

REGISTRATIONS AND BANKRUPTCIES OF LEGAL ENTITIES IN THE FORTH QUARTER OF 2023

In the fourth quarter of 2023, the newly registered legal entities in the country are 10 633, and those declared bankrupt - 977. Compared to the same quarter of 2022, the total number of newly registered decreased by 2.4%, and that of bankrupts - by 14.9%.

Figure 1. Number of registrations and bankruptcies of legal entities in the fourth quarter of 2022 and 2023

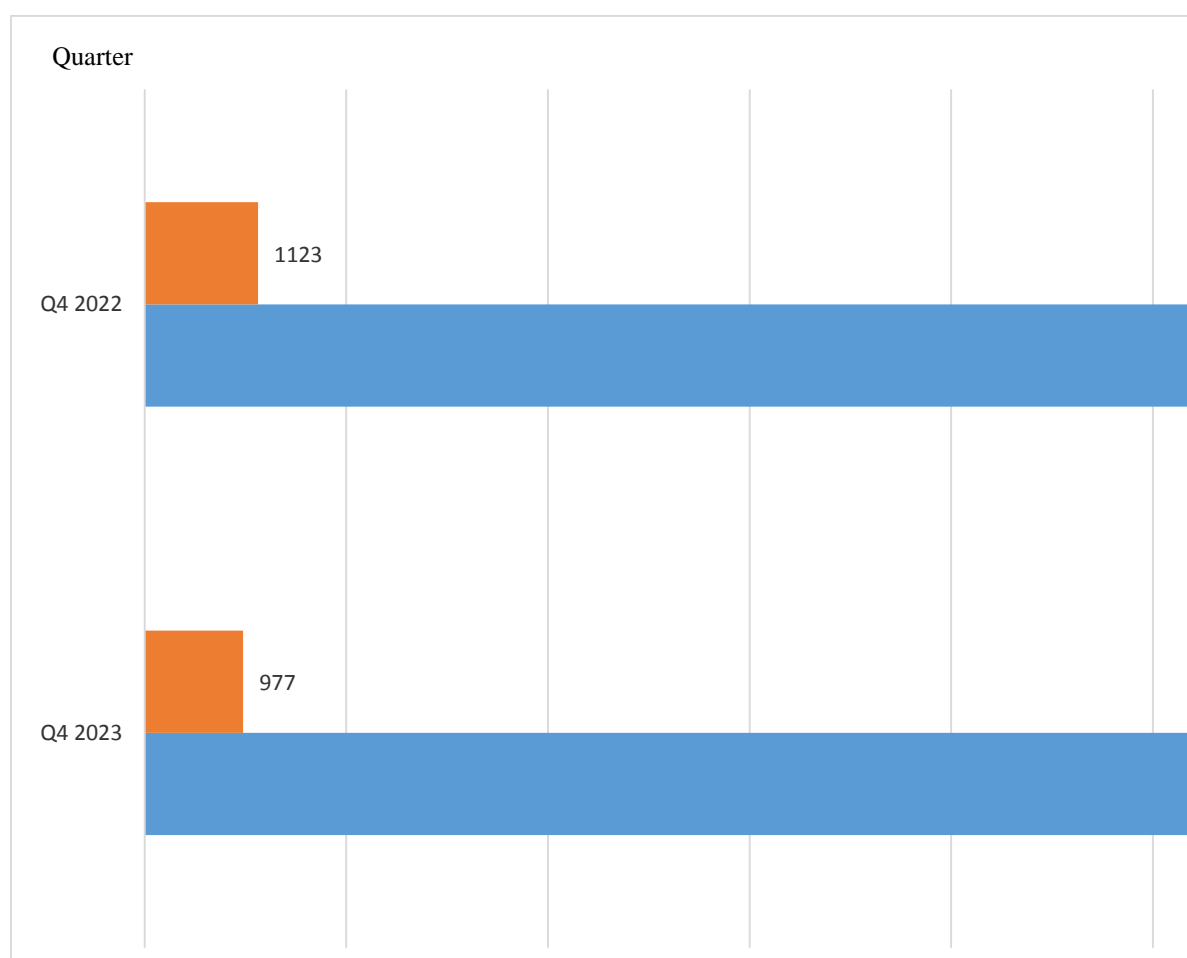
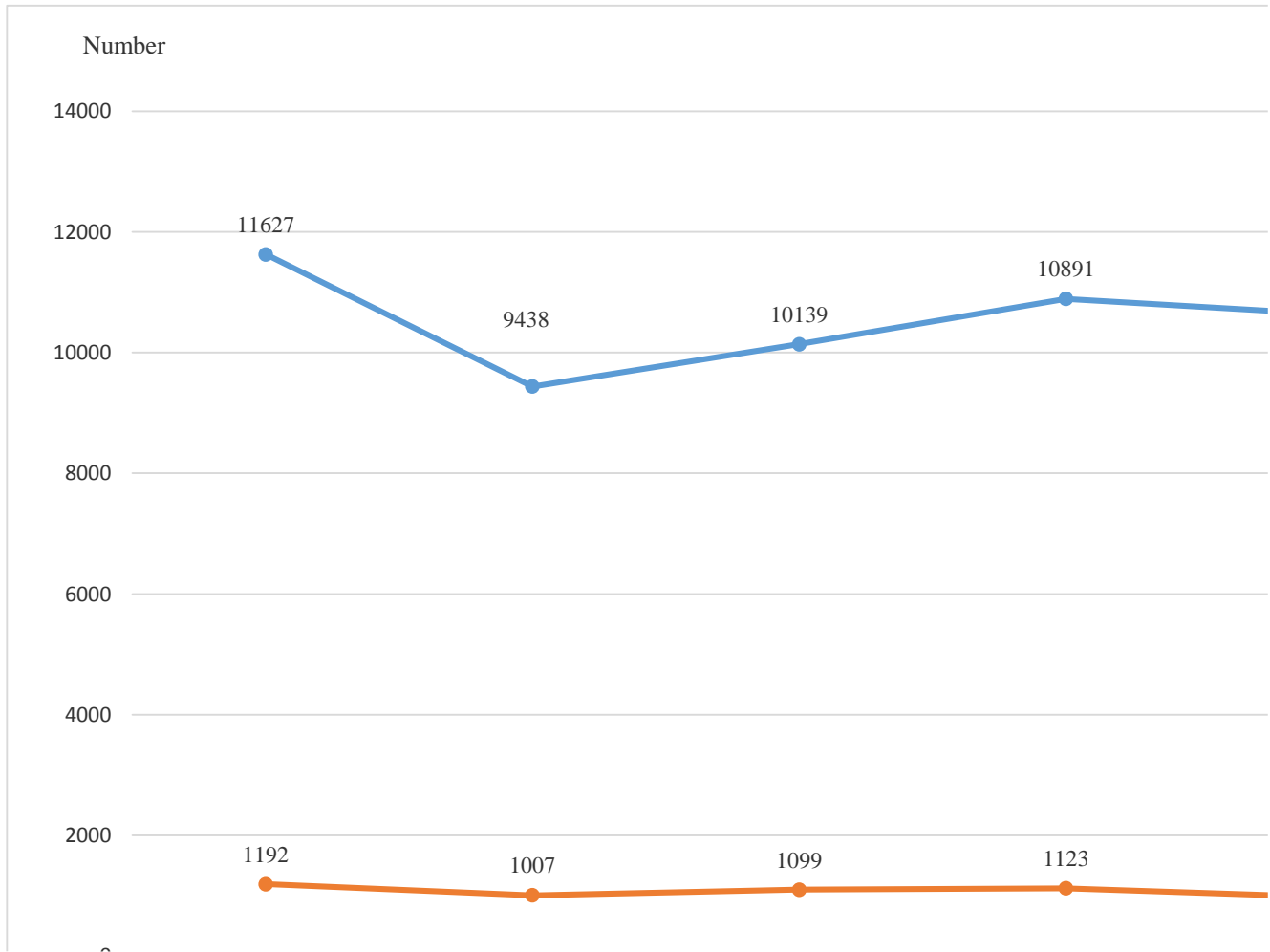


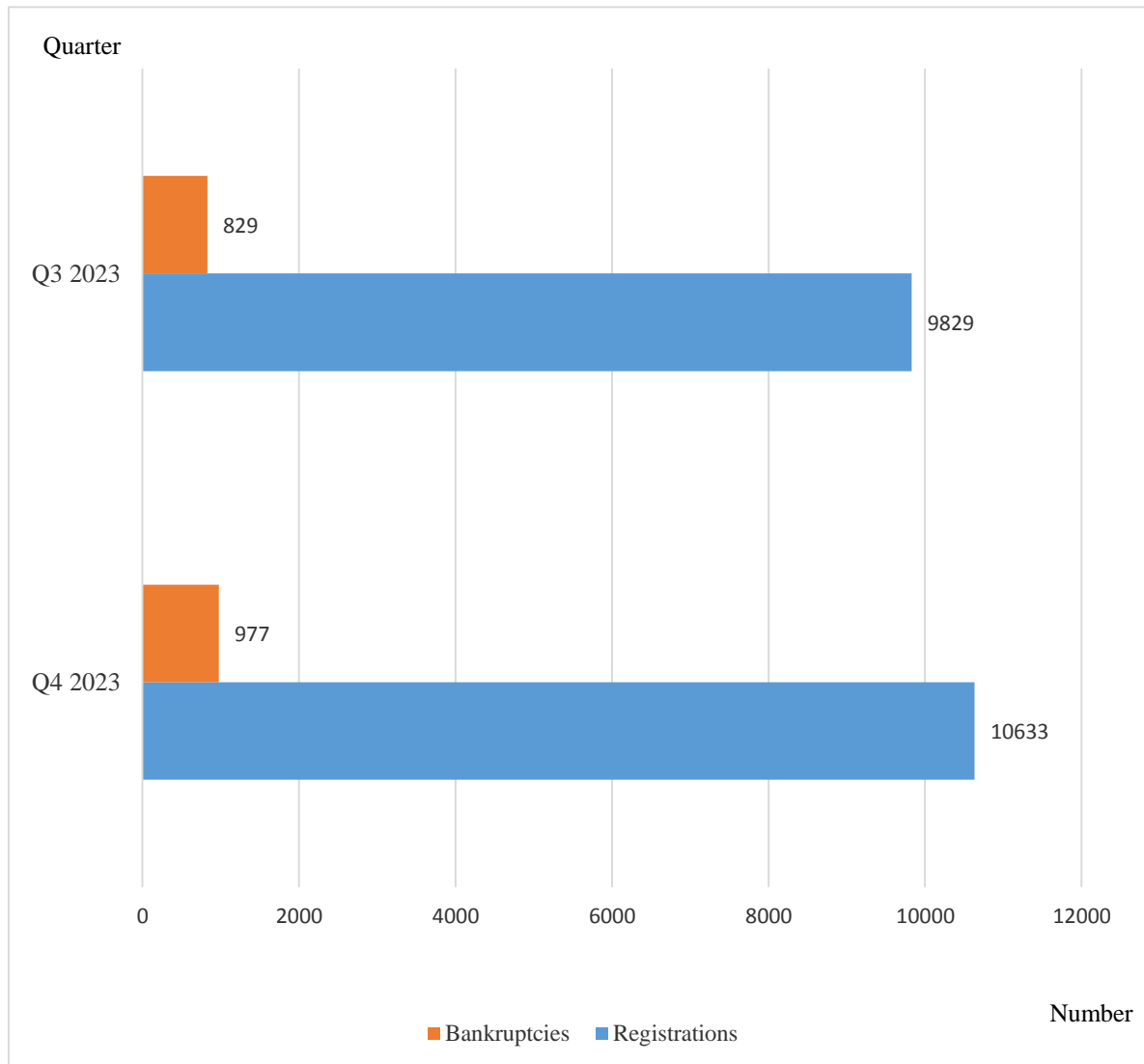
Figure 2. Number of registrations and bankruptcies of legal entities in the fourth quarter

in the period 2019 - 2023



Compared to the third quarter of 2023, newly registered legal entities increased by 8.2%, and those that declared bankruptcy - by 17.8%.

Figure 3. Number of registrations and bankruptcies of legal entities in the second and third quarters of 2023



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’ - 88.4% of all newly registered units in the fourth quarter of 2023. Among the companies declared bankrupt, the largest number again fall into sector G ‘Trade; repair of cars and motorcycles’ - 76.7% 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 third quarter of 2023 by economic sectors

Икономически сектор	Registrations	Bankruptcies	Description
Industry	110	36	B,C,D,E
Construction	186	30	F41,F42,F43
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	9396	749	G45,G46,G47
Transportation and storage	102	20	H49,H50,H51,H52,H53
Accommodation and food service activities	72	20	I55,I56
Information and communication	92	9	J58,J59,J60,J61,J62,J63
Financial and insurance activities; real estate activities; professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities	462	95	K,L,M,N
Education; human health and social work activities	213	18	P,Q,R,S95,S96

Methodological notes

The quarterly business demography of registrations and bankruptcies of legal (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 - 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.

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).

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