

**Selected statistics for the information and communications, financing and insurance,
professional and business services sectors in 2024**

HK\$ million (unless otherwise specified)

Industry grouping	Number of companies	Number of persons engaged	Compensation of employees	Operating ⁽¹⁾ expenses	Cost of ⁽²⁾ goods sold	Total receipts	Gross surplus	Industry value added
Information and communications	11 510 (+2.1)	101 953 (-0.5)	50,257 (+2.8)	129,407 (+3.8)	20,656 (+18.2)	259,145 (+2.8)	58,825 (-3.7)	103,964 (+1.8)
Financing and insurance activities								
Banking	203 (-3.3)	98 452 (+0.1)	111,036 (+1.7)	160,458 (+10.2)	N.A. (N.A.)	611,657 (+5.1)	@ (N.A.)	@ (N.A.)
Financing (except banking)	10 025 (+3.4)	96 356 (-1.1)	121,512 (+2.6)	235,749 (+10.2)	N.A. (N.A.)	732,894 (+4.8)	375,633 (+2.4)	122,750 [@] (+13.3)
Insurance	2 708 (-3.5)	82 972 (-2.5)	37,435 (+8.6)	36,146 (+17.6)	N.A. (N.A.)	728,609 (+7.4)	@ (N.A.)	@ (N.A.)
Professional, scientific and technical activities	28 386 (+1.3)	153 639 (+0.7)	69,944 (+0.4)	63,762 (+6.0)	1,397 (-8.7)	163,464 (+2.1)	28,362 (-1.3)	87,917 (-1.9)
Administrative and support service activities	11 511 (+1.2)	236 210 (+0.7)	56,166 (+5.7)	67,507 (+20.6)	951 (+6.4)	136,851 (+13.9)	12,227 (+20.4)	64,472 (+6.9)

Notes: Figures in brackets represent percentage changes in 2024 compared with 2023.

Percentage changes are derived from unrounded figures.

N.A. Not applicable

(1) Operating expenses do not include provision, gain/loss on disposal of fixed assets, bad debts, penalty, write-off, donations to charities, insurance excesses as well as depreciation, amortisation and taxation payments.

(2) Cost of goods sold is obtained by deducting changes in stocks from the value of purchases of goods for sale.

@ Owing to the special features of business operations for the banking industry and the insurance industry, gross surplus and industry value added statistics are not compiled for these industries. Statistics on value added in respect of these two industries compiled under the framework of Gross Domestic Product are released by the Census and Statistics Department separately. Similarly, within the financing (except banking) industry, industry value added is not compiled for investment and holding companies. Hence, the figure of industry value added for this industry does not cover investment and holding companies.