

**Structure and dynamism of the business fabric in Spain
Central Companies Directory (CCD) at 1 January 2017**

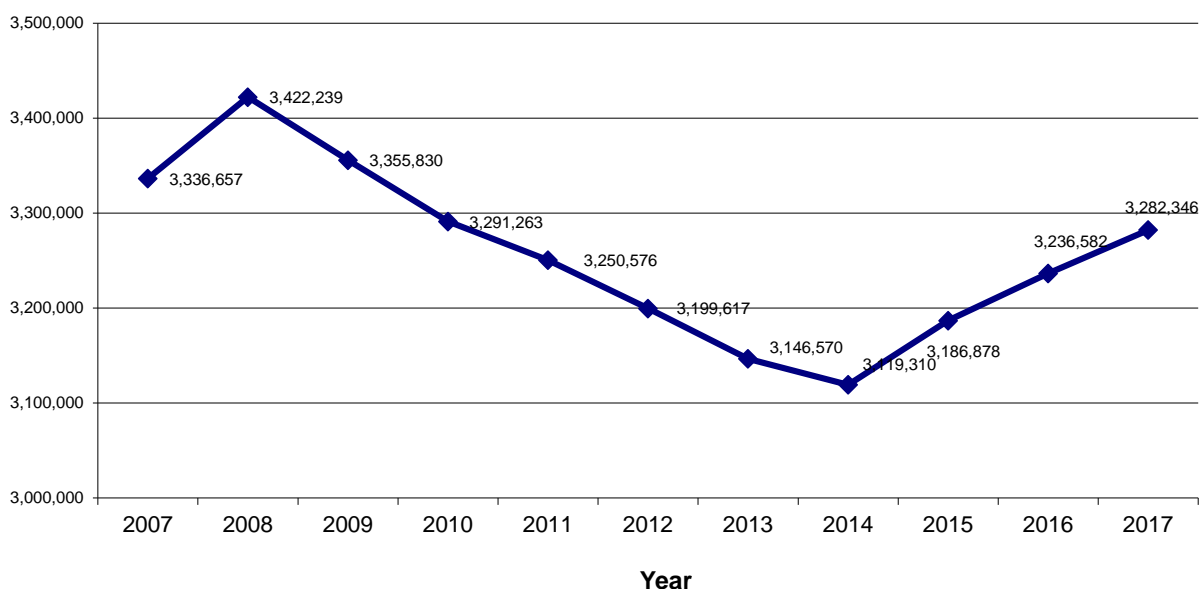
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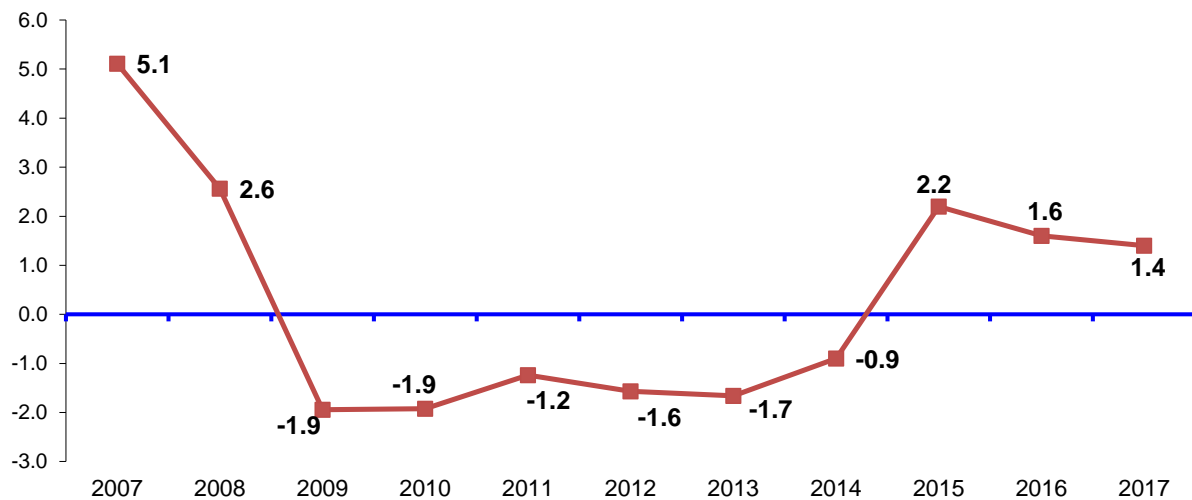
The number of active companies increased 1.4% during 2016 and stood at 3,282,346, according to the update of the Central Companies Directory (CCD), at 1 January 2017.

This is the third consecutive increase in the number of active companies after six years of successive decreases.

Companies population evolution (2007-2017)



Number of active companies (interannual variation rates)
(2007-2017)



Active companies by economic sector

The sector *Other Services*, once again had the highest weight in the structure of the business population. On 1 January 2017, it represented 58.7% of the total.

This sector which counts with 1,927,115 active companies (2.7% more than the previous year) includes all the companies dedicated to accommodation, transport and storage, information and communications, financial and insurance activities, real estate, professional, scientific, and technical activities, administrative and support services, educational, sanitary and social assistance and other kind of social activities, including personal services.

The weight of *Trade* was also significant, with 23.0% of the total. This sector includes companies which carry out wholesale and retail activities and trade intermediaries. The active company population in the *Trade* sector decreased 0.5%, standing at 753,503 companies with respect to the previous year.

Finally, the companies of the *Construction* sector represented 12.3% of the total and those of the *Industrial* sector, 6.0%. With respect to last year, the number of construction companies decreased 0.9% while industrial companies increased 1.6%.

Active companies by number of employees

From the point of view of size, measured by number of employees, the Spanish companies were once again characterized by their reduced dimension.

At 1 January 2017, more than 1.82 million companies did not employ any employees at all. This figure represented 55.5% of the total. Besides this, 894,179 companies (27.2% of the total) had one or two employees.

If these two groups are added together, the result is that 82.8% had two or less employees.

Considering only the companies with employees, those that had 20 or more employees represented 4.6% of the total.

The largest percentages of small companies were found in the *Construction* sector (where 85,9% had two or less employees) and *Other Services* (84,3%).

In turn, the weight of large companies was concentrated in the industrial sector, where 8.1% of the total employed 20 or more workers.

Active companies by economic sector, by employee bracket.

Data at 1 January 2017

	Total	Industry	Construction	Trade	Other services
TOTAL	3,282,346	198,805	402,923	753,503	1,927,115
No employees	1,823,250	78,115	253,652	377,019	1,114,464
1 to 2 employees	894,179	51,329	92,404	239,774	510,672
3 to 5 employees	298,744	24,289	29,923	80,908	163,624
6 to 9 employees	120,696	14,608	12,522	29,939	63,627
10 to 19 employees	77,632	14,311	8,787	14,537	39,997
20 or more employees	67,845	16,153	5,635	11,326	34,731

Active companies by age

The population of active companies is characterized by great dynamism, since only 16.3% existed 20 or more years ago.

On the other hand, an important presence of very young companies can be observed. As a matter of fact, 20.8% had less than two years as economically active units.

The following table combines this criterion with the developed activity. It can be observed that the distribution by age is not homogeneous for the different sectors considered.

In this way, the industrial companies presented the greatest proportions of older companies (28.8% were 20 years old or over), while the representation of young companies was greater in the activities related to the *Services* sector, especially in *Accommodation* (26.8% have not yet reached their second year).

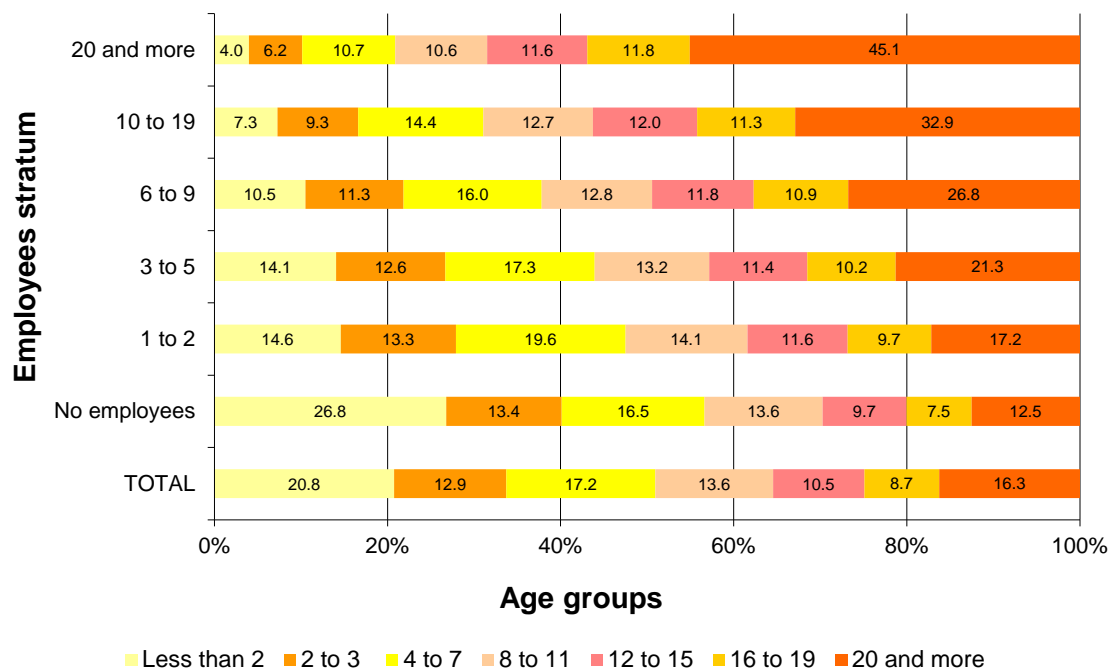
Active companies by economic sector, by age bracket

Data at 1 January 2017

	Total	0 - 1	2 - 3	4-7	8-11	12-15	16 - 19	20 or more
TOTAL	3,282,346	681,921	425,011	565,692	446,493	345,651	283,945	533,633
Industry	198,805	25,658	17,154	27,568	28,386	21,244	21,506	57,289
Construction	402,923	81,457	49,046	62,171	67,765	50,703	37,351	54,430
Trade	753,503	149,592	96,793	123,429	84,969	75,606	69,237	153,877
Transport / Storage	194,463	27,367	18,928	26,736	26,249	22,583	22,331	50,269
Accommodation	279,613	74,919	41,938	50,728	31,008	25,097	20,255	35,668
Other Services	1,453,039	322,928	201,152	275,060	208,116	150,418	113,265	182,100

The following graph combines the age of the companies with other basic structural element, such as the size measured in function of its stratum of employees.

Active companies by size and age group



It shows that the age distribution is related to the size of the companies. Thus, the presence of very young companies is relevant in the micro-enterprises segment (26.8% of companies without employees were between their first and second year).

On the other hand, there was a greater representation of older companies in the larger ones (45.1% of companies with 20 or more employees were at least 20 years old).

Company registrations and delistings

Addressing the evolution over the past year, 419,504 companies began the exercise of economic activities during 2016. On the other hand, 385,165 ceased all their activities.

78.1% of the units registered at 1 January 2017 were already active in the same date of the previous year.

Companies registered according to demographic category

Data at 1 January 2017

Demographic category	Total	Percentage over the total
TOTAL	3,667,511	100
News	419,504	11.4
Remaining in business	2,862,842	78.1
Delistings	385,165	10.5

The sectors in which more companies were created in net terms during 2016 were *Real Estate activities* (7,214) and *Health activities* (6,574).

Sectors with most net creation of companies

Data at 1 January 2017

CNAE 2009 divisions	New s	Delistings	Net balance
Real estate activities	19,632	12,418	7,214
Human health and social work activities	16,584	10,010	6,574
Education	17,772	12,863	4,909

On the other hand, the sectors with the greatest negative balances were *Retail trade, except of motor vehicles* (-5,320) and *Construction of buildings* (-2,615).

Sectors with most net number of companies that have discontinued their activity

Data at 1 January 2017

CNAE 2009 divisions	New s	Delistings	Net balance
Retail trade, except motor vehicles and motorcycles	58,910	64,230	-5,320
Research and development	28,515	31,130	-2,615
Food and beverage services	1,108	2,584	-1,476

Active companies by Autonomous Communities

Cataluña was the Autonomous Community which concentrated the greatest number of active companies at 1 January 2017, with 18.6% of the total. It was followed by Comunidad de Madrid (16.0%) and Andalucía (15.3%).

Active companies, according to economic sector by Autonomous Community and City

Data at 1 January 2017

	Total	Industry	Construction	Trade	Other services
TOTAL	3,282,346	198,805	402,923	753,503	1,927,115
Andalucía	501,745	27,644	52,860	135,495	285,746
Aragón	90,903	6,579	12,175	19,477	52,672
Asturias, Principado de	68,368	3,518	8,463	15,098	41,289
Balears, Illes	93,067	4,580	15,459	16,565	56,463
Canarias	141,595	5,274	15,108	32,854	88,359
Cantabria	38,459	2,032	5,496	8,245	22,686
Castilla y León	161,619	11,580	23,557	38,840	87,642
Castilla-La Mancha	127,102	11,936	18,871	33,084	63,211
Cataluña	608,981	36,374	72,762	127,645	372,200
Comunitat Valenciana	350,065	24,371	41,490	86,193	198,011
Extremadura	65,844	4,839	8,301	19,124	33,580
Galicia	198,923	12,524	29,549	48,579	108,271
Madrid, Comunidad de	526,156	22,798	57,982	96,061	349,315
Murcia, Región de	93,574	6,916	12,296	25,406	48,956
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	44,120	3,933	6,145	9,767	24,275
País Vasco	140,290	11,408	18,830	31,959	78,093
Rioja, La	23,167	2,328	2,933	5,361	12,545
Ceuta	3,844	86	309	1,531	1,918
Melilla	4,524	85	337	2,219	1,883

Active establishments by Autonomous Communities

Active companies registered in the CCD carried out their activities in 3,707,496 establishments set up in all the national territory.

57.3% of the establishments corresponded to the *Other Services* sector.

By Autonomous Communities, Cataluña concentrated 18.5% of total establishments, Comunidad de Madrid 15.5% and Andalucía 15.4%.

Active premises, according to economic sector by Autonomous Community and City

Data at 1 January 2017

	Total	Industry	Construction	Trade	Other services
TOTAL	3,707,496	228,453	432,775	921,747	2,124,521
Andalucía	572,781	32,942	57,942	163,626	318,271
Aragón	104,511	7,707	13,229	24,600	58,975
Asturias, Principado de	77,835	4,127	9,119	18,918	45,671
Balears, Illes	106,950	5,202	16,857	21,204	63,687
Canarias	167,248	6,368	16,838	43,457	100,585
Cantabria	43,614	2,367	6,099	10,133	25,015
Castilla y León	186,885	14,267	25,781	47,830	99,007
Castilla-La Mancha	146,345	15,996	20,095	39,337	70,917
Cataluña	684,290	41,763	79,968	157,729	404,830
Comunitat Valenciana	396,145	27,928	44,630	105,105	218,482
Extremadura	75,540	5,987	9,036	22,630	37,887
Galicia	224,374	14,127	31,100	59,493	119,654
Madrid, Comunidad de	574,427	21,936	59,180	116,907	376,404
Murcia, Región de	105,623	8,288	13,082	30,093	54,160
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	49,985	4,708	6,972	11,678	26,627
País Vasco	154,767	11,849	18,740	38,116	86,062
Rioja, La	26,586	2,678	3,348	6,563	13,997
Ceuta	4,512	108	363	1,846	2,195
Melilla	5,078	105	396	2,482	2,095

Methodological note

The Central Companies Directory (CCD) gathers all Spanish companies and their local units located in the national territory in a single information system. It is a key infrastructure tool which enables the carrying out and coordination of the research system aimed at the productions units.

In order to meet this requirement, the CCD must be duly updated and the units must be shown with reliable identification, localisation and classification data.

The CCD is compiled and maintained annually from data originating from diverse sources of an statistical and administrative point of origin. All this information is submitted to a sophisticated itinerary of filtering, alignment and integration with the object of achieving total national coverage. It is normally published in the first days of August, date which is conditioned by the periods where primary sources are available.

The CCD is a project implemented by the INE since 1989 and contains information relative to the population of companies in the national territory, as well as of the local units where these carry out their activities.

Other objectives are:

- To provide structural data of the number of companies and establishments existing in Spain, classified according to their principal economic activity, employee bracket, legal condition, and geographic location.
- To provide data related to the temporary evolution of the companies with respect to new companies, existing companies and closed companies, detected in the year of the updating of the Directory, and their classification by variables.
- To satisfy the information requirements of the international organisations, especially, of the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat).