

Business Activity Statistics, July 2007 - June 2008

Introduction

Statistics on business activities undertaken in the Island of Mauritius are compiled mainly from administrative records. They cover activities which are either licensed with the local authorities (municipalities and district councils) or registered with the appropriate organisations such as the Medical and Dental Council, the National Transport Authority, the Tourism Authority, etc. All agricultural activities are presently excluded.

It is to be noted that statistics on business activity presented in this publication refer to the total number of licensed or registered activities and not to the total number of operation units or enterprises.

With the coming into operation of the Business Registration and Business Facilitation Acts on the 1st of October 2006 and amendments brought to various regulations, several trades have been grouped under different clusters. As a result, an operator may carry out several activities grouped within the same cluster without having to hold separate licences.

Consequently, statistics on licences and registrations collected prior to October 2006 are not strictly comparable with those collected after October 2006. Care should therefore be taken when comparing figures presented in this publication with figures published prior to October 2006.

2. Evolution of licences between July 2007 and June 2008

The total number of licences as at June 2008 was 89,595 representing an increase of 6% over the figure of 84,185 for June 2007 (Table 1). During the reference period, 9,150 new licences were issued, the majority of which (64%) were in the industry group 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods', and 3,740 licences were cancelled. Table 2 shows the distribution of licences by industry group and district.

3. Registrations by industry group and district as at 30 June 2008

The number of registered activities increased by 259 (1%) from 29,330 in June 2007 to 29,589 in June 2008. The industry group 'Transport, storage and communications' had the highest number of registered activities (21,380 or 72%), followed by 'Real estate, renting and business activities' (2,846 or 10%), as shown in Table 3. It is to be noted that activities carried out by enterprises previously holding export processing and pioneer status certificates, are no longer considered as registered activities and are now included under licensed activities only. This explains the decrease in the number of registered activities from 545 in June 2007 to 18 in June 2008, in the industry group 'Manufacturing'.

4. Adjusted licences and registrations as at June 2008

Table 4 shows the total number of licensed and registered activities as at June 2008, adjusted for double counting. Activities which are both licensed and registered are included in registrations only.

The total number of adjusted licensed and registered activities increased by 5% from 107,378 in June 2007 to 113,047 in June 2008. An analysis by industry group shows that 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods' had the highest number of activities, 61,916 (55%), followed by 'Transport, storage and communications' with 21,851 (19%) activities.

5. Distribution of adjusted licences and registrations by industry group and region

Table 5 shows the distribution of adjusted licensed and registered activities by industry group and region (urban and rural). The number of activities was slightly higher in rural areas (54%) than in urban areas. Activities predominant in the rural regions were from the industry groups 'Other community, social and personal service activities' (65%) and 'Hotels and restaurants' (63%). On the other hand, activities pertaining to the following industry groups were found mostly in the urban areas: 'Health and social work' (75%), 'Real estate, renting and business activities' (63%) and 'Education' (56%).

6. Distribution of adjusted licences and registrations by industry group and district

The highest number of licensed and registered activities was in the district of Plaines Wilhems (30,554 or 27%), followed by the district of Port Louis (20,881 or 18%). The smallest number occurred in the district of Black River with a total of 4,684 (4%) activities, as shown in Table 6.

7. Licences and registrations by activity, district and industry group

Tables 7.1 to 7.8 give a breakdown of the licensed and registered activities for the different industry groups, by activity and district.

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Technical Notes

1. General

Data compiled in this publication provide the information on demography and trend of business activities in the different economic sectors of the country.

2. Concepts and Coverage

An operator is required to obtain a licence from the Municipal or District Councils or to register with the appropriate Ministry or organisations (e.g Ministry of Education and Human Resources, the Medical Council, the National Transport Authority, the Tourism Authority, etc.) in order to operate. Statistics published in this report pertain only to activities that are either licensed or registered. However, all agricultural related activities, except those in the manufacture of food products, are not covered.

Statistics on licences relate to the number of licences as delivered by the local authorities. Similarly statistics on registrations are those as registered with the appropriate Ministries or organisations. In some cases, an operator may hold both a licence and a registration certificate. To avoid double counting, while compiling statistics on both licences and registrations, such activities have been accounted for in registration only. For example the owner of a bus, besides registering his vehicle with the National Transport Authority may also hold a licence issued by a district council. In the table giving figures for both licences and registrations, the activity of the bus owner is accounted for in registration only.

3. Classification and presentation of data

To cater for the wide range and diverse business activities and for classification purposes, each activity has been assigned an activity code according to the **National Standard Industrial classification of Economic Activities (NSIC)**, which is an adapted version of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC), Rev. 3, 1990.

The NSIC consists of 5 levels of classification namely:

Level 1	Section:	17 sections identified by one of the letters A to Q
Level 2	Division:	56 divisions identified by the first 2 digits
Level 3	Group:	151 groups identified by the first 3 digits
Level 4	Classes:	302 classes identified by the first 4 digits
Level 5	Sub-classes:	548 sub-classes identified by the 5 digits

The 17 sections are as follows:

Section	Description	Division
A	Agriculture, Hunting & Forestry	01 and 02
B	Fishing	05
C	Mining & Quarrying	14
D	Manufacturing	15 – 37
E	Electricity, Gas & Water supply	40 and 41
F	Construction	45
G	Wholesale and Retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and households goods	50 – 52
H	Hotels and Restaurants	55
I	Transport, Storage & Communications	60 – 64
J	Financial Intermediation	65 – 67
K	Real Estate, Renting & Business activities	70 – 74
L	Public administration & Defence; Compulsory Social security	75
M	Education	80
N	Health & Social work	85
O	Other Community, Social & Personal service Activities	90 – 93
P	Private households with employed persons	95
Q	Extra-territorial organisations & bodies	99

3. Data sources

Licences: - Municipalities and District Councils

- Registrations:**
- National Transport Authority (Public transport)
 - Ministry of Education, Culture and Human Resources (Private schools)
 - Judicial Department (Legal activities)
 - Professional Councils (Medical Practitioners, Dentists, Architects, etc.)
 - Customs Department (Freeport companies)
 - Financial Services Commission (Offshore Companies)
 - The Police Department (Driving schools)
 - Tourism Authority
 - Beach Authority

Table 1 - Evolution of licences between July 2007 and June 2008

NSIC	Industrial group	Number			
		2007 ¹ (as at June)	July 2007 to June 2008		2008 ² (as at June)
			Issued	Cancelled	
	Total	84,185	9,150	3,741	89,595
C	Mining and quarrying	5	0	0	5
D	Manufacturing	5,659	1,290	234	6,716
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	1	0	0	1
F	Construction	1,092	305	64	1,333
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	57,590	5,884	2,538	60,936
H	Hotels and restaurants	4,905	513	255	5,163
I	Transport, storage and communications	5,579	55	28	5,606
J	Financial intermediation	447	36	14	469
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	3,441	614	148	3,907
M	Education	452	5	5	452
N	Health and social work	291	37	4	324
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	4,723	411	451	4,683

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Table 2 - Licences by industry group and district as at June 2008¹

		Number									
NSIC	industry group	Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	16,422	24,549	7,590	9,133	5,138	10,676	7,614	4,142	4,330	89,595
C	Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
D	Manufacturing	1,178	2,073	582	533	396	711	541	368	333	6,716
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
F	Construction	169	543	77	56	103	181	120	31	53	1,333
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	11,163	16,706	5,702	6,929	3,670	7,561	4,476	2,348	2,381	60,936
H	Hotels and restaurants	726	1,343	469	536	315	690	537	286	261	5,163
I	Transport, storage and communications	983	1,070	232	316	155	403	1,136	520	791	5,606
J	Financial intermediation	146	110	22	48	17	56	37	21	12	469
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,171	990	244	387	174	340	188	107	306	3,907
M	Education	134	192	12	20	18	36	20	6	14	452
N	Health and social work	88	160	9	29	6	15	5	3	9	324
O	Other community, social and personal services	664	1,362	241	279	284	683	553	452	165	4,683

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Table 3 - Registrations by industry group and district as at June 2008¹

		Number									
NSIC	Industry group	Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	5,709	7,116	3,776	3,881	1,586	3,387	1,776	1,075	1,283	29,589
C	Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	Manufacturing	8	0	0	2	1	0	2	3	2	18
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4
F	Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	250	0	187	102	0	144	69	24	204	980
H	Hotels and restaurants	103	243	232	314	22	171	105	35	209	1,434
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,693	5,305	2,825	3,004	1,219	2,606	1,350	885	493	21,380
J	Financial intermediation	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,358	751	202	114	260	24	54	18	65	2,846
M	Education	182	396	113	96	59	121	91	57	35	1,150
N	Health and social work	94	420	32	32	25	32	16	16	6	673
O	Other community, social and personal services	13	0	184	217	0	287	89	36	269	1,095

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Table 4 - Licences¹ and registrations by industry group as at June, 2007 and 2008

NSIC	Activity	Number					
		2007 ²			2008 ³		
		Licences only	Registrations	Total	Licences only	Registrations	Total
	Total	78,048	29,330	107,378	83,458	29,589	113,047
C	Mining and quarrying	5	1	6	5	0	5
D	Manufacturing	5,654	545	6,199	6,711	18	6,729
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	1	4	5	1	4	5
F	Construction	1,092	2	1,094	1,333	0	1,333
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	57,590	1,249	58,839	60,936	980	61,916
H	Hotels and restaurants	4,904	1,279	6,183	5,160	1,434	6,594
I	Transport, storage and communications	436	20,637	21,073	471	21,380	21,851
J	Financial intermediation	447	8	455	469	9	478
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	2,588	2,737	5,325	3,053	2,846	5,899
M	Education	450	1,161	1,611	450	1,150	1,600
N	Health and social work	158	659	817	186	673	859
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	4,723	1,048	5,771	4,683	1,095	5,778

¹ Adjusted - some activities are both licensed and registered. To avoid double counting such activities are included under registrations only.

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Table 5 - Licences¹ and registrations by industry group and region as at June 2008²

		Number		
NSIC	Industry group	Urban	Rural	Total
	Total	51,435	61,611	113,047
C	Mining and quarrying	0	5	5
D	Manufacturing	3,259	3,469	6,729
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	5	5
F	Construction	712	621	1,333
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	28,119	33,797	61,916
H	Hotels and restaurants	2,412	4,182	6,594
I	Transport, storage and communications	9,356	12,495	21,851
J	Financial intermediation	265	213	478
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	3,722	2,177	5,899
M	Education	903	697	1,600
N	Health and social work	648	211	859
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	2,039	3,739	5,778

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Table 6 - Licences¹ and registrations by industry group and district as at June 2008²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	20,881	30,554	11,144	12,578	6,579	13,651	8,282	4,694	4,684	113,047
C	Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
D	Manufacturing	1,186	2,073	583	535	397	711	539	370	335	6,729
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	5
F	Construction	169	543	77	56	103	181	120	31	53	1,333
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	11,413	16,706	5,889	7,031	3,670	7,705	4,545	2,372	2,585	61,916
H	Hotels and restaurants	829	1,583	701	850	337	861	642	321	470	6,594
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,956	5,400	2,849	3,009	1,231	2,611	1,390	886	519	21,851
J	Financial intermediation	154	111	22	48	17	56	37	21	12	478
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	2,047	1,675	434	392	432	352	234	125	208	5,899
M	Education	316	587	124	116	77	157	111	63	49	1,600
N	Health and social work	134	514	39	45	31	45	21	16	14	859
O	Other community, social and personal services	677	1,362	425	496	284	970	642	488	434	5,778

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Table 7.1 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Manufacturing' as at June 2008²

NSIC	Industry group										Number
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	1,186	2,073	583	535	397	711	539	370	335	6,729
15 & 16	Food product, beverages and tobacco	213	472	133	130	101	178	151	110	88	1,576
17 & 18	Textiles and wearing apparel	193	496	98	139	144	209	128	112	48	1,567
19	Tanning and dressing of leather & footwear	46	39	17	5	8	4	11	5	4	139
20, 36101- 36109	Wood product including furniture	146	340	61	58	41	105	83	36	28	898
21,22	Paper product, publishing and printing	144	95	24	15	10	13	14	9	23	347
23	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
24	Chemicals and chemical products	21	21	14	5	4	2	4	0	12	83
25	Rubber and plastic products	80	49	16	17	7	9	24	13	8	223
26	Non-metallic mineral products	19	16	25	3	6	13	10	3	14	109
27, 28, 29	Basic & fabricated metals and machinery, n.e.c	91	225	73	77	25	46	40	24	27	628
30000	Office equipment	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
31, 32	Electrical machinery, apparatus, radio & tv equipment	13	7	4	1	2	0	1	0	2	30
33	Medical optical instrument, watches and clocks	6	24	8	8	4	8	0	1	1	60
34, 35	Motor vehicles, trailers and other transport equipment	5	5	0	3	2	0	1	0	1	17
36911- 36919	Jewellery and related products	112	150	51	45	23	79	38	38	10	546
36920- 36999	Manufacturing, n.e.c.	85	125	57	28	19	44	32	19	68	477
37	Recycling	4	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	12

¹ Adjusted - some activities are both licensed and registered. To avoid double counting such activities are included under registrations only.

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Table 7.2 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Electricity, Gas and Water Supply' as at June 2008²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
40 & 41	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	5

Table 7.3 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Construction' as at June 2008²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
4520	Construction	169	543	77	56	103	181	120	31	53	1,333

Table 7.4 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Hotels and Restaurants' as at June 2008²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	829	1,583	701	850	337	861	642	321	470	6,594
55101 - 55109	Hotels and boarding houses	23	63	129	207	2	78	58	12	126	698
55201 - 55202	Restaurants	80	180	103	107	20	93	47	23	83	736
55203	Bars	100	306	155	204	122	263	224	118	63	1,555
55204 - 55209	Canteens and other eating places	626	1,034	314	332	193	427	313	168	198	3,605

¹ Adjusted - some activities are both licensed and registered. To avoid double counting such activities are included under registrations only.

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Table 7.5 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Wholesale and retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods' as at June 2008²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									All districts
		P - Louis	P/Wilhelms	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	
	Total	11,413	16,706	5,889	7,031	3,670	7,705	4,545	2,372	2,585	61,916
501 & 502	Sale and repairs of motor vehicles	142	240	63	50	40	81	47	30	34	727
503	Sale of motor vehicle spare parts and accessories	232	241	61	43	33	59	47	24	31	771
504	Sale and repairs of motorcycles/spare parts	118	125	39	33	12	41	39	28	5	440
505	Retail sale of automotive fuel	19	56	10	21	7	19	15	8	6	161
51	Wholesaler/Commission Agent except of motor	2,336	2,038	349	417	521	915	376	260	320	7,532
5211	General retailer foodstuff and non-foodstuff	838	1,816	730	820	325	611	820	412	213	6,585
5219	General retailer non-foodstuff (non-specialised)	1,763	2,402	436	752	335	793	352	204	208	7,245
5220	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	1,496	3,209	1,028	981	722	1,450	1,041	556	472	10,955
5231	Retail sale of pharmaceutical goods	63	133	16	20	13	25	30	12	8	320
5232	Retail sale of textiles and footwear	469	250	35	75	9	27	64	34	23	986
5233	Retail sale of household appliances	205	222	35	44	15	59	64	31	24	699
5234	Retail of hardware, paints and glass	253	292	89	98	55	125	88	54	32	1,086
5235	Sale of furniture	37	208	75	65	33	68	48	29	17	580
5236	Bookshop	49	99	22	18	12	20	15	4	4	243
5237	Jewellers shop	34	55	15	34	5	17	3	0	17	180
5239	Retail sale in specialised stores	332	651	206	227	119	304	206	95	103	2,243
5240	Retail sale of second-hand goods in stores	7	5	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	18
5252	Retail at market place and fairs	1,470	3,836	1,712	2,489	1,040	1,930	681	218	414	13,790
5259	Hawkers, street vendors and mobile victualler	1,387	521	884	775	328	1,055	553	354	615	6,472
5260	Repair of personal and household goods	163	307	81	68	46	106	54	19	39	883

¹ Adjusted - some activities are both licensed and registered. To avoid double counting such activities are included under registrations only.

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Table 7.6 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Transport, storage and communications' as at June 2008²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	3,956	5,400	2,849	3,009	1,231	2,611	1,390	886	519	21,851
60211 - 60219	Bus Transport	664	1,914	587	513	345	514	423	247	78	5,285
60221	Taxi car	1,130	1,679	584	811	248	1,437	524	249	262	6,924
60231 - 60239	Freight transport by road	1,764	1,610	1,624	1,618	626	631	389	381	119	8,762
63010 - 63030 & 63090	Supporting and auxilliary transport activities	280	93	26	7	4	9	42	1	27	489
63041 - 63042	Travel agencies and tour operators	115	102	28	60	8	20	12	8	32	385
64	Post and telecommunications	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6

¹ Adjusted - some activities are both licensed and registered. To avoid double counting such activities are included under registrations only.

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Table 7.7 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Financial intermediation; Real estate and business activities' as at June 2008²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	2,201	1,786	456	440	449	408	271	146	220	6,377
65	Financial intermediation except insurance & pension funding	55	67	16	28	8	22	24	12	6	238
66	Insurance and pension funding except compulsory social security	56	27	3	11	4	18	10	8	1	138
67	Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation	43	17	3	9	5	16	3	1	5	102
70	Real estate activities	103	122	33	60	18	41	9	6	23	415
71	Renting of machinery and equipment	776	914	328	252	331	198	160	95	119	3,173
72	Computer and related activities	57	88	8	16	12	26	28	5	14	254
74111	Attorney	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142
74112	Notary	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
74113	Barrister	364	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	364
74121 & 74122	Accounting and Tax consultancy	48	19	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	74
7413	Market research and public opinion polling	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
7414	Business and management consultancy activities	211	114	14	16	27	36	9	4	15	446
74211	Engineer	4	19	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	25
74212 & 74213	Quantity and Land surveyors	30	35	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	71
74214	Architect	31	64	5	4	5	2	1	1	3	116
7422	Motor surveyors	55	39	6	6	5	5	2	0	7	125
74300	Advertising	38	34	2	6	3	2	0	0	3	88
749	Business activities, n.e.c	130	226	35	31	28	37	23	14	23	547

¹ Adjusted - some activities are both licensed and registered. To avoid double counting such activities are included under registrations only.

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Table 7.8 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Education; Health and Social work; Community, social and personal service activities' as at June 2008²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	1,127	2,463	588	657	392	1,172	774	567	497	8,237
80101	Pre-Primary	106	252	87	80	35	94	71	48	27	800
80102	Primary	10	28	5	5	6	9	5	3	4	75
80210	Secondary	20	46	7	7	7	7	7	3	2	106
80220	Vocational training centre	111	177	9	15	15	28	13	2	14	384
8030	Higher education	14	20	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	39
80901 - 80909	Adult & other education	55	64	14	9	13	18	15	7	1	196
85121 - 85122	Medical practioner	75	337	23	25	18	21	15	11	6	531
85123	Dentist	19	83	9	7	7	11	1	5	0	142
85124 - 85320	Optician, Other health and Social work activities	40	94	7	13	6	13	5	0	8	186
90	Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities	6	2	2	2	2	4	4	2	3	27
91	Activities of membership organisations n.e.c	8	25	6	16	1	0	2	0	8	66
92	Recreational cultural & sporting activities	320	474	256	308	203	800	498	418	333	3,610
93	Other service activities	343	861	161	170	78	166	138	68	90	2,075

¹ Adjusted - some activities are both licensed and registered. To avoid double counting such activities are included under registrations only.

² Provisional