

Summary

In 2002, for the eighth year in a row, commercial companies submitted to the Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Payments statistical data from their balance sheets and profit and loss statements for the preceding year in line with the provisions of the Companies Act and the Slovenian accounting standards from 1993. Co-operative societies did this for the second year in a row and for the last time in 2002.

In 2001, there were 37,210 economy subjects – legal persons – of which 36,889 were corporations and partnerships and 321 were co-operative societies, and they all employed 473,447 workers.

In 1994-2001, the number of companies fell in 1999 (falling by 32 or 0.1% over 1998) and in 2001 (falling by 485 or 1.3% over 2000). In 2001, the number of employees increased for the third year in a row (rising by 4,770 or 1.0% over 2000) and was lower only compared to 1994 and 1995. As a result, the average number of employees in one company climbed for the third consecutive year (rising from 12.2 in 1998 to 12.7 in 2001). Companies had become larger since 1998, which is also shown by figures on the number of large, small and medium-sized companies. From 1998 to 2001, the number of small companies fell by 1,759, while the number of large and medium-sized ones rose by 672 and 712, respectively.

After three years of recording positive financial results (the largest positive difference between net profit and net loss was seen in 1999), companies reported a negative difference between net profit and net loss for 2001, totalling SIT 299,443 million, the largest in 1994-2001. This may be explained by the revaluation of tangible fixed assets, which was carried out in 15 companies operating in the mining and electricity sectors. As a result, the net carrying amount of tangible fixed assets dropped substantially and expenses rose, so these 15 companies reported a negative difference between net profit and net loss amounting to SIT 414,537 million. If these companies are excluded, other companies (37,195) recorded a positive difference between net profit and net loss in a total amount of SIT 115,094.

The analysis of company operations in 2001 is broken down by activities, number of employees, size, and export orientation. We have also analysed entities as a whole and co-operative societies separately, and provided some other performance indicators for 1998-2001.