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## Key results for July 2011

**Table A – Total number of liquidations**

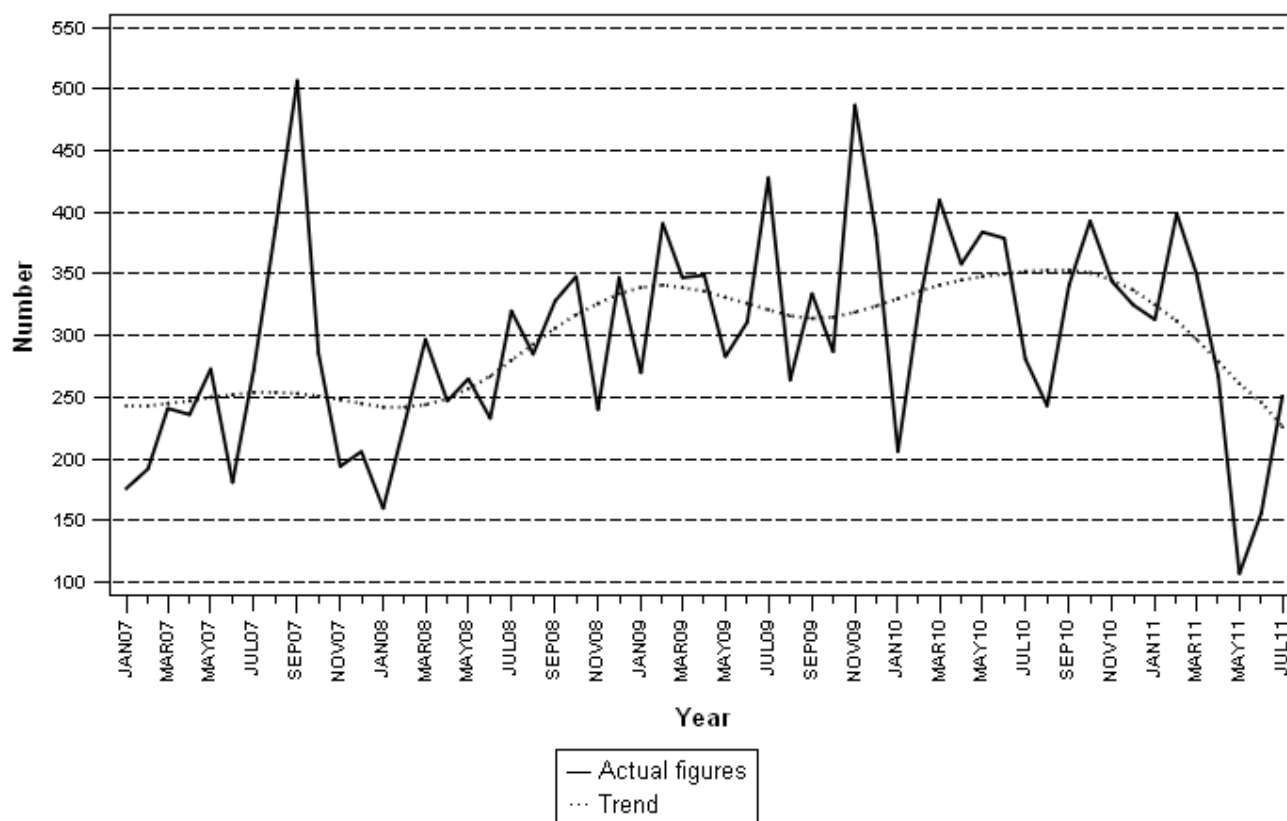
Number of liquidations July 2011	% change between July 2010 and July 2011	% change between May to July 2010 and May to July 2011	% change between January to July 2010 and January to July 2011
251	-10,7	-50,8	-21,4

**The number of liquidations recorded for the three months ended July 2011 fell by 50,8% (from 1 044 to 514) compared with the three months ended July 2010. A year-on-year decrease of 10,7% (from 281 to 251) was recorded for July 2011 (see Table A and Table 6).**

The 50,8% decline in the number of liquidations for the three months ended July 2011 was due to decreases in the number of voluntary liquidations (which recorded 493 fewer liquidations) and compulsory liquidations (which recorded 37 fewer liquidations) (see Tables 2.1 and 2.2).

For the first seven months of 2011 the number of liquidations decreased by 21,4% (from 2 346 to 1 843) compared with the first seven months of 2010. During this period company liquidations decreased by 32,5% (from 1 135 to 766), while close corporation liquidations decreased by 11,1% (from 1 211 to 1 077) (see Tables 3 and 4).

**Figure 1 – Total number of liquidations**



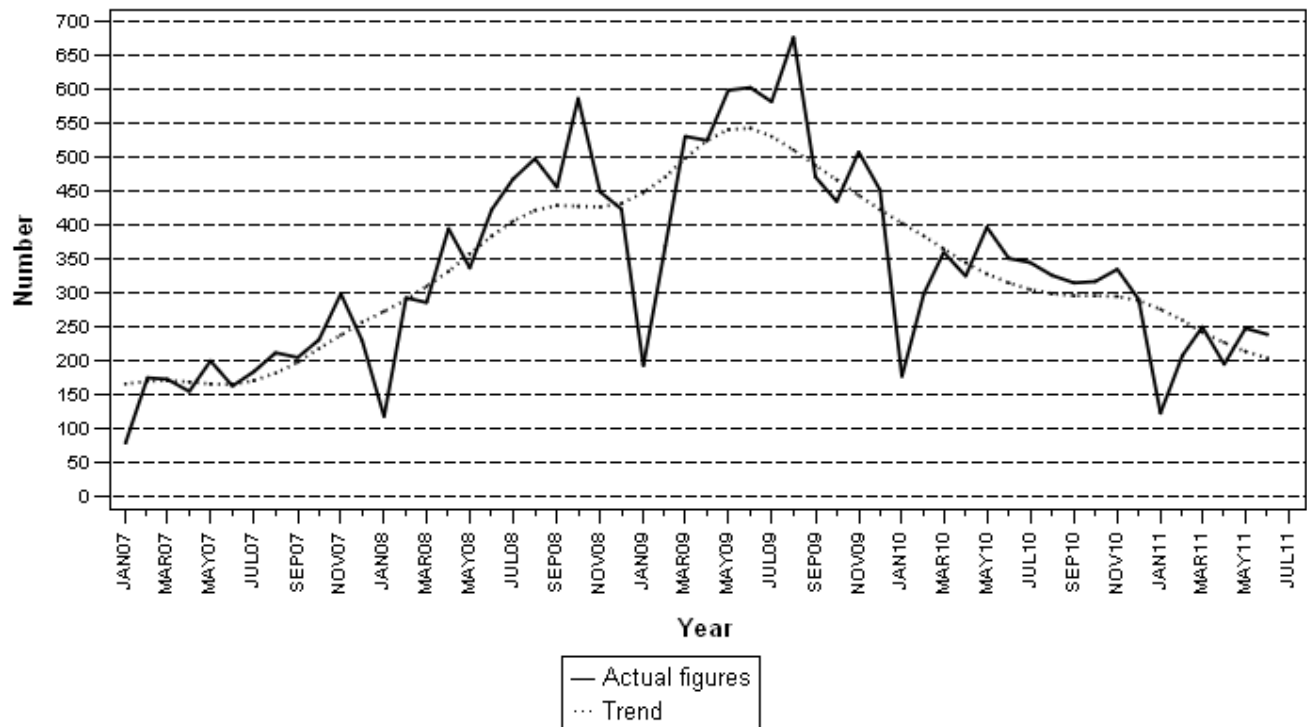
## Key findings regarding insolvencies for June 2011

**Table B – Total number of insolvencies**

Number of insolvencies June 2011	% change between June 2010 and June 2011	% change between April to June 2010 and April to June 2011	% change between January to June 2010 and January to June 2011
239	-31,9	-36,4	-33,8

The total number of insolvencies for the second quarter of 2011 decreased by 36,4% (from 1 073 to 682) compared with the second quarter of 2010. A year-on-year decrease of 31,9% (from 351 to 239) was estimated for June 2011 (see Table B and Table 5).

**Figure 2 – Total number of insolvencies**



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## Detailed results: Tables

**Table 1 – Total number of liquidations according to industry**

Industry	January - July 2011			July 2010			June 2011			July 2011		
	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total
1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	7	19	26	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
2.Mining and quarrying	0	18	18	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	0	0
3.Manufacturing	14	66	80	0	17	17	0	4	4	0	13	13
4.Electricity, gas and water	0	8	8	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	0
5.Construction	10	77	87	3	11	14	0	1	1	0	12	12
6.Wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation	20	456	476	16	85	101	1	15	16	2	77	79
7.Transport, storage, communication	14	118	132	0	5	5	0	31	31	2	9	11
8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services	39	641	680	13	104	117	0	36	36	1	106	107
9.Community, social, personal services	35	301	336	1	19	20	1	60	61	3	25	28
<b>Total number of liquidations</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>1 704</b>	<b>1 843</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>251</b>

**Table 1.1 – Number of liquidations of companies according to industry**

Industry	January - July 2011			July 2010			June 2011			July 2011		
	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total
1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	3	7	10	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.Mining and quarrying	0	9	9	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
3.Manufacturing	4	28	32	0	1	1	0	3	3	0	7	7
4.Electricity, gas and water	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.Construction	8	18	26	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	1
6.Wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation	8	190	198	10	41	51	1	10	11	2	21	23
7.Transport, storage, communication	1	24	25	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	4
8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services	18	337	355	11	48	59	0	30	30	1	34	35
9.Community, social, personal services	12	98	110	1	7	8	0	5	5	1	10	11
<b>Total number of liquidations</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>81</b>

**Table 1.2 – Number of liquidations of close corporations according to industry**

Industry	January - July 2011			July 2010			June 2011			July 2011		
	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total
1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	4	12	16	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
2.Mining and quarrying	0	9	9	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
3.Manufacturing	10	38	48	0	16	16	0	1	1	0	6	6
4.Electricity, gas and water	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
5.Construction	2	59	61	2	8	10	0	1	1	0	11	11
6.Wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation	12	266	278	6	44	50	0	5	5	0	56	56
7.Transport, storage, communication	13	94	107	0	5	5	0	29	29	2	5	7
8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services	21	304	325	2	56	58	0	6	6	0	72	72
9.Community, social, personal services	23	203	226	0	12	12	1	55	56	2	15	17
<b>Total number of liquidations</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>1 077</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>170</b>

C = Compulsory.  
V = Voluntary.

**Table 2 – Total number of liquidations: 2005 to 2011**

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	328	171	176	160	270	206	313
February	296	213	192	230	391	328	399
March	240	241	241	297	347	410	350
April	279	198	236	247	349	358	267
May	265	311	273	265	283	384	107
June	265	262	181	233	311	379	156
July	318	261	272	320	428	281	251
August	273	333	387	285	264	243	
September	297	238	507	328	334	341	
October	234	219	286	348	287	393	
November	234	313	194	240	487	344	
December	196	266	206	347	382	325	
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>3 225</b>	<b>3 026</b>	<b>3 151</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>4 133</b>	<b>3 992</b>	

**Table 2.1 – Total number of compulsory liquidations: 2005 to 2011**

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	30	37	12	29	54	3	45
February	70	15	15	15	26	19	26
March	35	31	12	41	10	23	12
April	18	9	32	22	41	17	16
May	61	20	13	26	26	30	30
June	25	50	9	17	20	12	2
July	84	16	14	13	37	35	8
August	69	46	111	26	49	22	
September	27	22	47	22	2	20	
October	40	20	39	48	17	49	
November	47	56	13	15	12	20	
December	18	53	9	2	1	34	
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>284</b>	

**Table 2.2 – Total number of voluntary liquidations: 2005 to 2011**

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	298	134	164	131	216	203	268
February	226	198	177	215	365	309	373
March	205	210	229	256	337	387	338
April	261	189	204	225	308	341	251
May	204	291	260	239	257	354	77
June	240	212	172	216	291	367	154
July	234	245	258	307	391	246	243
August	204	287	276	259	215	221	
September	270	216	460	306	332	321	
October	194	199	247	300	270	344	
November	187	257	181	225	475	324	
December	178	213	197	345	381	291	
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>2 701</b>	<b>2 651</b>	<b>2 825</b>	<b>3 024</b>	<b>3 838</b>	<b>3 708</b>	

**Table 3 – Number of liquidations of companies: 2005 to 2011**

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	130	85	99	87	114	96	156
February	154	107	96	117	229	161	199
March	123	127	114	108	152	177	145
April	176	100	143	104	148	176	97
May	122	131	157	108	109	203	36
June	132	140	104	100	147	194	52
July	177	145	129	170	201	128	81
August	124	143	243	98	100	93	
September	143	122	416	177	162	136	
October	115	132	175	165	136	204	
November	95	183	94	111	161	174	
December	113	167	127	228	230	197	
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>1 604</b>	<b>1 582</b>	<b>1 897</b>	<b>1 573</b>	<b>1 889</b>	<b>1 939</b>	

**Table 3.1 – Number of compulsory liquidations of companies: 2005 to 2011**

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	6	18	4	8	18	3	18
February	43	4	4	15	11	12	16
March	23	23	5	10	8	19	12
April	13	5	19	8	27	13	0
May	30	5	3	17	9	24	3
June	7	35	2	6	14	3	1
July	62	6	4	4	20	25	4
August	21	11	89	6	10	11	
September	17	18	34	3	1	3	
October	22	13	26	34	10	38	
November	18	43	7	10	3	15	
December	13	37	8	1	0	30	
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>196</b>	

**Table 3.2 – Number of voluntary liquidations of companies: 2005 to 2011**

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	124	67	95	79	96	93	138
February	111	103	92	102	218	149	183
March	100	104	109	98	144	158	133
April	163	95	124	96	121	163	97
May	92	126	154	91	100	179	33
June	125	105	102	94	133	191	51
July	115	139	125	166	181	103	77
August	103	132	154	92	90	82	
September	126	104	382	174	161	133	
October	93	119	149	131	126	166	
November	77	140	87	101	158	159	
December	100	130	119	227	230	167	
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>1 364</b>	<b>1 692</b>	<b>1 451</b>	<b>1 758</b>	<b>1 743</b>	

**Table 4 – Number of liquidations of close corporations: 2005 to 2011**

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	198	86	77	73	156	110	157
February	142	106	96	113	162	167	200
March	117	114	127	189	195	233	205
April	103	98	93	143	201	182	170
May	143	180	116	157	174	181	71
June	133	122	77	133	164	185	104
July	141	116	143	150	227	153	170
August	149	190	144	187	164	150	
September	154	116	91	151	172	205	
October	119	87	111	183	151	189	
November	139	130	100	129	326	170	
December	83	99	79	119	152	128	
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>1 621</b>	<b>1 444</b>	<b>1 254</b>	<b>1 727</b>	<b>2 244</b>	<b>2 053</b>	

**Table 4.1 – Number of compulsory liquidations of close corporations: 2005 to 2011**

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	24	19	8	21	36	0	27
February	27	11	11	0	15	7	10
March	12	8	7	31	2	4	0
April	5	4	13	14	14	4	16
May	31	15	10	9	17	6	27
June	18	15	7	11	6	9	1
July	22	10	10	9	17	10	4
August	48	35	22	20	39	11	
September	10	4	13	19	1	17	
October	18	7	13	14	7	11	
November	29	13	6	5	9	5	
December	5	16	1	1	1	4	
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>88</b>	

**Table 4.2 – Number of voluntary liquidations of close corporations: 2005 to 2011**

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	174	67	69	52	120	110	130
February	115	95	85	113	147	160	190
March	105	106	120	158	193	229	205
April	98	94	80	129	187	178	154
May	112	165	106	148	157	175	44
June	115	107	70	122	158	176	103
July	119	106	133	141	210	143	166
August	101	155	122	167	125	139	
September	144	112	78	132	171	188	
October	101	80	98	169	144	178	
November	110	117	94	124	317	165	
December	78	83	78	118	151	124	
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>1 372</b>	<b>1 287</b>	<b>1 133</b>	<b>1 573</b>	<b>2 080</b>	<b>1 965</b>	



**Table 5 – Total number of insolvencies of individuals and partnerships: 2005 to 2011**

Month	2005	2006	2007	* 2008	* 2009	1/ 2010	1/ 2011
January	106	85	79	118	193	177	123
February	118	146	175	293	369	299	208
March	148	164	173	286	531	360	250
April	124	105	155	395	525	325	195
May	131	146	200	337	599	397	248
June	141	144	163	423	603	351	239
July	122	118	184	468	582	345	
August	176	185	212	498	677	326	
September	145	140	205	456	471	315	
October	134	172	231	587	435	317	
November	166	162	299	449	508	335	
December	131	111	230	424	452	291	
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>1 642</b>	<b>1 678</b>	<b>2 306</b>	<b>4 734</b>	<b>5 945</b>	<b>3 838</b>	

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**Table 6 – Percentage change between July 2010 and July 2011 regarding the number of liquidations**

Number of liquidations July 2010	Number of liquidations July 2011	% change between July 2010 and July 2011	Difference between July 2010 and July 2011
281	251	-10,7	-30

**Table 7 – Percentage change between the first seven months of 2010 and the first seven months of 2011 regarding the number of liquidations**

Number of liquidations January to July 2010	Number of liquidations January to July 2011	% change between January to July 2010 and January to July 2011	Difference between January to July 2010 and January to July 2011
2 346	1 843	-21,4	-503

**Table 8 – Percentage change between June 2010 and June 2011 regarding the number of insolvencies**

Number of insolvencies June 2010	Number of insolvencies June 2011	% change between June 2010 and June 2011	Difference between June 2010 and June 2011
351	239	-31,9	-112

**Table 9 – Percentage change between the first six months of 2010 and the first six months of 2011 regarding the number of insolvencies**

Number of insolvencies January to June 2010	Number of insolvencies January to June 2011	% change between January to June 2010 and January to June 2011	Difference between January to June 2010 and January to June 2011
1 909	1 263	-33,8	-646

## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) collects administrative information on liquidations from the Registrar of Companies and Close Corporations, Department of Trade and Industry, while information on insolvencies is gathered from Notices of the Master of the Supreme Court which appears in the Government Gazette.
	2	This statistical release reflects voluntary and compulsory liquidations of companies and close corporations and insolvencies of individuals and partnerships.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	3	The aggregated data in this release are used by the private and public sectors to measure economic performance and are also an important indicator of the scope of unpaid debt in South Africa.
	4	Due to insolvencies figures being available late, the data on insolvencies are published a month later than liquidations.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	5	This survey covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the total number of companies and close corporations which were liquidated.</li> <li>• the total number of individuals and partnerships placed under final sequestration.</li> </ul>
	6	Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bulletin of Statistics.</i></li> <li>• <i>SA Statistics.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Related publications</b>		
<b>Symbols and abbreviations</b>	7	Stats SA - Statistics South Africa

## Glossary

<b>Compulsory liquidation</b>	A compulsory liquidation takes place when the affairs of a company or close corporation are wound up by order of the court.
<b>Insolvency</b>	Insolvency refers to an individual or partnership which is unable to pay its debt and is placed under final sequestration. The number of insolvencies does not refer to the number of persons involved, as a partnership which is unable to pay its debt is regarded as one insolvency, irrespective of the number of partners.
<b>Liquidation</b>	Liquidation refers to the winding-up of the affairs of a company or close corporation when liabilities exceed assets and it can be resolved by voluntary action or by an order of the court.
<b>Voluntary liquidation</b>	A voluntary liquidation takes place when a company or close corporation, by own choice, resolves to wind-up its affairs.

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