

# Informations Rapides

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## Main indicators

### ■ Enterprise creation - February 2017

## Downturn in business start-ups in February 2017

In February 2017, the number of business births for all enterprises shrank (-1.0% after +1.5%, seasonally and working-day adjusted) because of micro-entrepreneurs' registrations (-3.2%). However, start-ups excluding self-managed micro-entrepreneurs increased slightly (+1.1%).

### +4.2% year on year (three months basis)

The raw amount of births added up in the last three months went up again compared to the same period one year before, but more slowly (+4.2% after +7.7%, in raw data). This rise concerns all categories of business start-ups: company births (+5.8%), sole proprietorship start-ups excluding self-managed micro-entrepreneurs (+4.5%) and micro-entrepreneurs' registrations (+2.7%). Transportation and business support activities remained the sectors that contributed the most to the overall rise<sup>1</sup>.

### +5.6% year on year (twelve months basis)

The raw number of business start-ups totted up during the last twelve months kept growing (+5.6% year on year after +6.2% in January and +5.5% in December). This growth was mostly due to sole proprietorships start-ups excluding self-managed micro-entrepreneurs (+8.6%) and company births (+8.4%). Micro-entrepreneurs' registrations picked up too but more weakly (+1.6% year-on-year).

### Two business set-ups out of five are self-managed micro-entrepreneurs' registrations

In February 2017, the share of micro-entrepreneurs' registrations in the businesses set up over the twelve last months has been at 40.2% since December 2016. One year before, it was 42.1%.

### Business set-ups distribution by type

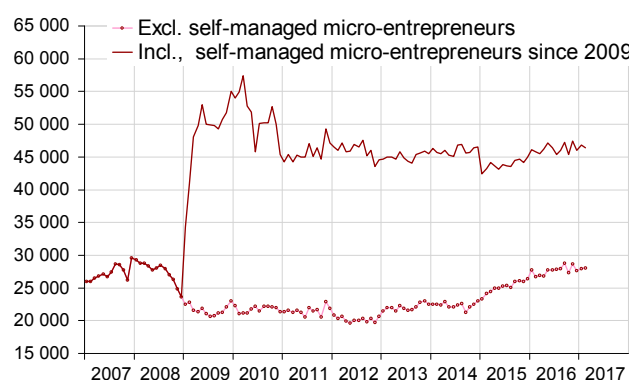
% over the twelve last months (raw data)

	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2017
Companies	34.1	34.1	34.1
Sole proprietorships excluding self-managed micro-entrepreneurs	25.7	25.7	25.7
Self-managed micro-entrepreneurs	40.2	40.2	40.2

Source: INSEE (Sirene)

<sup>1</sup> The contribution of a sector to the overall variation is the observed variation of this sector, weighted by the share of this sector in the total number of births.

### Business start-ups (sa-wda \*)



\* Seasonally and working-day adjusted data

Source: INSEE (Sirene)

### Business set-ups by month (sa-wda \*)

	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2017
<b>Excl. self-managed micro-entrepreneurs</b>	<b>28,613</b>	<b>27,602</b>	<b>27,919</b>	<b>28,053</b>
Variation [m-o-m] %	4.8	-3.5	1.1	0.5
<b>Incl. self-managed micro-entrepreneurs</b>	<b>47,484</b>	<b>45,999</b>	<b>46,853</b>	<b>46,385</b>
Variation [m-o-m] %	4.6	-3.1	1.9	-1.0

\* Seasonally and working-day adjusted data

Source: INSEE (Sirene)

### Business start-ups by type

Raw data

	Moving total % change *		Moving total January-February 2017	Moving total January-February 2016
	over 3 months	over 12 months		
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>102,266</b>	<b>96,722</b>
Companies	5.8	8.4	35,006	32,916
Sole proprietorships (SP)	3.4	4.2	67,260	63,806
SP excluding self-managed micro-entrepreneurs	4.5	8.6	26,348	24,939
Self-managed micro-entrepreneurs	2.7	1.6	40,912	38,867

\* Total of business start-ups during the last 3 or 12 months compared with the same months a year earlier

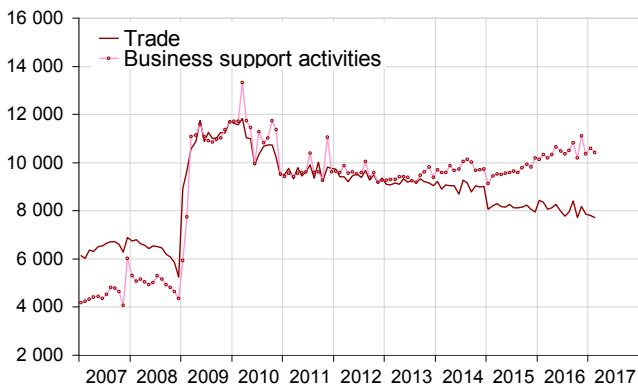
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### Revisions

The variation in the overall number of business births in January 2017 has been raised by 0.4 points to +1.9% due to the revision of raw data and the update of the SA-WDA parameters.

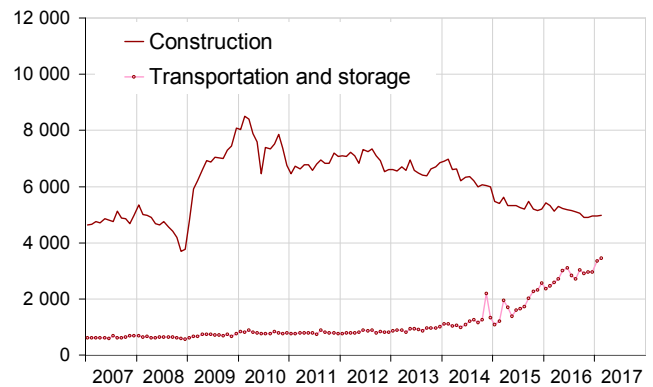
• **Business set-ups by economic activity**

**Trade and business support activities start-ups (sa-wda \*)**



\* Seasonally and working-day adjusted data  
Source: INSEE (Sirene)

**Construction and transportation business set-ups (sa-wda \*)**



\* Seasonally and working-day adjusted data  
Source: INSEE (Sirene)

**Number of business set-ups (incl. self-managed micro-enterprises)**

	NA	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2017
<b>Total</b>		<b>45,999</b>	<b>46,853</b>	<b>46,385</b>
Industry	BE	2,087	2,080	2,094
<i>Of which Manufacturing</i>	C	1,741	1,748	1,762
Construction	FZ	4,957	4,957	4,976
Wholesale and retail trade, Transport, Accommodation and Food and beverage activities	GI	13,557	13,776	13,764
Trade	G	7,862	7,815	7,732
Transportation and storage	H	2,952	3,343	3,441
Accommodation and food service activities	I	2,743	2,618	2,591
Information and communication	JZ	2,257	2,341	2,336
Financial and insurance activities	KZ	1,305	1,323	1,395
Real estate activities	LZ	1,514	1,659	1,598
Business support activities	MN	10,359	10,604	10,429
Public administration and defence, education, human health and social work activities	OQ	5,885	6,043	5,931
Other services activities	RS	4,078	4,069	3,861

\* Seasonally and working-day adjusted data  
Source: INSEE (Sirene)

**Fluctuation in the number of business set-ups (incl. self-managed micro-entrepreneurs)**

	NA	Feb. 17 / Jan. 17	Moving total % change**	
		sa-wda *	over 3 months	over 12 months
<b>Total</b>		<b>-1.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Industry	BE	0.6	5.6	3.5
<i>Of which Manufacturing</i>	C	0.8	0.5	2.4
Construction	FZ	0.4	-3.6	-3.6
Wholesale and retail trade, Transport, Accommodation and Food and beverage activities	GI	-0.1	5.8	8.3
Trade	G	-1.1	-3.3	-1.5
Transportation and storage	H	2.9	33.1	47.8
Accommodation and food service activities	I	-1.0	8.6	8.8
Information and communication	JZ	-0.2	4.4	7.6
Financial and insurance activities	KZ	5.4	4.8	2.8
Real estate activities	LZ	-3.7	5.8	9.2
Business support activities	MN	-1.7	5.7	8.6
Public administration and defence, education, human health and social work activities	OQ	-1.8	7.9	6.4
Other services activities	RS	-5.1	-0.9	0.4

\* Seasonally and working-day adjusted data  
\*\* Total of business start-ups during the last 3 or 12 months compared with the same months a year earlier  
Source: INSEE (Sirene)

**For more information:**

**Source and definitions**

The business start-ups data are build from Sirene register information. The definition of creation adopted by INSEE is based on the concept defined by EUROSTAT, to harmonize and compare European data.

The appearance of a legal operating unit with no predecessor is considered to be a newly created enterprise by Eurostat. This concept of creation relies on new production resources. The business start-up statistics include applications for start-ups as micro-entrepreneurs, starting from the data relating to January 2009.

**Raw data and sa-wda**

The raw data are observed data. Raw data for a given month may undergo slight modifications during the processing of the following month(s) but become final on the third issue. To allow monthly comparisons, the number of business start-ups is seasonally (sa) and working-day adjusted (wda) with the X-12-ARIMA procedure from JDemetra+ software.

**N.B.:** The series of business start-ups excluding self-managed micro-entrepreneurs and micro-entrepreneurs are adjusted independently of each other, for each sector activity. The serie sa-wda "total" is the total of the series sa-wda by activity sectors on A10 or A21 of the Naf rév.2, 2008.

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