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Bankruptcy Proceedings Statistics (BPS)

Third quarter 2015. Provisional data

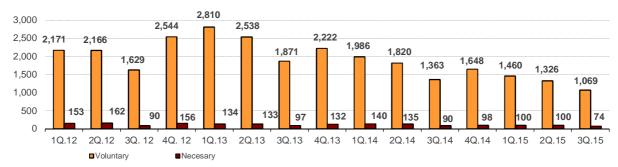
The number of debtors processed decreases its annual rate by 21.3% in the third quarter of 2015

Construction or Trade accounted for 41.3% of the total of companies processed

During the third quarter of 2015, the number of debtors processed reached 1,143 representing a 21.3% decrease, as compared with the same period of the previous year.

By type of bankruptcy, 1,069 were voluntary (21.6% less than the third quarter 2014) and 74 were necessary (17.8% less). Considering the type of procedure, ordinary procedures decreased 29.9%, and abbreviated procedures did so by 19.3%.

Evolution of the number of debtors processed*

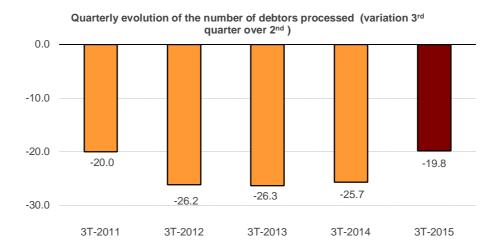


^{*}Final data until the 4th quarter of 2014

| Debtors processed.3 rd quar | ter 2015 | | | |
|--|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| - | Total | % Variation | | |
| | | Quarter- | Interannual | Interannual |
| | | on-quarter | | accumulated |
| Debtors processed | 1,143 | -19.8 | -21.3 | -25.4 |
| Individuals without business activity | 119 | -21.2 | -7.0 | -23.0 |
| Companies declared bankrupt | 1,024 | -19.7 | -22.7 | -25.6 |
| Individuals with business activity | 40 | -2.4 | 48.1 | -5.8 |
| Public Limited Company (P.L.C.) | 140 | -26.7 | -27.8 | -31.6 |
| Private Limited Company (L.T.D.) | 823 | -19.1 | -23.3 | -25.2 |
| Other | 21 | -19.2 | -32.3 | -22.2 |
| Type of bankruptcy | | | | |
| Voluntary | 1,069 | -19.4 | -21.6 | -25.4 |
| Necessary | 74 | -26.0 | -17.8 | -24.9 |
| Type of procedure | | | | |
| Ordinary | 195 | -16.7 | -29.9 | -30.5 |
| Abreviated | 948 | -20.5 | -19.3 | -24.3 |

Evolution of the quarterly rate

In order to contribute to the analysis and interpretation of the data, the following chart shows the quarterly variation of the number of debtors processed between the third quarter and the second quarter of the last five years. In 2015, the quarterly rate was –19.8%.



Companies declared bankrupt, by legal nature and turnover bracket

Within the 1,143 debtors processed in this quarter, 1,024 were companies (individuals with business activity and corporations), and 119 were individuals without business activities, representing 89.6 % and 10.4%, respectively of the total debtors.

In the third quarter of 2015, the number of companies processed decreased 22.7%, as compared with the same period of the previous year.

By legal nature, 80.4% of the companies processed were Private Limited Companies.

37.4% of the companies processed were within the lowest turnover bracket (up to 250,000 euros) and were, mainly, Private Limited Companies.

| Companies declared bankrupt by legal nature | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| and turnover bracket .Million euros per year.3 rd quarter 201 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total | Individuals.* | P.L.C. | L.T.D. | Others | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 1,024 | 40 | 140 | 823 | 21 | | | | | | |
| Less or equal than 0,25 | 383 | 24 | 38 | 315 | 6 | | | | | | |
| More than 0,25 to 0,5 | 108 | 0 | 17 | 88 | 3 | | | | | | |
| More than 0,5 to 1 | 113 | 1 | 14 | 98 | 0 | | | | | | |
| More than 1 to 2 | 68 | 1 | 15 | 52 | 0 | | | | | | |
| More than 2 to 5 | 71 | 0 | 13 | 55 | 3 | | | | | | |
| More than 5 | 29 | 0 | 14 | 15 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Without classification | 252 | 14 | 29 | 200 | 9 | | | | | | |
| * Individuals with business ac | tivity | | | | | | | | | | |

Companies declared bankrupt, by economic activity and number of employees

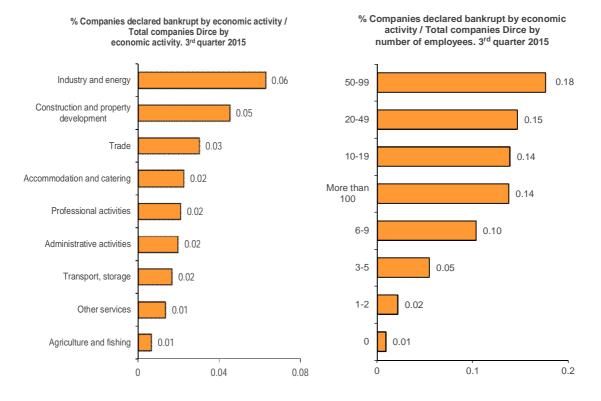
22.9% of the companies declared bankrupt carried out their main activity in *Trade*, 18.4% in *Construction* and 12.3% in *Industry and energy*.

Regarding the number of employees, 56.3% of the total number of companies declared bankrupt had less than 6 employees. Within these, 31.0% had no employees.

| Number of companies | declare | d ban | krupt | by ma | in eco | onomi | c activ | /ity | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| and number of employe | es.3 rd | quarte | er 201 | 5 | | | | | | |
| | Number | of emplo | oyees | | | | | | | |
| | Total | 0 | 1-2 | 3-5 | 6-9 | 10-19 | 20-49 | 50-99 | 100 and more | Without class |
| TOTAL | 1,024 | 179 | 229 | 169 | 126 | 109 | 61 | 22 | 17 | 112 |
| Agriculture and fishing | 22 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Industry and energy | 126 | 10 | 17 | 23 | 17 | 29 | 19 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Construction and property | | | | | | | | | | |
| development | 188 | 84 | 43 | 18 | 13 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Trade | 235 | 25 | 76 | 56 | 35 | 24 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Transport, storage | 33 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accommodation and catering | 64 | 3 | 16 | 22 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Professional activities | 81 | 14 | 27 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Administrative activities | 37 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Other services | 126 | 25 | 31 | 15 | 25 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Without classification | 112 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 112 |

Taking the total number of existing companies in each economic activity as a reference, 0.06% of the *Industry and energy* companies initiated a bankruptcy proceeding during the third quarter. In turn, only 0.01% of the *Agriculture and fishing* companies were affected by bankruptcy proceedings.

By employee bracket, 0.18% of the companies with 50-99 employees started a bankruptcy proceeding, as compared with 0.01% of the companies without employees.



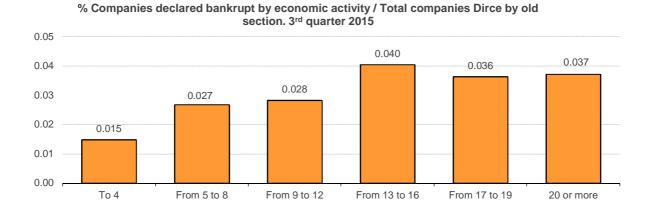
Companies declared bankrupt, by seniority

20.0% of the total number of companies processed during the third quarter had a seniority of 20 years or over. In turn, 17.5% had a seniority of four years or less.

Within the companies declared bankrupt with a seniority of four years or less, 29.6% carried out their main activity in *Trade*. In turn, within the companies declared bankrupt with seniority of 20 years or over, 55.1% carried out their main activity in *Trade*, and *Industry and energy*.

| | Age (in years) | | | | | | | Un- |
|----------------------------|----------------|------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | To 4 | From 5 to 8 | From 9 to 12 | From 13 to 16 | From 17 to 19 | 20 or more | classified |
| TOTAL | 1,024 | 179 | 163 | 207 | 146 | 77 | 205 | 47 |
| Agriculture and fishing | 22 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Industry and energy | 126 | 13 | 9 | 16 | 18 | 17 | 53 | 0 |
| Construction and property | | | | | | | | |
| development | 188 | 24 | 31 | 48 | 37 | 11 | 37 | 0 |
| Trade | 235 | 53 | 34 | 34 | 31 | 23 | 60 | 0 |
| Transport, storage | 33 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| Accommodation and catering | 64 | 20 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| Professional activities | 81 | 20 | 15 | 18 | 9 | 4 | 15 | 0 |
| Administrative activities | 37 | 12 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Other services | 126 | 26 | 29 | 26 | 16 | 8 | 21 | 0 |
| Without classification | 112 | 4 | 18 | 26 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 47 |

Taking as a reference the stock of existing companies by seniority, 0.04% of the companies of 13 to 16 years were affected by a bankruptcy proceeding this quarter. However, 0.02% of the total companies with up to four years of seniority started a bankruptcy proceeding.



Geographical distribution of debtors processed

The Autonomous Communities of Cataluña and Comunitat Valenciana accounted for 38.2% of the total debtors processed during the third quarter of 2015.

| Processed debtors by | type (| of bankr | uptcy, t | ype of pr | ocedur | е | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----|--|
| and existence of antic | ipated | propos | als for a | greemer | nt.3 rd qu | arter 201 | 5 | |
| Autonomous City and | Total | Type of bankruptcy Type of procedure | | | | Existence of anticipated | | |
| Community | | Volun- Nece- | | Ordinary Abbrev. | | proposal for agreement | | |
| | | tary | ssary | | | No | Yes | |
| TOTAL | 1,143 | 1,069 | 74 | 195 | 948 | 1,138 | 5 | |
| Andalucía | 148 | 138 | 10 | 62 | 86 | 148 | 0 | |
| Aragón | 29 | 28 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 29 | 0 | |
| Asturias, Principado de | 35 | 31 | 4 | 2 | 33 | 35 | 0 | |
| Balears, Illes | 22 | 20 | 2 | 15 | 7 | 22 | 0 | |
| Canarias | 38 | 36 | 2 | 11 | 27 | 38 | 0 | |
| Cantabria | 17 | 16 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 17 | 0 | |
| Castilla y León | 40 | 35 | 5 | 3 | 37 | 40 | 0 | |
| Castilla-La Mancha | 27 | 24 | 3 | 2 | 25 | 27 | 0 | |
| Cataluña | 243 | 234 | 9 | 13 | 230 | 241 | 2 | |
| Comunitat Valenciana | 194 | 184 | 10 | 28 | 166 | 194 | 0 | |
| Extremadura | 16 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 15 | 1 | |
| Galicia | 59 | 52 | 7 | 8 | 51 | 57 | 2 | |
| Madrid, Comunidad de | 153 | 142 | 11 | 27 | 126 | 153 | 0 | |
| Murcia, Región de | 18 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 18 | 0 | |
| Navarra, Comunidad Foral de | 16 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 16 | 0 | |
| País Vasco | 81 | 77 | 4 | 5 | 76 | 81 | 0 | |
| Rioja, La | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | |

The Autonomous Community that registered the greatest decrease in the number of bankrupt debtors considering the annual variation rate was Aragón (–51.7%).

In turn, Canarias (65.2%) registered the most positive rate.

