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## CCB: Firms with one owner more susceptible to bankruptcy

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Prague, Oct 21 (CTK) - Limited liability companies with only one owner are more susceptible to bankruptcy proceedings than firms with more than one owner, according to an analysis on the portal Cribis.cz presented by CCB - Czech Credit Bureau.

Firms with one owner accounted for 43 percent of all businesses in August, while the share of declared bankruptcies made up 54 percent, the portal said.

It is a long-term trend as proved by the statistics which said that between Jan 2004 and Aug 2009 as many as 4,588 limited liability companies had gone bankrupt, 47 percent being firms with owner on average and their share in the total number of limited liablity companies amounting to 39 percent.

The share of limited liability companies with one owner in the total number of similar firms has been rising from 35 percent in 2004 to 43 percent in 2009.

CCB, which runs the portal Cribis.cz, was established in 2000. The international group CRIF, set up in Italy in 1988, became its sole owner in 2005.

Share of limited liability companies with one owner in bankruptcies of all limited liability companies

2009 2008 2007 2006 2005 2004

total 730 727 692 787 779 873

firms with one owner 397 366 309 384 334 372

their share in pct 54 50 45 49 43 43

Source: Cribis.cz; CCB - Czech Credit Bureau