

# Registrations and bankruptcies of enterprises in the first quarter of 2026

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**2.0%** ↑

An increase in the number of registrations of enterprises per year

In the first quarter of 2025, there were 89 004 registrations of enterprises recorded i.e. 2,0% registrations more than in the corresponding period of previous year and 108 enterprises declared bankruptcy i.e. 8 bankruptcies more than in the first quarter of 2025.

## Registrations of enterprises

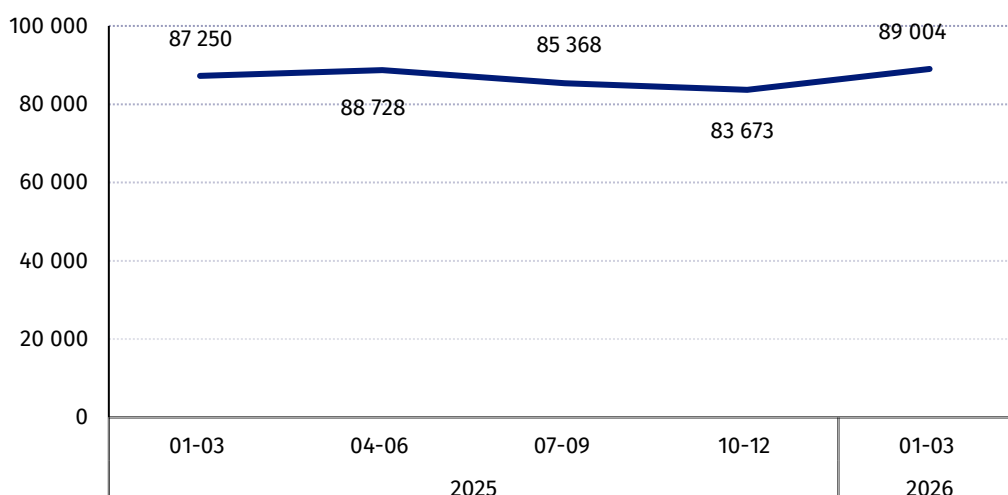
The number of business registrations in the first quarter of 2026 amounted to 89,004 compared to 87 250 in the same period of the previous year. More than half of all registrations concerned three kinds of activity: services (25.0%), construction (18.9%), and trade; repair of motor vehicles (12.9%). The largest increase in registrations compared to the first quarter of the previous year was recorded in the sections: transportation and storage (by 11.6%) and information and communication (by 6.1%). A decrease was observed only in the section trade; repair of motor vehicles (by 2.4%) and construction (by 0.1%).

Considering the legal forms of entities, most registrations concerned natural persons conducting economic activity, which accounted for 81.3% of all business registrations. The number of registrations in this group in the first quarter of 2026 increased by 0.7% year-on-year, compared to the decrease observed last year. Limited liability companies accounted for 16.6% of all registrations, and compared to the first quarter of 2025, 9.7% more entities with this legal form were registered. The number of cooperative registrations increased several times, i.e., 179 registrations compared to 38 in the first quarter of 2025, with 166 of them concerning a special type of cooperative, namely energy cooperatives (their activity focuses solely on the production, storage, and trade of electricity or heat from renewable energy sources).

In the first quarter of 2026, ¼ of registrations were recorded in services, where the increase in the number of registrations was noted (by 1.5%) compared to the same period of 2025

Over 92.7% of cooperative registrations concern energy cooperatives

**Chart 1. Number of registrations of enterprises**



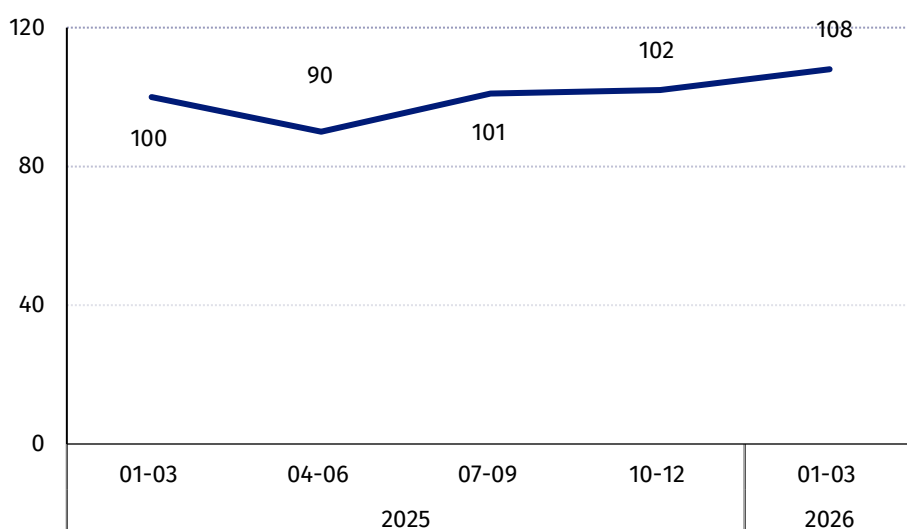
## Bankruptcies of enterprises

In the first quarter of 2026, 108 bankruptcies were recorded compared to 100 in the same period of 2025. An increase in the number of bankruptcies was observed in the following sectors: trade; repair of motor vehicles (by 5 units), construction (by 4 units), accommodation and catering (by 3 units), and transportation and storage (by 1 unit). A decrease in the number of bankruptcies occurred in the sectors: services (by 4 units) and industry (by 1 unit). For information and communication sector and in other sectors, the number of bankruptcies remained at the same level.

An increase in the number of bankruptcies was recorded for natural persons conducting economic activities (by 6 units), public limited companies (by 3 units), and limited partnerships (by 3 units). A decrease in the number of bankruptcies was recorded for general partnerships (by 2 units), public limited partnerships (by 1 unit), and cooperatives (by 1 unit). For the largest group of entities, i.e., limited liability companies, the number of bankruptcies remained at the same level (78 units).

In the first quarter of 2025, the number of bankruptcies amounted to 108, i.e., 8 more than in the same quarter of last year

**Chart 2. Number of enterprises that declared bankruptcy**



The data presented in this study are prepared in accordance with the guidelines of Eurostat and include information on registration and bankruptcy of enterprises (defined as a single legal unit) with a predominant kind of activity classified as, according to NACE Rev. 2, sections from B (mining and quarrying) to S (other service activities), excluding section O (public administration and defence; compulsory social security) and division 94 (activities of membership organisations).

By legal form, the data include the: civil partnerships operating based on a contract concluded in accordance with the Civil Code, natural persons conducting economic activity, professional partnerships, public limited companies, simple joint stock companies, limited liability companies, general partnerships, limited partnerships, public limited partnerships, co-operatives, branches of foreign enterprises, companies provided for in provisions other than the Commercial Companies Code and the Civil Code or legal forms to which the provisions on companies apply, foreign enterprises, state-owned enterprises, entities with no specific legal form.

In the study, there are additional forms of grouping introduced apart from the general classification:

- "industry" including sections of NACE Rev. 2: mining and quarrying (section B), manufacturing (section C), electricity, gas steam and air conditioning supply (section D), water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (section E);
- "services" including sections of NACE Rev. 2: financial and insurance activities (section K), real estate services (section L), professional, scientific and technical activities (section M), administrative and support service activities (section N);
- "other sections" including sections of NACE Rev. 2: education (section P), human health and social work activities (section Q), arts, entertainment and recreation (section R), other service activities (section S excluding division 94 activities of membership organisations).

**The number of registrations** in a given quarter applies to enterprises that were registered in the National Official Registry of Entities of the National Economy (REGON) in a given quarter. The registrations also include natural persons that terminated than restarted economic activity.

**The number of bankruptcies** in a given quarter applies to enterprises against which a decision on declaration of bankruptcy has been issued by a competent District Court in a given quarter (published in the National Debt Register).

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**TABULAR ANNEX**

**Table 1. Number of registrations of enterprises by kind of activity**

SPECIFICATION	2025				2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87 250</b>	<b>88 728</b>	<b>85 368</b>	<b>83 673</b>	<b>89 004</b>
Industry (sections B,C,D,E)	6 298	6 592	6 098	6 284	6 391
Construction (section F)	16 811	17 433	16 318	14 263	16 798
Trade; repair of motor vehicles (section G)	11 742	11 354	10 314	10 728	11 464
Transportation and storage (section H)	5 638	5 293	5 281	4 972	6 289
Accommodation and catering (section I)	2 847	3 641	2 830	2 384	2 884
Information and communication (section J)	6 998	6 823	6 868	6 866	7 422
Services (sections K,L,M,N)	21 874	22 066	21 493	20 932	22 211
Other sections (P,Q,R,S excluding division 94)	15 042	15 526	16 166	17 244	15 545

**Table 2. Number of registrations of enterprises by legal form**

SPECIFICATION	2025				2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87 250</b>	<b>88 728</b>	<b>85 368</b>	<b>83 673</b>	<b>89 004</b>
Civil law partnerships	1 069	885	887	832	908
Natural persons conducting economic activity	71 906	74 383	70 686	68 312	72 375
Professional partnerships	20	18	17	21	26
Public limited companies	33	24	32	25	19
Simple joint stock companies	186	191	267	298	309
Limited liability companies	13 476	12 735	12 915	13 276	14 781
General partnerships	234	185	190	173	163
Limited partnerships	203	161	188	175	165
Public limited partnerships	18	17	14	12	17
Cooperatives	38	67	123	500	179
Branches of foreign enterprises	48	46	34	44	52
Others, including without specific legal form <sup>1</sup>	19	16	15	5	10

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<sup>1</sup>Item includes: companies provided for in the provisions of acts other than the Code of Commercial Companies and the Civil Code or legal forms, to which regulations on companies apply, foreign companies, state-owned enterprises, without specific legal form.

**Table 3. Number of bankruptcies of enterprises by kind of activity**

SPECIFICATION	2025				2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>108</b>
Industry (sections B,C,D,E)	34	26	28	30	33
Construction (section F)	9	19	10	16	13
Trade; repair of motor vehicles (section G)	22	19	29	23	27
Transportation and storage (section H)	12	9	10	4	13
Accommodation and catering (section I)	1	1	3	4	4
Information and communication (section J)	3	2	3	6	3
Services (sections K,L,M,N)	16	10	17	17	12
Other sections (P,Q,R,S excluding division 94)	3	4	1	2	3

**Table 4. Number of bankruptcies of enterprises by legal form**

SPECIFICATION	2025				2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>108</b>
Natural persons conducting economic activity	6	11	11	6	12
Professional partnerships	0	0	0	0	0
Public limited companies	5	6	4	7	8
Simple joint stock companies	0	0	0	0	0
Limited liability companies	78	63	78	80	78
General partnerships	2	1	3	4	0
Limited partnerships	5	7	3	3	8
Public limited partnerships	1	0	0	0	0
Cooperatives	3	2	2	2	2
Branches of foreign enterprises	0	0	0	0	0
Others, including without specific legal form <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0

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