2026 SME COUNTRY FACT SHEET

GREECE

- In 2025, SMEs in Greece continued their recovery, with real value added growing by 7.6% and employment by 2.8%. Micro firms played a key role in this direction, as they were the sole size category that grew in employment, by 6.7%, while all other size classes, including large enterprises, declined by around -1.8% each. In terms of real value added, only medium-sized firms declined, by -0.7%, whereas growth experienced by micro and small businesses (10.4% and 11.7%, respectively) was above the 6.9% of large enterprises.
- Concerning 2026, it is expected that Greek SMEs will grow further, by 4.1% in employment, and by 6.5% in real value added. Micro businesses are expected to see significant growth in both indicators, 7.6% and 13.2%, respectively. Real estate activities (L) are forecast to grow substantially, by 12.7% and 14.3%, respectively. Conversely, only the Financial and insurance activities (K) section are predicted to experience a decline in both indicators, by -2.0% and -3.7%, respectively.
- Tourism constitutes a key ecosystem in the Greek economy. In 2025, a significant recession occurred in SME employment in this ecosystem, with a drop of -7.7% (but this was the only national industrial ecosystem that dropped in employment terms). On the other hand, SME real value added in the Tourism ecosystem increased by 27.6%, pointing to outstanding productivity growth. The Mobility – Transport – Automotive ecosystem witnessed a growth in SME employment of 2.4%, accompanied by a decline of -10.3% in SME real value added.
- In 2026, SMEs in all 14 national industrial ecosystems are forecast to grow in both employment and real value added. In terms of SME employment, the most promising forecast is for Tourism, with a growth rate of 7.3%, and the most modest prediction was in Health, with a growth rate of 1.7%. Regarding SME real value added, its growth in Tourism is expected to reach 10.6%, while Retail ecosystem is forecast to witness the growth of 4.8%.

SME development (2024-2025)

SMEs in the 'total business economy'. Estimates produced by JRC.

Enterprises by size classes (2025)

	ENTERPRISES		PERSONS EMPLOYED		VALUE ADDED	
	NUMBER	SHARE	NUMBER	SHARE	€ BILLION	SHARE
Micro (0-9 persons employed)	949 107	94.7%	1 761 540	47.5%	28.5	23.5%
Small (10-49 persons employed)	47 537	4.7%	884 857	23.9%	23.3	19.3%
Medium (50-249 persons employed)	5 114	0.5%	490 294	13.2%	18.8	15.5%
Total SMEs (0-249 persons employed)	1 001 758	99.9%	3 136 691	84.6%	70.6	58.3%
Large enterprises (250+ persons employed)	686	0.1%	571 993	15.4%	50.5	41.7%

The data for 2025 are estimates produced by JRC, based on 2008-2024 figures from national and Eurostat databases.

The SME Performance Review monitors SME-related developments across the EU. For more information, please see: https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/sme-strategy/performance-review_en
Please note that 2026 estimates were done prior to the economic tensions arising from the Middle East crises, bringing uncertainty that is still difficult to assess in terms of its impact on SMEs.