

## Corporate bankruptcies – France • September 2018

### In August 2018, the number of corporate bankruptcies decreased by 4.1% year-on-year

- At the end of August 2018, the aggregate number of corporate bankruptcies over the last 12 months amounted to 53,323 down 4.1% compared to August 2017 (see tables A and B and charts 1 and 2).
- However, the aggregate number of bankruptcies over the past 3 months increases by 4.9% compared to the same aggregate 3 months ago.

### Over the past 12 months, corporate bankruptcies decreased in most business sectors

- The agriculture, industry and construction sectors recorded the strongest decreases in bankruptcies over the past 12 months (-9.2%, -7.0% and -6.0%, respectively). Bankruptcies also decreased substantially in other sectors, particularly in real estate activities (-5.8%).
- However, over the same period, corporate bankruptcies increased in the transportation and storage sector (+7.6%) and, to a lesser extent, in the advisory and business support activities (+0.9%).

### In August 2018, bankruptcies decreased for all firm sizes

- Bankruptcies decreased by 4.1% for SMEs and by 6.7% for Intermediate-sized enterprises (ISEs) and large firms (see table B).

The outstanding loan amount of firms filing for bankruptcy over the past 12 months accounts, at the end of August, for nearly 0.35% of the total outstanding loan amount reported to the Banque de France's Central Credit Register.

The aggregate number of corporate bankruptcies decreased by 2.8% at the end of September 2018, according to provisional data (see tables A and B and chart 2).

To find out more: data on business start-ups are reported by the French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE): [Business start-ups on the INSEE's website](#)

### A – Corporate bankruptcies by sector

Bankruptcies in number of legal units, year on year change (%)

Business sector	Aggregate over the last 12 months <sup>a</sup> (gross data)				Quarter to Quarter sa / wda <sup>bc</sup>		Monthly data sa / wda <sup>c</sup>		
	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 18/Aug. 17	Sep. 18 prov.	Sep. 18/Sep. 17	Aug. 18	June 18	July 18	Aug. 18
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (AZ)	1,561	1,418	-9.2 %	1,411	-8.3 %	-1.5 %	105	119	123
Industry (BE)	3,996	3,715	-7.0 %	3,721	-5.8 %	1.6 %	314	301	328
Construction (FZ)	12,454	11,709	-6.0 %	11,736	-4.6 %	8.8 %	1,004	997	1,069
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (G)	12,210	11,525	-5.6 %	11,498	-4.9 %	0.2 %	974	944	1,000
Transportation and storage (H)	1,800	1,937	7.6 %	1,953	7.9 %	5.1 %	167	185	160
Accommodation and food service activities (I)	7,318	7,173	-2.0 %	7,264	0.5 %	2.0 %	631	595	639
Information and communication (JZ)	1,377	1,342	-2.5 %	1,314	-4.4 %	0.4 %	115	113	110
Financial and insurance activities (KZ)	1,076	1,059	-1.6 %	1,047	-2.6 %	-0.7 %	90	96	89
Real estate activities (LZ)	1,834	1,728	-5.8 %	1,723	-4.2 %	-11.8 %	130	126	144
Advisory & Business support activities (MN)	5,948	6,000	0.9 %	6,023	3.5 %	26.1 %	471	483	815
Education, human health and social work services, Arts, entertainment and recreation, Other service activities (P to S)	5,526	5,270	-4.6 %	5,295	-3.2 %	3.8 %	476	438	458
<b>All firms<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>55,604</b>	<b>53,323</b>	<b>-4.1 %</b>	<b>53,406</b>	<b>-2.8 %</b>	<b>4.9 %</b>	<b>4,556</b>	<b>4,445</b>	<b>4,916</b>

Source: Banque de France – database: Fiben. Data available at end-October 2018

Calculation : Banque de France – Companies Directorate – Companies Observatory

<sup>a</sup> Aggregate number of corporate bankruptcies over the past 12 months compared to the same aggregate one year ago

<sup>b</sup> Aggregate number of corporate bankruptcies over the past 3 months compared to the same aggregate three months ago

<sup>c</sup> sa : seasonally adjusted – wda : working day adjusted

<sup>d</sup> The line « All firms » includes legal units whose business sector is not known

## B – Corporate bankruptcies by firm size

Bankruptcies in number of legal units, year on year change (%)

Size	Aggregate over the last 12 months <sup>a</sup> (gross data)					Quarter to quarter sa / wda <sup>bc</sup>		Monthly data sa / wda <sup>c</sup>		
	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 18/Aug. 17	Sep. 18 prov.	Sep. 18/Sep. 17	Aug. 18	June 18	July 18	Aug. 18	
SME, among them	55,559	53,281	-4.1 %	53,368	-2.8 %	5.0 %	4,554	4,443	4,915	
Micro-enterprises and unknown firm's size	52,347	50,277	-4.0 %	50,393	-2.6 %	5.2 %	4,315	4,177	4,660	
Very small firms	1,988	1,846	-7.1 %	1,838	-6.1 %	6.7 %	157	159	155	
Small firms	920	869	-5.5 %	852	-8.3 %	-9.8 %	47	79	74	
Medium-size firms	304	289	-4.9 %	285	-5.0 %	-13.2 %	22	21	24	
ISE – Large Firms	45	42	-6.7 %	38	-11.6 %					
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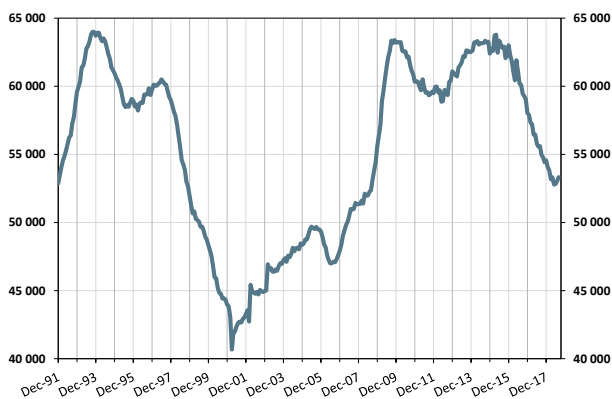
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## C – Changes in corporate bankruptcies

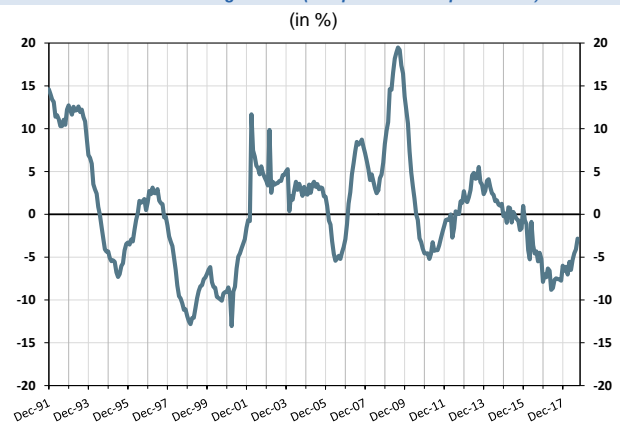
### 1 – Number of bankruptcies

Aggregate number of bankruptcies over the past 12 months  
From Dec. 1991 to August 2018



### 2 – Change in bankruptcies

Year-on-year change in the 12-month aggregate  
From Dec. 1991 to August 2018 (+ September 2018 provisional)



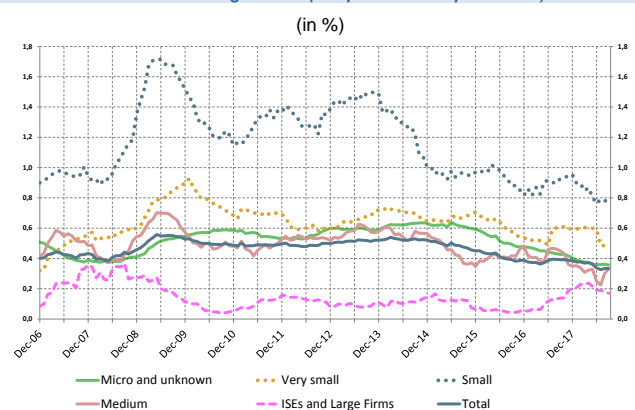
### 3 – Loan amounts of bankrupt non-financial firms over loan amount of all firms

Aggregate over the past 12 months  
From Dec. 2006 to August 2018 (+ September 2018 provisional)



### 4 – Loan amounts of bankrupt non-financial firms over loan amount of all firms – broken down by firm size

Aggregate over the past 12 months  
From Dec. 2006 to August 2018 (+ September 2018 provisional)



Source: Banque de France, Companies Directorate, Data available at end-October 2018