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Belgium – Year 2006 : 7617 bankruptcies(-3,3%)

In 2006, 7617 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a fall by 3,3% compared to 2005.

In the last year, compared to the previous year, the number of failed businesses in industry fell by 15,0%, in construction it declined by 8,3%; in commerce, there was a decline by 3,9% and in the hotel and catering industry a rise by 6,3%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services raised by 4,1%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a decline by 6,2% in Flanders, a fall by 4,9% in the Walloon Region and a rise by 8,1% in Brussels.

A breakdown of failed businesses by size classes gives (for the same period compared to the corresponding period in 2005) the following changes: -1,4% for businesses without employees, -3,5% for small businesses employing 1 to 9 people, -13,2% for medium-sized businesses employing 10 to 49 people and -13,5% for larger businesses employing 50 people or more.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives -8,3% for self-employed, -7,3% for limited companies, -1,0% for private companies with limited liability and -1,0% for cooperative societies.

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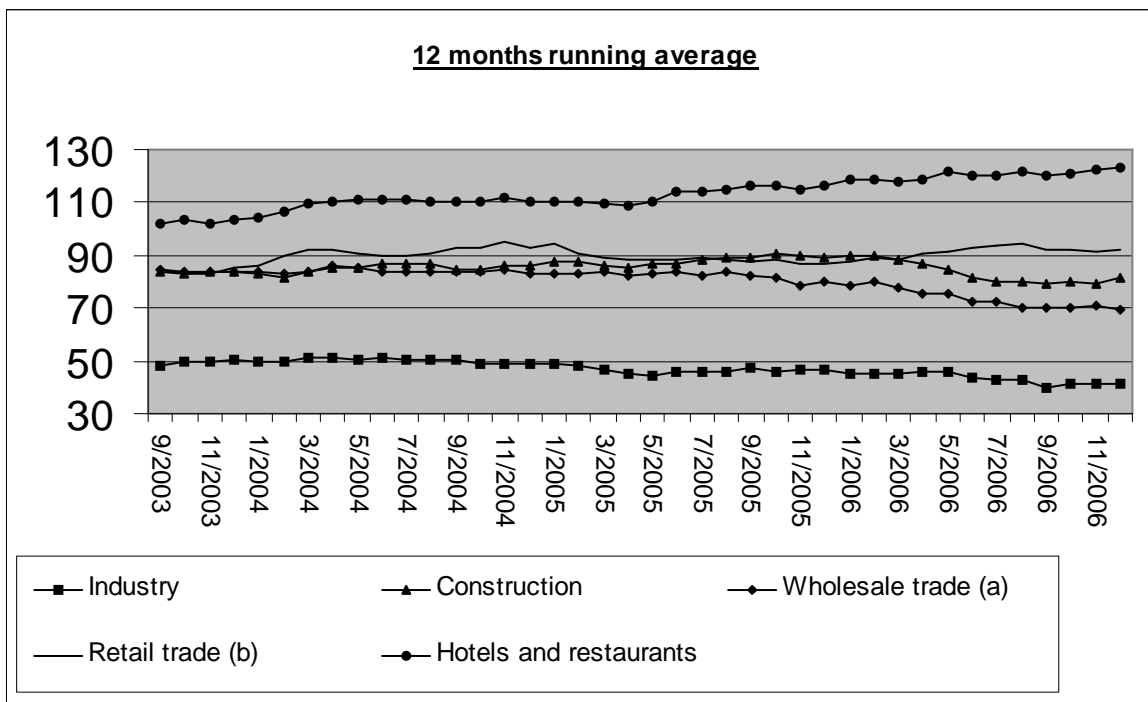
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Bankruptcies

	2														2
Monthly bankruptcies	0														0
	5														6
	Year	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Year	
Total	7877	740	690	683	594	729	732	386	330	707	716	657	653	7617	
By activity															
Agriculture and fishing	121	11	9	12	9	10	9	7	3	17	7	14	13	121	1,6%
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	561	38	36	49	43	44	49	26	24	38	57	52	43	499	6,6%
Construction	1067	96	93	84	75	80	80	44	47	98	102	83	96	978	12,8%
Trade	2322	226	226	206	175	215	204	120	94	192	218	168	187	2231	29,3%
Hotels and restaurants	1393	141	119	126	121	152	146	76	82	138	131	121	127	1480	19,4%
Transport and other services	1960	188	163	177	120	184	201	95	65	195	170	184	158	1900	24,9%
Non-defined activity	434	40	44	29	51	44	43	18	15	29	31	35	29	408	5,4%
By region															
Brussels region	1290	152	125	107	116	220	137	34	51	153	145	116	145	1501	19,7%
Flemish region	4309	364	351	380	319	322	387	221	186	344	343	365	313	3895	51,1%
Walloon region	2311	224	214	196	159	187	208	131	93	210	228	176	195	2221	29,2%
By legal form															
Sole proprietor	1667	156	129	165	146	140	170	80	81	182	151	124	143	1667	21,9%
Public limited companies	1157	110	103	115	86	112	137	68	48	105	81	94	98	1157	15,2%
Limited-liability companies	4499	382	366	432	360	413	485	242	218	483	396	340	382	4499	59,1%
Co-operatives	394	33	27	31	29	48	37	25	14	45	40	27	38	394	5,2%
Others	160	13	13	19	14	8	25	3	6	9	19	16	15	160	2,1%



(a) Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles

(b) Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles; repair of personal and household goods

Bankruptcies

Year 2006 compared to the previous year

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels		
Total	↘	↘↘	↘	↗↗		
By activity						
Agriculture and fishing	→	↗↗	↘↘	↗↗	>5%	↗↗
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↗	1% to 5%	↗
Construction	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘	-1% to 1%	→
Trade	↘	↘↘	↘	↗↗	-5% to -1%	↘
Hotels and restaurants	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↗↗	< -5%	↘↘
Transport and other services	↘	↘	↘↘	↗↗		
Non-defined activity	↘↘	→	↘↘	↘↘		
By legal form						
Sole proprietor	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘		
Public limited companies	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↗↗		
Limited-liability companies	→	↘↘	→	↗↗		
Co-operatives	↘	↗↗	↘↘	↘↘		
Others	↗↗	↗	→	↗↗		

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Belgium – July 2007 : 388 bankruptcies (+0,5%)

In July 2007 2007, 388 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a rise by 0,5% compared to July 2007 2006. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 1.749, a fall of 5,3% compared to the same period in 2006.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry fell by 16,0%, in construction it raised by 19,1%; in commerce, there was a decline by 6,7% and in the hotel and catering industry a decline by 21,4%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services fell by 9,0%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a decline by 1,1% in Flanders, a fall by 7,0% in the Walloon Region and a fall by 13,0% in Brussels.

A breakdown of failed businesses by size classes gives (for the same period compared to the corresponding period in 2006) the following changes: +4,8% for businesses without employees, -10,3% for small businesses employing 1 to 9 people, -28,3% for medium-sized businesses employing 10 to 49 people and +20,0% for larger businesses employing 50 people or more.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives -5,3% for self-employed, -13,5% for limited companies, -8,9% for private companies with limited liability and -19,5% for cooperative societies.

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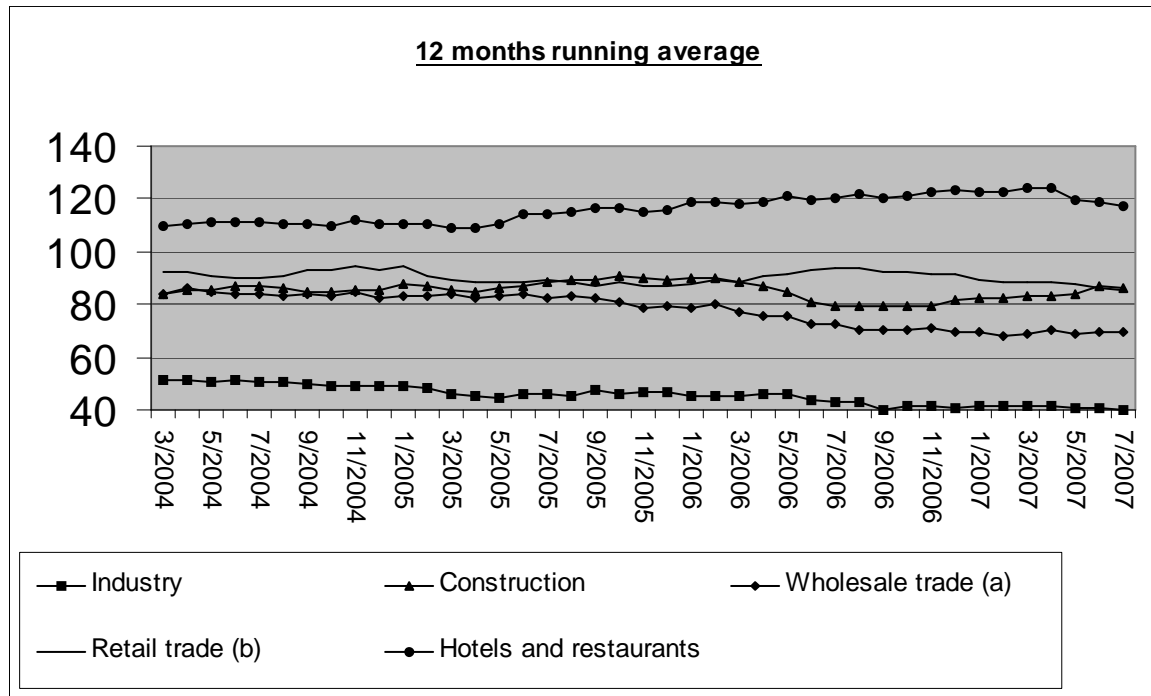
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Bankruptcies

Monthly bankruptcies	2007															%
	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	
Total	729	732	386	330	707	716	657	653	642	643	719	652	634	727	388 = 100,0%	
By activity																
Agriculture and fishing	10	9	7	3	17	7	14	13	14	13	12	8	10	9	6 = 1,5%	
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	44	49	26	24	38	57	52	43	45	37	45	45	31	45	24 = 6,2%	
Construction	80	80	44	47	98	102	83	96	104	93	92	80	89	113	41 = 10,6%	
Trade	215	204	120	94	192	218	168	187	168	188	211	193	188	196	119 = 30,7%	
Hotels and restaurants	152	146	76	82	138	131	121	127	133	122	141	118	95	139	60 = 15,5%	
Transport and other services	184	201	95	65	195	170	184	158	152	151	175	154	164	174	99 = 25,5%	
Non-defined activity	44	43	18	15	29	31	35	29	26	39	43	54	57	51	39 = 10,1%	
By region																
Brussels region	220	137	34	51	153	145	116	145	98	143	139	140	113	149	78 = 20,1%	
Flemish region	322	387	221	186	344	343	365	313	356	312	389	325	343	357	220 = 56,7%	
Walloon region	187	208	131	93	210	228	176	195	188	188	191	187	178	221	90 = 23,2%	
By legal form																
Sole proprietor	135	136	92	75	136	144	133	129	152	151	159	141	169	147	83 = 21,4%	
Public limited companies	106	104	56	46	87	100	91	93	82	79	90	75	83	98	49 = 12,6%	
Limited-liability companies	438	438	219	187	425	427	372	369	348	354	420	386	345	424	229 = 59,0%	
Co-operatives	34	41	12	15	39	31	43	48	37	35	30	37	17	33	20 = 5,2%	
Others	17	14	14	12	11	8	19	14	15	16	24	22	20	13	17 = 4,4%	



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Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels
Total	↘	↘	↘	↘

By activity				
Agriculture and fishing	↘	↘	↗	↘
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↘	↘	↘	↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗
Trade	↘	↘	↘	↘
Hotels and restaurants	↘	↘	↘	↘
Transport and other services	↘	↘	↘	↘
Non-defined activity	↗	↗	↗	↘

By legal form				
Sole proprietor	↗	↗	↘	↗
Public limited companies	↘	↘	↘	↘
Limited-liability companies	↘	↘	↘	↘
Co-operatives	↘	→	↘	↘
Others	↗	↘	↗	↘

>5%	↗
1% to 5%	↗
-1% to 1%	→
-5% to -1%	↘
< -5%	↘

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Belgium – August 2007 : 344 bankruptcies (+4,2%)

In August 2007 2007, 344 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a rise by 4,2% compared to August 2007 2006. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 1.467, a rise of 1,3% compared to the same period in 2006.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry fell by 15,2%, in construction it raised by 17,5%; in commerce, there was a decline by 2,6% and in the hotel and catering industry a decline by 12,2%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services raised by 0,8%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a rise by 0,1% in Flanders, a fall by 8,1% in the Walloon Region and a rise by 23,9% in Brussels.

A breakdown of failed businesses by size classes gives (for the same period compared to the corresponding period in 2006) the following changes: +10,4% for businesses without employees, -2,5% for small businesses employing 1 to 9 people, -22,6% for medium-sized businesses employing 10 to 49 people and +50,0% for larger businesses employing 50 people or more.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives +1,3% for self-employed, -5,8% for limited companies, +3,0% for private companies with limited liability and -5,9% for cooperative societies.

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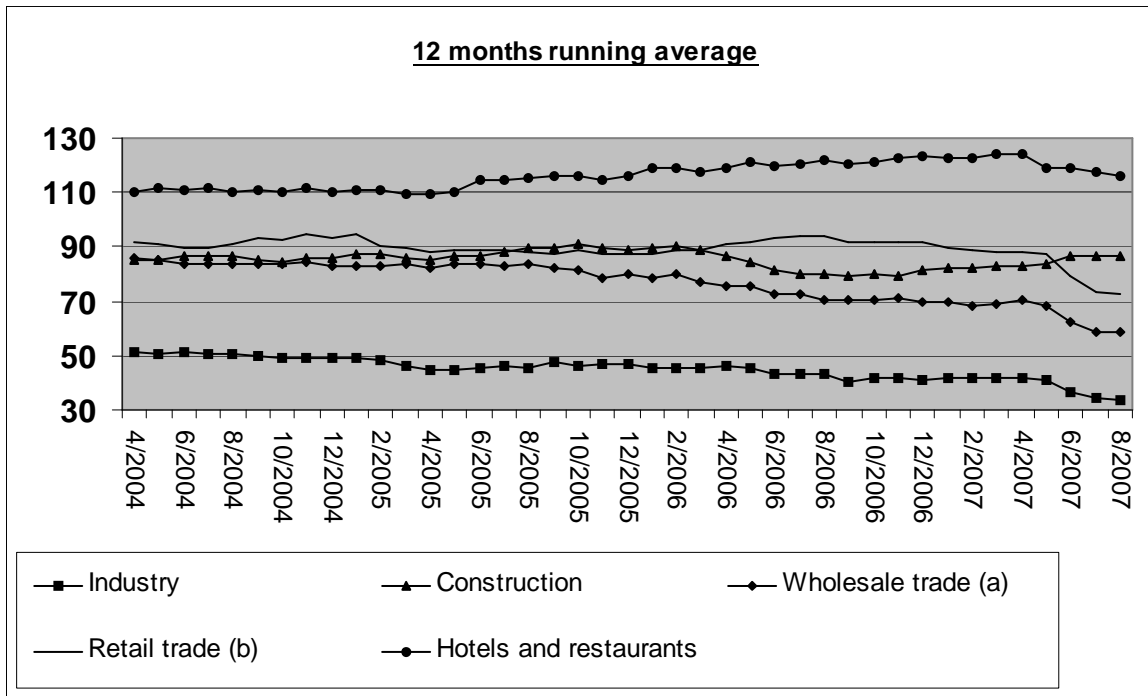
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Bankruptcies

Monthly bankruptcies	2007																	
	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	%		
Total	732	386	330	707	716	657	653	642	643	719	652	634	731	392	344 =	100,0%		
By activity																		
Agriculture and fishing	9	7	3	17	7	14	13	14	13	12	8	10	9	6	4 =	1,2%		
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	49	26	24	38	57	52	43	45	37	45	45	31	45	24	15 =	4,4%		
Construction	80	44	47	98	102	83	96	104	93	92	80	89	113	41	47 =	13,7%		
Trade	204	120	94	192	218	168	187	168	188	211	193	188	198	121	88 =	25,6%		
Hotels and restaurants	146	76	82	138	131	121	127	133	122	141	118	95	140	60	67 =	19,5%		
Transport and other services	201	95	65	195	170	184	158	152	151	175	154	164	175	101	88 =	25,6%		
Non-defined activity	43	18	15	29	31	35	29	26	39	43	54	57	51	39	35 =	10,2%		
By region																		
Brussels region	137	34	51	153	145	116	145	98	143	139	140	113	149	79	47 =	13,7%		
Flemish region	387	221	186	344	343	365	313	356	312	389	325	343	357	220	218 =	63,4%		
Walloon region	208	131	93	210	228	176	195	188	188	191	187	178	225	93	79 =	23,0%		
By legal form																		
Sole proprietor	136	92	75	136	144	133	129	152	151	159	141	169	147	83	64 =	18,6%		
Public limited companies	104	56	46	87	100	91	93	82	79	90	75	83	99	50	45 =	13,1%		
Limited-liability companies	438	219	187	425	427	372	369	348	354	420	386	345	427	232	210 =	61,0%		
Co-operatives	41	12	15	39	31	43	48	37	35	30	37	17	33	20	11 =	3,2%		
Others	17	12	15	15	9	9	18	12	19	13	25	21	21	9	19 =	5,5%		



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Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels
Total	↗	→	↘	↗

By activity				
Agriculture and fishing	→	→	↗	↘
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↘	↘	↘	↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗
Trade	↘	↘	↘	↗
Hotels and restaurants	↘	↘	↘	↗
Transport and other services	→	↗	↘	↗
Non-defined activity	↗	↗	↗	↗

By legal form				
Sole proprietor	↘	→	↘	↗
Public limited companies	↘	↘	↗	↗
Limited-liability companies	↗	→	↘	↗
Co-operatives	↘	↗	↘	↗
Others	↗	↘	↗	→

>5%	↗
1% to 5%	↗
-1% to 1%	→
-5% to -1%	↘
< -5%	↘

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Belgium – September 2007 : 792 bankruptcies (+12,0%)

In September 2007, 792 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a rise by 12,0% compared to September 2006. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 1528, a rise of 7,3% compared to the same period in 2006.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry fell by 4,5%, in construction it raised by 2,1%; in commerce, there was a rise by 6,1% and in the hotel and catering industry a decline by 6,7%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services raised by 16,5%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a rise by 10,2% in Flanders, a fall by 6,2% in the Walloon Region and a rise by 22,7% in Brussels.

A breakdown of failed businesses by size classes gives (for the same period compared to the corresponding period in 2006) the following changes: +27,5% for businesses without employees, -2,7% for small businesses employing 1 to 9 people, -14,1% for medium-sized businesses employing 10 to 49 people and -50,0% for larger businesses employing 50 people or more.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives +2,0% for self-employed, -3,2% for limited companies, +10,7% for private companies with limited liability and +18,6% for cooperative societies.

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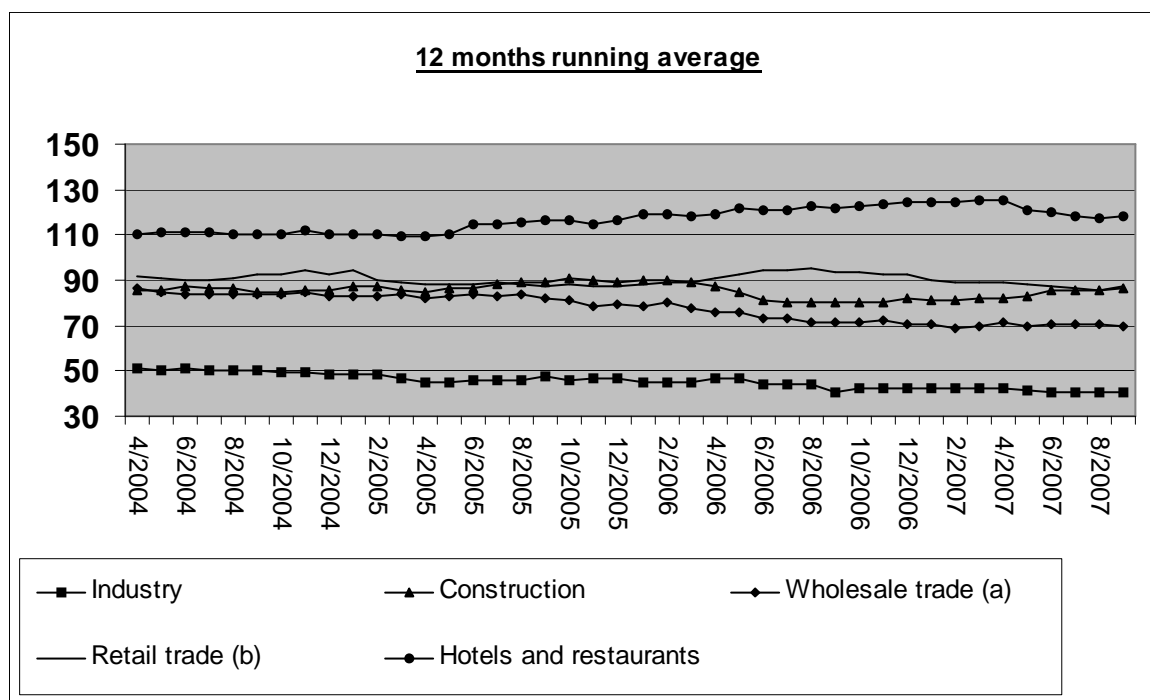
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Bankruptcies

Monthly bankruptcies	2007															%
	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	
Total	386	331	707	715	657	653	642	643	718	654	632	731	392	344	792 = 100,0%	
By activity																
Agriculture and fishing	7	3	17	7	14	13	14	13	12	8	11	9	6	4	10 = 1,3%	
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	26	24	38	57	53	44	45	37	46	45	30	47	25	15	44 = 5,6%	
Construction	44	47	99	103	83	96	86	94	93	81	89	116	41	47	106 = 13,4%	
Trade	121	96	196	217	171	188	187	189	217	198	190	201	125	89	224 = 28,3%	
Hotels and restaurants	77	82	139	132	122	128	136	122	142	119	101	140	61	67	150 = 18,9%	
Transport and other services	96	69	204	182	192	163	154	159	183	160	175	179	112	92	226 = 28,5%	
Non-defined activity	15	10	14	17	22	21	20	29	25	43	36	39	22	30	32 = 4,0%	
By region																
Brussels region	34	51	153	145	116	145	98	118	139	140	113	149	79	47	166 = 21,0%	
Flemish region	221	187	344	342	365	313	356	337	389	326	343	357	220	218	391 = 49,4%	
Walloon region	131	93	210	228	176	195	188	188	190	188	176	225	93	79	235 = 29,7%	
By legal form																
Sole proprietor	93	75	136	144	134	129	152	151	159	142	168	147	83	64	163 = 20,6%	
Public limited companies	55	46	85	100	91	93	82	79	90	75	83	99	50	45	85 = 10,7%	
Limited-liability companies	217	188	424	426	372	369	348	354	419	386	344	427	232	210	476 = 60,1%	
Co-operatives	13	15	42	32	43	48	37	35	30	38	17	33	20	11	52 = 6,6%	
Others	8	7	20	13	17	14	23	24	20	13	20	25	7	14	16 = 2,0%	



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Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels
Total	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	↗↗
By activity				
Agriculture and fishing	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	→
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Construction	↗	↘	→	↗↗
Trade	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	↗↗
Hotels and restaurants	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↗↗
Transport and other services	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Non-defined activity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	→
By legal form				
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		-5% to -1%	↘	
		< -5%	↘↘	

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Belgium – November 2008: 708 bankruptcies (+9,1%)

In November 2008, 708 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a rise by 9,1% compared to November 2007. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 2.454, a rise of 7,1% compared to the same period last year.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry rose by 24,0%, in construction it rose by 14,2%; in commerce, there was a fall by 4,9% and in the hotel and catering industry a increase by 6,0%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services rose by 3,2%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a incline by 7,0% in Flanders, a rise by 2,2% in the Walloon Region and a rise by 14,3% in Brussels.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives -0,2% for self-employed, +3,5% for limited companies, +11,1% for private companies with limited liability and +0,8% for cooperative societies.

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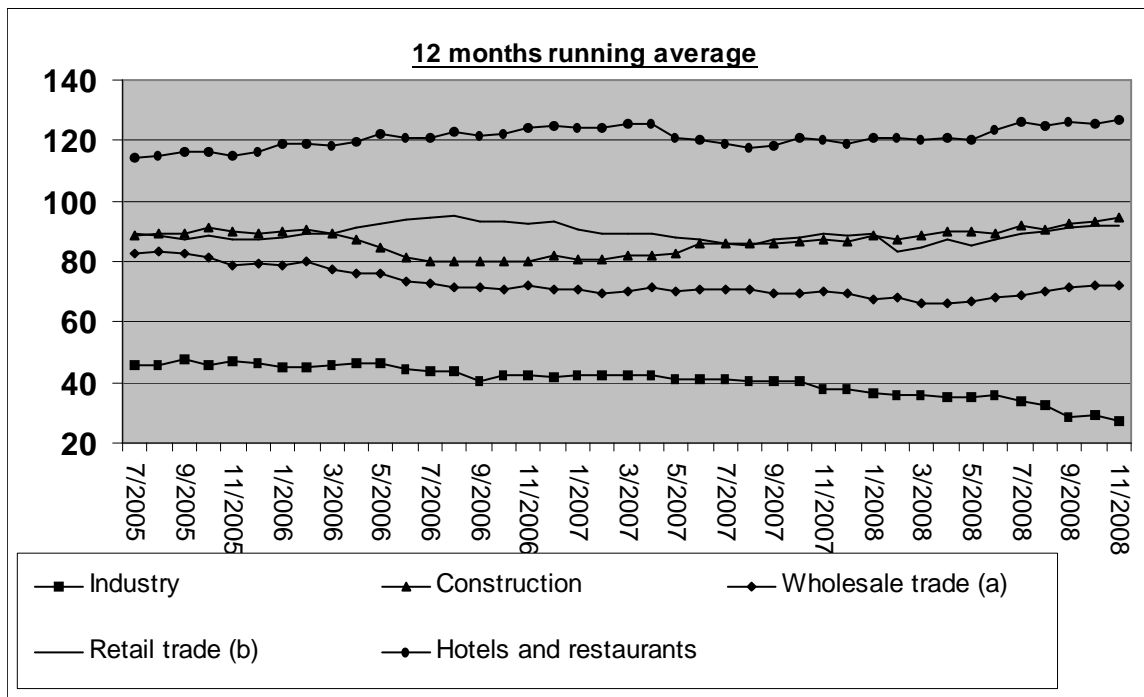
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Bankruptcies

	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	
Monthly bankruptcies	2007				2008											
Total	792	851	649	629	682	616	716	715	628	916	530	357	917	829	708 =	100,0%
By activity																
Agriculture and fishing	10	13	18	16	9	15	8	11	5	16	5	2	20	12	17 =	2,4%
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	44	52	25	44	25	35	43	39	33	54	29	25	49	58	43 =	6,1%
Construction	106	107	89	92	108	81	102	103	85	107	72	36	125	122	98 =	13,8%
Trade	224	223	211	180	179	189	207	243	175	265	158	104	275	221	194 =	27,4%
Hotels and restaurants	150	165	115	111	155	126	136	124	92	178	96	49	169	156	131 =	18,5%
Transport and other services	226	260	174	164	186	160	200	179	148	249	152	88	259	230	192 =	27,1%
Non-defined activity	32	31	17	22	20	10	18	16	90	47	18	53	20	30	33 =	4,7%
By region																
Brussels region	166	180	122	134	113	125	181	142	143	187	136	62	239	157	139 =	19,6%
Flemish region	424	332	298	358	335	326	393	300	426	265	210	429	441	357	357 =	50,4%
Walloon region	247	195	197	211	156	209	180	185	303	129	85	249	231	212	212 =	29,9%
By legal form																
Sole proprietor	163	190	138	117	155	129	148	122	126	188	98	71	159	177	154 =	21,8%
Public limited companies	100	125	92	87	69	89	101	102	84	121	70	70	117	112	99 =	14,0%
Limited-liability companies	476	495	386	391	423	373	437	450	383	549	339	209	590	497	421 =	59,5%
Co-operatives	52	34	33	34	32	23	30	39	26	48	23	7	47	41	32 =	4,5%
Others	1	7	0	0	3	2	0	2	9	10	0	0	4	2	2 =	0,3%



(a) Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
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Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels
Total	↗	↗	↗	↗

By activity				
Agriculture and fishing	↗	↗	↗	↗
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↗	↗	↗	↘
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗
Trade	↗	↗	↘	↗
Hotels and restaurants	↗	↗	↗	↗
Transport and other services	↗	→	↗	↗
Non-defined activity	↗	↘	↘	↗

By legal form				
Sole proprietor	→	↘	↗	↗
Public limited companies	↗	↗	↘	↘
Limited-liability companies	↗	↗	↗	↗
Co-operatives	→	↘	↗	→
Others	→	↗	↘	→

>5%	↗
1% to 5%	↗
-1% to 1%	→
-5% to -1%	↘
< -5%	↘

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Belgium – December 2008: 858 bankruptcies (+36,4%)

In December 2008, 858 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a rise by 36,4% compared to December 2007. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 2.395, a rise of 12,5% compared to the same period last year.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry rose by 28,1%, in construction it rose by 22,2%; in commerce, there was a fall by 5,0% and in the hotel and catering industry a increase by 13,3%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services rose by 9,9%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a incline by 16,6% in Flanders, a rise by 6,9% in the Walloon Region and a rise by 10,8% in Brussels.

A breakdown of failed businesses by size classes gives (for the same period compared to the corresponding period in 2007) the following changes: -64,6% for businesses without employees, +80,7% for small businesses employing 1 to 9 people, +14,9% for medium-sized businesses employing 10 to 19 people and +20,0% for larger businesses employing 20 people or more.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives +8,1% for self-employed, +8,6% for limited companies, +15,7% for private companies with limited liability and +3,0% for cooperative societies.

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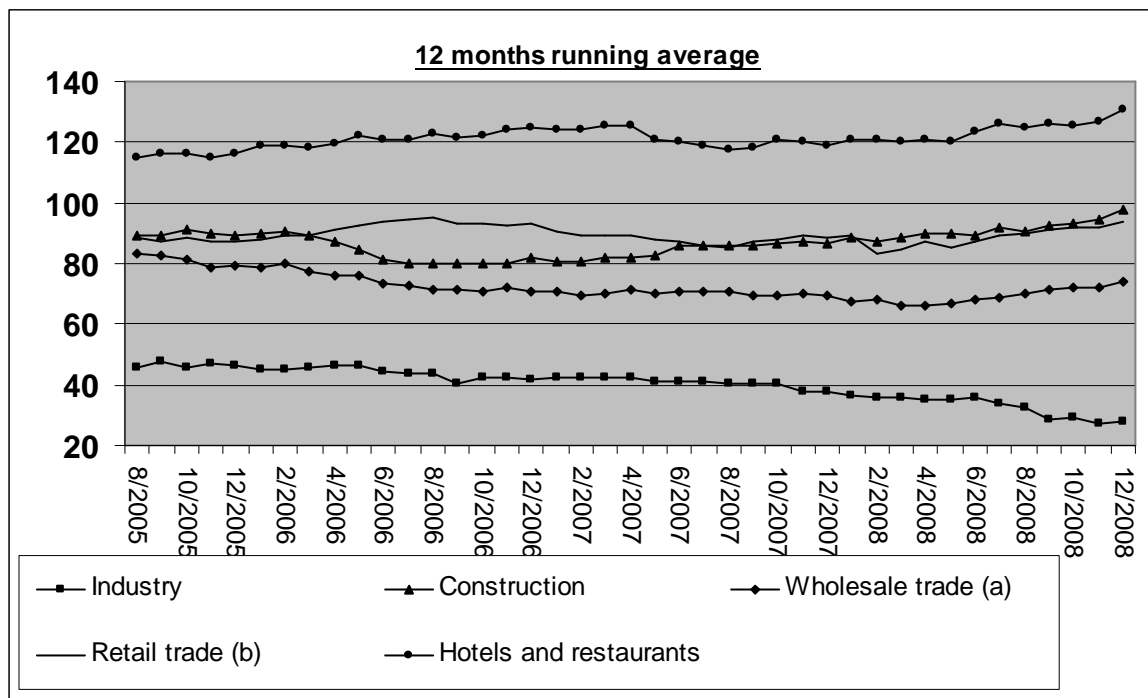
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Bankruptcies

Monthly bankruptcies	2007			2008														
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D			
Total	851	649	629	682	616	716	715	628	916	530	357	917	829	708	858 =	100,0%		
By activity																		
Agriculture and fishing	13	18	16	9	15	8	11	5	16	5	2	20	12	17	17 =	2,0%		
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	52	25	44	25	35	43	39	33	54	29	25	49	58	43	54 =	6,3%		
Construction	107	89	92	108	81	102	103	85	107	72	36	125	122	98	132 =	15,4%		
Trade	223	211	180	179	189	207	243	175	265	158	104	275	221	194	230 =	26,8%		
Hotels and restaurants	165	115	111	155	126	136	124	92	178	96	49	169	156	131	156 =	18,2%		
Transport and other services	260	174	164	186	160	200	179	148	249	152	88	259	230	192	235 =	27,4%		
Non-defined activity	31	17	22	20	10	18	16	90	47	18	53	20	30	33	34 =	4,0%		
By region																		
Brussels region	180	122	134	113	125	181	142	143	187	136	62	239	157	139	187 =	21,8%		
Flemish region	332	298	358	335	326	393	300	426	265	210	429	441	357	431	431 =	50,2%		
Walloon region	195	197	211	156	209	180	185	303	129	85	249	231	212	240	240 =	28,0%		
By legal form																		
Sole proprietor	190	138	117	155	129	148	122	126	188	98	71	159	177	154	150 =	17,5%		
Public limited companies	125	92	87	69	89	101	102	84	121	70	70	117	112	99	119 =	13,9%		
Limited-liability companies	495	386	391	423	373	437	450	383	549	339	209	590	497	421	554 =	64,6%		
Co-operatives	34	33	34	32	23	30	39	26	48	23	7	47	41	32	31 =	3,6%		
Others	7	0	0	3	2	0	2	9	10	0	0	4	2	2	4 =	0,5%		



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Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels
Total	↗	↗	↗	↗

By activity				
Agriculture and fishing	↘	↘	↗	↗
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↗	↗	↗	↘
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗
Trade	↗	↗	↘	↗
Hotels and restaurants	↗	↗	↗	↗
Transport and other services	↗	↗	↗	↗
Non-defined activity	↗	↗	→	↗

By legal form				
Sole proprietor	↗	↗	↗	↗
Public limited companies	↗	↗	↗	→
Limited-liability companies	↗	↗	↗	↗
Co-operatives	↗	↗	↗	↘
Others	↗	↗	↘	→

>5%	↗
1% to 5%	↗
-1% to 1%	→
-5% to -1%	↘
< -5%	↘

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Belgium – January 2009: 776 bankruptcies (+13,8%)

In January 2009, 776 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a rise by 13,8% compared to January 2007. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 2.342, a rise of 19,5% compared to the same period last year.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry rose by 52,1%, in construction it rose by 22,8%; in commerce, there was a fall by 9,5% and in the hotel and catering industry a increase by 17,6%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services rose by 19,1%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a incline by 24,6% in Flanders, a rise by 13,8% in the Walloon Region and a rise by 15,2% in Brussels.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives +22,0% for self-employed, +34,3% for limited companies, +17,8% for private companies with limited liability and -10,1% for cooperative societies.

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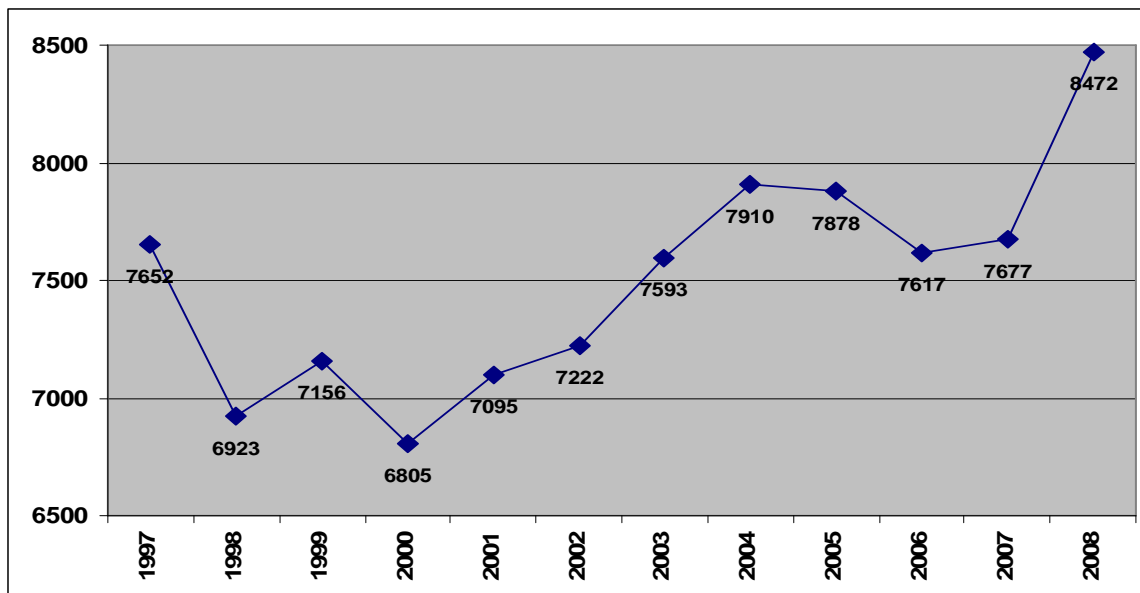
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Bankruptcies

	2007		2008												2009	
Monthly bankruptcies	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	
Total	649	629	682	616	716	715	628	916	530	357	917	829	708	858	776 =	100,0%
By activity																
Agriculture and fishing	18	16	9	15	8	11	5	16	5	2	20	12	17	17	11 =	1,4%
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	25	44	25	35	43	39	33	54	29	25	49	58	43	54	46 =	5,9%
Construction	89	92	108	81	102	103	85	107	72	36	125	122	98	132	125 =	16,1%
Trade	211	180	179	189	207	243	175	265	158	104	275	221	194	230	200 =	25,8%
Hotels and restaurants	115	111	155	126	136	124	92	178	96	49	169	156	131	156	161 =	20,7%
Transport and other services	174	164	186	160	200	179	148	249	152	88	259	230	192	235	197 =	25,4%
Non-defined activity	17	22	20	10	18	16	90	47	18	53	20	30	33	34	36 =	4,6%
By region																
Brussels region	122	134	113	125	181	142	143	187	136	62	239	157	139	187	99 =	12,8%
Flemish region	298	358	335	326	393	300	426	265	210	429	441	357	431	443	443 =	57,1%
Walloon region	197	211	156	209	180	185	303	129	85	249	231	212	240	234	234 =	30,2%
By legal form																
Sole proprietor	138	117	155	129	148	122	126	188	98	71	159	177	154	150	196 =	25,3%
Public limited companies	92	87	69	89	101	102	84	121	70	70	117	112	99	119	115 =	14,8%
Limited-liability companies	386	391	423	373	437	450	383	549	339	209	590	497	421	554	438 =	56,4%
Co-operatives	33	34	32	23	30	39	26	48	23	7	47	41	32	31	26 =	3,4%
Others	0	0	3	2	0	2	9	10	0	0	4	2	2	4	1 =	0,1%

Bankruptcies hit all-time record in 2008. With 8472 bankruptcies, the 8000 threshold has been reached for the first time and the previous record established in 2004 has been hit by 7.1%.



Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels
Total	↗	↗	↗	↗

By activity				
Agriculture and fishing	↗	↘	↗	↗
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↗	↗	↗	↘
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗
Trade	↗	↗	↗	→
Hotels and restaurants	↗	↗	↗	↗
Transport and other services	↗	↗	↗	↗
Non-defined activity	↗	↗	↗	↗

By legal form				
Sole proprietor	↗	↗	↗	↗
Public limited companies	↗	↗	↗	↗
Limited-liability companies	↗	↗	↗	↗
Co-operatives	↘	↗	↘	↘
Others	↗	↗	→	↘

>5%	↗
1% to 5%	↗
-1% to 1%	→
-5% to -1%	↘
< -5%	↘

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Belgium – February 2009: 789 bankruptcies (+28,1%)

In February 2009, 789 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a rise by 28,1% compared to February 2008. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 2.423, a rise of 25,7% compared to the same period last year.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry rose by 44,2%, in construction it rose by 34,2%; in commerce, there was a fall by 17,2% and in the hotel and catering industry a increase by 20,9%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services rose by 25,1%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a incline by 31,1% in Flanders, a rise by 22,5% in the Walloon Region and a rise by 16,4% in Brussels.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives +30,4% for self-employed, +38,8% for limited companies, +23,1% for private companies with limited liability and +2,2% for cooperative societies.

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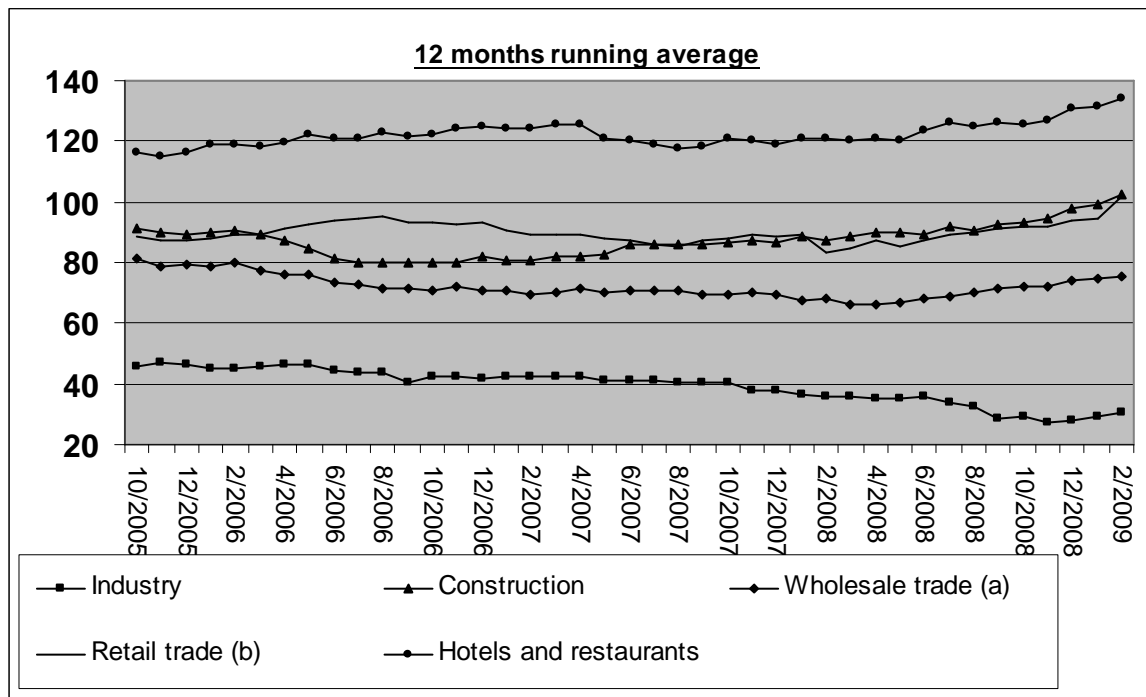
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Bankruptcies

	2007	2008												2009		
Monthly bankruptcies	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	
Total	629	682	616	716	715	628	916	530	357	917	829	708	858	776	789 = 100,0%	
By activity																
Agriculture and fishing	16	9	15	8	11	5	16	5	2	20	12	17	17	11	14 = 1,8%	
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	44	25	35	43	39	33	54	29	25	49	58	43	54	46	50 = 6,3%	
Construction	92	108	81	102	103	85	107	72	36	125	122	98	132	125	120 = 15,2%	
Trade	180	179	189	207	243	175	265	158	104	275	221	194	230	200	212 = 26,9%	
Hotels and restaurants	111	155	126	136	124	92	178	96	49	169	156	131	156	161	157 = 19,9%	
Transport and other services	164	186	160	200	179	148	249	152	88	259	230	192	235	197	206 = 26,1%	
Non-defined activity	22	20	10	18	16	90	47	18	53	20	30	33	34	36	30 = 3,8%	
By region																
Brussels region	134	113	125	181	142	143	187	136	62	239	157	139	187	99	147 = 18,6%	
Flemish region	358	335	326	393	300	426	265	210	429	441	357	431	443	425	425 = 53,9%	
Walloon region	211	156	209	180	185	303	129	85	249	231	212	240	234	217	217 = 27,5%	
By legal form																
Sole proprietor	117	155	129	148	122	126	188	98	71	159	177	154	150	196	177 = 22,4%	
Public limited companies	87	69	89	101	102	84	121	70	70	117	112	99	119	115	106 = 13,4%	
Limited-liability companies	391	423	373	437	450	383	549	339	209	590	497	421	554	438	469 = 59,4%	
Co-operatives	34	32	23	30	39	26	48	23	7	47	41	32	31	26	34 = 4,3%	
Others	0	3	2	0	2	9	10	0	0	4	2	2	4	1	3 = 0,4%	



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Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels
Total	↗	↗	↗	↗

By activity				
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Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↗	↗	↗	↘
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗
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Transport and other services	↗	↗	↗	↗
Non-defined activity	↗	↗	↗	↗

By legal form				
Sole proprietor	↗	↗	↗	↗
Public limited companies	↗	↗	↗	↗
Limited-liability companies	↗	↗	↗	↗
Co-operatives	↗	↘	↗	↗
Others	↗	↗	↗	↘

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-5% to -1%	↘
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Belgium – March 2009: 1007 bankruptcies (+40,6%)

In March 2009, 1007 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a rise by 40,6% compared to March 2007. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 2.572, a rise of 27,7% compared to the same period last year.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry rose by 47,6%, in construction it rose by 36,1%; in commerce, there was a fall by 21,6% and in the hotel and catering industry a increase by 23,0%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services rose by 20,3%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a incline by 38,7% in Flanders, a rise by 28,1% in the Walloon Region and a rise by 0,5% in Brussels.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives +33,8% for self-employed, +23,6% for limited companies, +27,7% for private companies with limited liability and +12,9% for cooperative societies.

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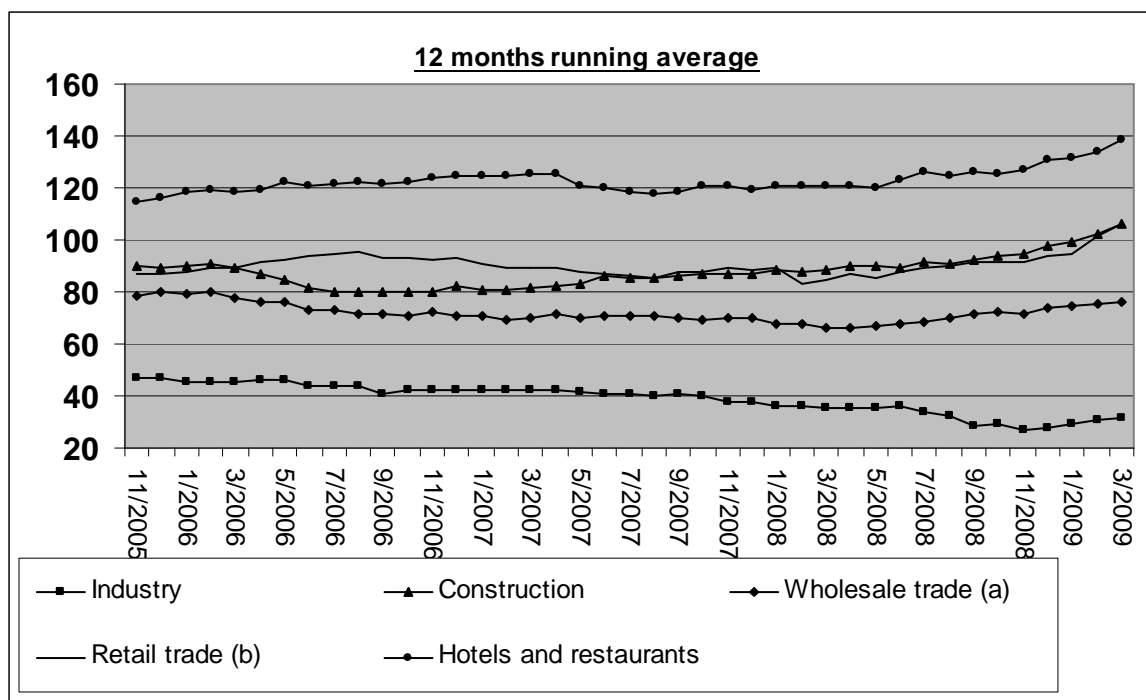
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Bankruptcies

	2007												2009			
Monthly bankruptcies	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	
Total	682	616	716	715	628	916	530	357	917	829	708	858	776	789	1007	= 100,0%
By activity																
Agriculture and fishing	9	15	8	11	5	16	5	2	20	12	17	17	11	14	13	= 1,3%
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	25	35	43	39	33	54	29	25	49	58	43	54	46	50	56	= 5,6%
Construction	108	81	102	103	85	107	72	36	125	122	98	132	125	120	151	= 15,0%
Trade	179	189	207	243	175	265	158	104	275	221	194	230	200	212	287	= 28,5%
Hotels and restaurants	155	126	136	124	92	178	96	49	169	156	131	156	161	157	195	= 19,4%
Transport and other services	186	160	200	179	148	249	152	88	259	230	192	235	197	206	254	= 25,2%
Non-defined activity	20	10	18	16	90	47	18	53	20	30	33	34	36	30	51	= 5,1%
By region																
Brussels region	113	125	181	142	143	187	136	62	239	157	139	187	99	147	175	= 17,4%
Flemish region	335	326	393	300	426	265	210	429	441	357	431	443	425	545	545	= 54,1%
Walloon region	156	209	180	185	303	129	85	249	231	212	240	234	217	287	287	= 28,5%
By legal form																
Sole proprietor	155	129	148	122	126	188	98	71	159	177	154	150	196	177	205	= 20,4%
Public limited companies	69	89	101	102	84	121	70	70	117	112	99	119	115	106	99	= 9,8%
Limited-liability companies	423	373	437	450	383	549	339	209	590	497	421	554	438	469	667	= 66,2%
Co-operatives	32	23	30	39	26	48	23	7	47	41	32	31	26	34	36	= 3,6%
Others	3	2	0	2	9	10	0	0	4	2	2	4	1	3	0	= 0,0%



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Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

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By activity				
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Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↗	↗	↗	↘
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗
Trade	↗	↗	↗	→
Hotels and restaurants	↗	↗	↗	↗
Transport and other services	↗	↗	↗	↘
Non-defined activity	↗	↗	↗	↗

By legal form				
Sole proprietor	↗	↗	↗	↗
Public limited companies	↗	↗	↘	↗
Limited-liability companies	↗	↗	↗	↘
Co-operatives	↗	↗	↘	↗
Others	↘	↗	↗	↘

>5%	↗
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-1% to 1%	→
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Belgium – June 2009: 906 bankruptcies (-1,1%)

5001 enterprises were declared bankrupt in the first six months of 2009.

In June 2009, 906 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a fall by 1,1% compared to June 2008. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 2.429, a rise of 7,5% compared to the same period last year.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry rose by 19,8%, in construction it rose by 14,2%; in commerce, there was a fall by 1,6% and in the hotel and catering industry a increase by 13,7%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services rose by 17,2%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a incline by 16,0% in Flanders, a rise by 0,3% in the Walloon Region and a fall by 2,3% in Brussels.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives +9,6% for self-employed, +17,9% for limited companies, +6,0% for private companies with limited liability and -9,7% for cooperative societies.

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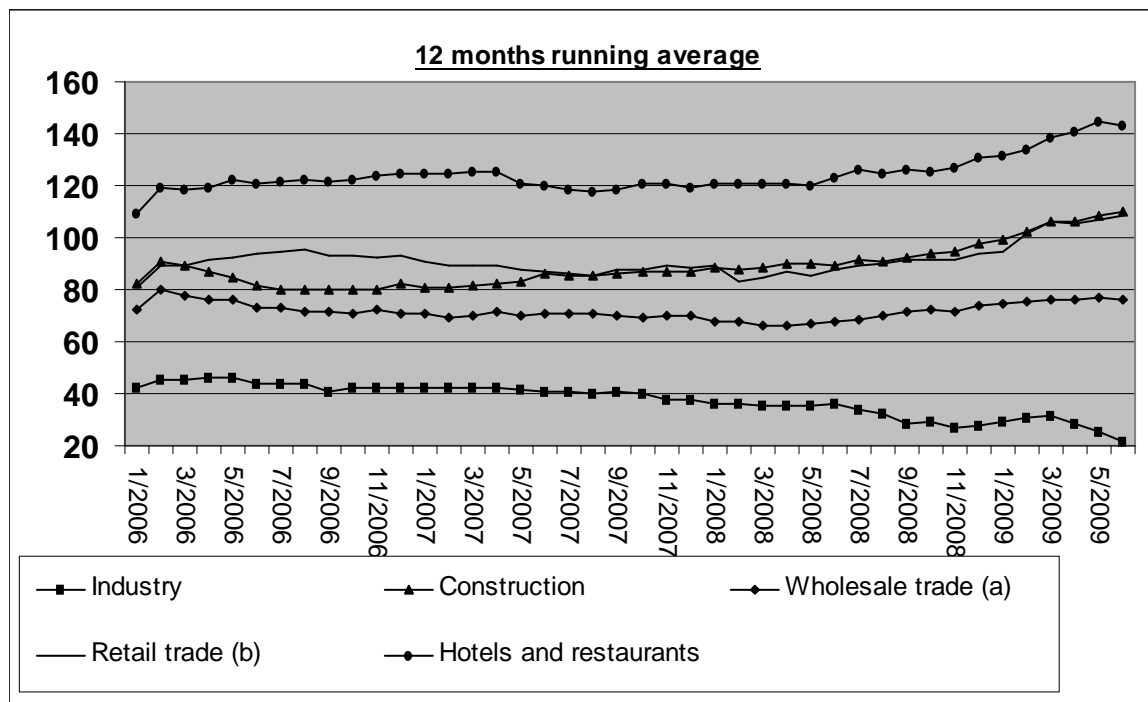
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Bankruptcies

Monthly bankruptcies	2008												2009				
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J		
Total	715	628	916	530	357	917	829	708	858	776	789	1007	789	734	906	=	100,0%
By activity																	
Agriculture and fishing	11	5	16	5	2	20	12	17	17	11	14	13	10	14	7	=	0,8%
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	39	33	54	29	25	49	58	43	54	46	50	56	56	36	59	=	6,5%
Construction	103	85	107	72	36	125	122	98	132	125	120	151	105	104	128	=	14,1%
Trade	243	175	265	158	104	275	221	194	230	200	212	287	213	202	257	=	28,4%
Hotels and restaurants	124	92	178	96	49	169	156	131	156	161	157	195	149	142	157	=	17,3%
Transport and other services	179	148	249	152	88	259	230	192	235	197	206	254	217	197	261	=	28,8%
Non-defined activity	16	90	47	18	53	20	30	33	34	36	30	51	39	39	37	=	4,1%
By region																	
Brussels region	142	143	187	136	62	239	157	139	187	99	147	175	148	130	183	=	20,2%
Flemish region	300	426	265	210	429	441	357	431	443	425	545	420	396	482	482	=	53,2%
Walloon region	185	303	129	85	249	231	212	240	234	217	287	221	208	241	241	=	26,6%
By legal form																	
Sole proprietor	122	126	188	98	71	159	177	154	150	196	177	205	155	150	173	=	19,1%
Public limited companies	102	84	121	70	70	117	112	99	119	115	106	99	119	107	136	=	15,0%
Limited-liability companies	450	383	549	339	209	590	497	421	554	438	469	667	475	440	550	=	60,7%
Co-operatives	39	26	48	23	7	47	41	32	31	26	34	36	31	31	40	=	4,4%
Others	2	9	10	0	0	4	2	2	4	1	3	0	9	6	7	=	0,8%



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Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels
Total	↗	↗	→	↘

By activity				
Agriculture and fishing	↘	↗	↘	↘
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↗	↗	↗	↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↘
Trade	↘	↘	↘	↗
Hotels and restaurants	↗	↗	↘	↗
Transport and other services	↗	↗	↗	→
Non-defined activity	↘	↘	↘	↘

By legal form				
Sole proprietor	↗	↗	↘	↗
Public limited companies	↗	↗	↗	↗
Limited-liability companies	↗	↗	↘	↘
Co-operatives	↘	↗	↗	↘
Others	↗	↗	↘	↗

>5%	↗
1% to 5%	↗
-1% to 1%	→
-5% to -1%	↘
< -5%	↘

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Belgium – July 2009: 532 bankruptcies (+0,4%)

In July 2009, 532 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a rise by 0,4% compared to July 2008. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 2.172, a rise of 4,7% compared to the same period last year.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry rose by 14,7%, in construction it rose by 14,4%; in commerce, there was a fall by 0,5% and in the hotel and catering industry a increase by 12,3%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services rose by 10,2%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a incline by 14,9% in Flanders, a fall by 1,9% in the Walloon Region and a fall by 8,2% in Brussels.

A breakdown of failed businesses by size classes gives (for the same period compared to the corresponding period in 2007) the following changes: -3,1% for businesses without employees, +9,0% for small businesses employing 1 to 9 people, -14,7% for medium-sized businesses employing 10 to 19 people and -58,3% for larger businesses employing 20 people or more.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives +3,4% for self-employed, +12,4% for limited companies, +4,3% for private companies with limited liability and +1,0% for cooperative societies.

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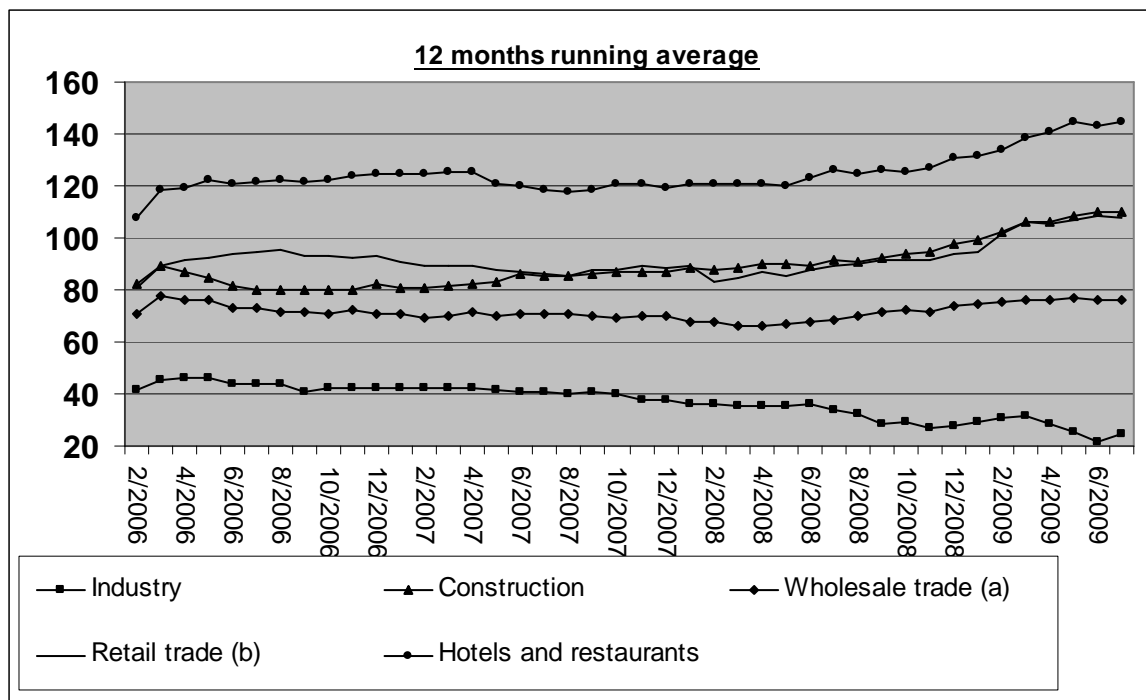
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Bankruptcies

	2008															
	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	
Monthly bankruptcies	2008												2009			
Total	628	916	530	357	917	829	708	858	776	789	1007	789	734	906	532 =	100,0%
By activity																
Agriculture and fishing	5	16	5	2	20	12	17	17	11	14	13	10	14	7	4 =	0,8%
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	33	54	29	25	49	58	43	54	46	50	56	56	36	59	38 =	7,1%
Construction	85	107	72	36	125	122	98	132	125	120	151	105	104	128	70 =	13,2%
Trade	175	265	158	104	275	221	194	230	200	212	287	213	202	257	142 =	26,7%
Hotels and restaurants	92	178	96	49	169	156	131	156	161	157	195	149	142	157	112 =	21,1%
Transport and other services	148	249	152	88	259	230	192	235	197	206	254	217	197	261	147 =	27,6%
Non-defined activity	90	47	18	53	20	30	33	34	36	30	51	39	39	37	19 =	3,6%
By region																
Brussels region	143	187	136	62	239	157	139	187	99	147	175	148	130	183	115 =	21,6%
Flemish region	426	265	210	429	441	357	431	443	425	545	420	396	482	261	261 =	49,1%
Walloon region	303	129	85	249	231	212	240	234	217	287	221	208	241	156	156 =	29,3%
By legal form																
Sole proprietor	126	188	98	71	159	177	154	150	196	177	205	155	150	173	103 =	19,4%
Public limited companies	84	121	70	70	117	112	99	119	115	106	99	119	107	136	66 =	12,4%
Limited-liability companies	383	549	339	209	590	497	421	554	438	469	667	475	440	550	336 =	63,2%
Co-operatives	26	48	23	7	47	41	32	31	26	34	36	31	31	40	27 =	5,1%
Others	9	10	0	0	4	2	2	4	1	3	0	9	6	7	0 =	0,0%



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Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels
Total	↗	↗↗	↘	↘↘

By activity				
Agriculture and fishing	↘	↗↗	↘↘	↘↘
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↗↗	↗↗	↗	↗↗
Construction	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘
Trade	→	↗↗	↘	↘↘
Hotels and restaurants	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	↗↗
Transport and other services	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘
Non-defined activity	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘

By legal form				
Sole proprietor	↗	↗↗	↘	↗↗
Public limited companies	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Limited-liability companies	↗	↗↗	↘	↘↘
Co-operatives	↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘
Others	↘↘	↗↗	↘↘	↘↘

>5%	↗↗
1% to 5%	↗
-1% to 1%	→
-5% to -1%	↘
< -5%	↘↘

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Belgium –September 2009: 992 bankruptcies (+8,2%)

In September 2009, 992 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a rise by 8,2% compared to September 2008. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 1.911, a rise of 5,9% compared to the same period last year.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry rose by 23,3%, in construction it rose by 21,5%; in commerce, there was a fall by 4,3% and in the hotel and catering industry a increase by 10,5%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services rose by 6,2%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a incline by 1,8% in Flanders, a rise by 23,8% in the Walloon Region and a fall by 4,3% in Brussels.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives +11,3% for self-employed, -14,1% for limited companies, +7,4% for private companies with limited liability and +26,0% for cooperative societies.

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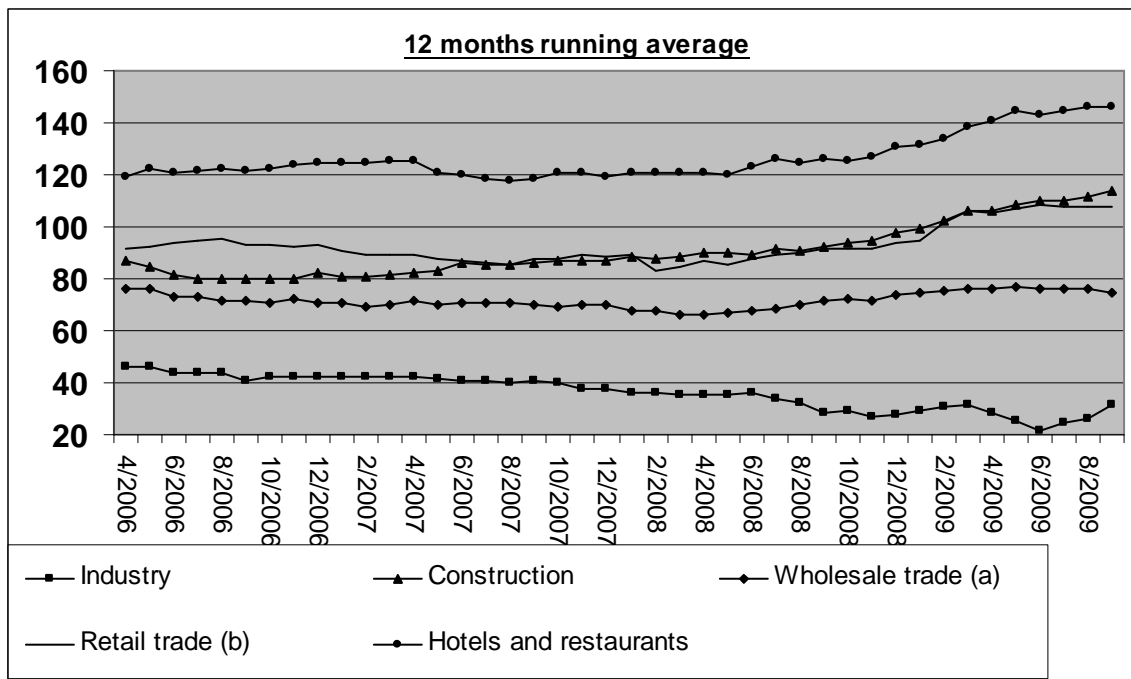
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Bankruptcies

Monthly bankruptcies	2008						2009											
	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S			
Total	530	357	917	829	708	858	776	789	1007	789	734	906	532	387	992	=	100,0%	
By activity																		
Agriculture and fishing	5	2	20	12	17	17	11	14	13	10	14	7	4	11	17	=	1,7%	
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	29	25	49	58	43	54	46	50	56	56	36	59	38	20	69	=	7,0%	
Construction	72	36	125	122	98	132	125	120	151	105	104	128	70	57	156	=	15,7%	
Trade	158	104	275	221	194	230	200	212	287	213	202	257	142	117	255	=	25,7%	
Hotels and restaurants	96	49	169	156	131	156	161	157	195	149	142	157	112	65	170	=	17,1%	
Transport and other services	152	88	259	230	192	235	197	206	254	217	197	261	147	100	283	=	28,5%	
Non-defined activity	18	53	20	30	33	34	36	30	51	39	39	37	19	17	42	=	4,2%	
By region																		
Brussels region	136	62	239	157	139	187	99	147	175	148	130	183	115	80	223	=	22,5%	
Flemish region	210	429	441	357	431	443	425	545	420	396	482	261	211	448	448	=	45,2%	
Walloon region	85	249	231	212	240	234	217	287	221	208	241	156	96	321	321	=	32,4%	
By legal form																		
Sole proprietor	98	71	159	177	154	150	196	177	205	155	150	173	103	82	180	=	18,1%	
Public limited companies	84	74	125	125	111	129	123	117	115	130	133	158	77	49	117	=	11,8%	
Limited-liability companies	339	209	590	497	421	554	438	469	667	475	440	550	336	239	647	=	65,2%	
Co-operatives	23	7	47	41	32	31	26	34	36	31	31	40	27	19	51	=	5,1%	
Others	0	0	4	2	2	4	1	3	0	9	6	7	0	0	3	=	0,3%	



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Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels
Total	↗	↗	↗	↘

By activity				
Agriculture and fishing	↗	↗	↗	↗
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↗	↗	↗	↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗
Trade	↘	↘	↗	↘
Hotels and restaurants	↗	↗	↗	↗
Transport and other services	↗	→	↗	↘
Non-defined activity	↘	↗	↘	↘

By legal form				
Sole proprietor	↗	→	↗	↗
Public limited companies	↘	↘	↗	↗
Limited-liability companies	↗	↗	↗	↘
Co-operatives	↗	↗	↗	↗
Others	↘	↘	→	→

>5%	↗
1% to 5%	↗
-1% to 1%	→
-5% to -1%	↘
< -5%	↘

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Belgium – October 2009: 841 bankruptcies (+1,4%)

In October 2009, 841 businesses in Belgium went bankrupt, a rise by 1,4% compared to October 2008. The number of bankruptcies in the last three months amounts to 2.220, a rise of 5,6% compared to the same period last year.

In the last three months, compared to the same period last year, the number of failed businesses in industry rose by 6,1%, in construction it rose by 20,1%; in commerce, there was a rise by 1,0% and in the hotel and catering industry a increase by 9,1%. The number of bankruptcies in transportation and other services rose by 4,2%.

On a regional level there was in the same period a rise by 4,4% in Flanders, a rise by 16,6% in the Walloon Region and a fall by 5,2% in Brussels.

A breakdown of failed businesses by size classes gives (for the same period compared to the corresponding period in 2008) the following changes: -15,7% for businesses without employees, +10,6% for small businesses employing 1 to 9 people, +19,4% for medium-sized businesses employing 10 to 19 people and -45,5% for larger businesses employing 20 people or more.

Finally, a breakdown by legal form gives +8,4% for self-employed, -11,0% for limited companies, +7,8% for private companies with limited liability and +18,9% for cooperative societies.

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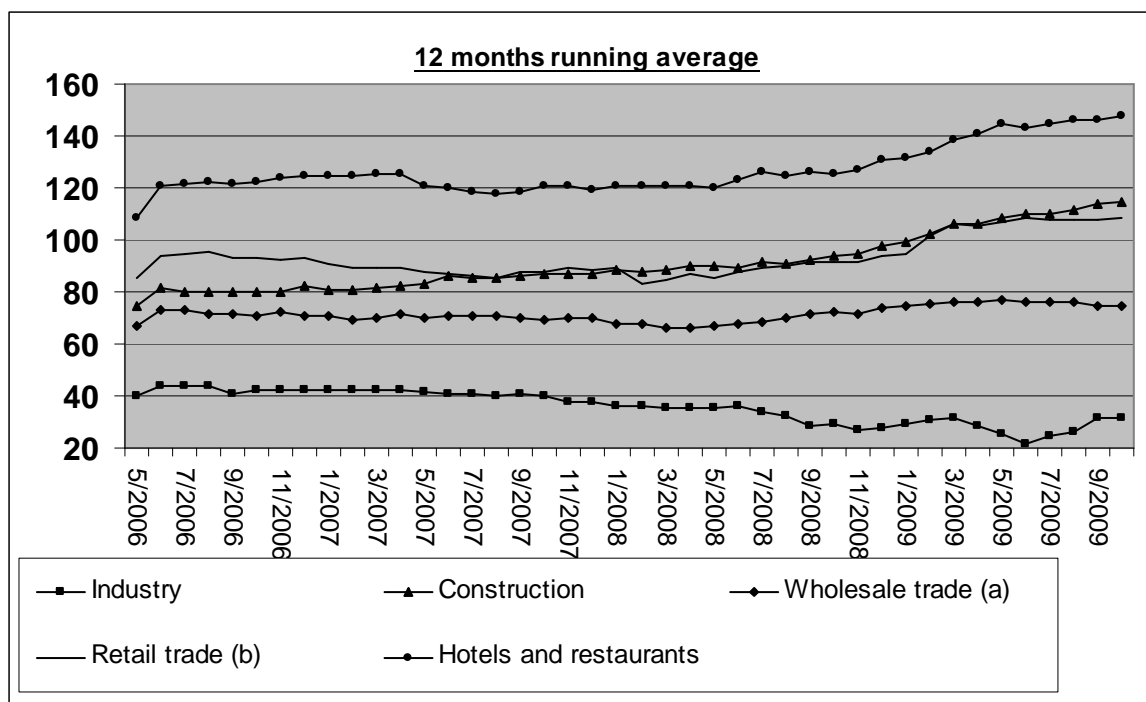
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Bankruptcies

Monthly bankruptcies	2008					2009												
	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O			
Total	357	917	829	708	858	776	789	1007	789	734	906	532	387	992	841	=	100,0%	
By activity																		
Agriculture and fishing	2	20	12	17	17	11	14	13	10	14	7	4	11	17	8	=	1,0%	
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	25	49	58	43	54	46	50	56	56	36	59	38	20	69	51	=	6,1%	
Construction	36	125	122	98	132	125	120	151	105	104	128	70	57	156	127	=	15,1%	
Trade	104	275	221	194	230	200	212	287	213	202	257	142	117	255	234	=	27,8%	
Hotels and restaurants	49	169	156	131	156	161	157	195	149	142	157	112	65	170	173	=	20,6%	
Transport and other services	88	259	230	192	235	197	206	254	217	197	261	147	100	283	218	=	25,9%	
Non-defined activity	53	20	30	33	34	36	30	51	39	39	37	19	17	42	30	=	3,6%	
By region																		
Brussels region	62	239	157	139	187	99	147	175	148	130	183	115	80	223	131	=	15,6%	
Flemish region	429	441	357	431	443	425	545	420	396	482	261	211	448	468	468	=	55,6%	
Walloon region	249	231	212	240	234	217	287	221	208	241	156	96	321	242	242	=	28,8%	
By legal form																		
Sole proprietor	71	159	177	154	150	196	177	205	155	150	173	103	82	180	179	=	21,3%	
Public limited companies	70	117	112	99	119	115	106	99	119	107	136	66	47	111	108	=	12,8%	
Limited-liability companies	209	590	497	421	554	438	469	667	475	440	550	336	239	647	511	=	60,8%	
Co-operatives	7	47	41	32	31	26	34	36	31	31	40	27	19	51	43	=	5,1%	
Others	0	4	2	2	4	1	3	0	9	6	7	0	0	3	0	=	0,0%	



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Bankruptcies

Last three months compared to the previous three months

	Belgium	Flanders	Walloon	Brussels
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By activity				
Agriculture and fishing	↗	→	→	↗
Mining, energy and manufacturing industry	↗	↘	↗	↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗
Trade	→	↘	↗	↘
Hotels and restaurants	↗	↗	↗	↗
Transport and other services	↗	→	↗	↘
Non-defined activity	↘	↗	↘	↘

By legal form				
Sole proprietor	↗	↗	↗	↗
Public limited companies	↘	↘	↗	↗
Limited-liability companies	↗	↗	↗	↘
Co-operatives	↗	↗	↗	↘
Others	↘	↘	↘	→

>5%	↗
1% to 5%	↗
-1% to 1%	→
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