

UK BUSINESS: ACTIVITY, SIZE AND LOCATION - 2019

DATA SOURCES

The data contained in this analysis are produced from a snapshot of the Inter Departmental Business Register (IDBR) taken on 15 March 2019.

The main administrative sources for the IDBR are VAT trader and PAYE employer information passed to the ONS by HM Revenue & Customs under the Value Added Tax traders and the Finance Act 1969 for PAYE employers; details of incorporated businesses are also passed to ONS by Companies House.

STATISTICAL UNITS

A group of legal units under common ownership is called an Enterprise Group.

An Enterprise is the smallest combination of legal units (generally based on VAT and/or PAYE records) which has a certain degree of autonomy within an Enterprise Group.

An individual site (for example a factory or shop) in an enterprise is called a local unit.

CHANGES AFFECTING THE DATA

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/file?uri=/businessindustryandtrade/business/activitysizeandlocation/methodologies/ukbusinessactivitysizeandlocation/ukbusinessmethodologyva>

CLASSIFICATIONS

This dataset uses the 2007 revision to the Standard Industrial Classification (UK SIC 2007) in place of the 2003 revision Standard Industrial Classification (UK SIC 2003). The 2007 is a major revision of UK SIC 2003 with changes at all levels of the SIC. Further details on Standard Industrial Classification can be found on the ONS website:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/classifications/current-standard-classifications/index.html>

The broad industry group structure has been defined under UK SIC 2007 and is listed below:

Description	UK SIC 2007 Section	Division
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	A	01/03
Production	B, C, D and E	05/39
<i>Mining, quarrying & utilities</i>	<i>B, D and E</i>	<i>05/09, 35/39</i>
<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>10/33</i>
Construction	F	41/43
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles	G	45/47
<i>Motor trades</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>45</i>
<i>Wholesale</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>46</i>
<i>Retail</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>47</i>
Transport & storage (inc postal)	H	49/53
Accommodation & food services	I	55/56
Information & communication	J	58/63
Finance & insurance	K	64/66
Property	L	68
Professional, scientific & technical	M	69/75
Business administration and support services	N	77/82
Public administration & defence	O	84
Education	P	85
Health	Q	86/88
Arts, entertainment, recreation and other services	R, S, T and U	90/99

GEOGRAPHIES

Regional analyses are provided for VAT and/or PAYE based enterprises and local units. Where an enterprise has several local units, the location of the enterprise is given by the principal operating site or the head office.

The geographies for England and Wales relate to middle layer super output areas (MSOA) derived from output area, the stable geographic building block now being used for small area statistics. There are 7,193 MSOAs in England and Wales (6,780 in England, 413 in Wales) which are constrained by the 2003 local authority boundaries. District, county and region figures are aggregations of these MSOAs.

For Scotland the geographies relate to 'intermediate zones', a layer equivalent to MSOA. There are 1,235 intermediate zones which are aggregated together to define the region of Scotland. In Northern Ireland the geographies relate to lower super output areas a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics. 890 Northern Irish SOAs (based on Output Areas).

LEGAL STATUS

The legal status of units is classified in accordance with National Accounts Sector Classifications in conjunction with information received from Companies House and tax sources - Value Added Tax (VAT) and Pay As You Earn (PAYE) schemes - from HM Revenue & Customs.

TURNOVER

Turnover provided to the ONS for the majority of traders is based on VAT returns for a 12 month period. For 2019 this relates to a 12 month period covering the financial year ending 31 March 2019. For other records, in particular members of VAT group registrations, turnover may relate to an earlier period or to survey data. For traders who have registered more than once, turnover represents the estimate made by traders at the time of registration.

The turnover figures on the register generally exclude VAT but include other taxes, such as the revenue duties on alcoholic drinks and tobacco. They represent total UK turnover including exempt and zero-rated supplies.

Turnover data should be used with caution as they are derived mainly from administrative sources which we are unable to validate. Turnover data will be excluded for Scotland (Finance) as it is not comparable with that derived from income in other sections. This brings the publication in line with Annual Business Survey (ABS) and the BEIS Productivity Estimates.

EMPLOYMENT

The employment information on the IDBR is drawn mainly from the *Business Register Employment Survey* (BRES). Because this is based on a sample of enterprises, some of the previous returns and from other ONS surveys have also been used. For the smallest units, either PAYE jobs or employment imputed from VAT turnover is used.

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Analysis showing the count, employment, employees and turnover (£'000s) of VAT and/or PAYE based enterprises in Regions of the United Kingdom for UK SIC 2007 Sub class 45.11/2 Sale of used motor vehicle

Data as at March 2019

Note: Count figures are control rounded to base five. Where the count rounds to zero or data are deemed to be disclosive, any auxiliary variable i.e. employment or turnover will be removed (..C). Where we remove a figure in a row or column, we must remove another in the same row and column to avoid disclosure by deduction, even in cases where the count may be large.

	Count	Employment	Employees	Turnover (£'000s)
UK	13,185	49,942	44,764	23,708,550
England	11,495	44,166	39,945	21,419,575
North East	425	1,418	1,236	447,719
North West	1,430	5,213	4,724	2,253,909
Yorkshire and The Humber	1,205	6,830	6,375	2,313,889
East Midlands	1,215	6,008	5,484	3,263,000
West Midlands	1,230	3,417	2,980	1,155,876
East	1,535	5,741	5,221	1,911,260
London	1,185	3,383	3,192	2,025,463
South East	2,040	8,348	7,571	6,751,774
South West	1,230	3,808	3,162	1,296,685
Northern Ireland	590	1,380	965	831,320
Scotland	560	1,953	1,683	612,441
Wales	540	2,443	2,171	845,214

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