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Preface

Statistics Botswana's mandate includes compilation, maintenance and updating of a statistical business register (SBR). The SBR contains selected details on all members of the population of active formal registered business establishments operating in Botswana as at given time. The SBR information is derived from administrative data sources and economic surveys. The main purpose of the SBR is to serve as a sampling frame for enterprise surveys.

This Stats Brief serves to disaggregate the formal registered business establishments included in the SBR as at end of November 2022. The brief outlines the establishments by economic activities and employment size. The business establishments are classified using the Botswana Standard Industrial Classification (BSIC) Revision 4 which was adapted from the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) Revision 4. This was a broad and comprehensive revision as compared to Revision 3 which was used previously.

We sincerely thank all stakeholders for their continued support in providing information for updating the Statistical Business Register, as we strive to better serve users with an up-to-date database on establishments and enterprises operating in Botswana.

We hope that users will find the information given in this brief useful.

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1.0 Background

This report gives a brief overview of the status of the Statistical Business Register (SBR) and disaggregation of the formal registered business establishments included in the SBR as at end of November 2022. The SBR is a critical baseline data used as a sampling frame for economic surveys. The SBR is also used by the Government and other entities for policy formulation and the making of evidence based decisions such as on investments. It contains a list of active formally registered businesses (enterprises and establishments) operating in Botswana. By definition, a business is an activity of making, buying, selling and/or supplying of goods or rendering services for money.

The term statistical business register qualifies as a statistical process in two ways;

- **To emphasize that the register is created for statistical purposes only.**
- **To differentiate it from a register of business organizations that might have been constructed for administrative purposes and might well be referred to as business register, for example a register of businesses created for administering value added tax (VAT).**

2.0 Statistical Business Register Status

The SBR had a total of 24 515 establishments as at November 2022. It should be noted that the building and updating of the SBR is a continuous process because on a daily basis new businesses are registered and some cease operation. It is updated through the use of a variety of means, which include phone calls, physical visits and searches of administrative data among others.

2.1 Active Establishments by Sector

Table 1 shows that Wholesale and Retail Trade was, in terms active enterprises, the most dominant economic industry as at the end of November 2022. It constituted 9 779 (39.9%) of all operating establishments. The second biggest industry was Construction with 2 557 (10.4%). Manufacturing was the third largest industry accounting for 2 366 (9.7%) operating establishments. Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities came fourth followed by Accommodation and Food Service accounted for 6.2% and 5.2% respectively.

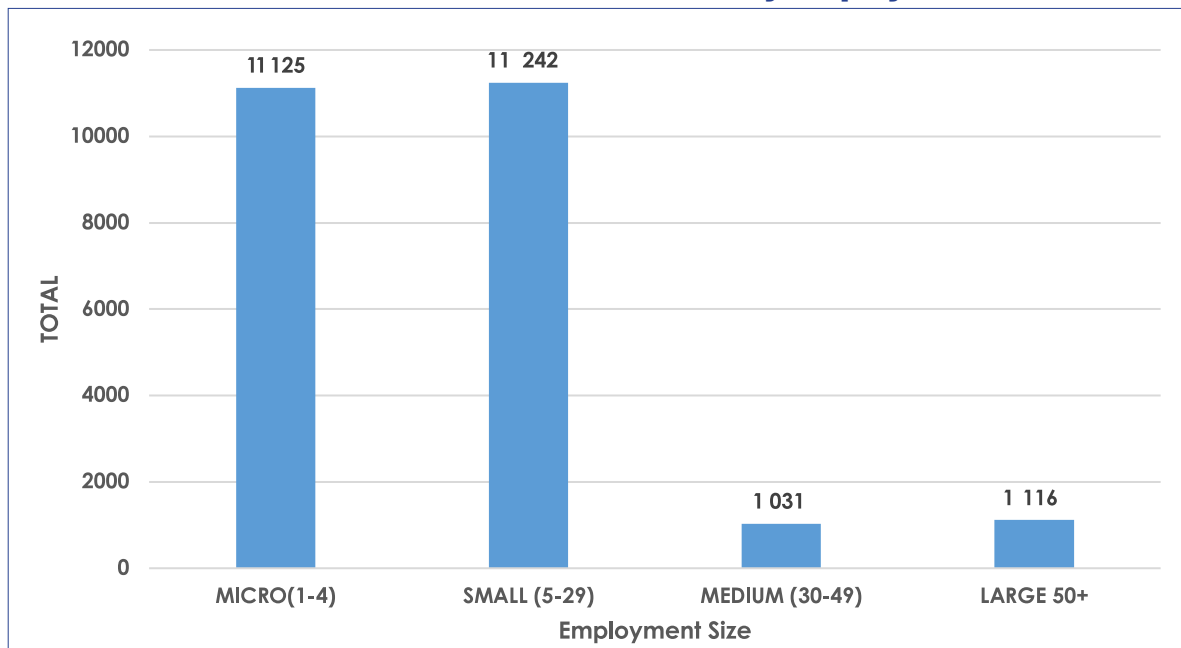
TABLE 1: Distribution of Active Establishments by Industry

ECONOMIC SECTOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
A. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	408	1.7
B. Mining and Quarrying	129	0.5
C. Manufacturing	2 366	9.7
D. Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning	181	0.7
E. Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	168	0.7
F. Construction	2 557	10.4
G. Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	9 779	39.9
H. Transportation and Storage	692	2.8
I. Accommodation and Food Service Activities	1 273	5.2
J. Information and Communication	557	2.3
K. Financial and Insurance Activities	939	3.8
L. Real Estate Activities	846	3.5
M. Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	1 522	6.2
N. Administrative and Support Service Activities	1 037	4.2
O. Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security	65	0.3
P. Education	515	2.1
Q. Human Health and Social Work Activities	619	2.5
R. Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	114	0.5
S. Other Service Activities	748	3.1
Grand Total	24 515	100

2.2 Establishments by Employment Size

Chart 1, shows distribution of establishments by employment size. As at the end of November 2022, small (5-25 employees) establishments were the largest accounting for 11 242 (46%), seconded by micro (1-4 employees) establishments with 11 125 (45%). Medium (30-49 employees) and large (50+ employees) establishments were the least dominant at 1 031(4%) and 1 116 (5%) respectively.

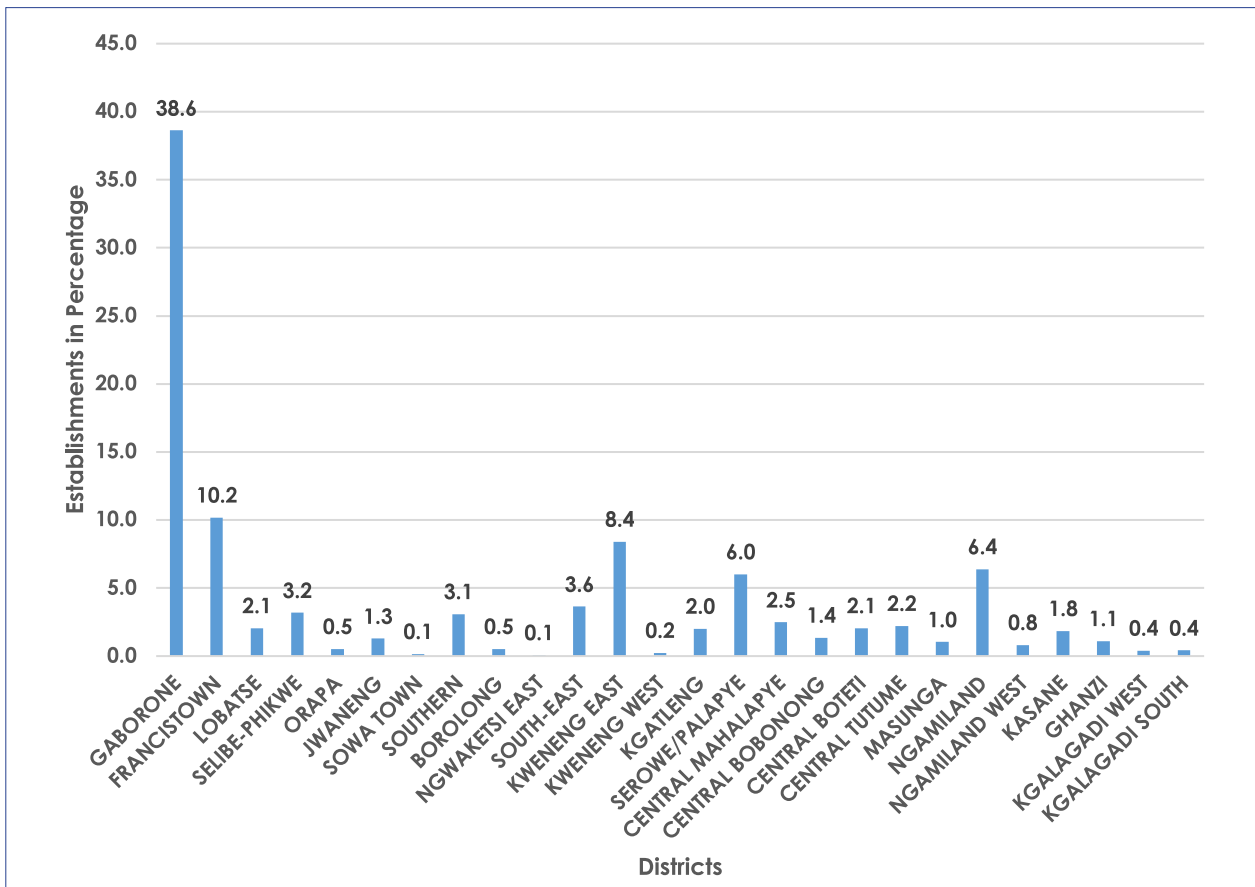
CHART 1: Distribution of Establishments by Employment Size



2.3 Operating Business Establishments by District

As depicted by **Chart 2** below, the number of operating establishments are mainly concentrated in densely populated Census districts, that is, cities, towns and major villages. Gaborone Census district recorded the largest number, 9 468 (38.6%) of operating business establishments as at the end of November 2022. The predominating businesses were Wholesale and retail trade (3 174), followed by Construction (1 098) and then Professional, Scientific and Technical business activities (992), (refer to Table 2 below). The second leading district was Francistown with 2 494 (10.2%) business establishments. The City of Francistown was also dominated by Wholesale and retail (1 022), Construction (276) and Manufacturing (212) coming third.

CHART 2: Number of Operating Establishments by District



3.0 ANNEXES

Annex 1: Operating Establishments by District and Economic Activity

DISTRICT	ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Gaborone	97	48	860	88	57	1 098	3 174	264	282	348	456
Francistown	27	27	212	19	22	276	1 022	63	121	46	103
Lobatse	18	1	63	2	3	32	237	17	14	8	23
Selibe-Phikwe	13	9	89	2	6	61	348	19	37	10	42
Orapa	1	1	8	1	1	29	30	4	6	3	7
Jwaneng	5	4	34	1	5	57	116	5	10	5	13
Sowa-Town	0	1	3	1	1	3	10	1	2	0	1
Southern	14	1	76	3	2	101	376	12	49	5	11
Barolong	8	0	7	0	0	11	68	8	4	1	2
Ngwaketse West	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	3	1	0	0
South East	15	1	111	9	6	113	342	35	47	12	23
Kweneng East	27	8	242	12	14	223	977	56	107	26	47
Kweneng West	0	1	6	0	0	0	37	3	5	0	0
Kgatleng	16	1	66	3	4	53	224	9	16	5	15
Central Serowe/Palapye	23	10	154	8	10	118	727	34	99	24	59
Central Mahalapye	14	1	75	2	3	41	286	18	47	3	17
Central Bobonong	19	1	34	2	1	17	184	10	16	1	3
Central Boteti	6	3	53	2	4	34	260	11	27	6	20
Central Tutume	8	1	64	3	6	75	273	16	32	11	2
North East	6	2	32	3	4	25	104	11	24	2	4
Ngamiland East	29	6	114	8	10	124	531	46	190	28	52
Ngamiland West	4	0	16	2	3	17	90	5	25	3	2
Chobe	23	0	19	2	6	25	152	24	70	5	18
Ghanzi	32	2	13	4	0	17	112	11	17	4	11
Kgalagadi South	3	0	6	2	0	0	51	3	10	1	4
Kgalagadi North	0	0	9	2	0	4	43	4	15	0	4
TOTAL	408	129	2 366	181	168	2 557	9 779	692	1 273	557	939

Annex 1 Cont'd: Operating Establishments by District and Economic Activity

DISTRICT	ECONOMIC SECTOR										TOTAL
	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	
Gaborone	560	992	399	14	198	244	44	245	0	0	9 468
Francistown	102	150	118	4	51	57	10	64	0	0	2 494
Lobatse	10	12	17	2	15	13	1	15	0	0	503
Selibe-Phikwe	14	31	20	2	23	12	2	39	0	0	779
Orapa	0	12	9	1	6	1	2	4	0	0	126
Jwaneng	1	18	13	1	7	7	2	9	0	0	313
Sowa-Town	0	1	1	1	4	0	1	2	0	0	33
Southern	8	15	15	0	17	17	5	29	0	0	756
Barolong	0	1	2	2	2	3	0	7	0	0	126
Ngwaketse West	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	17
South East	28	38	40	2	19	25	1	24	0	0	891
Kweneng East	41	58	51	0	54	56	4	56	0	0	2 059
Kweneng West	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	60
Kgatleng	7	12	11	1	14	11	4	21	0	0	493
Central Serowe/Palapye	10	38	43	3	26	28	0	60	0	0	1 474
Central Mahalapye	2	9	27	3	14	15	5	25	0	0	607
Central Bobonong	1	3	9	3	5	9	3	12	0	0	333
Central Boteti	3	20	9	2	5	15	1	23	0	0	504
Central Tutume	2	5	11	1	3	12	0	19	0	0	544
North East	3	7	2	2	8	6	1	8	0	0	254
Ngamiland East	46	74	177	5	19	49	11	45	0	0	1 564
Ngamiland West	0	1	2	1	6	6	1	11	0	0	195
Chobe	4	15	45	6	5	14	13	7	0	0	453
Ghanzi	4	6	12	3	7	5	0	10	0	0	270
Kgalagadi South	0	1	1	5	1	4	2	4	0	0	98
Kgalagadi North	0	2	2	1	2	6	0	7	0	0	101
TOTAL	846	1 522	1 037	65	515	619	114	748	0	0	24 515

ANNEX 2: BSIC REV. 4 Economic Classification Codes

SECTOR	ECONOMIC SECTOR
A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
B	Mining and Quarrying
C	Manufacturing
D	Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning
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F	Construction
G	Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles
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I	Accommodation and Food Service Activities
J	Information and Communication
K	Financial and Insurance Activities
L	Real Estate Activities
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities
N	Administrative and Support Service Activities
O	Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security
P	Education
Q	Human Health and Social Work Activities
R	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation
S	Other Service Activities
T	Activities of Households as Employers; Undifferentiated Goods and Services-Producing Activities of Households for Use
U	Activities of Extraterritorial Organization and Bodies

Annex 3: Employment Codes

CODE	HEADING	DESCRIPTION
1	No employees (dormant/Holding companies)	
2	1-4 employees	Micro
3	5-29 employees	Small
4	30-49 employees	Medium
5	50-99 employees	Large
6	100+ employees	Very large
8	Working proprietors only	Micro
9	Not known	



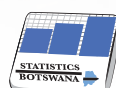
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