# BUSINESS STATISTICS
## QUARTER 3, 2026

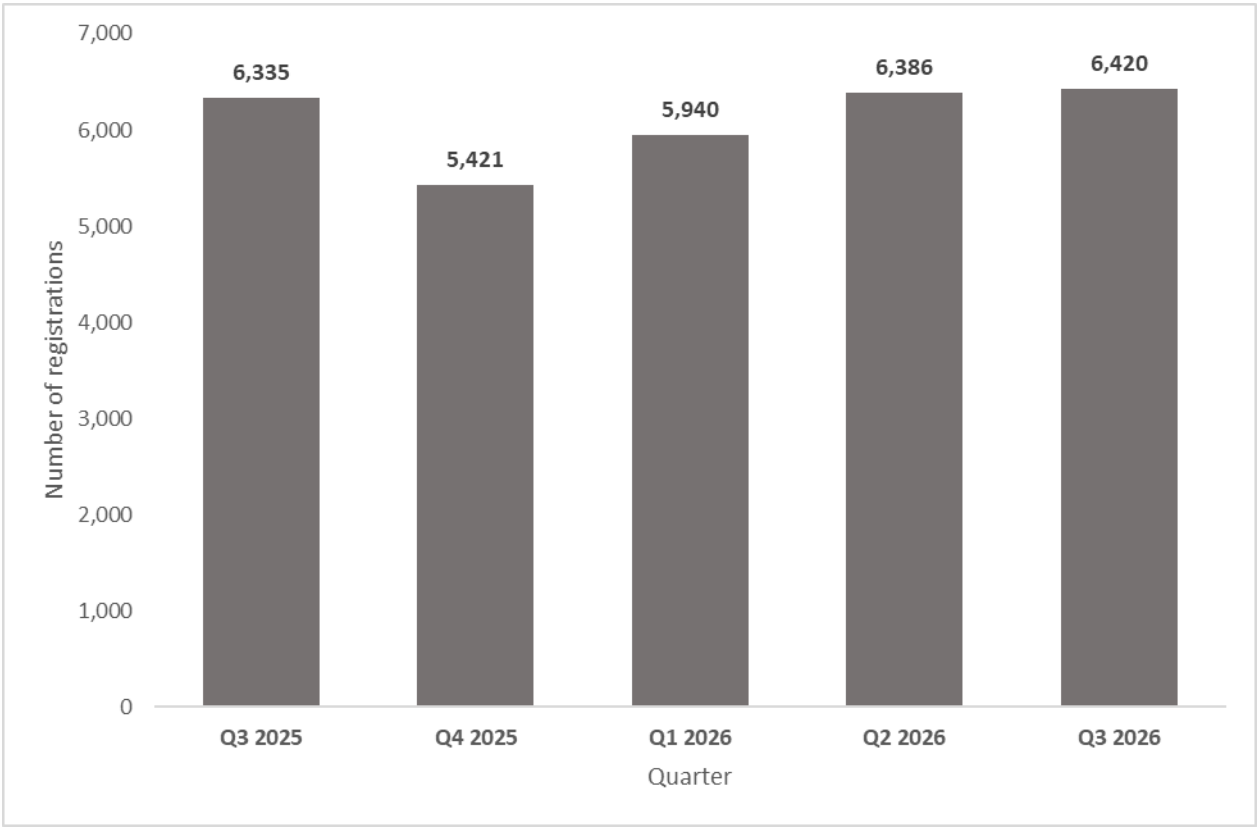
## 1. INTRODUCTION

The business statistics on enterprise dynamics provides insights into quarterly changes in the number of enterprises registered in the Republic of Mauritius. These statistics, received from the Corporate and Business Registration Department (CBRD) and compiled within the Statistical Business Register (SBR), focus mainly on quarterly new enterprise registrations, changes in the registered enterprise population, and percentage changes by National Standard Industrial Classification (NSIC) Section.

## 2. ENTERPRISE REGISTRATIONS

New enterprise registrations in the third quarter of 2026 increased compared with both the corresponding quarter of the previous year and the preceding quarter. Registrations increased by 85, from 6,335 in Q3 2025 to 6,420 in Q3 2026. Moreover, compared to Q2 2026, registrations increased by 34, rising from 6,386 to 6,420 (Table 1).

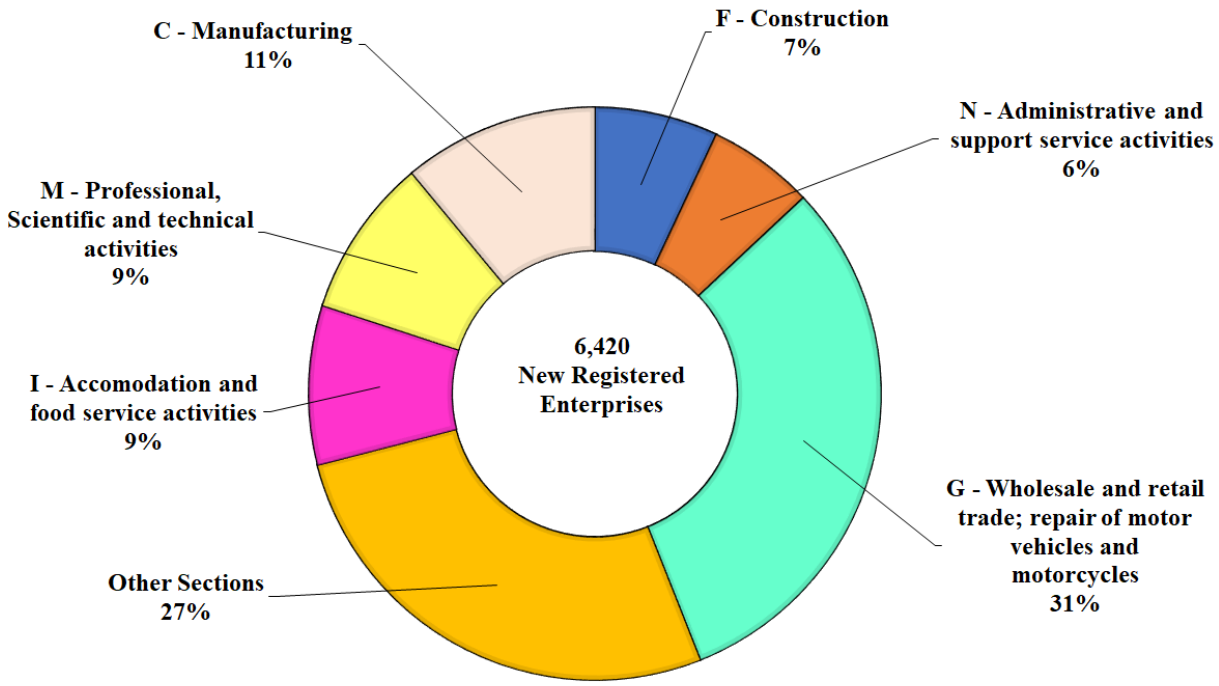
**Figure 1: Comparison of Enterprise registrations for Quarter 3 2025 – Quarter 3 2026**



## 3. SECTORAL BREAKDOWN

During the third quarter of 2026, new enterprise registrations were primarily concentrated in the Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles sector, which accounted for 31% of total registrations. This was followed by the Manufacturing sector (11%), while the Accommodation and food service activities and Professional, scientific and technical activities sectors each accounted for 9%. The Construction sector represented 7% of registrations, followed by the Administrative and support service activities sector, which accounted for 6%. The remaining 27% of new registrations were distributed across other economic sectors (Table 2).

**Figure 2: Distribution (%) of New Registered Enterprises by Industrial Section, Quarter 3 2026**



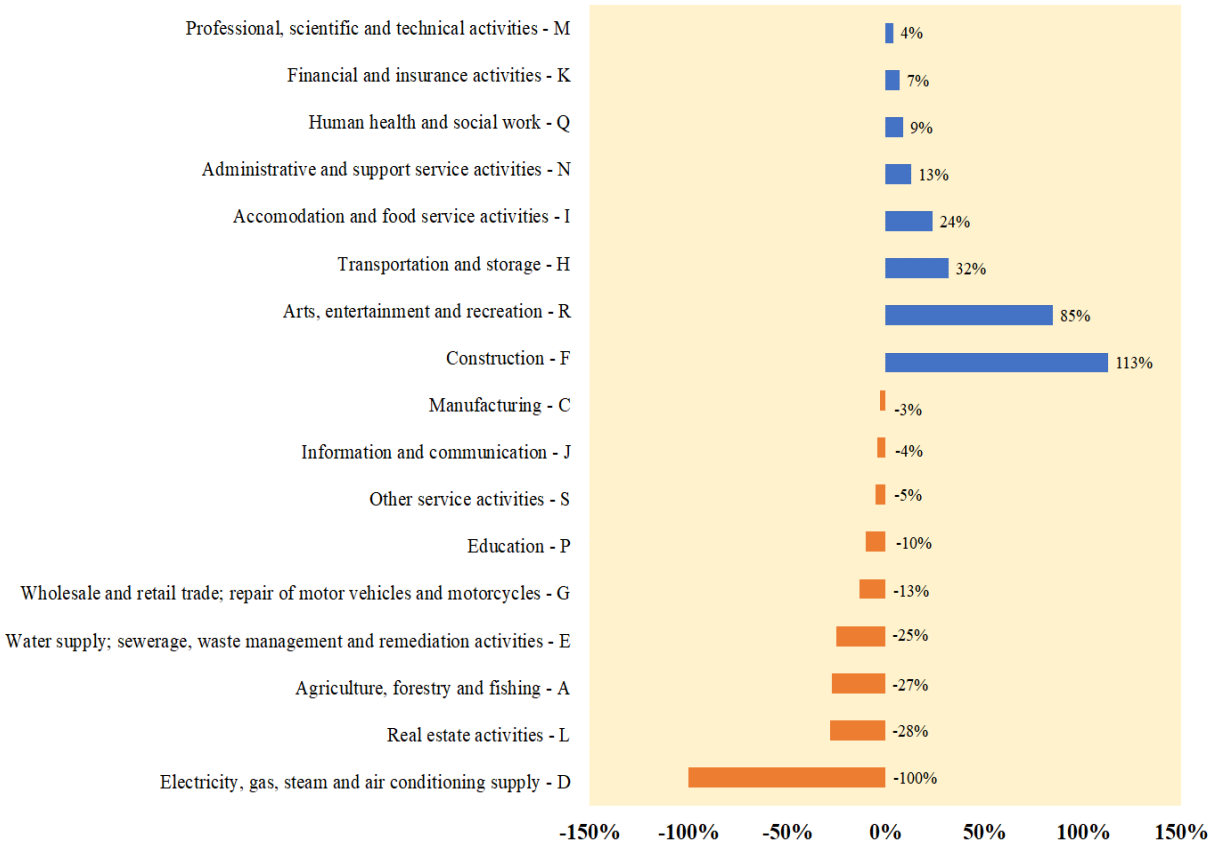

*Other sections include A- Agriculture, forestry and fishing (5%), H - Transportation and storage (5%), J - Information and communication (4%), K - Financial and insurance activities (3%), L - Real estate activities (1%), P – Education (1%), Q - Human health and social work activities (1%), R - Arts, entertainment and recreation (3%) and S - Other service activities (4%).*

## 4. SECTORAL CHANGES

New enterprise registrations in the third quarter of 2026 showed varied performance across different industries compared to the same period of 2025. The strongest growth was recorded in Construction (113%), followed by Arts, entertainment and recreation (85%), Transportation and storage (32%), Accommodation and food service activities (24%), Administrative and support service activities (13%), Human health and social work (9%), Financial and insurance activities (7%) and Professional, scientific and technical activities (4%).

In contrast, declines in enterprise registrations were observed in several sectors. Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply recorded the largest decrease (-100%), with no new registrations in the third quarter of 2026, compared with one registration in the corresponding quarter of 2025. Other notable decreases were recorded in Real estate activities (-28%), Agriculture, forestry and fishing (-27%), Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (-25%), Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (-13%), and Education (-10%). Smaller declines were observed in Other service activities (-5%), Information and communication (-4%), and Manufacturing (-3%) (Table 3).

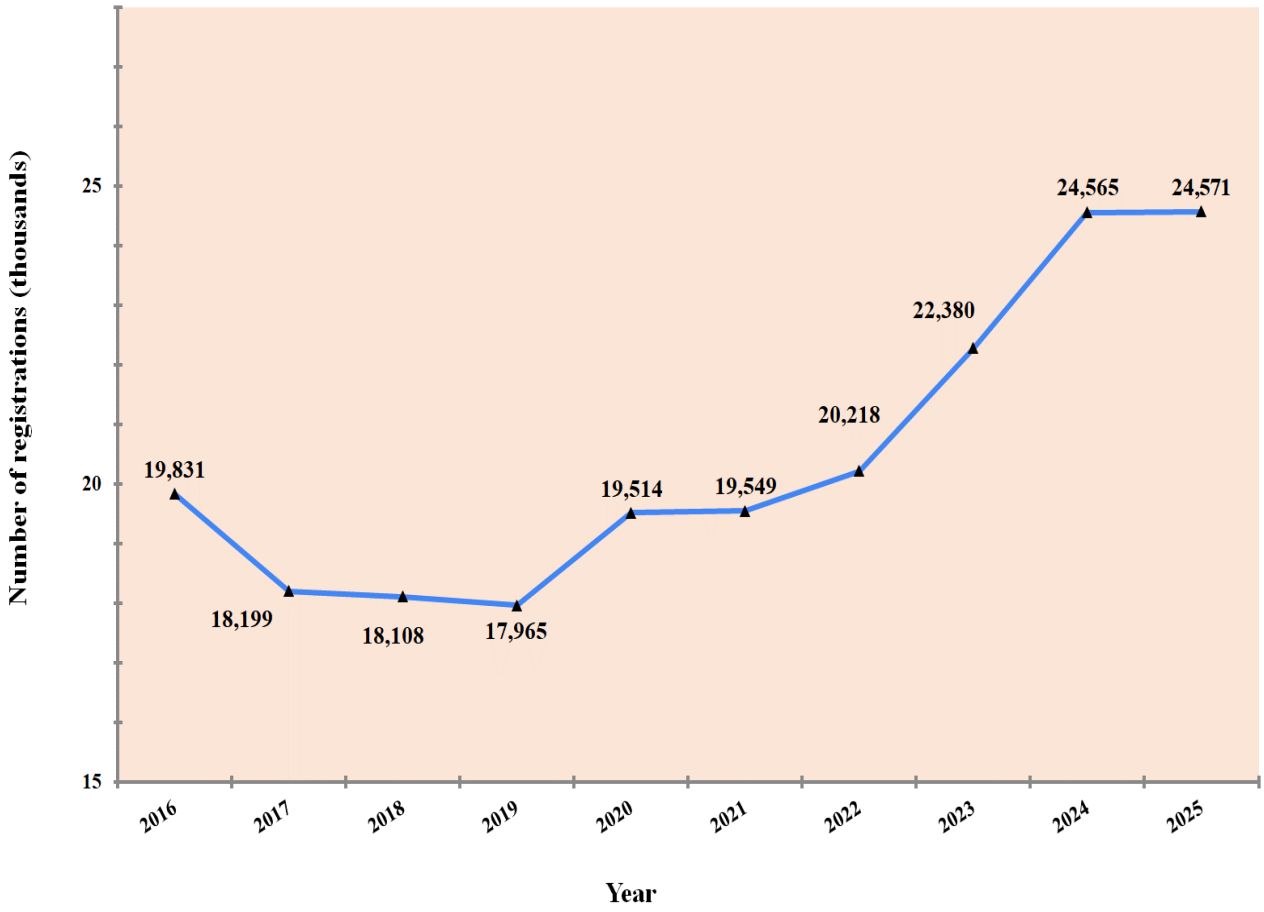
**Figure 3: Percentage Change (%) in Industrial Section for Q3 2025 compared to Q3 2026**



## 5. LONG – TERM TRENDS

From 2016 to 2025, the total number of enterprises grew by 24%, from 19,831 to 24,571. After a decline between 2016 and 2019, the number has steadily increased, showing consistent growth in business activity in recent years (Table 4).

**Figure 4: Total number of Enterprises registered, 2016 - 2025**




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Data has been primarily sourced from the Corporate and Business Registration Department (CBRD), and the main activities indicated correspond to those declared at the time of registration with the CBRD. However, some activities have been revised based on information such as name, description of activity provided to CBRD.

**Enterprise:** An enterprise is an economic unit engaged in one or more activities involving the production or provision of goods and services, with a sufficient degree of autonomy in decision-making. In Mauritius, an enterprise is a legal entity, generally identified by a unique Business Registration Number (BRN).

**Establishment:** An establishment is an enterprise, or part of an enterprise, engaged in one or predominantly one kind of economic activity at a single geographical location.

An enterprise may operate several establishments at different locations, each recorded separately in the Statistical Business Register and linked to its parent enterprise and the BRN of the relevant legal entity. Accordingly, the BRN should serve as a key identifier for linking administrative and statistical records, while each establishment should have its own unique statistical identifier


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**Table 1: Number of Enterprise registrations for Quarter 3 2025 – Quarter 3 2026**

| Quarter | Number |
|---|---|
| **Q3 2025** | 6,335 |
| **Q4 2025** | 5,421 |
| **Q1 2026** | 5,940 |
| **Q2 2026** | 6,386 |
| **Q3 2026** | 6,420 |

**Table 2: Number and percentage of new registered enterprises by Industrial Section for Q3 of 2026**

| Industrial Section | Q3 2026 | % |
|---|---|---|
| A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 304 | 5 |
| B - Mining and quarrying | - | - |
| C - Manufacturing | 695 | 11 |
| D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply | - | - |
| E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities | 3 | - |
| F - Construction | 432 | 7 |
| G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | 1,992 | 31 |
| H - Transportation and storage | 295 | 5 |
| I - Accommodation and food service activities | 567 | 9 |
| J - Information and communication | 284 | 4 |
| K - Financial and insurance activities | 205 | 3 |
| L - Real estate activities | 94 | 1 |
| M - Professional, scientific and technical activities | 570 | 9 |
| N - Administrative and support service activities | 398 | 6 |
| P - Education | 71 | 1 |
| Q - Human health and social work activities | 61 | 1 |
| R - Arts, entertainment and recreation | 191 | 3 |
| S - Other service activities | 258 | 4 |
| T - Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services-producing activities of households for own use | - | - |

**Table 3: Percentage change in Industrial Section for Q3 2025 compared to Q3 2026**

| Industrial Section | Q3 2025 | Q3 2026 | Net Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Number | % |
| A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 414 | 304 | -110 | -27 |
| B - Mining and quarrying | - | - | - | - |
| C - Manufacturing | 713 | 695 | -18 | -3 |
| D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply | 1 | - | -1 | -100 |
| E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities | 4 | 3 | -1 | -25 |
| F - Construction | 203 | 432 | 229 | 113 |
| G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | 2,292 | 1,992 | -300 | -13 |
| H - Transportation and storage | 223 | 295 | 72 | 32 |
| I - Accommodation and food service activities | 458 | 567 | 109 | 24 |
| J - Information and communication | 296 | 284 | -12 | -4 |
| K - Financial and insurance activities | 191 | 205 | 14 | 7 |
| L - Real estate activities | 130 | 94 | -36 | -28 |
| M - Professional, scientific and technical activities | 547 | 570 | 23 | 4 |
| N - Administrative and support service activities | 352 | 398 | 46 | 13 |
| P - Education | 79 | 71 | -8 | -10 |
| Q - Human health and social work activities | 56 | 61 | 5 | 9 |
| R - Arts, entertainment and recreation | 103 | 191 | 88 | 85 |
| S - Other service activities | 273 | 258 | -15 | -5 |
| T - Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services-producing activities of households for own use | - | - | - | - |

**Table 4: Number of registrations by year from 2016 to 2025**

| Year | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number | 19,831 | 18,199 | 18,108 | 17,965 | 19,514 | 19,549 | 20,218 | 22,380 | 24,565 | 24,571 |