

Enterprises in Portugal – Final results 2018

Main economic indicators of non-financial enterprises decelerated

In 2018, the main economic aggregates of the non-financial business sector in Portugal continued to evolve favourably, despite the deceleration observed, showing a growth in nominal terms of 6.8% in turnover, 6.4% in GVA and 3.8% in GOS (9.1%, 8.5% and 9.4%, respectively, in 2017). Persons employed increased by 4.3% (5.1% in 2017) to over 4 million people.

The births of enterprises increased by 4.1% in 2018 (-0.8 p.p. compared to 2017). By legal form, companies registered an increase of 11.0% (+8.5% in 2017) and individual enterprises grew by 2.4% (+4.0% in the previous year).

In the non-financial sector, 41 021 companies started their activity in 2018, corresponding to a birth rate of 9.9%, slightly higher than in 2017 (+0.6 p.p.). These births represented more 75 819 persons employed and EUR 2 356 million in turnover (-1.2% and +3.3% in relation to the previous year, respectively).

In 2018, the companies belonging to groups represented 7.9% of total non-financial companies, accounted for 41.1% of the persons employed, 64.8% of the turnover and 60.1% of the GVA. Compared to the previous year, these indicators grew by 8.1%, 8.9% and 4.2%, respectively.

With this press release Statistics Portugal disseminates the publication "[Enterprises in Portugal 2018](#)", in which were presented the final results of the main statistical findings regarding the structure and evolution of the Portuguese business sector in 2018, obtained from the Integrated Business Account System (IBAS). Also in this edition, Statistics Portugal publishes information on groups of companies, integrating several sources of statistical data.

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