



9 Processing sector

The overall value of the output of the processing industry amounts to around EUR 23 billion, or three times the turnover of the catch sector. Spain, Italy, France and the United Kingdom are the leading countries in terms of production. This sector consists of nearly 4 000 companies, the majority of which with 20 employees at most, for total employment of around 126 000 persons. The mainstay of European production is conserves and preparations of fish, crustaceans and molluscs.

**Value of the output
of the processing
sector (2007)**
(in thousands of EUR)

ES	4 104 400
UK	3 403 500
IT	3 153 000
FR	3 075 300
DE	2 085 100
DK	1 799 500
PL	1 132 300
NL	784 000
PT	717 000
SE	469 600
BE	462 300
IE	359 300
LT	217 000
EL	177 800
LV	161 600
FI	144 400
EE	92 600
RO	52 700
SK	37 100
BG	26 400
SI	13 900
EU-27	22 468 000

NB: Figures are not available for CZ, CY, HU, MT and AT and are not relevant for LU.

Sources: Eurostat and, for IT and NL, European Commission, *Report on the evaluation of data collection related to the fish processing sector 2009*, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, 2009.

Number of persons employed in the processing sector (2007)

	Total number of persons employed	Number of persons working in companies with 20+ employees
ES	22 915	19 882
UK	16 660	15 130
PL	16 096	14 692
FR	14 099	12 782
DE	8 915	7 834
IT	7 750	NA
PT	6 468	NA
LV	6 151	5 869
DK	5 212	4 824
LT	4 597	4 391
NL	3 305	2 494
SE	2 377	NA
EE	2 103	1 930
IE	2 086	1 781
RO	1 673	1 588
EL	1 496	1 301
BE	1 361	1 116
BG	1 304	1 140
SK	820	798
FI	716	398
SI	203	NA
CZ	NA	936
EU-27	126 397	98 886

NA: Not available.

Number of processing companies (2007)

	Total number of companies	Number of companies with 20+ employees
ES	747	263
FR	496	134
PL	398	101
UK	389	111
IT	376	NA
DE	228	60
SE	219	23
PT	175	71
FI	159	8
NL	130	35
DK	124	54
LV	109	57
EL	75	14
LT	74	24
IE	67	34
BE	61	15
EE	57	27
RO	39	16
BG	30	13
SK	9	5
SI	8	2
AT	5	3
CZ	NA	9
EU-27	3 975	1 079

NA: Not available.