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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS: LIQUIDATIONS AND INSOLVENCIES

Key findings regarding liquidations for September 2009

Total number of liquidations increases at slower rate

The total number of liquidations recorded for the first nine months of 2009 increased by 25,9% (from 2 365 to 2 977) compared with the first nine months of 2008. The total number of liquidations recorded for September 2009 increased by 1,8% (from 328 to 334) compared with September 2008 (see Table A and Tables 6 and 7).

The 25,9% increase in the total number of liquidations for the first nine months of 2009 was due to increases of 25,9% in voluntary liquidations (from 2 154 to 2 712) and 25,6% in compulsory liquidations (from 211 to 265). When comparing the first nine months of 2009 with the first nine months of 2008, there were increases of 27,4% in company liquidations (from 1 069 to 1 362) and 24,6% in close corporation liquidations (from 1 296 to 1 615) (see Tables 3 and 4).

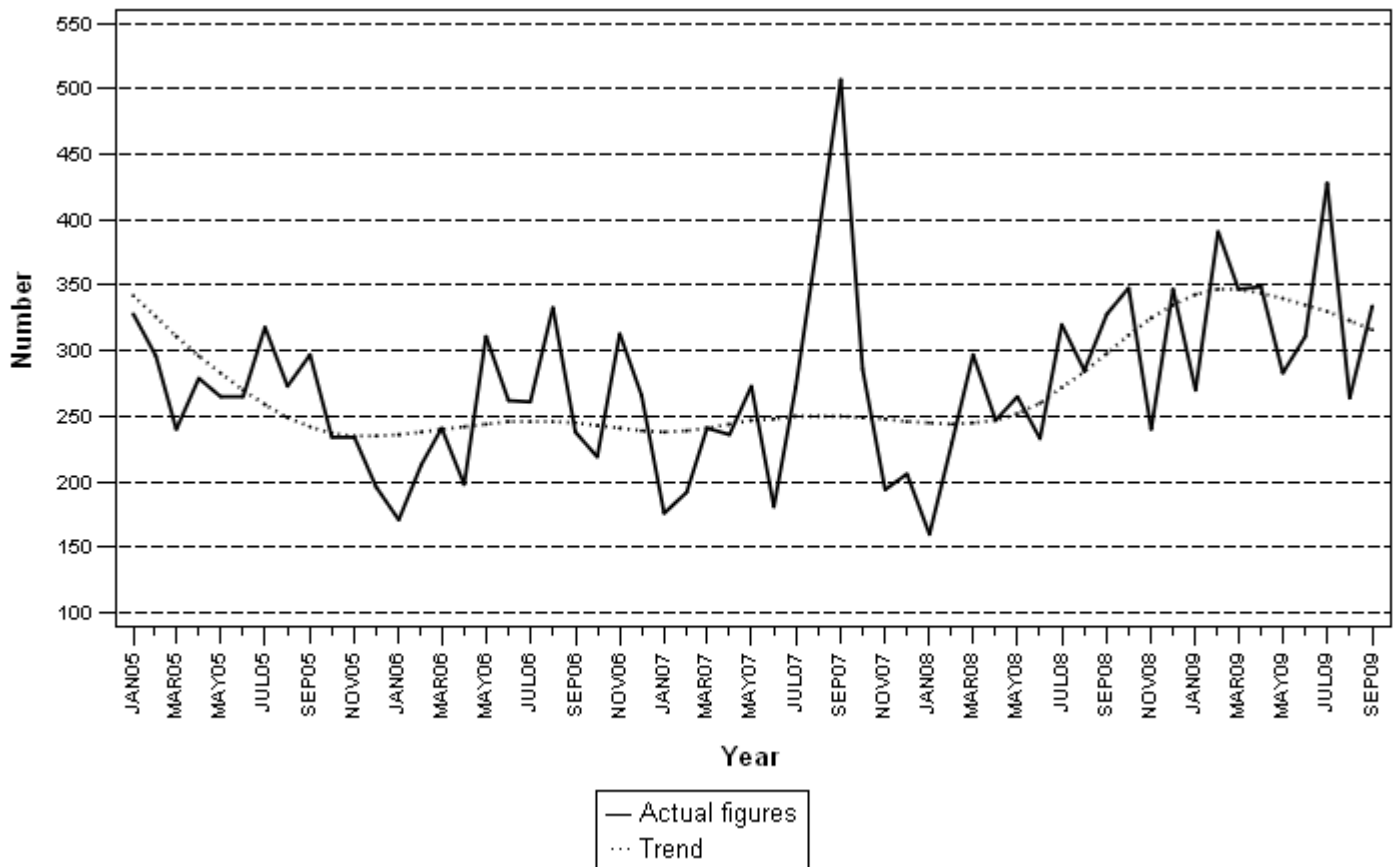
Table A – Selected key figures regarding liquidations for September 2009

Actual estimates

Number of liquidations September 2009	% change between September 2008 and September 2009	% change between January to September 2008 and January to September 2009
334	1,8	25,9

Figure 1 outlines the trend in the total number of liquidations from January 2005 to September 2009.

Figure 1 – Total number of liquidations



Key findings regarding insolvencies for August 2009

Total number of insolvencies decreases

The total number of insolvencies recorded for the first eight months of 2009 decreased by 9,7% (from 2 642 to 2 387) compared with the first eight months of 2008. The total number of insolvencies recorded for August 2009 decreased by 40,7% (from 450 to 267) compared with August 2008 (see Table B and Tables 8 and 9).

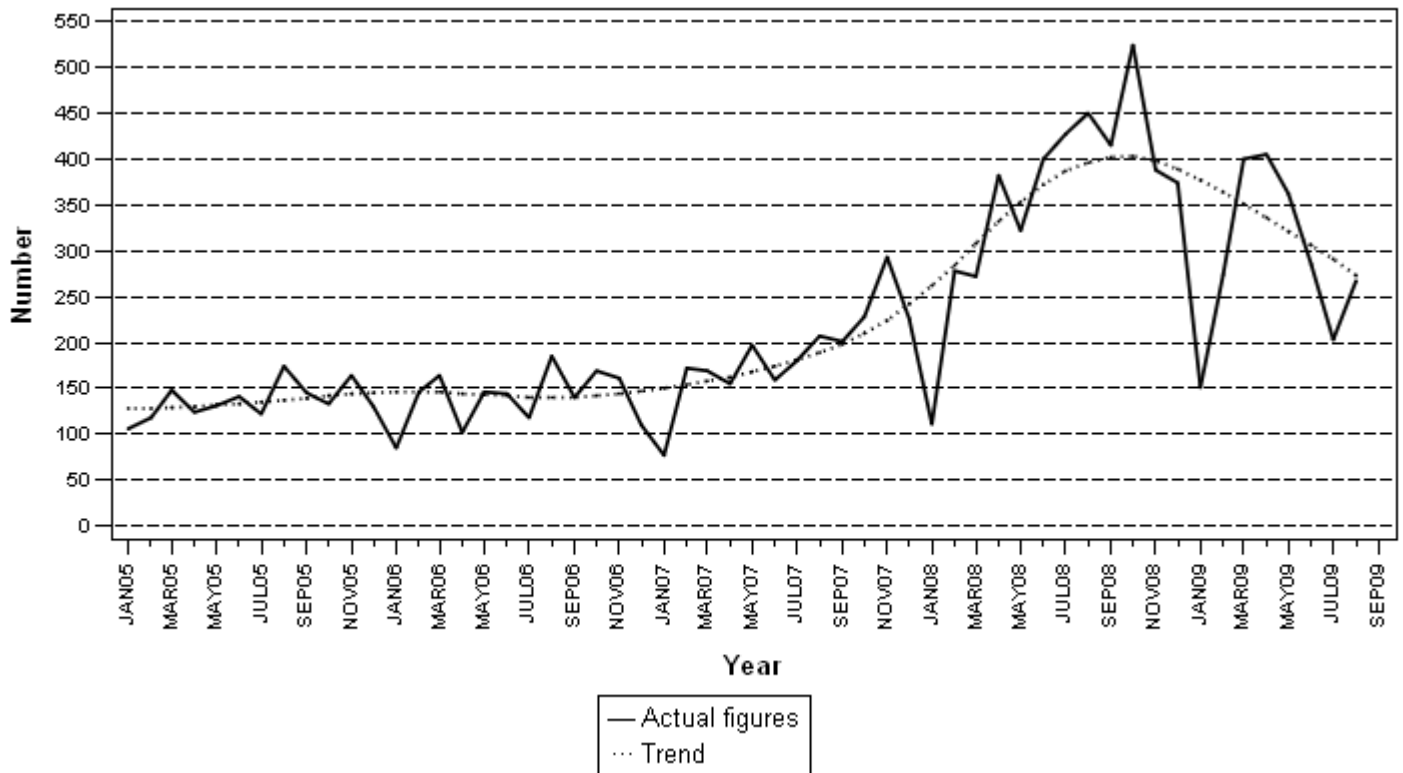
Table B – Selected key figures regarding insolvencies for August 2009

Actual estimates

Number of insolvencies August 2009	% change between August 2008 and August 2009	% change between January to August 2008 and January to August 2009
267	-40,7	-9,7

Figure 2 outlines the trend in the total number of insolvencies from January 2005 to August 2009.

Figure 2 – Total number of insolvencies



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Detailed results: Tables

Table 1 – Total number of liquidations according to industry

Industry	January - September 2009			September 2008			August 2009			September 2009		
	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total
1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	6	23	29	1	6	7	1	2	3	0	1	1
2.Mining and quarrying	0	15	15	1	38	39	0	2	2	0	5	5
3.Manufacturing	21	176	197	2	22	24	4	21	25	0	13	13
4.Electricity, gas and water	0	15	15	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
5.Construction	16	150	166	1	16	17	6	15	21	1	18	19
6.Wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation	112	771	883	7	58	65	17	51	68	1	96	97
7.Transport, storage, communication	9	92	101	2	6	8	1	11	12	0	17	17
8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services	95	1 201	1 296	8	143	151	19	88	107	0	162	162
9.Community, social, personal services	6	269	275	0	15	15	1	25	26	0	19	19
Total number of liquidations	265	2 712	2 977	22	306	328	49	215	264	2	332	334

Table 1.1 – Number of liquidations of companies according to industry

Industry	January - September 2009			September 2008			August 2009			September 2009		
	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total
1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	6	11	17	0	5	5	1	0	1	0	0	0
2.Mining and quarrying	0	10	10	1	38	39	0	2	2	0	3	3
3.Manufacturing	7	69	76	1	9	10	1	13	14	0	8	8
4.Electricity, gas and water	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.Construction	2	30	32	0	2	2	0	5	5	1	3	4
6.Wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation	59	320	379	1	21	22	1	17	18	0	39	39
7.Transport, storage, communication	1	34	35	0	2	2	0	3	3	0	3	3
8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services	40	613	653	0	91	91	7	42	49	0	96	96
9.Community, social, personal services	3	155	158	0	6	6	0	8	8	0	9	9
Total number of liquidations	118	1 244	1 362	3	174	177	10	90	100	1	161	162

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

Industry	January - September 2009			September 2008			August 2009			September 2009		
	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total
1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	0	12	12	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	1	1
2.Mining and quarrying	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
3.Manufacturing	14	107	121	1	13	14	3	8	11	0	5	5
4.Electricity, gas and water	0	13	13	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
5.Construction	14	120	134	1	14	15	6	10	16	0	15	15
6.Wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation	53	451	504	6	37	43	16	34	50	1	57	58
7.Transport, storage, communication	8	58	66	2	4	6	1	8	9	0	14	14
8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services	55	588	643	8	52	60	12	46	58	0	66	66
9.Community, social, personal services	3	114	117	0	9	9	1	17	18	0	10	10
Total number of liquidations	147	1 468	1615	19	132	151	39	125	164	1	171	172

C = Compulsory.
V = Voluntary.

Table 2 – Total number of liquidations: 2003 to 2009

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	395	388	328	171	176	160	270
February	328	298	296	213	192	230	391
March	227	301	240	241	241	297	347
April	359	244	279	198	236	247	349
May	346	262	265	311	273	265	283
June	345	301	265	262	181	233	311
July	339	291	318	261	272	320	428
August	406	260	273	333	387	285	264
September	466	437	297	238	507	328	334
October	351	253	234	219	286	348	
November	329	218	234	313	194	240	
December	195	257	196	266	206	347	
Year	4 086	3 510	3 225	3 026	3 151	3 300	2 977

Table 2.1 – Total number of compulsory liquidations: 2003 to 2009

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	76	42	30	37	12	29	54
February	65	38	70	15	15	15	26
March	46	57	35	31	12	41	10
April	63	32	18	9	32	22	41
May	52	37	61	20	13	26	26
June	74	63	25	50	9	17	20
July	85	68	84	16	14	13	37
August	120	39	69	46	111	26	49
September	109	83	27	22	47	22	2
October	70	43	40	20	39	48	
November	60	23	47	56	13	15	
December	37	39	18	53	9	2	
Year	857	564	524	375	326	276	265

Table 2.2 – Total number of voluntary liquidations: 2003 to 2009

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	319	346	298	134	164	131	216
February	263	260	226	198	177	215	365
March	181	244	205	210	229	256	337
April	296	212	261	189	204	225	308
May	294	225	204	291	260	239	257
June	271	238	240	212	172	216	291
July	254	223	234	245	258	307	391
August	286	221	204	287	276	259	215
September	357	354	270	216	460	306	332
October	281	210	194	199	247	300	
November	269	195	187	257	181	225	
December	158	218	178	213	197	345	
Year	3 229	2 946	2 701	2 651	2 825	3 024	2 712

Table 3 – Number of liquidations of companies: 2003 to 2009

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	200	191	130	85	99	87	114
February	188	132	154	107	96	117	229
March	127	148	123	127	114	108	152
April	151	119	176	100	143	104	148
May	162	128	122	131	157	108	109
June	178	136	132	140	104	100	147
July	141	132	177	145	129	170	201
August	202	114	124	143	243	98	100
September	260	141	143	122	416	177	162
October	235	126	115	132	175	165	
November	136	90	95	183	94	111	
December	130	75	113	167	127	228	
Year	2 110	1 532	1 604	1 582	1 897	1 573	1 362

Table 3.1 – Number of compulsory liquidations of companies: 2003 to 2009

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	37	16	6	18	4	8	18
February	28	15	43	4	4	15	11
March	17	32	23	23	5	10	8
April	17	6	13	5	19	8	27
May	28	20	30	5	3	17	9
June	31	16	7	35	2	6	14
July	29	31	62	6	4	4	20
August	69	11	21	11	89	6	10
September	60	33	17	18	34	3	1
October	42	22	22	13	26	34	
November	38	12	18	43	7	10	
December	27	9	13	37	8	1	
Year	423	223	275	218	205	122	118

Table 3.2 – Number of voluntary liquidations of companies: 2003 to 2009

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	163	175	124	67	95	79	96
February	160	117	111	103	92	102	218
March	110	116	100	104	109	98	144
April	134	113	163	95	124	96	121
May	134	108	92	126	154	91	100
June	147	120	125	105	102	94	133
July	112	101	115	139	125	166	181
August	133	103	103	132	154	92	90
September	200	108	126	104	382	174	161
October	193	104	93	119	149	131	
November	98	78	77	140	87	101	
December	103	66	100	130	119	227	
Year	1 687	1 309	1 329	1 364	1 692	1 451	1 244

Table 4 – Number of liquidations of close corporations: 2003 to 2009

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	195	197	198	86	77	73	156
February	140	166	142	106	96	113	162
March	100	153	117	114	127	189	195
April	208	125	103	98	93	143	201
May	184	134	143	180	116	157	174
June	167	165	133	122	77	133	164
July	198	159	141	116	143	150	227
August	204	146	149	190	144	187	164
September	206	296	154	116	91	151	172
October	116	127	119	87	111	183	
November	193	128	139	130	100	129	
December	65	182	83	99	79	119	
Year	1 976	1 978	1 621	1 444	1 254	1 727	1 615

Table 4.1 – Number of compulsory liquidations of close corporations: 2003 to 2009

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	39	26	24	19	8	21	36
February	37	23	27	11	11	0	15
March	29	25	12	8	7	31	2
April	46	26	5	4	13	14	14
May	24	17	31	15	10	9	17
June	43	47	18	15	7	11	6
July	56	37	22	10	10	9	17
August	51	28	48	35	22	20	39
September	49	50	10	4	13	19	1
October	28	21	18	7	13	14	
November	22	11	29	13	6	5	
December	10	30	5	16	1	1	
Year	434	341	249	157	121	154	147

Table 4.2 – Number of voluntary liquidations of close corporations: 2003 to 2009

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	156	171	174	67	69	52	120
February	103	143	115	95	85	113	147
March	71	128	105	106	120	158	193
April	162	99	98	94	80	129	187
May	160	117	112	165	106	148	157
June	124	118	115	107	70	122	158
July	142	122	119	106	133	141	210
August	153	118	101	155	122	167	125
September	157	246	144	112	78	132	171
October	88	106	101	80	98	169	
November	171	117	110	117	94	124	
December	55	152	78	83	78	118	
Year	1 542	1 637	1 372	1 287	1 133	1 573	1 468

Table 5 – Total number of insolvencies of individuals and partnerships: 2003 to 2009

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	*2008	1/ 2009
January	135	145	106	85	77	111	151
February	135	143	118	146	172	278	314
March	221	247	148	164	169	272	400
April	253	211	124	102	155	382	405
May	170	153	131	146	*197	322	362
June	254	187	141	144	159	400	285
July	234	164	122	118	*180	427	203
August	255	155	174	185	*207	450	267
September	286	182	145	140	201	415	
October	269	127	133	169	228	524	
November	236	142	164	161	293	388	
December	204	119	130	110	*226	374	
Year	2 652	1 975	1 636	1 670	2 264	4 343	2 387

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* Revised.

Table 6 – Percentage change between September 2008 and September 2009 regarding the number of liquidations

Number of liquidations September 2008	Number of liquidations September 2009	% change between September 2008 and September 2009	Difference between September 2008 and September 2009
328	334	1,8	6

Table 7 – Percentage change between the first nine months of 2008 and the first nine months of 2009 regarding the number of liquidations

Number of liquidations January to September 2008	Number of liquidations January to September 2009	% change between January to September 2008 and January to September 2009	Difference between January to September 2008 and January to September 2009
2 365	2 977	25,9	612

Table 8 – Percentage change between August 2008 and August 2009 regarding the number of insolvencies

Number of insolvencies August 2008	Number of insolvencies August 2009	% change between August 2008 and August 2009	Difference between August 2008 and August 2009
450	267	-40,7	-183

Table 9 – Percentage change between the first eight months of 2008 and the first eight months of 2009 regarding the number of insolvencies

Number of insolvencies January to August 2008	Number of insolvencies January to August 2009	% change between January to August 2008 and January to August 2009	Difference between January to August 2008 and January to August 2009
2 642	2 387	-9,7	-255

Explanatory notes

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 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.
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the total number of companies and close corporations which were liquidated. • the total number of individuals and partnerships placed under final sequestration.
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Symbols and abbreviations	8	Stats SA - Statistics South Africa

Glossary

Compulsory liquidation	A compulsory liquidation takes place when the affairs of a company or close corporation are wind-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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