

Who is making Australians bankrupt?

What is bankruptcy?

Bankruptcy is a process where a person is declared as being insolvent; that is, they are legally unable to pay their debts when they fall due. Bankruptcy can be voluntary (the debtor initiates it) or forced (the creditor initiates it).

This data shows applications by creditors for forced bankruptcy for 2018 – 19.

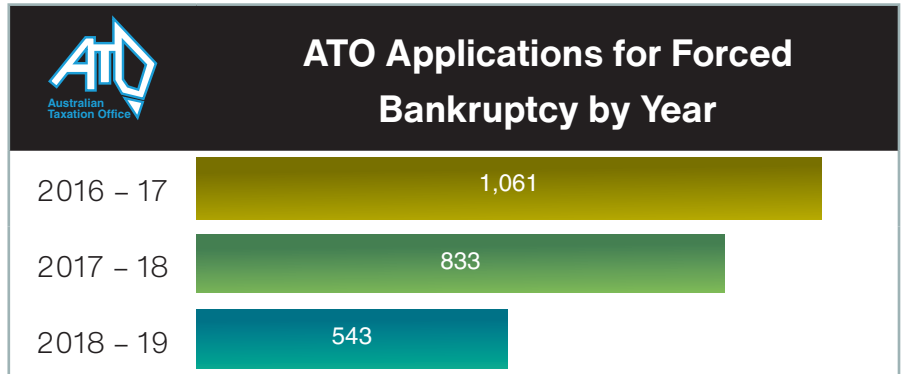


Why is forced bankruptcy such a problem?

The experience of being forced into bankruptcy is highly stressful for people. It involves court proceedings, and substantial costs are added by the process. People can be forced into bankruptcy for a debt as a little as \$5,000. This means a small credit card debt could lead to the loss of the family home.



What does the data show about applications for bankruptcy?



■ Debt collectors
 ■ Major banks
 ■ Non-Major banks
■ Charge card
 ■ Finance companies
 ■ Body corporates

Credit Corp	0
Prushka	0
Pioneer	1
ACM Group	2
Axess Debt Management	8
Baycorp	19
Complete Credit Acquisitions	20
CCC Financial Solutions	28
Lion Finance (Collection House)	512
ANZ	0
NAB	1
Westpac	1
Commonwealth	7
Citibank	0
HSBC	0
AMP	4
Bank of Queensland	6
Macquarie	7
Bendigo & Adelaide	36
Diners Club	0
American Express	119
Latitude	0
Liberty Financial	0
Pepper Money	0
Toyota Finance	2
BMW	23
Body corporates	56