

Traders dominated Ilocos Norte's business landscape in 2003

Almost 5 in every 10 registered business establishments in the province of Ilocos Norte in 2003 were engaged in the wholesale and retail trade business, results of the pilot-testing on the generation of data from the business licensing system (BLS) showed. Majority of the trade businesses, or 85.5 percent, were renewal. The results did not include the data of Laoag City which were not available.

Transportation, Storage and Communication, which comprised mostly of tricycle operations, followed suit with 32.6 percent, the bulk of which were also renewal. Other big contributors were manufacturing (10.6 percent); hotels and restaurants (4.3 percent); other community, social and personal service activities (2.6 percent); and, real estate, renting and business activities (2.5 percent).

Wholesale and retail trade also recorded the largest number of new establishments registered in 2003. It accounted for 52.3 percent of the total new establishments registered for the said year. Transport, storage and communication followed with 18.9 percent while manufacturing comprised 13.2 percent of the total new establishments registered. Other new establishments were those engaged in hotels and restaurants with 6.7 percent and real estate, renting and business activities with 4.1 percent.

By municipality, Badoc had the most number of registered establishments in 2003 accounting for 17.2 percent of the total number of establishments registered in the province (See Table 2). Majority of these, or 88.9 percent, were in the transportation, storage and communication sector. Solsona was far second with only 8.9 percent of the registered establishments in the province coming from said municipality. Carasi and Dumalneg had the least number of registered establishments with only 23 and 67, respectively, most of which were engaged in wholesale and retail trade.

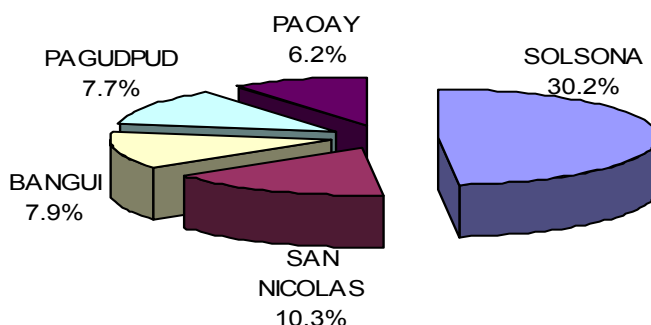
Table 1. Number of Establishments, by Type of Business and Type of Registration Ilocos Norte, 2003

Type of Business	Type of Registration			
	Total	New	Renewal	Add'l
ILOCOS NORTE 1/	7,515	948	6,564	3
Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry	29	7	22	
Fishing	18		18	
Mining and Quarrying	7		7	
Manufacturing (MFG)	800	125	675	
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods	3,440	496	2,941	3
Hotels and Restaurants	322	63	259	
Transport, Storage and Comm	2,451	179	2,272	
Financial Intermediation	32	4	28	
Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	186	39	147	
Education	1		1	
Health and Social Work	37	7	30	
Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities	192	28	164	

Note: 1/ Excludes data for Laoag City which were not available

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Figure 1. Top Five Municipalities with Newly Registered Establishments Ilocos Norte, 2003



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Meanwhile, the municipalities with the most number of new establishments registered were Solsona (30.2 percent); San Nicolas (10.3 percent); Bangui (7.9 percent); Pagudpud (7.7 percent); and, Paoay (6.2 percent) (See Figure 1). Badoc and Pasuquin on the other hand, had no new establishments registered for the said year.

Table 2. Number of Establishments by Type of Business, by Municipality, 2003

Municipality	Agri Hunting & Forestry	Fishing	Mining & Quarrying	MFG	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Hotels & Rest.	Trans. Storage & Comm	Financial Intermed	Real Estate Renting & Bus	Educ	Health & Social Work	Other Comm Social & Pers Svc	Total
ADAMS				18	24	2	46					4	94
BACARRA	1			28	260	13	132	2	4		1	11	452
BADOC	2			15	113	5	1,146		5			3	1,289
BANGUI				41	211	14	219						485
BANNA				35	156	8	213		4			6	422
BATAC	2			61	249	113		18	30		17	23	513
BURGOS				10	33	8	18		1		1	2	73
CARASI				4	10	1	8						23
CURRIMAO		1	5	23	147	13	5		13		1	8	216
DINGRAS	1			14	82	6		1	1		1	3	109
DUMALNEG				21	41				2			3	67
MARCOS				46	175	8	94		3			4	330
NUEVA ERA				9	36	5	37		1				88
PAGUDPUD				21	102	18	222		2			3	368
PAOAY	7			44	154	22	9	1	8		1	13	259
PASUQUIN	1	17		29	231	2		2	4	1	4	42	333
PIDDIG	1			66	225	9			7			15	323
PINILI	2		1	22	135	12	169	1	12		1	7	362
SAN NICOLAS	3			85	292	24	6	5	62		7	16	500
SARRAT	3		1	56	230	11	2	1	11		1	18	334
SOLSONA	5			125	364	25	123	1	14		2	8	667
VINTAR	1			27	170	3	2		2			3	208
ILOCOS NORTE	29	18	7	800	3,440	322	2,451	32	186	1	37	192	7,515

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Outside of Laoag City, Paoay had the most number of business establishments engaged in agriculture, hunting and forestry, Pasuquin had the most businesses engaged in fishery, while manufacturers and traders could be found mostly in Solsona. Most financial establishments were located in Batac while real estate, renting and businesses thrived in San Nicolas. Hotels and restaurants businesses could also be found mostly in Batac.

The pilot-testing of the generation of data from the business licensing system was undertaken by the provincial government of Ilocos Norte in collaboration with the Regional Statistical Coordination Committee (RSCC). The data were processed by the Municipal Planning and Development Offices (MPDO) based on business permits issued by the Office of the Mayor. The municipal database were consolidated by the Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO). This was conducted in response to the growing demand for data with lower level disaggregation. The study officially started in April 2004 and it was completed in July 2006. The study was coordinated by the PPDO. Table formats were prepared by the NSCB Regional Division I as well as the definitions of the indicators. The activity generated tables on: 1) No. of Establishments by Type of Business, Type of Registration, by Municipality, 2002 and 2003, and 2) No. of Establishments by Capital Investment, by Municipality, 2002 and 2003.

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