



Business Demography Statistics in 2021

Active enterprises

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- In 2021, the number of active enterprises* was 7.056 million enterprises, rising by 235 thousand enterprises (3.4%) from 2020.

* Active enterprises refer to enterprises with annual sales or regular workers among profit enterprises.

(Unit: thousand enterprises, %)

Classification	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Active enterprises	6,051	6,250	6,527	6,821	7,056
Year-on-year	4.8	3.3	4.4	4.5	3.4

- As for active enterprises by industry, 'Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply' (28.6%), 'Information and Communication' (13.2%) and 'Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities' (10.0%) showed a high year-on-year increase rate.
 - As for the share of active enterprises by industry, 'Real Estate Activities' (23.4%), 'Wholesale and Retail Trade' (21.7%) and 'Accommodation and Food Service Activities' (12.4%) accounted for 57.5% of the total active enterprises.
- In 2021, active enterprises recording annual sales of 'Less than 50 million won' marked 3.557 million enterprises, rising by 59 thousand enterprises (1.7%) from 2020. These enterprises accounted for 50.4% of the total active enterprises.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
■ Active enterprises recording annual sales of 'Less than 50 million won' (thousand enterprises)	2,996	3,082	3,250	3,498	3,557
Share (%)	49.5	49.3	49.8	51.3	50.4

- Active enterprises with one worker amounted to 5.567 million enterprises, rising by 182 thousand enterprises (3.4%) from 2020. These enterprises occupied 78.9% of the total active enterprises.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
■ Active enterprises with one worker (thousand enterprises)	4,802	4,930	5,146	5,385	5,567
Share (%)	79.4	78.9	78.9	79.0	78.9

- Active enterprises with a female CEO amounted to 2.784 million enterprises, rising by 105 thousand enterprises (3.9%) from 2020. These enterprises occupied 39.5% of the total active enterprises.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
■ Active enterprises with a female CEO (thousand enterprises)	2,328	2,418	2,542	2,679	2,784
Share (%)	38.5	38.7	38.9	39.3	39.5

○ As for active enterprises by age group of CEOs, active enterprises with CEOs in all age groups showed a year-on-year increase rate. In particular, enterprises whose CEOs were '60 or more' and '29 or less' rose by 8.5% and 4.6%, respectively.

- As for the share of active enterprises by age group of CEOs, enterprises whose CEOs were '50~59' showed the highest figure at 30.8%, which was followed by enterprises whose CEOs were '60 or more' (29.2%).

	Total	<u>29 or less</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>50-59</u>	<u>60 or more</u>
■ Active enterprises by age group of CEOs (thousand enterprises)	7,056	241	864	1,716	2,171	2,059
Share (%)	100.0	3.4	12.2	24.3	30.8	29.2

○ Active enterprises with a worker with disabilities amounted to 277 thousand enterprises, rising by 2 thousand enterprises (0.9%) from 2020. These enterprises occupied 3.9% of the total active enterprises.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
■ Active enterprises with a worker with disabilities (thousand enterprises)	254	256	265	275	277
Share (%)	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9

○ As for active enterprises by business period, enterprises in all business periods showed a year-on-year increase rate.

	Total	<u>3 years or less</u>	<u>4~6 years</u>	<u>7~9 years</u>	<u>10~19 years</u>	<u>20 years or more</u>
■ Active enterprises by business period (thousand enterprises)	7,056	2,839	1,285	771	1,448	713
Share (%)	100.0	40.2	18.2	10.9	20.5	10.1

○ As for active enterprises by type of legal organization, sole proprietorships amounted to 6.267 million enterprises in 2021, which increased by 189 thousand enterprises (3.1%) from 2020. These enterprises occupied 88.8% of the total active enterprises.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
■ Sole proprietorships (thousand enterprises)	5,429	5,593	5,832	6,077	6,267
Share (%)	89.7	89.5	89.4	89.1	88.8

Birth enterprises

In 2021, the number of birth enterprises was 1.022 million enterprises, falling by 3.4% from 2020.

□ In 2021, the number of birth enterprises was 1.022 million enterprises, dropping by 36 thousand enterprises (3.4%) from 2020.

- In 2021, the birth rate of enterprises* stood at 14.5%, down 1.0%p from 2020.

* Number of birth enterprises in the 't' year / Number of active enterprises in the 't' year × 100

(Unit: thousand enterprises, %)

Classification	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Year-on-year
Birth enterprises	913	920	997	1,059	1,022	-3.4
Birth rates	15.1	14.7	15.3	15.5	14.5	

- As for birth enterprises by industry, 'Real Estate Activities' (16.6%), 'Business Facilities Management and Business Support Services' (15.6%) and 'Accommodation and Food Service Activities' (4.2%) showed a year-on-year decrease rate.
 - As for the share of birth enterprises by industry, 'Real Estate Activities' (25.0%), 'Wholesale and Retail Trade' (22.6%) and 'Accommodation and Food Service Activities' (14.5%) took up 62.1% of the total birth enterprises.
- In 2021, birth enterprises recording annual sales of 'Less than 50 million won' marked 738 thousand enterprises, falling by 45 thousand enterprises (5.8%) from 2020. These enterprises accounted for 72.2% of the total birth enterprises.
- Birth enterprises with one worker amounted to 920 thousand enterprises, dropping by 39 thousand enterprises (4.0%) from 2020. These enterprises occupied 90.0% of the total birth enterprises.
- As for birth enterprises by age group of CEOs, birth enterprises with CEOs in all age groups showed a year-on-year decrease rate excluding birth enterprises whose CEOs were '29 or less' (2.2%).
 - As for the share of birth enterprises by age group of CEOs, enterprises whose CEOs were '40~49' showed the highest figure at 26.6%, which was followed by enterprises whose CEOs were '50~59' (24.8%).
- Birth enterprises with a worker with disabilities amounted to 31 thousand enterprises, dropping by 3 thousand enterprises (9.4%) from 2020. These enterprises occupied 3.0% of the total birth enterprises.

Death enterprises

In 2020, the number of death enterprises was 761 thousand enterprises, which grew by 3.4% from 2019.

- In 2020, the number of death enterprises was 761 thousand enterprises, rising by 25 thousand enterprises (3.4%) from 2019.
 - In 2020, the death rate of enterprises* stood at 11.2%, down 0.1%p from 2019.

* Number of death enterprises in 2020 / Number of active enterprises in 2020 × 100

(Unit: thousand enterprises, %)

Classification	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Year-on-year
Death enterprises	626	698	692	736	761	3.4
Death rates	10.8	11.5	11.1	11.3	11.2	

- As for death enterprises by industry, 'Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply' (64.1%), 'Real Estate Activities' (11.3%) and 'Information and Communication' (10.6%) recorded a high year-on-year increase rate.
 - As for the share of death enterprises by industry, 'Real Estate Activities' (25.5%), 'Wholesale and Retail Trade' (23.4%) and 'Accommodation and Food Service Activities' (17.4%) took up 66.4% of the total death enterprises.
- In 2020, death enterprises recording annual sales of 'Less than 50 million won' marked 593 thousand enterprises, rising by 40 thousand enterprises (7.2%) from 2019. These enterprises accounted for 77.9% of the total death enterprises.
- Death enterprises with one worker amounted to 703 thousand enterprises, which increased by 26 thousand enterprises (3.9%) from 2019. These enterprises occupied 92.4% of the total death enterprises.
- As for death enterprises by age group of CEOs, death enterprises with CEOs in all age groups showed a year-on-year decrease rate excluding death enterprises whose CEOs were '29 or less' (14.7%) and '60 or more' (13.7%).
 - As for the share of death enterprises by age group of CEOs, enterprises whose CEOs were '50~59' showed the highest figure at 26.5%, which was followed by enterprises whose CEOs were '60 or more' (26.1%).
- Death enterprises with a worker with disabilities amounted to 31 thousand enterprises, rising by 0.7 thousand enterprises (2.4%) from 2019. These enterprises occupied 4.1% of the total death enterprises.
- As for death enterprises by business period, enterprises in all business periods showed a year-on-year increase rate. In particular, death enterprises recording business period of '3 years or less' occupied 60.0% of the total death enterprises.

Survival rates

In 2020, the 1-year survival rate of enterprises born in 2019 stood at 64.8%, remaining the same as 2019.

- The 1-year survival rate of enterprises born in 2019 and still alive in 2020 stood at 64.8%, remaining the same as 2019.
 - The 5-year survival rate of enterprises born in 2015 and still alive in 2020 stood at 33.8%, up 1.7%p compared to 2019.

(Unit: %)

Classification	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1-year survival rates	65.3	65.0	63.7	64.8	64.8
5-year survival rates	28.6	29.3	31.2	32.1	33.8

- As for 1-year and 5-year survival rates by industry, 'Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply' and 'Human Health and Social Work Activities' recorded the highest figures. Whereas, 'Financial and Insurance Activities' recorded the lowest figure.

< 1-year survival rates >

* Top industries: Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply (90.6%), Human Health and Social Work Activities (83.9%), Transportation and Storage (70.5%)

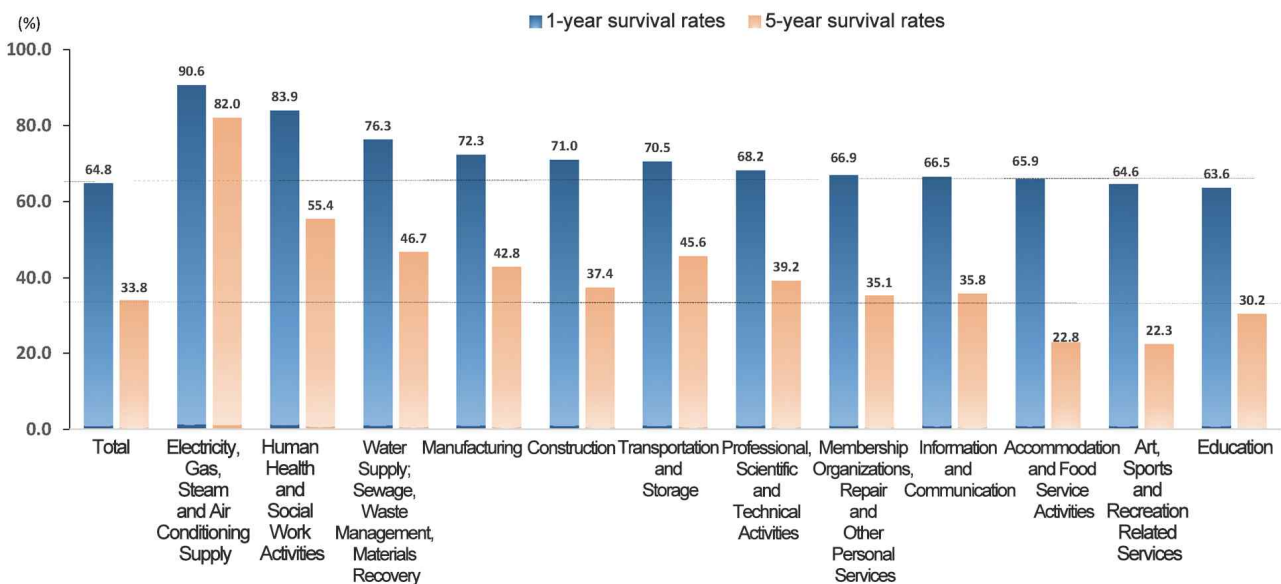
* Bottom industries: Financial and Insurance Activities (52.5%), Business Facilities Management and Business Support Services (58.8%), Real Estate Activities (60.0%)

< 5-year survival rates >

* Top industries: Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply (82.0%), Human Health and Social Work Activities (55.4%), Transportation and Storage (45.6%)

* Bottom industries: Financial and Insurance Activities (22.0%), Art, Sports and Recreation Related Services (22.3%), Accommodation and Food Service Activities (22.8%)

<Figure> 1-year and 5-year survival rates of major industries



High-growth enterprises and gazelles

In 2021, the number of high-growth enterprises was 4,995 enterprises, rising by 780 enterprises from 2020. In 2021, the number of gazelles was 1,385 enterprises, rising by 176 enterprises from 2020.

□ In 2021, the number of high-growth enterprises was 4,995 enterprises, which increased by 780 enterprises (18.5%) from 2020.

* High-growth enterprises refer to enterprises with average annualised growth greater than 20% per annum, over the 3-year period, in terms of annual sales and regular workers.

○ As for high-growth enterprises by industry, 'Information and Communication' (179 enterprises), 'Manufacturing' (166 enterprises) and 'Construction' (114 enterprises) showed a year-on-year increase.

- As for the share of high-growth enterprises by industry, 'Manufacturing' showed the highest share at 25.7%, which was followed by 'Wholesale and Retail Trade' (14.8%) and 'Information and Communication' (14.2%). These three industries occupied 54.7% of the total high-growth enterprises.

- In 2021, the number of gazelles* was 1,385 enterprises, which increased by 176 enterprises (14.6%) from 2020.

* Gazelles refer to high-growth enterprises with business registration for 5 years or less.

- As for gazelles by industry, 'Construction' (46 enterprises), 'Information and Communication' (36 enterprises) and 'Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities' (26 enterprises) showed a year-on-year increase.

< High-growth enterprises and gazelles by year >

(Unit: each, %)

Classification	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
High-growth enterprises	4,521	4,600	4,449	4,215	4,995
Year-on-year	10.3	1.7	-3.3	-5.3	18.5
Gazelles	1187	1,159	1,245	1,209	1,385
Year-on-year	8.0	-2.4	7.4	-2.9	14.6