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**Comparing enterprise creation across countries: some reflections**

*Abstract*

In recent years, a research stream on business dynamics has associated declines in long term start-up rates with declining productivity trends observed in a majority of OECD countries. However, in many countries declining start-up rates have not been mirrored in declining levels of start-ups per se. This short note compares the two phenomena across countries to highlight the importance of looking at both levels and rates in assessing overall business dynamism.

*Key words: Business demographics, enterprise birth rates and levels, data dissemination, international comparability.*