

Appendix B1: Sample sizes and response rates

	Bankrupts	Individuals	Businesses
Population definition	Undischarged bankrupts where a bankruptcy order was made after 1 April 2004	Adults aged 15 years and over	Sole proprietorships in England & Wales
Population size	52,000 (est.) ¹	42 million (est.) ²	2.7 million (est.) ³
Sample definition and size	All bankrupts interviewed by the Official Receiver in the two-week period commencing 30 October 2006, i.e. 30 October to 10 November 2006 – estimated sample size of 2,300 bankrupts ⁴	1,000 adults aged 15 years and over, designed to be representative of all adults in telephone-owning households in Great Britain.	7,000 sole proprietorships in England & Wales, stratified according to Government Office Regions (SIC2003 codes from sectors A through to O only) on the Inter-Departmental Business Register ⁵
Number of responses received	1,197	1,000	1,408

¹ Based on internal data held by The Insolvency Service

² Information based on table S001 (Age by sex and resident type in England & Wales) from the 2001 Census data.

³ Based on the Small Business Service SME Statistics

⁴ Based on internal data held by The Insolvency Service

⁵ The Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR) is the comprehensive list of UK businesses that is used by Government for statistical purposes. It is based on inputs from three administrative sources: traders registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) purposes with HMRC (Customs); employers operating a Pay As You Earn (PAYE) scheme, registered with the HMRC (Revenue); and incorporated businesses registered at Companies House.