

Registrations and bankruptcies of enterprises in the second quarter of 2026

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9.2% ↓

A decrease in the number of registrations of enterprises per year

In the second quarter of 2026, there were 80 566 registrations of enterprises recorded i.e. 9.2% registrations less than in the corresponding period of previous year and 94 enterprises declared bankruptcy i.e. 4 bankruptcies more than in the second quarter of 2025.

Registrations of enterprises

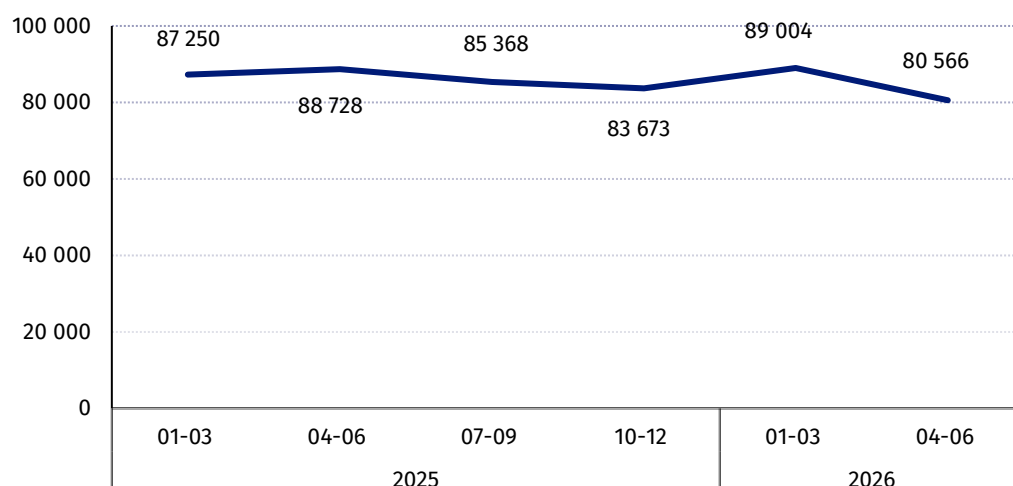
The number of business registrations in the second quarter of 2026 amounted to 80 566 compared to 88 728 in the same period of the previous year. More than half of all registrations concerned three kinds of activity: services (25.7%), construction (19.5%), and trade; repair of motor vehicles (12.6%). Registrations fell across all sections compared to the second quarter of last year, with the largest drops in other sections (by 13.8%), industry (by 11.7%), and the trade; repair of motor vehicles section (by 10.7%).

Considering the legal forms of entities, most registrations concerned natural persons conducting economic activity, which accounted for 80.5% of all business registrations. The number of registrations in this group in the second quarter of 2026 decreased by 12.8% year-on-year. Limited liability companies accounted for 17.3% of all registrations, and compared to the second quarter of 2025, 9.2% more entities with this legal form were registered. The number of cooperative registrations increased nearly two times, i.e., 129 registrations compared to 67 in the second quarter of 2025, with 112 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 second quarter of 2026, ¼ of registrations were recorded in services, where the decrease in the number of registrations was noted (by 6.2%) compared to the same period of 2025

The number of registrations increased nearly two times, and over 86.8% of cooperative registrations concern energy cooperatives

Chart 1. Number of registrations of enterprises



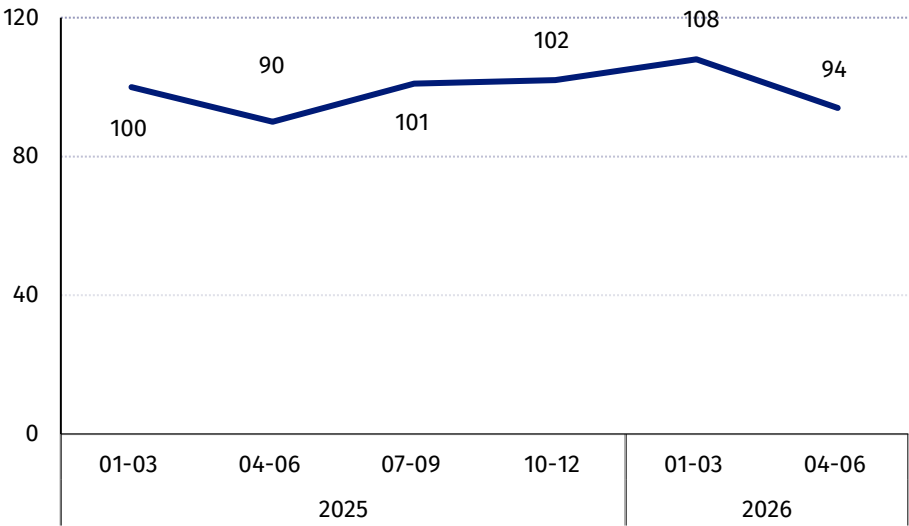
Bankruptcies of enterprises

In the second quarter of 2026, 94 bankruptcies were recorded compared to 90 in the same period of 2025. An increase in the number of bankruptcies was observed in the following sectors: services (by 7 entities), construction (by 2), and transportation and storage (by 3). A decrease in bankruptcies occurred in the sectors of trade; repair of motor vehicle (by 6 entities), information and communication (by 1), and other sections (by 1). In the industry, and accommodation and catering sectors, the number of bankruptcies stayed at the same level.

An increase in the number of bankruptcies was recorded for limited liability companies (by 4 entities), public limited companies (by 1), simple join stock companies (by 1), and cooperatives (by 1). A decrease in the number of bankruptcies was recorded for natural persons conducting economic activity (by 2 entities), and general partnerships (by 1). For other legal forms, the number of bankruptcies stayed at the same level compared to the second quarter of 2025.

In the second quarter of 2026, the number of bankruptcies amounted to 94, i.e., 4 more than in the same quarter of last year

Chart 2. Number of enterprises that declared bankruptcy



Methodological notes

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	Q2
TOTAL	87 250	88 728	85 368	83 673	89 004	80 566
Industry (sections B,C,D,E)	6 298	6 592	6 098	6 284	6 391	5 824
Construction (section F)	16 811	17 433	16 318	14 263	16 798	15 715
Trade; repair of motor vehicles (section G)	11 742	11 354	10 314	10 728	11 464	10 135
Transportation and storage (section H)	5 638	5 293	5 281	4 972	6 289	5 074
Accommodation and catering (section I)	2 847	3 641	2 830	2 384	2 884	3 436
Information and communication (section J)	6 998	6 823	6 868	6 866	7 422	6 314
Services (sections K,L,M,N)	21 874	22 066	21 493	20 932	22 211	20 689
Other sections (P,Q,R,S excluding division 94)	15 042	15 526	16 166	17 244	15 545	13 379

Table 2. Number of registrations of enterprises by legal form

SPECIFICATION	2025				2026	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
TOTAL	87 250	88 728	85 368	83 673	89 004	80 566
Civil law partnerships	1 069	885	887	832	908	944
Natural persons conducting economic activity	71 906	74 383	70 686	68 312	72 375	64 840
Professional partnerships	20	18	17	21	26	22
Public limited companies	33	24	32	25	19	28
Simple joint stock companies	186	191	267	298	309	294
Limited liability companies	13 476	12 735	12 915	13 276	14 781	13 905
General partnerships	234	185	190	173	163	146
Limited partnerships	203	161	188	175	165	185
Public limited partnerships	18	17	14	12	17	20
Cooperatives	38	67	123	500	179	129
Branches of foreign enterprises	48	46	34	44	52	38
Others, including without specific legal form ¹	19	16	15	5	10	15

¹Item 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	Q2
TOTAL	100	90	101	102	108	94
Industry (sections B,C,D,E)	34	26	28	30	33	26
Construction (section F)	9	19	10	16	13	21
Trade; repair of motor vehicles (section G)	22	19	29	23	27	13
Transportation and storage (section H)	12	9	10	4	13	12
Accommodation and catering (section I)	1	1	3	4	4	1
Information and communication (section J)	3	2	3	6	3	1
Services (sections K,L,M,N)	16	10	17	17	12	17
Other sections (P,Q,R,S excluding division 94)	3	4	1	2	3	3

Table 4. Number of bankruptcies of enterprises by legal form

SPECIFICATION	2025				2026	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
TOTAL	100	90	101	102	108	94
Natural persons conducting economic activity	6	11	11	6	12	9
Professional partnerships	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public limited companies	5	6	4	7	8	7
Simple joint stock companies	0	0	0	0	0	1
Limited liability companies	78	63	78	80	78	67
General partnerships	2	1	3	4	0	0
Limited partnerships	5	7	3	3	8	7
Public limited partnerships	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cooperatives	3	2	2	2	2	3
Branches of foreign enterprises	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others, including without specific legal form ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0

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