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Presentation topic: **Business Demography - A Collection of Statistical Data from the Israeli Business Register**

The Business demography data on active enterprises in the Israeli economy is based on The Israeli Business Register that was established in 2003, according to the guidelines of Eurostat and OECD.

The Israeli Business Register Sources and Main Purposes - Data in the Business Register have been obtained consistently from two main administrative files:

1. A file received from the VAT authorities (Value Added Tax)
2. A file received from the National Insurance Institute

Matching the data from these two administrative sources provides a basis for establishing a repository of business records, which contains monthly data on employment and revenue, as well as additional indicators such as the industry, dates of activities and addresses of businesses.

Israeli Business Register main purposes are:

1. Classifying Business Register's units economic activities (according to ISIC Rev.4)
2. Producing sampling frames for various business surveys conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics (wages and employment indices, revenue indices, manufacturing indices, the job vacancy survey, etc.)
3. Producing and disseminating Business Demography data

Active enterprises - Israel's business population in 2015 consisted of approx. 547,600 active enterprises.

Approximately 51% of all active enterprises in 2015 (among all industries) belonged to self-employed persons and companies that did not hire employees. Among the remaining 49% of the enterprises (that hired approx. 3,549,600 employees), 70% of them hired between 1–4 employee jobs. 49% out of all employee jobs among all industries in the economy in 2015 were in enterprises that employed more than 200 employee jobs, but these enterprises comprised only 0.3% of all active enterprises.

Enterprise births -In 2015, approx. 48,600 enterprises were born, and they constituted 8.9% of all active enterprises in the Israeli economy. The highest percentage of births in this year among all active enterprises was found in Accommodation and Food Service Activities (Section I) (15.7%), and the lowest average percentage of births was found in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (Section A) (4.6%) and Manufacturing; Mining and Quarrying (Sections B-C) (5.8%).

Enterprise survival rates - About 89% of the enterprises born in 2014 survived their first year of activity and only about 35% of the enterprises born in 2005 survived their eleventh year of activity. Among all the industries in the economy, enterprises classified in Accommodation and Food Service Activities (Section I) had the lowest percentage of survival. In contrast, a high percentage of survival was observed in Human Health and Social Work Activities (Section Q), while the percentage of births in this section comprised 5.5% of births in all industries.

The presentation will also refer to **High-growth enterprises**, **Gazelles** and **new developments** in the Israeli Business Register.