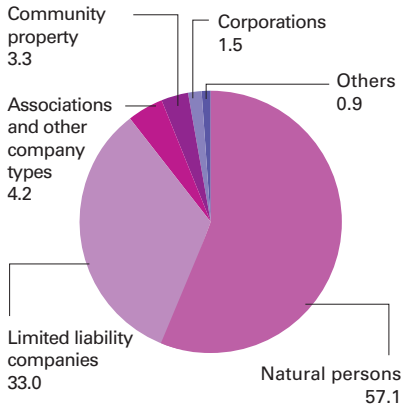


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## Companies by legal nature. 1 January 2023

Percentage



## Business Innovation Survey

23.9% of Spanish companies were innovative in the period 2020-2022, according to the recent Business Innovation Survey, which applies for the first time the new statistical concept of *Company*.

Spending on innovative activities reached 20,836 million euros in 2022. This figure represents 0.9% of sales.

Companies in the area of *Programming, consulting and other IT activities* account for the highest percentage of total spending on innovative activities, with 11.1% of the total. This was followed by *R&D Services* (10.1% of the total) and *Motor Vehicles* (9.3%).

The Community of Madrid accounts for the largest share of spending on innovative activities in 2022 (30.2% of the total), followed by Cataluña (26.2%) and the País Vasco (9.1%).

## Number of companies<sup>1</sup>

As of 1 January 2023		Percentage
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,207,580</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Industry	177,865	5.5
Construction	376,996	11.8
Trade	646,339	20.1
Other services	2,006,380	62.6

1. The new definition of economically active company, implemented in 2022, affects the count of the number of active companies, so the data are not comparable with those of previous years.

## More than half of the companies have no employees

According to the Central Business Directory (DIRCE), as of 1 January 2023, there were 3,207,580 registered companies; 0.5% more than on the same date the previous year.

53.6% had no employees (1.71 million) and 28.0% had one or two employees (897,786). Among enterprises that are natural persons, 37.4% are women.

**1.9% of the companies in Industry, Commerce and Non-Financial Services are part of business groups.**

In 2021, 5,180 foreign subsidiaries of Spanish companies were recorded. These subsidiaries invoiced 212,111 million euros and employed 746,521 persons. United States, United Kingdom and Germany were the countries where these subsidiaries made the highest turnover.

On the other hand, there were 14,761 subsidiaries of foreign companies in Spain according to their group membership, according to the Statistics of Companies. These subsidiaries employ 2.0 million people and have a turnover of 591,963 million euros. The countries whose subsidiaries generate the highest turnover were France, Germany and the United States.

## Enterprise subsidiaries. Number of persons employed

Million

