

## ANNEX A

### Sources of data on timely indicators of entrepreneurship

This Annex presents the sources and definitions used to develop the OECD Timely Indicators of Entrepreneurship; two separate tables refer to enterprise creations and bankruptcies respectively.

The OECD Timely Indicators of Entrepreneurship Database is available on <http://dotstat.oecd.org/Index.aspx>.

Table A.1. **National sources and definitions of enterprise creations**

Sources and definitions of enterprise creations	
Australia	<p><i>Source:</i> Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). New company registrations. Monthly data. Incorporated companies only. <a href="http://www.asic.gov.au/asic/ASIC.NSF/byHeadline/Insolvencies%2C%20terminations%20%26%20new%20reg%20stats%20portal%20page">www.asic.gov.au/asic/ASIC.NSF/byHeadline/Insolvencies%2C%20terminations%20%26%20new%20reg%20stats%20portal%20page</a></p>
Belgium	<p><i>Source:</i> SPF, DGSIE Dynamique de la population des entreprises. Primo-assujettissement à la TVA. Monthly data. Number of first VAT subjection (declaration of taxable companies that acquire the status of subject to VAT for the first time). <a href="http://www.statbel.fgov.be">www.statbel.fgov.be</a></p>
Denmark	<p><i>Source:</i> Statistics Denmark. Quarterly data. Central Business Register <a href="http://www.cvr.dk">www.cvr.dk</a>.</p>
Finland	<p><i>Source:</i> Statistics Finland. Quarterly data. These statistics are derived from data in Statistics Finland's Business Register. They cover those enterprises engaged in business activity that are liable to pay value-added tax or act as employers. Excluded are foundations, housing companies, voluntary associations, public authorities and religious communities. The statistics cover enterprises of the state but not those of municipalities. Data are provided for the number of enterprise openings. <a href="http://pxweb2.stat.fi/Database/StatFin/Yri/aly/aly_fi.asp">http://pxweb2.stat.fi/Database/StatFin/Yri/aly/aly_fi.asp</a></p>
France	<p><i>Source:</i> INSEE, sirene. Monthly data. Number of births. A birth amounts to the creation of a combination of production factors with the restriction that no other enterprises are involved in the event. Both employer and non-employer enterprises are covered. Excluding data on agriculture. <a href="http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/indicateur.asp?id=41">www.insee.fr/fr/themes/indicateur.asp?id=41</a></p>
Germany	<p><i>Source:</i> Statistisches Bundesamt – Destatis. Monthly data. Number of new establishments (main offices and secondary establishments). Small units and auxiliary activities are not included. Transformation, take-over and change in ownership are excluded. New enterprises coming from abroad are also removed from the data on birth. All activities are taken into account. <a href="https://www.destatis.de/DE/ZahlenFakten/GesamtwirtschaftUmwelt/UnternehmenHandwerk/UnternehmenHandwerk.html;jsessionid=097D062C21371DA040D380D3C14D01CC.cae2">https://www.destatis.de/DE/ZahlenFakten/GesamtwirtschaftUmwelt/UnternehmenHandwerk/UnternehmenHandwerk.html;jsessionid=097D062C21371DA040D380D3C14D01CC.cae2</a></p>

Table A.1. **National sources and definitions of enterprise creations** (cont.)

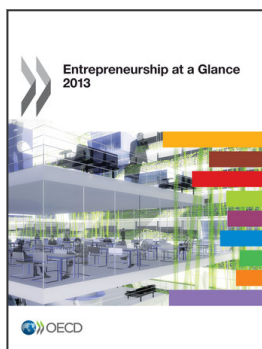
Sources and definitions of enterprise creations	
Italy	<p><i>Source:</i> InfoCamere, Movimprese – <i>Registre d'entreprises des chambres de commerce italiennes</i>.            Quarterly data.            Number of entries (<i>iscritte</i>).            All legal forms and all activities are taken into accounts.  <a href="http://www.infocamere.it/movimprese.htm">www.infocamere.it/movimprese.htm</a></p>
Netherlands	<p><i>Source:</i> Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek (CBS) – <i>Registre d'entreprises</i>.            Quarterly data.            Number of establishment births (i.e. excluding mergers, take-over, change of name, change of legal form, change of ownership, gradual change of activities, nationalisation).            Data are only available for Industry, trade and market services. Items A,B,E,J,K70,K73,L,M,N,O91,O92 are excluded.  <a href="http://statline.cbs.nl">http://statline.cbs.nl</a></p>
Norway	<p><i>Source:</i> Statistics Norway.            Quarterly data.            Number of newly established enterprises.            Excluding primary industries.  <a href="http://statbank.ssb.no/statistikkbanken/">http://statbank.ssb.no/statistikkbanken/</a></p>
Russian Federation	<p><i>Source:</i> Rosstat.            Monthly data.            Number of newly registered organisations.  <a href="http://www.gks.ru">www.gks.ru</a></p>
Spain	<p><i>Source:</i> Instituto Nacional de Estadística de España (INE). The Mercantile Companies (MC)            Monthly data            Number of entries.            The Mercantile Companies register includes information on incorporated enterprises (natural persons or sole proprietors are excluded).            Created mercantile companies" may not be active and dissolved mercantile companies might be removed from the register without having ever been active.  <a href="http://www.ine.es/jaxi/menu.do?type=pcaxis&amp;path=%2Ft30%2Fp151&amp;file=inebase&amp;L=1">www.ine.es/jaxi/menu.do?type=pcaxis&amp;path=%2Ft30%2Fp151&amp;file=inebase&amp;L=1</a></p>
Sweden	<p><i>Source:</i> Sweden agency for growth analysis.            Quarterly data.            Number of new businesses.  <a href="http://www.tillvaxtanalys.se">www.tillvaxtanalys.se</a></p>
United Kingdom	<p><i>Source:</i> Companies House.            Monthly data.            New registrations (number of entries).            All limited companies in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland are registered at Companies House.            Entries reflect the appearance of a new enterprise within the economy, whatever the demographic event, be that a merger, renaming, split-off etc or birth  <a href="http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/about/businessRegisterStat.shtml">www.companieshouse.gov.uk/about/businessRegisterStat.shtml</a></p>
United States	<p><i>Source:</i> Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) – Business Employment Dynamics (BED).            Quarterly data.            Number of establishments with at least one employee.  <a href="http://www.bls.gov/bdm/">www.bls.gov/bdm/</a></p>

Table A.2. **National sources and definitions of bankruptcies**

Sources and definitions of bankruptcies	
Australia	<p><i>Source:</i> Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).            Monthly data.            Insolvency statistics – Companies entering external administration.            The statistics on companies entering external administration show the number of companies entering into a form of external administration for the first time. ASIC advises that a company will be included only once in these statistics, regardless of whether it subsequently enters into another form of external administration. The only exception occurs where a company is taken out of external administration, for example as the result of a court order, and at a later date re-enters external administration. Members voluntary windings up are excluded.            May include provisional data.  <a href="http://www.asic.gov.au/">www.asic.gov.au/</a></p>
Canada	<p><i>Source:</i> Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada.            Monthly data.            A business bankruptcy is defined as the state of a business that has made an assignment in bankruptcy or against whom a bankruptcy order has been made. A business is defined as any commercial entity or organisation other than an individual, or an individual who has incurred 50 percent or more of total liabilities as a result of operating a business. <a href="http://osb.ic.gc.ca">http://osb.ic.gc.ca</a></p>

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Sources and definitions of bankruptcies	
Chile	<p><i>Source:</i> Superintendencia de Quiebras Ministerio de la Justicia.  Monthly data.  Number of bankruptcies according to the Law 18.175 declared by the xxx of justice and published into the official bulletin (Diario Oficial).  <a href="http://www.squiebras.gob.cl">www.squiebras.gob.cl</a></p>
Denmark	<p><i>Source:</i> Statistics Denmark.  Registry-based method from January 2009 onwards, simple count method before. The number of announcements of bankruptcies is counted excluding units from the Faroe Islands and Greenland. When using the simple count method, bankruptcies of both enterprises and individuals (personal bankruptcies) were counted. After the implementation of the registry-based method, only bankruptcies of enterprises are counted, i.e. bankruptcies associated with a CVR-number.  <a href="http://www.statbank.dk">www.statbank.dk</a></p>
France	<p><i>Source:</i> BODACC (<i>bulletin officiel d'annonces civiles et commerciales</i>) data processed by INSEE.  Monthly data.  Business failures.  A business failure is defined as the opening of insolvency proceedings. The statistics on business failures cover both the opening of insolvency proceedings and direct liquidations. They do not reflect the outcome of the proceedings: continuation, take-over or liquidation.  <a href="http://www.insee.fr">www.insee.fr</a></p>
Iceland	<p><i>Source:</i> Statistics Iceland.  Monthly data.  Insolvencies of Icelandic enterprises by field of activity, including personal.  <a href="http://www.statice.is">www.statice.is</a></p>
Japan	<p><i>source:</i> Japan Small Business Research Institute (JSBRI).  Monthly data.  Number of Bankruptcies.  Statistics are from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Small and Medium Enterprise Agency Business Environment Department Planning Division Research Office.  Bankruptcy is considered when it involves more than 10 million US dollars of the total liabilities of the concerned company. Included under the definition of bankruptcy are: defaults on due payments, legal and corporate reorganisations, special liquidations company.  <a href="http://www.jsbri.or.jp">www.jsbri.or.jp</a></p>
Netherlands	<p><i>Source:</i> Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek (CBS).  Quarterly data.  Number of bankruptcies pronounced by Dutch courts.  Excluding individuals without a sole proprietorship.  <a href="http://www.cbs.nl/">www.cbs.nl/</a></p>
Norway	<p><i>Source:</i> Statistics Norway.  Frequency: quarterly  Gross value  <a href="http://statbank.ssb.no">http://statbank.ssb.no</a></p>
United Kingdom	<p><i>Source:</i> Companies House.  Monthly data.  Incorporated companies only.  Total insolvencies. Including compulsory liquidations, creditors' voluntary liquidations, and administrative orders converted to Cred.  Excluding members' voluntary liquidations.  <a href="http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/">www.companieshouse.gov.uk/</a></p>
United States	<p><i>Source:</i> United States Courts.  Quarterly data.  Statistics on bankruptcy petition filings – total business filings (Chapters 7, 11 and 13).  <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov/">www.uscourts.gov/</a></p>



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