5. BUSINESS AND REAL-ESTATE REGISTERS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Business Register**

There were 4,960 registered establishments in all Lebanese Business Registers. The peak was registered in Mount-Lebanon Register and also in May (10.8%). While in other regional Business Registers, the statistics were as follows: Beirut (26.4%), North Lebanon (12.1%), South Lebanon (6.6%), Beqaa (5.7%) and Nabatieh (3.2%).

As for the distribution of establishments due to legal form, individual enterprise is the peak (41.5%) followed by Limited Liability Company (30.6%).

As for the distribution of establishments by activity, the peaks were registered as follows: other retail trades in a specialized store (17.2%), miscellaneous activities (17.1%), financial intermediation and insurance (13.7%) and trade and auto repair (9.1%).

**Kafalat**

Kafalat offered 868 guarantees to entrepreneurs in 2007 distributed among three programs:
- Basic Program: 676 guarantees with Agriculture sector as a peak (46.6%).
- Plus Program: 187 guarantees with Industry sector as a peak (74.9%).
- Innovation Program: 5 guarantees with Specialized Techniques as a Peak (100%).

**Construction permits**

9,476 permits given by the Orders of Engineers of Beirut and Tripoli allowed the exploitation of 9,044,000 square meters in Lebanon in 2007. 98.5% of permits given by the Order of Engineers of Beirut allowed the exploitation of 87.6% of the exploited square meters in Lebanon.

As for the transactions in Lebanon, the peak was registered in Mount-Lebanon (55.1%) and also in October (9.6%). As for exploited areas in square meters, the peak was registered in Mount-Lebanon (48.1%) and also in December (12.1%).
Real-Estate Register

Total real-estate transactions were 227,084 in 2007 which peak was registered in Baabda Chouf Aley register (23.4%) and also in October (10.4%). Total transactions and contracts were 127,324 which peak was also registered in Baabda Chouf Aley Register (27.1%) and also in December (11.9%). As for total taxes they were equal to 403,362 million LBP which peak was registered in Beirut (38.5%) and also in November (15.4%).

As for the transactions, they were distributed among sales, donations and successions, mortgages, levied mortgages, seizes and levied seizes.

### Business Register transactions number and values

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<tr>
<th>Transaction</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Peak Register</th>
<th>Peak Month</th>
<th>Value (millions LBP)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sales, donations and successions</td>
<td>77,090</td>
<td>Baabda Aley Chouf</td>
<td>December</td>
<td>6,293,560</td>
<td>Beirut</td>
<td>October</td>
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<td>Mortgages</td>
<td>9,473</td>
<td>Baabda Aley Chouf</td>
<td>November</td>
<td>1,738,194</td>
<td>Baabda Aley Chouf</td>
<td>May</td>
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<td>Levied mortgages</td>
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<td>March</td>
<td>1,333,982</td>
<td>Beirut</td>
<td>February</td>
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<td>Seizes</td>
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<td>Baabda Aley Chouf</td>
<td>March</td>
<td>20.8%</td>
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<td>Bekaa</td>
<td>April and November</td>
<td>57.1%</td>
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Table made by CAS based on Real-Estate Register (2007) data

Real-estate Court

Real-estate court has also transactions in number and in value. Its total transactions were equal to 37,773 which peak was registered for real-estate (52.1%) and also in February (22.6%). As for the value in million LBP, it was equal to 42,792 which peak was registered for sales, donations and successions (82.9%) and also in June (20.2%).

Data Sources:
- Orders of Engineers in Beirut (2007).
- Order of Engineers in Tripoli (2007).