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Liquidations: results for May 2014

Table A – Number of liquidations

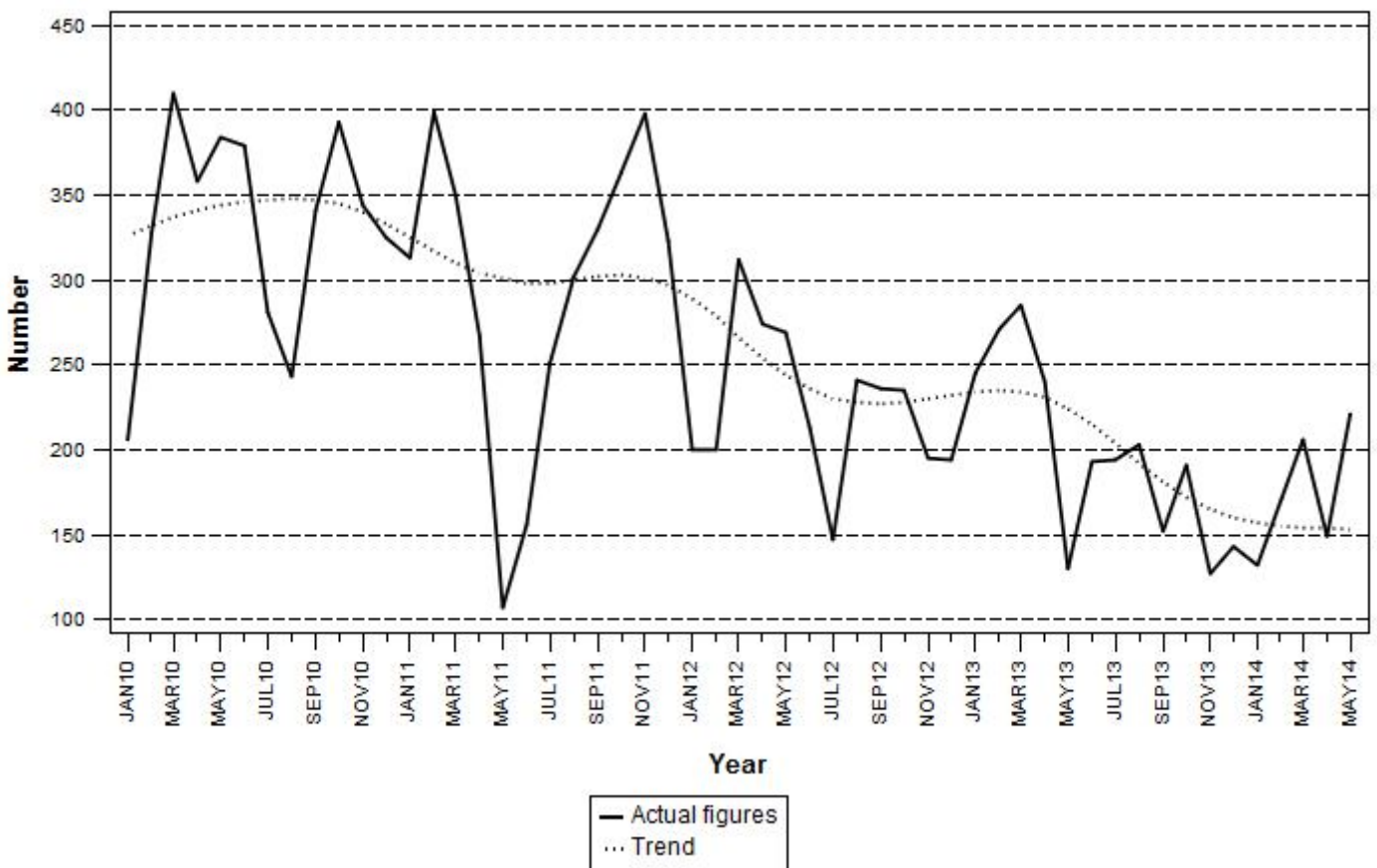
| Number of liquidations May 2014 | % change between May 2013 and May 2014 | % change between March to May 2013 and March to May 2014 | % change between January to May 2013 and January to May 2014 |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 221 | 70,0 | -12,1 | -24,9 |

The number of liquidations increased by 70,0% year-on-year in May 2014. The number of voluntary liquidations increased by 71, while compulsory liquidations increased by 20 over this period.

The largest year-on-year increases in liquidations in May 2014 were related to financing, insurance, real estate and business services (57 more liquidations) and community, social and personal services (18 more liquidations).

There was a decrease of 24,9% in the first five months of 2014 compared with the first five months of 2013.

Figure 1 – Number of liquidations



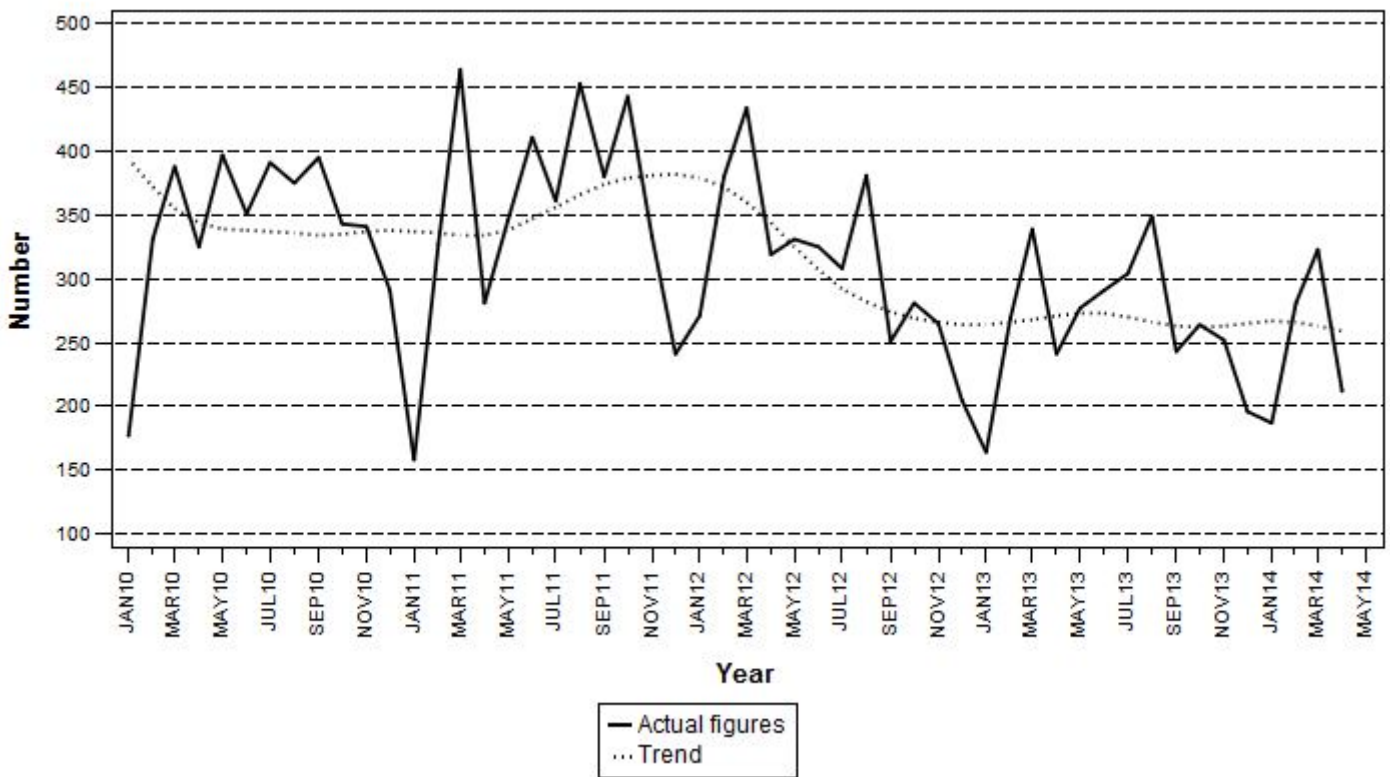
Insolvencies: results for April 2014

Table B – Number of insolvencies

| Number of insolvencies April 2014 | % change between April 2013 and April 2014 | % change between February to April 2013 and February to April 2014 | % change between January to April 2013 and January to April 2014 |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 212 | -12,0 | -3,9 | -1,0 |

The number of insolvencies decreased by 12,0% in April 2014 compared with April 2013. A 3,9% decrease was estimated between the three months ended April 2013 and the three months ended April 2014. There was a decrease of 1,0% in the first four months of 2014 compared with the first four months of 2013.

Figure 2 – Number of insolvencies



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Tables

Table 1 – Total liquidations according to industry (number)

| Industry | January - May 2014 | | | May 2013 | | | April 2014 | | | May 2014 | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | C | V | Total | C | V | Total | C | V | Total | C | V | Total |
| 1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2.Mining and quarrying | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 3.Manufacturing | 10 | 46 | 56 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| 4.Electricity, gas and water | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.Construction | 5 | 43 | 48 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| 6.Wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation | 24 | 170 | 194 | 2 | 42 | 44 | 11 | 38 | 49 | 5 | 47 | 52 |
| 7.Transport, storage, communication | 6 | 47 | 53 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services | 47 | 298 | 345 | 3 | 36 | 39 | 10 | 49 | 59 | 18 | 78 | 96 |
| 9.Community, social, personal services | 19 | 145 | 164 | 2 | 19 | 21 | 4 | 12 | 16 | 3 | 36 | 39 |
| Total number of liquidations | 116 | 763 | 879 | 9 | 121 | 130 | 35 | 114 | 149 | 29 | 192 | 221 |

Table 1.1 – Liquidations of companies according to industry (number)

| Industry | January - May 2014 | | | May 2013 | | | April 2014 | | | May 2014 | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | C | V | Total | C | V | Total | C | V | Total | C | V | Total |
| 1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2.Mining and quarrying | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 3.Manufacturing | 5 | 17 | 22 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.Electricity, gas and water | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5.Construction | 2 | 12 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 6.Wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation | 13 | 66 | 79 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 9 | 15 | 24 | 3 | 25 | 28 |
| 7.Transport, storage, communication | 3 | 27 | 30 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services | 32 | 134 | 166 | 3 | 19 | 22 | 7 | 27 | 34 | 13 | 31 | 44 |
| 9.Community, social, personal services | 16 | 98 | 114 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 24 | 27 |
| Total number of liquidations | 73 | 363 | 436 | 7 | 49 | 56 | 24 | 54 | 78 | 20 | 88 | 108 |

Table 1.2 – Liquidations of close corporations according to industry (number)

| Industry | January - May 2014 | | | May 2013 | | | April 2014 | | | May 2014 | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|
| | C | V | Total | C | V | Total | C | V | Total | C | V | Total |
| 1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2.Mining and quarrying | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3.Manufacturing | 5 | 29 | 34 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| 4.Electricity, gas and water | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5.Construction | 3 | 31 | 34 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| 6.Wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation | 11 | 104 | 115 | 2 | 27 | 29 | 2 | 23 | 25 | 2 | 22 | 24 |
| 7.Transport, storage, communication | 3 | 20 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| 8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services | 15 | 164 | 179 | 0 | 17 | 17 | 3 | 22 | 25 | 5 | 47 | 52 |
| 9.Community, social, personal services | 3 | 47 | 50 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 12 |
| Total number of liquidations | 43 | 400 | 443 | 2 | 72 | 74 | 11 | 60 | 71 | 9 | 104 | 113 |

C = Compulsory.

V = Voluntary.

Table 2 – Total liquidations (number)

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| January | 160 | 270 | 206 | 313 | 200 | 245 | 132 |
| February | 230 | 391 | 328 | 399 | 200 | 271 | 171 |
| March | 297 | 347 | 410 | 350 | 312 | 285 | 206 |
| April | 247 | 349 | 358 | 267 | 274 | 240 | 149 |
| May | 265 | 283 | 384 | 107 | 269 | 130 | 221 |
| June | 233 | 311 | 379 | 156 | 213 | 193 | |
| July | 320 | 428 | 281 | 251 | 147 | 194 | |
| August | 285 | 264 | 243 | 302 | 241 | 203 | |
| September | 328 | 334 | 341 | 330 | 236 | 152 | |
| October | 348 | 287 | 393 | 363 | 235 | 191 | |
| November | 240 | 487 | 344 | 398 | 195 | 127 | |
| December | 347 | 382 | 325 | 323 | 194 | 143 | |
| Total | 3 300 | 4 133 | 3 992 | 3 559 | 2 716 | 2 374 | |

Table 2.1 – Compulsory liquidations (number)

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| January | 29 | 54 | 3 | 45 | 61 | 3 | 22 |
| February | 15 | 26 | 19 | 26 | 27 | 26 | 12 |
| March | 41 | 10 | 23 | 12 | 39 | 53 | 18 |
| April | 22 | 41 | 17 | 16 | 4 | 17 | 35 |
| May | 26 | 26 | 30 | 30 | 3 | 9 | 29 |
| June | 17 | 20 | 12 | 2 | 14 | 16 | |
| July | 13 | 37 | 35 | 8 | 1 | 18 | |
| August | 26 | 49 | 22 | 14 | 63 | 19 | |
| September | 22 | 2 | 20 | 18 | 58 | 13 | |
| October | 48 | 17 | 49 | 61 | 21 | 9 | |
| November | 15 | 12 | 20 | 74 | 18 | 4 | |
| December | 2 | 1 | 34 | 75 | 8 | 24 | |
| Total | 276 | 295 | 284 | 381 | 317 | 211 | |

Table 2.2 – Voluntary liquidations (number)

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| January | 131 | 216 | 203 | 268 | 139 | 242 | 110 |
| February | 215 | 365 | 309 | 373 | 173 | 245 | 159 |
| March | 256 | 337 | 387 | 338 | 273 | 232 | 188 |
| April | 225 | 308 | 341 | 251 | 270 | 223 | 114 |
| May | 239 | 257 | 354 | 77 | 266 | 121 | 192 |
| June | 216 | 291 | 367 | 154 | 199 | 177 | |
| July | 307 | 391 | 246 | 243 | 146 | 176 | |
| August | 259 | 215 | 221 | 288 | 178 | 184 | |
| September | 306 | 332 | 321 | 312 | 178 | 139 | |
| October | 300 | 270 | 344 | 302 | 214 | 182 | |
| November | 225 | 475 | 324 | 324 | 177 | 123 | |
| December | 345 | 381 | 291 | 248 | 186 | 119 | |
| Total | 3 024 | 3 838 | 3 708 | 3 178 | 2 399 | 2 163 | |

Table 3 – Total liquidations of companies (number)

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| January | 87 | 114 | 96 | 156 | 97 | 121 | 74 |
| February | 117 | 229 | 161 | 199 | 75 | 123 | 87 |
| March | 108 | 152 | 177 | 145 | 115 | 147 | 89 |
| April | 104 | 148 | 176 | 97 | 105 | 104 | 78 |
| May | 108 | 109 | 203 | 36 | 130 | 56 | 108 |
| June | 100 | 147 | 194 | 52 | 105 | 96 | |
| July | 170 | 201 | 128 | 81 | 74 | 92 | |
| August | 98 | 100 | 93 | 180 | 133 | 97 | |
| September | 177 | 162 | 136 | 190 | 136 | 82 | |
| October | 165 | 136 | 204 | 167 | 109 | 100 | |
| November | 111 | 161 | 174 | 152 | 72 | 55 | |
| December | 228 | 230 | 197 | 151 | 108 | 75 | |
| Total | 1 573 | 1 889 | 1 939 | 1 606 | 1 259 | 1 148 | |

Table 3.1 – Compulsory liquidations of companies (number)

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| January | 8 | 18 | 3 | 18 | 37 | 3 | 16 |
| February | 15 | 11 | 12 | 16 | 11 | 5 | 7 |
| March | 10 | 8 | 19 | 12 | 11 | 32 | 6 |
| April | 8 | 27 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 24 |
| May | 17 | 9 | 24 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 20 |
| June | 6 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 11 | |
| July | 4 | 20 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 9 | |
| August | 6 | 10 | 11 | 0 | 34 | 11 | |
| September | 3 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 41 | 9 | |
| October | 34 | 10 | 38 | 59 | 14 | 4 | |
| November | 10 | 3 | 15 | 42 | 6 | 2 | |
| December | 1 | 0 | 30 | 47 | 2 | 14 | |
| Total | 122 | 131 | 196 | 220 | 175 | 117 | |

Table 3.2 – Voluntary liquidations of companies (number)

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| January | 79 | 96 | 93 | 138 | 60 | 118 | 58 |
| February | 102 | 218 | 149 | 183 | 64 | 118 | 80 |
| March | 98 | 144 | 158 | 133 | 104 | 115 | 83 |
| April | 96 | 121 | 163 | 97 | 103 | 94 | 54 |
| May | 91 | 100 | 179 | 33 | 127 | 49 | 88 |
| June | 94 | 133 | 191 | 51 | 91 | 85 | |
| July | 166 | 181 | 103 | 77 | 74 | 83 | |
| August | 92 | 90 | 82 | 180 | 99 | 86 | |
| September | 174 | 161 | 133 | 172 | 95 | 73 | |
| October | 131 | 126 | 166 | 108 | 95 | 96 | |
| November | 101 | 158 | 159 | 110 | 66 | 53 | |
| December | 227 | 230 | 167 | 104 | 106 | 61 | |
| Total | 1 451 | 1 758 | 1 743 | 1 386 | 1 084 | 1 031 | |

Table 4 – Total liquidations of close corporations (number)

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| January | 73 | 156 | 110 | 157 | 103 | 124 | 58 |
| February | 113 | 162 | 167 | 200 | 125 | 148 | 84 |
| March | 189 | 195 | 233 | 205 | 197 | 138 | 117 |
| April | 143 | 201 | 182 | 170 | 169 | 136 | 71 |
| May | 157 | 174 | 181 | 71 | 139 | 74 | 113 |
| June | 133 | 164 | 185 | 104 | 108 | 97 | |
| July | 150 | 227 | 153 | 170 | 73 | 102 | |
| August | 187 | 164 | 150 | 122 | 108 | 106 | |
| September | 151 | 172 | 205 | 140 | 100 | 70 | |
| October | 183 | 151 | 189 | 196 | 126 | 91 | |
| November | 129 | 326 | 170 | 246 | 123 | 72 | |
| December | 119 | 152 | 128 | 172 | 86 | 68 | |
| Total | 1 727 | 2 244 | 2 053 | 1 953 | 1 457 | 1 226 | |

Table 4.1 – Compulsory liquidations of close corporations (number)

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------|
| January | 21 | 36 | 0 | 27 | 24 | 0 | 6 |
| February | 0 | 15 | 7 | 10 | 16 | 21 | 5 |
| March | 31 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 28 | 21 | 12 |
| April | 14 | 14 | 4 | 16 | 2 | 7 | 11 |
| May | 9 | 17 | 6 | 27 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| June | 11 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 5 | |
| July | 9 | 17 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 9 | |
| August | 20 | 39 | 11 | 14 | 29 | 8 | |
| September | 19 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 4 | |
| October | 14 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 5 | |
| November | 5 | 9 | 5 | 32 | 12 | 2 | |
| December | 1 | 1 | 4 | 28 | 6 | 10 | |
| Total | 154 | 164 | 88 | 161 | 142 | 94 | |

Table 4.2 – Voluntary liquidations of close corporations (number)

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| January | 52 | 120 | 110 | 130 | 79 | 124 | 52 |
| February | 113 | 147 | 160 | 190 | 109 | 127 | 79 |
| March | 158 | 193 | 229 | 205 | 169 | 117 | 105 |
| April | 129 | 187 | 178 | 154 | 167 | 129 | 60 |
| May | 148 | 157 | 175 | 44 | 139 | 72 | 104 |
| June | 122 | 158 | 176 | 103 | 108 | 92 | |
| July | 141 | 210 | 143 | 166 | 72 | 93 | |
| August | 167 | 125 | 139 | 108 | 79 | 98 | |
| September | 132 | 171 | 188 | 140 | 83 | 66 | |
| October | 169 | 144 | 178 | 194 | 119 | 86 | |
| November | 124 | 317 | 165 | 214 | 111 | 70 | |
| December | 118 | 151 | 124 | 144 | 80 | 58 | |
| Total | 1 573 | 2 080 | 1 965 | 1 792 | 1 315 | 1 132 | |

Table 5 – Insolvencies of individuals and partnerships (number)

| Month | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 1/ 2013 | 1/ 2014 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| January | 118 | 196 | 177 | 158 | 271 | 164 | 187 |
| February | 295 | 378 | 331 | 327 | 380 | 269 | 281 |
| March | 288 | 536 | * 388 | 464 | 434 | 339 | 323 |
| April | 396 | 531 | 325 | 281 | 319 | 241 | 212 |
| May | 338 | 612 | 397 | 346 | 331 | 277 | |
| June | 425 | 613 | 351 | 411 | 325 | 291 | |
| July | 473 | 594 | * 391 | 361 | 308 | 304 | |
| August | 502 | 694 | 375 | 453 | 381 | 349 | |
| September | 459 | 485 | 395 | 380 | 251 | 243 | |
| October | 589 | 450 | 343 | 443 | 281 | 264 | |
| November | 453 | 520 | 341 | 333 | 265 | 252 | |
| December | 427 | 469 | 291 | 241 | 205 | 196 | |
| Total | 4 763 | 6 078 | * 4 105 | 4 198 | 3 751 | 3 189 | |

* Revised.

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Explanatory notes

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|----------------------------------|----------|---|
| Introduction | 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 that appear in the Government Gazette. |
| | 2 | This statistical release reflects voluntary and compulsory liquidations of companies and close corporations and insolvencies of individuals and partnerships. |
| Purpose of the survey | 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. |
| Scope of the survey | 5 | This survey covers the total number of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • companies and close corporations which were liquidated; and • individuals and partnerships placed under final sequestration. |
| Related publications | 6 | Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bulletin of Statistics</i>; and • <i>South African Statistics</i>. |
| Symbols and abbreviations | 7 | Stats SA – Statistics South Africa |

Glossary

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|-------------------------------|---|
| Compulsory liquidation | A compulsory liquidation takes place when the affairs of a company or close corporation are wound up by order of the court. |
| Insolvency | 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. |
| Liquidation | 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. |
| Voluntary liquidation | A voluntary liquidation takes place when a company or close corporation, by own choice, resolves to wind-up its affairs. |

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