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What Kind of Businesses Do Immigrants Own? Detail by Country of Birth



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Immigrant Small Business Owners: Data on Immigrant and U.S.-born Latino Business Owners

The Fiscal Policy Institute’s report, *Immigrant Small Business Owners*, discusses the large and growing number of immigrant small business owners in the United States.

This supplemental data release shows detail about immigrant small business owners by country of birth, for the 10 countries of origin with the largest numbers of small business owners.

For each country of birth, the data shows first a “top ten” list representing the main types of small business owned by immigrants from that country. Following these is a table showing the sectors in which these businesses are located. Finally, a series of charts are set up at the end to show the sectors of small businesses owned

by each group of immigrants. These are set up so that if readers scroll through them in “full screen mode” they illustrate the differences among immigrant groups.

Throughout, “immigrant” refers to people born in another country living in the United States, irrespective of legal status. “Small business owners” are people who own an incorporated business, and whose main job is to run that business.

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Top 10 countries of birth for immigrant business owners 2010 ACS

	Number of immigrant business owners	Share of immigrant business owners	Share of immigrant labor force
Mexico	105,247	12%	31%
India	62,526	7%	4%
Korea	56,073	6%	2%
Cuba	35,769	4%	2%
China	34,181	4%	3%
Vietnam	31,283	4%	3%
Canada	27,648	3%	2%
Iran	25,289	3%	1%
Philippines	19,788	2%	5%
Poland	17,448	2%	1%
All other countries	450,539	52%	45%
Total	865,791	100%	100%

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of American Community Survey 2010 five-year estimate. Business owners are people who own an incorporated business, and whose main job is to run that business.

Mexico

Top 10 businesses owned by Mexican-born business owners	Number of Mexican-born small business owners
1 Restaurants	8,986
2 Landscaping services	8,911
3 Building services	5,158
4 Truck transportation	4,694
5 Automotive repair and maintenance	3,394
6 Child day care services	3,215
7 Real estate	2,354
8 Grocery stores	2,292
9 Beauty salons	1,510
10 Crop production	1,449
All other	63,281
Total	105,244

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate. Construction is not included because the Census does not show detailed industry for construction; see the broad industry tables for construction businesses.

Mexico	Number of Mexican-born small business owners
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	2,553
Crop production	1,449
Mining	n/a
Construction	27,770
Manufacturing	4,852
Retail bakeries	736
Wholesale trade	3,755
Groceries merchant wholesalers	1,185
Retail trade	11,464
Grocery stores	2,292
Automobile dealers	1,014
Furniture and home furnishings stores	808
Specialty food stores	634
Clothing stores	501
Transportation and Warehousing	6,523
Truck transportation	4,694
Services incidental to transportation	784
Information and communications	509
Finance, insurance, and real estate	4,477
Real estate	2,354
Insurance carriers and related activities	861
Non-depository credit and related activities	635
Professional and business services	19,283
Landscaping services	8,911
Building services	5,158
Accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping, and payroll services	690
Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	605
Legal services	567
Educational, health and social services	5,989
Child day care services	3,215
Physicians in private practice	792
Dentists in private practice	490
Leisure and hospitality	10,460
Restaurants	8,986
Independent artists, performing arts, spectator sports, and related industries	924
Other services	7,437
Automotive repair and maintenance	3,394
Beauty salons	1,510
Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment repair and maintenance	582
Total	105,244

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate.

India

Top 10 businesses owned by Indian-born business owners	Number of Indian-born small business owners
1 Physicians in private practice	8,959
2 Computer systems design	5,453
3 Grocery stores	5,284
4 Hotels and motels	4,644
5 Restaurants	3,987
6 Gasoline stations	3,789
7 Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	2,268
8 Real estate	1,308
9 Beer, wine, and liquor stores	1,104
10 Architectural or engineering firms	1,044
All other	24,692
Total	62,532

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate. Construction is not included because the Census does not show detailed industry for construction; see the broad industry tables for construction businesses.

India

Number of Indian-
born small business
owners

Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	n/a
Mining	n/a
Construction	1,741
Manufacturing	1,724
Wholesale trade	2,765
Apparel, fabrics, and notions, merchant wholesalers	589
Retail Trade	15,528
Grocery stores	5,284
Gasoline stations	3,789
Beer, wine, and liquor stores	1,104
Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores	582
Pharmacies and drug stores	567
Transportation and warehousing	2,116
Truck transportation	1,034
Taxi and limousine service	849
Information and communications	n/a
Finance, insurance, and real estate	2,661
Real estate	1,308
Securities, commodities, funds, trusts, and other financial investments	620
Professional and business services	11,886
Computer systems design	5,453
Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	2,268
Architectural or engineering firms	1,044
Accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping, and payroll services	910
Educational, health and social services	13,166
Physicians in private practice	8,959
Dentists in private practice	987
Hospitals	976
Outpatient care centers	522
Leisure and hospitality	8,943
Hotels and motels	4,644
Restaurants	3,987
Other services	1,525
Dry cleaning and laundry services	602
Automotive repair and maintenance	531
Total	62,532

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate. Hospitals includes general, psychiatric, substance abuse, and specialty hospitals.

Korea

Top 10 businesses owned by Korean-born business owners	Number of Korean-born small business owners
1 Restaurants	7,409
2 Dry cleaning and laundry services	5,995
3 Grocery stores	2,941
4 Clothing stores	1,707
5 Nail salons	1,551
6 Beer, wine, and liquor stores	1,432
7 Health and personal care, except drug stores	1,431
8 Real estate	1,278
9 Beauty salons	1,137
10 Building services	1,114
All other	30,082
Total	56,077

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Korea

Number of Korean-born small business owners

Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	n/a
Mining	n/a
Construction	2,503
Manufacturing	2,971
Medical equipment and supplies manufacturing	741
Cut and sew apparel manufacturing	659
Wholesale trade	4,317
Apparel, fabrics, and notions, merchant wholesalers	903
Retail trade	14,295
Grocery stores	2,941
Clothing stores	1,707
Beer, wine, and liquor stores	1,432
Health and personal care, except drug stores	1,431
Gasoline stations	997
Specialty food stores	931
Radio, TV, and computer stores	528
Transportation and warehousing	770
Information and communications	n/a
Finance, insurance, and real estate	2,650
Real estate	1,278
Securities, commodities, funds, trusts, and other financial investments	693
Professional and business services	5,318
Building services	1,114
Computer systems design	730
Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	544
Educational, health and social services	4,397
Dentists in private practice	1,000
Physicians in private practice	926
Leisure and hospitality	8,510
Restaurants and other food services	7,409
Other services	9,963
Dry cleaning and laundry services	5,995
Nail salons	1,551
Beauty salons	1,137
Personal and household goods repair and maintenance	517
Total	56,077

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate.

Cuba

Top 10 businesses owned by Cuban-born business owners	Number of Cuban-born small business owners
1 Real estate	1,863
2 Truck transportation	1,759
3 Automotive repair and maintenance	1,383
4 Physicians in private practice	1,180
5 Landscaping services	1,004
6 Building services	902
7 Restaurants	757
8 Accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping, and payroll services	754
9 Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	713
10 Beauty salons	661
All other	30,082
Total	35,769

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Cuba	Number of Cuban-born small business owners
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	n/a
Mining	n/a
Construction	6,797
Manufacturing	1,593
Wholesale trade	2,014
Retail trade	4,097
Automobile dealers	539
Transportation and warehousing	2,794
Truck transportation	1,759
Information and communications	n/a
Finance, insurance, and real estate	3,409
Real estate	1,863
Insurance carriers and related activities	627
Professional and business services	6,615
Landscaping services	1,004
Building services	902
Accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping, and payroll services	754
Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	713
Architectural or engineering firms	524
Educational, health and social services	3,870
Physicians in private practice	1,180
Leisure and hospitality	1,171
Restaurants	757
Other services	3,054
Automotive repair and maintenance	1,383
Beauty salons	661
Total	35,769

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate.

China

Top 9 businesses owned by Chinese-born business owners	Number of Chinese-born small business owners
1 Restaurants	10,861
2 Real estate	1,274
3 Computer systems design	969
4 Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	922
5 Physicians in private practice	732
6 Securities, commodities, funds, trusts, and other financial investments	605
7 Grocery stores	584
8 Offices of other health practitioners	514
9 Architectural or engineering firms	502
All other	17,221
Total	34,184

Top 9 given instead of top 10 because numbers below 500 lack statistical significance.

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China	Number of Chinese-born small business owners
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	n/a
Mining	n/a
Construction	1,994
Manufacturing	1,599
Wholesale trade	3,427
Retail trade	3,699
Grocery stores	584
Transportation and warehousing	945
Information and communications	n/a
Finance, insurance, and real estate	2,419
Real estate	1,274
Securities, commodities, funds, trusts, and other financial investments	605
Professional and business services	4,495
Computer systems design	969
Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	922
Architectural or engineering firms	502
Educational, health and social services	2,708
Physicians in private practice	732
Offices of other health practitioners	514
Leisure and hospitality	11,281
Restaurants and other food services	10,861
Other services	1,414
Total	34,184

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate.

Vietnam

	Number of Vietnamese-born small business owners
Top 10 businesses owned by Vietnamese-born business owners	
1 Nail salons	5,493
2 Restaurants	2,979
3 Beauty salons	2,092
4 Dentists in private practice	1,401
5 Real estate	1,153
6 Grocery stores	977
7 Physicians in private practice	851
8 Automotive repair and maintenance	607
9 Computer systems design	549
10 Dry cleaning and laundry services	510
Total	31,287

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Vietnam	Number of Vietnamese-born small business owners
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	578
Mining	n/a
Construction	1,631
Manufacturing	1,440
Retail trade	4,747
Grocery stores	977
Transportation and warehousing	n/a
Information and communications	n/a
Finance, insurance, and real estate	1,876
Real estate	1,153
Professional and business services	2,648
Computer systems design	549
Educational, health and social services	3,763
Dentists in private practice	1,401
Physicians in private practice	851
Leisure and hospitality	3,349
Restaurants	2,979
Other services	9,584
Nail salons	5,493
Beauty salons	2,092
Automotive repair and maintenance	607
Dry cleaning and laundry services	510
Total	31,287

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate.

Canada

Top 10 businesses owned by Canadian-born business owners	Number of Canadian-born small business owners
1 Real estate	2,128
2 Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	1,825
3 Physicians in private practice	1,456
4 Computer systems design	920
5 Restaurants	911
6 Independent artists, performing arts, spectator sports, and related industries	704
7 Legal services	670
8 Architectural or engineering firms	651
9 Chiropractors in private practice	569
10 Offices of other health practitioners	545
All other	17,269
Total	27,648

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate. Construction is not included because the Census does not show detailed industry for construction; see the broad industry tables for construction businesses.

Canada	Number of Canadian-born small business owners
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	n/a
Mining	n/a
Construction	3,521
Manufacturing	1,594
Wholesale trade	1,294
Retail trade	2,085
Transportation and warehousing	552
Information and communications	n/a
Finance, insurance, and real estate	3,381
Real estate	2,128
Professional and business services	6,748
Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	1,825
Computer systems design	920
Legal services	670
Architectural or engineering firms	651
Educational, health and social services	4,346
Physicians in private practice	1,456
Chiropractors in private practice	569
Offices of other health practitioners	545
Leisure and hospitality	2,172
Restaurants	911
Independent artists, performing arts, spectator sports, and related industries	704
Other services	1,058
Total	27,648

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate.

Iran

Top 9 businesses owned by Iranian-born business owners	Number of Iranian-born small business owners
1 Dentists in private practice	1,786
2 Restaurants	1,766
3 Real estate	1,651
4 Physicians in private practice	1,560
5 Architectural or engineering firms	965
6 Automobile dealers	895
7 Gasoline stations	864
8 Legal services	671
9 Furniture and home furnishings stores	558
All other	14,567
Total	25,283

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Iran

Number of Iranian-
born small business
owners

Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	n/a
Mining	n/a
Construction	2,454
Manufacturing	1,548
Wholesale trade	1,886
Retail trade	4,618
Automobile dealers	895
Gasoline stations	864
Furniture and home furnishings stores	558
Transportation and warehousing	941
Information and communications	n/a
Finance, insurance, and real estate	2,438
Real estate	1,651
Professional and business services	3,207
Architectural or engineering firms	965
Legal services	671
Educational, health and social services	4,588
Dentists in private practice	1,786
Physicians in private practice	1,560
Leisure and hospitality	2,045
Restaurants	1,766
Other services	1,301
Total	25,283

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate.

Philippines

Top 7 businesses owned by Filipino-born business owners	Number of Filipino-born small business owners
1 Physicians in private practice	2,589
2 Real estate	1,175
3 Restaurants	979
4 Offices of dentists	800
5 Residential care facilities, without nursing	653
6 Home health care services	641
7 Employment services	591
All other	12,358
Total	19,786

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Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate. Construction is not included because the Census does not show detailed industry for construction; see the broad industry tables for construction businesses.

Philippines

Number of Filipino-born small business owners

Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	n/a
Mining	n/a
Construction	910
Manufacturing	663
Wholesale trade	521
Retail trade	1,848
Transportation and warehousing	507
Information and communications	n/a
Finance, insurance, and real estate	2,008
Real estate	1,175
Professional and business services	3,232
Employment services	591
Educational, health and social services	7,191
Physicians in private practice	2,589
Dentists in private practice	800
Residential care facilities, without nursing	653
Home health care services	641
Leisure and hospitality	1,576
Restaurants	979
Other services	1,073
Total	19,786

Source: Fiscal Policy Institute analysis of 2010 ACS 5-year estimate.

Poland

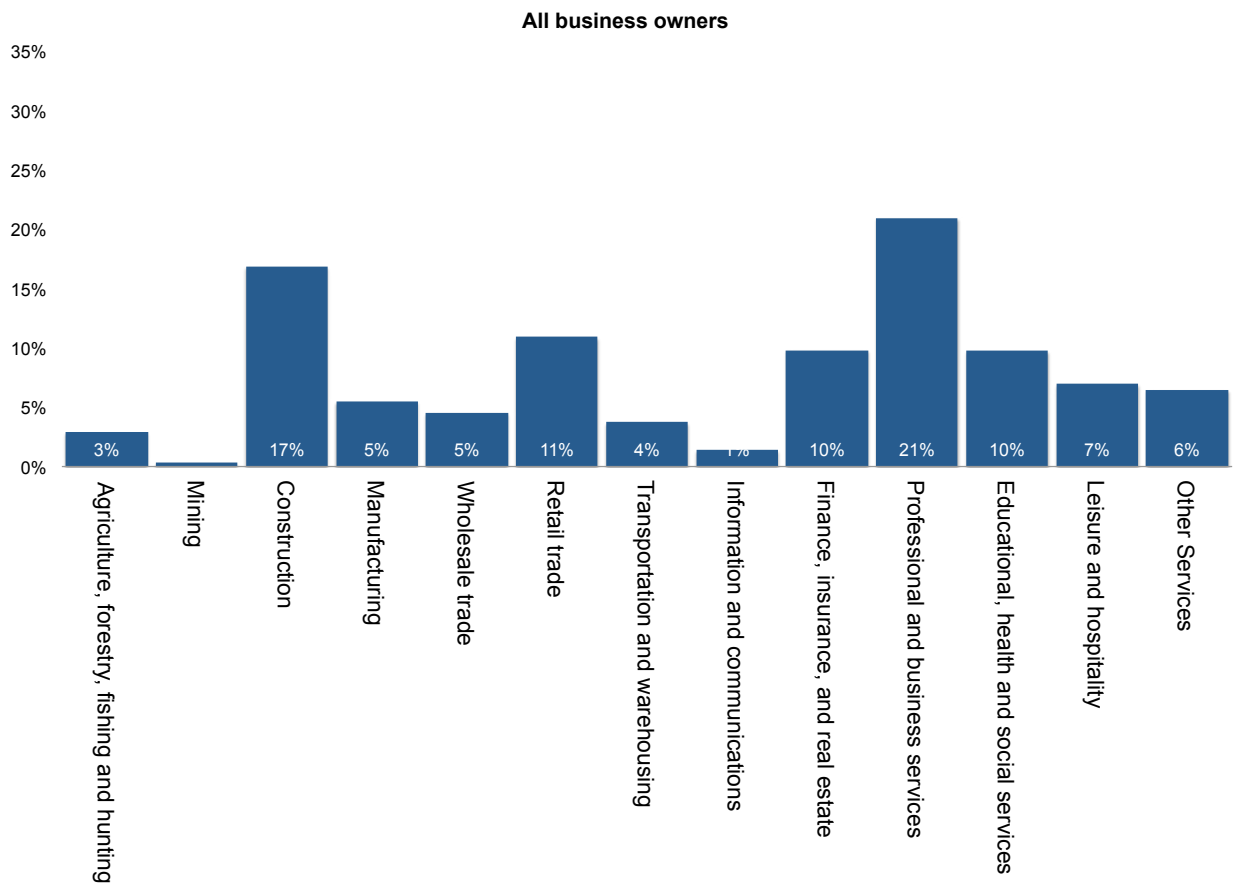
Top 5 businesses owned by Polish-born business owners	Number of Polish-born small business owners
1 Truck transportation	879
2 Real estate	732
3 Building services	620
4 Physicians in private practice	557
5 Automotive repair and maintenance	501
All other	14,162
Total	17,451

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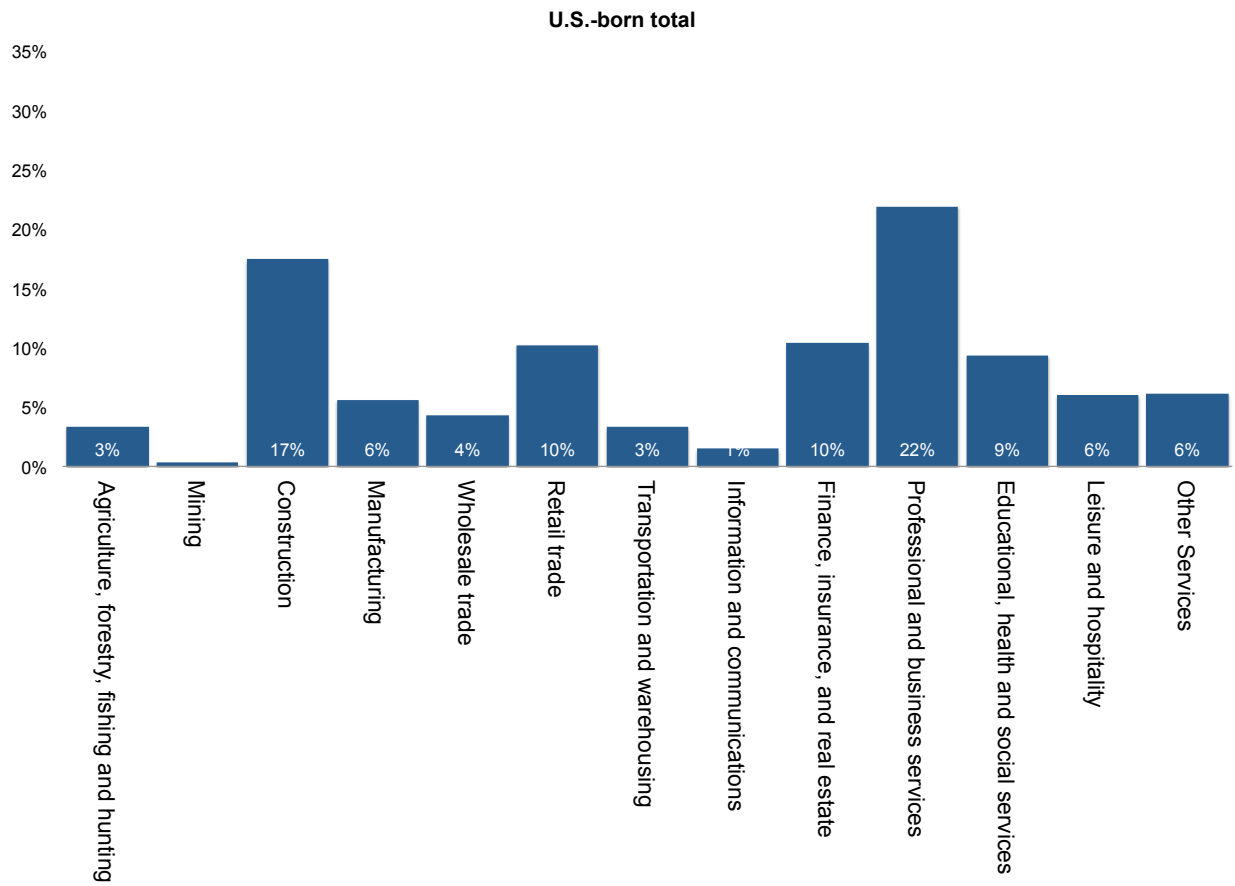
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Poland	Number of Polish-born small business owners
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	n/a
Mining	n/a
Construction	6,106
Manufacturing	1,334
Wholesale trade	n/a
Retail trade	1,205
Transportation and warehousing	1,402
Truck transportation	879
Information and communications	n/a
Finance, insurance, and real estate	1,145
Real estate	732
Professional and business services	2,276
Building services	620
Educational, health and social services	1,249
Physicians in private practice	557
Leisure and hospitality	900
Other services	1,251
Automotive repair and maintenance	501
Total	17,451

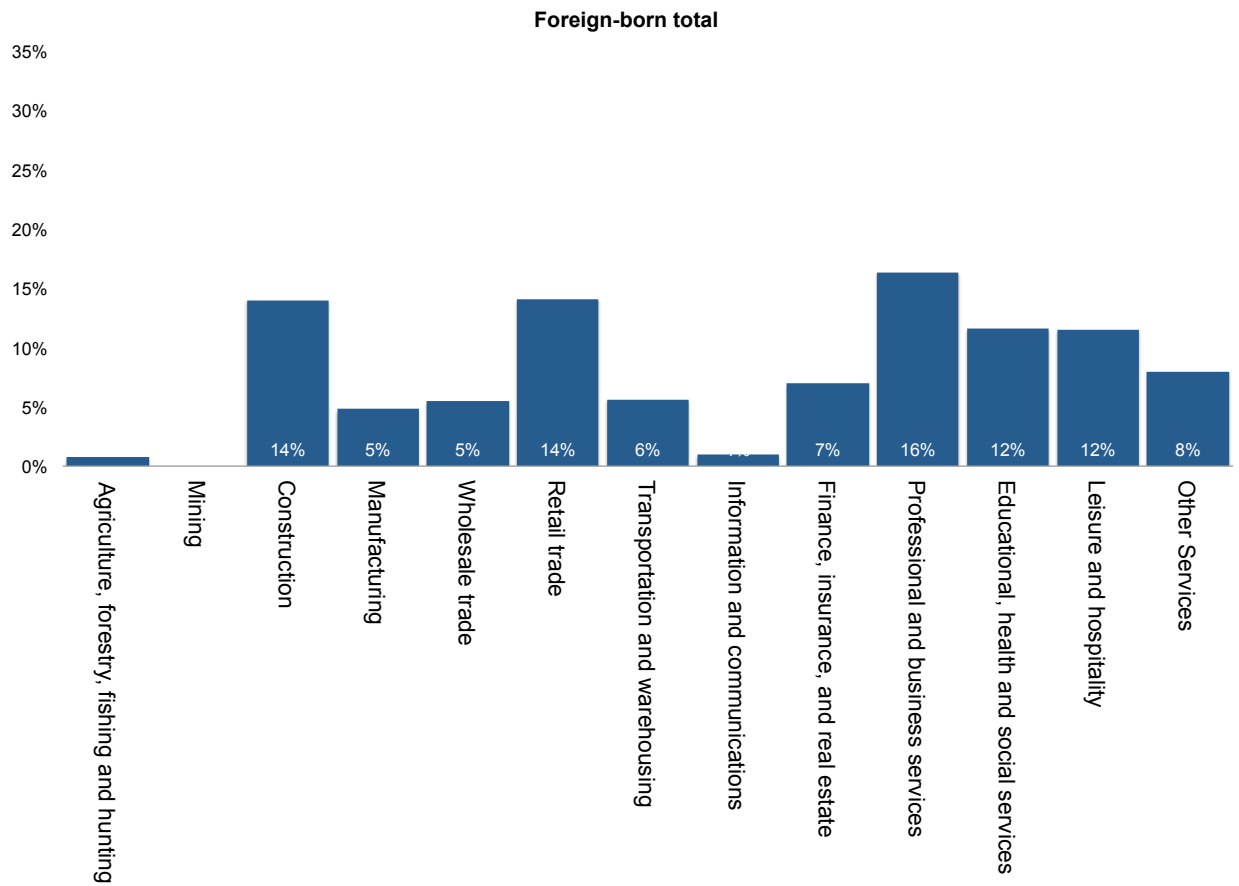
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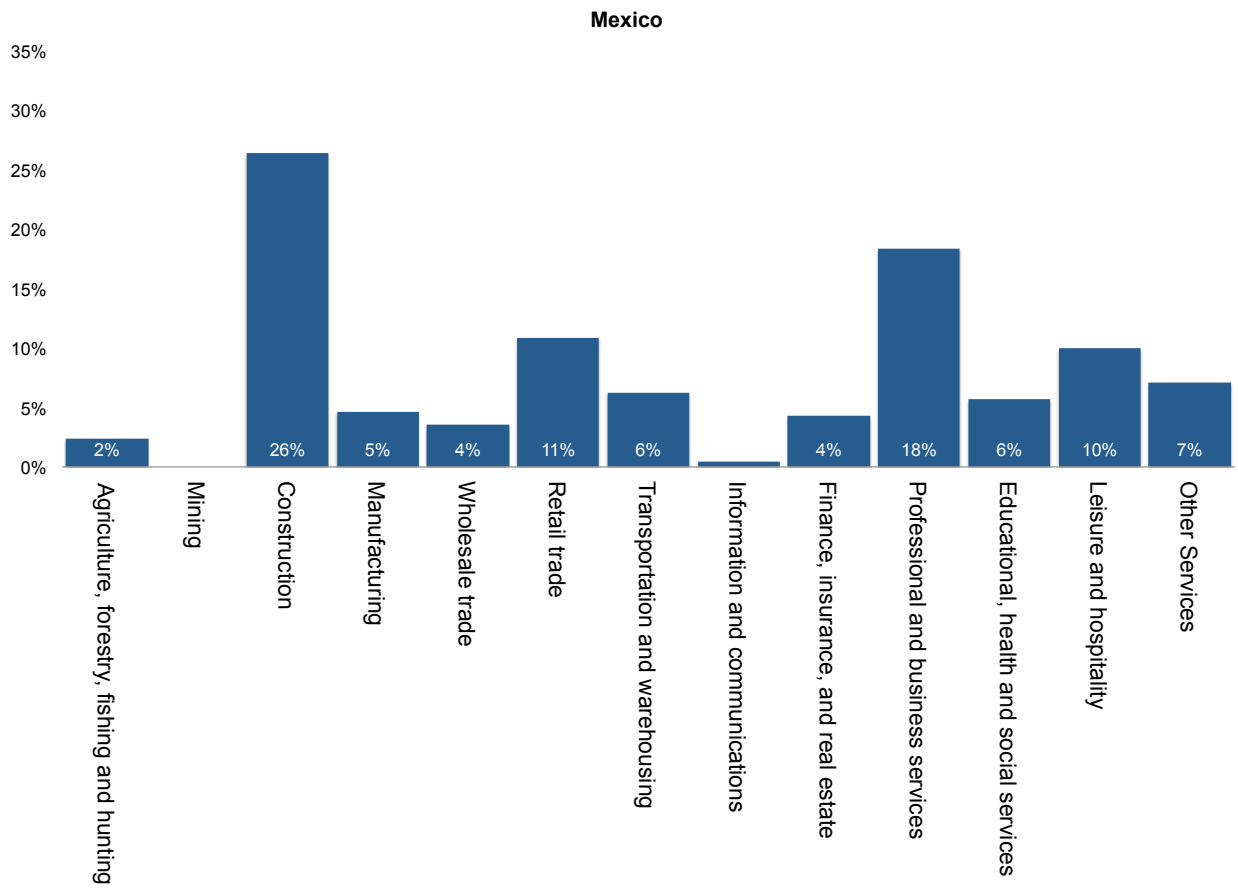
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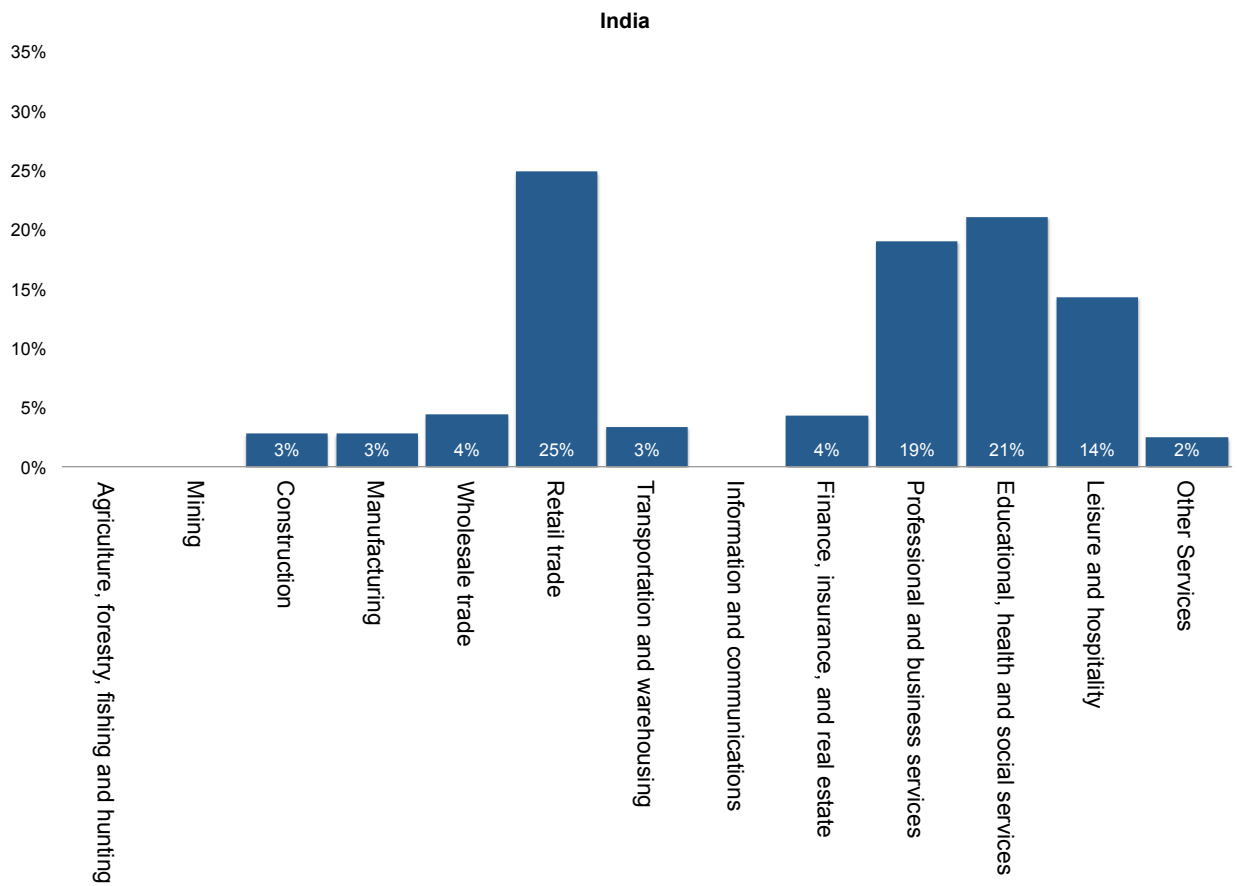
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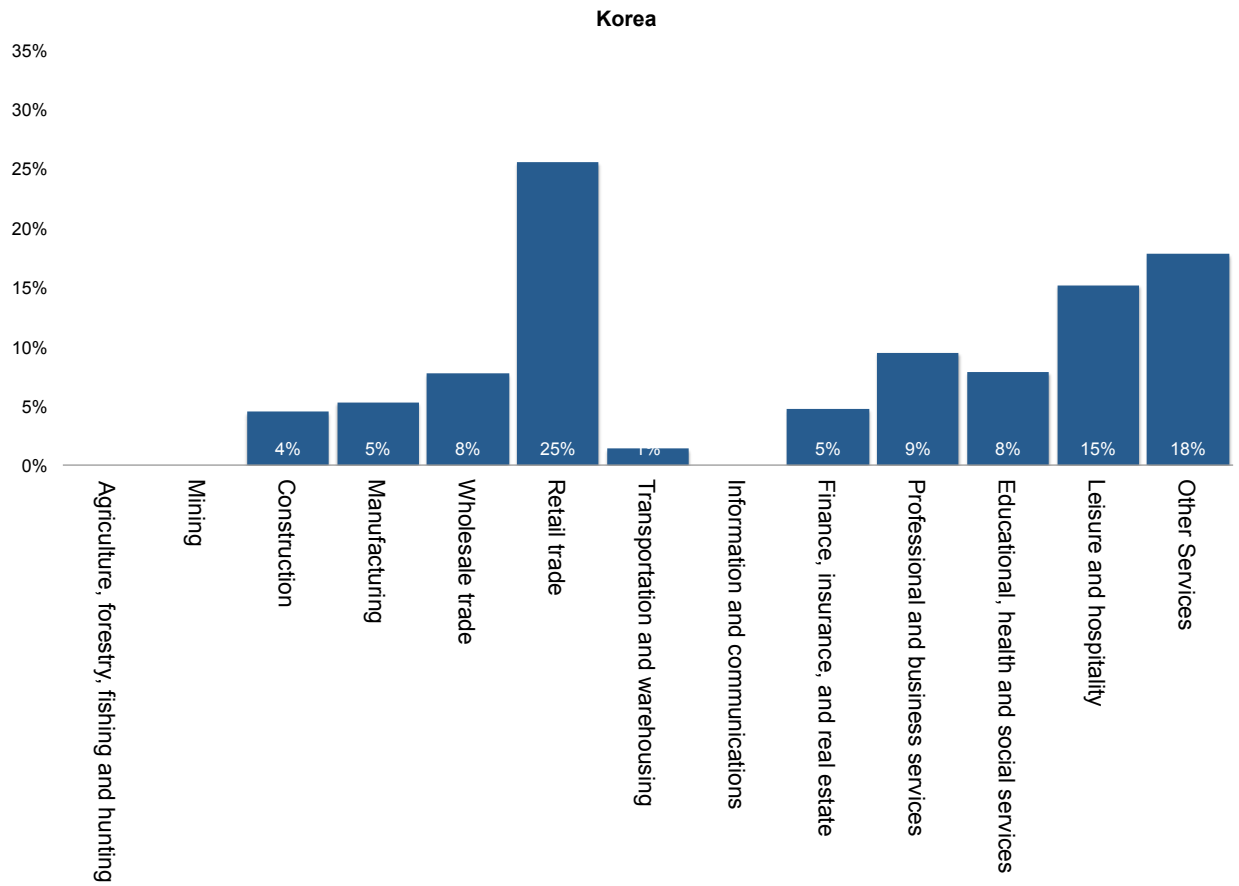
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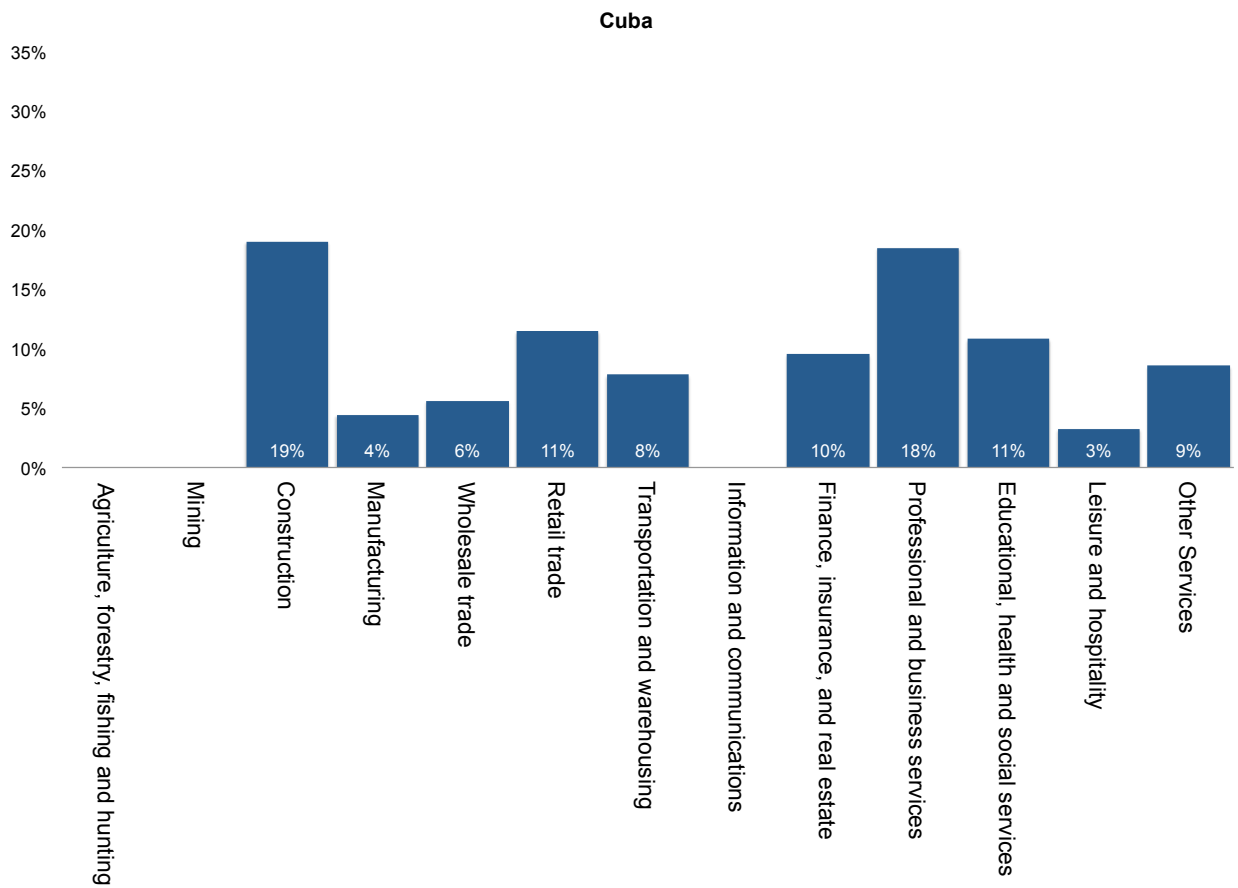
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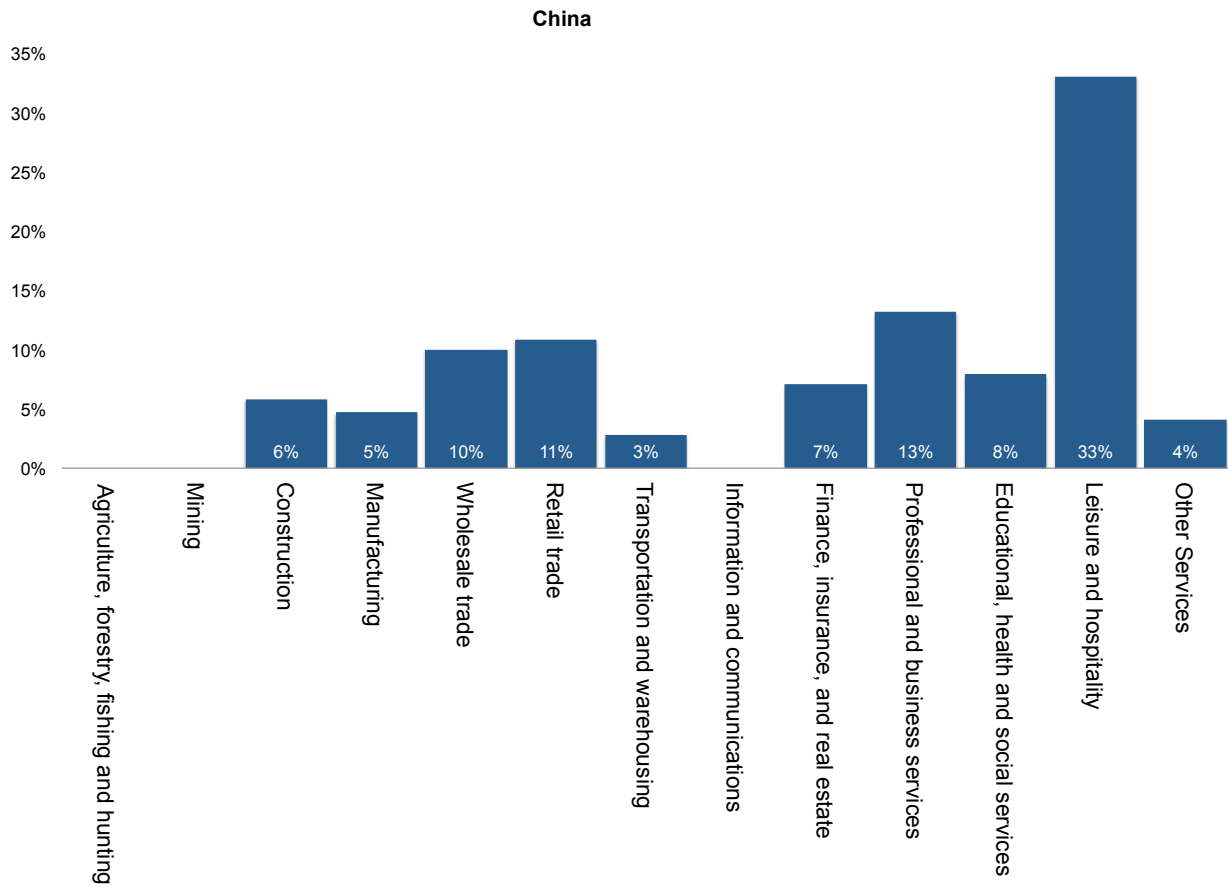
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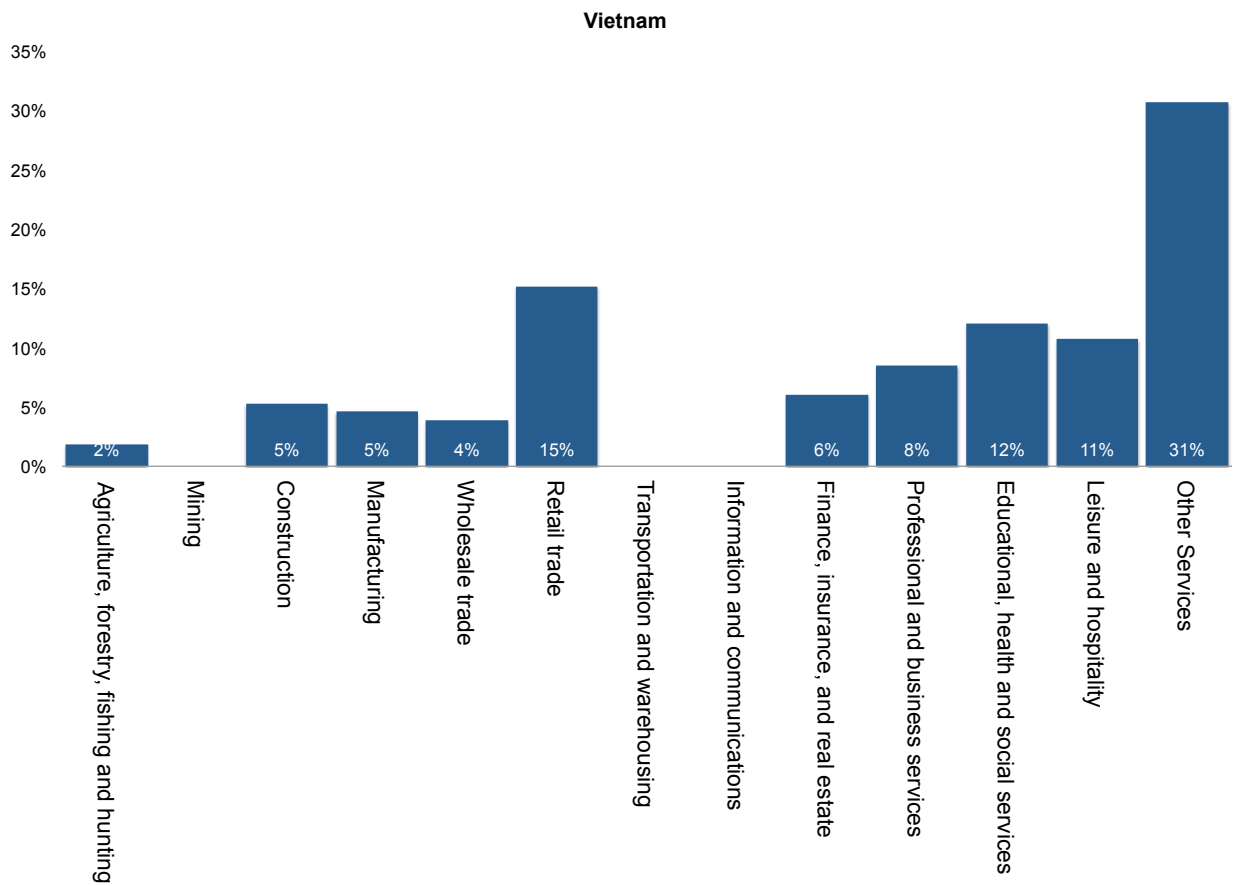
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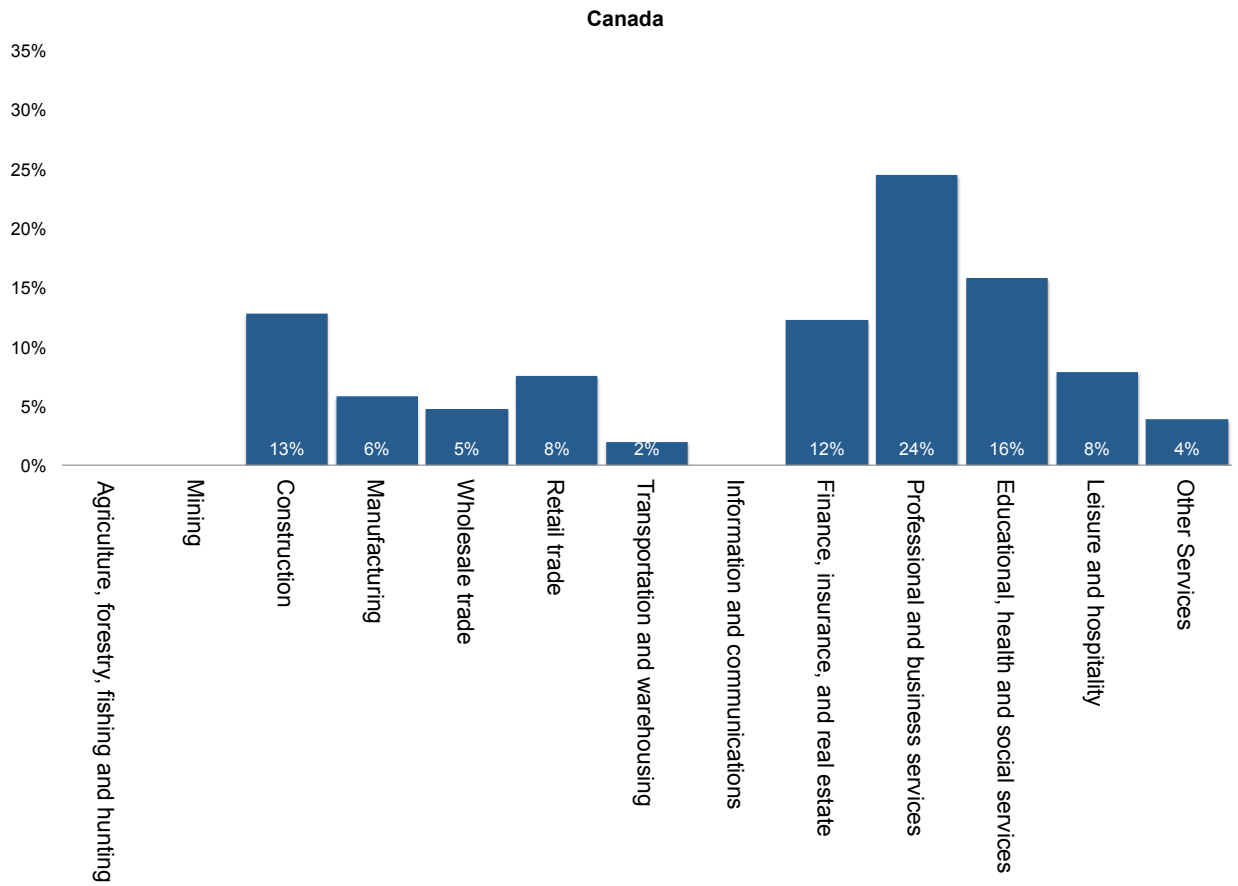
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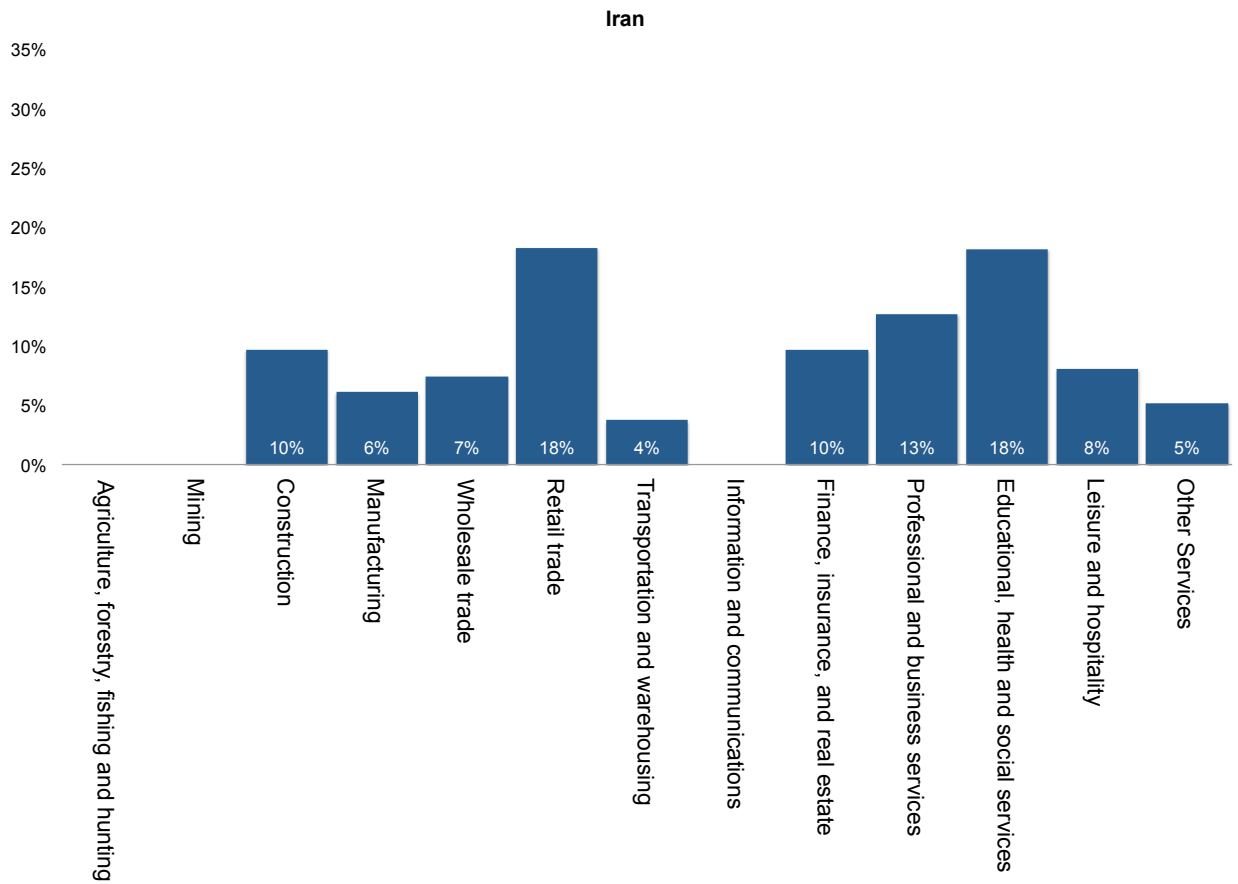
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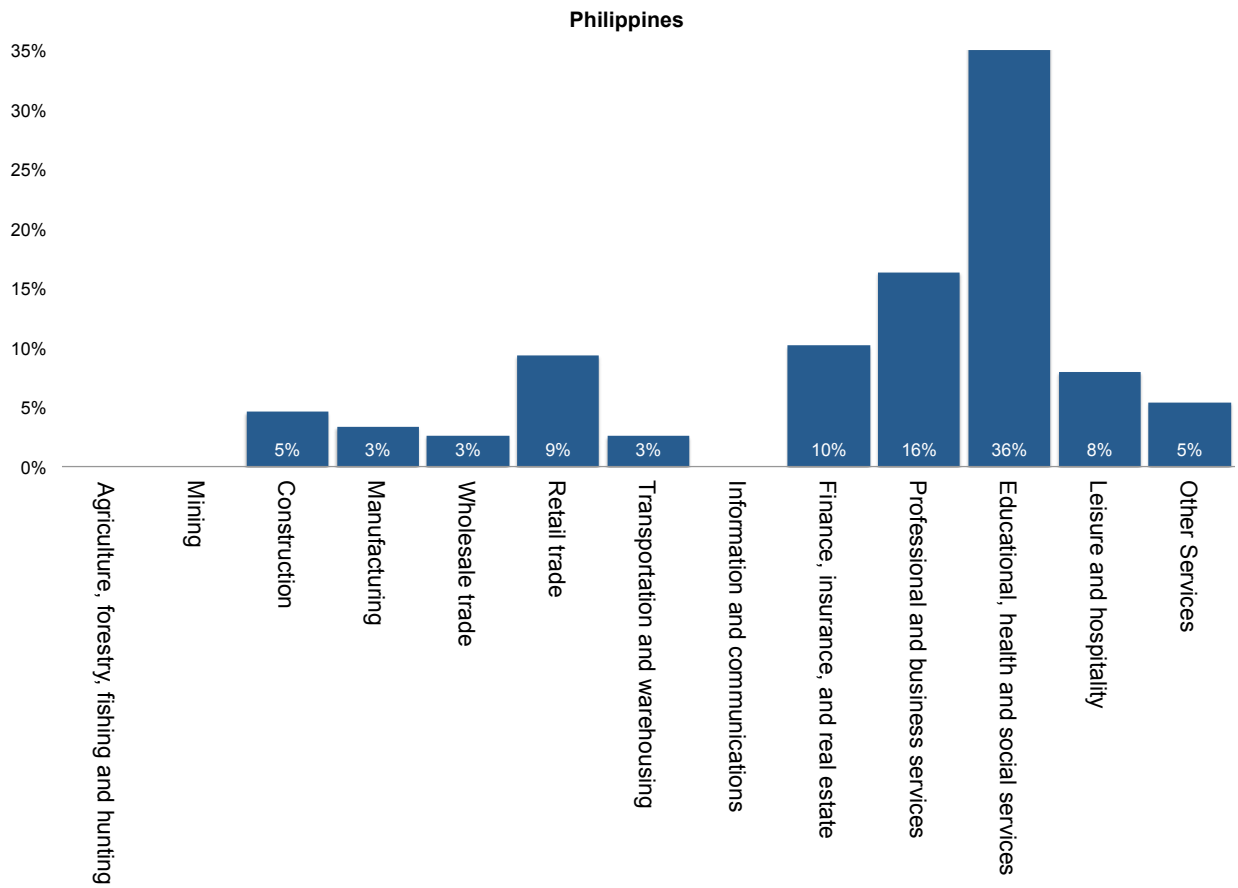


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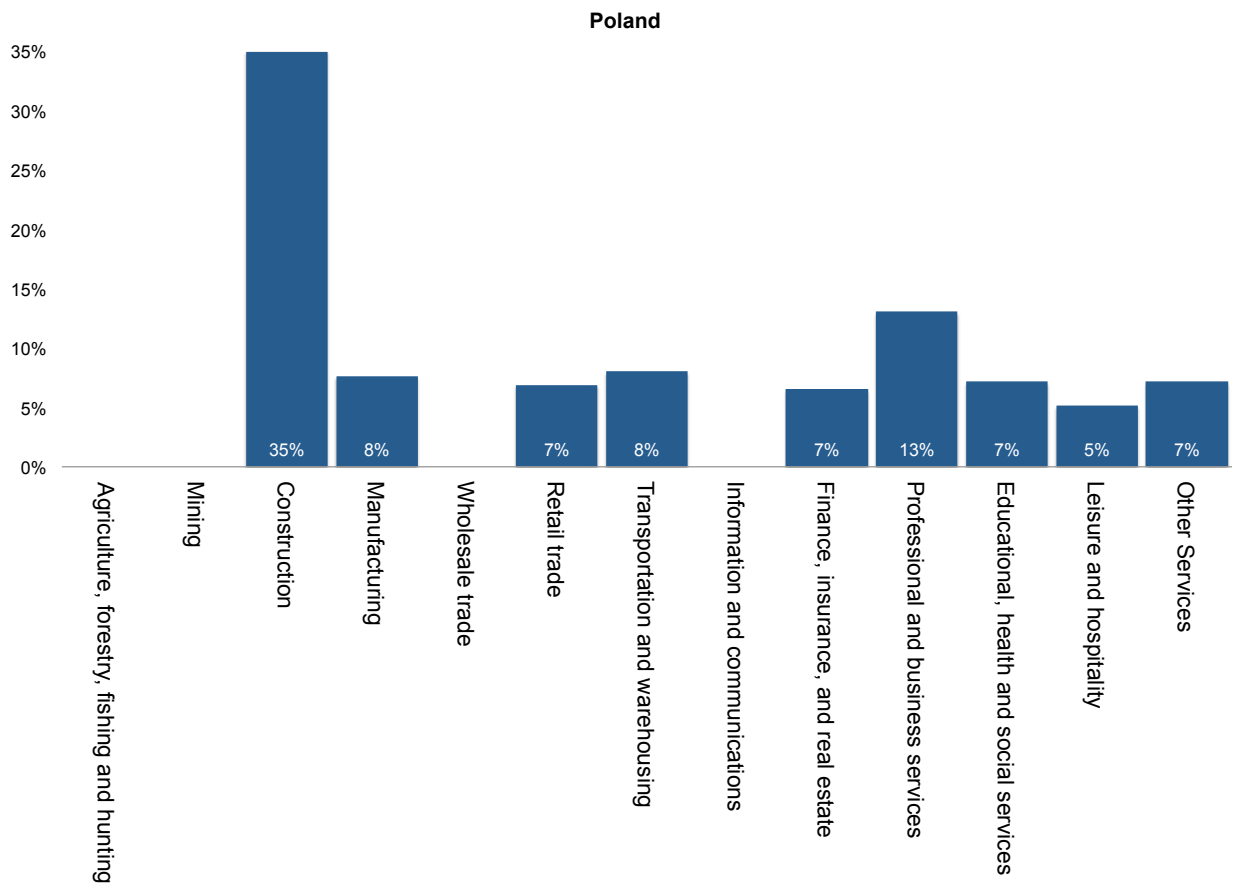


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