



ISI Statistics
Quarter 1 2019



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THE DEBT RELIEF NOTICE (DRN) PROVIDES FOR THE WRITE-OFF OF QUALIFYING DEBT UP TO €35,000 SUBJECT TO A 3-YEAR SUPERVISION PERIOD.

THE DEBT SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENT (DSA) PROVIDES FOR THE AGREED SETTLEMENT OF UNSECURED DEBT WITH NO LIMITS INVOLVED OVER A PERIOD OF UP TO 5 YEARS.

THE PERSONAL INSOLVENCY ARRANGEMENT (PIA) PROVIDES FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OR SETTLEMENT OF SECURED DEBT UP TO €3M (UNLESS ALL SECURED CREDITORS CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF A HIGHER AMOUNT) AND THE SETTLEMENT OF UNSECURED DEBT OVER A PERIOD OF UP TO 6 YEARS.

IN THE CASE OF A DSA OR PIA, AFTER A PROTECTIVE CERTIFICATE ISSUES, PERSONAL INSOLVENCY PRACTITIONERS (PIPS) WILL HAVE 70 DAYS IN WHICH TO DEVELOP AN ARRANGEMENT.

1 Foreword

I am pleased to publish the statistical report of the Insolvency Service of Ireland (ISI) covering the first quarter of 2019 (Q1). Key statistics for Quarter 1 2019 are as follows:

- 854 New Applications
- 376 Protective Certificates
- 347 Arrangements approved
- 83 Bankruptcies

This in comparison with Quarter 1 2018 shows:

- Arrangements approved up 16%
- New Applications down 14%
- Protective Certificates down 19%
- Bankruptcy Adjudications down 31%

The ISI has recently completed a targeted awareness campaign designed to increase awareness of insolvency solutions in regions where there is a low take-up.

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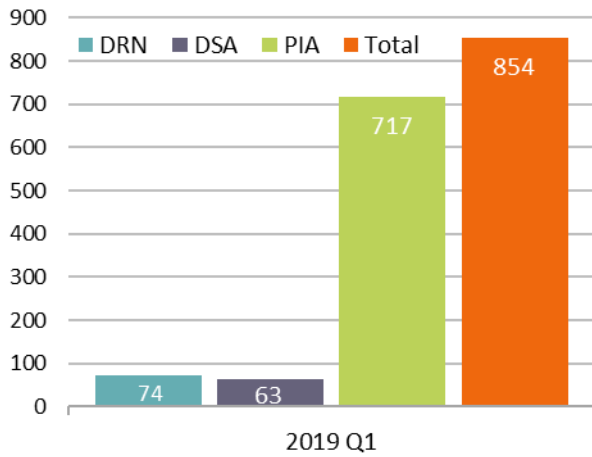
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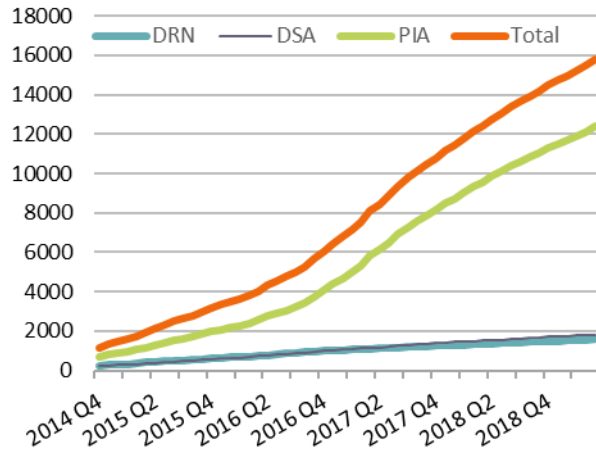
These statistics are for information purposes only. No person should place reliance on the accuracy of the statistics, nor should they act solely based on them. The statistics are primarily based upon cases created by duly authorised Approved Intermediaries and Personal Insolvency Practitioners on the ISI Case Management System, the official registers of Approved Intermediaries and Personal Insolvency Practitioners and the statement of affairs submitted by those seeking to be declared bankrupt. Figures cover the period 01 January 2019 to 31 March 2019, unless otherwise stated.

2 Case Management – DRN, DSA, PIA

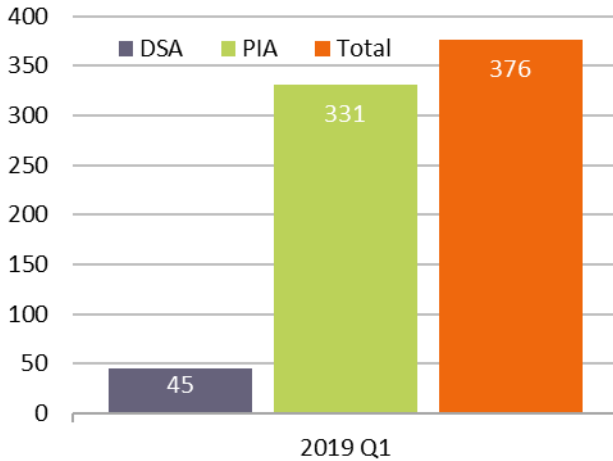
854 new applications in Q1



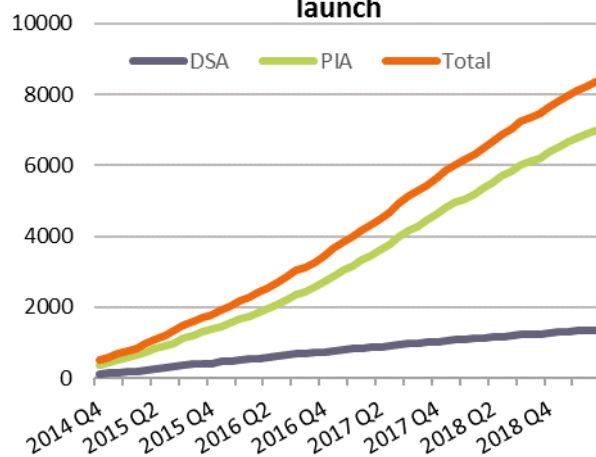
15,783 applications since launch



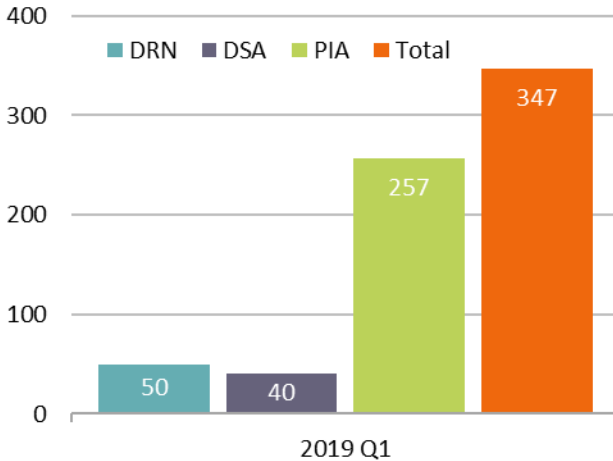
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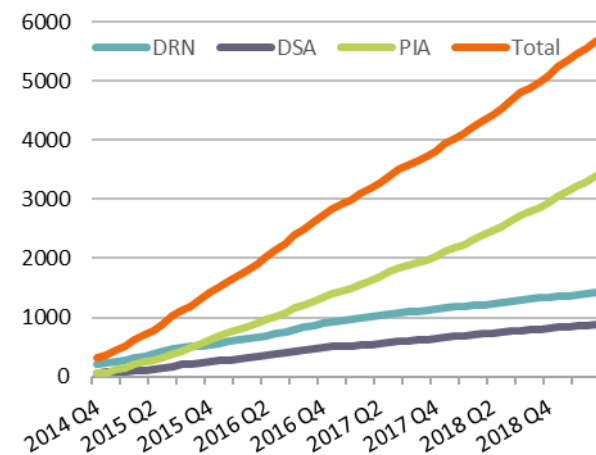
8,356 Protective Certificates since launch



347 Arrangements in Q1



5,689 Arrangements since launch



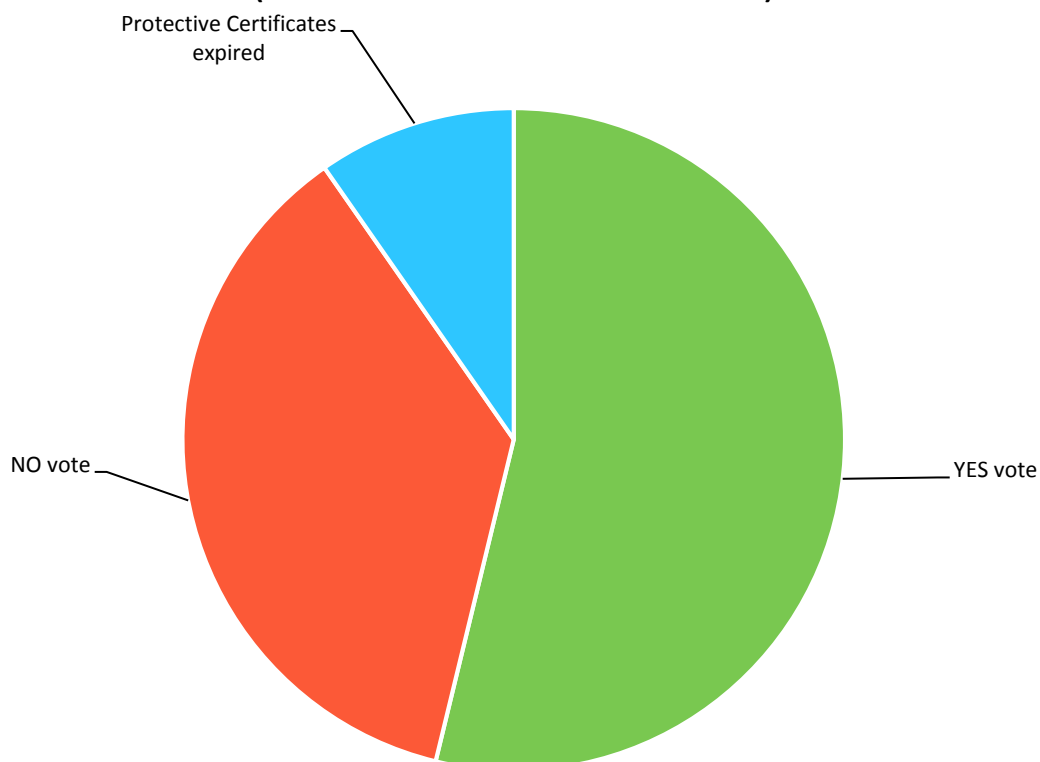
3 Outcome of Protective Certificates

The ISI has undertaken an analysis of Protective Certificates issued and their outcomes. The analysis has been broken down into three categories:

- **Yes Vote:** Personal Insolvency Practitioner (PIP) successfully uses the Protective Certificate period of 70 days to put an agreement in place between the debtor and his or her creditors, following a vote at the creditors' meeting.
- **No Vote:** PIP is unsuccessful in reaching an agreement, following a vote at the creditors' meeting, between the debtor and his or her creditors.
- **Protective Certificate Expired:** The Protective Certificate can expire, without a formal insolvency solution in place, if the PIP is of the view that a Debt Settlement Arrangement/Personal Insolvency Arrangement is no longer appropriate. For example, where further time is required to prepare the case, where the debtor's circumstances have changed, where the PIP is of the view that a No vote is inevitable or where an alternative solution has been put in place between the debtor and his or her creditors. Once a Protective Certificate expires, information relating to any further action taken by the debtor in relation to their financial situation is not readily available to the ISI as the Debt Settlement Arrangement/Personal Insolvency Arrangement procedure is deemed to have ended.

Where a proposal for a PIA is not approved at a creditors' meeting, the Court may be asked to review the case in certain circumstances, in accordance with Section 115A of the Personal Insolvency Act. Further details concerning the Section 115A Court Review process is contained in the [ISI's Annual Report for 2017](#). It is intended that further analysis will also be included in future Annual Reports.

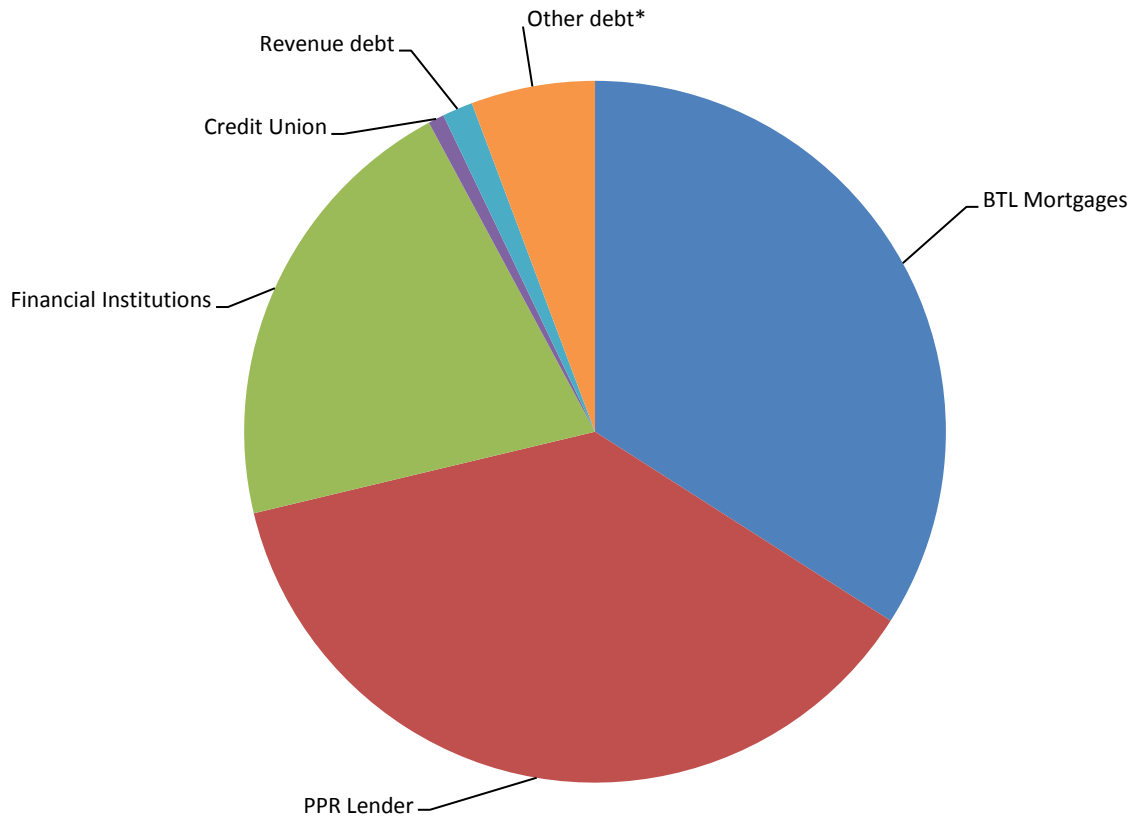
Outcome of Protective Certificates (from 2013 Q4 to 2019 Q1)



| Outcome | DSA | PIA | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| YES vote | 70.3% | 50.5% | 53.8% |
| NO vote | 19.9% | 39.8% | 36.5% |
| Protective Certificates expired | 9.8% | 9.7% | 9.7% |

4 Qualifying Debt – DRN, DSA, PIA

€475 Million Qualifying Debt

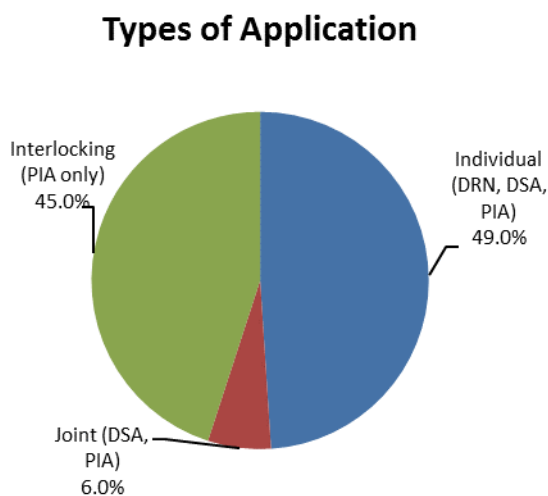
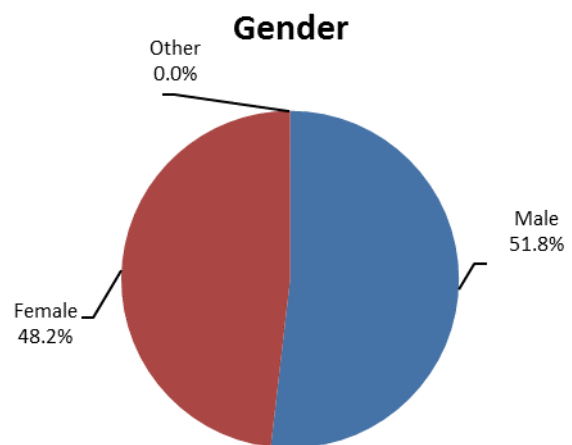
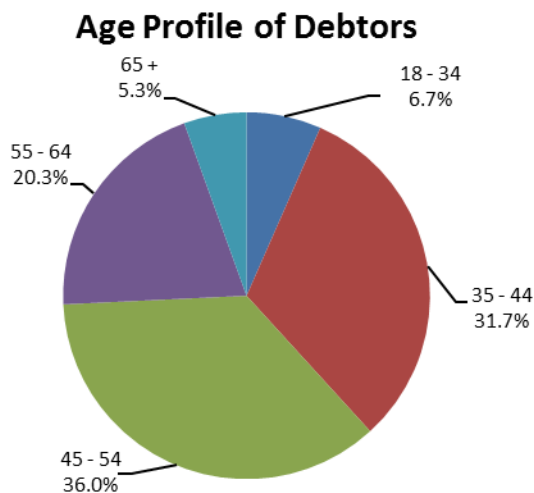
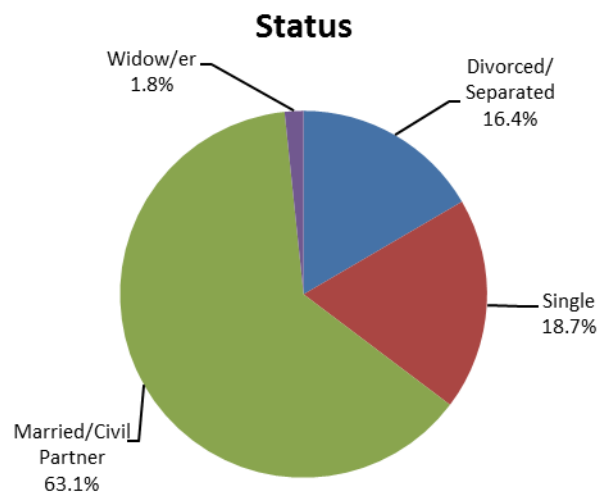
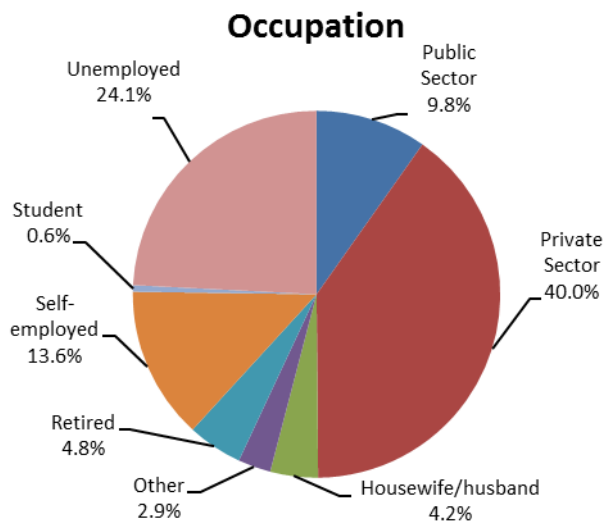


**Other debt includes trade creditors, connected creditors, contingent debt, hire purchase, personal guarantees, utilities, store cards/catalogues and professional fees.*

The total debt involved in the 854 new cases created in Q1 is approximately €475 million. You can find a breakdown of the type of debt in the chart above and the table below.

| Type of debt | Value of debt (millions) | As a % of total |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| BTL Mortgages | € 161.792 | 34.1% |
| PPR Lender | € 176.795 | 37.2% |
| Financial Institutions | € 99.215 | 20.9% |
| Credit Union | € 3.492 | 0.7% |
| Revenue debt | € 6.676 | 1.4% |
| Other debt | € 27.137 | 5.7% |
| Total Q1 debt | € 475.107 | 100.0% |

5 Applicant Profile – DRN, DSA, PIA (from 2013 Q4 to 2019 Q1)

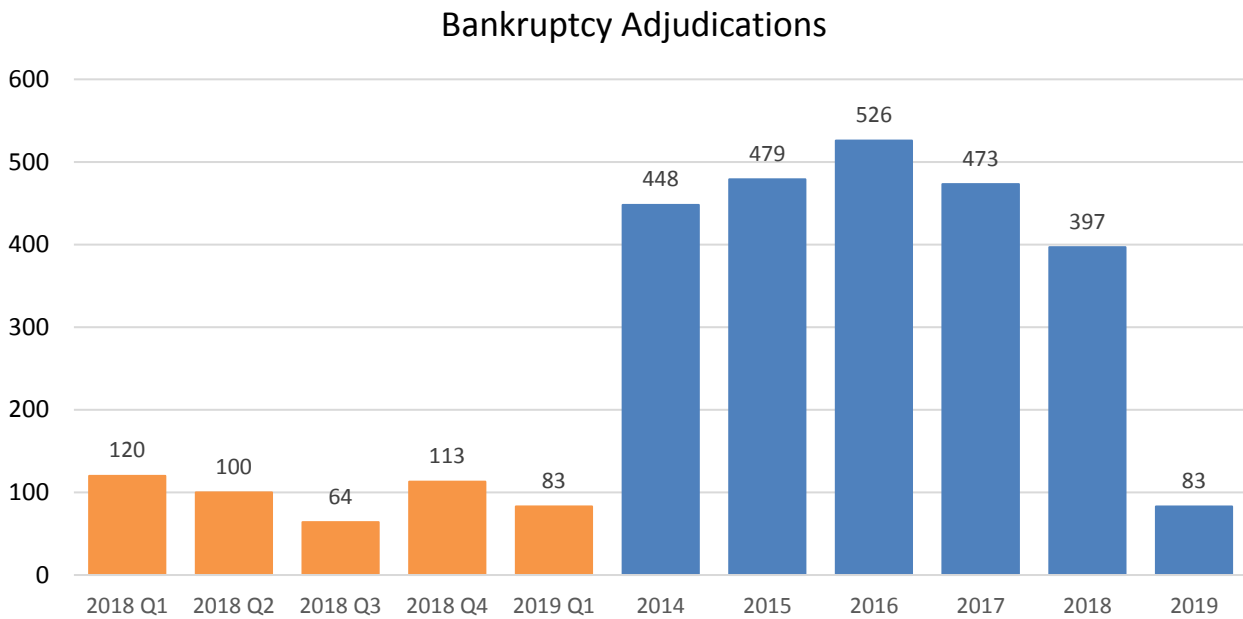


An individual application is an application by a sole debtor.

Where there are two (or more) debtors who are jointly liable for **all** of the debts to be included in a DSA or a PIA, a joint application is appropriate.

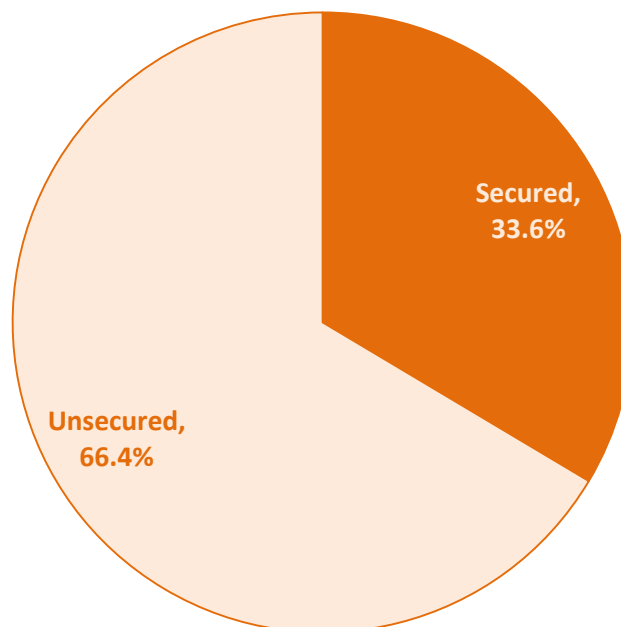
An interlocking application would be appropriate where two (or more) PIAs are to be administered in common - usually because of the financial relationship of the debtors involved. Examples would be a couple or business partners, where they are jointly liable for some - but not all - of the debts to be included in the PIA.

6 Bankruptcy



The one-year bankruptcy term was introduced on the 29th January 2016.

€91 Million Bankruptcy Debt in Q1



The total debt involved in bankruptcy adjudications for Q1 is approximately €91 million. This comprises 33.6% secured debt and 66.4% unsecured debt. In the case of secured debt, it is likely that current market values of securities are significantly below debt levels.

7 Appendix 1

7.1 Table: Case Management

| Case Management Quarterly Statistics | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-------|------|-------|
| Period | New Applications | | | | Protective Certificates | | | Arrangements Approved | | | |
| | Total | DRN | DSA | PIA | Total | DSA | PIA | Total | DRN | DSA | PIA |
| 2019 Q1 | 854 | 74 | 63 | 717 | 376 | 45 | 331 | 347 | 50 | 40 | 257 |
| 2018 Q4 | 753 | 43 | 67 | 643 | 530 | 68 | 462 | 365 | 36 | 45 | 284 |
| 2018 Q3 | 771 | 54 | 79 | 638 | 418 | 55 | 363 | 305 | 59 | 28 | 218 |
| 2018 Q2 | 981 | 72 | 90 | 819 | 548 | 62 | 486 | 344 | 59 | 47 | 238 |
| 2018 Q1 | 998 | 51 | 77 | 870 | 462 | 53 | 409 | 298 | 35 | 44 | 219 |
| 2019 | 854 | 74 | 63 | 717 | 376 | 45 | 331 | 347 | 50 | 40 | 257 |
| 2018 | 3,503 | 220 | 313 | 2,970 | 1,958 | 238 | 1,720 | 1,312 | 189 | 164 | 959 |
| 2017 | 4,626 | 247 | 378 | 4,001 | 2,198 | 278 | 1,920 | 1,115 | 222 | 160 | 733 |
| 2016 | 3,329 | 371 | 428 | 2,530 | 1,786 | 314 | 1,472 | 1,289 | 357 | 235 | 697 |
| 2015 | 2,028 | 372 | 365 | 1,291 | 1,363 | 326 | 1,037 | 1,170 | 347 | 204 | 619 |
| 2014 | 1,331 | 297 | 243 | 791 | 664 | 153 | 511 | 455 | 251 | 78 | 126 |
| 2013 | 112 | 0 | 29 | 83 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 15,783 | 1,581 | 1,819 | 12,383 | 8,356 | 1,359 | 6,997 | 5,689 | 1,416 | 882 | 3,391 |
| Percentage change, 2019 Q1 compared with: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 Q4 | 13% | 72% | -6% | 12% | -29% | -34% | -28% | -5% | 39% | -11% | -10% |
| 2018 Q1 | -14% | 45% | -18% | -18% | -19% | -15% | -19% | 16% | 43% | -9% | 17% |

7.2 Table: Bankruptcy

| Period | Bankruptcy Adjudications |
|---|--------------------------|
| 2019 Q1 | 83 |
| 2018 Q4 | 113 |
| 2018 Q3 | 64 |
| 2018 Q2 | 100 |
| 2018 Q1 | 120 |
| 2019 | 83 |
| 2018 | 397 |
| 2017 | 473 |
| 2016 | 526 |
| 2015 | 479 |
| 2014 | 448 |
| Percentage change, 2019 Q1 compared with: | |
| 2018 Q4 | -26.5% |
| 2018 Q1 | -30.8% |

7.3 Table: Regulation

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|--|------------|
| Personal Insolvency Practitioners (PIP) | 111 |
| Approved Intermediaries (AI)* | 13 |
| Responsible Person (RP) | 139 |
| Total regulated persons available to help debtors | 250 |

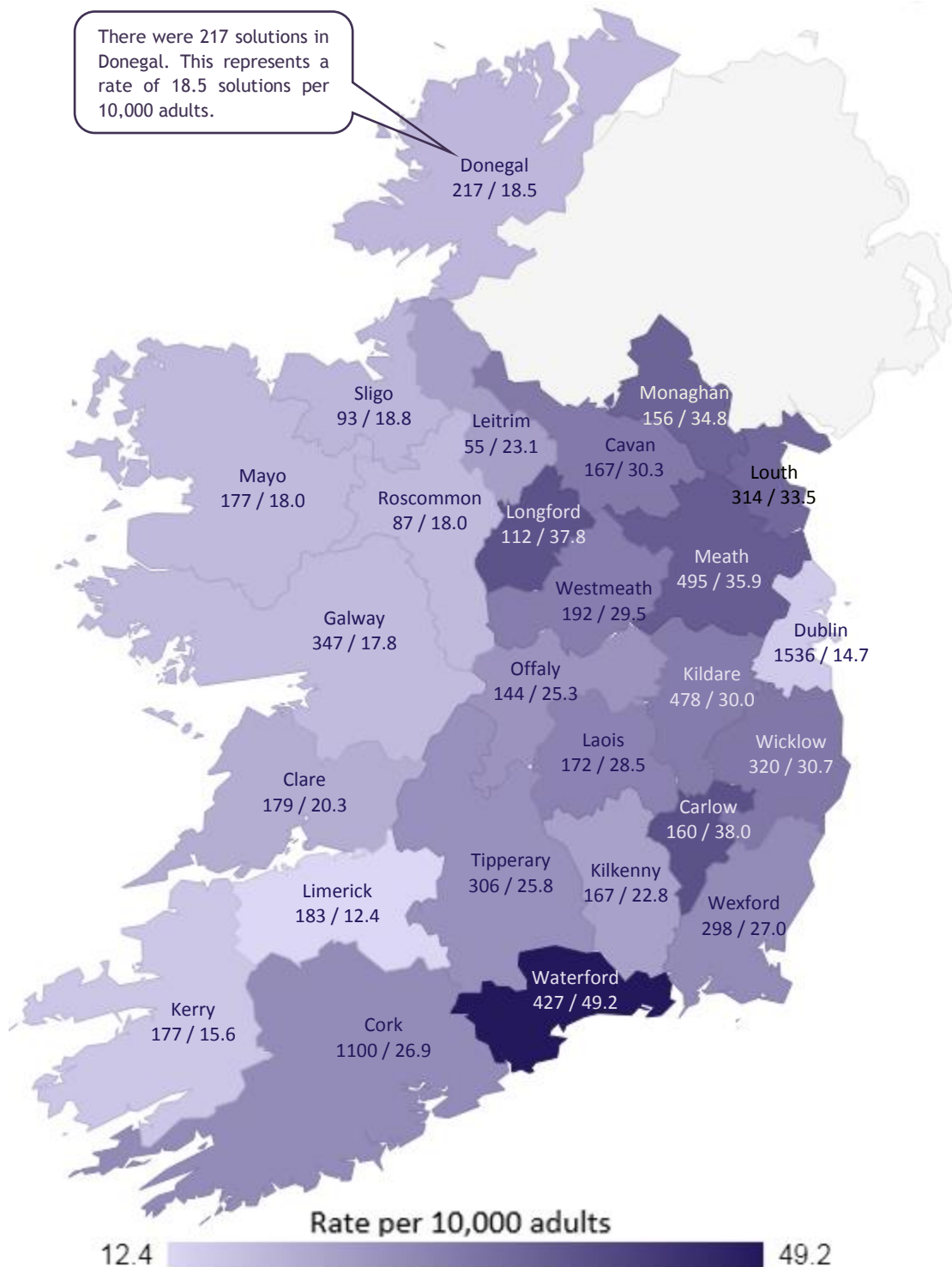
The 13 Approved Intermediary entities are composed of the following:

- 9 MABS companies
- Irish Mortgage Holders Organisation (IMHO)
- AMI Financial Solutions
- Insolvency Resolution Service
- David Keogh

There are 139 Responsible Persons linked to these 13 authorisations.

7.4 Geochart: Debt Solutions from 2014 Q1 to 2019 Q1

The geochart below shows the number of DRNs, DSAs, PIAs and bankruptcies approved from 2014 Q1 to 2019 Q1, together with the rate per 10,000 adults^{1 2}.



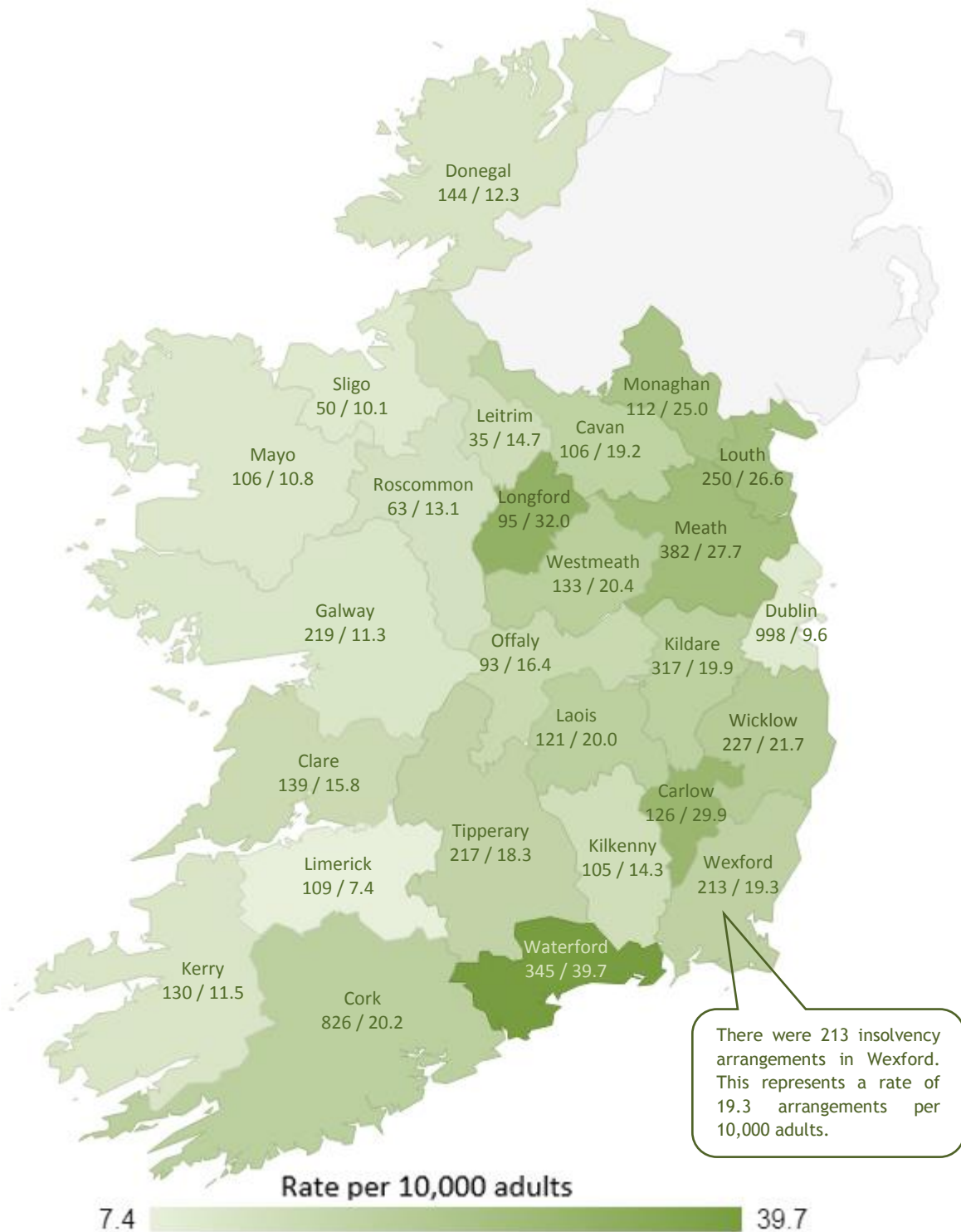
¹ Population data taken from the CSO's *Population 2011 to 2016 by Single Year of Age, Sex, County and City and CensusYear*. Available on the CSO's website at

<http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/Statire/SelectVarVal/Define.asp?maintable=E3003&PLanguage=0>.

² There have also been 24 insolvencies and 8 bankruptcies where the debtors have been residing outside of the State.

7.5 Geochart: DRN, DSA, and PIA Arrangements from 2014 Q1 to 2019 Q1

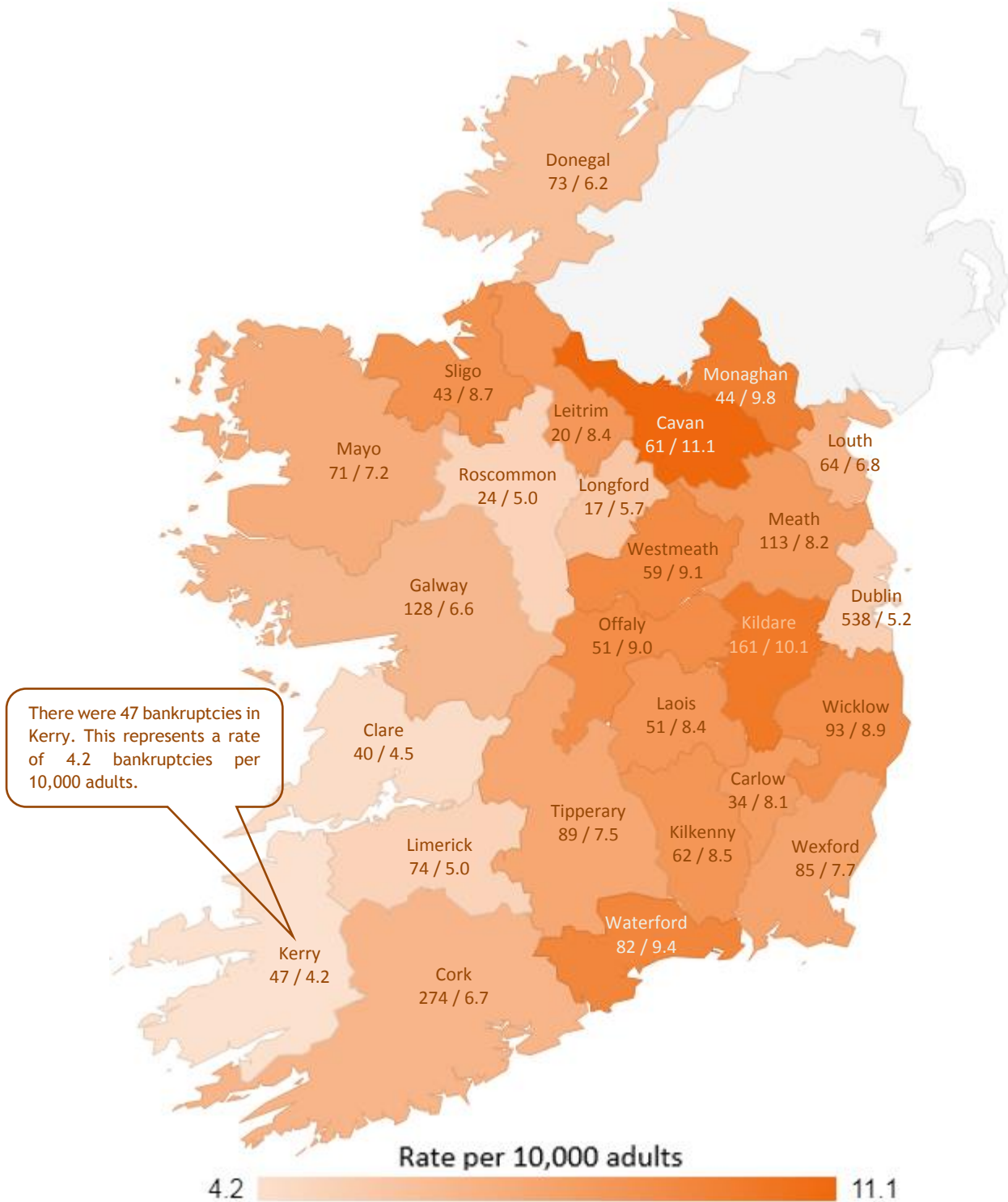
The geochart below shows the number of DRN, DSA and PIA arrangements approved by Court from 2014 Q1 to 2019 Q1, together with the rate per 10,000 adults³.



³ There have also been 24 insolvencies where the debtors have been residing outside of the State.

7.6 Geochart: Bankruptcy Adjudications from 2014 Q1 to 2019 Q1

The geochart below shows the number of bankruptcy adjudications from 2014 Q1 to 2019 Q1, together with the rate per 10,000 adults⁴.



⁴ There have also been 8 bankruptcies where the debtors have been residing outside of the State at the time of adjudication.