



Preliminary Results of the Survey of Business Activities in 2017

- In 2017, the number of survey target enterprises was 12,579 entities, rising by 0.9% from 12,471 entities in 2016.**
 - In 2017, the number of workers in survey target enterprises was 4.491 million persons, which increased by 1.0% from 4.444 million persons in 2016.
- In 2017, the annual sales of survey target enterprises (excluding 'Financial and Insurance Activities') marked 2,343 trillion won, rising by 8.3% from 2,162 trillion won in 2016.**
 - The net profit (before balancing the corporate tax) recorded 173 trillion won in 2017, which grew by 36.1% from 127 trillion won in 2016.
 - The net profit (before balancing the corporate tax) per 1,000 won of annual sales recorded 73.9 won in 2017, increasing by 15.1 won from 58.8 won in 2016.
- Among survey target enterprises, 5,501 enterprises operated subsidiaries. Among them, 3,085 enterprises operated overseas subsidiaries, which increased by 9.6% from 2,814 enterprises in 2016.**
 - 31.6% of overseas subsidiaries were located in China. This share was followed by the United States (12.7%) and Vietnam (10.2%).
- The research and development expenditures (excluding 'Financial and Insurance Activities') amounted to 48.9 trillion won in 2017, which increased by 13.4% from 43.2 trillion won in 2016.**
- The enterprises outsourcing their business amounted to 9,355 enterprises, which occupied 74.4% of the total survey target enterprises.**
 - As for outsourcing by type, 'Security, cleaning and facility management' occupied the highest share at 22.9%, which was followed by 'Transportation and delivery services' (19.5%) and 'Production' (17.4%).
- Among survey target enterprises, 1,014 enterprises (8.1% of enterprises) developed and utilized the 4th industrial revolution-related technologies.**
 - As for the development and utilization of the 4th industrial revolution-related technologies, 'Fifth-generation (5G) wireless technologies' occupied the largest share at 22.0%, which was followed by 'Big data' (17.4%) and 'Cloud computing' (16.7%) and 'Internet of things' (14.5%).