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**Structure and dynamism of the business network in Spain  
Central Companies Directory (CCD) at 1 January 2016**

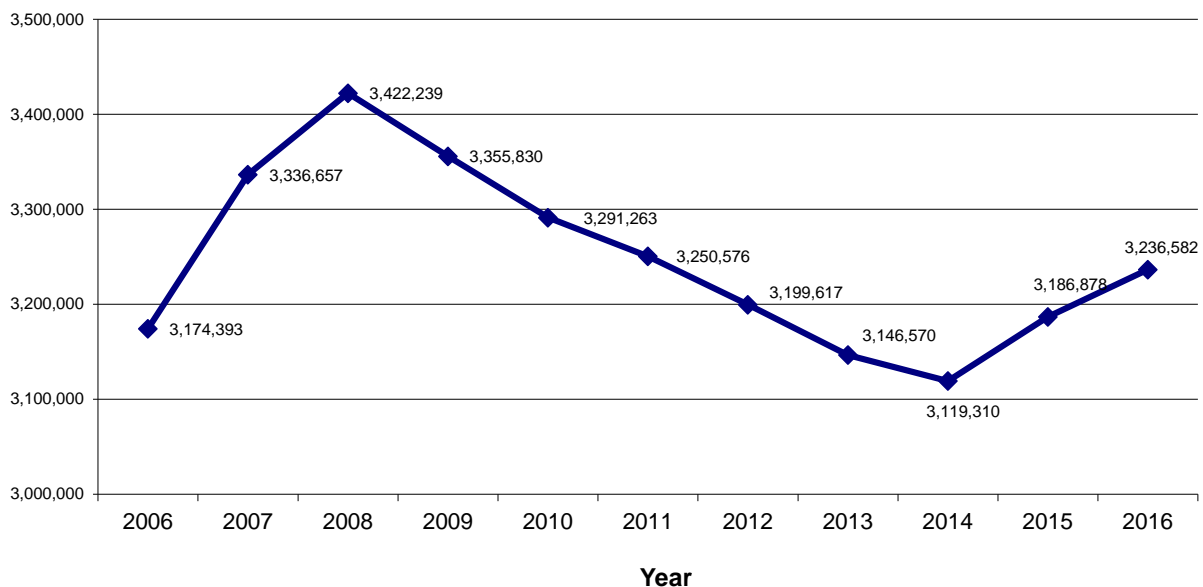
**The number of active companies increases 1.6% in 2015, standing at 3.24 million**

**15.8% of the active companies are 20 years old or over, whereas 20.1% are less than two years old**

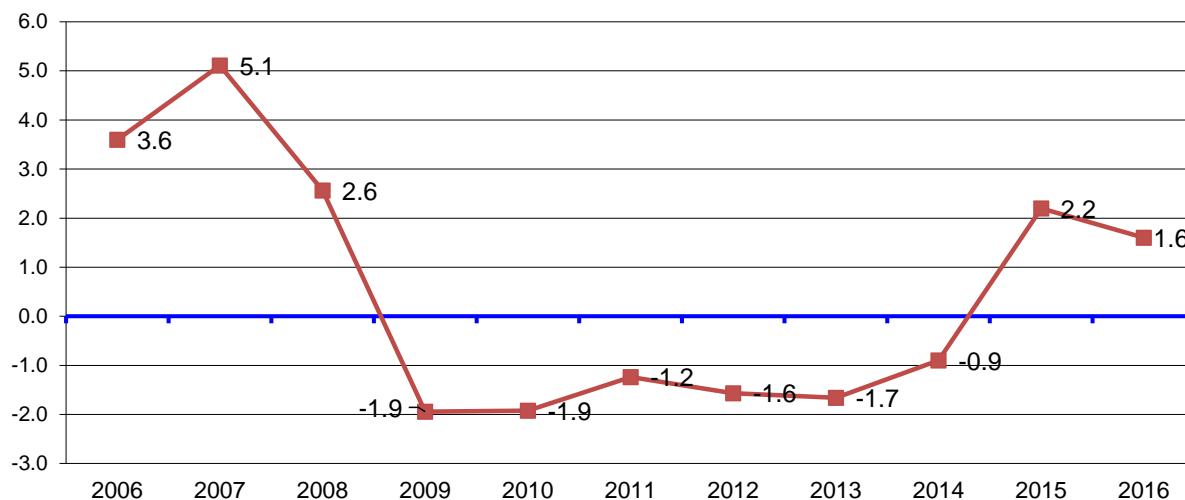
The number of active companies increased 1.6% during 2015, standing at 3,236,582, according to the latest update of the Central Companies Directory (CCD) at 1 January 2016.

This was the second increase in the number of active companies after six consecutive years decreasing.

**Companies population evolution (2006-2016)**



Number of active companies (interannual variation rates)  
(2006-2016)



## Active companies by economic sector

The sector of *Other Services* continued to carry the greatest weight in the corporate population structure. At 1 January 2016, it represented 58.0% of the total.

This sector, that registered 1,876,744 active companies, had a 3.1% increase as compared to the previous year. The sector included all those companies dedicated to accommodation, transport and storage, information and communications, financial and insurance activities, real estate, professional, scientific and technical activities, administrative and auxiliary services activities, educational, health and social care activities and other types of social activity, including personal services.

The weight of *Trade* was also significant, with 23.4% of the total. This sector included those companies that carried out wholesale and retail trade activities, and trade intermediaries. The population of active companies of the *Trade* sector decreased 0.8%, up to 757,537, as compared with the previous year.

Finally, the companies of the *Construction* sector represented 12.6% of the total and those of the *Industry* sector did so by 6.0%. In comparison with the previous year, the number of construction companies increased 0.2% and that of the industrial companies decreased by 1.2%.

## Active companies by number of employees

From a size perspective, measured by the number of employees, a reduced scale continued to be a feature of Spanish companies.

According to the data at 1 January 2016, more than 1.79 million companies did not hire any employee. This figure accounted for 55.3% of the total. Moreover, other 895,574 companies (27.7% of the total) had between one and two employees.

Adding these two groups, the result is that 83.0% of companies had two or fewer employees.

Considering only the companies with employees, those employing 20 or more workers represented 4.4% of the total.

The highest percentages of small companies were registered in *Other services* (84.3% had two or fewer employees) and *Trade* (82.2%).

Conversely, the weight of large companies was concentrated in the industrial sector, where 7.9% of the total employed 20 or more persons.

### Active companies by economic sector, by employee bracket

Data at 1 January 2016

	Total	Industry	Construction	Trade	Other services
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,236,582</b>	<b>195,619</b>	<b>406,682</b>	<b>757,537</b>	<b>1,876,744</b>
No employees	1,791,909	77,560	261,130	383,444	1,069,775
1 to 2 employees	895,574	50,632	91,465	239,601	513,876
3 to 5 employees	292,403	23,509	28,705	79,878	160,311
6 to 9 employees	117,293	14,249	11,809	29,515	61,720
10 to 19 employees	75,022	14,115	8,316	14,316	38,275
20 or more employees	64,381	15,554	5,257	10,783	32,787

### Active companies by age

The population of active companies is characterised by a great dynamism, as only 15.8% existed 20 or more years ago.

Conversely, an important presence of young companies can be observed. As a matter of fact, 20.1% did not reach two years as economically active units.

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

The *Industrial* sector registered the greatest proportions of older companies (28.2% are 20 years old or over), whereas the representation of younger companies is higher in activities related to the *Services* sector, especially in *Accommodation* (25.2% did not reach their second year).

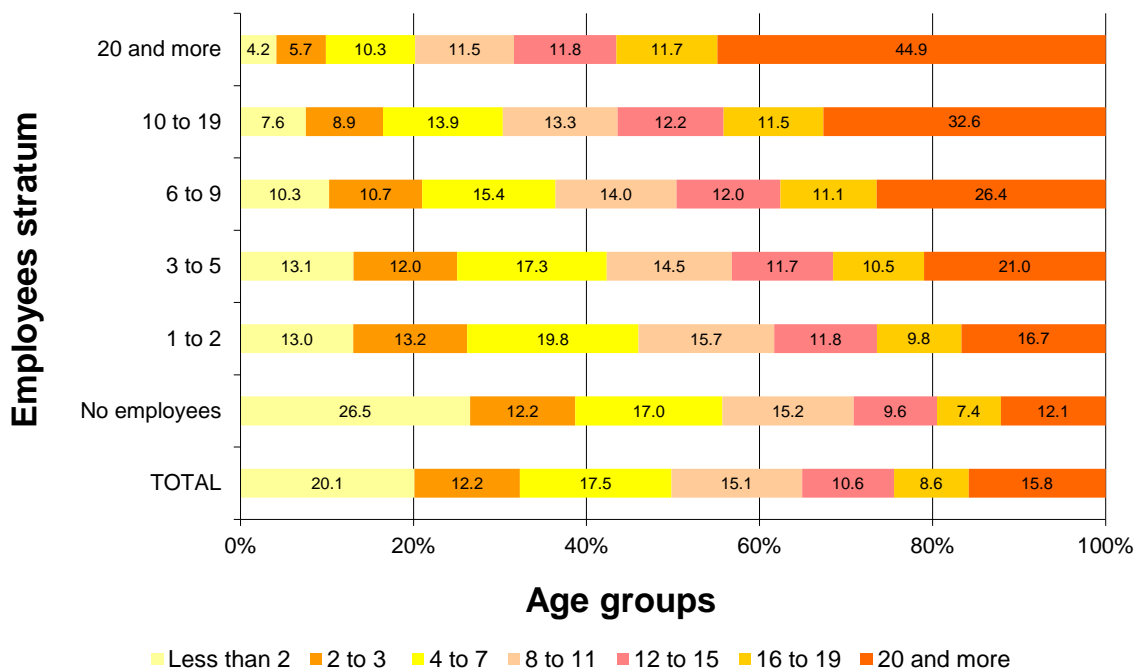
### Active companies by economic sector, by age bracket

Data at 1 January 2016

	Total	0 - 1	2 - 3	4-7	8-11	12-15	16 - 19	20 or more
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,236,582</b>	<b>651,066</b>	<b>393,824</b>	<b>567,627</b>	<b>488,723</b>	<b>343,857</b>	<b>279,383</b>	<b>512,102</b>
Industry	195,619	23,635	15,411	30,840	25,654	22,883	21,947	55,249
Construction	406,682	77,807	43,195	67,349	79,399	50,900	36,196	51,836
Trade	757,537	148,973	92,704	120,806	94,116	79,399	70,497	151,042
Transport/Storage	193,357	24,005	17,673	26,441	29,644	22,900	25,244	47,450
Accommodation	276,093	69,504	41,253	50,429	34,430	25,301	20,629	34,547
Other Services	1,407,294	307,142	183,588	271,762	225,480	142,474	104,870	171,978

The following chart combines the seniority of the companies with other basic structural element, as it is the size of the companies measured depending on the employees' stratum.

**Active companies by size and age group**



It is shown that the age distribution is related to the size of the companies. Thus, the presence of young companies is relevant considering micro enterprises (26.5% of the companies without employees, between their first and second year), whereas bigger companies registered the greatest representation of the veteran companies (44.9% of the companies of 20 employees or more are 20 years old or over).

**Company registrations and delistings**

Considering evolution over the past year, it was worth noting that 378,715 companies began the exercise of economic activities during 2015.

In turn, 331,812 companies ceased all their activities.

80.1% of the economic units registered in 2016 were already active companies the previous year.

**Companies registered according to demographic category**

Data at 1 January 2016

Demographic category	Total	Percentage over the total
TOTAL	3,568,394	100.0
News	378,715	10.6
Remaining in business	2,857,867	80.1
Delistings	331,812	9.3

The economic activities that created more companies in net terms in 2015 were *Real estate activities* (7,196) and *Human health activities* (6,499).

### Sectors with most net creation of companies

Data at 1 January 2016

CNAE 2009 divisions	New s	Delistings	Net balance
Real estate activities	17,408	10,212	7,196
Human health and social work activities	14,653	8,154	6,499
Education	15,437	10,459	4,978

In turn, the activities in which most companies ceased their activity in net terms were *Retail trade, except motor vehicles and motorcycles* (-5,594) and *Research and development* (-1,848).

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

Data at 1 January 2016

CNAE 2009 divisions	New s	Delistings	Net balance
Retail trade, except motor vehicles and motorcycles	52,771	58,365	-5,594
Research and development	1,020	2,868	-1,848
Food and beverage services	38,434	39,670	-1,236

### Active companies by Autonomous Community

Cataluña accounted for the most active companies at 1 January 2016, with 18.4% of the total. It was followed by Comunidad de Madrid (16.0%) and Andalucía (15.1%).

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

Data at 1 January 2016

	Total	Industry	Construction	Trade	Other services
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,236,582</b>	<b>195,619</b>	<b>406,682</b>	<b>757,537</b>	<b>1,876,744</b>
Andalucía	489,347	26,786	52,115	134,340	276,106
Aragón	90,325	6,513	12,422	19,771	51,619
Asturias, Principado de	67,675	3,421	8,450	15,117	40,687
Balears, Illes	89,341	4,420	14,989	16,527	53,405
Canarias	135,909	5,027	14,589	32,538	83,755
Cantabria	37,696	2,010	5,424	8,325	21,937
Castilla y León	161,364	11,459	23,945	39,329	86,631
Castilla-La Mancha	126,421	11,879	19,128	33,403	62,011
Cataluña	596,196	35,698	73,330	127,606	359,562
Comunitat Valenciana	344,556	23,910	41,672	86,596	192,378
Extremadura	65,484	4,749	8,395	19,367	32,973
Galicia	197,538	12,323	29,777	49,075	106,363
Madrid, Comunidad de	516,412	22,240	58,870	96,556	338,746
Murcia, Región de	92,008	6,711	12,306	25,311	47,680
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	43,907	3,914	6,219	9,869	23,905
País Vasco	151,216	12,058	21,402	34,810	82,946
Rioja, La	23,076	2,343	3,018	5,411	12,304
Ceuta	3,762	83	310	1,494	1,875
Melilla	4,349	75	321	2,092	1,861

### Active premises by Autonomous Community

Active companies registered in the CCD carried out their activities in 3,653,493 premises located throughout the national territory.

56.6% of the premises corresponded to the *Other Services* sector.

By Autonomous Community, Cataluña accounted for 18.3% of the premises, Comunidad de Madrid for 15.4% and Andalucía for 15.3%.

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

Data at 1 January 2016

	Total	Industry	Construction	Trade	Other services
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,653,493</b>	<b>225,241</b>	<b>436,607</b>	<b>923,061</b>	<b>2,068,584</b>
Andalucía	558,958	32,081	57,341	162,105	307,431
Aragón	103,558	7,613	13,501	24,748	57,696
Asturias, Principado de	76,993	4,026	9,113	18,838	45,016
Balears, Illes	102,716	5,050	16,401	20,915	60,350
Canarias	160,962	6,079	16,342	43,023	95,518
Cantabria	42,637	2,318	6,005	10,126	24,188
Castilla y León	186,167	14,056	26,243	48,152	97,716
Castilla-La Mancha	145,435	15,683	20,418	39,772	69,562
Cataluña	670,254	41,130	80,318	156,996	391,810
Comunitat Valenciana	389,739	27,506	44,880	105,271	212,082
Extremadura	75,085	5,901	9,129	22,872	37,183
Galicia	222,658	14,037	31,335	59,799	117,487
Madrid, Comunidad de	563,255	21,614	59,872	116,970	364,799
Murcia, Región de	103,699	7,997	13,111	29,919	52,672
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	49,650	4,646	7,045	11,732	26,227
País Vasco	165,972	12,622	21,369	41,076	90,905
Rioja, La	26,435	2,687	3,435	6,567	13,746
Ceuta	4,424	103	370	1,822	2,129
Melilla	4,896	92	379	2,358	2,067

## Methodological note

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

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

The CCD is built and maintained on an annual basis, using data from various input sources from administrative and statistical origin. All this information is subject to a sophisticated itinerary of debugging treatment, harmonization and integration in order to achieve full national coverage. It is usually published in early August, subject to the availability periods of the primary sources.

The CCD is a product developed by the INE since 1989 and contains information on the population of companies with a presence in the national territory as well as on the local units where they carry out their activities.

### Other objectives are:

–To provide structural data on the number of companies and premises existing in Spain, classified by main economic activity, employee bracket, legal condition and geographical location.

–To offer data on temporary evolution of the companies as concerns new companies, companies remaining in business and companies that have closed down, detected in the year of updating the Directory, and their classification by the usual variables.

–To satisfy demands for information required by international organisations, in particular, by the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat).

Data series of el País Vasco for 2015 are not completely homogeneous with previous years because a primary source of information that had been used until this year has not been received.