



METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATION

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HIGH-GROWTH ENTERPRISES

This methodological explanation relates to the data releases:

- High-growth Enterprises, Slovenia, annually (First Release\Electronic Release)



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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of publishing data on high-growth enterprises is to present data on high-growth enterprises measured in employment. Key statistics are number of enterprises and number of employees.

2 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- [Annual Programme of Statistical Surveys \(LPSR\)](#) (only in Slovene)
- [National Statistics Act](#) (OJ RS, No. 45/95 and 9/01)
- Regulation (EU) No 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on European business statistics, repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics (CELEX: 32019R2152)
- Commission implementing Regulation (EU) No 1197/2020 of 30 July 2020 laying down technical specifications and arrangements pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics (CELEX: 32020R1197)

3 UNIT DESCRIBED BY THE PUBLISHED DATA

Unit described by the published data is high-growth enterprise registered for performing predominantly market activities on the territory of the Republic of Slovenia which were active at least a part of the observation period.

4 SELECTION OF OBSERVATION UNIT

Observation units are enterprises which are registered for performing predominantly market activity on the territory of the Republic of Slovenia and which were active at least a part of the observation period. Operation of enterprises which are by the Standard Classification of Institutional Sectors (SKIS) in the Government sector (SKIS 13) and in the Non-profit institutions serving households sector (SKIS 15) are not included in the survey.

Observation units were selected according to the threshold. The survey covers all market enterprises performing activities of the Standard Classification of Activities 2008: Mining and quarrying (B), Manufacturing (C), Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (D), Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (E), Construction (F), Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (G), Transportation and storage (H), Accommodation and food service activities (I), Information and communication (J), Financial and insurance activities (K), Real estate activities (L), Professional, scientific and technical activities (M), Administrative and

support service activities (N), Education (P), Human health and social work activities (Q), Arts, entertainment and recreation (R), Repair of computers and personal and household goods (S95) and Other personal service activities (S96). In the survey enterprises that have 10 employees or more in the first year of monitoring of three-year growth are included.

In the survey the statistical activity is observed that is determined as the main activity in the Statistical Business Register (SBR) for the statistical purpose and could in some cases differ from the registered activity in the administrative business register (Poslovni register Slovenije – PRS), which is kept by the Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Public Legal Records and Related Services (AJPES). The statistical activity is determined for the important units for which it is evident from the statistical data that the classification according to those data differs from the classification anticipated due to the registered activity.

Enterprises are active if they had turnover or employees or investments during the observation period. Annually in the survey around 8,000 active enterprises are observed.

5 SOURCES AND METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION

Data are collected annually.

The main source for data for performing statistical survey High-Growth Enterprises are data on active enterprises in Republic of Slovenia from Statistical Business Register (SPR) which is kept and maintained by Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (SURSTAT).

The SBR is kept and maintained by SURSTAT and is the source for providing data to Eurostat that we are obliged to report on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 177/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for business registers for statistical purposes. The basic source for the SBR is the PRS, which has been kept on the basis of Article 71 of the Payment Transactions Act (OJ RS No. 30/02) since 15 July 2002 by AJPES. In addition to data in the PRS, the sources for the SBR are also data from other administrative records and data collected in accordance with the national program of statistical surveys. In the SBR some missing data are imputed according to the appropriate statistical methodology.

The main source for units of the reference year is the PRS as of 31 December with the inclusion of units that died during the reference year.

The SBR is explained in more detail in the methodological explanations Enterprises.

Data for the survey are not collected from the administrative sources.

6 DEFINITIONS

A high-growth enterprise is an enterprise with an average annual growth higher than 10% over a three year period and has at least 10 employees in the first year of monitoring of three-year growth of employees. Growth is measured by the number of employees. The year of observation is the last year of monitoring of three-year growth. Enterprises whose number of employees increased because of merger are set aside.

Gazelle is a high-growth enterprise that is up to 5 years old (in new regulation young high-growth enterprises).

Enterprise is legal or natural persons which had turnover or employees or investments and were therefore active during at least a part of the reference period. An enterprise may consist of several ownership-related legal persons, as long as they operate on the market as one independent enterprise.

Employees are persons who work for an employer (for legal persons or for individual private entrepreneurs and other registered natural persons), receive payment in the form of salaries and are socially insured on the basis of the employment contract. The employment contract can be made for fixed or unspecified period of time, for full-time or part-time work. The number of employees includes also trainees, persons performing public works and partners in private companies and institutions in the Republic of Slovenia who are managers (if they do not have compulsory insurance on some other basis). The number of employees excludes students and pupils who work for an employer occasionally and receive payment. Detached workers are also included in the number of employees (persons employed in Slovenia and sent to work or training abroad). From 2022 on, persons who are simultaneously employed in several enterprises are also included.

7 EXPLANATIONS

7.1 CLASSIFICATIONS

[SKD 2008](#) is the national version of the European statistical classification of economic activities NACE. Rev. 2, which includes all activities of the European classification and adds some national subclasses.

NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) was established for the statistical purposes and it is based on territorial, government and institutional breakdown by unified criteria. In Slovenia level 1 unit is the whole country, level 2 units are cohesion regions Vzhodna and Zahodna Slovenija and level 3 units are 12 statistical regions. Data on the performance of enterprises by activity and cohesion region are published at NUTS 2 and NUTS 3 levels. From 2015 on a new version of NUTS classification has been in force. More information is

available on <http://www.stat.si/statweb/en/Methods/Classifications>

7.2 DATA PROCESSING

DATA EDITING

Data editing was not performed.

WEIGHTING

Weighting was not performed.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

Seasonal adjustment is not applicable.

7.3 INDICES

Indices are not published.

7.4 PRECISION

The precision is not calculated.

7.5 OTHER EXPLANATIONS

In some cases totals do not match because of rounding.

SURS assures statistical confidentiality of data. Data that are statistically protected to respect the confidentiality of reporting units are replaced with the letter »Z«. More information is available on <http://www.stat.si/statweb/en/FundamentalPrinciples/StatConf>.

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8 PUBLISHING

- SiStat Database: [Enterprises](#) - Business Demography and High-growth Enterprises

Data are published in absolute values. Data are presented by activity (SKD2008) and cohesion and statistical regions by statistical classification NUTS.

- First Release (Enterprises, Business Demography and High-growth Enterprises): High-growth enterprises, Slovenia, annually.
- Electronic Release (Enterprises, Business Demography and High-growth Enterprises): High-growth enterprises, detailed data, Slovenia, annually.
- EUROSTAT (Statistical Office of the European Union)

9 REVISION OF THE DATA

9.1 PUBLISHING OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DATA

Provisional data are not disseminated. Only final data are published.

9.2 FACTORS INFLUENCING COMPARABILITY OVER TIME

Since observation year 2013 data on high-growth enterprises have been prepared according to the different methodology, but data were prepared and published also for years from 2008.

Enterprises before 2017 were active if they had turnover or persons employed during the observation period. The imputation methods were changed from reference year 2017.

Before 2013 detached workers were excluded from the number of employees (persons employed in Slovenia and sent to work or training abroad).

With the new European legislation on business statistics, the range of observed units has changed. From 2021 on, activities of holding companies (subclass 64.200 by SKD2008) began to be monitored and activities of membership organizations (division 94 by SKD2008) stopped to be monitored. Data are not comparable for division 64 financial intermediation, except insurance and pension funding due to the newly observed activities from 2021.

From reference year 2022 on, number of employees also include persons who are simultaneously employed in several enterprises.

10 OTHER METHODOLOGICAL MATERIALS

Methodological materials on SURS's website are available at <https://www.stat.si/statweb/en/Methods/QuestionnairesMethodologicalExplanationsQualityReports>.

- Questionnaire:
 - SURS does not collect data using a questionnaire.

- Quality report for the survey:
 - High-growth enterprises (SPR-DEM-HRP)

theme: Enterprises, sub-theme: Business Demography and High-growth Enterprises: High-growth Enterprises

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 - Enterprises

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