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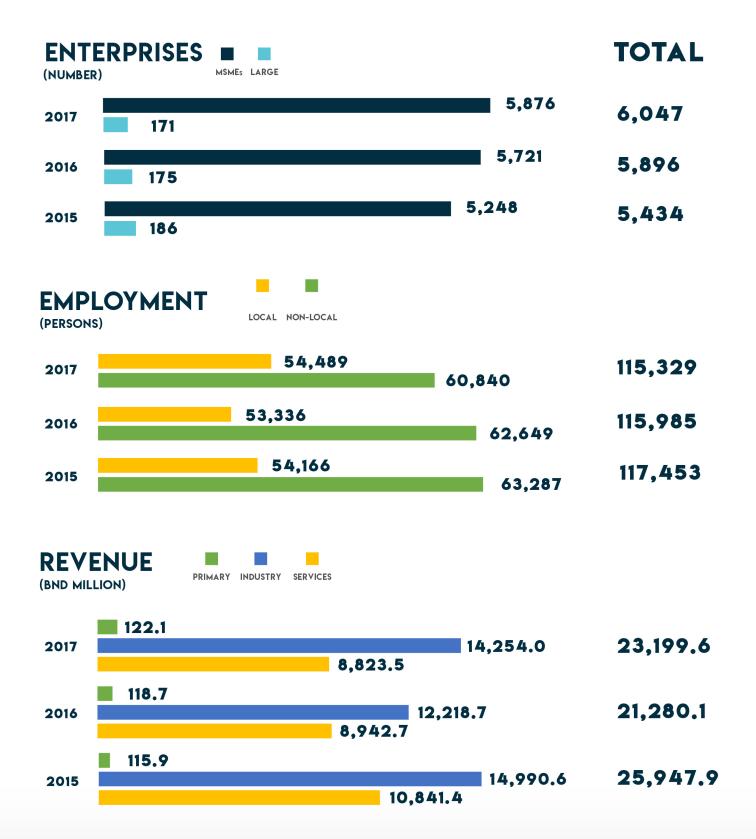
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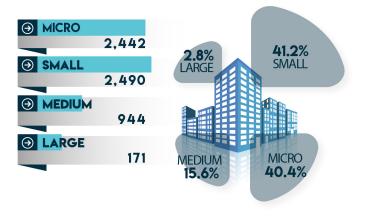
## PROFILE OF PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES, 2015-2017



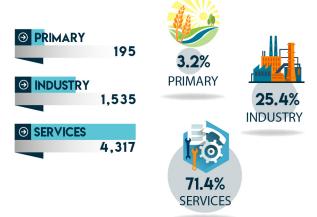




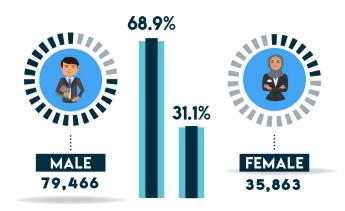
# ENTERPRISE BY BUSINESS SIZE



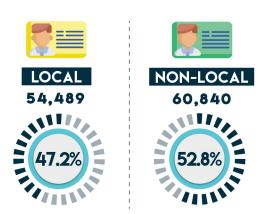
# ENTERPRISE BY SECTOR



### EMPLOYMENT BY SEX



# EMPLOYMENT BY RESIDENTIAL STATUS





## PROFILE OF PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, 2017



#### TOP 3 **ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES**







CONSTRUCTION 12.6% (764)



ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE ACTIVITIES 11.0%

(668)



#### TOP 3 **EMPLOYERS**



WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE 22.1% (25,533)



CONSTRUCTION 18.2% (20,979)



PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES 12.6% (14,533)

# REVENUE (BND MILLION)





4. Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities

6. Wholesale and Retail Trade



7. Accommodation and Food Service Activiti

8. Transportation and Storage

9. Information and Communication

10. Financial and Insurance Activ



11. Real Estate Activities

15. Other Service Activities

13. Education



12. Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services





5. Construction



14. Human Health and Social Work Activities





#### Introduction

The Department of Economic Planning and Development (JPKE) conducted **the Annual Census of Enterprises (ACE) 2017** starting in December 2017. 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 2017 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) 2017 presents data on the profile and performance of the private sector businesses in 2016 and 2017. The data for 2015 which was previously released in the Preliminary Report of the Economic Census of Enterprises (ECE) 2016, has also now been finalised and revised.

#### **Enterprises by Business Size**

Results of the census showed that a total of 6,047 enterprises have reported as being active in 2017. There were 5,876 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the remaining 171 were large enterprises. This indicated that MSMEs made up 97.2 per cent of the total number of enterprises in Brunei Darussalam in 2017.

The number of enterprises has increased by 2.6 per cent (from 5,896 in 2016 to 6,047 in 2017), mainly attributed to the increase in the number of micro enterprises by 4.5 per cent from 2,337 enterprises in 2016 to 2,442 enterprises in 2017. The small and medium enterprises also increased by 1.7 per cent (2016: 2,448 enterprises and 2017: 2,490 enterprises) and 0.9 per cent (2016: 936 enterprises and 2017: 944 enterprises) respectively.

Comparisons of the changes in business size as shown in Table A below indicated that 10 medium enterprises in 2016 have expanded to become large enterprises in 2017. However, this was offset by the downsizing of 13 large enterprises to become medium enterprises in 2017. As a result, the number of large enterprises decreased by 2.3 per cent.



Table A: Changes in Business Size of Enterprises, 2016 and 2017

2017	Micro	Small	Medium	Large	Non-Active	Ceased	Total
Micro	2,194	110	1	-	30	2	2,337
Small	109	2,273	57	-	9	-	2,448
Medium	3	53	867	10	3	-	936
Large	-	-	13	161	-	1	175
Non-Active	136	54	6	-	-	-	196
Total	2,442	2,490	944	171	42	3	

There were 196 enterprises being identified as newly active in 2017, all of which were MSMEs. Meanwhile, 42 enterprises which were active in 2016 have reported to be non-active in 2017; and 3 enterprises, including one large enterprise had ceased their operations.

#### **Enterprises by Type of Economic Activity**

The Wholesale and Retail Trade continued to be the largest economic activity in terms of number with 2,081 enterprises, accounting for 34.4 per cent of the total active enterprises. This number was almost three times the number of enterprises in Construction activity which was the second largest, with a total of 764 enterprises (12.6 per cent).

In terms of growth, Accommodation and Food Services Activities recorded the highest growth (7.4 per cent) in the number of enterprises in 2017, mainly due to the increasing number of restaurants. This activity became the third largest with 668 enterprises (11.0 per cent), replacing Manufacturing which was the third largest economic activity in 2015 and 2016.

Another growing economic activity in 2017 was Other Service Activities which increased by 6.3 per cent. This was mainly contributed by the increase in the number of ladies hairdressing salons, beauty parlours and spas, as well as fitness centres and gymnasiums.



#### **Employment by Residential Status**

In 2017, a total of 115,329 persons were employed in the private sector. The number of locals working in the private sector continued to increase by 2.2 per cent from 53,336 persons in 2016 to 54,489 persons in 2017.

However, the workforce in the private sector was still dominated by the non-local workers with a total of 60,840 persons (52.8 per cent), while the number of local workers was 54,489 persons (47.2 per cent).

Wholesale and Retail Trade activity was the largest employer of local workers, while the Construction activity was the largest employer of non-local workers. The activities where the local workers outnumbered the non-local workers were Mining and Quarrying; 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 79,466 males (68.9 per cent) and 35,863 females (31.1 per cent).

Among the male workers, 24.2 per cent was in Construction, 19.7 per cent in Wholesale and Retail Trade and 13.3 per cent in Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services.

Meanwhile, Wholesale and Retail Trade activity employed the highest share of female workers (27.5 per cent). The economic activities which had more female workers than male workers were Financial and Insurance Activities; Education; and Human Health and Social Work Activities.

#### **Employment by Type of Economic Activity**

Wholesale and Retail Trade activity remained the top employer in the private sector with 25,533 persons (22.1 per cent), followed by Construction with 20,979 persons (18.2 per cent) and Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services activity with 14,533 persons (12.6 per cent).



#### **Payment to workers**

In 2017, salaries and wages paid to workers in the private sector amounted to BND 2.7 billion. Mining and Quarrying activity paid out the highest share with BND 753.6 million (28.3 per cent). This was followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade with BND 359.3 million (13.5 per cent) and Construction with BND 308.4 million (11.6 per cent).

Meanwhile, the average monthly payment to workers in 2017 was BND 1,923 per worker. Mining and Quarrying activity recorded the highest average monthly payment to workers at BND 6,278. On the other hand, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery activity recorded the lowest average paid at BND 671 per month (Table B).

Table B: Monthly average payment to workers by type of economic activity, 2015-2017

	2015	2016	2017		
Type of Economic Activity	Average monthly payment per worker (BND)				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	667	638	671		
Mining and Quarrying	7,736	6,523	6,278		
Manufacturing	1,860	1,654	1,558		
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	1,553	1,318	1,435		
Construction	1,151	1,135	1,225		
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,298	1,211	1,173		
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	818	760	752		
Transportation and Storage	2,249	2,363	2,337		
Information and Communication	2,754	2,624	2,722		
Financial and Insurance Activities	4,022	4,662	4,126		
Real Estate Activities	1,365	1,308	1,349		
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	1,817	1,591	1,601		
Education	2,377	2,348	2,523		
Human Health and Social Work Activities	3,293	3,405	3,520		
Other Service Activities	907	829	814		
Overall monthly average per worker	2,082	1,957	1,923		



#### **Revenue from Business Activities**

After the decline in revenue in 2016 (BND 21.3 billion) compared to 2015 (BND 25.9 billion), the private sector showed signs of business pick-up with the increase in revenue by 9.0 per cent to BND 23.2 billion in 2017.

The highest revenue was contributed by Mining and Quarrying activity with BND 7.5 billion, followed by Manufacturing with BND 4.9 billion. Both activities reported increases in their revenues by 20.1 per cent and 18.1 per cent respectively. This was in line with the increase in global prices of crude oil and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) in 2017.

Real Estate Activities recorded the highest growth (20.7 per cent) in terms of revenue from BND 182.2 million in 2016 to BND 220.0 million in 2017. Other activities which reported increases in their revenue were Financial and Insurance Activities (6.6 per cent); Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities (6.2 per cent); Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery (2.9 per cent); Accommodation and Food Service Activities (1.8 per cent); Human Health and Social Work Activities (1.3 per cent); and Other Services Activities (1.2 per cent).

Meanwhile, a few activities were still experiencing a declining trend in their revenue, including Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services; Transportation and Storage; Wholesale and Retail Trade; and Information and Communication.

	2015		20	)16	20		
	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Growth (%) 2016-2017
TOTAL ENTERPRISES	5,434	100.0	5,896	100.0	6,047	100.0	2.6
Enterprises by Business Size							
Micro	1,917	35.3	2,337	39.6	2,442	40.4	4.5
Small	2,378	43.8	2,448	41.5	2,490	41.2	1.7
Medium	953	17.5	936	15.9	944	15.6	0.9
Large	186	3.4	175	3.0	171	2.8	-2.3
Enterprises by Sector							
Primary	206	3.8	200	3.4	195	3.2	-2.5
Industry	1,467	27.0	1,514	25.7	1,535	25.4	1.4
Services	3,761	69.2	4,182	70.9	4,317	71.4	3.2
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	117,453	100.0	115,985	100.0	115,329	100.0	-0.6
Employment by Sex							
Male	82,007	69.8	80,257	69.2	79,466	68.9	-1.0
Female	35,446	30.2	35,728	30.8	35,863	31.1	0.4
<b>Employment by Residential Status</b>							
Locals	54,166	46.1	53,336	46.0	54,489	47.2	2.2
Non-locals	63,287	53.9	62,649	54.0	60,840	52.8	-2.9
Employment by Business Size							
Micro	4,827	4.1	5,700	4.9	5,911	5.1	3.7
Small	22,779	19.4	23,464	20.2	23,660	20.5	0.8
Medium	37,116	31.6	36,322	31.3	36,552	31.7	0.6
Large	52,731	44.9	50,499	43.5	49,206	42.7	-2.6
Employment by Sector							
Primary	1,659	1.4	1,624	1.4	1,636	1.4	0.7
Industry	43,520	37.1	42,060	36.3	40,969	35.5	-2.6
Services	72,274	61.5	72,301	62.3	72,724	63.1	0.6
PAYMENT TO WORKERS BY	2,934.2	100.0	2,724.2	100.0	2,661.9	100.0	-2.3
BUSINESS SIZE (BND MILLION)	2,334.2	100.0	2,124.2	100.0	2,001.9	100.0	-2.5
Micro	57.3	2.0	66.7	2.4	67.4	2.5	1.0
Small	325.7	11.1	310.0	11.4	309.8	11.6	-0.1
Medium	685.2	23.4	620.8	22.8	578.0	21.7	-6.9
Large	1,866.0	63.6	1,726.8	63.4	1,706.6	64.1	-1.2
TOTAL REVENUE (BND MILLION)	25,947.9	100.0	21,280.1	100.0	23,199.6	100.0	9.0
Enterprises by Business Size			,				
Micro	861.2	3.3	807.6	3.8	782.4	3.4	-3.1
Small	2,819.0	10.9	2,249.8	10.6	2,385.7	10.3	6.0
Medium	5,989.7	23.1	5,284.1	24.8	5,040.4	21.7	-4.6
Large	16,278.0	62.7	12,938.6	60.8	14,991.2	64.6	15.9
Enterprises by Sector	•		•		•		
Primary	115.9	0.4	118.7	0.6	122.1	0.5	2.9
Industry	14,990.6	57.8	12,218.7	57.4	14,254.0	61.4	16.7
Services	10,841.4	41.8	8,942.7	42.0	8,823.5	38.0	-1.3

	2015		20:	16	2017		
	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Growth (%) 2016-2017
TOTAL ENTERPRISES BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	5,434	100.0	5,896	100.0	6,047	100	2.6
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	206	3.8	200	3.4	195	3.2	-2.5
Mining and Quarrying	67	1.2	79	1.3	83	1.4	5.1
Manufacturing	569	10.5	646	11.0	663	11.0	2.6
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	21	0.4	24	0.4	25	0.4	4.2
Construction	810	14.9	765	13.0	764	12.6	-0.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,811	33.3	2,025	34.3	2,081	34.4	2.8
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	552	10.2	622	10.5	668	11.0	7.4
Transportation and Storage	161	3.0	167	2.8	168	2.8	0.6
Information and Communication	110	2.0	108	1.8	110	1.8	1.9
Financial and Insurance Activities	105	1.9	129	2.2	130	2.1	0.8
Real Estate Activities	68	1.3	76	1.3	75	1.2	-1.3
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	499	9.2	522	8.9	527	8.7	1.0
Education	130	2.4	138	2.3	141	2.3	2.2
Human Health and Social Work Activities	44	0.8	47	0.8	47	0.8	0.0
Other Service Activities	281	5.2	348	5.9	370	6.1	6.3
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	117,453	100.0	115,985	100.0	115,329	100	-0.6
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	1,659	1.4	1,624	1.4	1,636	1.4	0.7
Mining and Quarrying	9,802	8.3	10,141	8.7	10,004	8.7	-1.4
Manufacturing	8,574	7.3	9,018	7.8	9,544	8.3	5.8
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	540	0.5	419	0.4	442	0.4	5.5
Construction	24,604	20.9	22,482	19.4	20,979	18.2	-6.7
Wholesale and Retail Trade	25,241	21.5	25,157	21.7	25,533	22.1	1.5
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	11,325	9.6	11,076	9.5	11,400	9.9	2.9
Transportation and Storage	6,019	5.1	6,060	5.2	5,811	5.0	-4.1
Information and Communication	3,701	3.2	3,702	3.2	3,461	3.0	-6.5
Financial and Insurance Activities	3,628	3.1	3,697	3.2	3,733	3.2	1.0
Real Estate Activities	997	0.8	965	0.8	951	0.8	-1.5
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	14,315	12.2	14,420	12.4	14,533	12.6	0.8
Education	4,063	3.5	3,844	3.3	3,856	3.3	0.3
Human Health and Social Work Activities	1,012	0.9	1,042	0.9	1,003	0.9	-3.7
Other Service Activities	1,973	1.7	2,338	2.0	2,443	2.1	4.5

	2015		2016		2017		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND SEX	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Growth (%) 2016-2017
MALES	82,007	100.0	80,257	100.0	79,466	100.0	-1.0
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	1,430	1.7	1,430	1.8	1,425	1.8	-0.3
Mining and Quarrying	7,842	9.6	7,980	9.9	7,823	9.8	-2.0
Manufacturing	5,919	7.2	6,177	7.7	6,624	8.3	7.2
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	454	0.6	358	0.4	377	0.5	5.3
Construction	22,782	27.8	20,697	25.8	19,250	24.2	-7.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	15,538	18.9	15,464	19.3	15,680	19.7	1.4
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	6,200	7.6	6,153	7.7	6,397	8.0	4.0
Transportation and Storage	4,554	5.6	4,639	5.8	4,432	5.6	-4.5
Information and Communication	2,188	2.7	2,141	2.7	2,026	2.5	-5.4
Financial and Insurance Activities	1,493	1.8	1,525	1.9	1,559	2.0	2.2
Real Estate Activities	641	0.8	610	0.8	597	0.8	-2.1
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	10,532	12.8	10,502	13.1	10,592	13.3	0.9
Education	1,141	1.4	1,021	1.3	1,073	1.4	5.1
Human Health and Social Work Activities	313	0.4	345	0.4	331	0.4	-4.1
Other Service Activities	980	1.2	1,215	1.5	1,280	1.6	5.3
FEMALES	35,446	100.0	35,728	100.0	35,863	100.0	0.4
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	229	0.6	194	0.5	211	0.6	8.8
Mining and Quarrying	1,960	5.5	2,161	6.0	2,181	6.1	0.9
Manufacturing	2,655	7.5	2,841	8.0	2,920	8.1	2.8
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	86	0.2	61	0.2	65	0.2	6.6
Construction	1,822	5.1	1,785	5.0	1,729	4.8	-3.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	9,703	27.4	9,693	27.1	9,853	27.5	1.7
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	5,125	14.5	4,923	13.8	5,003	14.0	1.6
Transportation and Storage	1,465	4.1	1,421	4.0	1,379	3.8	-3.0
Information and Communication	1,513	4.3	1,561	4.4	1,435	4.0	-8.1
Financial and Insurance Activities	2,135	6.0	2,172	6.1	2,174	6.1	0.1
Real Estate Activities	356	1.0	355	1.0	354	1.0	-0.3
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	3,783	10.7	3,918	11.0	3,941	11.0	0.6
Education	2,922	8.2	2,823	7.9	2,783	7.8	-1.4
Human Health and Social Work Activities	699	2.0	697	2.0	672	1.9	-3.6
Other Service Activities	993	2.8	1,123	3.1	1,163	3.2	3.6

	2015		2016		2017		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND RESIDENTIAL STATUS	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Growth (%) 2016-2017
LOCALS	54,166	100.0	53,336	100.0	54,489	100.0	2.2
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	471	0.9	410	0.8	403	0.7	-1.7
Mining and Quarrying	6,447	11.9	6,771	12.7	6,846	12.6	1.1
Manufacturing	2,900	5.4	3,020	5.7	3,208	5.9	6.2
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	240	0.4	152	0.3	172	0.3	13.2
Construction	4,343	8.0	4,001	7.5	3,977	7.3	-0.6
Wholesale and Retail Trade	11,851	21.9	11,185	21.0	11,629	21.3	4.0
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	4,301	7.9	3,967	7.4	4,261	7.8	7.4
Transportation and Storage	3,629	6.7	3,700	6.9	3,518	6.5	-4.9
Information and Communication	3,173	5.9	3,191	6.0	3,005	5.5	-5.8
Financial and Insurance Activities	3,549	6.6	3,592	6.7	3,622	6.6	0.8
Real Estate Activities	663	1.2	655	1.2	664	1.2	1.4
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	8,945	16.5	9,096	17.1	9,426	17.3	3.6
Education	2,239	4.1	2,136	4.0	2,184	4.0	2.2
Human Health and Social Work Activities	649	1.2	654	1.2	683	1.3	4.4
Other Service Activities	766	1.4	806	1.5	891	1.6	10.5
NON-LOCALS	63,287	100.0	62,649	100.0	60,840	100.0	-2.9
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1.9	1,214	1.9	1,233	2.0	1.6
Mining and Quarrying	1,188 3,355	5.3	3,370	1.9 5.4	1,233 3,158	5.2	-6.3
Manufacturing	5,674	9.0	5,998	9.6	6,336	10.4	-0.5 5.6
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	3,074	0.5	267	0.4	270	0.4	1.1
Construction	20,261	32.0	18,481	29.5	17,002	27.9	-8.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	13,390	21.2	13,972	22.3	13,904	22.9	-0.5
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	7,024	11.1	7,109	11.3	7,139	11.7	0.4
Transportation and Storage	2,390	3.8	2,360	3.8	2,293	3.8	-2.8
Information and Communication	528	0.8	511	0.8	456	0.7	-10.8
Financial and Insurance Activities	79	0.1	105	0.2	111	0.2	5.7
Real Estate Activities	334	0.5	310	0.5	287	0.5	-7.4
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	5,370	8.5	5,324	8.5	5,107	8.4	-4.1
Education	1,824	2.9	1,708	2.7	1,672	2.7	-2.1
Human Health and Social Work Activities	363	0.6	388	0.6	320	0.5	-17.5
Other Service Activities	1,207	1.9	1,532	2.4	1,552	2.6	1.3

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	BND Million	Share (%)	BND Million	Share (%)	BND Million	Share (%)	Growth (%) 2016-2017
PAYMENT TO WORKERS BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	2,934.2	100.0	2,724.2	100.0	2,661.9	100.0	-2.3
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	13.3	0.5	12.4	0.5	13.2	0.5	6.5
Mining and Quarrying	909.9	31.0	793.8	29.1	753.6	28.3	-5.1
Manufacturing	191.4	6.5	179.0	6.6	178.5	6.7	-0.3
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	10.1	0.3	6.6	0.2	7.6	0.3	15.2
Construction	339.7	11.6	306.1	11.2	308.4	11.6	0.8
Wholesale and Retail Trade	393.1	13.4	365.6	13.4	359.3	13.5	-1.7
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	111.2	3.8	100.9	3.7	102.9	3.9	2.0
Transportation and Storage	162.4	5.5	171.8	6.3	162.9	6.1	-5.2
Information and Communication	122.3	4.2	116.5	4.3	113.1	4.2	-2.9
Financial and Insurance Activities	175.1	6.0	206.8	7.6	184.8	6.9	-10.7
Real Estate Activities	16.3	0.6	15.1	0.6	15.4	0.6	2.0
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	312.1	10.6	275.2	10.1	279.2	10.5	1.5
Education	115.9	3.9	108.3	4.0	116.7	4.4	7.8
Human Health and Social Work Activities	40.0	1.4	42.6	1.6	42.4	1.6	-0.5
Other Service Activities	21.5	0.7	23.2	0.9	23.9	0.9	3.0
REVENUE BY TYPE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	25,947.9	100.0	21,280.1	100.0	23,199.6	100.0	9.0
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	115.9	0.4	118.7	0.6	122.1	0.5	2.9
Mining and Quarrying	7,654.0	29.5	6,213.0	29.2	7,464.7	32.2	20.1
Manufacturing	5,269.5	20.3	4,128.6	19.4	4,874.4	21.0	18.1
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply and Other Industrial Activities	117.7	0.5	119.9	0.6	127.3	0.5	6.2
Construction	1,949.4	7.5	1,757.1	8.3	1,787.5	7.7	1.7
Wholesale and Retail Trade	5,386.1	20.8	4,424.7	20.8	4,283.9	18.5	-3.2
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	394.5	1.5	362.5	1.7	369.2	1.6	1.9
Transportation and Storage	1,352.5	5.2	1,088.3	5.1	1,040.2	4.5	-4.4
Information and Communication	823.1	3.2	656.1	3.1	645.0	2.8	-1.7
Financial and Insurance Activities	1,294.3	5.0	1,113.3	5.2	1,186.8	5.1	6.6
Real Estate Activities	304.0	1.2	182.2	0.9	220.0	0.9	20.7
Professional, Technical, Administrative and Support Services	903.6	3.5	710.1	3.3	671.7	2.9	-5.4
Education	184.7	0.7	190.3	0.9	188.7	0.8	-0.8
Human Health and Social Work Activities	152.5	0.6	163.4	0.8	165.6	0.7	1.3
Other Service Activities	46.2	0.2	51.8	0.2	52.4	0.2	1.2

#### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

#### **Scope and Coverage**

The Annual Census of Enterprises (ACE) 2017 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 2016 and 2017. 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 2017 was conducted by mail and fieldwork whereby the questionnaires were distributed starting in December 2017. Companies and businesses were given a period of one month to submit the completed questionnaire to JPKE starting from 1st until 31st January 2018. 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 JPKE 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 2017 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.