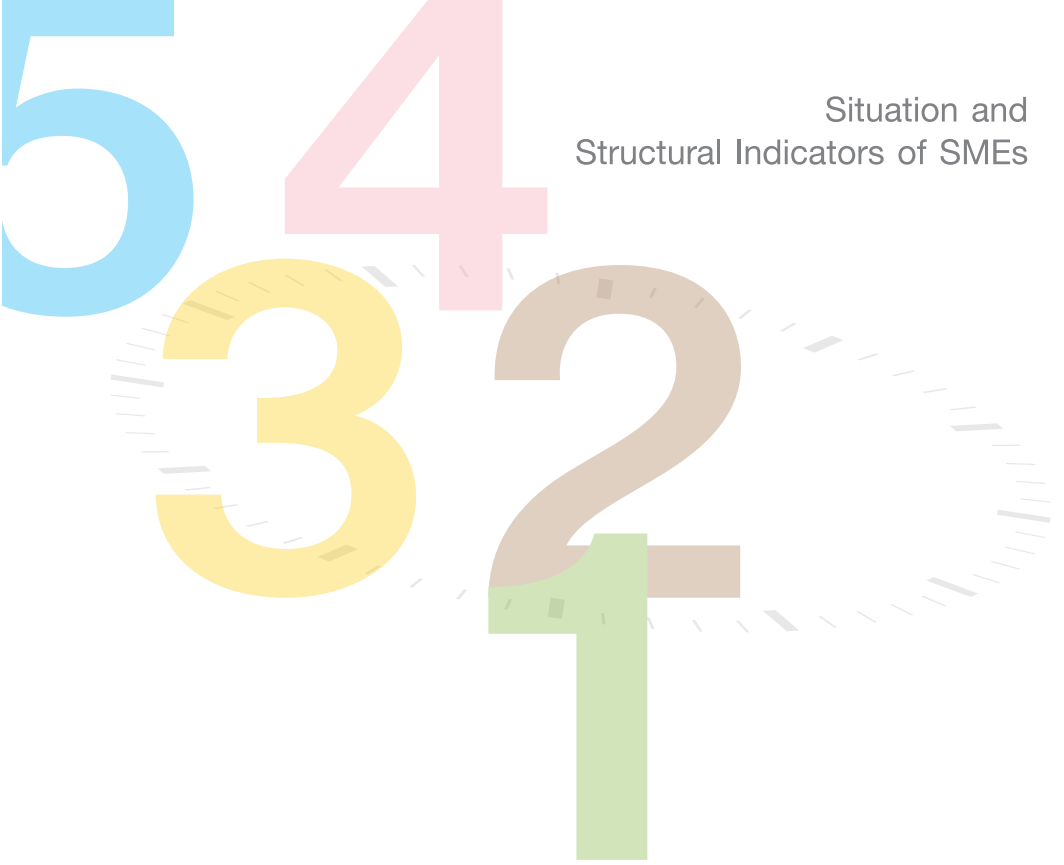


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# Chapter 4

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### 4.1 Number of SMEs

The total number of enterprises in Thailand at the end of 2011 was 2,652,854 of which 2,634,840 were small enterprises and 11,709 medium enterprises giving a number of 2,646,549 small and medium enterprises in total. SMEs accounted for 99.76% of all enterprises. There were 6,253 large enterprises. When classifying enterprises by sector, the highest number was 1,176,330 SMEs in the sectors of wholesale, retail, and automobile repair, an equivalent of 99.83% of all the country's enterprises in the sectors of wholesale, retail, and automobile repair. There were 997,664 SMEs in the service sector constituting 99.81% of all the country's enterprises in the service sector. The number of SMEs in the manufacturing sector was 472,195, or 99.52% of all the country's enterprises in the manufacturing sector.

Table 4.1 Number of Enterprises Classified by Province and Size

Province	SE	ME	LE	SMEs	N/A	Total
Bangkok	513,681	4,859	3,090	518,540	6	521,636
Chiang Mai	90,320	221	89	90,541		90,630
Chonburi	80,696	659	318	81,355	5	81,678
Nakhon Rachasrima	74,556	156	76	74,712		74,788
Khon Kaen	74,248	121	60	74,369		74,429
Samut Prakan	70,319	738	373	71,057	19	71,449
Pathum Thani	56,262	355	193	56,617	1	56,811
Surat Thani	53,256	131	30	53,387	1	53,418
Nakhon Si Thammarat	52,116	80	19	52,196		52,215
Ubon Ratchathani	51,040	108	87	51,148		51,235
Nonthaburi	50,744	255	127	50,999	2	51,128
Surin	50,772	48	14	50,820	1	50,835
Roi Et	49,690	102	29	49,792	1	49,822
Songkhla	47,916	172	87	48,088	1	48,176
Chiang Rai	44,889	72	23	44,961		44,984
Nakhon Pathom	39,209	225	81	39,434	1	39,516
Buriram	38,394	39	43	38,433		38,476
Maha Sarakham	38,191	106	93	38,297		38,390
Kalasin	37,222	41	9	37,263	2	37,274
Udon Thani	37,144	68	30	37,212		37,242
Sisaket	36,231	92	101	36,323		36,424
Phuket	34,816	214	73	35,030	1	35,104
Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya	34,003	238	147	34,241		34,388
Phrae	34,051	24	4	34,075		34,079
Rayong	30,816	310	202	31,126		31,328
Nakhon Sawan	30,759	79	26	30,838		30,864
Chaiyaphum	30,258	50	9	30,308		30,317
Phitsanulok	29,485	56	13	29,541		29,554
Phetchabun	28,654	33	11	28,687		28,698
Lampang	28,473	51	15	28,524		28,539
Kanchanaburi	28,343	56	19	28,399	1	28,419
Samut Sakhon	27,896	358	152	28,254	2	28,408
Trang	27,203	52	14	27,255	1	27,270
Ratchaburi	26,364	103	24	26,467	2	26,493
Lamphun	24,712	55	25	24,767		24,792
Sakon Nakhon	24,708	28	6	24,736	3	24,745
Phatthalung	24,253	22	2	24,275		24,277
Nan	23,857	15	3	23,872		23,875
Lopburi	22,867	48	13	22,915		22,928
Suphan Buri	21,304	42	16	21,346		21,362

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Province	SE	ME	LE	SMEs	N/A	Total
Prachuap Khiri Khan	21,038	66	27	21,104		21,131
Phayao	20,305	39	7	20,344		20,351
Khampangpetch	20,293	25	16	20,318		20,334
Sa Kaeo	20,163	25	5	20,188		20,193
Chachoengsao	19,675	165	108	19,840		19,948
Nakhon Phanom	19,806	23	4	19,829		19,833
Narathiwat	19,787	33	21	19,820	1	19,842
Saraburi	18,999	76	47	19,075		19,122
Yasothon	18,489	34	5	18,523		18,528
Pattani	16,747	26	6	16,773		16,779
Chumphon	16,739	22	14	16,761		16,775
Krabi	16,660	51	20	16,711		16,731
Sukhothai	16,283	23	2	16,306		16,308
Phetchaburi	16,151	58	26	16,209		16,235
Nong Khai	15,790	23	8	15,813		15,821
Tak	15,616	31	10	15,647		15,657
Prachinburi	14,556	82	47	14,638		14,685
Loei	14,526	18	5	14,544		14,549
Nong Bua Lamphu	14,363	26	5	14,389		14,394
Uttaradit	14,069	28	9	14,097		14,106
Chanthaburi	13,894	37	16	13,931		13,947
Phichit	13,611	26	6	13,637		13,643
Mukdahan	12,281	17	10	12,298		12,308
Phang Nga	12,125	35	10	12,160		12,170
Satun	12,111	31	14	12,142		12,156
Amnat Charoen	10,813	15	2	10,828		10,830
Ang Thong	10,330	15	8	10,345		10,353
Yala	10,263	24	4	10,287		10,291
Chainat	9,481	16	4	9,497		9,501
Sing Buri	9,038	23	7	9,061	1	9,069
Uthai Thani	8,233	5	3	8,238		8,241
Trat	8,107	23	7	8,130		8,137
Ranong	7,958	29	6	7,987		7,993
Bueng Kan	7,779	10	2	7,789		7,791
Nakhon Nayok	7,149	16	4	7,165		7,169
Mae Hong Son	6,477	11	4	6,488		6,492
Samut Songkhram	5,409	20	8	5,429		5,437
Not Specified	8			8		8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,634,840</b>	<b>11,709</b>	<b>6,253</b>	<b>2,646,549</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2,652,854</b>

Source : National Statistical Office, Social Security Office, and Department of Business Development  
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Table 4.2 Number of Enterprises Classified by Size and Business Activity

ISIC	SE	ME	LE	SMEs	N/A	Total
A Agriculture, hunting, forestry	4,395	118	48	4,513	-	4,561
B Fishing	341	15	6	356	-	362
C Mining and quarrying	2,061	92	22	2,153	-	2,175
D Manufacturing	459,665	4,128	2,109	463,793	-	465,902
E Electricity, gas, and water supply	1,279	101	89	1,380	-	1,469
F Construction	106,427	460	163	106,887	-	107,050
G Wholesale, retail trade, repair of motor vehicles	1,173,611	2,719	2,043	1,176,330	-	1,178,373
H Hotels and restaurants	301,377	939	331	302,316	-	302,647
I Transport and storage	92,693	500	192	93,193	-	93,385
J Financial intermediation	7,993	334	361	8,327	-	8,688
K Real estate activities	251,787	1,798	691	253,585	-	254,276
L Public administration and defense. And compulsory social security	202	-	-	202	-	202
M Education	2,036	44	14	2,080	-	2,094
N Health and social work	3,180	137	93	3,317	-	3,410
O Other community, social and personal service activities	227,273	323	90	227,596	-	227,686
P Private household employees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q International organizations and foreign organizations	161	-	-	161	-	161
Not specified	359	1	1	360	52	413
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,634,840</b>	<b>11,709</b>	<b>6,253</b>	<b>2,646,549</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2,652,854</b>

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## 4.2 Employment of SMEs

As concerns employment by SMEs in 2011, the number of people employed by enterprises of all sizes totaled 13,107,263. Of this number, large enterprises (LEs) employed 2,111,229 people and SMEs employed 10,995,977 people, or 83.89% of overall employment. Small enterprises (SEs) employed the greatest proportion of all enterprises overall at 75.42% as well as among SMEs at 89.90%. A breakdown of employment by SMEs by major economic activity in 2011 reveals that the sectors of wholesale, retail trade, and repair of motor vehicles employed the greatest number at 3,822,415 positions, accounting for 87.97% of the country's total enterprises in the sectors of wholesale, retail trade, and repair of motor vehicles. Second was the service sector employing 3,920,118 positions, or 95.40% of the overall enterprises in the

service sector. Third was the manufacturing sector with 3,251,834 employees, or 69.95% of the total enterprises in the manufacturing sector.

Table 4.3 Number of Employees Categorized by Province and Size of Enterprise

Province	SE	ME	LE	SMEs	N/A	Total
Bangkok	2,344,510	417,585	1,066,759	2,762,095	11	3,828,865
Samut Prakan	370,539	110,312	160,623	480,851	19	641,493
Nonthaburi	185,552	20,319	52,466	205,871	2	258,339
Pathum Thani	225,255	41,406	120,592	266,661	1	387,254
Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya	141,263	34,078	103,555	175,341		278,896
Ang Thong	38,912	1,006	1,148	39,918		41,066
Lopburi	79,940	2,683	2,088	82,623		84,711
Sing Buri	32,459	1,528	990	33,987	1	34,978
Chainat	33,960	1,966	621	35,926		36,547
Saraburi	88,277	7,759	12,033	96,036		108,069
Chonburi	303,918	56,864	112,278	360,782	5	473,065
Rayong	116,113	28,943	62,809	145,056		207,865
Chanthaburi	57,618	4,714	1,632	62,332		63,964
Trat	28,415	2,263	572	30,678		31,250
Chachoengsao	83,821	18,557	28,803	102,378		131,181
Prachinburi	55,516	7,844	16,207	63,360		79,567
Nakhon Nayok	27,217	1,655	716	28,872		29,588
Sa Kaeo	62,636	4,348	801	66,984		67,785
Nakhon Rachasima	240,658	17,233	27,751	257,891		285,642
Buriram	114,949	2,795	3,643	117,744		121,387
Surin	131,608	2,970	1,413	134,578	1	135,992
Sisaket	123,104	5,779	7,853	128,883		136,736
Ubon Ratchathani	172,940	8,824	13,692	181,764		195,456
Yasothon	61,918	2,565	601	64,483		65,084
Chaiyaphum	95,921	3,623	903	99,544		100,447
Amnat Charoen	40,330	1,262	170	41,592		41,762
Bueng Kan	19,089	714	393	19,803		20,196
Nong Bua Lamphu	48,695	2,419	946	51,114		52,060
Khon Kaen	239,159	11,698	14,174	250,857		265,031
Udon Thani	136,150	4,746	6,873	140,896		147,769
Loei	50,732	1,041	494	51,773		52,267
Nong Khai	57,441	1,892	1,146	59,333		60,479
Maha Sarakham	127,866	9,769	20,407	137,635		158,042
Roi Et	170,204	7,624	2,962	177,828	1	180,791
Kalasin	106,325	3,073	1,924	109,398	2	111,324
Sakon Nakhon	73,736	1,630	1,003	75,366	3	76,372
Nakhon Phanom	57,843	1,594	420	59,437		59,857
Mukdahan	38,831	1,197	832	40,028		40,860
Chiang Mai	307,173	19,667	18,307	326,840		345,147
Lamphun	79,226	7,480	25,473	86,706		112,179

Table 4.3 Number of Employees Categorized by Province and Size of Enterprise

Province	SE	ME	LE	SMEs	N/A	Total
Lampang	101,703	7,630	3,242	109,333		112,575
Uttaradit	44,405	1,454	1,271	45,859		47,130
Phrae	101,871	1,889	830	103,760		104,590
Nan	56,437	1,329	357	57,766		58,123
Phayao	59,431	2,317	891	61,748		62,639
Chiang Rai	137,420	5,179	2,792	142,599		145,391
Mae Hong Son	19,070	870	239	19,940		20,179
Nakhon Sawan	117,024	6,330	4,233	123,354		127,587
Uthai Thani	28,111	303	505	28,414		28,919
Khampangetch	66,761	860	1,987	67,621		69,608
Tak	53,148	4,404	2,325	57,552		59,877
Sukhothai	53,969	2,154	358	56,123		56,481
Phitsanulok	94,728	3,742	2,136	98,470		100,606
Phichit	46,778	1,286	1,088	48,064		49,152
Phetchabun	93,779	2,916	1,657	96,695		98,352
Ratchaburi	110,291	9,500	6,970	119,791	2	126,763
Kanchanaburi	100,144	5,647	3,553	105,791	1	109,345
Suphan Buri	88,917	2,259	2,331	91,176		93,507
Nakhon Pathom	185,043	30,833	26,069	215,876	1	241,946
Samut Sakhon	170,121	52,651	65,308	222,772	2	288,082
Samut Songkhram	28,123	1,723	1,049	29,846		30,895
Phetchaburi	63,126	5,851	4,267	68,977		73,244
Prachuap Khiri Khan	69,723	6,231	8,630	75,954		84,584
Nakhon Si Thammarat	170,349	5,520	2,501	175,869		178,370
Krabi	64,948	4,004	3,154	68,952		72,106
Phang Nga	41,084	2,048	933	43,132		44,065
Phuket	114,144	14,395	12,962	128,539	1	141,502
Surat Thani	171,520	8,939	3,790	180,459	1	184,250
Ranong	29,803	1,917	1,228	31,720		32,948
Chumphon	54,620	1,205	3,972	55,825		59,797
Songkhla	195,436	15,108	35,766	210,544	1	246,311
Satun	39,394	1,505	2,234	40,899		43,133
Trang	99,797	6,381	2,814	106,178	1	108,993
Phatthalung	81,390	1,776	149	83,166		83,315
Pattani	56,833	3,389	837	60,222		61,059
Yala	40,094	1,259	492	41,353		41,845
Narathiwat	66,533	1,821	2,236	68,354	1	70,591
Not specified	40			40		40
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,885,927</b>	<b>1,110,050</b>	<b>2,111,229</b>	<b>10,995,977</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>13,107,263</b>

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Table 4.4 Number of Employees Categorized by Size of Enterprise and Economic Activity

ISIC	SE	ME	LE	SMEs	N/A	Total
A Agriculture, hunting, forestry	42,616	7,882	19,157	50,498		69,655
B Fishing	4,184	846	11,353	5,030		16,383
C Mining and quarrying	37,585	6,006	108,868	43,591		152,459
D Manufacturing	2,501,161	634,900	1,235,655	3,136,061		4,371,716
E Electricity, gas, and water supply	12,642	4,012	22,234	16,654		38,888
F Construction	407,739	40,059	25,646	447,798		473,444
G Wholesale, retail trade, repair of motor vehicles	3,697,399	125,016	522,907	3,822,415		4,345,322
H Hotels and restaurants	1,059,480	75,708	3,616	1,135,188		1,138,804
I Transport and storage	369,047	46,511	130,007	415,558		545,565
J Financial intermediation	61,169	24,470	10,662	85,639		96,301
K Real estate activities	996,879	75,792	8,011	1,072,671		1,080,682
L Public administration and defense. And compulsory social security	587			587		587
M Education	9,910	2,107	899	12,017		12,916
N Health and social work	23,841	22,902	3,180	46,743		49,923
O Other community, social and personal service activities	658,801	43,812	7,060	702,613		709,673
Q International organizations and foreign organizations	1,304			1,304		1,304
Not specified	1,583	27	1,974	1,610	57	3,641
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,885,927</b>	<b>1,110,050</b>	<b>2,111,229</b>	<b>10,995,977</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>13,107,263</b>

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### 4.3 Establishment and Exit of Enterprises

In total, 55,403 new enterprises were established in 2011 with 4,627 more enterprises than last year, equivalent to an increase of 9.11%. Concerning the exit of enterprises in 2011, there were 9,559 in total, a decrease of 2,193 enterprises from 2010, equivalent to a growth of 29.77% from 2010.

Regarding the newly established juristic entities classified by the highest five economic activities in 2011, there were 8,958 juristic entities in the entertainment service sector with a total registered capital of 4,293 million baht. The second highest was those in the general construction sector at 4,502 with a total registered capital of 78,336 million baht, followed by 2,705 enterprises in real estate with a total registered capital of 31,114 million baht.

As regards the juristic entities that closed classified by the highest five economic activities in 2011, the highest number was 1,119 in the general construction sector, with a total registered capital of 2,341 million baht. After this came 373 enterprises in real estate holding a total registered capital of 4,178 million baht, and 351 enterprises in the entertainment service sector with a total registered capital of 3,679 million baht.