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Corporate Structure and Demography Central Companies Directory (CCD) on 1 January 2007

The number of active companies increase 5.1% during 2006 and exceed 3.33 million

Half of companies do not have any employees

The number of active companies increased 5.1% during 2006, standing at 3,336,657, according to the latest update of the Central Companies Directory (CCD) on 1 January 2007.

The number of companies increased in all sectors, particularly in Construction (8.9%) and in Rest of services (6.7%).

Number of active companies

Comparative data at 1 January 2007

	01/01/2006	01/01/2007	Variation (%)
TOTAL	3,174,393	3,336,657	5.1
Industry	242,310	244,359	0.8
Construction	448,446	488,408	8.9
Trade	835,276	845,229	1.2
Rest of services	1,648,361	1,758,661	6.7

52.7% of companies correspond to the Rest of services sector

The Rest of services sector, as in previous years, retains a huge presence in the structure of the population of companies. On 1 January 2007, it represented 52.7% of the total, compared with 51.9% from the previous year. This sector also included all the companies specialising in accommodation, transport and communications, real estate and rental activities, business services, educational, health care and social work and other types of social activities, including personal services.

The importance of Trade is also noteworthy (25.3% of the total, compared with 26.3% on 1 January 2006). This section covers companies carrying out wholesale, retail and intermediary trade activities.

Companies with activities in construction, in turn, increased in importance on the total from 14.1% to 14.6%, whereas those involved in industry decreased from 7.7% to 7.3%.

51.1% of Spanish companies have no employees

From a size perspective, a reduced scale continues to be a feature of Spanish companies. More than 1.7 million companies (51.1% of the total) do not have any employees, and another 932,526 (27.9% of the total) have between one and two employees. If these two groups are added together, the outcome is that **nearly eight out of 10 companies have two employees or fewer**.

Conversely, if we only consider companies with employees, in other words, those employing 20 workers or more, they barely represent 5.5% of the total.

Active companies by economic sector, by interval of employees

	Total	Industry	Construction	Trade	Rest of services
TOTAL	3,336,657	244,359	488,408	845,229	1,758,661
With no employees	1,706,140	79,165	228,174	417,294	981,507
Between 1 and 2 employees	932,526	63,212	123,295	263,341	482,678
Between 3 and 5 employees	340,638	35,901	61,270	89,677	153,790
Between 6 and 9 employees	158,159	21,573	30,809	38,114	67,663
Between 10 and 19 employees	108,866	21,441	25,483	22,176	39,766
20 or more employees	90,328	23,067	19,377	14,627	33,257

The highest percentages of small companies are in Rest of services sectors (83.3% have two or fewer employees) and Trade (80.5%). On the other hand, the importance of large companies is concentrated in the industrial sector, where 9.4% of the total employs 20 or more people.

More than 426,000 companies started their activities in 2006

Considering temporary evolution, 426,321 companies (11.8% of the total) began the financial year's economic activities during 2006, while 260,122 (7.3% of the total) ceased all activities.

80.9% of economic units active in 2006 with were already in this situation the previous year.

Companies by demographic category

Demographic category	Total	Percentage
TOTAL	3,596,779	100.0
New	426,321	11.8
Remaining in business	2,910,336	80.9
Closed-down	260,122	7.3

Cataluña, Andalucía and Madrid represent almost half of companies

By Autonomous Communities, Cataluña represented the highest percentage of companies (18.4% of the total), followed by Andalucía (with 15.3%) and Madrid (with 15.1%). The sum of the three accounts for almost half the total of Spanish companies.

The growth of the number of companies throughout 2006 in these Communities with the greatest weight in relation to the total was 5.8% in Cataluña, 5.1% in Andalucía and 5.2% in Madrid.

Active companies by economic sector and Autonomous Community

Autonomous Community	Total	Industry	Construction	Trade	Rest of services
TOTAL	3,336,657	244,359	488,408	845,229	1,758,661
Andalucía	511,728	34,003	63,371	148,958	265,396
Aragón	92,162	7,792	15,485	22,205	46,680
Asturias	72,276	4,382	10,501	18,422	38,971
Balears (Illes)	91,254	5,390	15,798	19,956	50,110
Canarias	140,414	6,397	18,115	37,652	78,250
Cantabria	39,560	2,441	6,518	9,643	20,958
Castilla y León	170,319	13,289	28,977	45,264	82,789
Castilla-La Mancha	132,906	13,453	26,945	35,725	56,783
Cataluña	612,404	49,117	90,109	141,679	331,499
Comunitat Valenciana	368,586	30,269	54,180	96,366	187,771
Extremadura	66,232	5,434	9,554	21,140	30,104
Galicia	200,020	15,120	29,716	56,248	98,936
Madrid (Comunidad de)	503,000	28,165	66,125	105,857	302,853
Murcia (Región de)	97,374	7,820	16,209	26,584	46,761
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	43,142	3,986	7,020	10,288	21,848
País Vasco	164,431	14,321	25,588	39,948	84,574
Rioja (La)	23,404	2,809	3,674	6,007	10,914
Ceuta and Melilla	7,445	171	523	3,287	3,464

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Methodological note

General aspects

The Central Companies Directory (CCD) includes in a single information system all Spanish companies and their local units located within Spain. Its basic objective is to facilitate the carrying out of economic surveys through sampling. In order to meet this requirement, the system must be updated as necessary, and units must be shown with reliable identification, localisation and classification data by activity and size. Therefore, it concerns the key infrastructure tool which enables the carrying out and coordinating of research as a whole, aimed at the statistical units of production.

Other objectives are:

- To provide structural data on the number of companies and premises in Spain classified according to main economic activity, intervals of employees, 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 meet the demand for information by international bodies, in particular by the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat).
- To establish a control for rationalising and minimising, as far as possible, the cooperation in the provision of primary statistical information by companies. Cooperation which should be increasing, by demands to take on necessary levels of greater statistical development.
- The CCD is compiled and maintained over time from the primary data originating from a range of sources from an administrative and statistical origin, submitting all this information to a sophisticated process of filtering, alignment and integration for the purpose of achieving total national coverage.
- The CCD is a project which has been under development by the INE since 1989 and currently, with reference 1/1/2007 has available information relating to the population of companies with a presence in Spain (3,336,657 active units), as well as local units where the said companies carry out their activities (3,710,805 units).