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CCJS IN ENGLAND AND WALES ON THE RISE

Consumer county court judgments in England and Wales rose by 17.4 percent year-on-year in Q3 2008 to 223,519, their highest level since Q1 2007, according to figures published today (November 7 2008) by Registry Trust Ltd, the public interest company which manages the Register of Judgments, Orders and Fines on behalf of the Lord Chancellor.

This represents an increase of 24.8 percent from Q2 2008.

Despite being down from the previous quarter, the level of public interest in Registry Trust statistics remains high, with the total number of individual searches for England and Wales reaching 8,942. This is an increase of almost 14 percent year-on-year, with a higher proportion of searches (71.5 percent) being conducted over the internet.

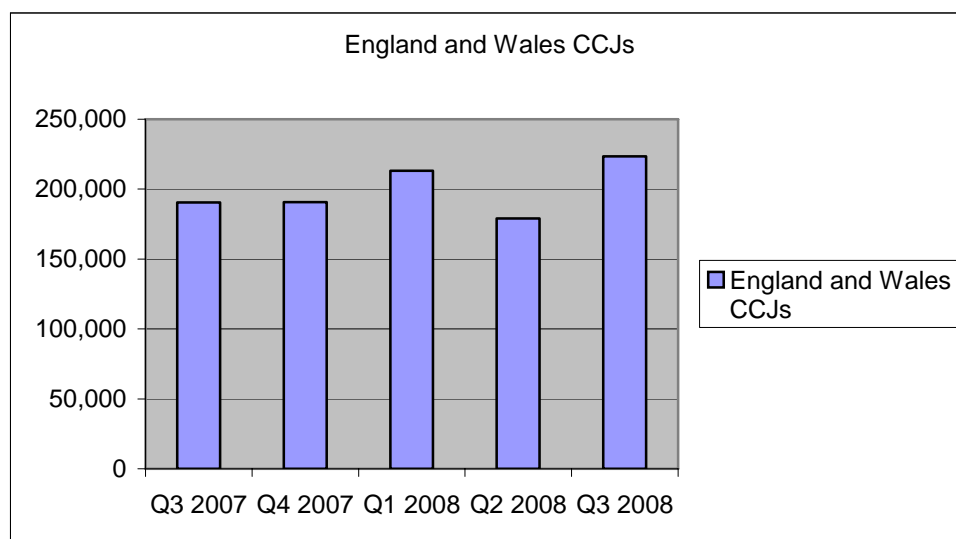
Announcing the statistics, Malcolm Hurlston, chairman of Registry Trust Limited, said:

“The importance of judgments to lenders is made clear in these stats. The information will now help them revert to prudent lending, giving the weight to judgment information which was sadly lacking during the era of creditmania.

“We expect a rising level of interest in CCJ information since – in current circumstances – who would be foolish enough to transact without checking the other party for CCJs.”

Table 1: Consumer County Court Judgments

	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008
England and Wales CCJs	190,402	190,798	213,181	179,076	223,519



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Notes for editors:

Registry Trust is a non-profit company established in 1986 which operates the Register of Judgments, Orders and Fines for England and Wales. It maintains public records of judgment and decree information for most jurisdictions in the British Isles and Ireland. These records are an important factor in avoiding debt and in supporting responsible lending decisions, which in turn underpin a modern and stable economy.

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