

Enterprise groups in Italy

Year 2012

Istat publishes data on the structure and size of enterprise groups in Italy in 2012 under the classification of economic activities Nace Rev. 2, which came into force from 1st 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 the harmonized methodology adopted by Eurostat. The register integrates administrative sources and statistical sources.

Enterprise groups in Italy in 2012 were more than 90 thousand, including over 206 thousand Italian active enterprises, and they employed over 5.6 million persons. In comparison to 2011 the number of groups increased by 1.5 percent, the persons employed involved decreased by 0.9 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, was 56.9 percent if calculated it in comparison only to the corporations.

Enterprise groups presented polarized characteristics, ranging from few structures of large size with remarkable economic weight and many groups of small and very small size.

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

15.1 percent of groups with at least one Italian active enterprise were controlled by a non-resident unit or branches, and they were branches of foreign multinational groups with 24.1 percent of the persons employed.

87.8 percent of persons employed in corporations belonging to groups were employed in monetary and financial sector, 57.2 percent in the industry sector and 54.4 percent in other services .

Among the corporations with over 500 persons employed, those belonging to groups employed 94.9 percent of the total for this size class; the coverage grew up to 100% for 9 sectors of economic activity.

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