




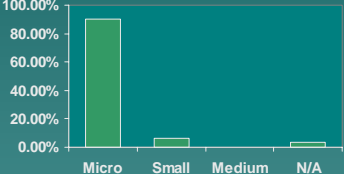
# The Integrated SME Support Programme (Technology and SMEs) Lebanon





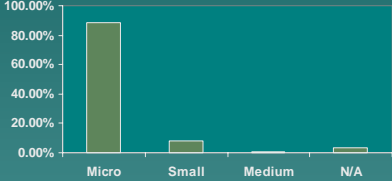
## SME's in Lebanon: the extent of the phenomenon

Distribution of enterprises by size (2004 census)






Size	Percentage
Micro	90.00%
Small	5.00%
Medium	2.00%
N/A	3.00%

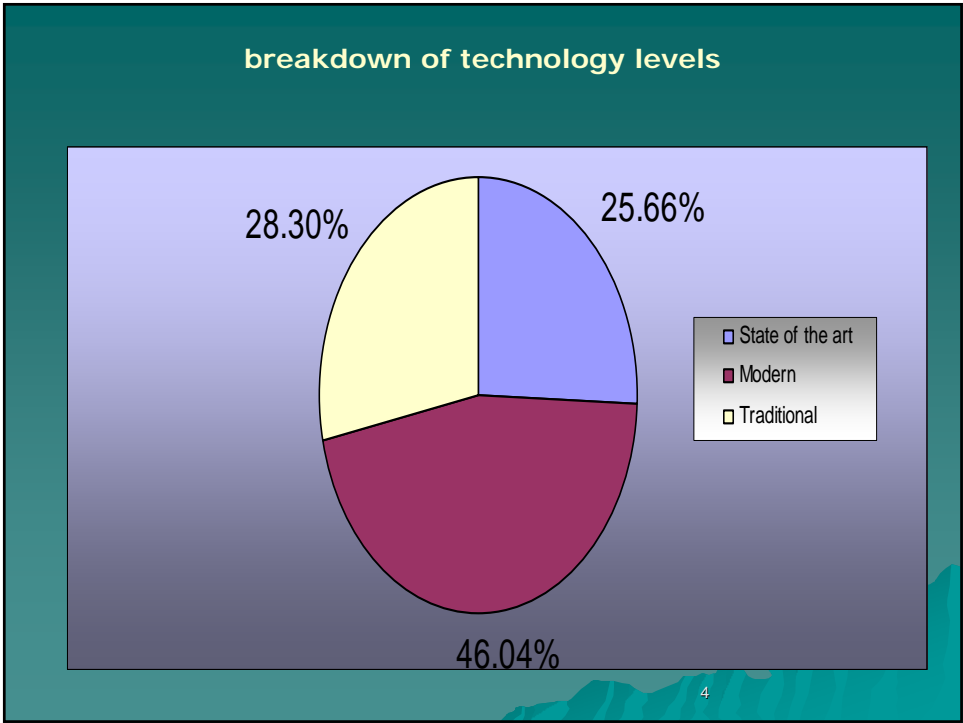
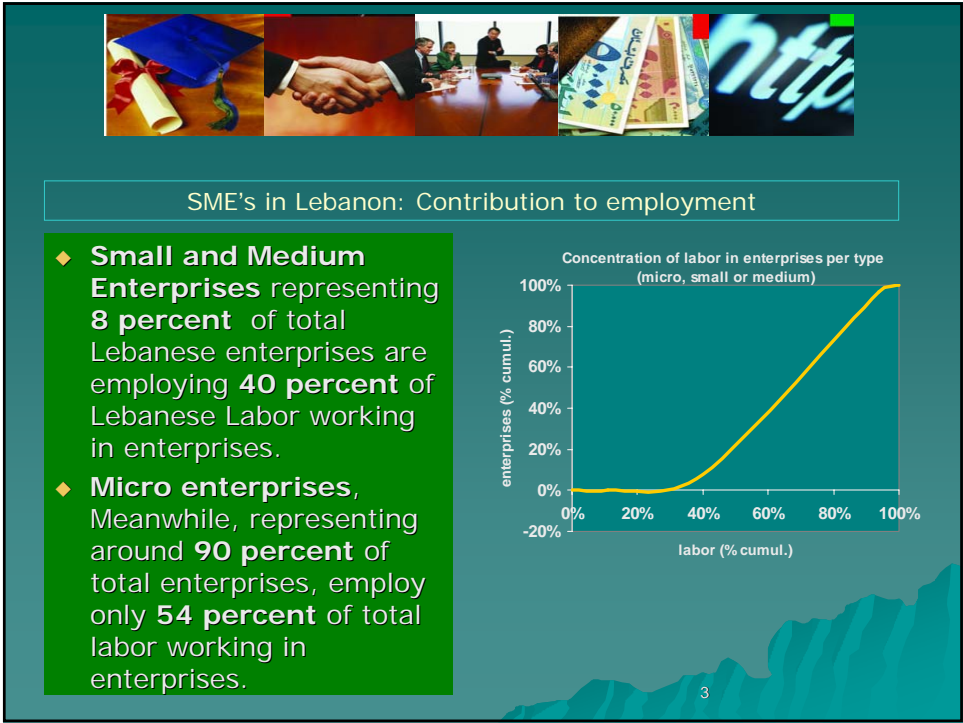
Distribution of enterprises (1996 census)

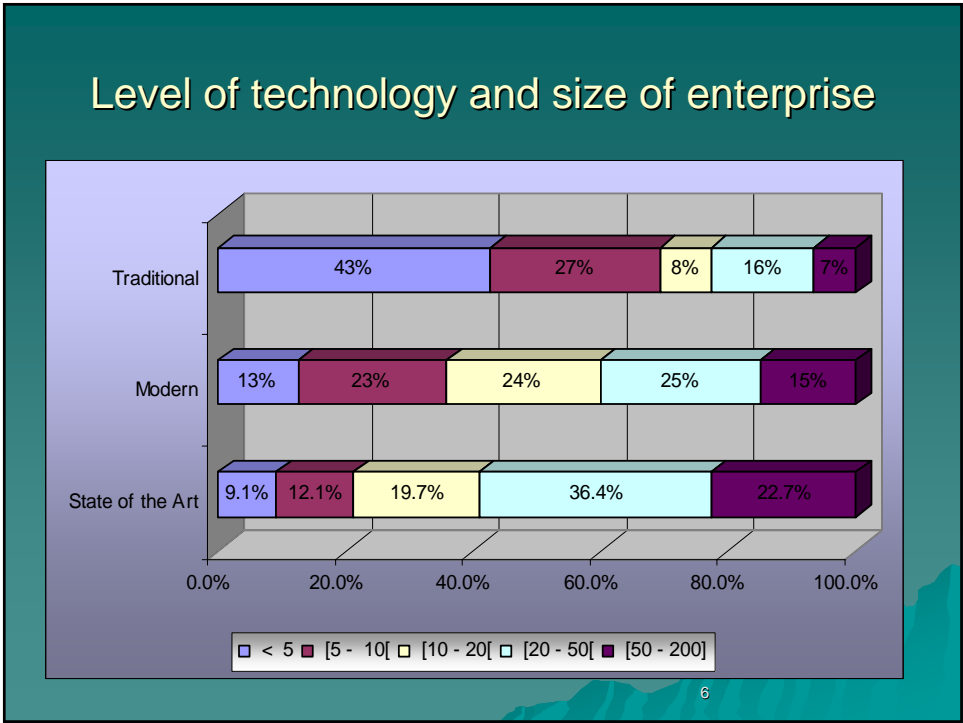
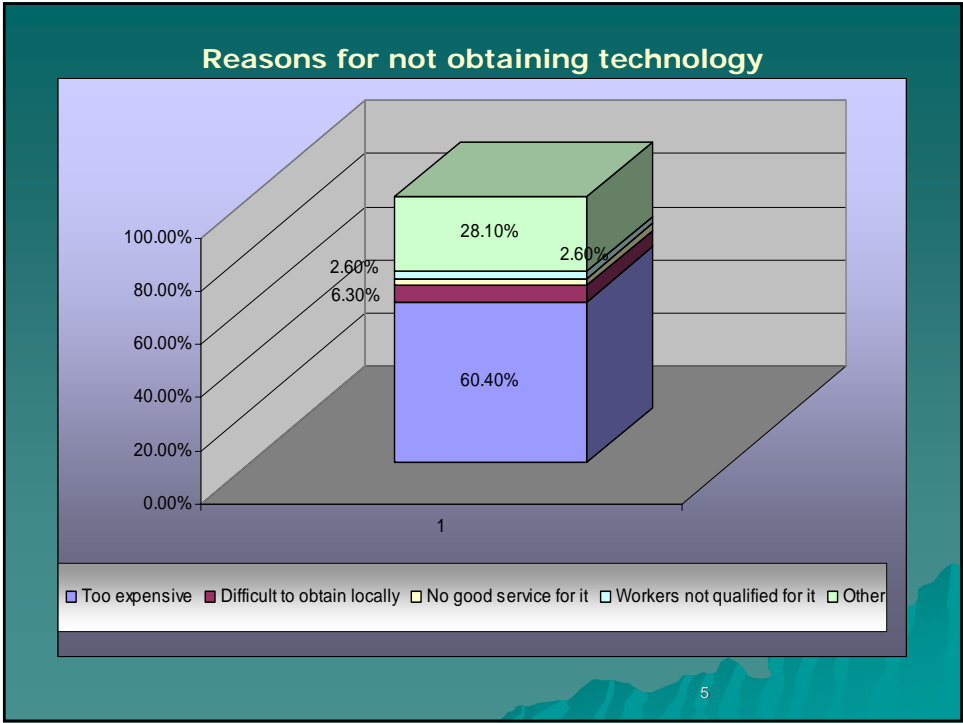



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- ♦ Small and Medium Enterprises are defined, in terms of size, as those employing less than 200 employees and having sales of less than 5 million \$/year
- ♦ The vast majority of enterprises operating in Lebanon could be classified as SME's- more specifically as Micro and Small enterprises









Support Measures to Help SMEs

Finance	Business support	Long term strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Innovative finance schemes</li><li>• Financing for start ups</li><li>• Encouraging seed capital funds</li><li>• Encouraging linking finance in university innovation with companies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Network of BDCs</li><li>• Encouraging entrepreneurship</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategy based on competitiveness</li><li>• Innovation and R&amp;D support essential</li><li>• Elementary schemes developed</li></ul>

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