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Mercantile Companies Statistics (MC) February 2024. Provisional data

Main results

- The number of mercantile companies created increased by 7.9% in February compared to the same month in 2023.
- The number of dissolved companies decreased by 5.9% compared with the same month in 2023.

More information

- [Annex of tables](#) (includes information from the Autonomous Communities)
- [Detailed results](#)

In February, 10,960 mercantile companies were incorporated, 7.9% more than in the same month in 2023. The subscribed capital for their incorporation recorded an annual increase of 53.1% and the average capital subscribed (48,172) increased by 41.9%.

In addition, 3,004 companies increased their capital, 3.9% more than in February 2023. The subscribed capital in the increases rose by 33.8%.

The number of dissolved mercantile companies decreased by 5.9% in the annual rate. 84.9% of them did so voluntarily.

Mercantile companies created, increasing their capital and dissolved. February 2024

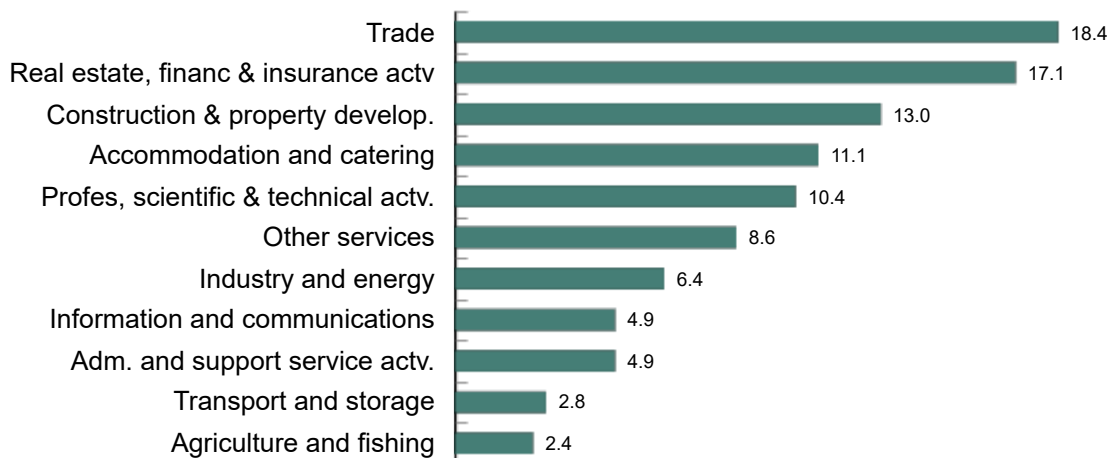
		Total	% Variation		
			Monthly	Annual	Annual accumulated
Mercantile companies created	Number	10,960	2.3	7.9	10.4
	Capital subscribed (thousands of euros)	527,967	-42.2	53.1	60.5
	Average capital subscribed (euros)	48,172	-43.4	41.9	45.3
Mercantile companies increasing their capital	Number	3,004	-17.3	3.9	4.7
	Capital subscribed (thousands of euros)	2,991,566	10.7	33.8	13.3
	Average capital subscribed (euros)	995,861	33.9	28.7	8.2
Mercantile companies dissolved	Number	2,545	-35.3	-5.9	-2.4
	- Voluntary	2,161	-36.4	1.1	1.6
	- Merger	178	-48.6	-54.5	-36.8
	- Other	206	7.3	17.0	18.1

Results by main economic activity principal

18.4% of the mercantile companies incorporated in February were engaged in *Trade* and 17.1% were *Property, financial and insurance* companies. As for dissolved companies, 19.7% were engaged in *Trade* and 18.5% in *Construction*.

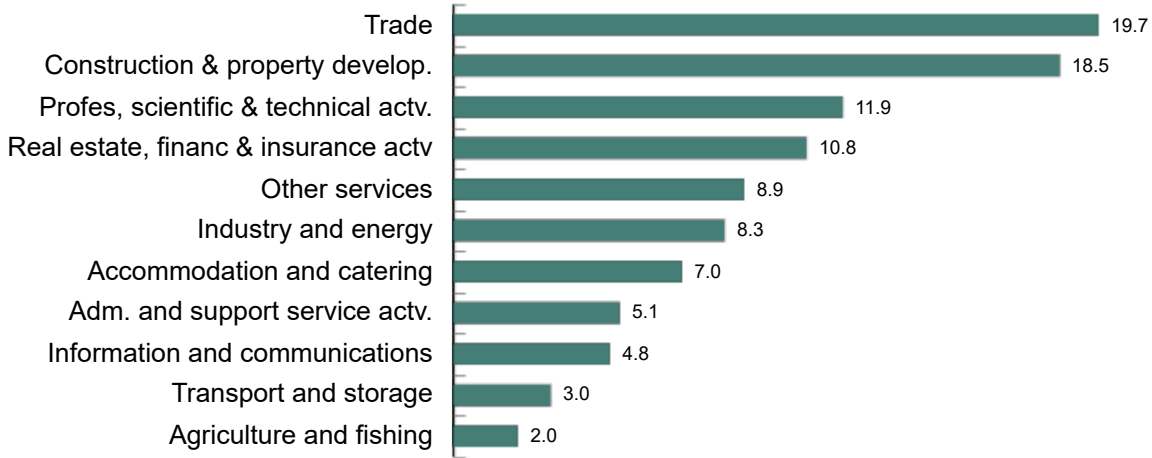
Mercantile companies created by main economic activity. February 2024

Percentage



Mercantile companies dissolved by main economic activity. February 2024

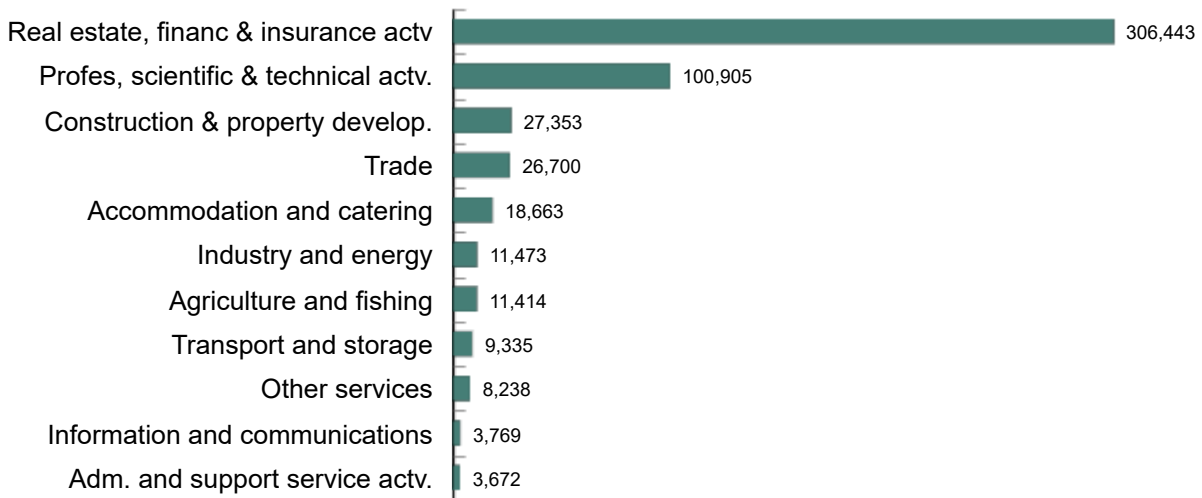
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The economic activity with the largest subscribed capital of mercantile companies incorporated was *Real estate, financial and insurance*, with 306.44 million euros. In turn, *Administrative and support service activities* recorded the lowest figure for capital, with €3.67 million.

Capital subscribed of mercantile companies created by main economic activity. February 2024

Thousands of euros



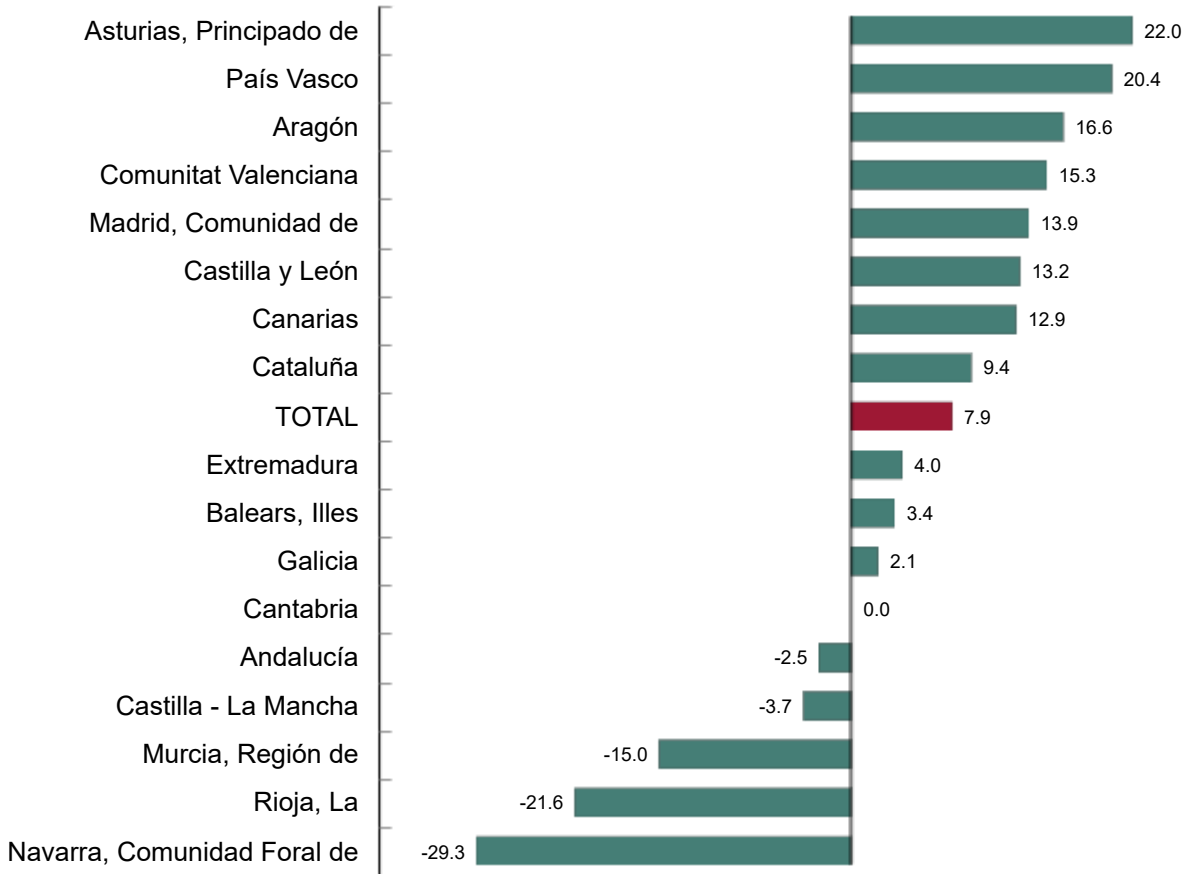
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Results by Autonomous Community

Principado de Asturias (22.0%), País Vasco (20.4%) and Aragón (16.6%) recorded the highest rises in annual growth in the number of mercantile companies incorporated.

In turn, Comunidad Foral de Navarra (-29.3%), La Rioja (-21.6%) and Región de Murcia (-15.0%) recorded the largest decreases.

Annual variation in mercantile companies created by Autonomous Community. February 2024
Percentage



Revision and updating of data

The data for 2024 are provisional and will be reviewed when the data for the same period next year are published. All results of this operation are available on [INEbase](#).

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Methodological note

The Mercantile Companies Statistics were created by Order of 30 April 1938. Their objective is to measure the demographics of companies, providing monthly information, at provincial and Autonomous Community level, on the companies incorporated, dissolved and those in which there have been changes in capital.

The source of information is the Central Mercantile Registry, which collects all provincial information on the registration of companies and entrepreneurs, as well as mercantile acts determined by law.

Type of survey: continuous monthly survey.

Population scope: set of companies registered in the Central Mercantile Register.

Geographical scope: the entire national territory, by Autonomous Communities and provinces.

Reference period of the results: the calendar month.


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Collection method: official records.

More information on the [methodology](#) and the [standardised methodological report](#).

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