

### **Insolvency Statistics**

For the year 1 July 2005 - 30 June 2006

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#### Notes on Bankruptcy numbers

In the 2004/2005 financial year, the ITS received 2995 bankruptcy estates. These bankruptcies consisted of 1731 males, 1251 females and 13 partnership estates.

In the 2005/2006 financial year, the ITS received 3087 bankruptcy estates. These bankruptcies consisted of 1821 males, 1252 females and 14 partnership estates.

For the purpose of the demographic statistics we have excluded the partnership figures, giving 'natural person' bankrupt totals of 2982 in 2004 / 2005 (2995 less 13) and 3073 in 2005 / 2006 (3087 less 14).

#### **Notes on Company Liquidation Numbers**

While the ITS administers some court appointed liquidations, unlike bankruptcy where the ITS is the sole administrator for New Zealand, the ITS does not administer all the company liquidations in New Zealand. The majority of liquidations are administered by private liquidators and as such, the ITS cannot provide statistics on the liquidations it does not administer.

#### **Comparative Analysis**

Although this is the statistical report for the 2005 / 2006 financial year, much of the data from the 2004 / 2005 financial year (or further back where available) has been included in this report to allow direct comparisons to previous year's figures.

#### Context

While all care is taken to ensure the accuracy of our statistical information and data analysis, the Insolvency and Trustee Service cannot be held responsible for inaccuracies in any data provided to or by us, or how these statistics are used by any party.

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#### ITS ADMINISTERED INSOLVENCY VOLUMES 2003 / 2004, 2004 / 2005, 2005 / 2006

NZ Bankruptcy Estate Volumes by Court of Adjudication								
High Court	2005 / 2006	% of 05/06 estates	2004 / 2005	% of 04/05 estates	2003 / 2004	% of 03/04 estates	% Change between 04/05 & 05/06	
Auckland	850	28	842	28	705	25	1	
Blenheim	30	1	42	1	25	1	-29	
Christchurch	495	16	427	14	460	16	16	
Dunedin	143	5	117	4	88	3	22	
Gisborne	40	1	53	2	44	2	-25	
Greymouth	5	0.2	18	1	12	0.4	-72	
Hamilton	241	8	275	9	277	10	-12	
Invercargill	92	3	83	3	74	3	11	
Masterton	33	1	25	1	18	1	32	
Napier	140	5	122	4	87	3	15	
Nelson	76	2	53	2	49	2	43	
New Plymouth	68	2	83	3	75	3	-18	
Palmerston North	130	4	150	5	162	6	-13	
Rotorua	124	4	166	6	123	4	-25	
Tauranga	142	5	97	3	131	5	46	
Timaru	62	2	56	2	73	3	11	
Wellington	268	9	233	8	223	8	15	
Whangarei	82	3	101	3	106	4	-19	
Wanganui	66	2	52	2	60	2	27	
TOTAL	3,087	100	2,995	100	2,792	100	3	

	ITS Administered Liquidations by High Court Order									
High Court	2005 / 2006	% of 05/06 estates	2004 / 2005	% of 04/05 estates	2003 / 2004	% of 03/04 estates	% Change between 04/05 & 05/06			
Auckland	48	32	35	26	53	32	37			
Blenheim	3	2	0	0	0	0	n/a			
Christchurch	10	7	17	13	19	11	-41			
Dunedin	1	1	3	2	0	0	-67			
Gisborne	9	6	1	1	3	2	800			
Greymouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a			
Hamilton	4	3	2	1	8	5	100			
Invercargill	4	3	2	1	3	2	100			
Masterton	0	0	1	1	0	0	-100			
Napier	9	6	12	9	6	4	-25			
Nelson	3	2	1	1	1	1	200			
New Plymouth	1	1	3	2	0	0	-67			
Palmerston North	8	5	1	1	1	1	700			
Rotorua	4	3	6	4	8	5	-33			
Tauranga	1	1	2	1	6	4	-50			
Timaru	1	1	0	0	0	0	n/a			
Wellington	12	8	13	10	19	11	-8			
Whangarei	13	9	14	10	20	12	-7			
Wanganui	2	1	6	4	1	1	-67			
n/a*	18	12	15	11	18	11	20			
TOTAL	151	100	134	100	166	100	13			

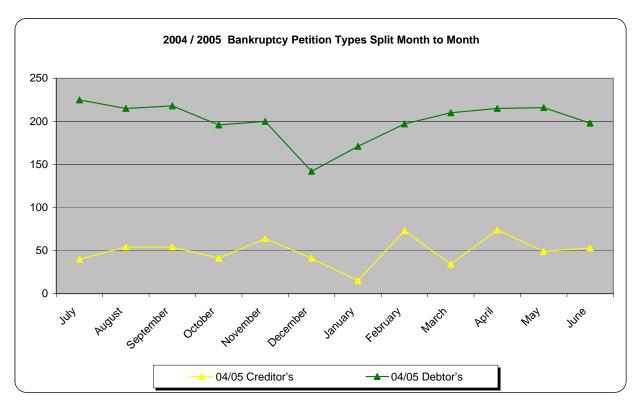
#### Notes:

The above figures detail the total number of bankruptcies adjudicated in each NZ High Court per Year. ITS does supply month by month splits for each High Court for these years in PDF format on its website www.insolvency.govt.nz. Similarly, month to month splits by NZ High Court for ITS administered liquidations are also available on the ITS website.

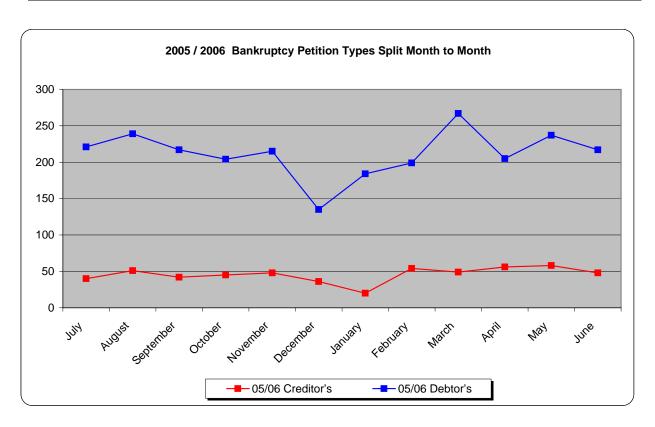
\*n/a: These are liquidations that have no court order associated with the liquidation. This is likely to be due to the shareholders (usually the Official Assignee as a result of a bankruptcy in these cases) placing the company into voluntary liquidation and subsequently appointing the Official Assignee (themselves) liquidator.

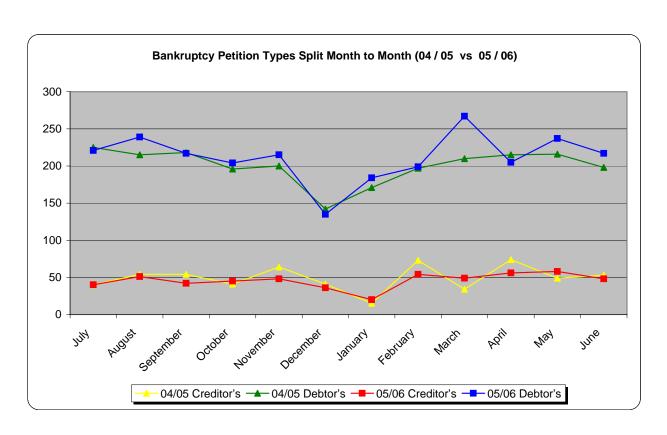


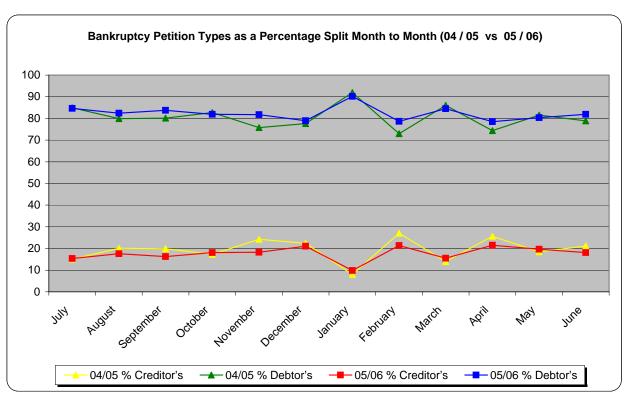
	NZ Bankruptcy Creditor vs Debtor Petitions Volumes 2004 / 2005							
	04/05 Creditor's	04/05 Debtor's	04/05 % Creditor's	04/05 % Debtor's				
July	40	225	15	85				
August	54	215	20	80				
September	54	218	20	80				
October	41	196	17	83				
November	64	200	24	76				
December	41	142	22	78				
January	15	171	8	92				
February	73	197	27	73				
March	34	210	14	86				
April	74	215	26	74				
May	49	216	18	82				
June	53	198	21	79				
Sub-Total	592	2403	20%	80%				
TOTAL	2995 100%							



	NZ Bankruptcy Creditor vs Debtor Petitions Volumes 2005 / 2006						
	05/06 Creditor's	05/06 Debtor's	05/06 % Creditor's	05/06 % Debtor's			
July	40	221	15	85			
August	51	239	18	82			
September	42	217	16	84			
October	45	204	18	82			
November	48	215	18	82			
December	36	135	21	79			
January	20	184	10	90			
February	54	199	21	79			
March	49	267	16	84			
April	56	205	21	79			
May	58	237	20	80			
June	48	217	18	82			
Sub-Total	547	2540	18%	82%			
TOTAL	3087 100%						

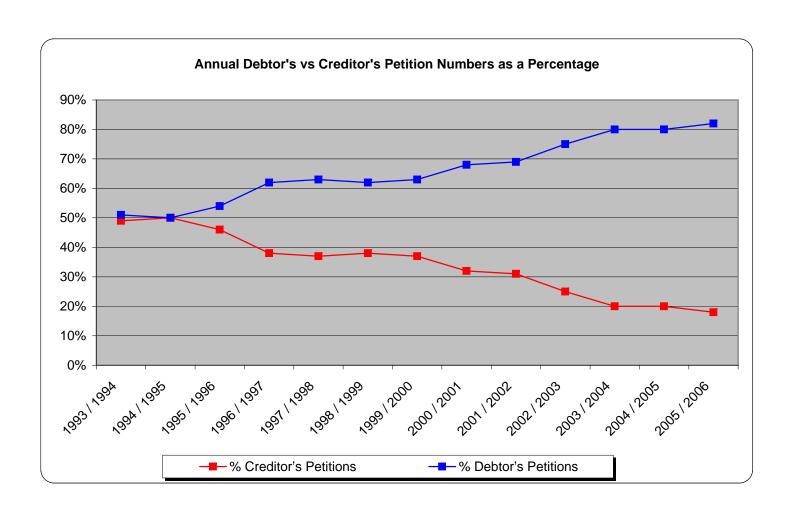


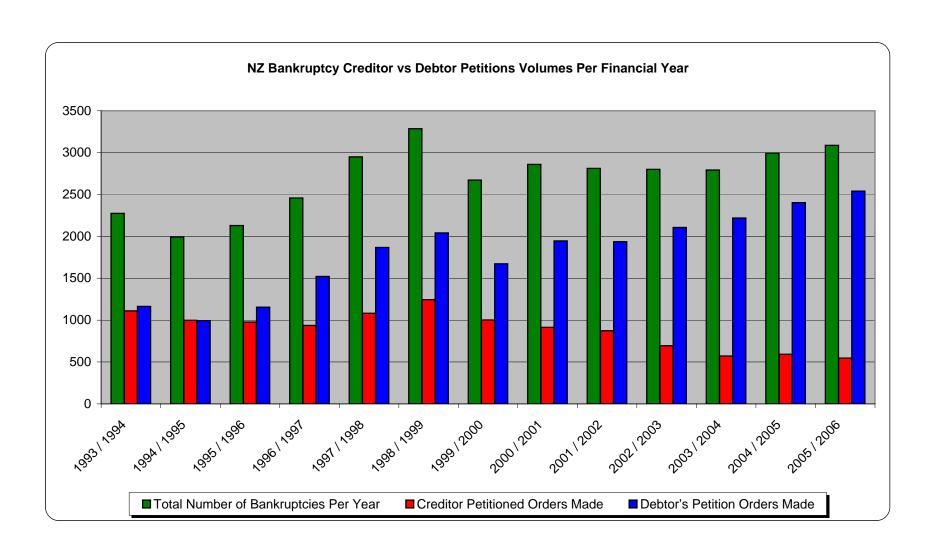


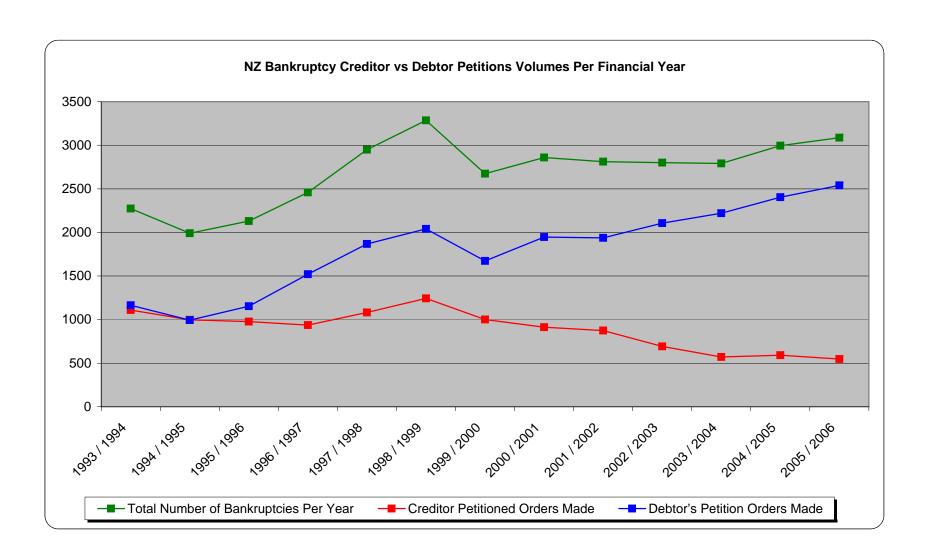




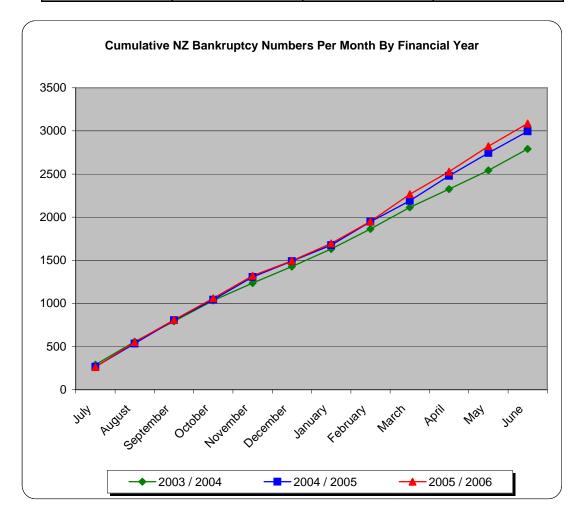
	NZ Bankruptcy Creditor vs Debtor Petitions Volumes Per Financial Year								
Financial Year 1 July - 30 June	Total Number of Bankruptcies Per Year	Creditor Petitioned Orders Made	Debtor's Petition Orders Made	% Creditor's Petitions	% Debtor's Petitions				
1993 / 1994	2274	1110	1164	49%	51%				
1994 / 1995	1991	997	994	50%	50%				
1995 / 1996	2130	976	1154	46%	54%				
1996 / 1997	2458	937	1521	38%	62%				
1997 / 1998	2949	1082	1867	37%	63%				
1998 / 1999	3285	1244	2041	38%	62%				
1999 / 2000	2673	1001	1672	37%	63%				
2000 / 2001	2859	913	1946	32%	68%				
2001 / 2002	2811	874	1937	31%	69%				
2002 / 2003	2800	693	2107	25%	75%				
2003 / 2004	2792	572	2220	20%	80%				
2004 / 2005	2995	592	2403	20%	80%				
2005 / 2006	3087	547	2540	18%	82%				
Total	35,104	11,538	23,566	33%	67%				



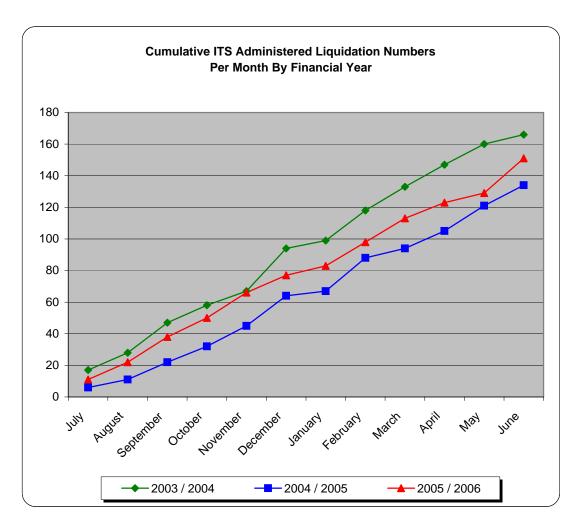




Cumulative NZ Bankruptcy Numbers Per Month by Financial Year							
Month	2003 / 2004	2004 / 2005	2005 / 2006				
July	289	266	261				
August	556	535	551				
September	793	806	810				
October	1033	1043	1059				
November	1236	1307	1322				
December	1427	1490	1493				
January	1631	1676	1697				
February	1864	1946	1950				
March	2113	2190	2266				
April	2325	2480	2527				
May	2542	2745	2822				
June	2792	2995	3087				



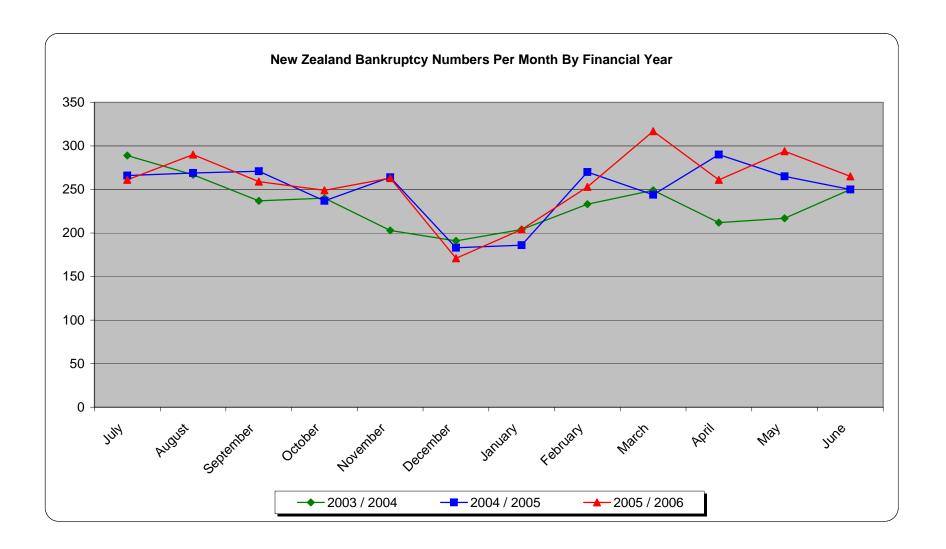
Cumulative ITS Administered Liquidation Numbers Per Month by Financial Year							
Month	2003 / 2004 2004 / 2005 2005 / 2						
July	17	6	11				
August	28	11	22				
September	47	22	38				
October	58	32	50				
November	67	45	66				
December	94	64	77				
January	99	67	83				
February	118	88	98				
March	133	94	113				
April	147	105	123				
May	160	121	129				
June	166	134	151				



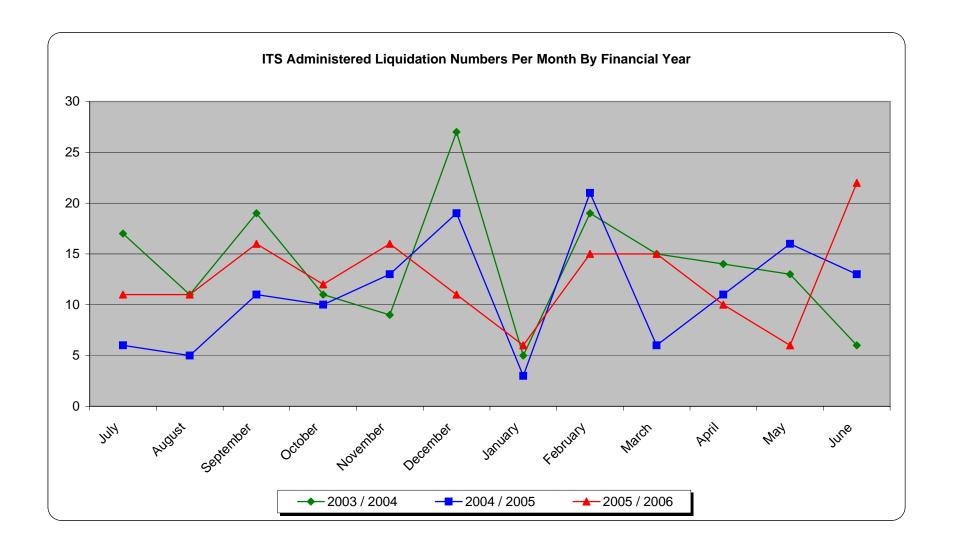


	NZ Bankruptcy Numbers and ITS Administered Liquidation Numbers Per Financial							
	NZ E	Bankruptcy Numb	ers	ITS Administered Liquidation Numbers				
Month	2003 / 2004	2004 / 2005	2005 / 2006	2003 / 2004	2004 / 2005	2005 / 2006		
July	289	266	261	17	6	11		
August	267	269	290	11	5	11		
September	237	271	259	19	11	16		
October	240	237	249	11	10	12		
November	203	264	263	9	13	16		
December	191	183	171	27	19	11		
January	204	186	204	5	3	6		
February	233	270	253	19	21	15		
March	249	244	317	15	6	15		
April	212	290	261	14	11	10		
May	217	265	294	13	16	6		
June	250	250	265	6	13	22		
	2792	2995	3087	166	134	151		

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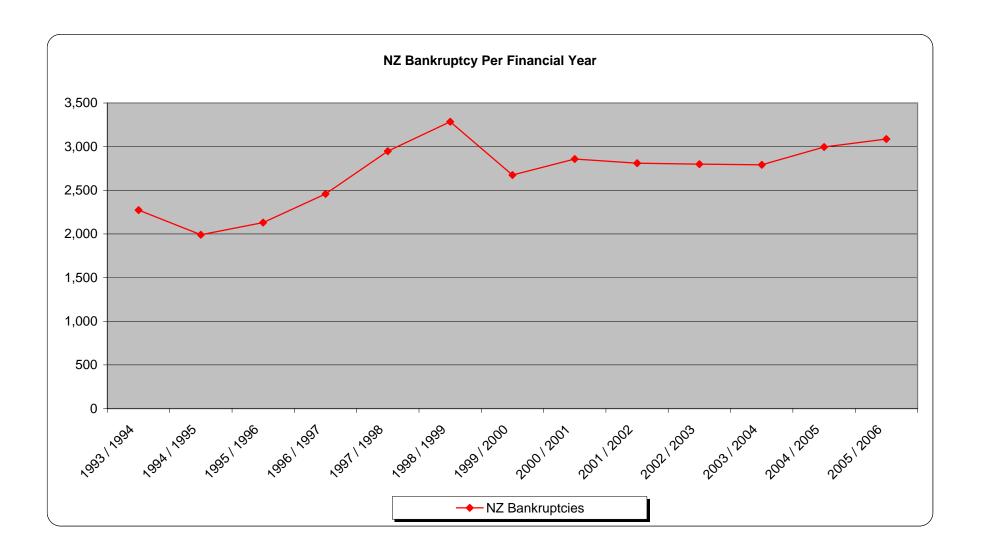


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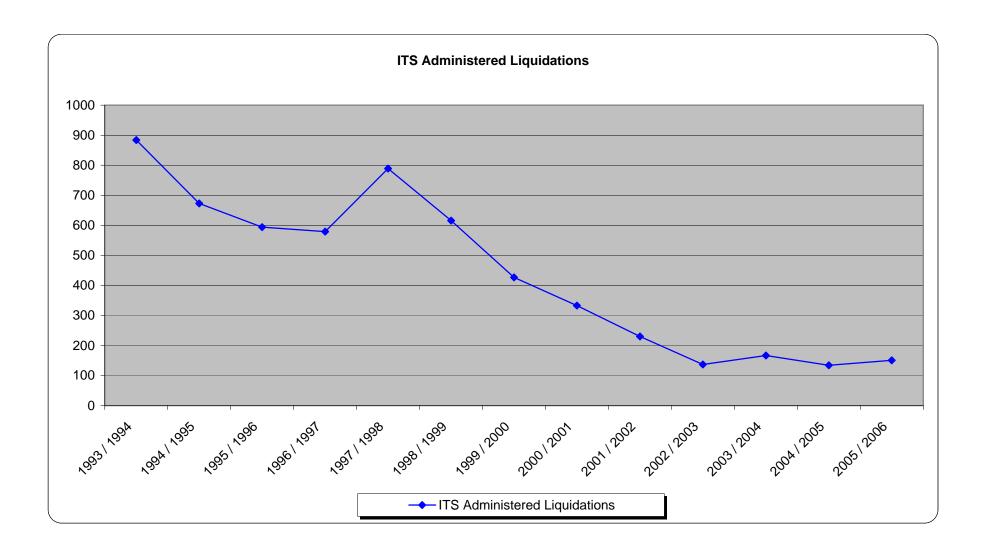


NZ Bankruptcy Numbe	NZ Bankruptcy Numbers and ITS Administered Liquidation Numbers Per Financial Year						
1 July - 30 June	NZ Bankruptcies	ITS Administered Liquidations					
1993 / 1994	2,274	884					
1994 / 1995	1,991	673					
1995 / 1996	2,130	594					
1996 / 1997	2,458	579					
1997 / 1998	2,949	789					
1998 / 1999	3,285	616					
1999 / 2000	2,675	427					
2000 / 2001	2,859	333					
2001 / 2002	2,811	230					
2002 / 2003	2,800	137					
2003 / 2004	2,792	167					
2004 / 2005	2,995	134					
2005 / 2006	3,087	151					
	35,106	5,714					

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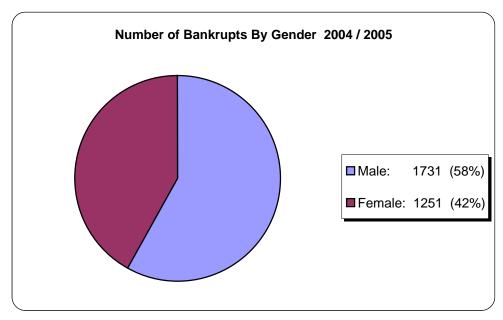
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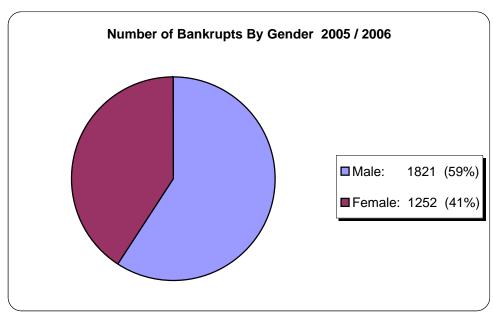


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Gender	2004 / 2005	2004 / 2005 %	2005 / 2006	2005 / 2006 %
Male	1731	58%	1821	59%
Female	1251	42%	1252	41%
Total Human Bankruptcies	2982 100%		3073	100%
Partnerships	13	n/a	14	n/a
Total Bankruptcies	2995	n/a	3087	n/a



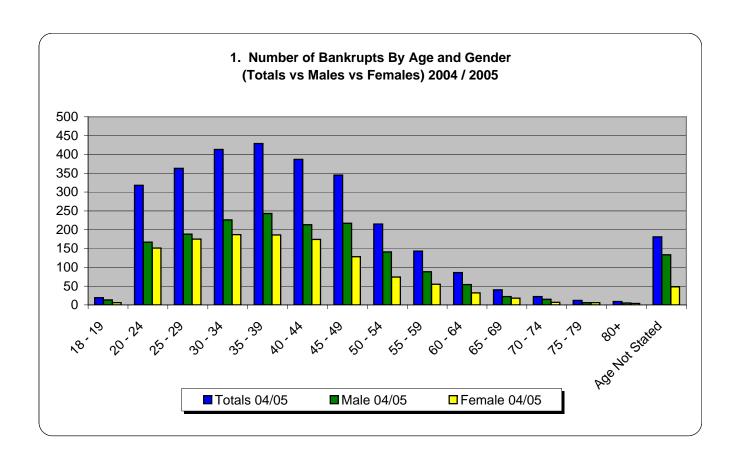


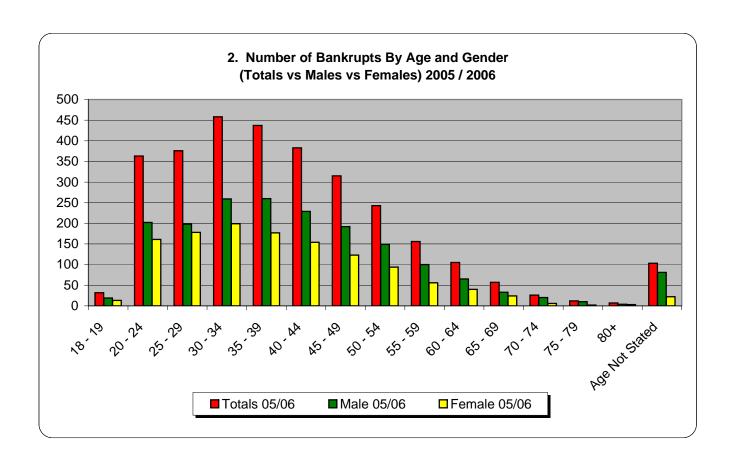
		Age & Gender Breakdown of NZ Bankruptcies by Year							
	2004 / 2005				2005 / 2006				
Age Groups (years)	Totals 04/05	% of Total	Male 04/05	Female 04/05	Totals 05/06	% of Total	Male 05/06	Female 05/06	
18 - 19	19	0.6%	13	6	32	1.0%	19	13	
20 - 24	318	10.7%	167	151	363	11.8%	202	161	
25 - 29	363	12.2%	188	175	376	12.2%	198	178	
30 - 34	413	13.8%	226	187	458	14.9%	259	199	
35 - 39	429	14.4%	243	186	437	14.2%	260	177	
40 - 44	387	13.0%	213	174	383	12.5%	229	154	
45 - 49	345	11.6%	217	128	315	10.3%	192	123	
50 - 54	215	7.2%	141	74	243	7.9%	149	94	
55 - 59	143	4.8%	88	55	156	5.1%	100	56	
60 - 64	86	2.9%	54	32	105	3.4%	65	40	
65 - 69	40	1.3%	22	18	57	1.9%	33	24	
70 - 74	22	0.7%	15	7	26	0.8%	20	6	
75 - 79	12	0.4%	6	6	12	0.4%	10	2	
80+	9	0.3%	5	4	7	0.2%	4	3	
Age Not Stated	181	6.1%	133	48	103	3.4%	81	22	
Total	2982	100%	1731	1251	3073	100%	1821	1252	

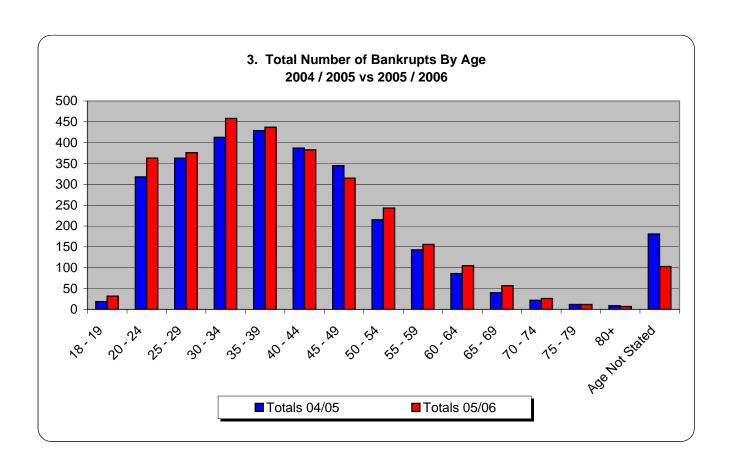


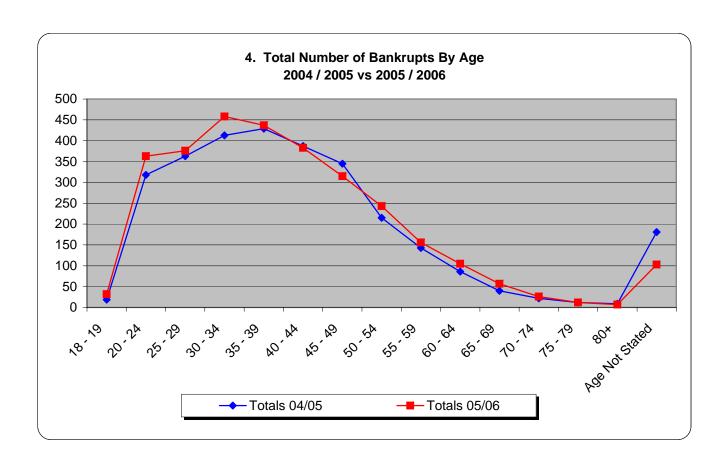
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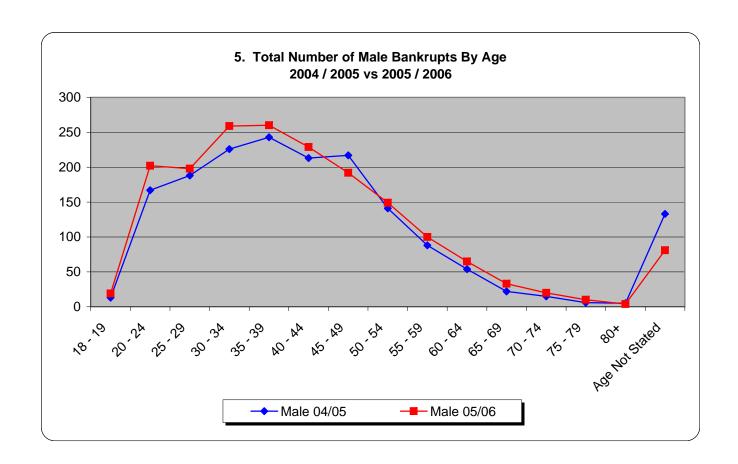
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- 2. 05/06 Totals vs Males vs Females
- 3. 04/05 Totals vs 05/06 Totals (bar graph)
- 4. 04/05 Totals vs 05/06 Totals (line graph)
- 5. 04/05 Male vs 05/06 Male
- 6. 04/05 Female vs 05/06 Female

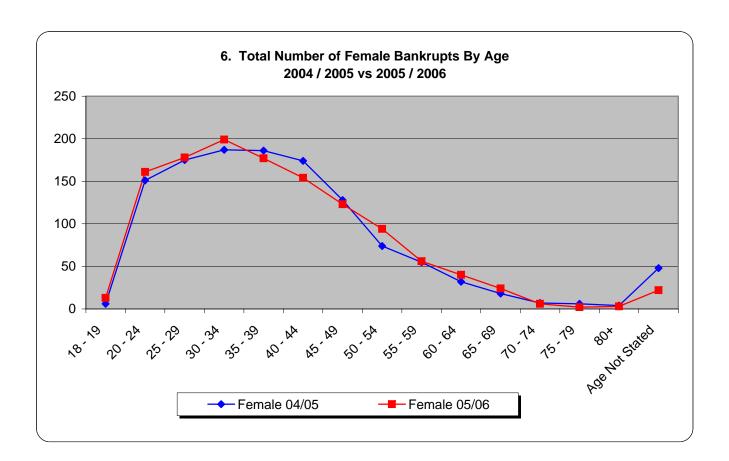






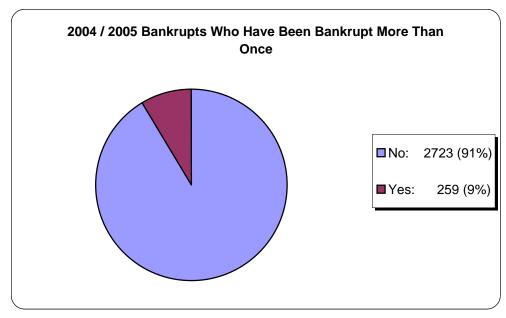


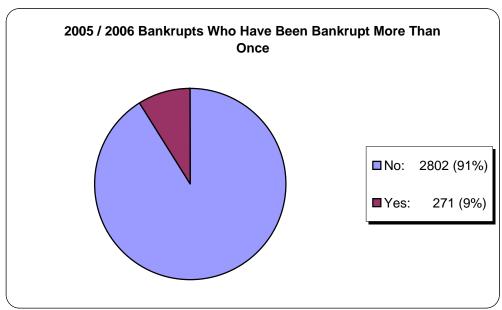






Bankrupts Who Have Been Bankrupt More Than Once								
Previously Bankrupt	2004 / 2005   2004 / 2005 %   2005 / 2006   2005 / 200							
No	2723	91%	2802	91%				
Yes	259	9%	271	9%				
	2982	100%	3073	100%				



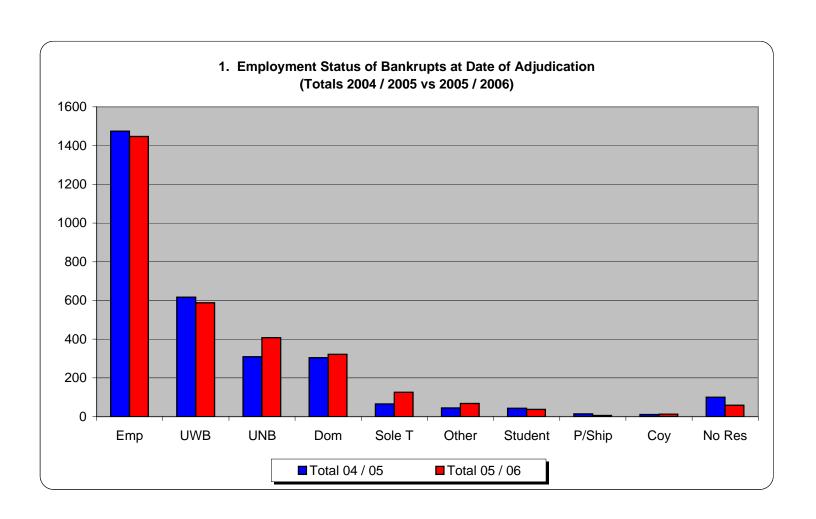


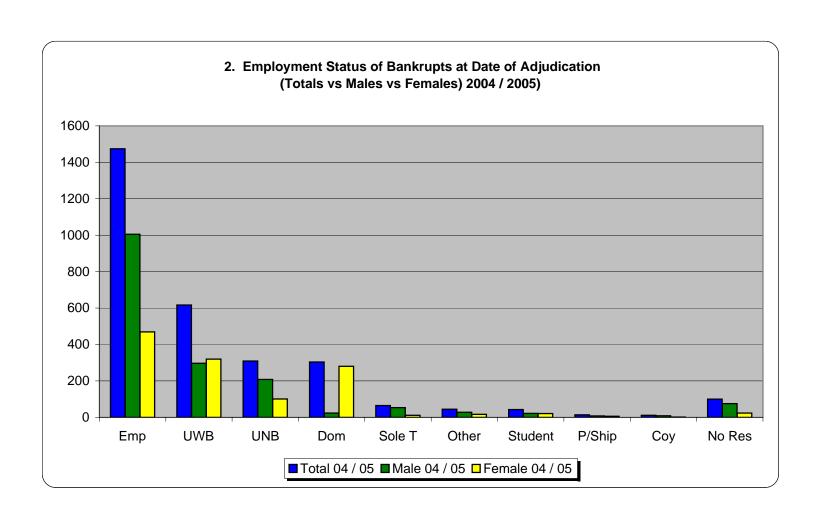


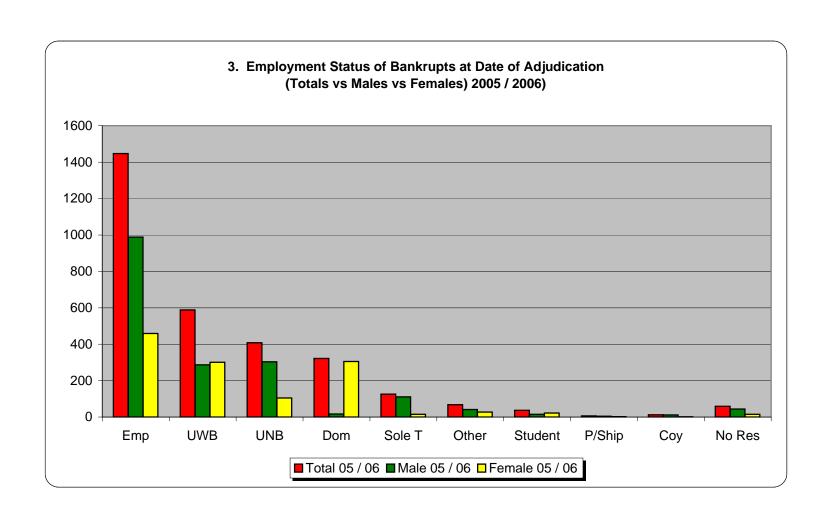
Employment Status of Bankrupts at the Date of Adjudication							
Description	Code	Total 04 / 05	Male 04 / 05	Female 04 / 05	Total 05 / 06	Male 05 / 06	Female 05 / 06
Employed (by a 3rd party)	Emp	1474	1005	469	1447	988	459
Unemployed - With Benefit	UWB	617	297	320	588	287	301
Unemployed - No Benefit	UNB	309	208	101	408	303	105
Domestic	Dom	304	24	280	322	17	305
Sole Trader	Sole T	65	54	11	126	111	15
Other	Other	45	28	17	68	41	27
Student	Student	43	22	21	37	15	22
Trading in a Partnership	P/Ship	14	8	6	6	4	2
Director of a Limited Liability Company	Coy	11	9	2	12	11	1
No Response	No Res	100	76	24	59	44	15
		2982	1731	1251	3073	1821	1252

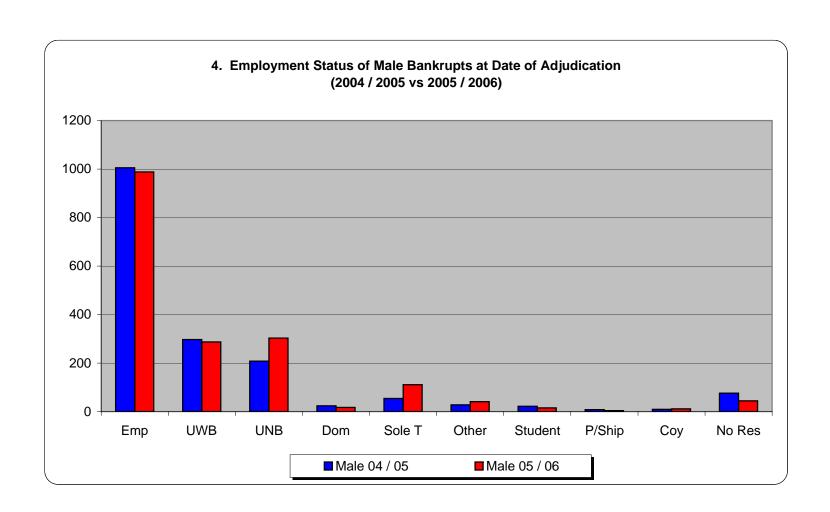
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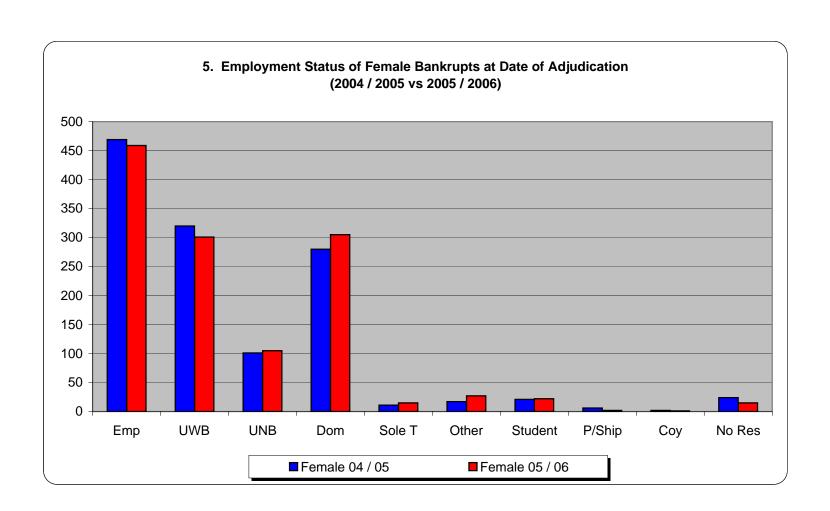
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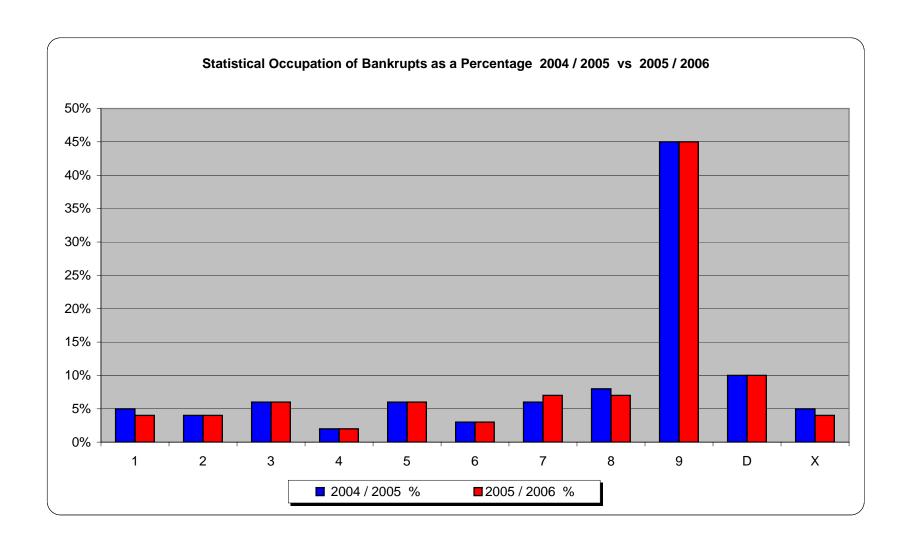








	Occupation of NZ Bankrupts at Their Date of Adjudication				
Major Group Name	Group Code	2004 / 2005	2004 / 2005 %	2005 / 2006	2005 / 2006 %
Legislators, Administrators and Managers	1	146	5%	130	4%
Professionals	2	121	4%	131	4%
Associate Professionals and Technicians	3	166	6%	197	6%
Clerks	4	64	2%	65	2%
Service and Sales Workers	5	190	6%	185	6%
Agriculture and Fishery Worker	6	102	3%	93	3%
Trades Workers	7	183	6%	228	7%
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	8	246	8%	215	7%
Elementary Occupations	9	1339	45%	1372	45%
Domestic	D	289	10%	321	10%
No Response	Х	136	5%	136	4%
	Total:	2982	100%	3073	100%



## Notes:

Group 9 has the largest representation amongst bankrupts in New Zealand.

The main occupations within this group include:

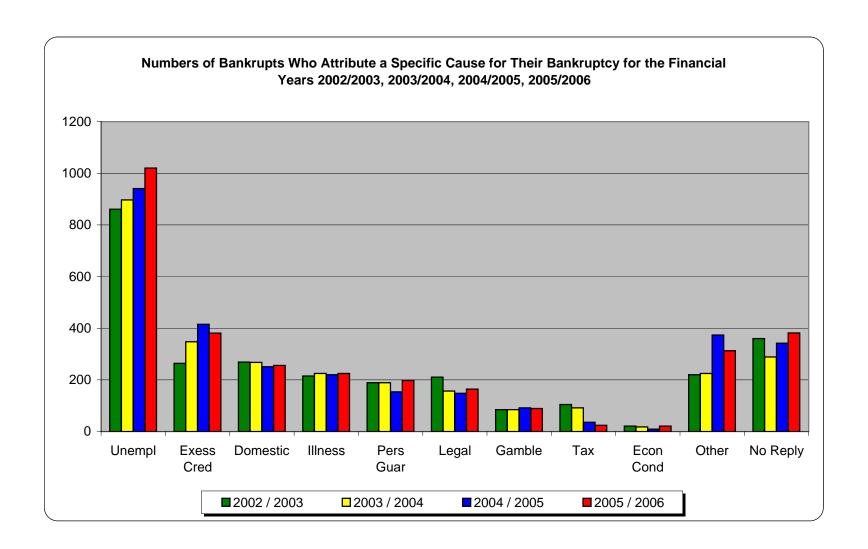
Cleaners, care-takers, pest controllers, couriers and delivery personnel, street and park cleaners, hotel porters, packers, loaders, checkers and labourers

The statistical occupation field for bankrupts in the ITS database is based on the Statistics New Zealand classification on their website at:

http://www.stats.govt.nz/statistical-methods/classifications/nz-standard-class-of-occupations-1999.htm



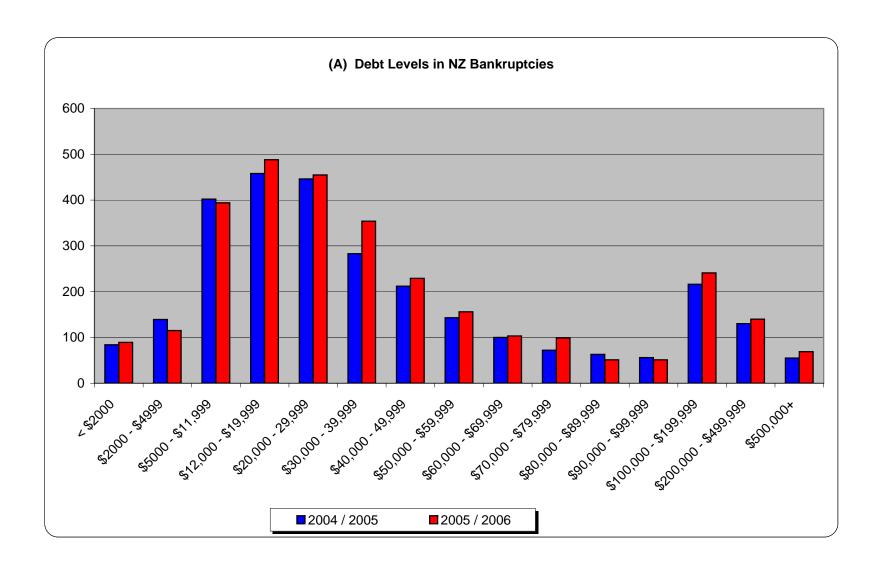
Major Reason Given as Cause of Bankruptcy	Code	2002 / 2003	2003 / 2004	2004 / 2005	2005 / 2006
Unemployment or loss of income	Unempl	861	897	941	1020
Excessive use of credit facilities	Exess Cred	264	348	415	381
Domestic discord or relationship breakdowns	Domestic	269	268	251	256
III health or absence of health insurance	Illness	215	225	220	225
Liabilities due to guarantees	Pers Guar	189	189	154	198
Adverse legal action	Legal	211	157	148	164
Gambling, speculation and extravagance in living	Gamble	85	85	92	89
Failure to provide for taxation	Tax	105	92	36	24
Economic conditions affecting industry	Econ Cond	21	18	9	21
Other	Other	220	225	374	313
No Response	No Reply	360	289	342	382
		2800	2793	2982	3073

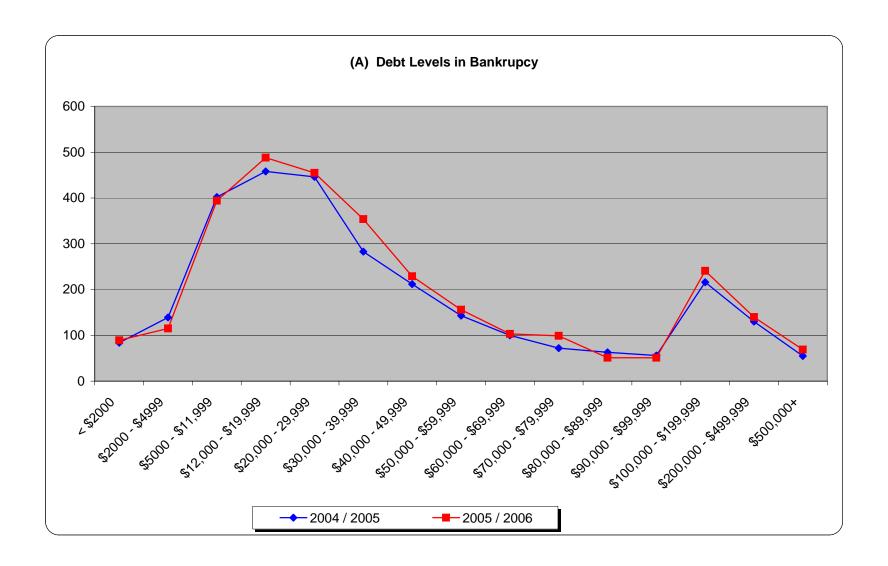


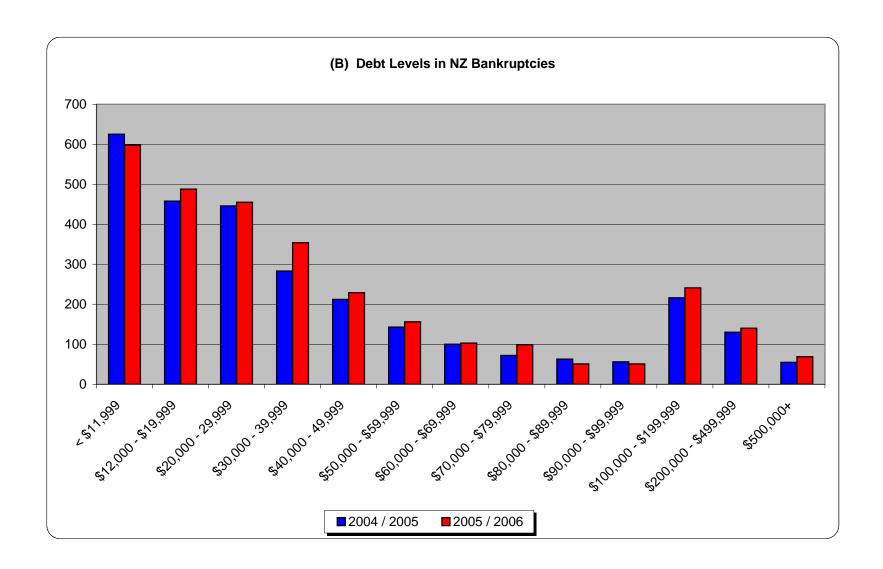


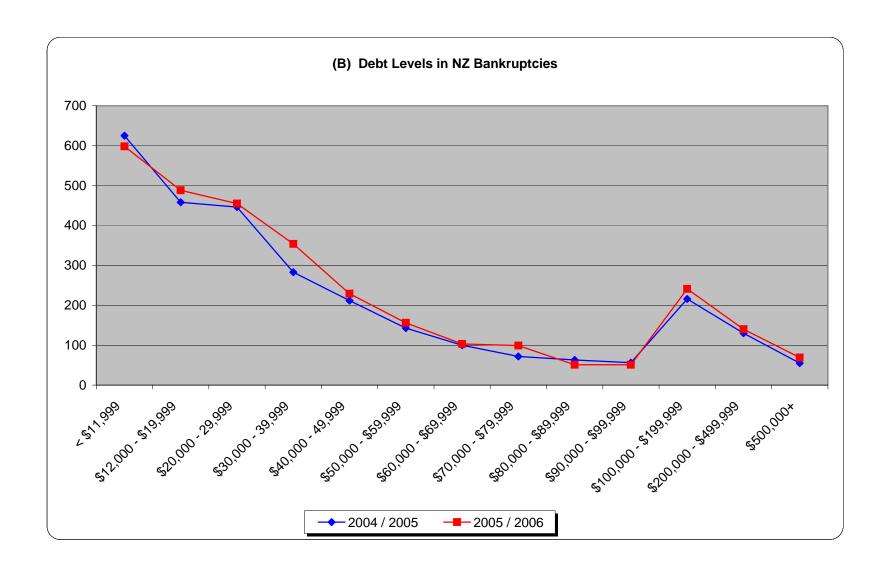
(A) Debt Levels in NZ Bankruptcies Per Financial Year					
Debt Level	2004 / 2005	2005 / 2006			
< \$2000	84	89			
\$2000 - \$4999	139	115			
\$5000 - \$11,999	402	394			
\$12,000 - \$19,999	458	488			
\$20,000 - 29,999	446	455			
\$30,000 - 39,999	283	354			
\$40,000 - 49,999	212	229			
\$50,000 - \$59,999	143	156			
\$60,000 - \$69,999	100	103			
\$70,000 - \$79,999	72	99			
\$80,000 - \$89,999	63	51			
\$90,000 - \$99,999	56	51			
\$100,000 - \$199,999	216	241			
\$200,000 - \$499,999	130	140			
\$500,000+	55	69			
	2859	3034			

(B) Debt Levels in NZ Bankruptcies Per Financial Year				
Debt Level	2004 / 2005	2005 / 2006		
< \$11,999	625	598		
\$12,000 - \$19,999	458	488		
\$20,000 - 29,999	446	455		
\$30,000 - 39,999	283	354		
\$40,000 - 49,999	212	229		
\$50,000 - \$59,999	143	156		
\$60,000 - \$69,999	100	103		
\$70,000 - \$79,999	72	99		
\$80,000 - \$89,999	63	51		
\$90,000 - \$99,999	56	51		
\$100,000 - \$199,999	216	241		
\$200,000 - \$499,999	130	140		
\$500,000+	55	69		
	2859	3034		









## Notes:

Both tables and all graphs display the same data albeit slightly differently for amounts under NZ\$12,000.

Currently the debt level qualification cut-off point for a Summary Instalment Order (SIO) is \$12,000.

The Inslovency Law Reform Bill is proposing to increase the SIO qualification limit to \$40,000.

The Law Reform Bill is also proposing to introduce a No Asset Procedure (NAP) bankruptcy regime.

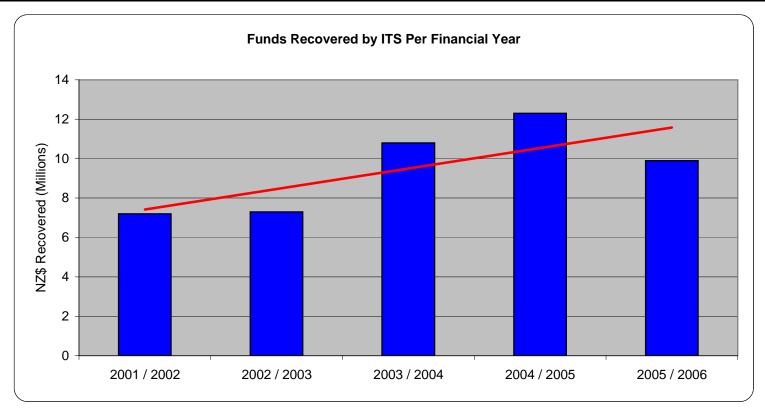
The debt limit for the NAP procedure will be \$40,000 (excluding student loans, which will not be extinguished upon discharge of a NAP).

For the 04/05 year, not more than 37 estates had debt in any \$10,000 group over the \$100,000 mark.

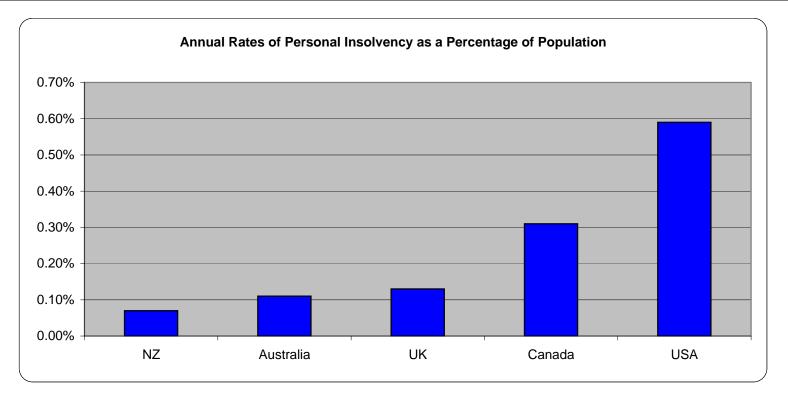
For the 05/06 year, not more than 41 estates had debt in any \$10,000 group over the \$100,000 mark.



	Funds Recovered by ITS Per Financial Year					
Financial Year	2001 / 2002	2002 / 2003	2003 / 2004	2004 / 2005	2005 / 2006	Total
Funds Recovered	\$7,205,628.14	\$7,336,141.03	\$10,845,761.14	\$12,274,392.48	\$9,940,067.75	\$47,601,990.54



Annual Rates of Personal Insolvency as a Percentage of Population						
Country	Est. Population at 1 July 2006	Number of Bankrupts	% of Population			
NZ	4,142,768	3,073	0.07%			
Australia	20,264,082	23,188	0.11%			
UK	60,609,153	77,468	0.13%			
Canada	33,098,932	102,662	0.31%			
USA	298,444,215	1,759,503	0.59%			



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## **Population Estimates Obtained From:**

NZ: www.stats.govt.nz

Australia: www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/as.html

UK: www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/uk.html Canada: www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ca.html

USA: www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/us.html



## **International Bankruptcy Numbers Obtained From:**

Australia: www.itsa.gov.au/dir228/itsaweb.nsf/docindex/Statistics->Business%20Statistics->Business%20Statistics%20Documents/\$FILE/Business 05-06.xls?OpenElement

UK: www.insolvency.gov.uk/otherinformation/statistics/200604/index.html

Canada: http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/inbsf-osb.nsf/vwapj/Quarter1\_2006\_Bulletin\_E.pdf/\$FILE/Quarter1\_2006\_Bulletin\_E.pdf

USA: www.uscourts.gov/bnkrpctystats/bankruptcy\_f2table\_mar2006.xls

These international bankruptcy figures are for the financial year 1 April 2005 - 31 March 2006 as the year 1 July 2005 - 30 June 2006 data was not available for these countries at the time of publication.

It should be noted that differing insolvency regimes are operated in the various international jurisdictions examined. Although our best efforts have been made to compare similar bankruptcy types across the countries some of the above figure may include types of insolvencies that would not be viewed as a bankrupcy in New Zealand.

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