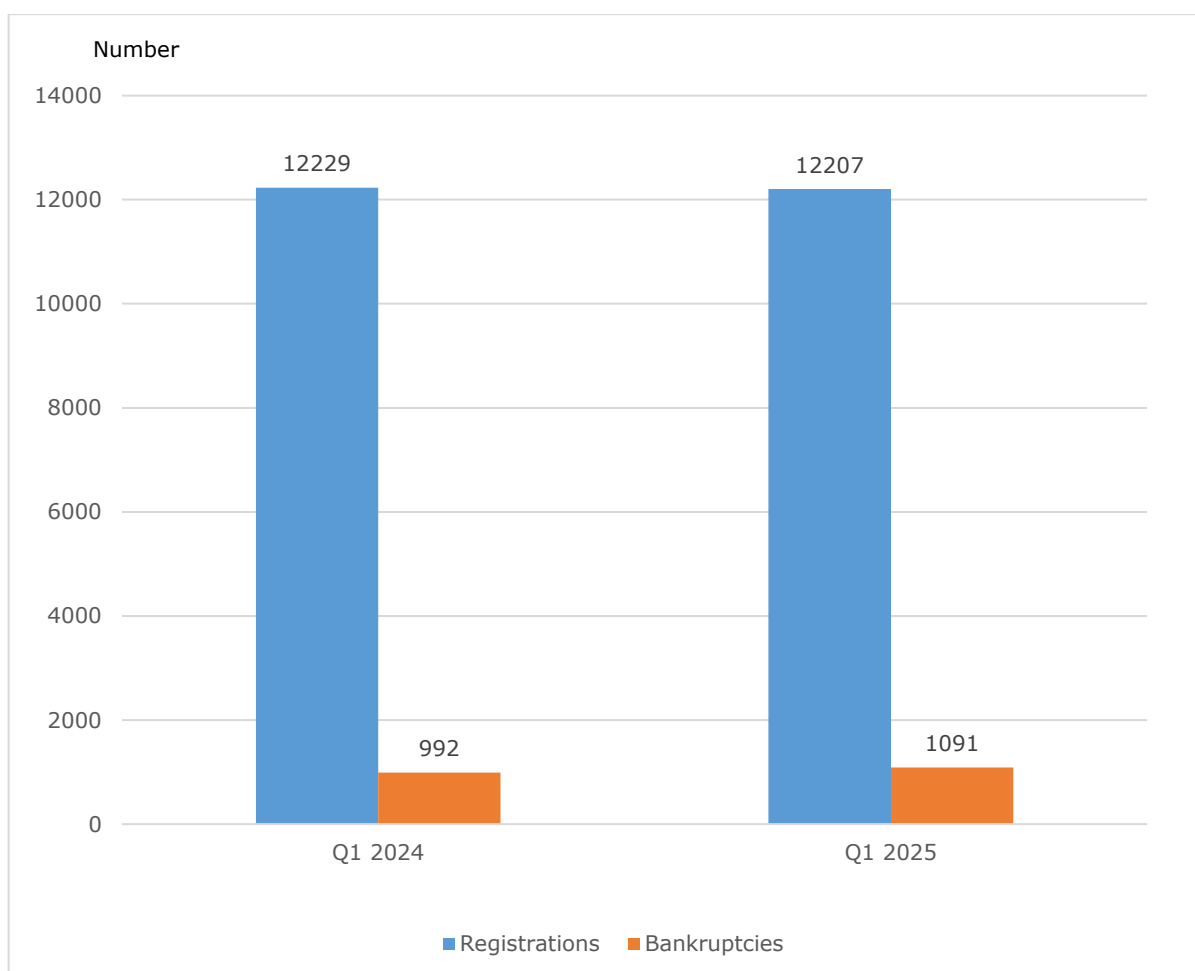




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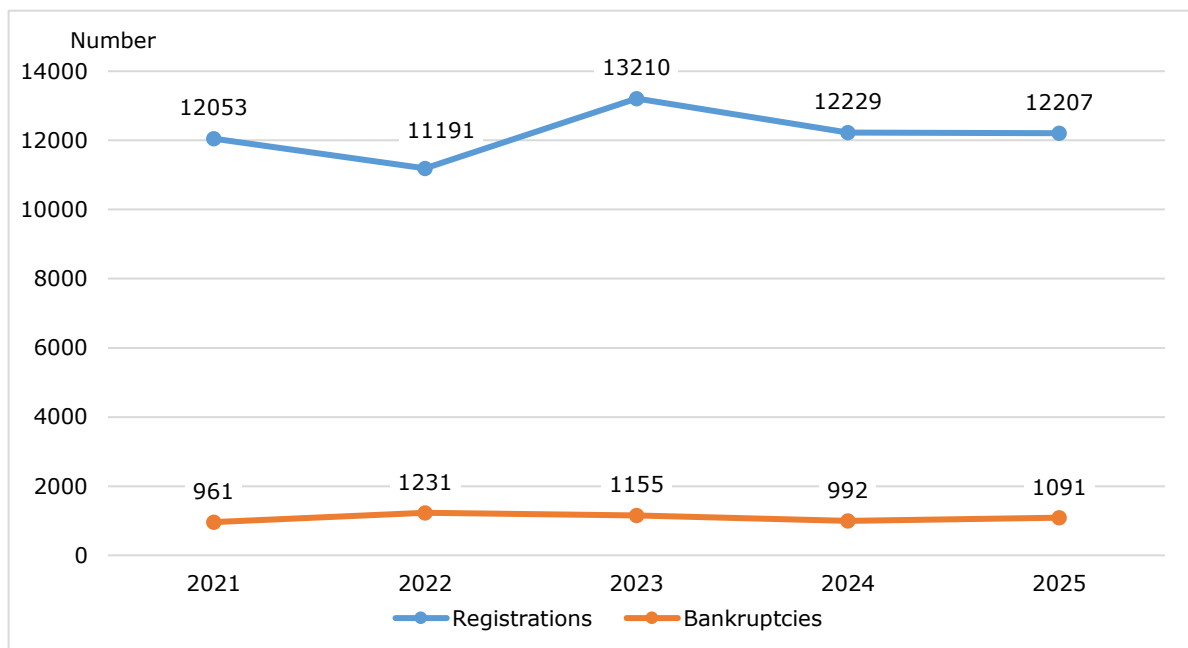
In the first quarter of 2025, the newly registered legal entities in the country are 12 207, and those declared bankrupt - 1 091. Compared to the same quarter of 2024, the total number of newly registered decreased by 0.2%, and that of bankruptcies increased by 10.0%.

Figure 1. Number of registrations and bankruptcies of legal entities in the first quarter of 2024 and 2025



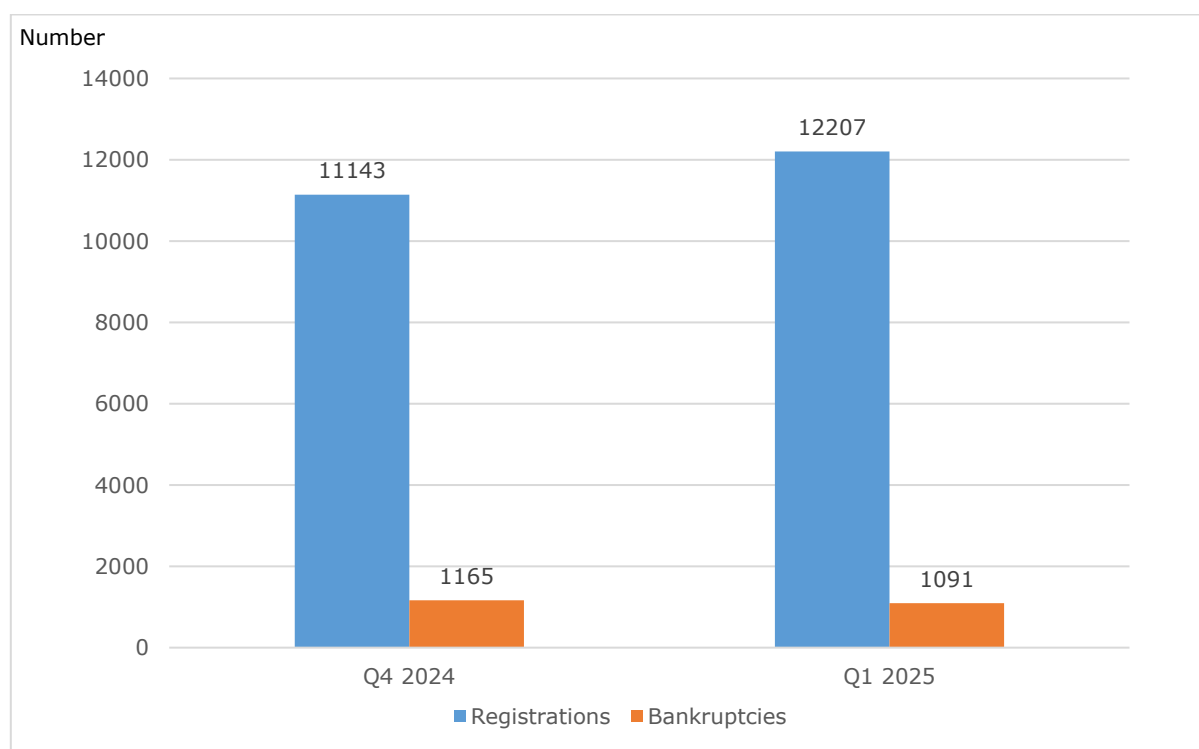
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Figure 2. Number of registrations and bankruptcies of legal entities in the first quarter during the period 2021 - 2025



Compared to the fourth quarter of 2024, the number of newly registered legal entities increased by 9.5%, and the number of those that declared bankruptcy decreased by 6.4%.

Figure 3. Number of registrations and bankruptcies of legal entities in the fourth quarters of 2024 and the first quarter of 2025



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Distribution of newly registered and bankrupt legal entities by sector

The distribution by economic sectors shows that the relative share of newly registered legal entities is the largest in sector G 'Trade; car and motorcycle repair' - 88.0% of all newly registered units in the first quarter of 2025. Among the companies declared bankruptcy, the largest number again falls into sector G 'Trade; car and motorcycle repair' - 88.5% of the total number of bankrupt legal entities for the same period.

1. Number of newly registered and those declared bankruptcy legal entities in the first quarter of 2025 by economic sectors

Economic sector	Registrations	Bankruptcies
Industry	192	21
Construction	134	15
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	10744	965
Transportation and Storage	152	10
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	84	11
Information and Communication	114	16
Financial and Insurance Activities; Real Estate Activities; Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities; Administrative and Support Service Activities	564	34
Education; Human Health and Social Work Activities	223	19

Methodological notes

The quarterly business demography of registrations and bankruptcies of legal entities is related to certain demographic events - date of establishment of the legal entity, date of declaration in bankruptcy proceedings, date of declaration of bankruptcy and date of declaration of liquidation. The data is presented in absolute values according to selected sections of the Classification of Economic Activities (NACE.BG - 2008)¹, according to the requirements of Regulation 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of November 27, 2019, on European business statistics.

- Industry (B, C, D, E):
 - B - Mining Industry;
 - C - Manufacturing Industry;
 - D - Production and Distribution of Electricity, Heat, and Gaseous Fuels;
 - E - Water Supply, Sewerage Services, Waste Management, and Remediation.
- Construction (F41, F42, F43):
 - F41 - Building Construction;
 - F42 - Civil Engineering;
 - F43 - Specialized Construction Activities.

¹ <https://www.nsi.bg/sites/default/files/publications/KID-2008.pdf>.

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- Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles (G45, G46, G47):
 - G45 - Trade and Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles, Technical Maintenance and Repair;
 - G46 - Wholesale Trade, Except Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles;
 - G47 - Retail Trade, Except Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles.
- Transportation and Storage (H49, H50, H51, H52, H53):
 - H49 - Land Transport;
 - H50 - Water Transport;
 - H51 - Air Transport;
 - H52 - Warehousing and Support Activities for Transportation;
 - H53 - Postal and Courier Activities.
- Accommodation and Food Service Activities (I55, I56):
 - I55 - Accommodation;
 - I56 - Food and Beverage Service Activities.
- Information and Communication (J58, J59, J60, J61, J62, J63):
 - J58 - Publishing Activities;
 - J59 - Motion Picture, Video, and Television Program Production, Sound Recording, and Music Publishing Activities;
 - J60 - Radio and Television Broadcasting Activities;
 - J61 - Telecommunications;
 - J62 - Information Technology Activities;
 - J63 - Information Service Activities.
- Financial and Insurance Activities; Real Estate Activities; Professional, Scientific, and Technical Activities; Administrative and Support Service Activities (K, L, M, N):
 - K - Financial and Insurance Activities;
 - L - Real Estate Activities;
 - M - Professional Activities and Scientific Research;
 - N - Administrative and Support Service Activities.
- Education; Human Health and Social Work Activities (P, Q, R, S95, S96):
 - P - Education;
 - Q - Human Health and Social Work;
 - R - Culture, Sports, and Entertainment;
 - S95 - Repair of Computers, Personal and Household Goods;
 - S96 - Other Personal Services.

A legal unit is a legal entity under public or private law.

This legal entity can be:

- *A legal entity* - whose existence is recognized by law regardless of the persons or institutions that own it or are members;
- *A natural person* - who, as an independent person, exercises economic activity. In order to exist, it must be legally registered with the competent administrative authorities (Commercial Register and Register of Non-Profit Legal Entities, Bulstat Register and others).
- *Liquidation* - the process of voluntarily terminating the activities of a merchant and distributing the assets among creditors and shareholders.
- *Bankruptcy* - a court proceeding of forced execution to satisfy the creditors of a merchant who is insolvent or over-indebted.