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Enterprise in Galway 2017 – Key Statistics

Indicator		Galway	State*
Total Enterprises¹			
	Total No. of Enterprises	18,727 5.5% of State	338,729
	Total Persons Engaged (owners + employees) in Enterprises	92,996 4.5% of State	2,045,843
% Change in No. of Enterprises²			
	2008-2012	-2.2%	0.1%
	2012-2017	5.8%	11.0%
	2015-2017	7.9%	9.0%
Micro-Enterprises²			
	% of all Enterprises	92.5%	92.1%
	% of all Persons Engaged in Enterprises	31.7%	26.5%
Enterprises² with 10+ Employees			
	% of all Enterprises	7.5%	7.9%
	% of all Persons Engaged in Enterprises	68.3%	73.5%
Top 3 Sectors 2017¹			
	By No. of Enterprises	1. Construction (19.3%) 2. Wholesale & Retail (13.9%) 3. Professional, Scientific & Technical (10.4%)	1. Construction (16.9%) 2. Wholesale & Retail (14.3%) 3. Professional, Scientific & Technical (12.9%)
	By No. of Persons Engaged	1. Industry (16.5%) 2. Wholesale & Retail (16.3%) 3. Health & Care (13.7%)	1. Wholesale & Retail (18.0%) 2. Industry (11.9%) 3. Health & Care (11.0%)

Source: CSO, Business Demography 2017, Table BRA08 and Table BRA18

Each enterprise is counted where it is registered for Revenue purposes. All employees are included in the county where the 'head office' of the business is registered, even if many work elsewhere.

* Business Demography data provides a figure for 'All Counties' which here is called State. This excludes enterprises whose location is classified as 'Unknown'.

¹ 'Total Enterprises' includes all economic sectors except Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing, Public Administration & Defence, Households as Employers and Extraterritorial Organisations (that is NACE Rev 2 sectors B to N(-642) and P-S).

² This data only refers to 'Business Economy' sectors which is all economic sectors except Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing, Public Administration & Defence, Households as Employers, Extraterritorial Organisations, Education, Human Health & Social Work, Arts, Entertainment & Recreation and Other Services (that is NACE Rev 2 sectors B to N(-642)).