



## News release

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### VALUE OF JUDGMENTS RISES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The total value of judgments against businesses and consumers in Northern Ireland reached £5.9 million in the second quarter of 2009, according to figures released today (July 30 2009) by Registry Trust, the non-profit organisation that collects judgment information from Northern Ireland and other jurisdictions in the British Isles and Ireland.

This is a year-on-year increase of 18 percent.

Public interest in the register has almost trebled, with a total of 1,016 searches in Q2 2009. The majority of these (87 percent) are conducted via Registry Trust's website, [www.trustonline.org.uk](http://www.trustonline.org.uk).

Announcing the statistics, chairman of Registry Trust, Malcolm Hurlston, said: "In the depths of the recession, more and more people are using Trustonline to search for judgment records. The increase in the value of judgments indicates that creditors are more likely to turn to the courts to get their money back, and for smaller amounts."

**Table 1: Northern Ireland judgment values**

Quarter	Judgments (£000)	Quarter Change (%)
Q2 2008	4,977	-5.8%
Q3 2008	4,897	-1.6%
Q4 2008	5,701	16.4%
Q1 2009	5,751	0.9%
Q2 2009	5,891	2.4%

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**Notes to editors:**

Registry Trust is a non-profit company established in 1986. 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.

Anyone may search for entries against a named person or business at a stated address or a corporate body in the United Kingdom or the republic of Ireland by submitting a request either via Registry Trust's website [www.trustonline.org.uk](http://www.trustonline.org.uk) or by post to Registry Trust, 173-175 Cleveland Street, London W1T 6QR.