



REPORT OF SUMMARY FINDINGS



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Introduction

The Department of Economic Planning and Statistic (JPES) conducted **the Annual Census of Enterprises (ACE) 2019** starting in December 2019. The census covered all active companies and businesses registered in Brunei Darussalam, whether proprietorship, partnership, public limited company, private limited company, branch of a foreign company or co-operatives.

The main objective of ACE 2019 was to collect latest information on the size, structure and economic activity characteristics of business enterprises in the private sector, particularly relating to the micro, small and medium enterprises.

This Report of Summary Findings of the Annual Census of Enterprises (ACE) 2019 presents data on the profile and performance of the private sector businesses in 2018 and 2019.

Enterprises by Business Size

Results of the census showed that a total of 6,157 enterprises have reported as being active in 2019. There were 5,990 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the remaining 167 were large enterprises. This indicated that MSMEs made up 97.3 per cent of the total number of enterprises in Brunei Darussalam in 2019.

The number of enterprises has increased by 1.3 per cent (from 6,075 in 2018 to 6,157 in 2019), mainly attributed to the increase in the number of large enterprises by 3.1 per cent. The micro and small enterprises also increased by 1.9 per cent (2018: 2,528 enterprises and 2019: 2,575 enterprises) and 1.6 per cent (2018: 2,481 enterprises and 2019: 2,520 enterprises) respectively.

Enterprises by Type of Economic Activity

The Wholesale and Retail Trade continued to be the largest economic activity in terms of number with 2,104 enterprises, accounting for 34.2 per cent of the total active enterprises. Followed by Accommodation and Food Service Activities as the second largest with 716 enterprises (11.6 per cent), replacing Construction Activity which was the second largest economic activity in 2016 and 2017.

In terms of growth, Real Estate Activities recorded the highest growth (4.1 per cent) in the number of enterprises in 2019. Another growing economic activity was Human Health and Social Work Activities which increased by 3.9 per cent. Other Service Activities also continued to increase as there is an increase in the number of ladies hairdressing salons, beauty parlours and spas, men hairdressing salons as well as the self-service laundry.

Employment by Residential Status

In 2019, a total of 116,013 persons were employed in the private sector. The local workers this time had contributed a higher share in the workforce of the private sector, after years of it being dominated by non-local workers. The number of local workers was 58,283 persons (50.2 per cent), while the number of non-local workers was 57,730 persons (49.8 per cent).

The number of locals working in the private sector continued to increase by 5.6 per cent from 55,194 persons in 2018 to 58,283 persons in 2019 and number of non-local workers has also increased by 2.2 per cent from 56,492 persons in 2018 to 57,730 persons in 2019.

Wholesale and Retail Trade activity was still the largest employer of local workers with 12,116 persons, while the Construction activity was still the largest employer of non-local workers. The activities where the local workers outnumbered the non-local workers were Mining and Quarrying; Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities; Transportation and Storage; Information and Communication; Financial and Insurance Activities; Real Estate Activities; Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services; Education; and Human Health and Social Work Activities.

Employment by Sex

The proportions of male and female workers were similar as in previous years, at around 70:30, with 79,464 males (68.5 per cent) and 36,549 females (31.5 per cent).

In terms of growth, the number of male workers has increased by 4.6 per cent (2018: 75,938 persons and 2019: 79,464 persons) while the number of female workers also increased by 2.2 per cent (2018: 35,748 persons and 2019: 36,549 persons).

Among the male workers, 21.2 per cent was in Construction, 19.5 per cent in Wholesale and Retail Trade and 13.1 per cent in Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services.

Meanwhile, Wholesale and Retail Trade activity still employed the highest share of female workers (25.9 per cent). The economic activities which had more female workers than male workers were Financial and Insurance Activities; Education; Human Health and Social Work Activities; and Other Service Activities.

Employment by Type of Economic Activity

Wholesale and Retail Trade activity remained the top employer in the private sector with 24,925 persons (21.5 per cent), followed by Construction with 18,398 persons (15.9 per cent) and Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services activity with 14,780 persons (12.7 per cent).

Payment to workers

In 2019, salaries and wages paid to workers in the private sector amounted to BND2.7 billion. Mining and Quarrying activity paid out the highest share with BND747.7 million (27.2 per cent). This was followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade with BND361.8 million (13.2 per cent) and Construction with BND307.3 million (11.2 per cent).

Meanwhile, the average monthly payment to workers in 2019 was BND1,972 per worker. Mining and Quarrying activity recorded the highest average monthly payment to workers at BND6,463. On the other hand, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery activity recorded the lowest average paid at BND661 per month (Table B).

Table B: Monthly average payment to workers by type of economic activity, 2017-2019

Type of Economic Activity	2017	2018	2019
	Average monthly payment per worker (BND)		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	671	660	661
Mining and Quarrying	6,278	6,466	6,463
Manufacturing	1,558	1,645	1,760
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	1,435	2,383	2,169
Construction	1,225	1,278	1,392
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,173	1,237	1,210
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	752	829	832
Transportation and Storage	2,337	2,393	2,171
Information and Communication	2,722	2,806	2,671
Financial and Insurance Activities	4,126	4,013	4,247
Real Estate Activities	1,349	1,511	1,401
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	1,601	1,532	1,512
Education	2,523	2,313	2,234
Human Health and Social Work Activities	3,520	3,335	3,379
Other Service Activities	814	800	812
Overall monthly average per worker	1,923	1,976	1,972

Revenue from Business Activities

As the private sector showed signs of business pick-up in 2017, the revenue continued to increase by 2.2 per cent from BND24.6 billion in 2018 to BND25.1 billion in 2019.

The highest revenue was contributed by Mining and Quarrying activity with BND8.4 billion, followed by Manufacturing with BND5.7 billion and Wholesale and Retail Trade with BND4.5 billion.

Human Health and Social Work Activities recorded the highest growth (43.4 per cent) in terms of revenue from BND253.1 million in 2018 to BND362.9 million in 2019. Other activities which reported increases in their revenue were Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities (29.9 per cent); Construction (25.4 per cent); Financial and Insurance Activities (8.4 per cent); Accommodation and Food Service Activities (5.9 per cent); Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services (2.1 per cent); Other Services Activities (2.1 per cent); and Wholesale and Retail Trade (1.9 per cent).

Meanwhile, a few activities were experiencing a declining trend in their revenue, including Real Estate Activities; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery; Information and Communication; Education; Transportation and Storage; Manufacturing; and Mining and Quarrying.

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL CENSUS OF ENTERPRISES 2019

	2017		2018		2019		Growth (%) 2018-2019
	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	
TOTAL ENTERPRISES	6,047	100.0	6,075	100.0	6,157	100.0	1.3
Enterprises by Business Size							
Micro	2,442	40.4	2,528	41.6	2,575	41.8	1.9
Small	2,490	41.2	2,481	40.8	2,520	40.9	1.6
Medium	944	15.6	904	14.9	895	14.5	-1.0
Large	171	2.8	162	2.7	167	2.7	3.1
Enterprises by Sector							
Primary	195	3.2	171	2.8	171	2.8	0.0
Industry	1,535	25.4	1,376	22.7	1,374	22.3	-0.1
Services	4,317	71.4	4,528	74.5	4,612	74.9	1.9
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	115,329	100.0	111,686	100.0	116,013	100.0	-0.6
Employment by Sex							
Male	79,466	68.9	75,938	68.0	79,464	68.5	4.6
Female	35,863	31.1	35,748	32.0	36,549	31.5	2.2
Employment by Residential Status							
Locals	54,489	47.2	55,194	49.4	58,283	50.2	5.6
Non-locals	60,840	52.8	56,492	50.6	57,730	49.8	2.2
Employment by Business Size							
Micro	5,911	5.1	6,070	5.4	6,164	5.3	1.5
Small	23,660	20.5	23,518	21.1	24,073	20.8	2.4
Medium	36,552	31.7	34,804	31.2	34,280	29.5	-1.5
Large	49,206	42.7	47,294	42.3	51,496	44.4	8.9
Employment by Sector							
Primary	1,636	1.4	1,437	1.3	1,398	1.2	-2.7
Industry	40,969	35.5	37,535	33.6	39,920	34.4	-6.4
Services	72,724	63.1	72,714	65.1	74,695	64.4	2.7
PAYMENT TO WORKERS BY BUSINESS SIZE (BND MILLION)	2,661.9	100.0	2,648.6	100.0	2,745.4	100.0	3.7
Micro	67.4	2.5	77.7	2.9	67.5	2.5	-13.1
Small	309.8	11.6	321.4	12.1	320.9	11.7	-0.2
Medium	578.0	21.7	563.3	21.3	569.9	20.8	1.2
Large	1,706.6	64.1	1,686.2	63.7	1,787.1	65.1	6.0
TOTAL REVENUE (BND MILLION)	23,199.6	100.0	24,618.4	100.0	25,149.3	100.0	9.0
Enterprises by Business Size							
Micro	782.4	3.4	1,082.7	4.4	963.0	3.8	-11.1
Small	2,385.7	10.3	2,253.0	9.2	2,170.8	8.6	-3.6
Medium	5,040.4	21.7	4,452.9	18.1	4,560.2	18.1	2.4
Large	14,991.2	64.6	16,829.9	68.4	17,455.3	69.4	3.7
Enterprises by Sector							
Primary	122.1	0.5	107.3	0.4	102.6	0.4	-4.4
Industry	14,254.0	61.4	15,488.2	62.9	15,756.6	62.7	1.7
Services	8,823.5	38.0	9,022.9	36.7	9,290.1	36.9	3.0

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL CENSUS OF ENTERPRISES 2019

	2017		2018		2019		Growth (%) 2018-2019
	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	
TOTAL ENTERPRISES BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	6,047	100	6,075	100.0	6,157	100	1.3
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	195	3.2	171	2.8	171	2.8	0.0
Mining and Quarrying	83	1.4	65	1.1	64	1.0	-1.5
Manufacturing	663	11.0	651	10.7	654	10.6	0.5
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	25	0.4	30	0.5	30	0.5	0.0
Construction	764	12.6	630	10.4	626	10.2	-0.6
Wholesale and Retail Trade	2,081	34.4	2,083	34.3	2,104	34.2	1.0
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	668	11.0	694	11.4	716	11.6	3.2
Transportation and Storage	168	2.8	226	3.7	230	3.7	1.8
Information and Communication	110	1.8	114	1.9	113	1.8	-0.9
Financial and Insurance Activities	130	2.1	123	2.0	127	2.1	3.3
Real Estate Activities	75	1.2	97	1.6	101	1.6	4.1
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	527	8.7	556	9.2	566	9.2	1.8
Education	141	2.3	190	3.1	194	3.2	2.1
Human Health and Social Work Activities	47	0.8	51	0.8	53	0.9	3.9
Other Service Activities	370	6.1	394	6.5	408	6.6	3.6
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	115,329	100	111,686	100.0	116,013	100	3.9
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	1,636	1.4	1,437	1.3	1,398	1.2	-2.7
Mining and Quarrying	10,004	8.7	9,542	8.5	9,640	8.3	1.0
Manufacturing	9,544	8.3	9,914	8.9	11,007	9.5	11.0
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	442	0.4	636	0.6	875	0.8	37.6
Construction	20,979	18.2	17,443	15.6	18,398	15.9	5.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	25,533	22.1	24,640	22.1	24,925	21.5	1.2
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	11,400	9.9	11,846	10.6	12,475	10.8	5.3
Transportation and Storage	5,811	5.0	6,388	5.7	6,309	5.4	-1.2
Information and Communication	3,461	3.0	2,898	2.6	2,986	2.6	3.0
Financial and Insurance Activities	3,733	3.2	3,550	3.2	3,626	3.1	2.1
Real Estate Activities	951	0.8	1,063	1.0	1,112	1.0	4.6
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	14,533	12.6	14,040	12.6	14,780	12.7	5.3
Education	3,856	3.3	4,438	4.0	4,507	3.9	1.6
Human Health and Social Work Activities	1,003	0.9	1,395	1.2	1,507	1.3	8.0
Other Service Activities	2,443	2.1	2,456	2.2	2,468	2.1	0.5

Source: Report of Summary Findings of the Annual Census of Enterprises (ACE) 2019, Brunei Darussalam

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	2017				2018				2019			
	Total	Micro	Small	Medium	Total	Micro	Small	Medium	Total	Micro	Small	Medium
TOTAL MSMEs BY BUSINESS SIZE (Number)	5,876	2,442	2,490	944	5,913	2,528	2,481	904	5,990	2,575	2,520	895
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	192	125	54	13	169	113	44	12	169	114	46	9
Mining and Quarrying	67	11	28	28	48	7	16	25	48	9	14	25
Manufacturing	651	290	272	89	638	275	274	89	640	284	266	90
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	25	7	9	9	29	6	13	10	28	5	12	11
Construction	728	180	334	214	600	150	275	175	594	154	274	166
Wholesale and Retail Trade	2,053	940	842	271	2,057	936	862	259	2,080	946	881	253
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	654	179	359	116	680	201	357	122	701	212	366	123
Transportation and Storage	156	72	47	37	214	109	63	42	218	112	61	45
Information and Communication	104	44	49	11	110	49	48	13	109	43	51	15
Financial and Insurance Activities	121	69	38	14	116	65	38	13	119	65	38	16
Real Estate Activities	74	42	23	9	96	55	32	9	100	58	33	9
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	503	195	230	78	533	228	227	78	541	227	236	78
Education	134	45	54	35	182	69	73	40	186	70	77	39
Human Health and Social Work Activities	45	14	30	1	48	20	27	1	50	21	28	1
Other Service Activities	369	229	121	19	393	245	132	16	407	255	137	15

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND SEX	2017		2018		2019		Growth (%) 2018-2019
	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	
MALES	79,466	100.0	75,938	100.0	79,464	100.0	4.6
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	1,425	1.8	1,265	1.7	1,255	1.6	-0.8
Mining and Quarrying	7,823	9.8	7,507	9.9	7,454	9.4	-0.7
Manufacturing	6,624	8.3	6,712	8.8	7,853	9.9	17.0
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	377	0.5	556	0.7	755	1.0	35.8
Construction	19,250	24.2	15,849	20.9	16,812	21.2	6.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	15,680	19.7	15,306	20.2	15,460	19.5	1.0
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	6,397	8.0	7,122	9.4	7,587	9.5	6.5
Transportation and Storage	4,432	5.6	4,922	6.5	4,895	6.2	-0.5
Information and Communication	2,026	2.5	1,824	2.4	1,824	2.3	0.0
Financial and Insurance Activities	1,559	2.0	1,521	2.0	1,579	2.0	3.8
Real Estate Activities	597	0.8	634	0.8	661	0.8	4.3
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	10,592	13.3	9,905	13.0	10,432	13.1	5.3
Education	1,073	1.4	1,114	1.5	1,163	1.5	4.4
Human Health and Social Work Activities	331	0.4	466	0.6	514	0.6	10.3
Other Service Activities	1,280	1.6	1,235	1.6	1,220	1.5	-1.2
FEMALES	35,863	100.0	35,748	100.0	36,549	100.0	2.2
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	211	0.6	172	0.5	143	0.4	-16.9
Mining and Quarrying	2,181	6.1	2,035	5.7	2,186	6.0	7.4
Manufacturing	2,920	8.1	3,202	9.0	3,154	8.6	-1.5
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	65	0.2	80	0.2	120	0.3	50.0
Construction	1,729	4.8	1,594	4.5	1,586	4.3	-0.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	9,853	27.5	9,334	26.1	9,465	25.9	1.4
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	5,003	14.0	4,724	13.2	4,888	13.4	3.5
Transportation and Storage	1,379	3.8	1,466	4.1	1,414	3.9	-3.5
Information and Communication	1,435	4.0	1,074	3.0	1,162	3.2	8.2
Financial and Insurance Activities	2,174	6.1	2,029	5.7	2,047	5.6	0.9
Real Estate Activities	354	1.0	429	1.2	451	1.2	5.1
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	3,941	11.0	4,135	11.6	4,348	11.9	5.2
Education	2,783	7.8	3,324	9.3	3,344	9.1	0.6
Human Health and Social Work Activities	672	1.9	929	2.6	993	2.7	6.9
Other Service Activities	1,163	3.2	1,221	3.4	1,248	3.4	2.2

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND RESIDENTIAL STATUS	2017		2018		2019		Growth (%) 2018-2019
	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	
LOCALS	54,489	100.0	55,194	100.0	58,283	100.0	5.6
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	403	0.7	315	0.6	291	0.5	-7.6
Mining and Quarrying	6,846	12.6	6,877	12.5	7,059	12.1	2.6
Manufacturing	3,208	5.9	3,988	7.2	4,217	7.2	5.7
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	172	0.3	301	0.5	453	0.8	50.5
Construction	3,977	7.3	3,425	6.2	3,803	6.5	11.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	11,629	21.3	11,480	20.8	12,116	20.8	5.5
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	4,261	7.8	4,975	9.0	5,397	9.3	8.5
Transportation and Storage	3,518	6.5	3,922	7.1	3,937	6.8	0.4
Information and Communication	3,005	5.5	2,032	3.7	2,168	3.7	6.7
Financial and Insurance Activities	3,622	6.6	3,445	6.2	3,524	6.0	2.3
Real Estate Activities	664	1.2	821	1.5	874	1.5	6.5
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	9,426	17.3	8,962	16.2	9,602	16.5	7.1
Education	2,184	4.0	2,749	5.0	2,824	4.8	2.7
Human Health and Social Work Activities	683	1.3	936	1.7	1,032	1.8	10.3
Other Service Activities	891	1.6	966	1.8	986	1.7	2.1
NON-LOCALS	60,840	100.0	56,492	100.0	57,730	100.0	2.2
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	1,233	2.0	1,122	2.0	1,107	1.9	-1.3
Mining and Quarrying	3,158	5.2	2,665	4.7	2,581	4.5	-3.2
Manufacturing	6,336	10.4	5,926	10.5	6,790	11.8	14.6
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	270	0.4	335	0.6	422	0.7	26.0
Construction	17,002	27.9	14,018	24.8	14,595	25.3	4.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	13,904	22.9	13,160	23.3	12,809	22.2	-2.7
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	7,139	11.7	6,871	12.2	7,078	12.3	3.0
Transportation and Storage	2,293	3.8	2,466	4.4	2,372	4.1	-3.8
Information and Communication	456	0.7	866	1.5	818	1.4	-5.5
Financial and Insurance Activities	111	0.2	105	0.2	102	0.2	-2.9
Real Estate Activities	287	0.5	242	0.4	238	0.4	-1.7
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	5,107	8.4	5,078	9.0	5,178	9.0	2.0
Education	1,672	2.7	1,689	3.0	1,683	2.9	-0.4
Human Health and Social Work Activities	320	0.5	459	0.8	475	0.8	3.5
Other Service Activities	1,552	2.6	1,490	2.6	1,482	2.6	-0.5

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	2017		2018		2019		Growth (%) 2018-2019
	BND Million	Share (%)	BND Million	Share (%)	BND Million	Share (%)	
PAYMENT TO WORKERS BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	2,661.9	100.0	2,648.6	100.0	2,745.4	100.0	3.7
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	13.2	0.5	11.4	0.4	11.1	0.4	-2.6
Mining and Quarrying	753.6	28.3	740.4	28.0	747.7	27.2	1.0
Manufacturing	178.5	6.7	195.6	7.4	232.4	8.5	18.8
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	7.6	0.3	18.2	0.7	22.8	0.8	25.3
Construction	308.4	11.6	267.4	10.1	307.3	11.2	14.9
Wholesale and Retail Trade	359.3	13.5	365.7	13.8	361.8	13.2	-1.1
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	102.9	3.9	117.9	4.5	124.6	4.5	5.7
Transportation and Storage	162.9	6.1	183.4	6.9	164.3	6.0	-10.4
Information and Communication	113.1	4.2	97.6	3.7	95.7	3.5	-1.9
Financial and Insurance Activities	184.8	6.9	171.0	6.5	184.8	6.7	8.1
Real Estate Activities	15.4	0.6	19.3	0.7	18.7	0.7	-3.1
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	279.2	10.5	258.2	9.7	268.1	9.8	3.8
Education	116.7	4.4	123.2	4.7	120.8	4.4	-1.9
Human Health and Social Work Activities	42.4	1.6	55.8	2.1	61.1	2.2	9.5
Other Service Activities	23.9	0.9	23.6	0.9	24.0	0.9	1.7
REVENUE BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	23,199.6	100.0	24,618.4	100.0	25,149.3	100.0	2.2
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	122.1	0.5	107.3	0.4	102.6	0.4	-4.4
Mining and Quarrying	7,464.7	32.2	8,416.1	34.2	8,401.2	33.4	-0.2
Manufacturing	4,874.4	21.0	5,755.7	23.4	5,698.9	22.7	-1.0
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	127.3	0.5	137.1	0.6	178.1	0.7	29.9
Construction	1,787.5	7.7	1,179.3	4.8	1,478.4	5.9	25.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade	4,283.9	18.5	4,423.3	18.0	4,507.9	17.9	1.9
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	369.2	1.6	421.7	1.7	446.5	1.8	5.9
Transportation and Storage	1,040.2	4.5	1,012.9	4.1	995.0	4.0	-1.8
Information and Communication	645.0	2.8	596.6	2.4	578.8	2.3	-3.0
Financial and Insurance Activities	1,186.8	5.1	1,182.2	4.8	1,281.9	5.1	8.4
Real Estate Activities	220.0	0.9	163.5	0.7	135.3	0.5	-17.2
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	671.7	2.9	720.7	2.9	735.7	2.9	2.1
Education	188.7	0.8	196.7	0.8	192.7	0.8	-2.0
Human Health and Social Work Activities	165.6	0.7	253.1	1.0	362.9	1.4	43.4
Other Service Activities	52.4	0.2	52.2	0.2	53.3	0.2	2.1

Source: Report of Summary Findings of the Annual Census of Enterprises (ACE) 2019, Brunei Darussalam

TECHNICAL NOTES

Scope and Coverage

The Annual Census of Enterprises (ACE) 2019 covered all active companies and businesses in the country, whether proprietorship, partnership, public limited company, private limited company, branch of a foreign company and co-operatives.

Reference Year

All companies and businesses were requested to provide data for the reference year 2018 and 2019. For companies and businesses which have a different accounting year from the calendar year, they were requested to provide data according to the accounting year which covers the major part of the reference year.

Methodology

ACE 2019 was conducted by mail and fieldwork whereby the questionnaires were distributed starting in December 2019. Companies and businesses were given a period of one month to submit the completed questionnaire to JPES starting from 1st until 29th February 2020. For companies and businesses that failed to submit the questionnaire within the given period, reminder letters were sent out and then followed up with fieldworks done by JPES officers and staff.

Concepts and Definitions

The following are some concepts and definitions used in the Annual Census of Enterprises:

Reporting Unit

The reporting unit for ACE 2019 is the 'enterprise', based on the legal registration with the Registrar of Companies and Business Names (ROCBN). If an enterprise has multiple branches, only one consolidated questionnaire is required for all branches including the main branch. If however each branch has its own account, then it is required to submit separate questionnaires for each branch.

Business Size

All enterprises are divided into four categories of business size, which are micro, small, medium and large, according to the number of persons engaged. Micro enterprises are those with less than 5 persons, small enterprises with 5 to 19 persons and medium enterprises with 20 to 99 persons. Enterprises with 100 or more persons are considered as large enterprises.

Type of Economic Activity

Type of economic activity refers to the principal business activity as well as other business activities of the enterprise. The principal business activity is the activity which contributes the major income to the enterprise. Other business activities refer to business activities done by the enterprise other than the principal business activity. The type of economic activity of an enterprise is classified according to its principal business activity using the **Brunei Darussalam Standard Industrial Classification (BDSIC) 2011** which is based on the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC), Revision 4 of the United Nations Statistics Division.

Employment

Employment covers all persons engaged by the enterprise as of 30th June of the reference year. This includes working proprietors/partners, paid employees and contributing family workers. Persons engaged are categorized according to their residential status, which is either locals (Brunei citizens and permanent residents) or non-locals (temporary residents).

Payment to Workers

Payment to workers is defined as the total remuneration, in cash or in kind, payable by an enterprise to all persons engaged in return for work done during the reference period. This includes salaries and wages and other benefits such as free accommodation, medical attention and employer's contribution to the Employees Trust Fund (TAP) and Supplemental Contributory Pension (SCP) for the local workers.

Revenue

Revenue from business activities refers to payments received and receivable arising from the principal and other business activities carried out during the reference year, whether in the form of sales of goods, rendering of services, value of work done, rental income from land, buildings/structures, and machinery and equipment or other operating revenue.