BUSINESS STATISTICS
QUARTER 1, 2026

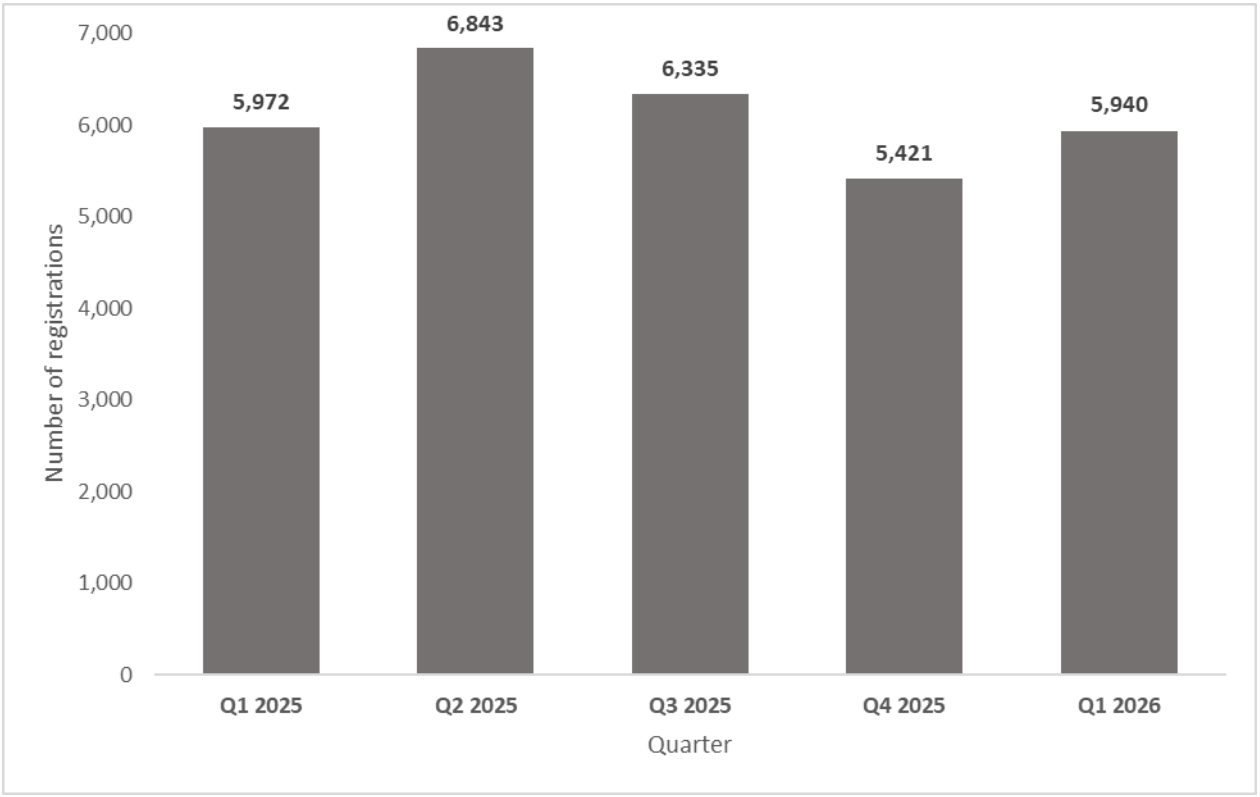
1. INTRODUCTION

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 first quarter of 2026 showed a mixed trend when compared to both the same quarter of the previous year and the preceding quarter. Registrations declined slightly from 5,972 in Q1 2025 to 5,940 in Q1 2026. However, compared to the fourth quarter of 2025, registrations increased notably from 5,421 to 5,940 (Table 1).

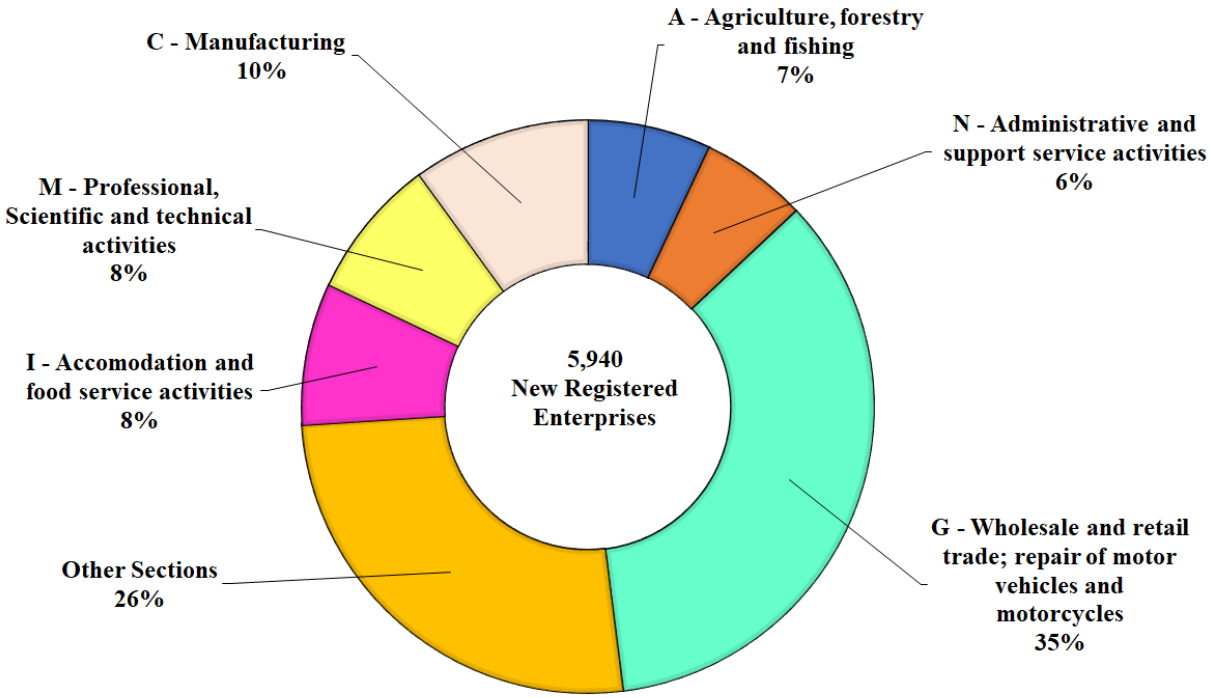
Figure 1: Comparison of Enterprise registrations for Quarter 1 2025 – Quarter 1 2026



3. SECTORAL BREAKDOWN

For the first quarter of 2026, new registrations were primarily concentrated in Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (35%)**,** followed by Manufacturing (10%)**,** Accommodation and food service activities (8%) and Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities (8%)**.** Agriculture, forestry and fishing accounted for 7%, while Administrative and support service activities followed at 6% and other sections accounted for 26% of the total (Table 2).

Figure 2: Distribution (%) of New Registered Enterprises by Industrial Section, Quarter 1 2026



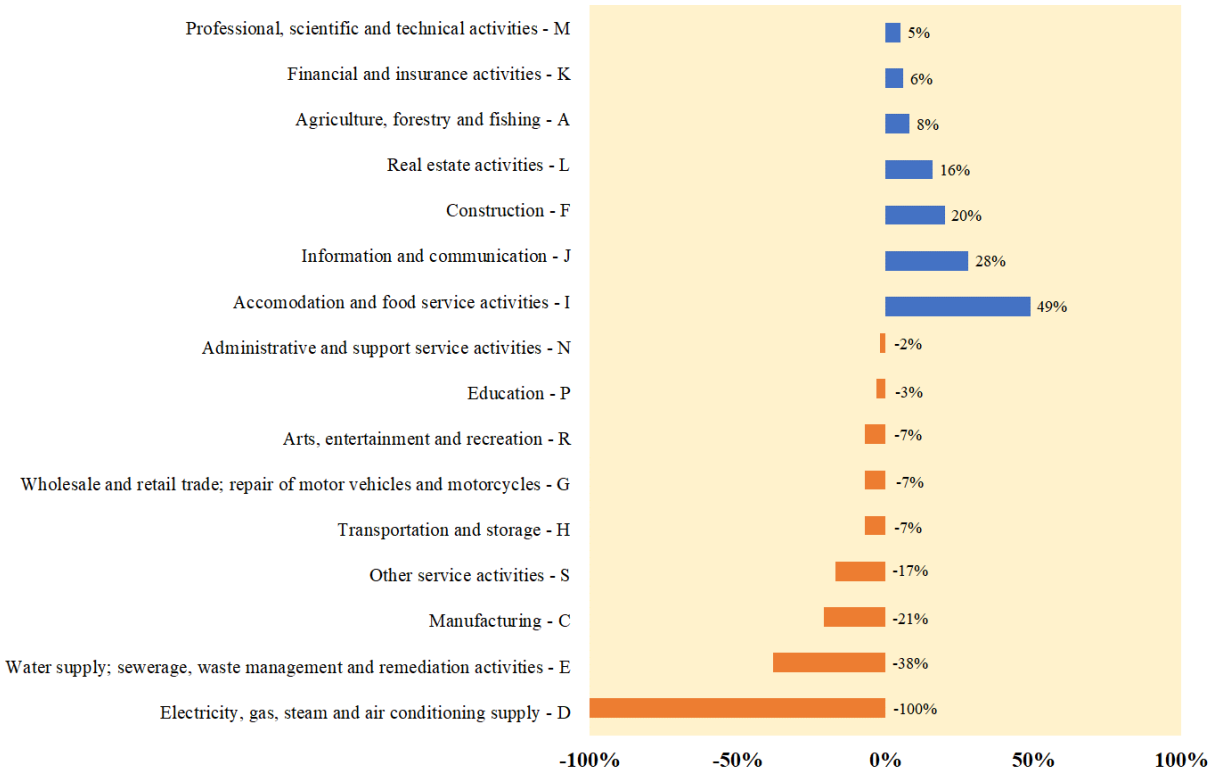
Other sections include F- Construction (5%), H - Transportation and storage (4%), J - Information and communication (4%), K - Financial and insurance activities (3%), L - Real estate activities (2%), P - Education (1%), Q - Human health and social work activities (1%), R - Arts, entertainment and recreation (2%) and S - Other service activities (4%).

4. SECTORAL CHANGES

New enterprise registrations in the first quarter of 2026 showed varied performance across different industries compared to the same period of 2025. The strongest growth was seen in Accommodation and Food Service Activities (49%), followed by Information and Communication (28%), Construction (20%) and Real Estate (16%). Moderate growth was also noted in Agriculture (8%), Financial and Insurance Activities (6%), Professional, Scientific, and Technical Activities (5%).

In contrast, several sectors experienced declines. The sharpest drops were in Electricity, Gas, Steam, and Air Conditioning Supply (-100%), Water Supply and Waste Management (-38%), Manufacturing (-21%) and Other Service Activities (-17%). Smaller decreases occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles (-7%), Transportation and Storage (-7%), Arts, Entertainment and Recreation (-7%), Education (-3%) and Administrative and Support Service activities (-2%) (Table 3).

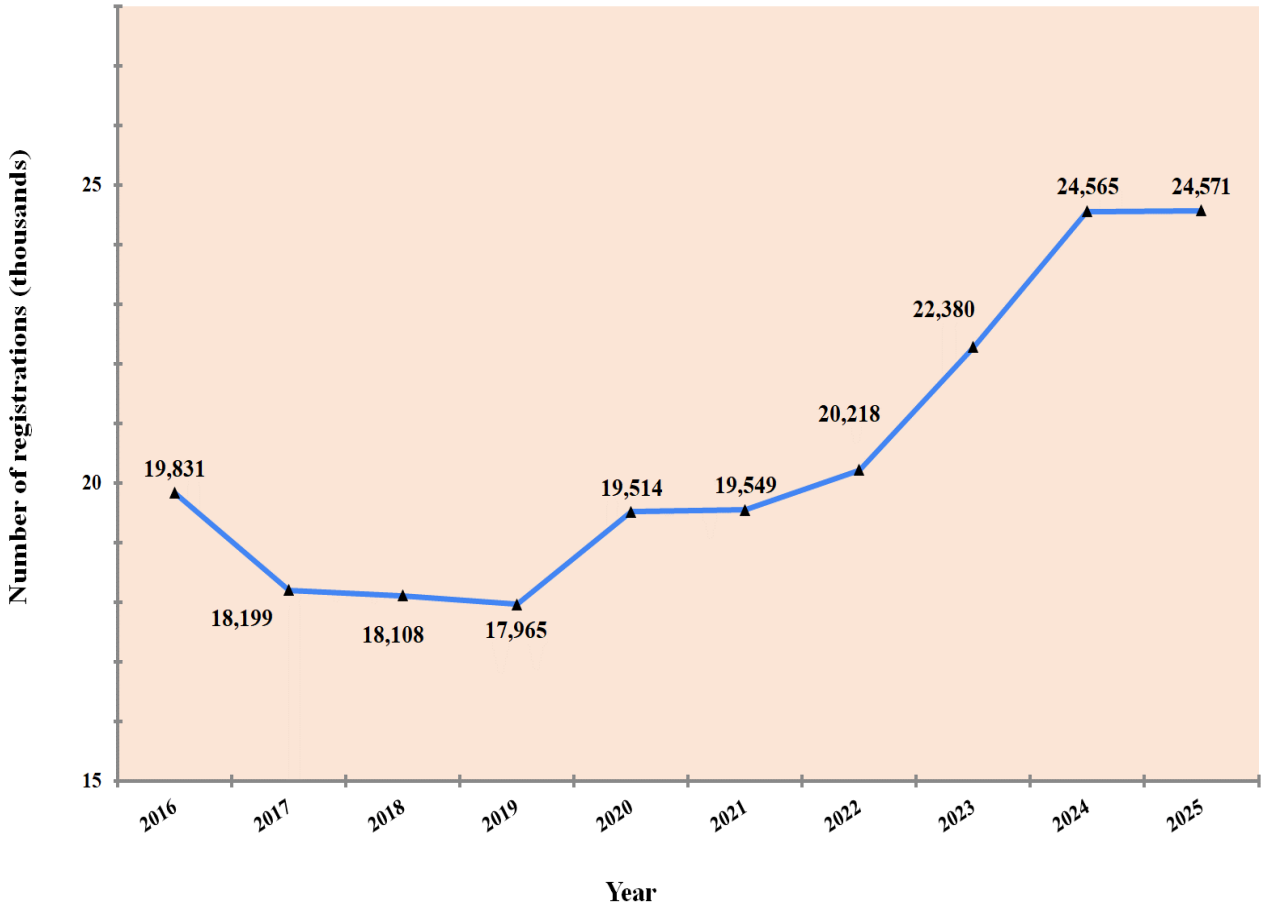
Figure 3: Percentage Change (%) in Industrial Section for Q_1 2025 compared to Q_1 2026



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.

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

Quarter	Number
Q1 2025	5,972
Q2 2025	6,843
Q3 2025	6,335
Q4 2025	5,421
Q1 2026	5,940

Table 2: Number and percentage of new registered enterprises by Industrial Section for Q1 of 2026

Industrial Section	Q1 2026	%
A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing	387	7
B - Mining and quarrying	-	-
C - Manufacturing	593	10
D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	-	-
E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	5	-
F - Construction	319	5
G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	2,084	35
H - Transportation and storage	216	4
I - Accommodation and food service activities	495	8
J - Information and communication	241	4
K - Financial and insurance activities	158	3
L - Real estate activities	142	2
M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	499	8
N - Administrative and support service activities	359	6
P - Education	57	1
Q - Human health and social work activities	65	1
R - Arts, entertainment and recreation	94	2
S - Other service activities	226	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 Q1 2025 compared to Q1 2026

Industrial Section	Q1 2025	Q1 2026	Net Change	
			Number	%
A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing	360	387	27	8
B - Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-
C - Manufacturing	746	593	-153	-21
D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2	-	-2	-100
E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	8	5	-3	-38
F - Construction	266	319	53	20
G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	2,231	2,084	-147	-7
H - Transportation and storage	232	216	-16	-7
I - Accommodation and food service activities	333	495	162	49
J - Information and communication	188	241	53	28
K - Financial and insurance activities	149	158	9	6
L - Real estate activities	122	142	20	16
M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	474	499	25	5
N - Administrative and support service activities	365	359	-6	-2
P - Education	59	57	-2	-3
Q - Human health and social work activities	65	65	-	-
R - Arts, entertainment and recreation	101	94	-7	-7
S - Other service activities	271	226	-45	-17
T - Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services-producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-	-
Total	**5,972**	**5,940**	**-32**	**-1**

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