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Liquidations: results for June 2026

Table A – Key growth rates in the number of liquidations

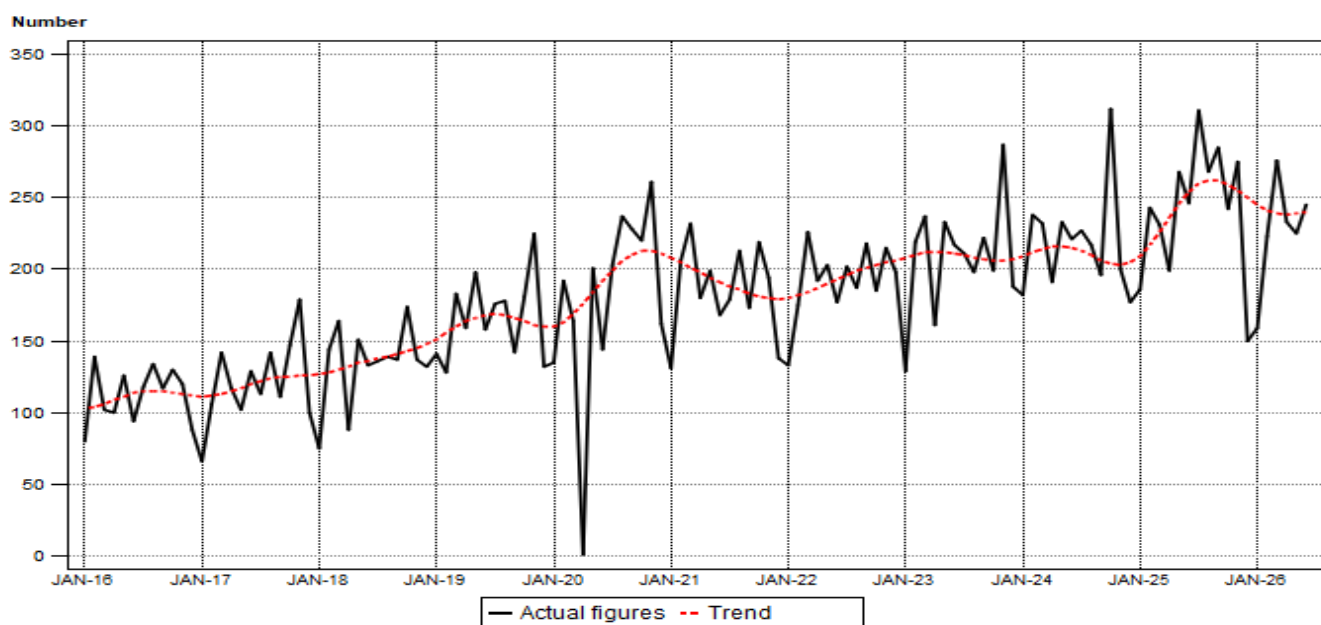
Number of liquidations Jun 2026	% change between Jun 2025 and Jun 2026	% change between Apr – Jun 2025 and Apr – Jun 2026	% change between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026
245	-0,4	-1,4	-0,9

The total number of liquidations decreased by 0,4% (from 246 to 245) in June 2026 compared with June 2025. Liquidations of companies decreased by 14 cases, while liquidations of close corporations increased by 13 cases during this period – see Table 1.1 and Table 1.2.

The number of liquidations decreased by 1,4% (from 713 to 703) in the second quarter of 2026 compared with the second quarter of 2025.

A decrease of 0,9% (from 1 373 to 1 361) in the number of liquidations was recorded in the first six months of 2026 compared with the first six months of 2025.

Figure 1 – Number of liquidations




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Tables

Table 1 – Total liquidations according to industry (number)

Industry	Jan – Jun 2026			Jun 2025			May 2026			Jun 2026		
	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total
1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	1	7	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
2.Mining and quarrying	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
3.Manufacturing	0	15	15	0	6	6	0	2	2	0	5	5
4.Electricity, gas and water	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.Construction	1	33	34	1	5	6	1	6	7	0	4	4
6.Trade, catering and accommodation	10	144	154	0	29	29	1	18	19	2	23	25
7.Transport, storage, communication	1	12	13	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	2
8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services	17	168	185	2	35	37	3	23	26	5	35	40
9.Community, social, personal services	4	40	44	1	3	4	3	1	4	0	8	8
10.Unclassified	98	808	906	10	149	159	30	135	165	13	147	160
Total number of liquidations	132	1 229	1 361	16	230	246	38	187	225	21	224	245

Table 1.1 – Liquidations of companies according to industry (number)

Industry	Jan – Jun 2026			Jun 2025			May 2026			Jun 2026		
	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total
1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.Mining and quarrying	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
3.Manufacturing	0	9	9	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	3	3
4.Electricity, gas and water	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.Construction	1	9	10	1	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0
6.Trade, catering and accommodation	6	49	55	0	11	11	0	8	8	2	5	7
7.Transport, storage, communication	0	5	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services	12	71	83	1	19	20	3	9	12	3	13	16
9.Community, social, personal services	2	4	6	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	1
10.Unclassified	95	785	880	9	145	154	30	131	161	12	139	151
Total number of liquidations	117	935	1 052	12	181	193	36	152	188	17	162	179

Table 1.2 – Liquidations of close corporations according to industry (number)

Industry	Jan – Jun 2026			Jun 2025			May 2026			Jun 2026		
	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total	C	V	Total
1.Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
2.Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.Manufacturing	0	6	6	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	2	2
4.Electricity, gas and water	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.Construction	0	24	24	0	5	5	0	4	4	0	4	4
6.Trade, catering and accommodation	4	95	99	0	18	18	1	10	11	0	18	18
7.Transport, storage, communication	1	7	8	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
8.Financing, insurance, real estate, business services	5	97	102	1	16	17	0	14	14	2	22	24
9.Community, social, personal services	2	36	38	1	2	3	1	1	2	0	7	7
10.Unclassified	3	23	26	1	4	5	0	4	4	1	8	9
Total number of liquidations	15	294	309	4	49	53	2	35	37	4	62	66

C = Compulsory.

V = Voluntary.

Table 2 – Total liquidations (number)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	135	131	133	129	182	186	159
February	192	206	175	219	238	243	223
March	164	232	226	237	232	231	276
April	0	180	192	161	191	199	233
May	201	199	203	233	233	268	225
June	144	168	177	217	221	246	245
July	203	179	202	211	227	311	
August	237	213	187	198	217	268	
September	228	173	218	222	196	285	
October	220	219	185	199	312	242	
November	261	194	215	287	200	275	
December	162	138	198	188	177	150	
Total	2 147	2 232	2 311	2 501	2 626	2 904	

Table 2.1 – Compulsory liquidations (number)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	27	19	19	9	16	26	22
February	13	11	18	37	21	16	8
March	7	17	24	35	20	21	26
April	0	12	31	11	28	20	17
May	18	21	32	27	17	29	38
June	9	13	14	27	22	16	21
July	16	16	19	21	21	37	
August	10	14	11	11	16	38	
September	12	5	20	24	14	25	
October	27	24	27	21	31	27	
November	75	19	17	33	30	25	
December	16	8	10	9	11	11	
Total	230	179	242	265	247	291	

Table 2.2 – Voluntary liquidations (number)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	108	112	114	120	166	160	137
February	179	195	157	182	217	227	215
March	157	215	202	202	212	210	250
April	0	168	161	150	163	179	216
May	183	178	171	206	216	239	187
June	135	155	163	190	199	230	224
July	187	163	183	190	206	274	
August	227	199	176	187	201	230	
September	216	168	198	198	182	260	
October	193	195	158	178	281	215	
November	186	175	198	254	170	250	
December	146	130	188	179	166	139	
Total	1 917	2 053	2 069	2 236	2 379	2 613	

Table 3 – Total liquidations of companies (number)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	91	86	101	98	147	138	132
February	125	139	129	158	178	178	165
March	112	149	167	159	162	182	211
April	0	112	130	121	137	154	177
May	129	130	144	175	181	213	188
June	101	116	124	166	167	193	179
July	143	125	138	154	172	227	
August	165	150	138	131	153	213	
September	160	117	161	159	142	218	
October	144	155	125	149	229	176	
November	169	146	164	211	151	204	
December	113	100	149	144	133	121	
Total	1 452	1 525	1 670	1 825	1 952	2 217	

Table 3.1 – Compulsory liquidations of companies (number)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	15	13	12	7	12	18	20
February	4	6	14	28	16	10	7
March	5	11	17	23	16	17	23
April	0	9	24	9	21	15	14
May	8	18	25	23	11	23	36
June	9	10	11	24	16	12	17
July	12	11	14	21	19	29	
August	8	10	8	7	14	32	
September	9	3	16	21	9	15	
October	16	22	20	16	26	17	
November	53	9	12	20	21	18	
December	12	6	6	6	8	8	
Total	151	128	179	205	189	214	

Table 3.2 – Voluntary liquidations of companies (number)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	76	73	89	91	135	120	112
February	121	133	115	130	162	168	158
March	107	138	150	136	146	165	188
April	0	103	106	112	116	139	163
May	121	112	119	152	170	190	152
June	92	106	113	142	151	181	162
July	131	114	124	133	153	198	
August	157	140	130	124	139	181	
September	151	114	145	138	133	203	
October	128	133	105	133	203	159	
November	116	137	152	191	130	186	
December	101	94	143	138	125	113	
Total	1 301	1 397	1 491	1 620	1 763	2 003	

Table 4 – Total liquidations of close corporations (number)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	44	45	32	31	35	48	27
February	67	67	46	61	60	65	58
March	52	83	59	78	70	49	65
April	0	68	62	40	54	45	56
May	72	69	59	58	52	55	37
June	43	52	53	51	54	53	66
July	60	54	64	57	55	84	
August	72	63	49	67	64	55	
September	68	56	57	63	54	67	
October	76	64	60	50	83	66	
November	92	48	51	76	49	71	
December	49	38	49	44	44	29	
Total	695	707	641	676	674	687	

Table 4.1 – Compulsory liquidations of close corporations (number)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	12	6	7	2	4	8	2
February	9	5	4	9	5	6	1
March	2	6	7	12	4	4	3
April	0	3	7	2	7	5	3
May	10	3	7	4	6	6	2
June	0	3	3	3	6	4	4
July	4	5	5	0	2	8	
August	2	4	3	4	2	6	
September	3	2	4	3	5	10	
October	11	2	7	5	5	10	
November	22	10	5	13	9	7	
December	4	2	4	3	3	3	
Total	79	51	63	60	58	77	

Table 4.2 – Voluntary liquidations of close corporations (number)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	32	39	25	29	31	40	25
February	58	62	42	52	55	59	57
March	50	77	52	66	66	45	62
April	0	65	55	38	47	40	53
May	62	66	52	54	46	49	35
June	43	49	50	48	48	49	62
July	56	49	59	57	53	76	
August	70	59	46	63	62	49	
September	65	54	53	60	49	57	
October	65	62	53	45	78	56	
November	70	38	46	63	40	64	
December	45	36	45	41	41	26	
Total	616	656	578	616	616	610	

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) collects administrative information on liquidations from the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) and the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC).
	2	This statistical release reflects voluntary and compulsory liquidations of companies and close corporations.
Purpose of the survey	3	The aggregated data in this release are used by both the private and public sectors to measure economic performance and serve as an important indicator of the scope of unpaid debt in South Africa.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers the total number of companies and close corporations which were liquidated.
Symbols and abbreviations	5	Stats SA – Statistics South Africa CIPC – Companies and Intellectual Property Commission DTIC – Department of Trade, Industry and Competition C – Compulsory V – Voluntary
Seasonal adjustment	6	Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be recognised more clearly. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month.
	7	Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. This means the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for liquidations is described in more detail on the Stats SA website: click to download seasonal adjustment P0043 April 2018 .
Trend cycle	8	The trend is the long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted estimates to estimate the underlying trend cycle.

Glossary

Compulsory liquidation	A compulsory liquidation takes place when the affairs of a company or close corporation are wound up by order of the court.
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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