

## Enterprise groups in Italy

Year 2011

Istat makes available data on the structure and size of enterprise groups in Italy in 2011 under the classification of economic activities Nace Rev. 2, which came into force from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008. The information is taken from the statistical business register on enterprise groups, built up in accordance with the provisions of European Regulation No. 177/2008 696/1993, according to an harmonized methodology adopted by Eurostat. The register is created integrating administrative sources and statistical sources.

Enterprise groups in Italy in 2011 were more than 89 thousand, including over 202 thousand Italian active enterprises and they employed over 5.6 million persons. In comparison to 2010 the number of groups increased by 8.4 percent, the persons employed involved decreased by 0.1 per cent.

The groups regard about one-third of the persons employed of the active enterprises which are in the business register of active enterprises, Asia. The weight of the groups, in terms of persons employed, increases up to 57 percent if calculated it in comparison only to the corporations.

Enterprise groups present characteristics polarized varying among few structures of great size with remarkable economic weight and many groups of small and very small size.

76 percent of the groups have an elementary structure (1-2 Italian active enterprises); those with more articulated structure (more than 10 resident enterprises) are the minority but they play a strategic role in terms of employment with nearly two million of persons employed.

11.2 percent of groups with at least one Italian active enterprise is controlled by a non-resident unit; they are branches of foreign multinational groups with 23 percent of the persons employed.

87.7 percent of persons employed of corporations belong to groups are employed in monetary and financial sector, 57 percent in the industry sector and 54.8 percent in other services .

Among the corporations with over 500 persons employed, those who belong to groups employed 95.3 percent of the total for this size class; the coverage grows up to 100% for 11 sectors of economic activity.

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