



## Court Judgement Report 2008 / 2009

This report provides an overview of the number and value of County Court Judgements (CCJs) against companies for the recovery of unpaid debt. CCJs against companies are a useful barometer of corporate financial health and a leading indicator of insolvencies. A significant proportion of CCJs represent actions to recover unpaid trade debts.

### 2008 Overall Breakdown

The table below shows the total number and value of CCJs in Northern Ireland in 2008. We can see that in 2008 there was a constant increase in the number of CCJs against Northern Ireland Companies.

	2008			
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
<b>Count</b>	128	173	182	230
<b>Value (£)</b>	396,608	587,924	2,752,492	673,017
<b>Average CJ Value (£)</b>	3,099	3,298	15,124	2,926

### 2009 Overall Breakdown

We can also show the total number of CCJs in the first and second Quarter of 2009 as well as the total value of these CCJs. Whilst the number of CCJs in quarter 2 has decreased compared to the number in quarter 1, the average value of CCJs has increased.

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2
<b>Count</b>	250	229
<b>Value (£)</b>	795,337	1,103,182
<b>Average CJ Value (£)</b>	3,181	4,817

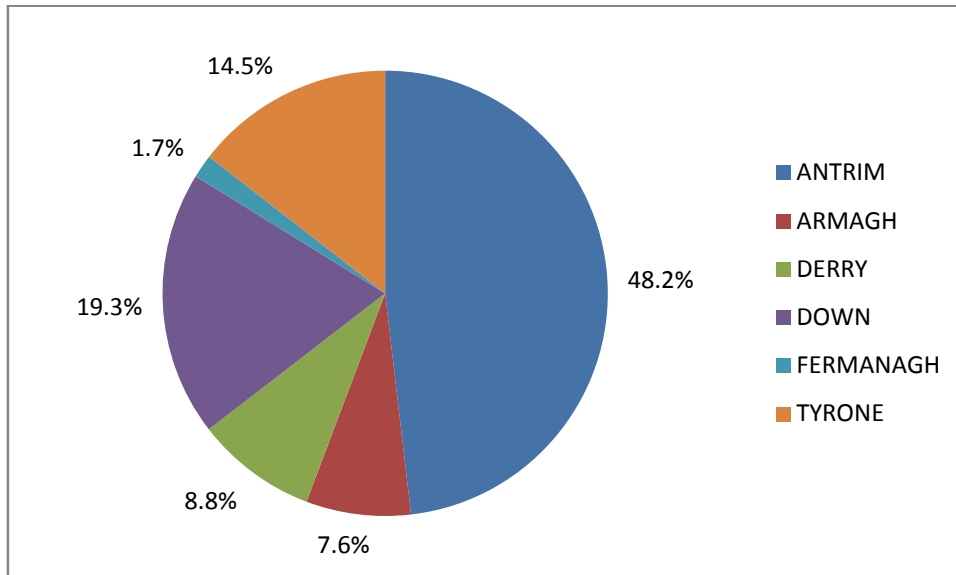
## Q2 2008 V Q2 2009

In the table below we take a look at the Value of CCJs in Quarter 2 of 2008 and compare this to the same period in 2009. This shows a massive increase in both the number and value of CCJs in Quarter 2 2009 compared to Quarter 2 2008. Overall there was an increase of 88% in CCJs in Quarter 2 2009 against Quarter 2 2008

	Q2 2008	Q2 2009
Count	173	229
Value (£)	587,924	1,103,182
Average CJ Value (£)	3,398	4,817

## Breakdown by County

We can also break this down by County to see which County is coming under most pressure from CCJs. Antrim accounted for the majority of CCJs with 48%, followed by Down with 19% and Tyrone with 14.5%. The lowest offender were companies based in Fermanagh.



The table below compares the % difference between Quarter 2 2009 and the same period in 2008. The biggest increase came in Armagh with a massive 386%, followed by Down with an increase of 237%. Fermanagh was the only county where the value of CCJs didn't increase in Quarter 2 2009 compared to Quarter 2 2008.

	Q2 2008	Q2 2009	
	Value	Value	% Difference
ANTRIM	317,842	531,400	67
ARMAGH	17,279	83,985	386
DERRY	47,728	96,895	103
DOWN	63,046	212,708	237
FERMANAGH	27,305	18,372	- 67
TYRONE	114,724	159,822	39
	<b>587,924</b>	<b>1,103,182</b>	<b>88</b>

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