



Bankruptcies and liquidations down in the first half of 2026

According to the latest figures from the Ministry of Justice/STATEC, 567 companies were declared bankrupt and 86 were wound up during the first six months of 2026.

Bankruptcies

Bankruptcies are down by 1.7 per cent compared with the first half of 2025 (567 compared with 577 rulings). According to initial estimates, job losses among salaried employees linked to bankruptcies stand at 1,423, compared with 1,414 in the first half of 2025.

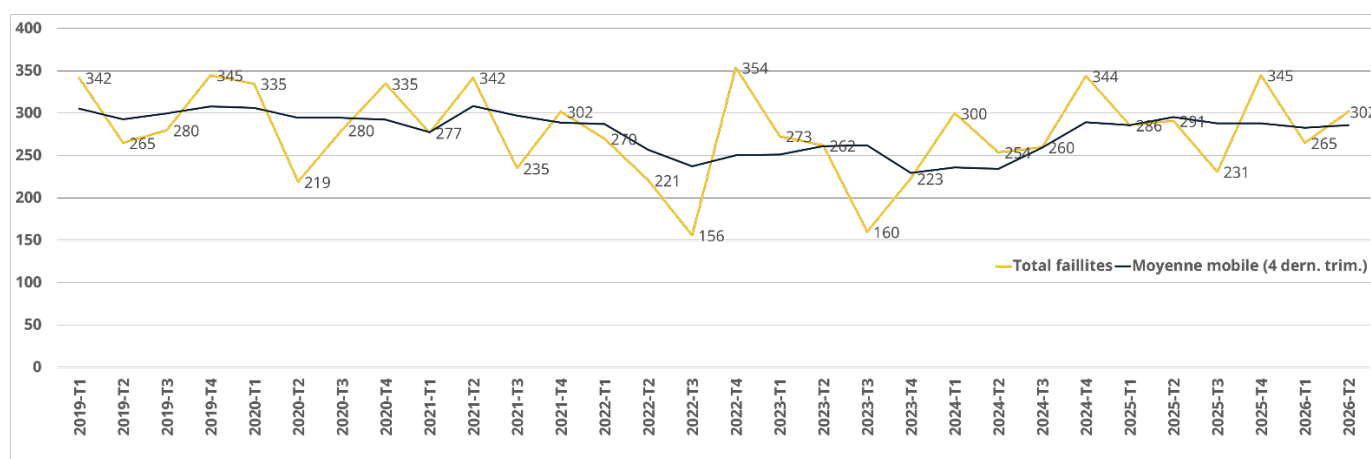
The highest number of insolvencies (150) involved holding companies and investment funds.

The construction sector recorded 88 bankruptcies, resulting in 429 job losses in the first half of 2026 (a 13 per cent decrease compared with the first half of 2025).

There were also 92 bankruptcies in the retail sector, representing a 9.5 per cent increase compared with the same period in 2025. Job losses in this sector are estimated at 148, a fall of around 23 per cent compared with the first half of 2025.

Bankruptcies in the hospitality sector totaled 43 (a 30 per cent decrease compared with the first half of 2025), resulting in some 305 salaried jobs lost (a 41 per cent increase).

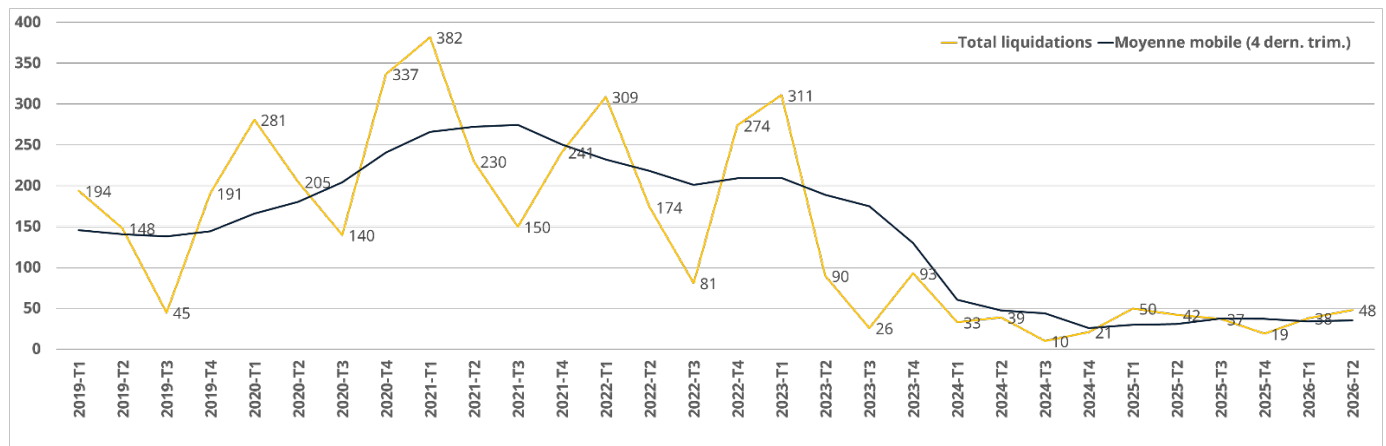
CHART 1: QUARTERLY TREND IN BANKRUPTCIES SINCE 2019



Liquidations

Having remained at a very low level since 2024, the number of liquidations fell by 6.5% during the first half of 2026; however, this represents only six fewer orders compared with the first half of 2025. Nearly 28 per cent of the companies liquidated during the period under review were holding companies and investment funds.

CHART 2: QUARTERLY TREND IN LIQUIDATIONS SINCE 2019



All these topics can be viewed in [STATEC's 'Bankruptcies and Liquidations' Dashboard](#), published on 17 July 2026. The bankruptcy statistics are based on a record of court decisions, sourced from the Commercial Register, with the most recent data dated 13 July 2026.

The number of bankruptcies is calculated as the sum of 'new cases' or 're-openings', less the bankruptcies reported under the judicial procedure 'judgements and orders declaring bankruptcy'. These figures are provisional. The liquidation of a legal entity, whether a natural or legal person, may be voluntary or compulsory. Following liquidation, the entity ceases to exist permanently.

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