

12. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

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

The Statistical Business Register keeps record of businesses, i.e. legal persons, organizational units of the state, unit trusts, and natural persons with the status of entrepreneur. An economically active business is such a business that according to information from administrative sources or statistical surveys reports economic activity. The Statistical Business Register is continually updated with data from the Administrative Business Register. It serves mainly to prepare and conduct statistical surveys.

Business companies and partnerships include general commercial partnerships, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, joint-stock companies, and since 2010 also European companies (*Societas Europaea*) and European economic interest groupings.

Cooperatives include also cooperative enterprises.

Natural persons include private entrepreneurs who are in business under the Trade Act, agricultural entrepreneurs – natural persons, and natural persons carrying out other business activities governed by special regulations. Since 2013, natural persons incorporated and unincorporated in the commercial register are not distinguished between.

Private entrepreneurs in business under the Trade Act are natural persons with trade licence.

Private entrepreneurs in business under other acts include agricultural entrepreneurs – natural persons, members of professional chambers and other natural persons whose business activities are governed by separate legal regulations.

Associations of natural persons and associations of legal persons include civic associations and their structural components with legal personality, political parties and movements, churches and religious societies, professional organizations, chambers and professional associations of legal entities.

The breakdown by principal activity corresponds to sections of the “Classification of Economic Activities” (CZ-NACE). Businesses are classified to institutional sectors in accordance with the Nomenclature of Institutional Sectors and Subsectors; see Chapter 5 National Accounts for a detailed description.

Since the administrative data source for updates of the Statistical Business Register changed, data for 2013 are not fully comparable with those for previous years.

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Further data can be found on the web page of the Czech Statistical Office at:

- www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/business_register