



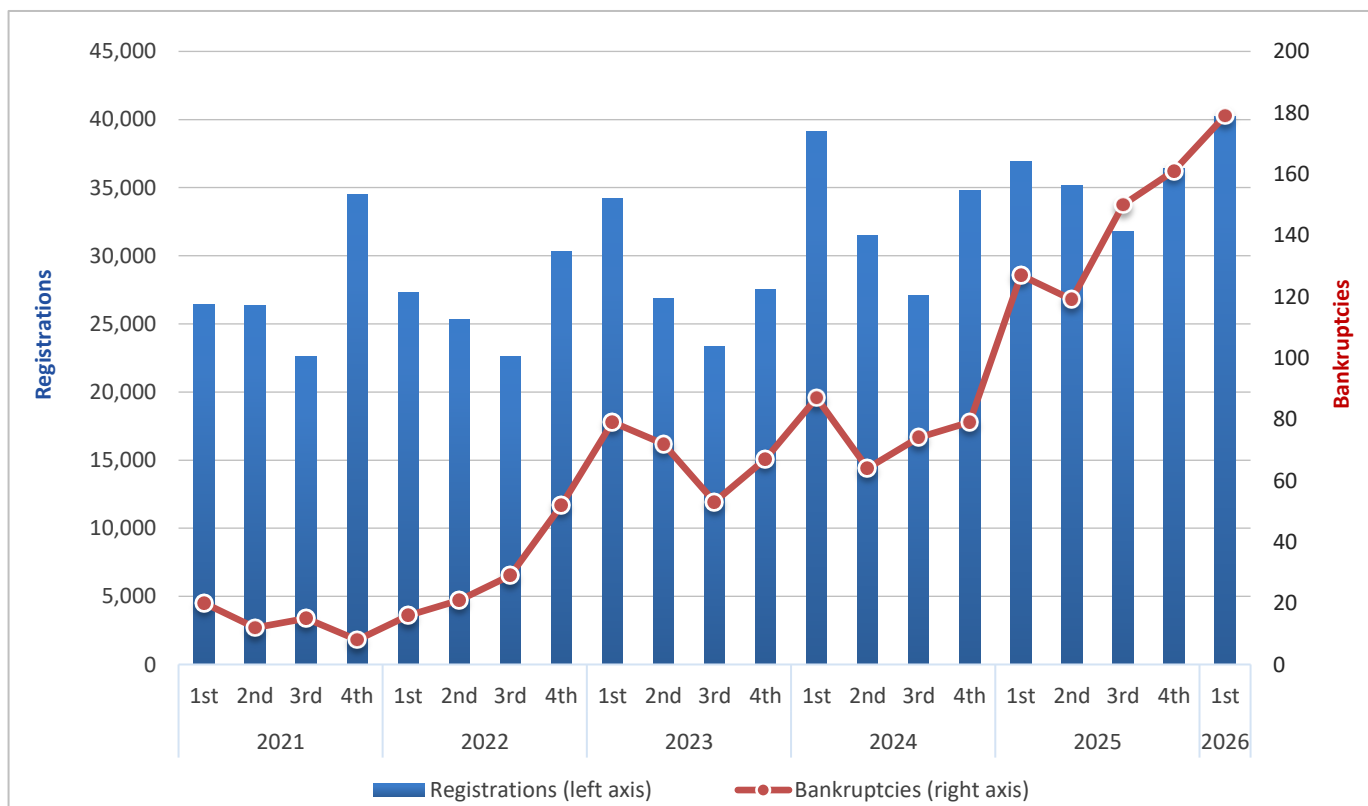
DEMOGRAPHIC EVENTS OF ENTERPRISES REGISTRATIONS AND BANKRUPTCIES 1st QUARTER 2026

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on business demography in Greece and specifically on Registrations and Bankruptcies, for the **1st quarter 2026**.

Specifically, the number of registrations in all economic sections in the **1st quarter 2026** amounted to 40,251, recording an increase of 9.1% in comparison with the 1st quarter 2025, when the respective number was 36,909 and an increase of 10.6% in comparison with the 4th quarter 2025, when the respective number was 36,402 (Graph 1, Table 1).

The number of bankruptcies in all economic sections in the **1st quarter 2026** amounted to 179, recording an increase of 40.9% in comparison with the 1st quarter 2025, when the respective number was 127 (Graph 1, Table 4).

Graph 1. Registrations and Bankruptcies, 1st quarter 2021 - 1st quarter 2026



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1. REGISTRATIONS

1.1. Economic Activities presenting the biggest change in the number of Registrations (Table 1)

Among the sections of economic activity with the largest contribution to the total turnover, according to the data of the Statistical Business Register for the reference year 2023, the biggest increase in the number of registrations in the **1st quarter 2026** compared with the 1st quarter 2025, was recorded in the section “Construction” (32.3%) and in the section “Transportation and Storage” (31.7%), while the biggest decrease was recorded in the section “Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply” (64.2%) and in the section “Financial and Insurance Activities” (4.0%).

1.2. Sections of Economic Activity by Large Geographical Area (NUTS 1) of Greece, 1st quarter 2026 (Table 2)

The sections of economic activity with the biggest number of registrations (excluding farmers subjected to the special regime⁽¹⁾), by Large Geographical Area of Greece are:

- **Voreia Ellada:** “Transportation and Storage”, with 1,294 registrations out of 9,338 in total.
- **Kentriki Ellada:** “Accommodation and Food Service Activities”, with 947 registrations out of 8,670 in total.
- **Attiki:** “Transportation and Storage” with 3,045 registrations out of 16,860 in total.
- **Nissia Aigaiou – Kriti:** “Accommodation and Food Service Activities”, with 952 registrations out of 5,383 in total.

1.3. Sections of Economic Activity by category of Legal Form of enterprise, 1st quarter 2026 (Table 3)

The sections of economic activity with the biggest number of registrations (excluding farmers subjected to the special regime⁽¹⁾), by category of Legal Form of enterprise are:

- **Sole Proprietorships:** “Transportation and Storage”, with 4,822 registrations out of 27,120 in total.
- **Partnerships:** “Accommodation and Food Service Activities”, with 1,606 registrations out of 7,250 in total.
- **Capital Enterprises:** “Real Estate Activities”, with 125 registrations out of 510 in total.
- **Other Legal Forms:** “Real Estate Activities”, with 1,077 registrations out of 5,371 in total.

⁽¹⁾ As farmers subjected to the special regime (of VAT) are defined the farmers who are registered in the tax registry of farmers having both received subsidies of value less than 5,000 euro and conducted sales of agricultural products of own production, as well as provision of agricultural services of value less than 15,000 euro to any person, during the previous tax year.

Table 1. Number of registrations by Section of Economic Activity (NACE Rev. 2), 4th quarter 2024, 2025, 1st quarter 2025, 2026

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY		STATISTICAL BUSINESS REGISTER (SBR) OF REFERENCE YEAR 2023		Registrations 1 st quarter 2026/ Number of enterprises SBR 2023 (%)	REGISTRATIONS				Annual Rate of Change (%)		Quarterly Rate of Change (%)	
Code NACE Rev.2	Description	Number of enterprises	Turnover (in thousand €)		4 th quarter 2024	1 st quarter 2025	4 th quarter 2025	1 st quarter 2026	4 th quarter 2025/2024	1 st quarter 2026/2025	1 st quarter 2025 / 4 th quarter 2024	1 st quarter 2026 / 4 th quarter 2025
Total		1,492,551	452,670,481	2.7	34,784	36,909	36,402	40,251	4.7	9.1	6.1	10.6
A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing of which Farmers subjected to the special regime ⁽¹⁾	529,503	12,165,695	1.1	10,635	5,863	9,696	5,891	-8.8	0.5	-44.4	-39.2
		369,597	2,397,661	1.4	10,131	5,219	9,342	5,208	-7.8	-0.2	-48.5	-44.3
B	Mining and Quarrying	575	1,000,641	2.1	3	7	14	12	366.7	71.4	133.3	-14.3
C	Manufacturing	58,105	89,845,901	1.8	759	948	872	1,029	14.9	8.5	24.9	18.0
D	Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply	12,891	21,951,185	0.6	202	232	162	83	-19.8	-64.2	14.9	-48.8
E	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	2,088	2,072,233	2.4	27	37	38	51	40.7	37.8	37.0	34.2
F	Construction	73,196	19,795,396	4.3	2,008	2,351	2,325	3,111	15.8	32.3	17.1	33.8
G	Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	225,671	170,421,156	1.8	3,419	4,138	3,352	4,024	-2.0	-2.8	21.1	20.0
H	Transportation and Storage	67,307	25,007,496	7.9	2,826	4,054	3,618	5,339	28.0	31.7	43.5	47.6
I	Accommodation and Food Service Activities	109,401	21,993,913	3.4	2,457	3,818	2,375	3,671	-3.3	-3.9	55.4	54.6
J	Information and Communication	25,588	14,383,371	6.1	1,039	1,276	1,170	1,568	12.6	22.9	22.8	34.0
K	Financial and Insurance Activities	17,463	27,306,810	3.0	473	550	582	528	23.0	-4.0	16.3	-9.3
L	Real Estate Activities	18,289	4,175,949	10.0	1,350	1,656	1,862	1,822	37.9	10.0	22.7	-2.1
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	162,065	16,749,957	3.4	4,087	4,916	4,471	5,542	9.4	12.7	20.3	24.0
N	Administrative and Support Service Activities	27,348	10,785,816	5.8	967	1,418	1,088	1,587	12.5	11.9	46.6	45.9
O	Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security	1,082	666,345	4.0	38	56	54	43	42.1	-23.2	47.4	-20.4
P	Education	24,539	1,852,689	3.3	689	702	786	806	14.1	14.8	1.9	2.5
Q	Human Health and Social Work Activities	66,933	6,132,042	3.6	1,749	2,330	1,661	2,399	-5.0	3.0	33.2	44.4
R	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	24,166	4,441,538	4.4	655	794	772	1,060	17.9	33.5	21.2	37.3
S	Other Service Activities	44,088	1,855,817	3.2	1,047	1,356	1,121	1,426	7.1	5.2	29.5	27.2
W	Unknown Activity	2,253	66,530	11.5	354	407	383	259	8.2	-36.4	15.0	-32.4

⁽¹⁾ Note of page 2.

Table 2. Number of Registrations by Section of Economic Activity (NACE Rev.2) and by Large Geographical Area (NUTS 1 Region), 1st quarter 2026

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY		Total	LARGE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA			
Code NACE Rev.2	Description		Voreia Ellada	Kentriki Ellada	Attiki	Nissia Aigaiou - Kriti
Total		40,251	9,338	8,670	16,860	5,383
A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing of which Farmers subjected to the special regime ⁽¹⁾	5,891 5,208	1,301 1,056	2,574 2,310	857 822	1,159 1,020
B	Mining and Quarrying	12	3	4	5	-
C	Manufacturing	1,029	242	219	453	115
D	Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply	83	30	26	19	8
E	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	51	9	8	20	14
F	Construction	3,111	733	732	1,067	579
G	Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	4,024	1,174	779	1,545	526
H	Transportation and Storage	5,339	1,294	642	3,045	358
I	Accommodation and Food Service Activities	3,671	898	947	874	952
J	Information and Communication	1,568	370	196	915	87
K	Financial and Insurance Activities	528	97	76	311	44
L	Real Estate Activities	1,822	275	229	1,150	168
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	5,542	1,269	861	2,990	422
N	Administrative and Support Service Activities	1,587	291	303	666	327
O	Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security	43	13	5	21	4
P	Education	806	185	156	388	77
Q	Human Health and Social Work Activities	2,399	579	445	1,162	213
R	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	1,060	204	186	538	132
S	Other Service Activities	1,426	354	259	631	182
W	Unknown Activity	259	17	23	203	16

“-” There are no registrations.

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Table 3. Number of Registrations by Section of Economic Activity (NACE Rev.2) and by category of Legal Form, 1st quarter 2026

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY		Total	LEGAL FORM CATEGORY			
Code NACE Rev.2	Description		Sole Proprietorship	Partnerships (General partnerships, Limited partnerships)	Capital Enterprises (Limited Liability Company, Société Anonyme (S.A.))	Other Legal Forms (Private Capital Companies (IKE), Joint ventures etc)
Total		40,251	27,120	7,250	510	5,371
A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing of which Farmers subjected to the special regime ⁽¹⁾	5,891 5,208	5,785 5,208	50 -	9 -	47 -
B	Mining and Quarrying	12	*	*	*	8
C	Manufacturing	1,029	533	322	28	146
D	Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply	83	21	15	6	41
E	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	51	17	11	3	20
F	Construction	3,111	1,631	920	55	505
G	Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	4,024	1,988	1,274	47	715
H	Transportation and Storage	5,339	4,822	277	12	228
I	Accommodation and Food Service Activities	3,671	1,384	1,606	51	630
J	Information and Communication	1,568	918	371	21	258
K	Financial and Insurance Activities	528	242	85	70	131
L	Real Estate Activities	1,822	290	330	125	1,077
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	5,542	4,088	892	47	515
N	Administrative and Support Service Activities	1,587	926	328	18	315
O	Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security	43	30	*	*	8
P	Education	806	693	65	*	*
Q	Human Health and Social Work Activities	2,399	2,087	228	3	81
R	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	1,060	688	196	10	166
S	Other Service Activities	1,426	928	274	*	*
W	Unknown Activity	259	*	*	-	210

* The data are not disclosed due to statistical confidentiality regarding the protection of the identity of the reporting enterprises.

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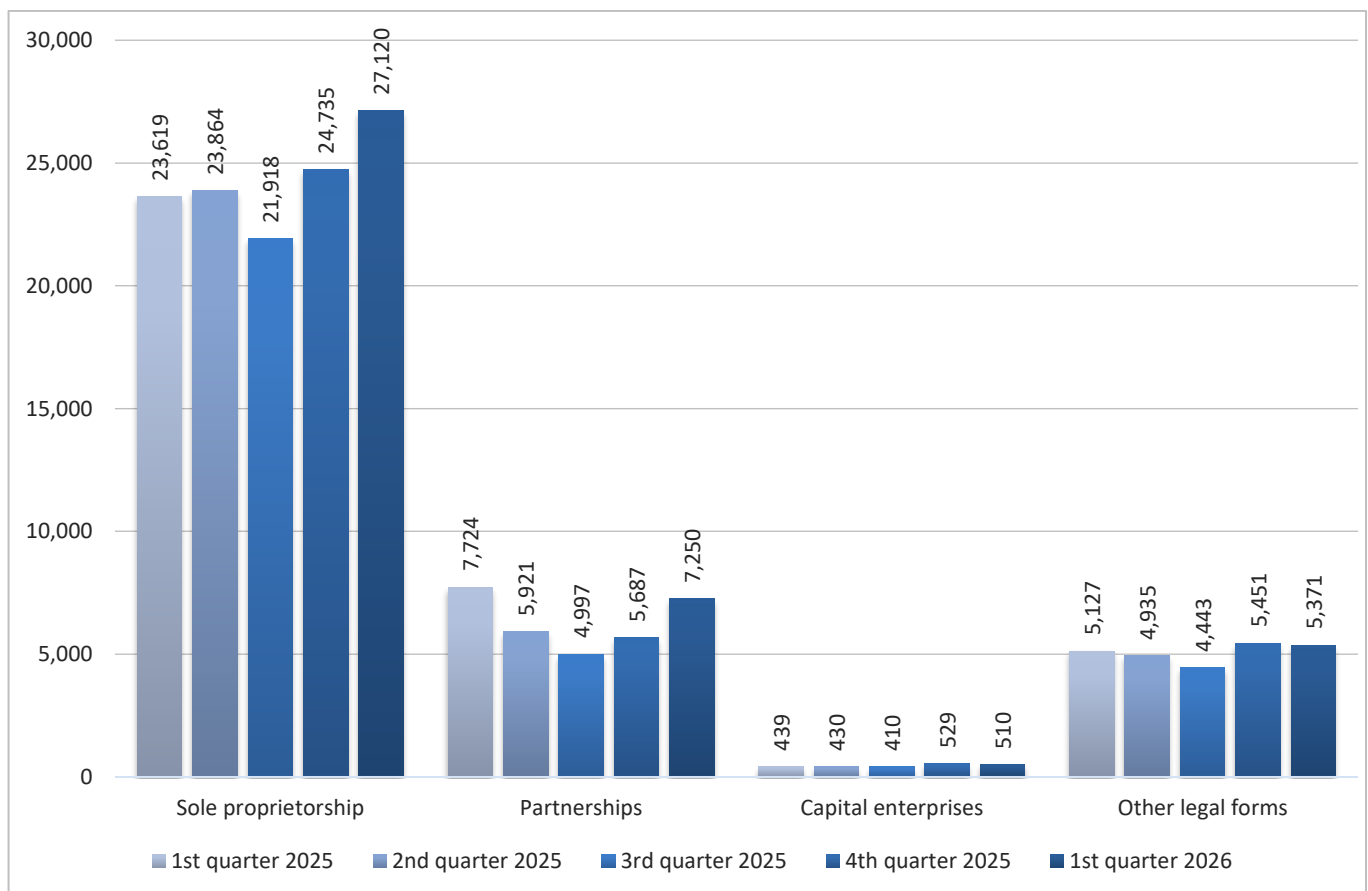
Table 4. Number of bankruptcies, per quarter and per year, 2021 - 2026

QUARTER	BANKRUPTCIES						ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE (%)
	YEAR						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2026/2025
1 st	20	16	79	87	127	179	40.9
2 nd	12	21	72	64	119		
3 rd	15	29	53	74	150		
4 th	8	52	67	79	161		
Total	55	118	271	304	557		

Graph 2. Registrations by Large Geographical Area (NUTS 1), 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th quarter 2025 and 1st quarter 2026



Graph 3. Registrations by category of Legal Form of enterprise, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th quarter 2025 and 1st quarter 2026



METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

General Information The compilation of the statistical data is made in accordance with the new European Regulation on Business Statistics, which entered into force on the 1st of January 2021 ([Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27th November 2019](#)) and is among the key changes introduced by this Regulation for new and high-frequency official business statistics at European level.

The statistical data presented in this announcement refer to business demography and more specifically to the registrations and bankruptcies of enterprises, which are defined as follows:

Registrations: The number of entered legal units in the registration register at any time during the reference quarter, according to the respective administrative or legal procedure.

Bankruptcies: The number of legal units that have started the procedure of being declared bankrupt, by issuing a court declaration, at any time during the reference quarter (which is often provisional and does not always mean cessation of an activity).

Purpose The purpose of the short-term business statistics is to provide up-to-date and high frequency information on the evolution of business activity and, subsequently, of the economic climate - expectations.

Legal framework Short-term business statistics are compiled in accordance with [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27th November 2019](#), on European business statistics and [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/1197 of 30th July 2020](#), laying down technical specifications and arrangements pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152.

Compilation methodology The statistical data on [Registrations](#) have been compiled after processing quarterly data from administrative registers of enterprises. Specifically, information has been used for the date of registration in the register of legal units (Tax Identification Number - TIN), economic activity, geographical code, legal form and business status of the enterprise.

The statistical data on [Bankruptcies](#) have been compiled after processing quarterly data from administrative registers of enterprises and from the Electronic Insolvency Registry. Specifically, information for the bankruptcy date and economic activity has been used.

Statistical classifications As regards the economic activities, the European statistical classification of economic activities [NACE Rev.2](#) is used. As regards the geographical representation, the European Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics, NUTS, is used.

Map of the 4 Large Geographical Areas (NUTS 1 Regions) of Greece



Reference period 1st quarter 2026.

Statistical unit The statistical unit is the legal unit (distinct Tax Identification Numbers - TINs).

References Analytical tables are available on ELSTAT's website (www.statistics.gr), at the following link: <https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SBR05/->.