UK Company Insolvency Statistics

Focus on the Real Estate Sector **May 2026**

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Company Insolvency - May 2026 Headlines

1,868
company insolvencies registered in May 2026

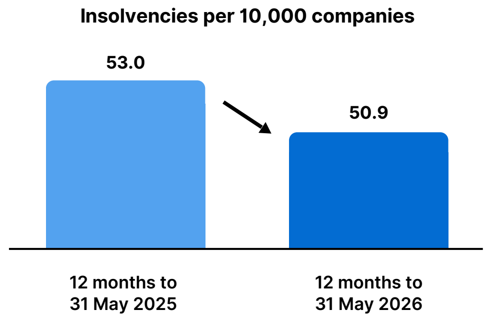
-10%
vs April 2026

-16%
vs May 2025

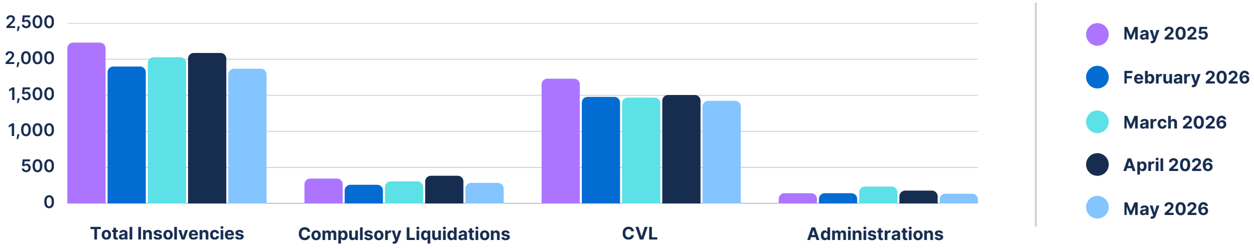
Compulsory Liquidations
were below April 2026, and lower than the 2025 monthly average.

Administrations
fell 24% on April 2026, which reflects the appointments connected to Market Financial Solutions falling out of the statistics.

Insolvencies on a Rolling 12 Month Basis



Monthly Insolvencies



Spotlight: Student Accommodation

Insolvency numbers over the last 12 months have fallen within the Accommodation sector.

13% reduction in insolvencies during the 12 months to May 2026 compared with the previous year.

Market Commentary

Whilst the statistics suggest an improving picture, there remain areas of stress within the market.

Watling have had extensive involvement within the PBSA / student accommodation markets in recent months.

Demand
Long-term occupational demand remains robust due to the UK's large student base and international appeal; however student numbers have declined

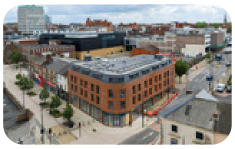
Student Numbers
Overseas student numbers have declined following fewer study visas, tighter regulation and stronger enforcement.

Numbers fell by over 5% during 2024/25, while EU students are now less than half pre-Brexit levels and fell by over 15% last year.

Local supply and demand dynamics remain critical
Belfast, Coventry, Leeds, Nottingham & Sheffield are currently experiencing oversupply of PBSA.

Key areas of focus for funders and operators
Rental aspirations, management costs, tenant incentives, net operating income & lease lengths require oversight to ensure scheme profitability.

Recent Watling PBSA Instructions



Cleveland Studios
Wolverhampton

Modern 63-bed PBSA scheme currently being marketed on behalf of Administrators.

Alma Place
Belfast

393-bed PBSA scheme recently sold on behalf of Fixed Charge Receivers.