

## 4. Exports by size class

Exports by enterprise size class describe the contribution of enterprises of different sizes to total exports. This indicator provides information on the profile of exporters.

### Definitions

Exports refer to the outward flows of goods from one country to another.

Data in this section present the exports of enterprises in each size class as a percentage of exports of all enterprises.

### Comparability

Trade statistics by enterprise characteristics are developed by establishing a linkage between trade registers and business registers.

Data are compiled according to the reporting trade system “special trade” for EU member states, while Canada and the United States apply the “general trade” system. The main difference between special and general trade is linked to the inclusion or not of the trade involving Customs warehouse.

For EU member states, data on intra-EU and extra-EU exports are treated separately, owing to different data collection systems and thresholds. Total exports are compiled by adding intra-EU and extra-EU exports.

### Highlights

In the majority of countries, more than 50% of total exports are accounted for by large firms, with values being particularly high for the United States, Hungary and Finland.

### Source/Online databases

OECD Trade by Enterprise Characteristics Database (TEC).

### For further reading

OECD (2011), “Selling to Foreign Markets: a Portrait of OECD Exporters”, Statistics Brief No. 16.

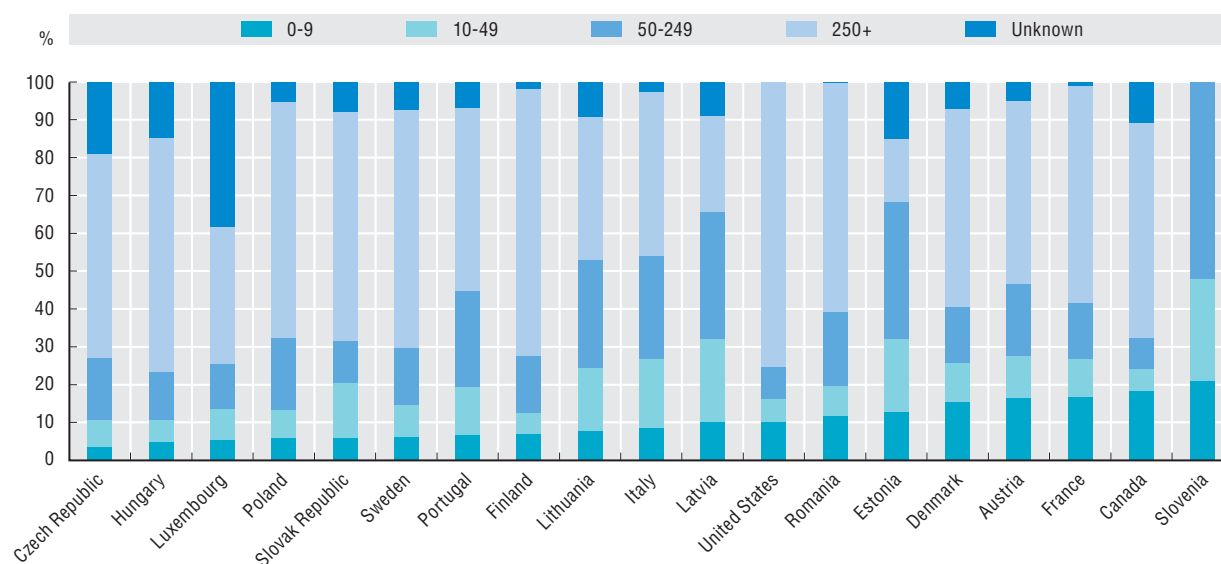
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Figure 4.1. Exports by size class in 2007





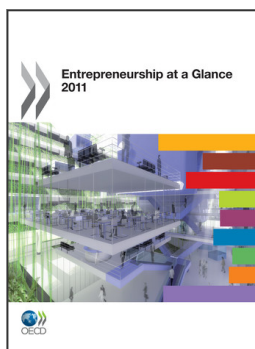
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Table 4.1. Exports by size class in 2007 as a percentage of exports of all enterprises

	0-9	10-49	50-249	250+	Unknown
Czech Republic	3.6	7.1	16.4	54.1	18.8
Hungary	4.9	5.7	12.8	61.9	14.6
Luxembourg	5.5	8.2	11.9	36.1	38.3
Poland	6.0	7.5	18.8	62.4	5.3
Slovak Republic	6.1	14.4	11.2	60.6	7.8
Sweden	6.3	8.5	14.9	63.0	7.3
Portugal	6.9	12.5	25.4	48.4	6.8
Finland	7.0	5.6	14.9	70.7	1.7
Lithuania	7.8	16.6	28.6	37.9	9.1
Italy	8.7	18.1	27.3	43.2	2.7
Latvia	10.1	22.1	33.6	25.2	8.9
United States	10.3	5.9	8.6	75.2	0.0
Romania	11.8	7.8	19.5	60.7	0.2
Estonia	12.9	19.3	36.3	16.5	15.0
Denmark	15.4	10.5	14.7	52.3	7.0
Austria	16.4	11.2	18.9	48.5	5.0
France	16.9	9.9	14.7	57.6	0.9
Canada	18.5	5.7	8.3	56.8	10.8
Slovenia	21.0	27.1	51.9	0.0	0.0

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