,633,536
Section D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	9,373	3,342,175	35	142,685	16	304,951	19	2,228,625	6	8,735,148
Section E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1,731	272,134	74	85,606	73	247,571	57	319,419	3	415,873
Section F - Construction	60,093	4,145,442	1,231	1,225,470	581	1,690,408	188	1,823,528	8	1,508,184
Section G- Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	213,319	40,790,860	5,553	11,866,572	2,205	15,417,070	766	22,428,574	83	21,162,670
Section H - Transportation and storage	56,898	3,522,594	1,018	1,082,717	563	1,764,286	234	2,638,754	57	3,482,406

Table 3: Number of enterprises and turnover by employment size class and economic activity, 2020 (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	90,548	2,320,901	8,812	1,310,325	4,026	1,436,156	748	1,284,640	36	643,520
Section J - Information and communication	16,830	1,543,367	483	452,761	315	648,350	156	1,686,712	43	5,995,236
Section L - Real estate activities	10,237	886,614	174	192,520	72	322,543	33	359,627	3	54,144
Section M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	138,619	5,004,327	1,035	934,722	472	1,291,871	182	1,524,495	28	734,866
Section N - Administrative and support service activities	20,204	959,113	703	425,832	440	647,389	253	1,170,486	56	1,438,268
Division 95 - Repair of computers and personal and household goods	6,595	178,373	44	28,699	8	23,734	4	57,236	0	0

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, of the production factors, of 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 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 gross 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</u></p>

received: Purchases for resale are purchases of goods for resale to third parties, 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 2020, are comparable with those of the reference years 2014- 2019.

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 are 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](#)».