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Dun & Bradstreet Corp. said business failures fell 17.8 % to 11,586 in the third quarter from 14,099 in the year-earlier period
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  In the first nine months of this year , business failures dropped 15.6 % to 37,820 from 44,796 .
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D&B defines a business failure as a company that closes with losses to creditors .
   The current decline in failures continues a trend begun in late 1987 , D&B said ev-w2833f1
                                            rated in this year 's third quarter , underscoring an overall lack of stress in the U.S. economy , the company said ev-w2833f1
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     The South Atlantic States were the only region to report an increase in bankruptcies , up 5.3 % to 5,791 from 5,502 .
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 The only industry sector to report more business failures for the nine months ev-w267lf1 ev-w267lf1 ev-w267lf1 ev-w267lf1 ev-w218f2 ev-w
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