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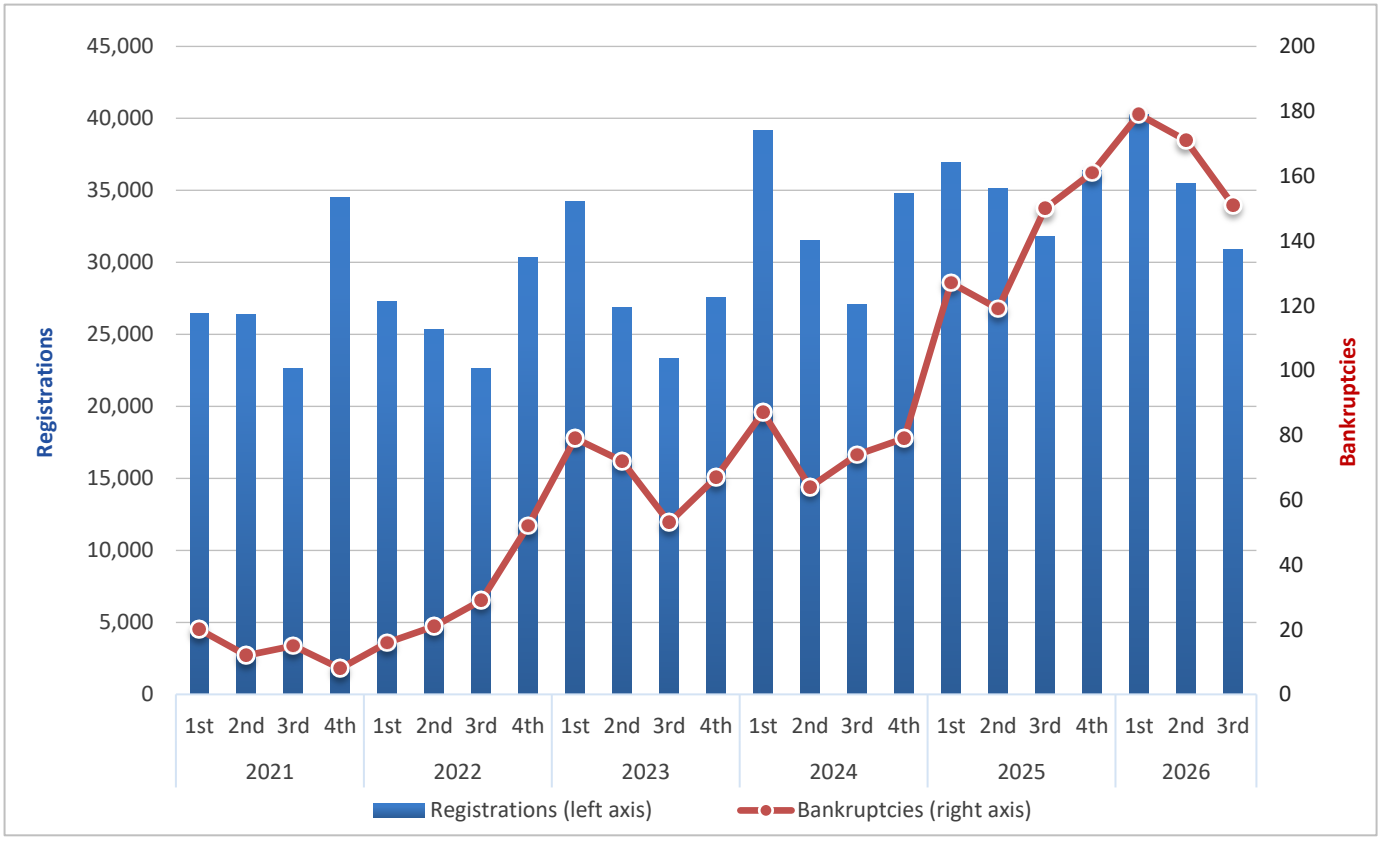
# DEMOGRAPHIC EVENTS OF ENTERPRISES
# REGISTRATIONS AND BANKRUPTCIES
## 3rd QUARTER 2026

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on business demography in Greece and specifically on Registrations and Bankruptcies, for the **3rd quarter 2026**.

Specifically, the number of registrations in all economic sections in the **3rd quarter 2026** amounted to 30,893, recording a decrease of 2.8% in comparison with the 3rd quarter 2025, when the respective number was 31,768 (Graph 1, Table 2).

The number of bankruptcies in all economic sections in the **3rd quarter 2026** amounted to 151, recording an increase of 0.7% in comparison with the 3rd quarter 2025, when the respective number was 150 (Graph 1, Table 1).

**Graph 1.** Registrations and Bankruptcies, 1st quarter 2021 – 3rd quarter 2026





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## 1. REGISTRATIONS

### 1.1. Economic Activities presenting the biggest change in the number of Registrations (Table 2, Timeseries 1 on ELSTAT's website)

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, an increase in the number of registrations in the **3rd quarter 2026** compared with the 3rd quarter 2025, was recorded in the section "Transportation and Storage" (16.5%), while the biggest decrease was recorded in the section "Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply" (51.4%) and in the section "Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles" (23.7%).

### 1.2. Sections of Economic Activity by Large Geographical Area (NUTS 1) of Greece, 3rd quarter 2026 (Graph 2, Timeseries 2 on ELSTAT's website)

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**: "Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities", with 937 registrations out of 7,067 in total.
- **Kentriki Ellada**: "Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities", with 660 registrations out of 6,982 in total.
- **Attiki**: "Transportation and Storage" with 2,113 registrations out of 13,122 in total.
- **Nissia Aigaiou – Kriti**: "Construction", with 373 registrations out of 3,722 in total.

**Graph 2.** Number of Registrations by Large Geographical Area (NUTS 1 Region), 3rd quarter 2025 - 3rd quarter 2026

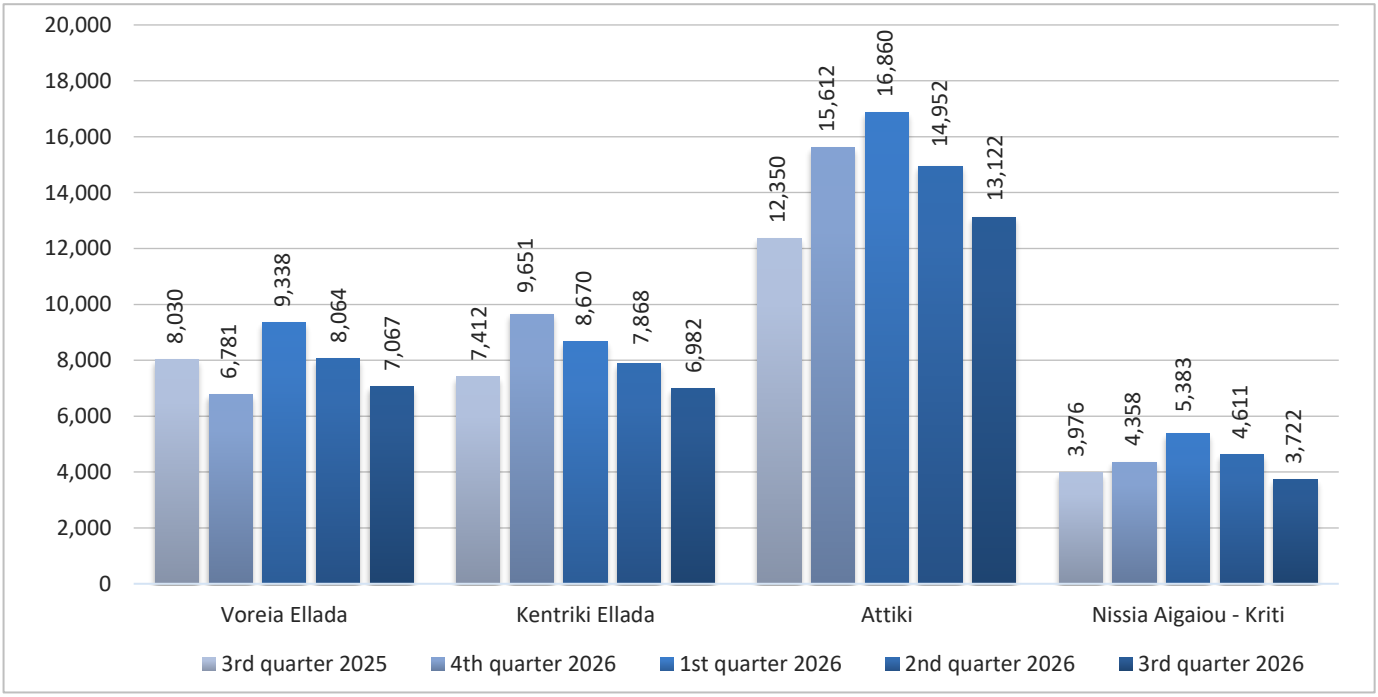


**Table 1.** Number of bankruptcies, per quarter and per year, 2021 – 2026

| QUARTER | YEAR | | | | | | ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | |
| 1st | 20 | 16 | 79 | 87 | 127 | 179 | 40.9 |
| 2nd | 12 | 21 | 72 | 64 | 119 | 171 | 43.7 |
| 3rd | 15 | 29 | 53 | 74 | 150 | 151 | 0.7 |
| 4th | 8 | 52 | 67 | 79 | 161 | | |
| **Total** | **55** | **118** | **271** | **304** | **557** | | |

*(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 2.** Number of registrations by Section of Economic Activity (NACE Rev. 2), 2nd and 3rd quarter 2025, 2026

| ECONOMIC ACTIVITY | | STATISTICAL BUSINESS REGISTER (SBR) OF REFERENCE YEAR 2023 | | Registrations 3rd quarter 2026/ Number of enterprises SBR 2023 (%) | REGISTRATIONS | | | | Annual Rate of Change (%) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Code NACE Rev.2 | Description | Number of enterprises | Turnover (in thousand €) | | 2nd quarter 2025 | 3rd quarter 2025 | 2nd quarter 2026 | 3rd quarter 2026 | 2nd quarter 2026/2025 | 3rd quarter 2026/2025 |
| **Total** | | **1,492,551** | **452,670,481** | **2.1** | **35,150** | **31,768** | **35,495** | **30,893** | **1.0** | **-2.8** |
| **A** | Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 529,503 | 12,165,695 | 1.1 | 5,102 | 4,943 | 5,115 | 5,903 | 0.3 | 19.4 |
| | of which | | | | | | | | | |
| | Farmers subjected to the special regime[(1)] | 369,597 | 2,397,661 | 1.5 | 4,682 | 4,606 | 4,669 | 5,599 | -0.3 | 21.6 |
| **B** | Mining and Quarrying | 575 | 1,000,641 | 0.9 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 125.0 | -50.0 |
| **C** | Manufacturing | 58,105 | 89,845,901 | 1.5 | 1,103 | 1,048 | 975 | 863 | -11.6 | -17.7 |
| **D** | Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply | 12,891 | 21,951,185 | 0.5 | 130 | 144 | 65 | 70 | -50.0 | -51.4 |
| **E** | Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities | 2,088 | 2,072,233 | 1.1 | 50 | 36 | 47 | 24 | -6.0 | -33.3 |
| **F** | Construction | 73,196 | 19,795,396 | 3.0 | 2,473 | 2,419 | 2,815 | 2,232 | 13.8 | -7.7 |
| **G** | Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles | 225,671 | 170,421,156 | 1.3 | 4,252 | 3,805 | 3,384 | 2,905 | -20.4 | -23.7 |
| **H** | Transportation and Storage | 67,307 | 25,007,496 | 4.9 | 3,629 | 2,834 | 4,247 | 3,302 | 17.0 | 16.5 |
| **I** | Accommodation and Food Service Activities | 109,401 | 21,993,913 | 1.7 | 3,374 | 2,189 | 3,257 | 1,858 | -3.5 | -15.1 |
| **J** | Information and Communication | 25,588 | 14,383,371 | 5.3 | 1,251 | 1,301 | 1,435 | 1,347 | 14.7 | 3.5 |
| **K** | Financial and Insurance Activities | 17,463 | 27,306,810 | 2.3 | 478 | 443 | 519 | 399 | 8.6 | -9.9 |
| **L** | Real Estate Activities | 18,289 | 4,175,949 | 7.2 | 1,504 | 1,369 | 1,754 | 1,318 | 16.6 | -3.7 |
| **M** | Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities | 162,065 | 16,749,957 | 2.4 | 4,838 | 4,435 | 4,838 | 3,937 | 0.0 | -11.2 |
| **N** | Administrative and Support Service Activities | 27,348 | 10,785,816 | 3.9 | 1,441 | 1,087 | 1,563 | 1,065 | 8.5 | -2.0 |
| **O** | Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security | 1,082 | 666,345 | 1.8 | 48 | 67 | 34 | 20 | -29.2 | -70.1 |
| **P** | Education | 24,539 | 1,852,689 | 4.0 | 602 | 1,005 | 629 | 974 | 4.5 | -3.1 |
| **Q** | Human Health and Social Work Activities | 66,933 | 6,132,042 | 3.6 | 1,888 | 2,183 | 1,844 | 2,394 | -2.3 | 9.7 |
| **R** | Arts, Entertainment and Recreation | 24,166 | 4,441,538 | 3.3 | 965 | 902 | 1,139 | 794 | 18.0 | -12.0 |
| **S** | Other Service Activities | 44,088 | 1,855,817 | 2.6 | 1,653 | 1,321 | 1,395 | 1,136 | -15.6 | -14.0 |
| **W** | Unknown Activity | 2,253 | 66,530 | 15.4 | 365 | 227 | 431 | 347 | 18.1 | 52.9 |

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

**General Information**

The statistical data presented in this announcement refer to business demography and more specifically to 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**

3rd 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/- .

All data included in the previous version of the Announcement remain available at the same link.