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Series 1B: Notification of companies entering external administration – Weekly update

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, ASIC will release weekly statistics of companies entering external administration (new Series 1B.1 to 1B.6).

Source

The source of these statistics is appointment documents (e.g. Forms 505) lodged with ASIC by external administrators and controllers. Scheme administrations are not included in these statistics.

Series 1 – Companies entering external administration

To improve the accuracy of published information, we currently release Series 1 statistics about companies entering external administration and controller appointments one month in arrears (e.g. statistics published for the month relate to appointments made in the preceding month) because:

- the statutory period for lodging appointment documents differs for appointment types:
 - within 14 days after appointment for court liquidations, creditors voluntary winding ups and controller appointments
 - within one business day for voluntary administrations(e.g. a form notifying of an appointment that occurs on the last day of the month may not be required to be lodged until the 14th day of the next month)
- The lodgment may be late (NOTE: this may be exacerbated by the impact of COVID-19);
- the lodgment may be late, which may be exacerbated by COVID-19
- ASIC may not have processed paper forms received by month end
- the data is collated based on the date of appointment, not the form lodgment date.

Series 1B.1 and 1B.2: Notification of appointment of companies entering external administration and controller appointments - weekly

- Weekly figures (shaded in blue) are the number of appointment documents lodged only and do not accurately represent the total number of external administration and controller appointments in the period.
- The weekly figures will be updated each week for new lodgments of appointment documents until the statistics for a given period have been published in the monthly statistics (Series 1).
- The number of appointment documents lodged in the most recent two weeks (shaded red) will be subject to the greatest increases as additional appointment documents are lodged, and should not be taken as representing the actual number of external administration and controller appointments in those weeks.

Series 1B.3 and 1B.5: Notification of appointment of companies entering external administration and controller appointments – 12-month rolling average (with comparison to prior year rolling average)

- The 12-month rolling average is provided by appointment type (1B.3) and region (1B.5) and includes:
 - the actual number of external administration and controllers appointments reported in the most recently published Series 1 statistics (with the published appointment statistics for the first month of the rolling average period pro-rated based on the number of days in that month included in the rolling average period)
 - provisional statistics for the subsequent period up to the stated period end reporting date. The provisional statistics are based on the number of appointment documents lodged. (NOTE: The provisional statistics will change and be updated as additional appointment documents are lodged for appointments made during the reporting period).

Example: The number of external administration and controller appointments for the rolling average period 6 April 2019 to 5 April 2020 includes:

- Series 1 statistics for the month of April 2019 (pro-rated based on the number of days during the period 6 April to 30 April e.g. for 24/30 of the Series 1 statistics for April 2019)
- Series 1 statistics for the period 1 May 2019 to 28 February 2020
- provisional statistics for the period 1 March 2020 to 5 April 2020.

This number is compared to the actual number of external administration and controller appointments reported in Series 1 for the corresponding previous 12-month period (e.g. 6 April 2018 to 5 April 2019) with appointments for April 2018 and 2019 pro-rated based on the number of days (e.g. 24/30 days in April 2018 and 5/30 days in April 2019 respectively).

For clarity, we break out provisional numbers into separate tables for appointments made in the preceding full month (which has not yet been published in the Series 1 statistics) and the current part month.

Series 1B.4 and 1B.6: Notification of appointment of companies entering external administration and controller appointments – financial year to date (with comparison to prior financial year)

- The financial year to date statistics are provided by appointment (1B.4) and region (1B.6) and include:
 - the most recent Series 1 statistics for the current financial year
 - provisional statistics for the subsequent period up to the stated period end reporting date. The provisional statistics are based on the number of appointment documents lodged. (NOTE: The provisional statistics will change and be updated as additional appointment documents are lodged for appointments made during the reporting period).

Example: The number of external administration and controller appointments for the financial year to date 1 July 2019 to 5 April 2020 includes:

- Series 1 statistics for the period 1 July 2019 to 28 February 2020
- provisional statistics for the period 1 March 2020 to 5 April 2020

This number is compared to the actual number of external administration and controller appointments reported for the corresponding period in the previous financial year (e.g. 1 July 2018 to 5 April 2019) with appointments for April 2019 pro-rated based on the number of days in the reporting period (e.g. 5/30 of the Series 1 statistics for April 2019).

For clarity, we break out provisional numbers into separate tables for appointments made in the preceding full month (which has not yet been published in Series 1) and the current part month.

Table 1B.1: Companies entering external administration and controller appointments - WEEKLY, FY20 & FY21 YTD

WEEK		FY20	FY21	Change from same week last year		Change from last week	
Starting	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	No.	%
1-Jul	Wk 01	177	103	-74	-41.8%	0	0.0%
8-Jul	Wk 02	134	82	-52	-38.8%	-11	-20.4%
15-Jul	Wk 03	176	96	-80	-45.5%	14	17.1%
22-Jul	Wk 04	171	60	-111	-64.9%	-36	-37.5%
29-Jul	Wk 05	185	60	-125	-67.6%	0	0.0%
5-Aug	Wk 06	179	82	-97	-54.2%	22	36.7%
12-Aug	Wk 07	175	60	-115	-65.7%	-22	-26.8%
19-Aug	Wk 08	149	65	-84	-56.4%	5	8.3%
26-Aug	Wk 09	171	47	-124	-72.5%	-18	-27.7%
2-Sep	Wk 10	166	70	-96	-57.8%	23	48.9%
9-Sep	Wk 11	178	80	-98	-55.1%	10	14.3%
16-Sep	Wk 12	148	69	-79	-53.4%	-11	-13.8%
23-Sep	Wk 13	140	58	-82	-58.6%	-11	-15.9%
30-Sep	Wk 14	168	64	-104	-61.9%	6	10.3%
7-Oct	Wk 15	149	67	-82	-55.0%	3	4.7%
14-Oct	Wk 16	171	68	-103	-60.2%	1	1.5%
21-Oct	Wk 17	163	58	-105	-64.4%	-10	-14.7%
28-Oct	Wk 18	159	56	-103	-64.8%	-2	-3.4%
4-Nov	Wk 19	148	63	-85	-57.4%	7	12.5%
11-Nov	Wk 20	136	68	-68	-50.0%	5	7.9%
18-Nov	Wk 21	177	56	-121	-68.4%	-12	-17.6%
25-Nov	Wk 22	186	119	-67	-36.0%	63	112.5%
2-Dec	Wk 23	188	75	-113	-60.1%	-44	-37.0%
9-Dec	Wk 24	139	89	-50	-36.0%	14	18.7%
16-Dec	Wk 25	215	167	-48	-22.3%	78	87.6%
23-Dec	Wk 26	19	61	42	221.1%	-106	-63.5%
30-Dec	Wk 27	14	59	45	321.4%	-2	-3.3%
6-Jan	Wk 28	79					
13-Jan	Wk 29	96					
20-Jan	Wk 30	107					
27-Jan	Wk 31	109					
3-Feb	Wk 32	182					
10-Feb	Wk 33	160					
17-Feb	Wk 34	151					
24-Feb	Wk 35	210					
3-Mar	Wk 36	153					
10-Mar	Wk 37	145					
17-Mar	Wk 38	164					
24-Mar	Wk 39	143					
31-Mar	Wk 40	140					
7-Apr	Wk 41	68					
14-Apr	Wk 42	127					
21-Apr	Wk 43	69					
28-Apr	Wk 44	84					
5-May	Wk 45	97					
12-May	Wk 46	95					
19-May	Wk 47	106					
26-May	Wk 48	107					
2-Jun	Wk 49	63					
9-Jun	Wk 50	89					
16-Jun	Wk 51	95					
23-Jun	Wk 52	103					

Note: Shading indicates the figures are provisional and subject to revision given time lag in lodging forms

Table 1B.2: Companies entering external administration and controller appointments - Appointment type, WEEKLY (comparison to same week last year), FY20 & FY21 YTD

WEEK		COURT WINDING UP			CREDITORS VOL WINDING UP			RECEIVERSHIPS			ADMINISTRATION			TOTAL		
Starting	No.	FY20	FY21	Change	FY20	FY21	Change	FY20	FY21	Change	FY20	FY21	Change	FY20	FY21	Change
1-Jul	Wk 01	38	21	-17	92	52	-40	28	14	-14	19	16	-3	177	103	-74
8-Jul	Wk 02	34	3	-31	81	61	-20	3	7	4	16	11	-5	134	82	-52
15-Jul	Wk 03	53	22	-31	84	47	-37	11	9	-2	28	18	-10	176	96	-80
22-Jul	Wk 04	50	7	-43	87	41	-46	7	2	-5	27	10	-17	171	60	-111
29-Jul	Wk 05	59	11	-48	89	37	-52	14	4	-10	23	8	-15	185	60	-125
5-Aug	Wk 06	53	14	-39	100	51	-49	11	8	-3	15	9	-6	179	82	-97
12-Aug	Wk 07	42	4	-38	105	41	-64	9	7	-2	19	8	-11	175	60	-115
19-Aug	Wk 08	39	3	-36	78	42	-36	8	11	3	24	9	-15	149	65	-84
26-Aug	Wk 09	40	3	-37	90	33	-57	10	4	-6	31	7	-24	171	47	-124
2-Sep	Wk 10	49	5	-44	82	44	-38	10	12	2	25	9	-16	166	70	-96
9-Sep	Wk 11	53	1	-52	84	54	-30	20	20	0	21	5	-16	178	80	-98
16-Sep	Wk 12	34	3	-31	85	50	-35	11	6	-5	18	10	-8	148	69	-79
23-Sep	Wk 13	49	4	-45	60	41	-19	10	7	-3	21	6	-15	140	58	-82
30-Sep	Wk 14	54	2	-52	65	45	-20	10	7	-3	39	10	-29	168	64	-104
7-Oct	Wk 15	54	4	-50	70	46	-24	8	10	2	17	7	-10	149	67	-82
14-Oct	Wk 16	47	1	-46	85	47	-38	13	10	-3	26	10	-16	171	68	-103
21-Oct	Wk 17	40	5	-35	86	36	-50	8	14	6	29	3	-26	163	58	-105
28-Oct	Wk 18	42	2	-40	78	38	-40	17	10	-7	22	6	-16	159	56	-103
4-Nov	Wk 19	46	4	-42	72	44	-28	12	0	-12	18	15	-3	148	63	-85
11-Nov	Wk 20	40	5	-35	63	41	-22	9	10	1	24	12	-12	136	68	-68
18-Nov	Wk 21	49	2	-47	54	40	-14	12	6	-6	62	8	-54	177	56	-121
25-Nov	Wk 22	56	10	-46	86	46	-40	19	10	-9	25	53	28	186	119	-67
2-Dec	Wk 23	71	2	-69	74	42	-32	18	20	2	25	11	-14	188	75	-113
9-Dec	Wk 24	33	3	-30	79	70	-9	9	6	-3	18	10	-8	139	89	-50
16-Dec	Wk 25	46	7	-39	115	140	25	11	7	-4	43	13	-30	215	167	-48
23-Dec	Wk 26	2	4	2	13	36	23	0	1	1	4	20	16	19	61	42
30-Dec	Wk 27	0	0	0	11	20	9	0	1	1	3	38	35	14	59	45
6-Jan	Wk 28	1			59			5			14			79		
13-Jan	Wk 29	9			51			16			20			96		
20-Jan	Wk 30	31			55			4			17			107		
27-Jan	Wk 31	25			59			11			14			109		
3-Feb	Wk 32	54			79			31			18			182		
10-Feb	Wk 33	39			62			6			53			160		
17-Feb	Wk 34	41			84			9			17			151		
24-Feb	Wk 35	45			116			23			26			210		
3-Mar	Wk 36	34			82			5			32			153		
10-Mar	Wk 37	33			79			13			20			145		
17-Mar	Wk 38	41			83			19			21			164		
24-Mar	Wk 39	19			93			13			18			143		
31-Mar	Wk 40	31			78			10			21			140		
7-Apr	Wk 41	20			30			9			9			68		
14-Apr	Wk 42	16			50			4			57			127		
21-Apr	Wk 43	15			35			7			12			69		
28-Apr	Wk 44	18			41			9			16			84		
5-May	Wk 45	14			55			14			14			97		
12-May	Wk 46	25			48			11			11			95		
19-May	Wk 47	14			54			26			12			106		
26-May	Wk 48	17			50			11			29			107		
2-Jun	Wk 49	14			36			6			7			63		
9-Jun	Wk 50	13			56			8			12			89		
16-Jun	Wk 51	22			49			11			13			95		
23-Jun	Wk 52	11			59			15			18			103		

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Chart 1B.1: Companies entering EXAD and controller appointments WEEKLY (comparison to same week last year)

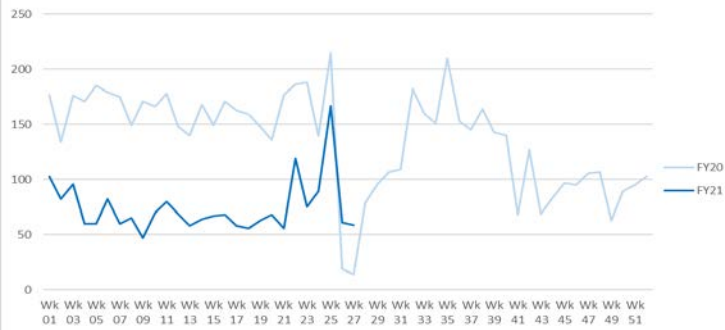


Chart 1B.2: Companies entering EXAD and controller appointments - Appointment type WEEKLY (comparison to same week last year)

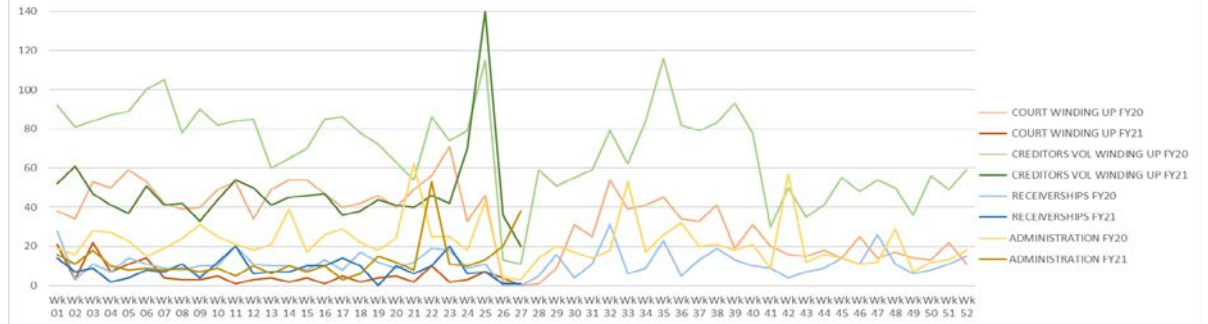


Table 1B.3: Companies entering external administration and controller appointments - Appointment type, 12-month rolling average

Rolling YTD (Published)	Nov-19	Nov-20	% change
Court wind-up	2,168	758	(65.0%)
Creditors wind-up	3,798	2,560	(32.6%)
Controller appointments	618	485	(21.5%)
Voluntary Administration	1,200	755	(37.1%)
Total	7,783	4,557	(41.4%)

Monthly (Provisional)	1-27 Dec 2019	1-27 Dec 2020	% change
Court wind-up	133	13	(90.2%)
Creditors wind-up	297	286	(3.7%)
Controller appointments	39	37	(5.6%)
Voluntary Administration	65	47	(28.0%)
Total	535	383	(28.4%)

12 Month rolling average (Provisional)	27 Dec 2019	27 Dec 2020	% change
Court wind-up	2,301	771	(66.5%)
Creditors wind-up	4,095	2,846	(30.5%)
Controller appointments	657	522	(20.6%)
Voluntary Administration	1,265	802	(36.6%)
Total	8,318	4,940	(40.6%)

Chart 1B.3: Companies entering external administration and controller appointments - Appointment type, 12-month rolling average to 27 Dec 2020

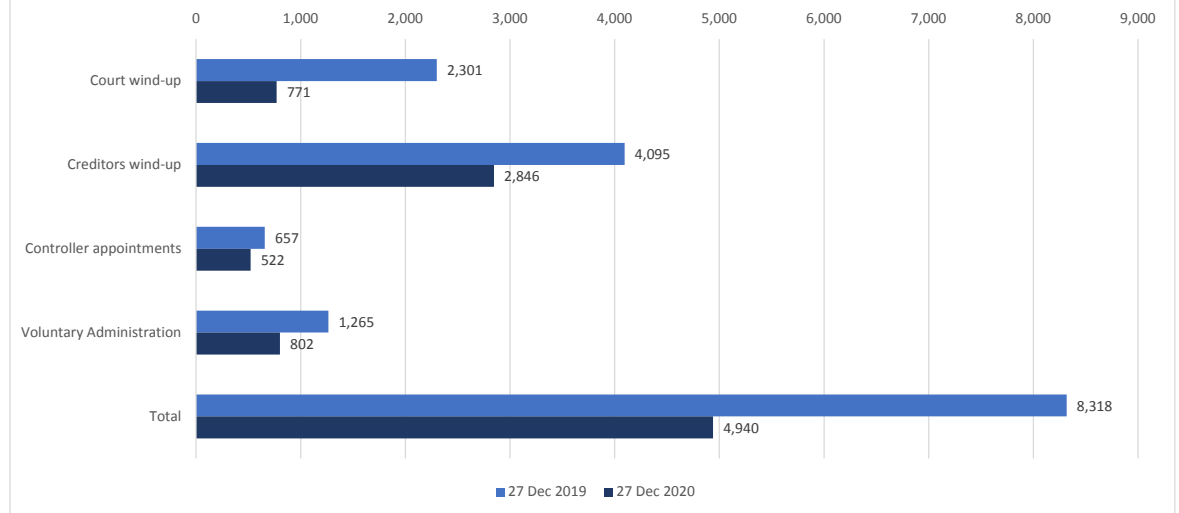


Table 1B.4: Companies entering external administration and controller appointments - Appointment type, Financial year to date (20 Dec 2020)

Financial YTD (Published)	Nov-19	Nov-20	% change
Court wind-up	997	136	(86.4%)
Creditors wind-up	1,838	967	(47.4%)
Controller appointments	338	185	(45.3%)
Voluntary Administration	625	243	(61.1%)
Total	3,798	1,531	(59.7%)

Monthly (Provisional)	1-27 Dec 2019	1-27 Dec 2020	% change
Court wind-up	133	13	(90.2%)
Creditors wind-up	297	286	(3.7%)
Controller appointments	39	37	(5.6%)
Voluntary Administration	65	47	(28.0%)
Total	535	383	(28.4%)

Financial YTD (Provisional)	27 Dec 2019	27 Dec 2020	% change
Court wind-up	1,130	149	(86.8%)
Creditors wind-up	2,135	1,253	(41.3%)
Controller appointments	377	222	(41.1%)
Voluntary Administration	690	290	(58.0%)
Total	4,333	1,914	(55.8%)

Chart 1B.4: Companies entering external administration and controller appointments - Appointment type, financial year to date (27 Dec 2020)

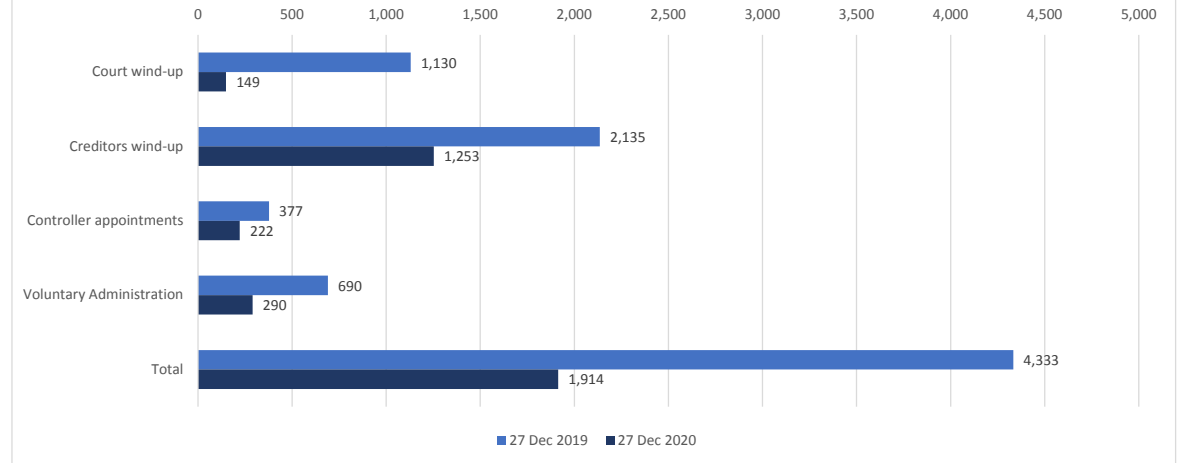


Table 1B.5: Companies entering external administration and controller appointments - Region, 12-month rolling average

Rolling YTD (Published)	Nov-19	Nov-20	% change
New South Wales	2,764	1,600	(42.1%)
Victoria	2,287	1,404	(38.6%)
Queensland	1,479	867	(41.3%)
South Australia	310	165	(46.8%)
Western Australia	725	384	(47.1%)
Tasmania	47	12	(73.6%)
Northern Territory	37	26	(27.9%)
Australian Capital Territory	134	99	(26.4%)
Total	7,783	4,557	(41.4%)

Monthly (Provisional)	1-27 Dec 2019	1-27 Dec 2020	% change
New South Wales	198	165	(16.5%)
Victoria	140	105	(25.1%)
Queensland	123	72	(41.4%)
South Australia	25	8	(68.3%)
Western Australia	39	23	(41.3%)
Tasmania	2	1	(42.5%)
Northern Territory	3	2	(23.4%)
Australian Capital Territory	5	7	33.8%
Total	535	383	(28.4%)

12 Month rolling average (Provisional)	27 Dec 2019	27 Dec 2020	% change
New South Wales	2,962	1,765	(40.4%)
Victoria	2,428	1,509	(37.9%)
Queensland	1,601	939	(41.3%)
South Australia	335	173	(48.4%)
Western Australia	765	407	(46.8%)
Tasmania	48	13	(72.5%)
Northern Territory	39	28	(27.6%)
Australian Capital Territory	139	106	(24.1%)
Total	8,317	4,940	(40.6%)

Chart 1B.5: Companies entering external administration and controller appointments - Region, 12-month rolling average to 27 Dec 2020

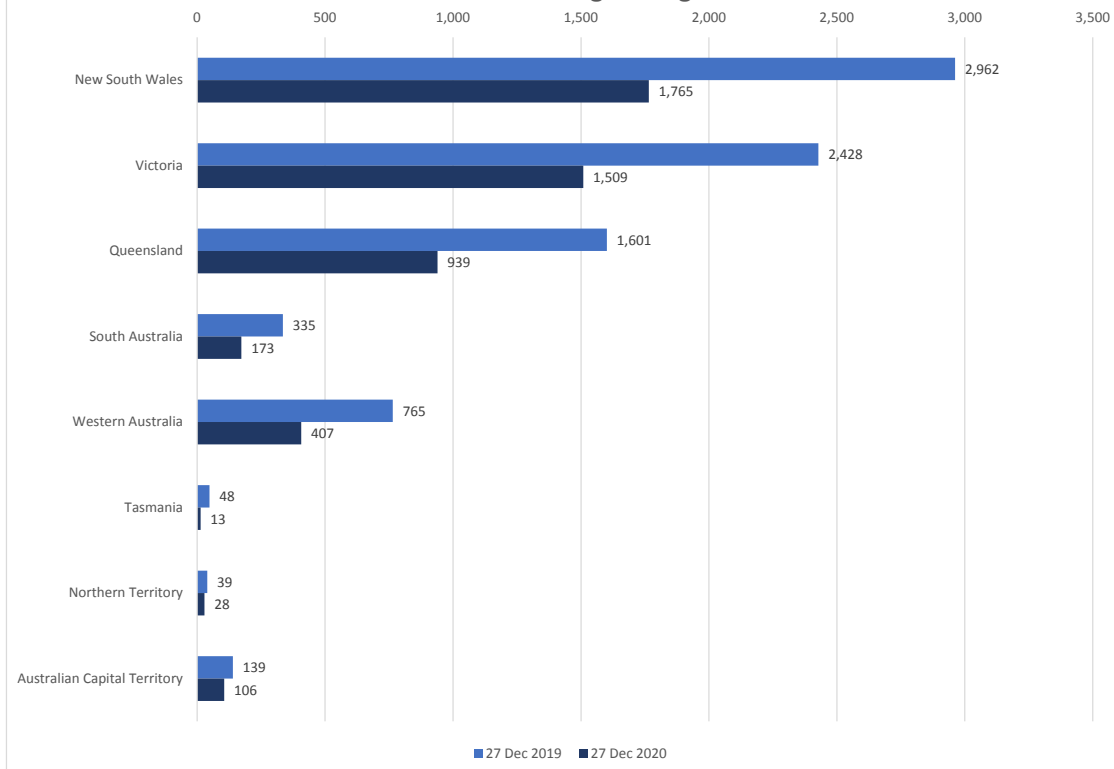


Table 1B.6: Companies entering external administration and controller appointments - Region, Financial year to date (20 Dec 2020)

Financial YTD (Published)	Nov-19	Nov-20	% change
New South Wales	1,376	558	(59.4%)
Victoria	1,164	474	(59.3%)
Queensland	693	282	(59.3%)
South Australia	134	43	(67.9%)
Western Australia	333	125	(62.5%)
Tasmania	13	1	(92.3%)
Northern Territory	19	4	(78.9%)
Australian Capital Territory	66	44	(33.3%)
Total	3,798	1,531	(59.7%)

Monthly (Provisional)	1-27 Dec 2019	1-27 Dec 2020	% change
New South Wales	198	165	(16.5%)
Victoria	140	105	(25.1%)
Queensland	123	72	(41.4%)
South Australia	25	8	(68.3%)
Western Australia	39	23	(41.3%)
Tasmania	2	1	(42.5%)
Northern Territory	3	2	(23.4%)
Australian Capital Territory	5	7	33.8%
Total	535	383	(28.4%)

Financial YTD (Provisional)	27 Dec 2019	27 Dec 2020	% change
New South Wales	1,574	723	(54.1%)
Victoria	1,304	579	(55.6%)
Queensland	816	354	(56.6%)
South Australia	159	51	(68.0%)
Western Australia	372	148	(60.2%)
Tasmania	15	2	(86.4%)
Northern Territory	22	6	(72.2%)
Australian Capital Territory	71	51	(28.4%)
Total	4,333	1,914	(55.8%)

Chart 1B.6: Companies entering external administration and controller appointments - Region, Financial year to date (27 Dec 2020)

