

**Equifax 2009 UK Business Failures Report  
Quarter 3 2009**

**REGIONS**

|                           | <b>Q1 2008<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Q1 2009<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Quarter 1<br/>2009<br/>compared to<br/>Quarter 1<br/>2008<br/>% change</b> | <b>Q2 2008<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Q2 2009<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Quarter 2<br/>2009<br/>compared to<br/>Quarter 2 2008<br/>% change</b> | <b>Q2<br/>compared<br/>to Q1 2009<br/>% change</b> | <b>Q3 2008<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Q3 2009<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Quarter 3<br/>2009<br/>compared to<br/>Quarter 3 2008<br/>% change</b> | <b>Q3<br/>compared<br/>to Q2 2009<br/>% change</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| East Midlands             | 393                        | 539                        | +37.2%  | 391                        | 545                        | +39.4%  | +1.1%  | 388                        | 448                        | +15.5%  | -17.8%   |
| East England              | 322                        | 453                        | +40.7%  | 331                        | 479                        | +44.7%  | +5.7%  | 309                        | 400                        | +29.4%  | -16.5%   |
| London                    | 1427                       | 1739                       | +21.9%  | 1378                       | 1902                       | +38%  | +9.4%  | 1459                       | 1581                       | +8.4%   | -16.9%   |
| North East                | 175                        | 320                        | +82.9%  | 212                        | 274                        | +29.2%  | -14.4%   | 216                        | 204                        | -5.6%   | -25.5%   |
| North West                | 862                        | 1216                       | +41.1%  | 853                        | 1174                       | +37.6%  | -3.5%  | 911                        | 1098                       | +20.5%  | -6.5%  |
| Scotland                  | 301                        | 245                        | +18.6%  | 320                        | 276                        | -13.8%  | +12.7%   | 302                        | 254                        | -15.9%  | -8%  |
| South East                | 1108                       | 1634                       | +47.5%  | 1167                       | 1664                       | +42.6%  | +1.8%  | 1225                       | 1385                       | +13.1%  | -16.8%   |
| South West                | 367                        | 474                        | +29.2%  | 350                        | 483                        | +38%  | +1.9%  | 384                        | 447                        | +16.4%  | -7.5%  |
| Wales                     | 156                        | 233                        | +49.4%  | 174                        | 209                        | +20.1%  | -10.3%   | 179                        | 156                        | +12.8%  | -25.4%   |
| West Midlands             | 640                        | 859                        | +34.2%  | 606                        | 940                        | +55.1%  | +9.4%  | 704                        | 841                        | +19.5%  | -10.5%   |
| Yorkshire &<br>Humberside | 641                        | 930                        | +45.1%  | 585                        | 881                        | +50.6%  | -5.3%  | 686                        | 812                        | +18.4%  | -7.8%  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>6427</b>                | <b>8684</b>                | <b>+35%</b>   | <b>6409</b>                | <b>8874</b>                | <b>+38.5%</b>   | <b>+2.2%</b>                                       | <b>6799</b>                | <b>7674</b>                | <b>+12.9%</b>   | <b>-13.5%</b>                                      |

## SECTORS

|                               | <b>Q1 2008<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Q1 2009<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Quarter 1<br/>2009<br/>compared to<br/>Quarter 1<br/>2008<br/>% change</b> | <b>Quarter<br/>2 2008<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Quarter<br/>2 2009<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Quarter 2<br/>2009<br/>compared<br/>to Quarter<br/>2 2008<br/>% change</b> | <b>Q2<br/>compared<br/>to Q1 2009<br/>% change</b> | <b>Q3 2008<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Q3 2009<br/>Numbers</b> | <b>Quarter 3<br/>2009<br/>compared<br/>to Quarter<br/>3 2008<br/>% change</b> | <b>Q3<br/>compared<br/>to Q2 2009<br/>% change</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| Construction                  | 805                        | 1330                       | +65.2%  | 783                                   | 1275                                  | +62.8%  | -4.1%  | 899                        | 1084                       | +20.6%  | -15%   |
| Manufacturing                 | 558                        | 806                        | +44.4%  | 547                                   | 829                                   | +51.6%  | +2.9%  | 635                        | 709                        | +11.7%  | -14.5%   |
| Wholesale                     | 266                        | 371                        | +39.4%  | 270                                   | 352                                   | +30.4%  | -5.1%  | 259                        | 284                        | +9.7%   | -19.4%   |
| Services                      | 1751                       | 2026                       | +15.7%  | 1658                                  | 2247                                  | +35.5%  | +10.9%   | 1678                       | 1936                       | +15.4%  | -13.8%   |
| Retail                        | 502                        | 727                        | +44.8%  | 479                                   | 641                                   | +33.8%  | -11.8%   | 516                        | 550                        | +6.6%   | -14.2%   |
| Transport &<br>Communications | 236                        | 326                        | +38.1%  | 234                                   | 313                                   | +33.8%  | -4%  | 264                        | 261                        | -1.1%   | -16.6%   |