



Preliminary Results of the Survey of Business Activities in 2018

- In 2018, the number of survey target enterprises was 13,144 entities, rising by 4.5% from 12,579 entities in 2017.

(Each, %)

Industrial sections	Number of enterprises				
	2016	2017 (A)	2018 (B)	Change (B-A)	Percent change
All industries	12,471	12,579	13,144	565	4.5
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	26	26	30	4	15.4
Mining and Manufacturing	6,046	6,126	6,286	160	2.6
Manufacturing	6,033	6,113	6,273	160	2.6
Electricity and Gas	57	59	62	3	5.1
Construction	532	544	567	23	4.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,383	1,398	1,512	114	8.2
Transportation and Storage	696	714	755	41	5.7
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	323	323	347	24	7.4
Information and Communications	1,041	1,047	1,101	54	5.2
Real Estate Activities	250	246	252	6	2.4
Other Service Industries	1,776	1,769	1,875	106	6.0
Financial and Insurance Activities	341	327	357	30	9.2

- In 2018, the number of workers in survey target enterprises was 4.590 million persons, which increased by 2.2% from 4.492 million persons in 2017.

(thousand persons, %)

Industrial sections	Number of workers			Number of regular workers				Number of temporary, daily and other workers			
	2017	2018	Percent change	2017	Share	2018	Share	2017	Share	2018	Share
All industries	4,492	4,590	2.2	3,979	88.6	4,099	89.3	513	11.4	491	10.7
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4	5	17.6	4	93.9	4	94.2	0	6.1	0	5.8
Mining and Manufacturing	1,903	1,928	1.3	1,821	95.7	1,850	96.0	83	4.3	77	4.0
Manufacturing	1,902	1,927	1.3	1,820	95.7	1,849	96.0	83	4.3	77	4.0
Electricity and Gas	36	37	1.9	36	98.3	37	98.9	1	1.7	0	1.1
Construction	276	282	2.2	152	55.0	157	55.5	124	45.0	125	44.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	430	448	4.2	384	89.2	416	92.9	46	10.8	32	7.1
Transportation and Storage	206	218	5.9	198	96.4	209	96.1	8	3.6	9	3.9
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	188	185	-1.9	128	68.2	130	70.1	60	31.8	55	29.9
Information and Communications	301	314	4.2	278	92.5	290	92.4	23	7.5	24	7.6
Real Estate Activities	66	68	2.5	63	95.8	65	96.2	3	4.2	3	3.8
Other Service Industries	711	748	5.2	651	91.6	677	90.5	60	8.4	71	9.5
Financial and Insurance Activities	370	358	-3.2	264	71.2	264	73.7	106	28.8	94	26.3

- In 2018, the annual sales of survey target enterprises (excluding 'Financial and Insurance Activities') marked 2,455 trillion won, rising by 4.8% from 2,343 trillion won in 2017.**
 - The net profit (before balancing the corporate tax) recorded 162 trillion won in 2018, which fell by 6.4% from 173 trillion won in 2017.
 - The net profit (before balancing the corporate tax) per 1,000 won of annual sales recorded 66.0 won in 2018, dropping by 7.9 won from 73.9 won in 2017.
- Among survey target enterprises, 5,684 enterprises operated subsidiaries. Among them, 3,214 enterprises operated overseas subsidiaries, which increased by 4.1% from 3,088 enterprises in 2017.**
 - Overseas subsidiaries were mainly located in China (29.9%), the United States (12.7%) and Vietnam (10.9%).
- The research and development expenditures (excluding 'Financial and Insurance Activities') amounted to 54.7 trillion won in 2018, which increased by 11.8% from 49.0 trillion won in 2017.**
- The enterprises outsourcing their business amounted to 9,686 enterprises, which occupied 73.7% 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' (19.1%) and 'Production' (17.1%)
- Among survey target enterprises, 1,500 enterprises (11.4% of enterprises) developed and utilized the 4th industrial revolution-related technologies.**
 - As for the development and utilization of the 4th industrial revolution-related technologies, 'Cloud computing' occupied the largest share at 19.1%, which was followed by 'Big data' (18.4%), 'Internet of things' (16.3%) and 'Fifth-generation (5G) wireless technologies' (13.5%).