

12. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

Data on the organizational structure of the national economy are compiled from information kept in the **Business Register (BR)**.

The Business Register is established and administered by the Czech Statistical Office under Act No. 89/1995 Sb., on the State Statistical Service. It keeps records of **businesses**—legal persons and natural persons—that enjoy the status of entrepreneur. **A business that is economically active according to statistical surveys or administrative sources is considered to be a statistical enterprise-type unit** (see Council Regulations No. 696/1993 and 2 186/1993). The Register is updated monthly using data from company registers, trade licence offices and statistical sources and is primarily used for designing and implementing of statistical surveys.

Business companies and partnerships include general commercial partnerships, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, partnerships limited by share (before 1993) and joint-stock companies.

Cooperatives also include cooperative enterprises.

Natural persons include private entrepreneurs who are in business in compliance with the Trade Act, self-employed farmers, agricultural entrepreneurs – natural persons since 1 May 2004, and natural persons carrying out other business activities governed by special regulations.

Private entrepreneurs in total include self-employed persons running their businesses under the Trade Act, self-employed farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs – natural persons since 1 May 2004.

Private entrepreneurs in business under the Trade Act include natural persons having business permits under Act No. 105/1990 Sb., on the Private Enterprise of Citizens (before 1992) or natural persons with trade licence (from 1992).

Private entrepreneurs in business under Acts other than the Trade Act include self-employed farmers, agricultural entrepreneurs – natural persons since 1 May 2004, members of professional chambers and other natural persons whose business activities are governed by separate regulations.

Associations of natural persons and associations of legal persons include unincorporated associations and their legally registered structural components; political parties and movements and their legally registered structural components; enterprises or economic establishments belonging to unincorporated associations or political parties (before 1993); churches and religious societies; professional associations; chambers and professional associations of legal persons.

The reason underlying the considerable decrease in the number of units in the year 1994 is the completed re-registration of private entrepreneurs in compliance with the Trade Act.

The data given in the tables are comparable with the data published in the statistical yearbooks of previous years.

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Other data on the organizational structure of the national economy are given in the following CZSO publications brought out according to the CZSO Catalogue of Publications 2006 (thematic group 1 - COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION, subgroup 14 - Comprehensive Publications):

- "CZSO Monthly Statistics" (Czech-English) – monthly, 26th calendar day
- "Social and Economic Development Indicators of the Czech Republic" (Czech and English) – quarterly, 90th calendar day
- „Bulletin ČSÚ“ – quarterly, 90th calendar day.

Further data are published on the following web pages of the Czech Statistical Office:

http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/business_register