

# Oldest Businesses Around the World – Longevity, Industry, and Historical Insights

Staffelter Hof Winery is Germany's oldest business, established in 862 under the Carolingian dynasty. It has continued to serve customers through dramatic changes in Europe, such as the Holy Roman Empire, the Ottoman Empire, and both world wars. What characteristics enable a business to stand the test of time?

To help answer this question, BusinessFinancing.co.uk researched the oldest company still in business in **almost** every country and compiled the results into several CSV files. This dataset has been cleaned.

Having useful information in different files is a common problem. While it's better to keep different types of data separate for data storage, you'll want all the data in one place for analysis. You'll use joining and data manipulation to work with this data and better understand the world's oldest businesses.

## The Data

`businesses` and `new_businesses`

Column	Description
<code>business</code>	Name of the business (varchar)
<code>year_founded</code>	Year the business was founded (int)
<code>category_code</code>	Code for the business category (varchar)
<code>country_code</code>	ISO 3166-1 three-letter country code (char)

`countries`

Column	Description
<code>country_code</code>	ISO 3166-1 three-letter country code (varchar)
<code>country</code>	Name of the country (varchar)
<code>continent</code>	Name of the continent the country exists in (varchar)

`categories`


Column	Description
<code>category_code</code>	Code for the business category (varchar)
<code>category</code>	Description of the business category (varchar)


## Data Validation and Initial Exploration

index	...	↑↓	table_name	...	↑↓	column_name	...	↑↓	data_type	...
			0	businesses		business			character varying	
			1	businesses		year_founded			integer	
			2	businesses		category_code			character varying	
			3	businesses		country_code			character	
			4	categories		category_code			character varying	
			5	categories		category			character varying	
			6	countries		country_code			character varying	
			7	countries		country			character varying	
			8	countries		continent			character varying	
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i...	...	↑↓	business	...	↑↓	year_founded	...	↑↓	category_code	...	↑↓	country_code	...
			0	Hamoud Boualem				1878	CAT11			DZA	
			1	Communauté Électrique du Bénin				1968	CAT10			BEN	
			2	Botswana Meat Commission				1965	CAT1			BWA	
			3	Air Burkina				1967	CAT2			BFA	
			4	Brarudi				1955	CAT9			BDI	
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...	↑↓	business	...	↑↓	year...	...	↑↓	catego...	...	↑↓	coun...	...	↑↓	
		0	Fiji Times				1869	CAT13			FJI			
		1	J. Armando Bermúdez & Co.				1852	CAT9			DOM			
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...	↑↓	coun...	...	↑↓	country	...	↑↓	c.	...	↑↓		
	0	AFG			Afghanistan			Asia				
	1	AGO			Angola			Africa				
	2	ALB			Albania			Europe				
	3	AND			Andorra			Europe				
	4	ARE			United Arab Emirates			Asia				
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...	↑↓	category...	...	↑↓	category	...	↑↓	
	0	CAT1			Agriculture			
	1	CAT2			Aviation & Transport			
	2	CAT3			Banking & Finance			
	3	CAT4			Cafés, Restaurants & Bars			
	4	CAT5			Conglomerate			
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	0			578			1999	
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## Data Coverage Gaps: Countries Without Identified Oldest Businesses

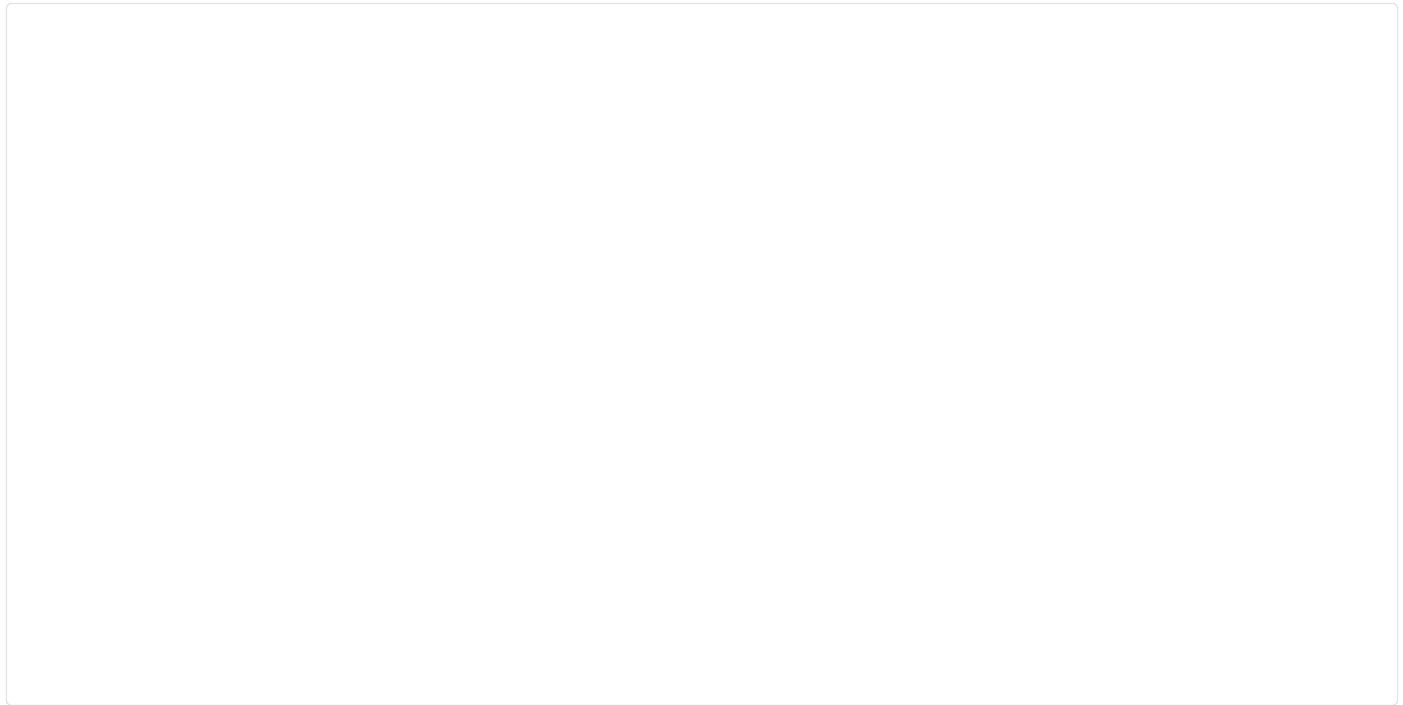
...	↑↓	contin...	...	↑↓	countries_without_businesses	...	↑↓	
	0	Oceania					11	
	1	Asia					7	
	2	North America					6	
	3	Africa					3	
	4	South America					3	
	5	Europe					2	
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## Longevity of Business Categories Across Continents

...	↑↓	contin...	...	↑↓	category	...	↑↓	earliest_founding_year	...	↑↓	
	0	Asia			Construction					578	
	1	Europe			Cafés, Restaurants & Bars					803	
	2	Europe			Distillers, Vintners, & Breweries					862	
	3	Europe			Manufacturing & Production					864	
	4	Asia			Cafés, Restaurants & Bars					1153	
	5	Europe			Agriculture					1218	
	6	Europe			Tourism & Hotels					1230	
	7	Europe			Mining					1248	
	8	Europe			Medical					1422	
	9	Europe			Postal Service					1520	
	10	North America			Manufacturing & Production					1534	
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## Global Distribution of Businesses Founded Before the Year 1000

...	↑↓	c. ...	↑↓	num_of_busi...	...	↑↓	
0		Europe		5			
1		Asia		1			
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## Comparing the Average Age of Businesses Across Continents

...	↑↓	contin...	...	↑↓	avg_busine...	...	↑↓
0		Europe			516.43		
1		South America			274.78		
2		North America			198.47		
3		Asia			187.12		
4		Oceania			139		
5		Africa			100.8		
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## Geographic Reach of Business Categories Across Countries

...	↑↓	category	...	↑↓	category	...	↑↓	num_of_co...	...	↑↓	
0		CAT3			Banking & Finance			37			
1		CAT9			Distillers, Vintners, & Breweries			22			
2		CAT2			Aviation & Transport			19			
3		CAT16			Postal Service			16			
4		CAT12			Manufacturing & Production			15			
5		CAT13			Media			7			
6		CAT1			Agriculture			6			
7		CAT11			Food & Beverages			6			
8		CAT4			Cafés, Restaurants & Bars			6			
9		CAT17			Retail			4			
10		CAT10			Energy			4			
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## Most Dominant Business Categories Within Each Continent

...	↑↓	contin...	...	↑↓	category	...	↑↓	num_of_busi...	...	↑↓	...	↑↓	
	0	Africa			Banking & Finance			17		1			
	1	Africa			Aviation & Transport			10		2			
	2	Africa			Postal Service			9		3			
	3	Africa			Media			4		4			
	4	Africa			Distillers, Vintners, & Breweries			3		5			
	5	Africa			Agriculture			3		5			
	6	Africa			Manufacturing & Production			1		6			
	7	Africa			Food & Beverages			1		6			
	8	Africa			Mining			1		6			
	9	Africa			Energy			1		6			
	10	Asia			Aviation & Transport			7		1			
Rows: 56													↗ Expand

# Oldest Operating Businesses by Continent (Tie-Aware Historical Analysis)

...	↑↓	contin...	...	↑↓	business	...	↑↓	category	...	↑↓	old...	...	↑↓		
	0	Africa			Mauritius Post			Postal Service			1772				
	1	Asia			Kongō Gumi			Construction			578				
	2	Europe			St. Peter Stifts Kulinarium			Cafés, Restaurants & Bars			803				
	3	North America			La Casa de Moneda de México			Manufacturing & Production			1534				
	4	Oceania			Australia Post			Postal Service			1809				
	5	South America			Casa Nacional de Moneda			Banking & Finance			1565				
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