

## Units of Observation and Presentation

An enterprise is defined as the smallest combination of legal units that is an organisational unit producing goods or services, which benefits from a certain degree of autonomy in decision making especially for the allocation of its current resources.

A local unit is defined as an enterprise or part thereof situated in a geographically identified place.

The survey is made up of a census of industrial enterprises and local units between NACE codes 05 – 39, the census is drawn from the Business Register. In 2017, there were 18,800 enterprises known to the CSO to have been engaged in industrial activity.

NACE refers to the classification NACE Revision 2 which is the European Union's Industrial Classification of Economic Activity in the European communities. Codes 05 - 39 refer to Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity, Gas, Steam & Air Conditioning supply and Water supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation activities.

The regional classifications are based on the Nomenclature of Territorial Units (NUTS) classification used by Eurostat. The boundaries were amended on 21st of November 2016 under Regulation (EC) No. 2066/2016 and have come into force from 2018. The new breakdown has three regions the counties constituting each of the regions are listed below

### **Northern & Western Region**

Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo, Galway City, Galway County, Mayo and Roscommon

### **Southern Region**

Clare, Limerick City & County, Tipperary, Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford City & County, Wexford, Laois, Cork City, Cork County, Kerry

### **Eastern & Midland Region**

Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, South Dublin, Kildare, Meath, Wicklow, Louth, Laois, Longford, Offaly, Westmeath

For information the previous regions were Southern and Eastern (SE) and Border, Midlands and West (BMW) regions.

The counties constituting each of the previous two regions are listed below:

**BMW Region:** Cavan, Donegal, Galway, Laois, Leitrim, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, Westmeath

**SE Region:** Carlow, Clare, Cork, Dublin, Kerry, Kildare, Kilkenny, Limerick, Meath, Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford, Wicklow