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# COMPANY DEMOGRAPHICS IN GERMANY

**Development of companies – analysis and forecast with use of INFORGE**

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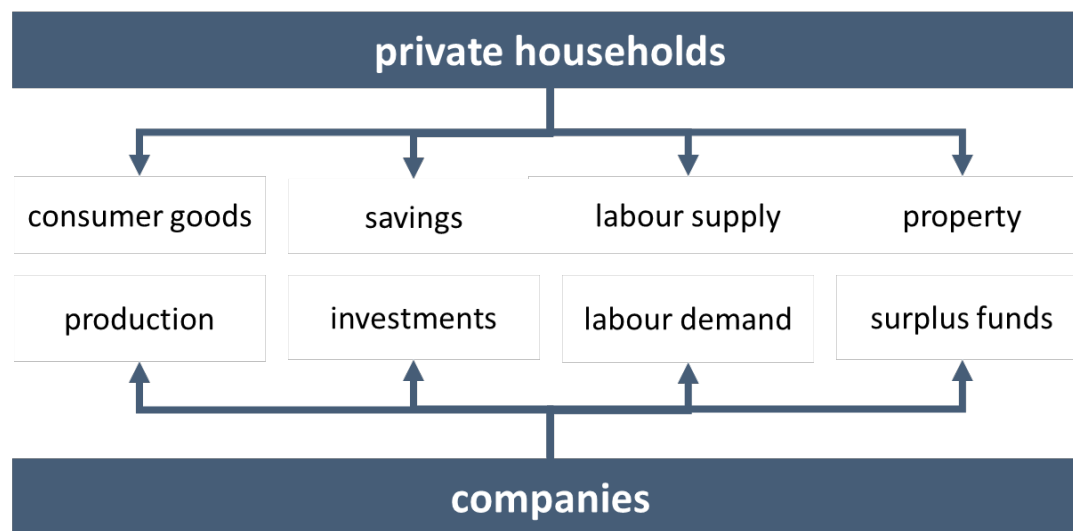
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# 1. Background

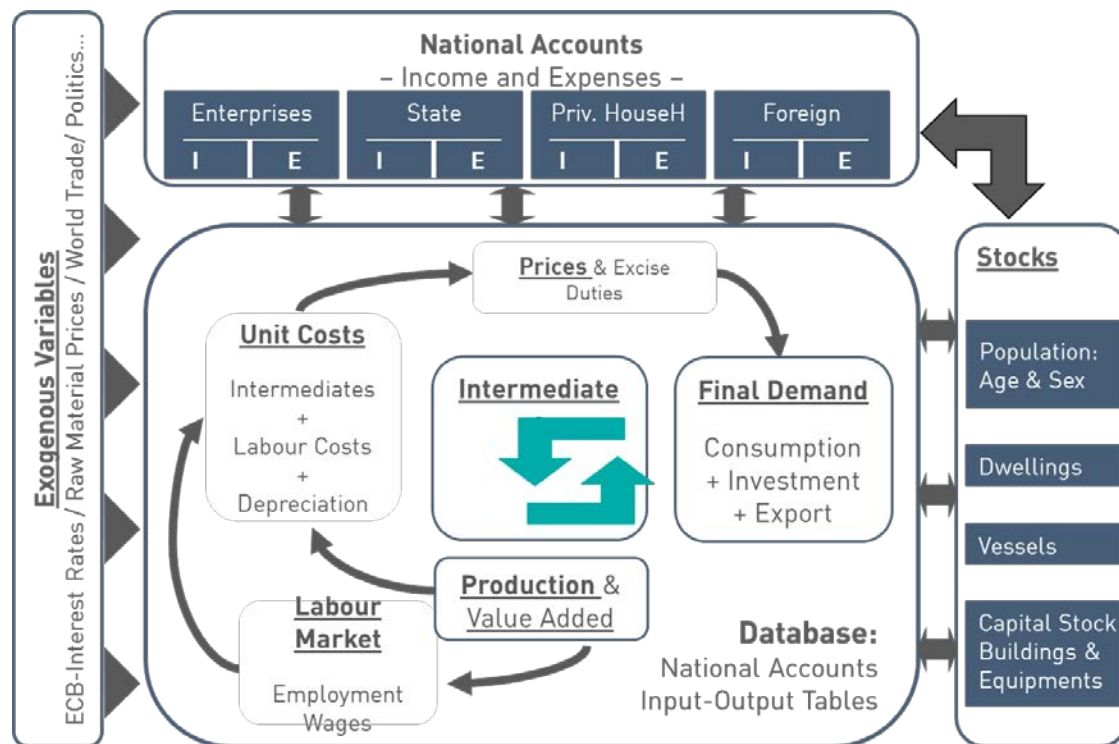
Companies (alike private households) are important economic units, but they are so far not part of GWS I/O modelling



- Data about development of companies in economic sections/divisions available from German Federal Statistical Office (from 2006/2008–2014)
- GWS started UDEMO analysis and forecast in 2015
- Mid-term objective: integration of UDEMO in GWS modelling

# 1. Background

## Components of INFORGE (INterindustry FORecasting GERmany)



- ▶ So far, only the total number of enterprises (income & expenses) in INFORGE
- ▶ Like DEMOS for private households, UDEMO could deliver detailed information about company perspective
- ▶ UDEMO can add important new aspects for modelling & forecasts, i.e. about division/market structures (e.g. monopoly, oligopoly, polipoly)

## 2. Results of analysis

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Data base for analysis: 17 NACE / WZ-2008 sections:

Sections according to NACE / WZ-2008	divisions
B Mining & quarrying	05 - 09
C Manufacturing	10 - 33
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	35
E Water supply, sewerage, waste mgmt. & remediation	36 - 39
F Construction	41 - 43
G Trade (wholesale, retail & car retail/repair)	45 - 47
H Transport & storage	49 - 53
I Accommodation & food service activities	55 - 56
J Information & communication (ITC)	58 - 63
K Financial & insurance activities	64 - 66 *)
L Real estate activities	68
M Professional, scientific & technical activities	69 - 75
N Administrative & support service activities	77 - 82
P Education	85
Q Human health & social work activities	86 - 88
R Arts, entertainment & recreation	90 - 93
S Other service activities	94 - 96

\*) 64.2: excluding equity holdings

source: Federal Statistical Office Germany, NACE/ WZ-2008, June 2008, own diagram

NOT included in business register data from German Federal Statistical Office:

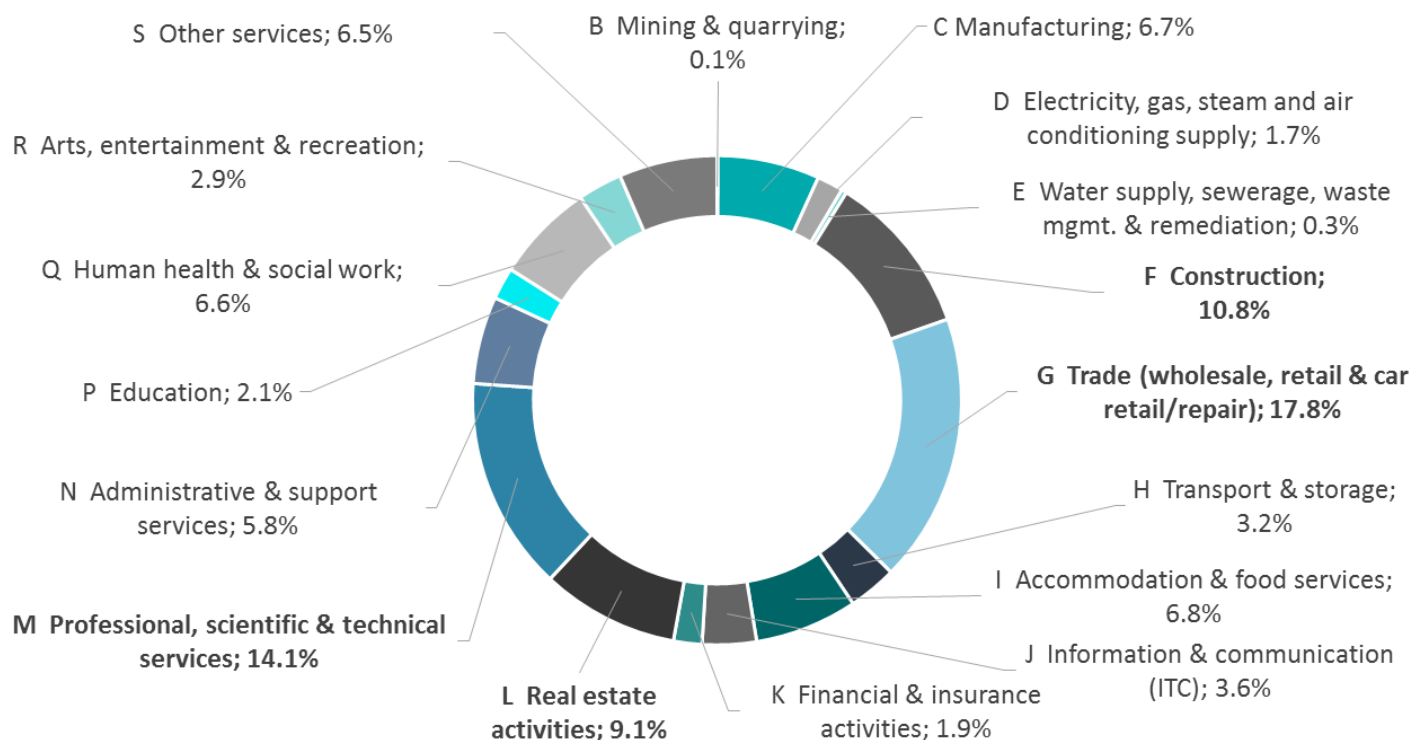
⇒ A: Agriculture, forestry & fishing

⇒ O: Public administration & defence, compulsory social security

## 2. Results of analysis

Most companies are in trade section followed by professional, scientific & technical services, construction and real estate activities

Distribution of companies within industry sections (2014)

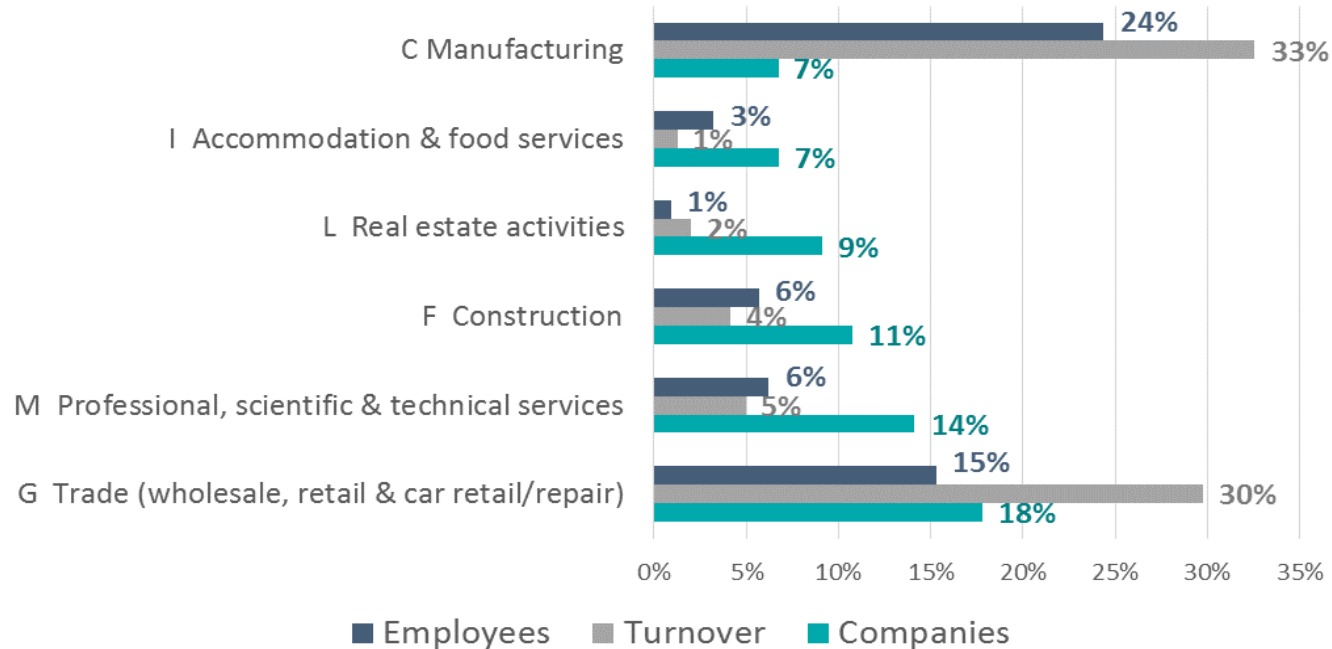


Source: Federal Statistical Office Germany, Business register 2017, own diagram

## 2. Results of analysis

### Turnover share exceeds company share in manufacturing and trade

Shares of companies, turnover and employees  
in six sections with highest number of companies (2014)



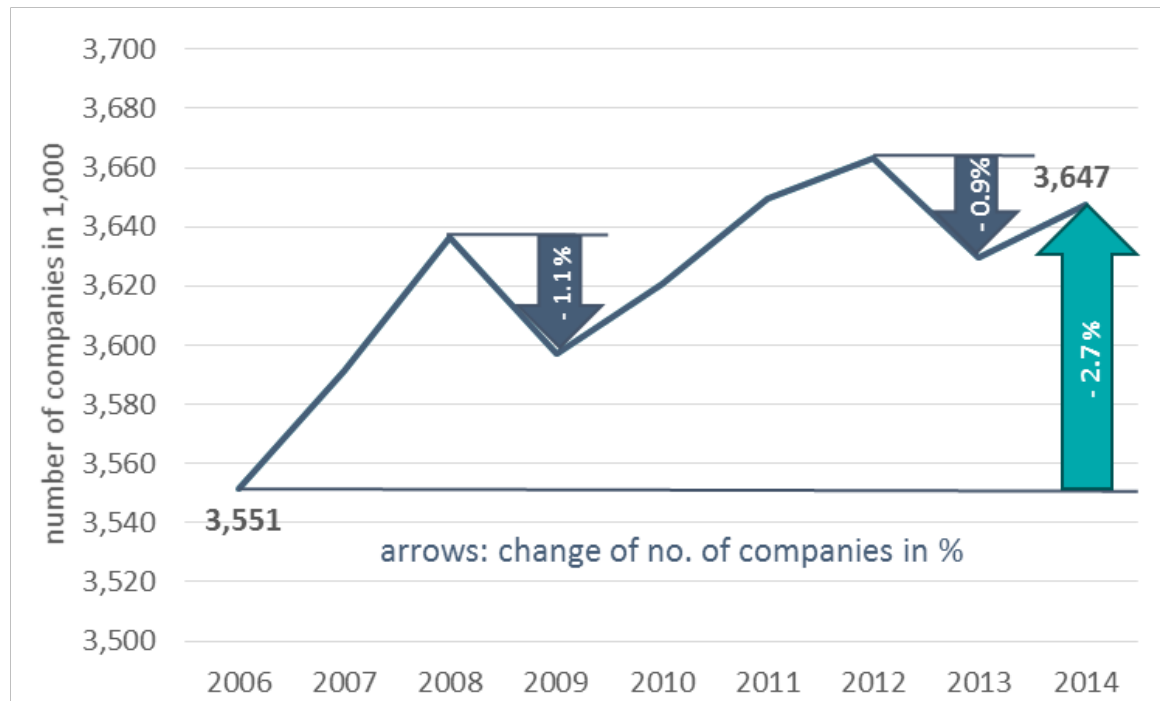
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- ▶ Far smaller turnover per company in other sections
- ▶ Most employees are also found in manufacturing and trade sections

## 2. Results of analysis

### Rising total number of companies except in 2009 and 2013

Development of total number of companies in Germany in 2006–2014



- ▶ Relatively small increase of companies with only 95.000 or 2.7% in eight years / 0.3% p.a. compared with turnover/GDP growth

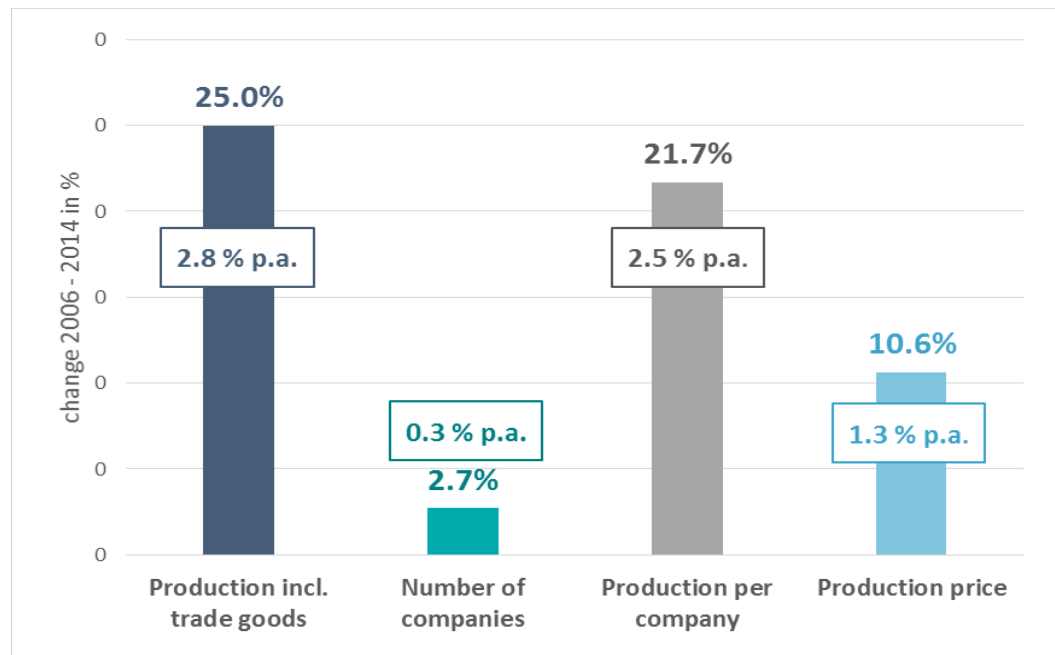
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## 2. Results of analysis

### Rise of companies is far smaller than production increase

Development of production, companies and prices (2006–2014 in %)



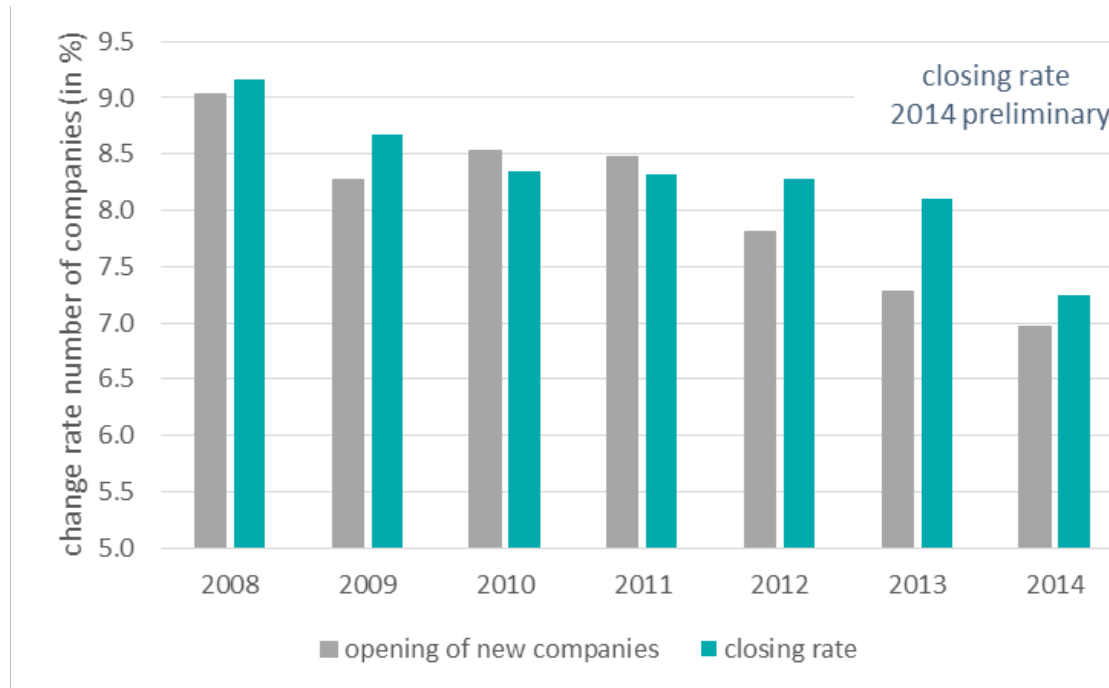
Source: Federal Statistical Office, Business register and National accounts, 2017, own diagram

- ▶ Rise in total production and production per company in eight years is over 20%
  - ▶ Still 13% production growth with adjustment/deduction of price increase
  - ▶ Number of companies merely increased by 2.7% during the same period
- ⇒ Indicates overall concentration process/structural change

## 2. Results of analysis

Company closing rate exceeds opening rate (exception: 2010/2011)

Opening and closing of companies in Germany 2008–2014  
(in % vs. previous year)



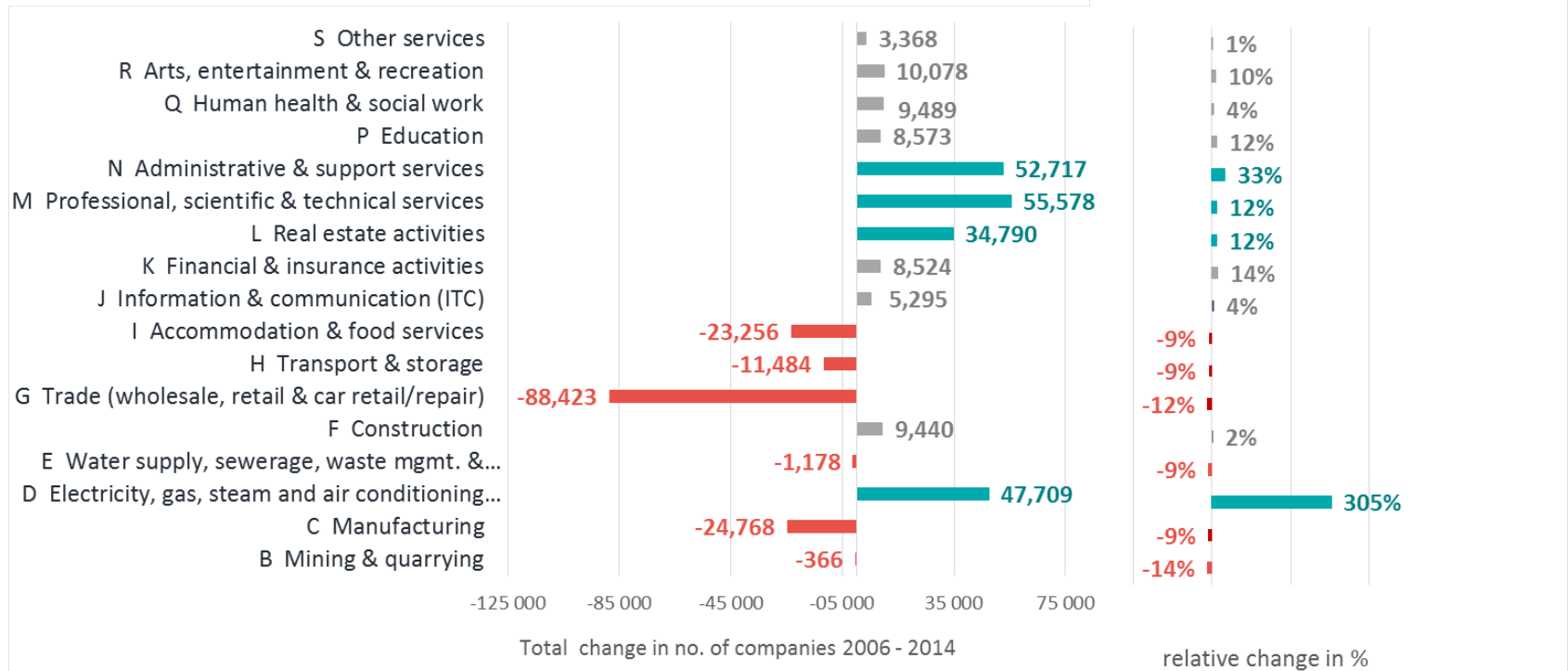
Source: Federal Statistical Office Germany, Business register 2017, own diagram

⇒ Total number of companies is also influenced by other developments (e.g. mergers, acquisitions, founding of new companies within groups...)

# 2. Results of analysis

## Diverging development of number of companies in economic sections

Change of number of companies in NACE/WZ sections (2006–2014)



Source: Federal Statistical Office Germany 2017, own diagram

- ▶ Highest reduction in trade, accommodation & food services and manufacturing
- ▶ Strong rise in service sections (professional, scientific & technical services, administrative & support services) and real estate activities
- ▶ Special effect in energy section due to EEG (German renewable energy act) feed-in-tariff

# 3. Modelling approach

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Basic equation for calculation of number of companies:

$$U_t = U_{t-1} + G_t - S_t + X_t \Leftrightarrow X_t = (U_t - U_{t-1}) - (G_t - S_t)$$

where  $U$  = company,  $G$  = opening of co.,  $S$  = clo,  $X$  = other processes\*)

forecast of number of companies 2015–2020:

$$G_t = \bar{g} * U_t \quad \text{and} \quad S_t = \bar{s} * U_t$$

where  $\bar{g} / \bar{s}$  = average number of openings/closings 2008–2014 relative to figure at start

$$\bar{g} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=0}^5 \left( \frac{G_{t-i}}{U_{t-i}} * 100 \right) \quad \bar{s} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=0}^5 \left( \frac{S_{t-i}}{U_{t-i}} * 100 \right), \quad t = 2014$$

Definition of other processes of companies (X) for forecast\*):

$$X_t = x_t * U_{t-1}$$

Resulting formula for forecast of number of companies 2015–2020:

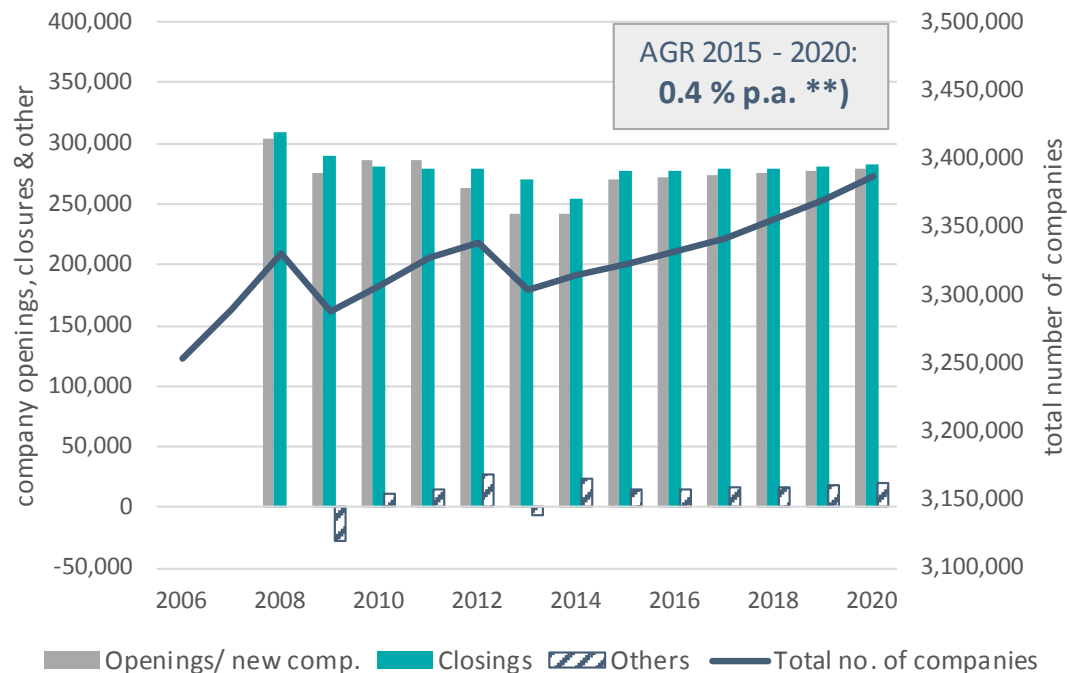
$$U_t = (1 + x_t) * \frac{U_{t-1}}{(1 - \bar{g} + \bar{s})} \Leftrightarrow \frac{U_t}{U_{t-1}} = \frac{(1 + x_t)}{(1 - \bar{g} + \bar{s})}$$

\*) examples for other processes: mergers, acquisitions, opening of new companies within groups

# 4. Results of forecast

Small increase of companies despite higher closing than opening rates

forecast results for all 16 NACE / WZ sections considered\*):



\*\*\*) AGR = Average Groth Rate

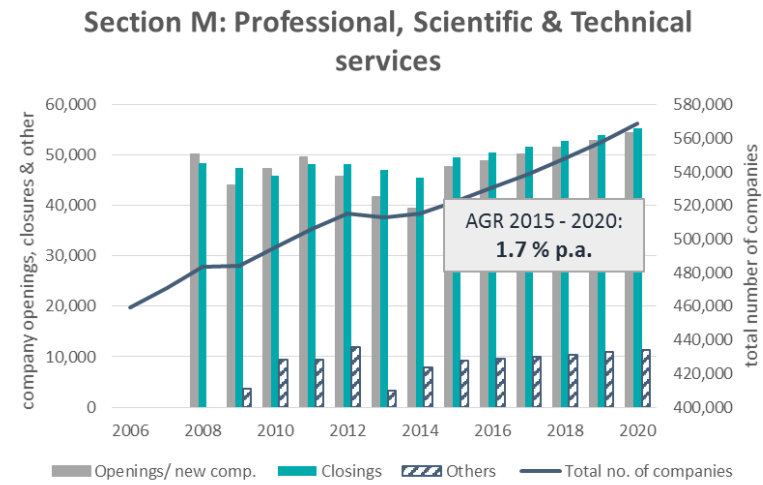
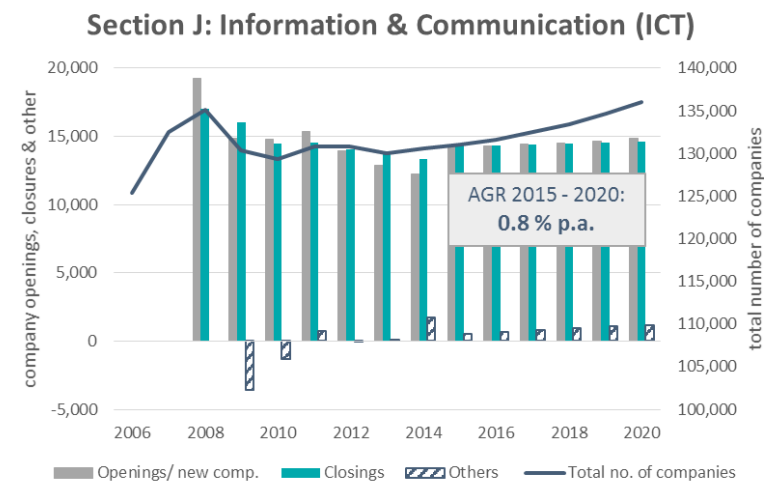
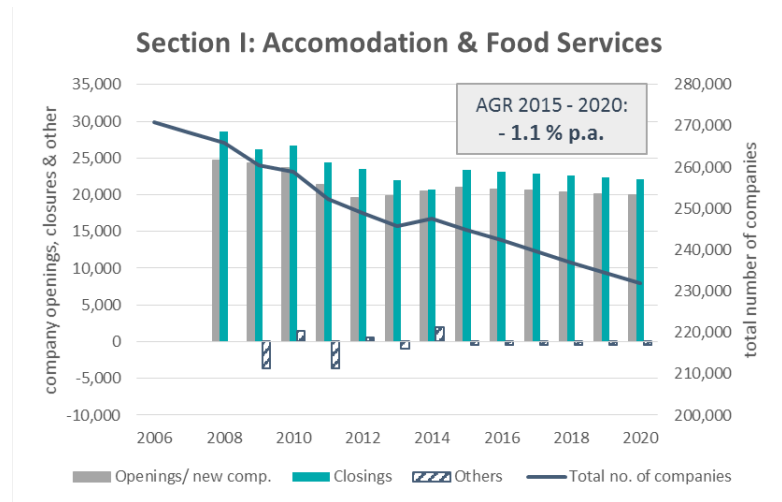
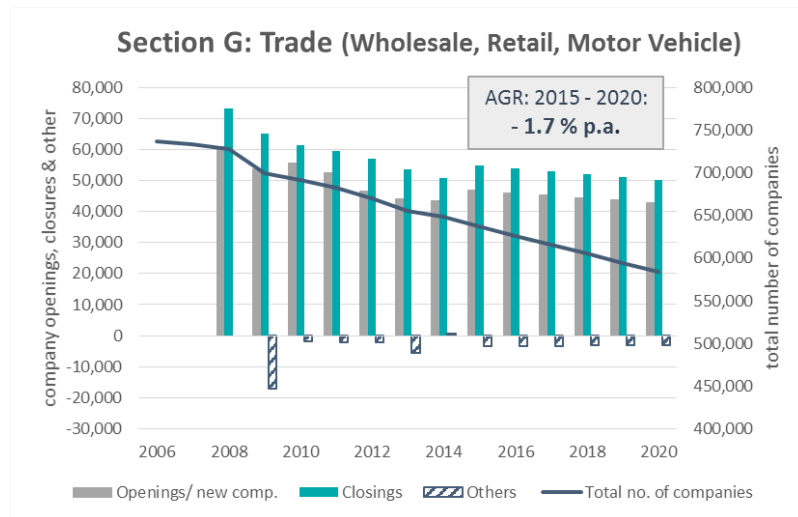
⇒ Other processes lead to total rise of companies of 0.4% p.a.

\*) Real estate section had to be ommited since base value for openings & closings of companies has been changed by Federal Statistical Office as of 2014 (private lessors etc. now excluded, i.e. reduction of number of companies by almost 50%)

Source: Federal Statistical Office, Business register, Germany 2017, own diagram

# 4. Results of forecast

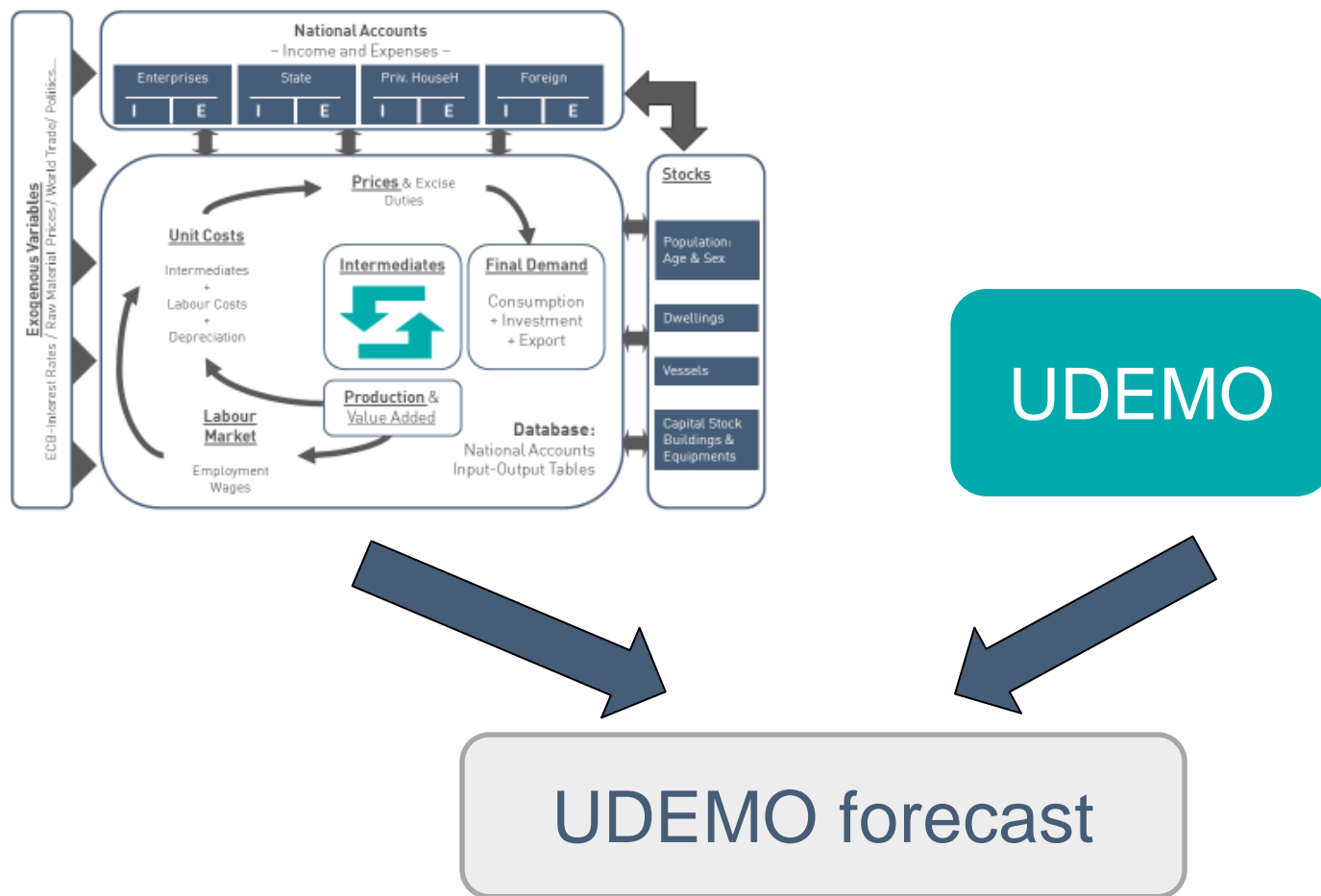
## Forecast results in sections with high change rates



Source: Federal Statistical Office, Business register, Germany 2017, own diagram

# 5. UDEMO linked with INFORGE

Linking of module UDEMO with INFORGE for forecasts of company demographics and comparison with production & labour force development



# 5. UDEMO linked with INFORGE

## Results of forecast of company and labour productivity

	development 2014–2020 versus 2008–2014		
	production per company	labour force per company	production per worker
B Mining & quarrying	↑	↑	↑
C Manufacturing	↑	→	↑
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supp	↑	↑	↓
E Water supply, sewerage, waste mgmt. & rem.	↑	→	↑
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Q Human health & social work	↑	→	↑
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S Other services	↑	↑	↑

arrows indicate development:

**green**  
> + 3%

**yellow**  
0% to < 3%

**red**  
< 0%

\*) special effect through EEG law (see above)

Source: Federal Statistical Office, Business register, Germany 2017, INFORGE, own diagram



# 6. Outlook / Next Steps

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Longer historic period and further/more detailed analysis & research required before UDEMO module is ready

- ▶ Longer historic time span than 6 - 8 years needed for more reliable forecasts
- ▶ Deepen analysis and observation of market changes
- ▶ Refining of UDEMO modelling approach
- ▶ Eventually integration of UDEMO as module in INFORGE

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