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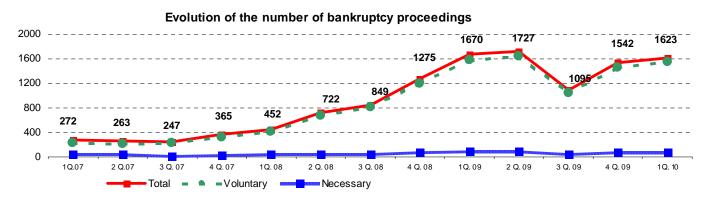
Bankruptcy Proceedings Statistics First quarter of 2010. Provisional data*

The number of debtors processed decreases 2.8% in the first quarter as compared with the same quarter of 2009

One out of three companies declared bankrupt has Construction and property development as their main activity

During the first quarter of 2010, the number of debtors processed reached 1,623, representing a 2.8% decrease as compared with the same quarter the previous year.

By type of proceeding, 1,550 were voluntary and 73 were necessary, implying interannual decreases of 2.0% and 18.0%, respectively. Considering the type of proceedings, abbreviated proceedings increased 77.2%, while ordinary proceedings decreased 81.2%.



*Final data until the first quarter of 2009

Number of debtors processed Variation rate Total Quarter-Interannual Interannual on-quarter accumulated **Debtors processed** 1,623 5.3 -2.8 -2.8 Individuals without business activity 250 5.5 4.6 4.6 **Companies declared bankrupt** 1,373 5.2 -4.1 -4.1 Individuals with business activity 62 -16.2 -3.1 -3.1 Public Limited Company (PLC) 256 11.3 -17.4 -17.4 Private Limited Company (LTD) 1.035 6.0 0.1 0.1 Other 20 -20.0 -13.0 -13.0 Type of bankruptcy Voluntary 1,550 6.1 -2.0 -2.0 Necessary -18.0 73 -9.9 -18.0 Type of procedure Ordinary 159 6.0 -81.2 -81.2 Abbreviated 1,464 5.2 77.2 77.2

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Companies processed, by legal nature and turnover bracket

Of the 1,623 debtors processed in the first quarter, 1,373 were companies (individuals with business activity and corporations). 75.4% of the companies declared bankrupt were Private Limited Companies.

by legal hattie and turnover bracket											
Turnover bracket	Total	Individuals*	PLC	LTD	Other						
TOTAL	1,373	62	256	1,035	20						
Less than 2 (million €)	818	62	95	651	10						
2 to 5 (million €)	267	0	65	198	4						
5 to 10 (million €)	112	0	40	72	0						
More than 10 (million €)	103	0	47	56	0						
Without classification	73	0	9	58	6						

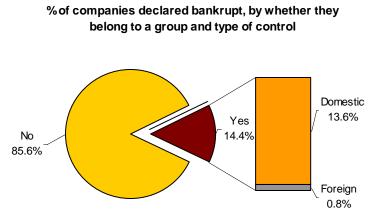
Number of companies declared bankrupt, by legal nature and turnover bracket**

* Individuals with business activity

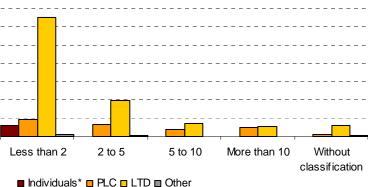
** Million euros per year

59.6% of the companies declared bankrupt were within the lowest turnover bracket (less than two million euros), and were mainly Private Limited Companies.

85.6% of companies declared bankrupt during the first quarter of 2010 did not belong to any business group. Of the remaining companies declared bankrupt, 13.6% belonged to a Spanish group, and 0.8% to a group under foreign control.



Number of companies declared bankrupt, by legal nature and turnover bracket**



* Individuals with business activity

** Million euros per year

Companies declared bankrupt, by economic activity and number of employees

32.9% of companies declared bankrupt carried out their main activity in Construction and property development, 20.6% in Industry and energy, and 16.0% in Trade.

Regarding the number of employees, 35.0% of the total number of companies declared bankupt were within the bracket of 10 to 49 employees.

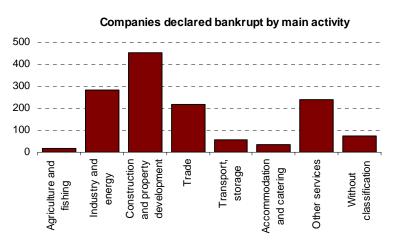
Number of companies declared bankrupt, by main economic activity and employee bracket

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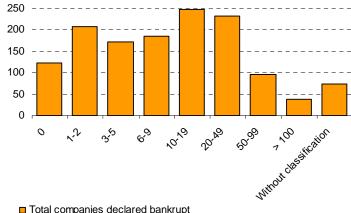
Economic activity*	Employee bracket									
	Total	0	1-2	3-5	6-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	> 100	Without classification
TOTAL	1,373	122	207	171	186	248	232	97	37	73
Agriculture and fishing	16	4	3	3	0	2	3	1	0	0
Industry and energy	283	3	11	24	33	73	93	33	13	0
Construction and property										
development	452	62	84	59	59	76	65	34	13	0
Trade	219	13	31	43	48	44	28	9	3	0
Transport, storage	58	4	7	7	7	15	12	5	1	0
Accommodation and catering	35	2	6	7	8	1	6	3	2	0
Other services	237	34	65	28	31	37	25	12	5	0
Without classification	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73

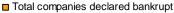
* Data according to CNAE-2009



Total companies declared bankrupt

Companies declared bankrupt, by employee bracket





Geographical distribution of debtors processed

The Autonomous Communities of Cataluña, Comunidad de Madrid and Comunitat Valenciana accounted for 53.7% of the total debtors processed during the first quarter of 2010.

Cantabria, Comunidad Foral de Navarra, La Rioja and Extremadura were the Autonomous Communities with the fewest debtors processed.

Autonomous	Total	Type of ba	nkruptcy	Type of pr	ocedure	Existence of anticipated proposals for agreement		
Communities		Voluntary	Necessary	Ordinary	Abbreviated			
						No Yes		
TOTAL	1,623	1,550	73	159	1,464	1,597	26	
Andalucía	144	135	9	20	124	144	0	
Aragón	48	45	3	5	43	48	0	
Asturias (P. de)	26	25	1	1	25	25	1	
Balears (Illes)	44	39	5	1	43	43	1	
Canarias	50	43	7	17	33	41	9	
Cantabria	12	12	0	0	12	12	0	
Castilla y León	75	71	4	4	71	75	0	
Castilla-La Mancha	64	62	2	6	58	64	0	
Cataluña	396	392	4	36	360	389	7	
C. Valenciana	238	223	15	20	218	233	5	
Extremadura	17	17	0	1	16	17	0	
Galicia	98	93	5	4	94	96	2	
Madrid (C. de)	238	230	8	25	213	237	1	
Murcia (Región de)	59	54	5	10	49	59	0	
Navarra (C. Foral)	16	16	0	3	13	16	0	
País Vasco	82	77	5	5	77	82	0	
Rioja (La)	16	16	0	1	15	16	0	
Ceuta and Melilla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Number of debtors processed, by type of bankruptcy,

type of procedure, existence of anticipated

Provincial information

The provincial results that were previously offered in this Press release may henceforth be viewed at the following address of the INE website:

http://www.ine.es/en/daco/daco42/epc/epcpro0110_en.pdf

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Methodological note

The data provided relating to the first quarter of 2010 corresponds to that submitted by 26 April 2010, by the Mercantile Counts, the Courts of First Instance and the Courts of First Instance and Trial with mercantile jurisdiction.

In the first quarter, the response rate by the closure date of the statistics was 96.5% of the total courts (86) that were sent the questionnaire.

Therefore, the information that this Press Release disseminates might not encompass the entirety of the creditor proceedings.

New National Classification of Economic Activities 2009 (CNAE 2009)

The European Parliament and Council passed the new classification of economic activities for statistical purposes within the European Union, known as NACE Rev.2, on 20 December 2006, via Regulation (EC) no. 1893/2006.

In order to be able to adapt the European classification to their reality, each Member State has compiled national versions that are compatible with NACE Rev.2. The national version of NACE Rev.2 in Spain is CNAE 2009, passed by Royal Decree 475/2007, of 13 April 2007 (BOE of 28 April 2007).

The adaptation to the new classification has caused changes in the Bankruptcy Proceedings Statistics, specifically in one of the variables studied: the main economic activity of the company declared bankrupt. For some activities, the new classification has only caused a change in code, and not in content; in other cases, however, some activities have changed to belong to different branches or sectors. Thus, to quote an example, 'Development and selling of real estate' has moved from the Services sector to the Construction sector. 'Collection and treatment of wastewater' has moved from the Services.

In order to guarantee the comparability of the information over time, the INE publishes, in INEbase, the retrospective series of the number of companies declared bankrupt, by main economic activity, in the new classification, CNAE 2009.

The following link on the INE website offers complete information regarding all of the changes arising from the new encoding of branches of activity:

http://www.ine.es/jaxi/menu.do?type=pcaxis&path=%2Ft40%2Fclasrev&file=inebase&L=1&divi=&his

Bankruptcy Proceedings Statistics

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TP1. Bankrupt debtors by type of bankruptcy proceeding, type of procedure, existence of anticipated proposals of agreement and proposed content

	Total	Process	type	Procedure ty	ре	Existence	of	Propose	d content		
		Volun-	Nece-	Ordinary	Abbreviated	anticipated	l propsal	Acquitt-	Wait	Arrangemer	Other
		tary	ssary			No	Yes	ance		with creditor	s
TOTAL	1,623	1,550	73	159	1,464	1,597	26	7	0	11	8
Andalucía	144	135	9	20	124	144	0	0	0	0	0
Aragón	48	45	3	5	43	48	0	0	0	0	0
Asturias (Principado de)	26	25	1	1	25	25	1	0	0	1	0
Balears (Illes)	44	39	5	1	43	43	1	0	0	1	0
Canarias	50	43	7	17	33	41	9	1	0	0	8
Cantabria	12	12	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0
Castilla y León	75	71	4	4	71	75	0	0	0	0	0
Castilla-La-Mancha	64	62	2	6	58	64	0	0	0	0	0
Cataluña	396	392	4	36	360	389	7	6	0	1	0
Comunitat Valenciana	238	223	15	20	218	233	5	0	0	5	0
Extremadura	17	17	0	1	16	17	0	0	0	0	0
Galicia	98	93	5	4	94	96	2	0	0	2	0
Madrid (Comunidad de)	238	230	8	25	213	237	1	0	0	1	0
Murcia (Región de)	59	54	5	10	49	59	0	0	0	0	0
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	16	16	0	3	13	16	0	0	0	0	0
País Vasco	82	77	5	5	77	82	0	0	0	0	0
Rioja (La)	16	16	0	1	15	16	0	0	0	0	0
Ceuta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melilla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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TP2. Bankrupt debtors by Autonomous Community and legal status

	Total	Individuals	Companies			
		without busines activity	³ Individuals	Public Limited Company	Private Limited C Company	other
TOTAL	1,623	250	62	256	1,035	20
Andalucía	144	26	6	18	94	0
Aragón	48	6	2	9	29	2
Asturias (Principado de)	26	6	2	3	15	0
Balears (Illes)	44	11	3	3	27	0
Canarias	50	5	1	3	41	0
Cantabria	12	3	2	0	7	0
Castilla y León	75	15	1	13	44	2
Castilla-La-Mancha	64	13	4	8	37	2
Cataluña	396	56	12	77	246	5
Comunitat Valenciana	238	32	5	20	181	0
Extremadura	17	2	2	4	8	1
Galicia	98	11	4	8	75	0
Madrid (Comunidad de)	238	42	7	59	126	4
Murcia (Región de)	59	11	7	6	34	1
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	16	2	0	2	12	0
País Vasco	82	5	2	22	50	3
Rioja (La)	16	4	2	1	9	0
Ceuta	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melilla	0	0	0	0	0	0

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TP3. Bankrupt companies by Autonomous Community and main economic activity

	Total	Agriculture	Industry				Energy
		and fishing	Intermediate goods	Capital goods	Consumer durables	Consumer non-durables	- 37
TOTAL	1373	16	113	90	23	55	2
Andalucía	118	4	10	11	2	2	0
Aragón	42	0	3	6	2	2	0
Asturias (Principado de)	20	0	0	0	0	1	0
Balears (Illes)	33	0	1	1	0	0	0
Canarias	45	1	0	2	0	0	0
Cantabria	9	0	0	2	0	0	0
Castilla y León	60	1	4	3	3	1	0
Castilla-La-Mancha	51	3	7	2	1	1	0
Cataluña	340	1	36	30	5	14	1
Comunitat Valenciana	206	1	15	8	7	13	0
Extremadura	15	0	2	0	0	0	0
Galicia	87	1	11	7	1	6	1
Madrid (Comunidad de)	196	1	8	3	1	10	0
Murcia (Región de)	48	1	3	1	1	1	0
Navarra (Com. Foral de)	14	0	1	1	0	1	0
País Vasco	77	2	12	10	0	1	0
Rioja (La)	12	0	0	3	0	2	0
Ceuta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melilla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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TP3. Bankrupt companies by Autonomous Community and main economic activity

and main econo	mic activity			-	(Conclusion)
	Real estate, financial and insu- rance activities	Professional, scientific and tech- nical activities	Administrative and support service activities	Other servicies	Unclassified
TOTAL	49	65	49	52	73
Andalucía	5	3	3	4	4
Aragón	1	2	3	1	0
Asturias (Principado de)	1	1	1	1	2
Balears (Illes)	2	0	0	2	2
Canarias	2	1	4	1	2
Cantabria	0	1	1	1	1
Castilla y León	0	8	1	1	2
Castilla-La-Mancha	0	2	1	2	2
Cataluña	14	16	12	15	28
Comunitat Valenciana	10	9	8	2	8
Extremadura	0	1	0	2	0
Galicia	0	3	1	2	1
Madrid (Comunidad de)	12	14	10	12	13
Murcia (Región de)	2	1	1	2	2
Navarra (Com. Foral de)	0	0	0	1	0
País Vasco	0	3	3	2	6
Rioja (La)	0	0	0	1	0
Ceuta	0	0	0	0	0
Melilla	0	0	0	0	0

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TP4. Bankrupt companies by Autonomous Community and employee groups

	Total	Número	de asala	riados						Sin
		0	1-2	3-5	6-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	Más de 100	clasificar
TOTAL	1373	122	207	171	186	248	232	97	37	73
Andalucía	118	9	19	13	12	22	19	15	5	4
Aragón	42	8	7	5	6	5	9	1	1	0
Asturias (Principado de)	20	2	2	2	1	6	3	2	0	2
Balears (Illes)	33	1	8	10	7	2	3	0	0	2
Canarias	45	6	8	4	4	7	7	5	2	2
Cantabria	9	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	1
Castilla y León	60	9	9	8	7	13	9	2	1	2
Castilla-La-Mancha	51	4	7	12	8	9	5	3	1	2
Cataluña	340	27	48	32	52	59	56	25	13	28
Comunitat Valenciana	206	19	24	33	28	41	39	9	5	8
Extremadura	15	0	1	0	1	3	7	3	0	0
Galicia	87	8	15	14	7	17	17	5	3	1
Madrid (Comunidad de)	196	20	37	17	25	36	28	19	1	13
Murcia (Región de)	48	3	9	8	6	5	12	2	1	2
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	14	2	1	0	4	3	1	2	1	0
País Vasco	77	3	7	10	14	18	14	3	2	6
Rioja (La)	12	1	3	1	3	2	1	0	1	0
Ceuta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melilla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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TP5. Bankrupt companies by Autonomous Community and business volume interval

	Total	Volumen de ne	egocio (millones	de €)		Sin
		Menos de 2	De 2 a 5	De 5 a 10	Más de 10	clasificar
TOTAL	1373	818	267	112	103	73
Andalucía	118	60	28	11	15	4
Aragón	42	25	10	3	4	0
Asturias (Principado de)	20	13	2	3	0	2
Balears (Illes)	33	26	2	3	0	2
Canarias	45	29	10	2	2	2
Cantabria	9	4	2	2	0	1
Castilla y León	60	38	11	7	2	2
Castilla-La-Mancha	51	35	5	5	4	2
Cataluña	340	184	81	20	27	28
Comunitat Valenciana	206	116	50	19	13	8
Extremadura	15	5	5	3	2	0
Galicia	87	53	19	8	6	1
Madrid (Comunidad de)	196	118	29	16	20	13
Murcia (Región de)	48	27	7	9	3	2
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	14	12	0	0	2	0
País Vasco	77	62	6	1	2	6
Rioja (La)	12	11	0	0	1	0
Ceuta	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melilla	0	0	0	0	0	0