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### AFPLATTING IN GETAL SKULDSAKE

Hoewel die getal siviele dagvaardings vir skuld sedert die begin van 1993 'n dalende tendens toon (kyk die grafiek op bladsy 3), is die totale getal siviele dagvaardings vir skuld vir 1993 (1 118 233) steeds 1,0% hoër as vir die vorige jaar (kyk die grafiek hieronder). Die meeste dagvaardings gedurende 1993 was ten opsigte van dienste (439 816 sake) en goedere verkoop op 'n oop rekening (289 806 sake).

Die totale getal siviele vonnisse vir skuld vir 1993 toon 'n toename van 1,2% vergeleke met 1992. Toenames in die getal vonnisse het voorgekom ten opsigte van dienste gelewer (+6,4%), terwyl afnames getoond is by goedere verkoop (-4,7%), huur (-6,6%), geld geleent (-7,6%) en promesses, wissels, V/T tjeeks, kredietkaarte en ander skuldbewyse (-8,9%).

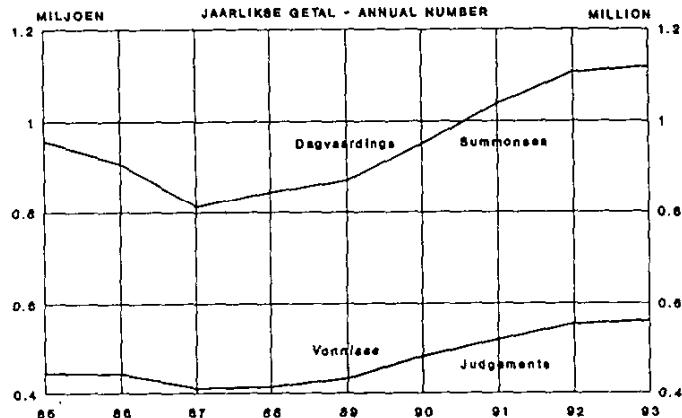
### LEVELLING OFF IN NUMBER OF DEBT CASES

Although the number of civil judgements for debt since the beginning of 1993 reflected a declining trend (see the graph on page 3), the total number of civil summonses for debt for 1993 (1 118 233) is still 1,0% higher than for the previous year (see the graph below). Most of the summonses during 1993 were in respect of services rendered (439 816 cases) and goods sold on an open account (289 806 cases).

The total number of civil judgements for debt for 1993 shows an increase of 1,2% compared with 1992. Increases in the number of judgements occurred in respect of services rendered (+6,4%), whereas decreases were reflected for goods sold (-4,7%), rent (-6,6%), money borrowed (-7,6%) and promissory notes, bills, R/D cheques, credit cards and other acknowledgements of debt (-8,9%).

SIVIELE DAGVAARDINGS  
EN VONNISSE VIR SKULD

CIVIL JUDGEMENTS  
AND SUMMONSES FOR DEBT



Tydperk Period	Getal Number		Persentasieverandering Percentage change	
	Dagvaardings vir skuld Summonses for debt	Siviele vonni- sse vir skuld Civil judge- ments for debt	Dagvaardings vir skuld Summonses for debt	Siviele vonni- sse vir skuld Civil judge- ments for debt
<b>Werklike syfers: Actual figures:</b>				
Okt./Okt. 1993 - Des./Dec. 1993	261 441	131 065	-5,0	-0,3
Okt./Okt., 1992 - Des./Dec. 1992	275 228	131 441		
<b>Seisoensaangepaste syfers: Seasonally adjusted figures:</b>				
Okt./Okt. 1993 - Des./Dec. 1993	279 312	141 585	-1,5	-0,3
Jul. 1993 - Sep. 1993	283 537	141 959		

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**OPMERKINGS**

Die gegewens het betrekking op alle siviele sake vir skuld deur Landdroskantore aangeteken.

Behalwe in geval van sake aangeteken, het alle ander inligting betrekking op skuldsake; m.d.w. eise vir skadevergoeding, uitsettingsbevels en ander nie-skuldsake is uitgesluit.

Vonnisse by verstek en toestemming het steeds betrekking op onverdedigde skuldsake.

**HOWE VIR KLEIN EISE**

Statistieke ten opsigte van Howe vir klein eise word in die aangehegte bylae verstrekk.

**NOTES**

The particulars refer to all civil cases for debt recorded by Magistrate's Offices.

Except for cases recorded, all other information relates to debt cases only; i.e. claims for damages, ejection orders and other non-debt cases are excluded.

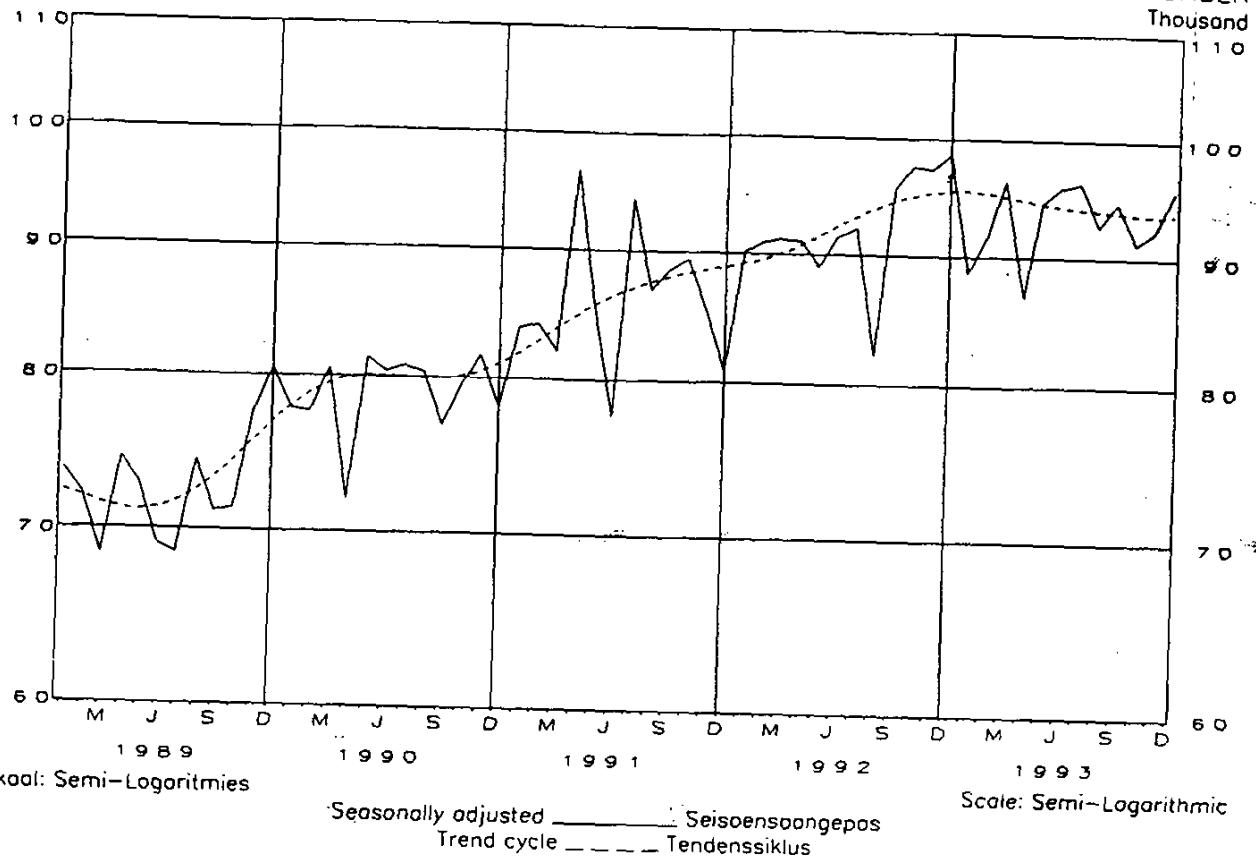
Default and consent judgements relate to judgments given in respect of undefended debt cases only.

**SMALL CLAIMS COURTS**

Statistics in respect of small claims courts are furnished in the attached annexure.

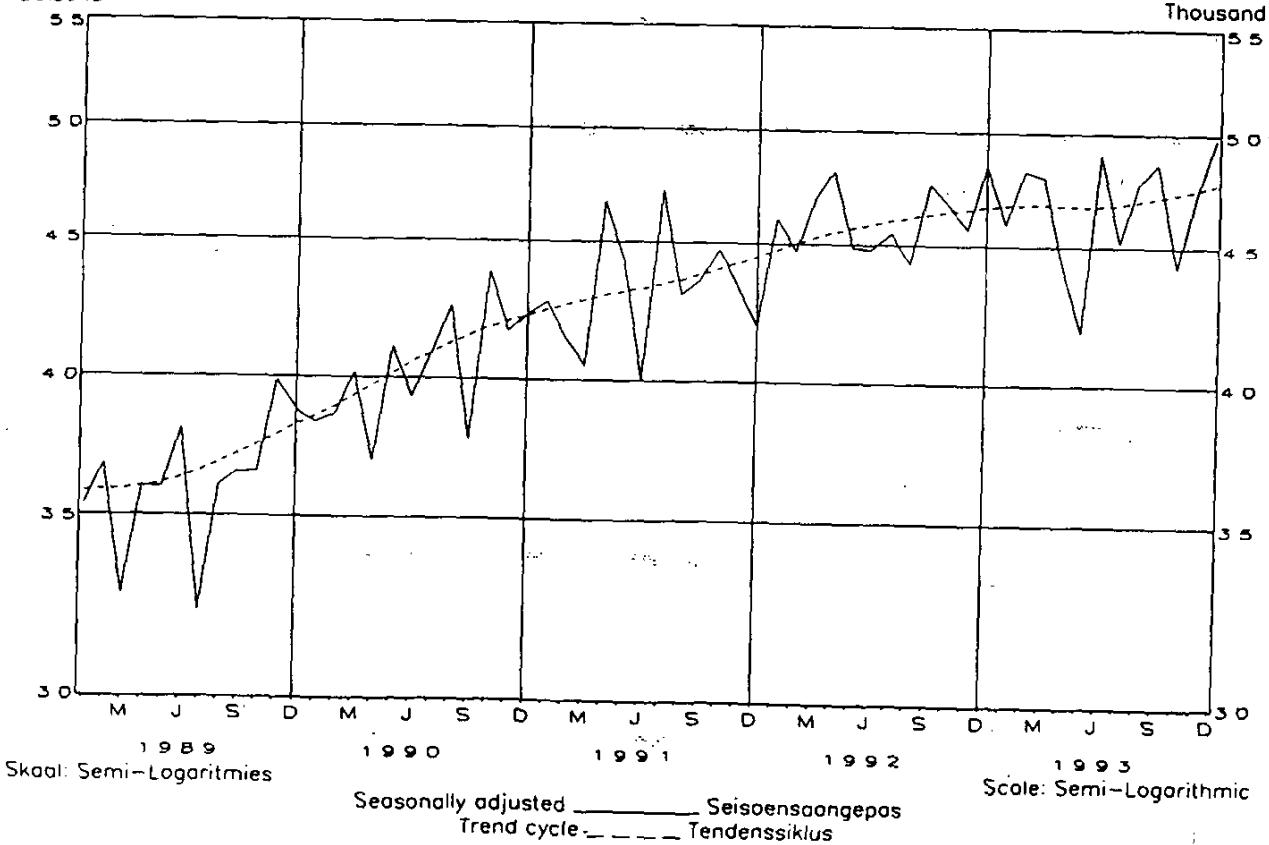
SIVIELE DAGVAARDINGS UITGEREIK – GETAL  
Duisend

CIVIL SUMMONSES ISSUED – NUMBER  
Thousand



SIVIELE VONNISSE VIR SKULD – GETAL  
Duisend

CIVIL JUDGEMENTS FOR DEBT – NUMBER  
Thousand



TABEL 1 - GETAL SIVIELE SAKE AANGETEKEN EN DAG-VAARDINGS VIR SKULD UITGEREIK

TABLE 1 - NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES RECORDED AND SUM-  
MONSES FOR DEBT ISSUED

Item	Sake-ondernamings en private persone Business enterprises and private persons		Private persone Private persons	
	1993	1992	1993	1992
	Des./Dec.	Nov.	Des./Dec.	Nov.
<b>Getal - Number</b>				
1. Sake aangeteken/Cases recorded	1 176	803	75 005	103 710
1.1 Werklike syfers/Actual figures	100	043	97 326	106 964
1.2 Seisoensaangepas/Seasonally adjusted	95 669	92 352	98 028	74 627
2. Siviele dagvaardings vir skuld/ Civil summonses for debt	1 118	233	72 514	98 648
2.1 Totaal/Total				
2.1.1 Werklike syfers/Actual figures				
2.1.2 Seisoensaangepas/Seasonally adjusted				
2.2 Goedere verkoop/Goods sold	289	806	18 238	25 115
2.2.1 Ope rekening/Open account	31 090	1 651	2 857	1 939
2.2.2 Afbetaalingsverkooptransaksies/ Installment sale transactions				
2.3 Dienste/Services	210	085	12 073	17 295
2.3.1 Professionele/Professional	229	731	17 562	22 243
2.3.2 Ander/Other				
2.4 Huur/Rent	43	843	2 176	3 951
2.5 Geld/Beleen/Money lent	113	764	5 870	8 249
2.6 Promesses, wissels, V/T-tjeks, kredietkaarte en ander skuldbewyses/promissory notes, bills, R/D cheques, credit cards and other acknowledgements of debt	66	138	4 511	5 080
2.7 Ander/Other	133	776	10 433	13 238
			9 833	114 299
				9 232
				11 729
				8 983

TABEL 2 - SIVIELE VONNISSE VIR SKULD BY VERSTER EN TOESTEMMING

TABLE 2 - CIVIL DEFAULT AND CONSENT JUDGEMENTS FOR DEBT

Item	Sake-ondernehmings en private persone Business enterprises and private persons		Private persone Private persons	
	1993 Des./Dec.	1992 Nov.	1993 Des./Dec.	1992 Nov.
Detail - Number				
1. Vonnisse/Judgements				
1.1 Totaal/Total				
1.1.1 Werklike syfers/Actual figures	561 177	38 740	47 265	37 712
1.1.2 Seisoensaangepas/Seasonally adjusted	49 888	47 373	48 611	505 391
1.2 Goedere verkoop/Goods sold	155 401	10 186	13 131	9 874
1.2.1 Ope rekening/Open account	10 809	\$60	864	862
1.2.2 Afbetaalingsverkooptransaksies/ Instalment sale transactions			9 884	9 533
1.3 Dienste/Services				
1.3.1 Professionele/Professional	101 547	6 623	8 542	6 817
1.3.2 Ander/Other	88 835	6 337	7 771	5 370
1.4 Huur/Rent				
1.5 Geld Geleen/Money lent	22 773	1 597	1 834	1 880
1.6 Promesses, wissels, v/T-tjeks, kredietkaarte en ander skuldbewyse/Promissory notes, bills, R/D cheques, credit cards and other acknowledgements of debt	56 775	4 756	4 923	4 061
1.7 Ander/Other	73 079	4 748	5 916	4 663
				R1 000
1. Vonnisse/Judgements				
1.1 Totaal/Total	3 000 765	190 741	217 056	207 318
1.2 Goedere verkoop/Goods sold				
1.2.1 Ope rekening/Open account	284 952	18 757	24 654	17 629
1.2.2 Afbetaalingsverkooptransaksies/ Instalment sale transactions	187 006	8 198	10 975	11 972
1.3 Dienste/Services				
1.3.1 Professionele/Professional	79 406	5 714	6 674	4 876
1.3.2 Ander/Other	163 881	11 353	13 159	9 363
1.4 Huur/Rent				
1.5 Geld Geleen/Money lent	99 682	7 378	8 692	7 293
1.6 Promesses, wissels, v/T-tjeks, kredietkaarte en ander skuldbewyse/Promissory notes, bills, R/D cheques, credit cards and other acknowledgements of debt	1 135 589	71 239	73 930	91 977
1.7 Ander/Other	392 347	27 629	30 879	32 318

TABEL 3.1 - DAGVAARDINGS VIR SKULD UITGEREIK

TABLE 3.1 - SUMMONSES FOR DEBT ISSUED

Jaar Year	Jan	Feb	Mrt Mar	Apr	Mei May	Jun	Getal - Number			Okt Oct	Nov	Des Dec	Jaar-tot Year-tot	Jaar-gem Year-ave
							Jul	Aug	Sep					
1985	68 592	79 705	86 206	78 625	82 123	85 283	89 706	85 223	76 756	82 045	85 368	60 029	959 661	79 972
1986	70 678	81 277	76 656	84 342	77 248	82 173	80 458	73 581	76 624	77 442	75 560	52 49	312	75 693
1987	61 102	73 411	79 161	62 145	66 306	74 133	73 564	65 229	71 449	69 185	70 698	46 429	812	67 734
1988	59 514	75 206	82 600	61 407	67 753	79 115	69 952	80 041	75 923	64 622	77 824	51 834	845	70 483
1989	66 511	76 659	76 993	68 848	71 499	75 527	71 185	79 289	71 680	71 152	83 251	59 004	871	598
1990	70 943	82 517	90 843	66 749	79 789	88 335	84 744	86 240	76 912	78 936	87 859	57 913	951	780
1991	76 785	88 970	92 715	89 591	83 335	85 340	99 465	92 566	88 766	91 704	60 910	1 038	193	86 516
1992	82 381	95 195	103 050	84 296	86 050	100 491	98 425	86 911	94 921	96 886	103 715	74 627	1 106	948
1993	81 047	95 596	109 113	80 119	90 875	105 613	103 197	97 076	94 156	90 899	98 028	72 514	1 118	233
														93 186

TABEL 3.2 - SIVIELE VONNISSE VIR SKULD  
- BY VERSTEK EN TOESTEMMINGTABLE 3.2 - CIVIL JUDGEMENTS FOR DEBT  
- BY DEFAULT AND CONSENT

Jaar Year	Jan	Feb	Mrt Mar	Apr	Mei May	Jun	Getal - Number			Okt Oct	Nov	Des Dec	Jaar-tot Year-tot	Jaar-gem Year-ave
							Jul	Aug	Sep					
1985	31 755	36 645	38 733	37 045	38 041	39 941	42 728	39 819	38 459	36 064	38 213	27 893	445	336
1986	37 661	37 957	36 919	42 093	38 610	37 010	42 037	35 734	38 640	35 475	34 577	28 164	444	377
1987	30 105	34 075	39 024	32 899	33 003	37 514	40 302	37 061	33 914	33 194	35 057	25 556	411	309
1988	29 184	33 467	37 096	29 732	32 358	39 075	36 203	40 40	36 316	34 447	40 291	26 905	415	409
1989	31 057	36 204	35 413	33 764	35 303	41 480	35 359	39 730	37 392	36 771	41 581	29 465	433	519
1990	33 678	37 799	43 208	34 932	40 151	42 566	44 596	46 509	38 924	44 441	43 176	32 279	482	259
1991	37 891	40 508	43 800	44 682	43 595	42 980	51 552	46 787	45 680	45 664	44 274	32 290	519	703
1992	41 113	43 872	51 297	46 349	44 128	48 330	49 713	47 901	50 568	47 610	46 119	37 712	554	712
1993	41 135	47 278	52 613	42 812	40 843	52 635	49 393	51 467	51 936	45 060	47 265	38 740	561	177
														R1 000

## BYLAE

## HOWE VIR KLEIN EISE

## ALGEMEEN

Howe vir klein eise dien as 'n forum vir die beregtiging van geldelike eise van nie meer as R2 000 nie teen individue of firms. Dit is slegs vir gebruik deur die algemene publiek en nie vir sake-ondernehmings nie.

Die volgende sake is van die jurisdiksie van die hof vir klein eise uitgesluit:

- Eise ter waarde van meer as R2 000.
- Eise teen die staat.
- Eise wat op 'n sessie of 'n oordrag van regte gebassieer is.
- Eise waarin skadevergoeding aangevra word ten opsigte van laster, kwaadwillige vervolging, onregmatige vryheidsberowing, onregmatige arrestasie, verleiding en verbreking van troubelofte.
- Eise vir die onbinding van 'n huwelik.
- Eise in verband met die geldigheid van 'n testament.
- Eise in verband met die status van 'n persoon ten opsigte van sy geestesvermoëns.
- Eise waarin die nakoming van 'n kontrak aangevra word, sonder 'n alternatiewe eis om betaling van skadevergoeding, behalwe in die geval van 'n eis om 'n rekening te verstrek of los goed of vaste eiendom ter waarde van nie meer as R2 000 nie, oor te dra.

## VERGELYKBAARHEID

Die inligting ten opsigte van landdroshewe wat in hierdie statistiese vrystelling getoon word, het slegs op skuksake betrekking en is derhalwe nie streng vergelykbaar met die inligting wat vir die Howe vir klein eise getoon word nie.

## BEGRIPPE

"Howe" verwys na die totale getal Howe vir klein eise aan die einde van die maande soos aangedui. "Litigante verwys" het betrekking op die getal persone (eisers) wat deur klerke van die hof vir klein eise na regsassistentes verwys is.

TABEL 1 - GETAL HOWE VIR KLEIN EISE, LITIGANTE VERWYS, DAGVAARDINGS UITGEREIK EN VERHORE

## ANNEXURE

## SMALL CLAIMS COURTS

## NOTES

Small claims courts serve as a forum for the adjudication of money claims of not more than R2 000 against individuals or firms. It is for use by the general public only and not for business enterprises.

The following actions are excluded from the jurisdiction of the small claims court:

- Claims exceeding R2 000 in value.
- Claims against the state.
- Claims based on cession or the transfer of rights.
- Claims for damages in respect of defamation, malicious prosecution, wrongful imprisonment, wrongful arrest, seduction and breach of promise to marry.
- Claims for the dissolution of a marriage.
- Claims concerning the validity of a will.
- Claims concerning the status of a person in respect of his mental capacity.
- Claims in which the performance in accordance with a contract is sought, without an alternative claim for payment of damages, except in the case of a claim for rendering an account or transferring movable or immovable property not exceeding R2 000 in value.

## COMPARABILITY

The information in respect of magistrates courts shown in this statistical release refers to debt cases only and is therefore not strictly comparable with the information shown for the small claims courts.

## CONCEPTS

"Courts" relates to the total number of small claims courts at the end of the months as indicated. "Litigants referred" relates to the number of persons (plaintiffs) referred to legal assistants by clerks of the small claims court.

TABLE 1 - NUMBER OF SMALL CLAIMS COURTS, LITIGANTS REFERRED, SUMMONSES ISSUED AND HEARINGS

Item	1992	1993		1992	Item
		Nov.	Okt./Oct.		
Getal - Number					
1. Howe	106	106	106	106	1. Courts
2. Litigante verwys	18 906	1 773	1 791	1 883	2. Litigants referred
3. Dagvaardings uitgereik	24 942	2 281	2 217	2 005	3. Summons issued
4. Verhore	23 421	2 364	2 114	2 158	4. Hearings

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Source: Department of Justice