



Preliminary Results of the 2021 Micro-Enterprise Survey

- ◆ In 2021, the number of micro-enterprises dropped by 0.2% from 2020. The number of workers in micro-enterprises fell by 1.1% year-on-year.
- ◆ The foundation preparation period per establishment marked 9.8 months, remaining the same year-on-year. The foundation costs per establishment marked 88 million won, rising by 4.3% from 2020.
- ◆ Annual sales per establishment and operating profit per establishment grew by 2.9% and 39.8%, respectively, from 2020.

□ The number of micro-enterprises declined by 0.2% (-10 thousand establishments) to 4.117 million establishments in 2021. The number of workers in micro-enterprises fell by 1.1% (-77 thousand persons) to 7.205 million persons in 2021.

○ (Number of establishments)

As for the number of establishments by industry, 'Wholesale and retail trade' and 'Manufacturing' dropped by 1.6% (22 thousand establishments ↓) and 1.0% (5 thousand establishments ↓), respectively. As for the number of establishments by region, Seoul and Ulsan fell by 3.0% and 2.6%, respectively.

○ (Number of workers)

As for the number of workers by industry, 'Manufacturing' and 'Arts, sports and recreation related services' fell by 6.6% (88 thousand persons ↓) and 2.2% (4 thousand persons ↓), respectively. As for the number of workers by region, Seoul and Ulsan fell by 4.4% and 3.5%, respectively.

< Number of establishments and number of workers by industry >

(Unit: thousand establishments, thousand persons, %)

By industry	2020		2021		Change		Percent change	
	Number of establishments	Number of workers	Number of establishments	Number of workers	Number of establishments	Number of workers	Number of establishments	Number of workers
Total	4,127	7,282	4,117	7,205	-10	-77	-0.2	-1.1
Manufacturing	490	1,334	486	1,246	-5	-88	-1.0	-6.6
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,385	2,151	1,363	2,117	-22	-33	-1.6	-1.5
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	737	1,365	738	1,380	1	15	0.1	1.1
Education	168	299	179	308	11	9	6.4	3.1
Arts, sports and recreation related services	104	161	103	157	-1	-4	-1.0	-2.2
Membership Organizations, Repair and other Personal Services	343	446	341	442	-2	-4	-0.7	-0.9
Other industries	899	1,527	908	1,555	9	28	1.0	1.8

< Number of establishments and number of workers by region >

(Unit: thousand establishments, thousand persons, %)

By region	2020		2021		Change		Percent change	
	Number of establishments	Number of workers	Number of establishments	Number of workers	Number of establishments	Number of workers	Number of establishments	Number of workers
The nation	4,127	7,282	4,117	7,205	-10	-77	-0.2	-1.1
Seoul	811	1,399	786	1,337	-25	-62	-3.0	-4.4
Busan	274	478	272	475	-2	-4	-0.6	-0.7
Daegu	203	352	199	342	-5	-10	-2.3	-2.9
Incheon	212	376	213	373	1	-3	0.5	-0.9
Gwangju	116	201	115	199	-1	-2	-0.9	-0.9
Daejeon	114	194	112	191	-2	-3	-1.4	-1.6
Ulsan	82	139	80	134	-2	-5	-2.6	-3.5
Sejong	19	33	20	36	1	3	5.2	9.1
Gyeonggi	1,009	1,866	1,019	1,864	10	-2	1.0	-0.1
Gangwon	136	234	140	239	4	5	2.8	2.1
Chungbuk	130	226	131	229	0	3	0.4	1.4
Chungnam	170	297	172	300	3	3	1.5	1.1
Jeonbuk	143	245	143	245	1	0	0.6	-0.1
Jeonnam	146	253	148	255	3	2	1.8	0.9
Gyeongbuk	223	393	225	390	2	-3	0.8	-0.8
Gyeongnam	274	482	275	479	1	-4	0.2	-0.8
Jeju	66	112	67	117	1	5	2.0	4.1

- The average foundation preparation period per establishment recorded 9.8 months in 2021. The foundation costs per establishment grew by 4.3% (4 million won) to 88 million won in 2021. The founder's costs per establishment grew by 1.0% (1 million won) to 66 million won in 2021.

○ (Foundation preparation period)

As for foundation preparation period by industry, 'Arts, sports and recreation related services' and 'Accommodation and food service activities' rose by 9.2 months (13.5%) and 8.7 months (10.4%), respectively. Whereas, 'Wholesale and retail trade' and 'Education' fell by 9.2 months (-4.4%) and 10.8 months (-2.3%), respectively.

< Average foundation preparation period >

(Unit: month, %)

By industry	2020	2021	Change	Percent change
Total	9.8	9.8	0.0	-0.3
Manufacturing	11.3	11.7	0.3	3.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	9.6	9.2	-0.4	-4.4
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	7.8	8.7	0.8	10.4
Education	11.0	10.8	-0.3	-2.3
Arts, sports and recreation related services	8.1	9.2	1.1	13.5
Membership Organizations, Repair and other Personal Services	10.1	10.2	0.1	0.5
Other industries	10.8	10.7	-0.2	-1.7

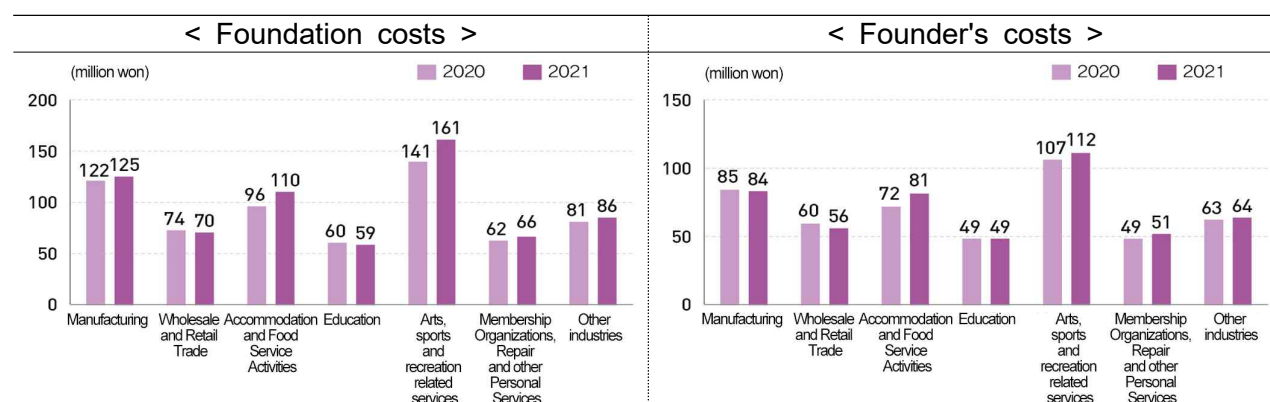
○ (Foundation costs per establishment)

As for foundation costs per establishment by industry, 'Accommodation and food service activities' and 'Arts, sports and recreation related services' rose by 15.0% (14 million won ↑) and 14.7% (21 million won ↑), respectively. Whereas, 'Wholesale and retail trade' fell by 5.5% (4 million won ↓).

< Foundation costs and founder's costs per establishment >

(Unit: million won, %)

By industry	2020		2021		Change		Percent change	
	Total foundation costs	Founder's costs	Total foundation costs	Founder's costs	Total foundation costs	Founder's costs	Total foundation costs	Founder's costs
Total	85	65	88	66	4	1	4.3	1.0
Manufacturing	122	85	125	84	3	-1	2.2	-0.8
Wholesale and Retail Trade	74	60	70	56	-4	-4	-5.5	-7.2
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	96	72	110	81	14	9	15.0	12.5
Education	60	49	59	49	0	0	-0.8	0.4
Arts, sports and recreation related services	141	107	161	112	21	4	14.7	4.2
Membership Organizations, Repair and other Personal Services	62	49	66	51	4	2	6.8	4.3
Other industries	81	63	86	64	5	1	6.3	0.9



- Annual sales per establishment grew by 2.9% (6 million won) to 225 million won in 2021. Operating profit per establishment grew by 39.8% (8 million won) to 28 million won in 2021.

○ (Annual sales per establishment)

Annual sales per establishment showed a year-on-year increase in most industries. In particular, 'Education', 'Manufacturing' and 'Accommodation and food service activities' rose by 17.6% (10 million won ↑), 7.2% (28 million won ↑) and 6.7% (8 million won ↑), respectively.

< Annual sales per establishment >

(Unit: million won, %)

By industry	2020	2021	Change	Percent change
Total	219	225	6	2.9
Manufacturing	389	417	28	7.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	294	297	4	1.3
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	116	124	8	6.7
Education	55	65	10	17.6
Arts, sports and recreation related services	61	62	1	0.9
Membership Organizations, Repair and other Personal Services	50	50	0	0.5
Other industries	209	212	4	1.8

○ (Operating profit per establishment)

Operating profit per establishment recorded a year-on-year increase in all industries. In particular, 'Education', 'Arts, sports and recreation related services' and 'Accommodation and food service activities' rose by 139.6% (11 million won ↑), 115.3% (4 million won ↑) and 82.4% (10 million won ↑), respectively.

< Operating profit per establishment >

(Unit: million won, %)

By industry	2020	2021	Change	Percent change
Total	20	28	8	39.8
Manufacturing	46	53	7	15.6
Wholesale and Retail Trade	20	28	8	38.1
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	12	23	10	82.4
Education	8	18	11	139.6
Arts, sports and recreation related services	3	8	4	115.3
Membership Organizations, Repair and other Personal Services	9	14	5	52.4
Other industries	22	31	9	40.7