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The government of Tajikistan classifies Small Enterprises differently depending on the information it is reporting. The following information classifies Small Enterprises as companies that have up to 15 employees:

In Tajikistan there were 6,379 small business enterprises registered, an increase of nearly 8% from this time last year. Only 19% of registered enterprises were in operation, down one percent from the previous year. Therefore, the active registered number of small enterprises only rose by a small percentage, 2,9%.

Nearly 36% of active small business enterprises are focused in the sphere of Trade, Intermediaries, Public Catering and Supply. 15,8% of small enterprises is in Industry, 12,5% in Personal Services and 10,6% in Construction. In addition, a large number of active registered small enterprises, 16,3%, are reported as working in Other Services. See a complete list in Table 1.

Small Enterprises with up to 15 employees employ nearly 3% of the current workforce, which translates into approximately 13,700 individuals employed in Small Enterprises. For industry breakdown, see Table 2.

Table 1

Active Registered Small Enterprises

	2000	2001	2002
Total	1342	1181	1215
Agriculture	39	24	14
Percent	3,2%	2,0%	1,2%
Industry	213	178	192
Percent	17,5%	14,7%	15,8%
Data Processing Service	7	7	6
Percent	0,6%	0,6%	0,5%
Personal Services	145	130	152
Percent	11,9%	10,7%	12,5%
Culture and Art	9	7	13
Percent	0,7%	0,6%	1,1%
Construction	152	143	129
Percent	12,5%	11,8%	10,6%
Science	13	14	14
Percent	1,1%	1,2%	1,2%
Trade & Public Catering	519	453	436
Percent	42,7%	37,3%	35,9%
Transport and Communication	27	25	27
Percent	2,2%	2,1%	2,2%
Crediting	5	3	3
Percent	0,4%	0,2%	0,2%
Education	16	16	14
Percent	1,3%	1,3%	1,2%
Public Health	13	15	17
Percent	1,1%	1,2%	1,4%
Other Services	178	167	198
Percent	14,7%	13,7%	16,3%

Table 2

Numbers Employed in Small Business (Thousands)

	2000	2001	2002
Total	12,6	11,7	13,7
Agriculture	0,547	0,544	0,801
Percent	4,3%	4,6%	5,8%
Industry	3,232	2,423	3,058
Percent	25,7%	20,7%	22,3%
Data Processing Service	0,034	0,042	0,035
Percent	0,3%	0,4%	0,3%
Personal Services	1,211	1,618	1,812
Percent	9,6%	13,8%	13,2%
Culture and Art	0,072	0,084	0,15
Percent	0,6%	0,7%	1,1%
Construction	2,311	1,583	1,713
Percent	18,3%	13,5%	12,5%
Science	0,086	0,09	0,117
Percent	0,7%	0,8%	0,9%
Trade & Public Catering	3,298	3,209	3,37
Percent	26,2%	27,4%	24,6%
Transport and Communication	0,275	0,401	0,571
Percent	2,2%	3,4%	4,2%
Crediting	0,048	0,037	0,042
Percent	0,4%	0,3%	0,3%
Education	0,263	0,237	0,235
Percent	2,1%	2,0%	1,7%
Public Health	0,111	0,11	0,119
Percent	0,9%	0,9%	0,9%
Other Services	1,085	1,321	1,689
Percent	8,6%	11,3%	12,3%

Information in this report provided by the State Committee on Statistics of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Information regarding GDP classifies a Small Enterprise as employing up to 50 employees. The following information concerning GDP, therefore, uses this definition:

The number of Small Enterprises that employ up to 50 employees is 6,050. Small Enterprise makes up 6,5% of total number of enterprises classified in the Small and Medium Enterprise group. Note that the table below shows that Medium Enterprises (those businesses employing up to 250 employees) make up a tiny portion of the Small and Medium Enterprise group, with only 0.2% of the total. The vast majority of these enterprises are categorized as Individual Entrepreneurs (77%), with Dekhan Farms coming in second at 17%.

Table 3

	2000	2001	2002
Total Number of Small and Medium Enterprises	79 624	87 427	92 964
Small Enterprises	4 834	5 368	6 050
Percent of Total	6,1%	6,1%	6,5%
Medium Enterprises	122	129	142
Percent of Total	0,2%	0,1%	0,2%
Individual Entrepreneurs	60 240	70 254	71 309
Percent of Total	76%	80%	77%
Dekhan Farms	14 428	11 676	15 463
Percent of Total	18%	13%	17%

The private sector accounted for 35,3% of GDP in 2002, up 11% from 31,7% in 2001. Of the GDP generated by the private sector, the majority (55,8%) was produced by Trade and Public Catering, representing 19,7% of total GDP. Industry was responsible for 18,4% of private sector GDP (6,5% total GDP), Dekhan Farms 13,6% (4,8% total GDP) Other Services 5,9% (2,1% total GDP), Transportation 4% (1,4% total GDP) and Construction 2,3% (0,8% total GDP). The table below details the shifts in these figures since 1999.

Table 4

	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total GDP (thousand Somoni)	1 344 953	1 806 767	2 528 821	3 365 534
Percent attributed to Private Sector	29,30%	29,70%	31,70%	35,30%
Industry (% of total GDP)	4,9%	5,0%	5,7%	6,5%
(% of Private Sector GDP)	16,7%	16,8%	18,0%	18,4%
Dekhkan farms (% of total GDP)	2,2%	3,4%	3,4%	4,8%
(% of Private Sector GDP)	7,5%	11,4%	10,7%	13,6%
Construction (% of total GDP)	0,3%	0,2%	0,2%	0,8%
(% of Private Sector GDP)	1,0%	0,7%	0,6%	2,3%
Trade and public catering (% of total GDP)	18,1%	17,4%	18,1%	19,7%
(% of Private Sector GDP)	61,8%	58,6%	57,1%	55,8%
Transportation (% of total GDP)	1,7%	1,3%	1,3%	1,4%
(% of Private Sector GDP)	5,8%	4,4%	4,1%	4,0%
Other services (% of total GDP)	2,1%	2,5%	2,0%	2,1%
(% of Private Sector GDP)	7%	8%	6%	6%