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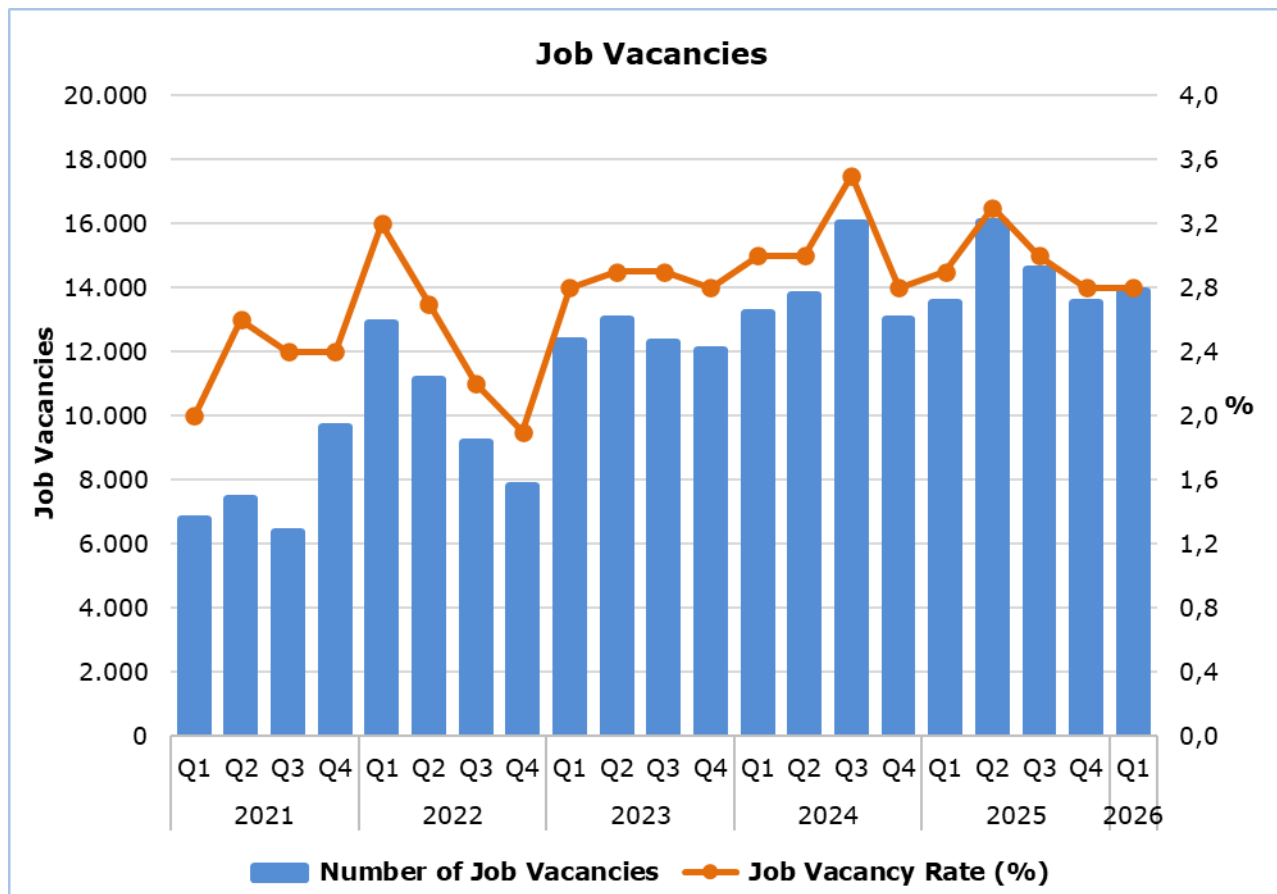
### JOB VACANCIES: 1st QUARTER 2026

#### Job Vacancy Rate 2,8%

The number of job vacancies in the 1st quarter of 2026 reached 13.905 and the job vacancy rate was 2,8%. (Figure)

The largest job vacancy rates in the 1st quarter of 2026 were observed in the Sectors of Arts, Sports and Recreation (5,1%), Construction (4,7%) and Accommodation and Food Service Activities (4,0%). (Table)

It is noted that, as from the first quarter of 2026, data are classified according to the new Statistical Classification of Economic Activities, NACE Rev. 2.1 and are therefore not directly comparable with data for previous periods based on NACE Rev. 2. For comparability purposes, the Statistical Service will continue to publish data according to both classifications for the 2026 reference year, on its online database CYSTAT-DB. Backcasted time series based on NACE Rev. 2.1 for the period from 2018 onwards will be published once the relevant work has been completed.



**Table**

Nace Rev. 2.1	Οικονομική Δραστηριότητα	Number of Job Vacancies		Job Vacancy Rate (%)	
		Q1 2026	Q1 2026	Q1 2026	Q1 2026
B	Mining and Quarrying	3		0,5	
C	Manufacturing	905		2,3	
D	Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply	34		1,8	
E	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	48		1,1	
F	Construction	1.997		4,7	
G	Wholesale and Retail Trade	2.649		3,5	
H	Transportation and Storage	567		2,5	
I	Accommodation and Food Service Activities	2.189		4,0	
J	Publishing, Broadcasting, and Content Production and Distribution Activities	120		1,8	
K	Telecommunication, Computer Programming, Consulting, Computing Infrastructure and Other Information Service Activities	530		2,4	
L	Financial and Insurance Activities	225		0,9	
M	Real Estate Activities	113		1,6	
N	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	1.086		2,4	
O	Administrative and Support Service Activities	668		3,0	
P	Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security	922		2,7	
Q	Education	589		1,5	
R	Human Health and Social Work Activities	416		1,6	
S	Arts, Sports and Recreation	547		5,1	
T	Other Service Activities	297		1,6	
<b>Total</b>		<b>13.905</b>		<b>2,8</b>	

## **METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **Definitions**

A **job vacancy** is a paid post that is newly created, unoccupied or about to become vacant, and for which the employer is taking active steps to find a suitable candidate from outside the enterprise concerned and intends to fill it either immediately or within a specific period of time.

The **job vacancy rate** is the number of job vacancies expressed as a percentage of the total number of occupied posts and job vacancies.

### **Coverage**

The survey covers enterprises with 1 or more employees classified in all sectors of economic activities according to the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities NACE Rev. 2 of the European Union system, except Sectors A (Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing), T (Activities of Households as Employers; Undifferentiated Goods- and Services-Producing Activities of Households for own use) and U (Activities of Extraterritorial Organizations and Bodies).

### **Collection of Data**

The data collection is carried out by telephone interviews every quarter.

### **Change in the Classification of Economic Activities and Data Comparability**

From the first quarter of 2026 onwards, data are presented according to the new Statistical Classification of Economic Activities, NACE Rev. 2.1, which replaces the previous NACE Rev. 2 classification. The NACE Rev. 2.1 revision introduces changes to the structure and classification of certain economic activities compared with NACE Rev. 2, meaning that data from the first quarter of 2026 onwards are not directly comparable with data from previous periods.

For comparability purposes and to facilitate users during the transition period, the Statistical Service will continue to publish data according to both classifications for the 2026 reference year, on its online database, CYSTAT-DB. Backcasted time series based on NACE Rev. 2.1 for the period from 2018 onwards will be published once the relevant work has been completed.

Further information on NACE Rev. 2.1 and the changes introduced compared with NACE Rev. 2 is available on the [Classifications Systems](#) webpage.

### ***For more information:***

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