

## Banks recover 80% from Medium-Sized Enterprises defaults

### Key Findings

- For medium-sized enterprises defaults (up to 50mm € exposure) the recovery rate is on average 80% of the amount lent.
- During the last downturn (GFC) recovery rates were 8% lower compared to non downturn times.
- Recovery patterns last 1.3 years on average, reaching 1.6 years during downturn years.

### Seniority and Collateral

Seniority and collateral are observed as affecting recoveries. Secured recovery is higher than unsecured, particularly where a strong (primary) collateral is held.

### Region

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### Industry

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### Recoveries and Losses in Crisis Times

Higher numbers of defaults and lower recoveries are observed during the financial crisis starting in 2008. The peak of defaults was in year 2009 which was the worst year of the crisis. As workouts take more than one year the 2008 defaults were being recovered in that worst year and hence show the lowest recovery. In the graph below estimated recoveries for yet unresolved defaults have been included (green curve) providing first insights into the Covid-19 crisis impact.

#### Note on Terms Used (see [Appendix](#) for more details)

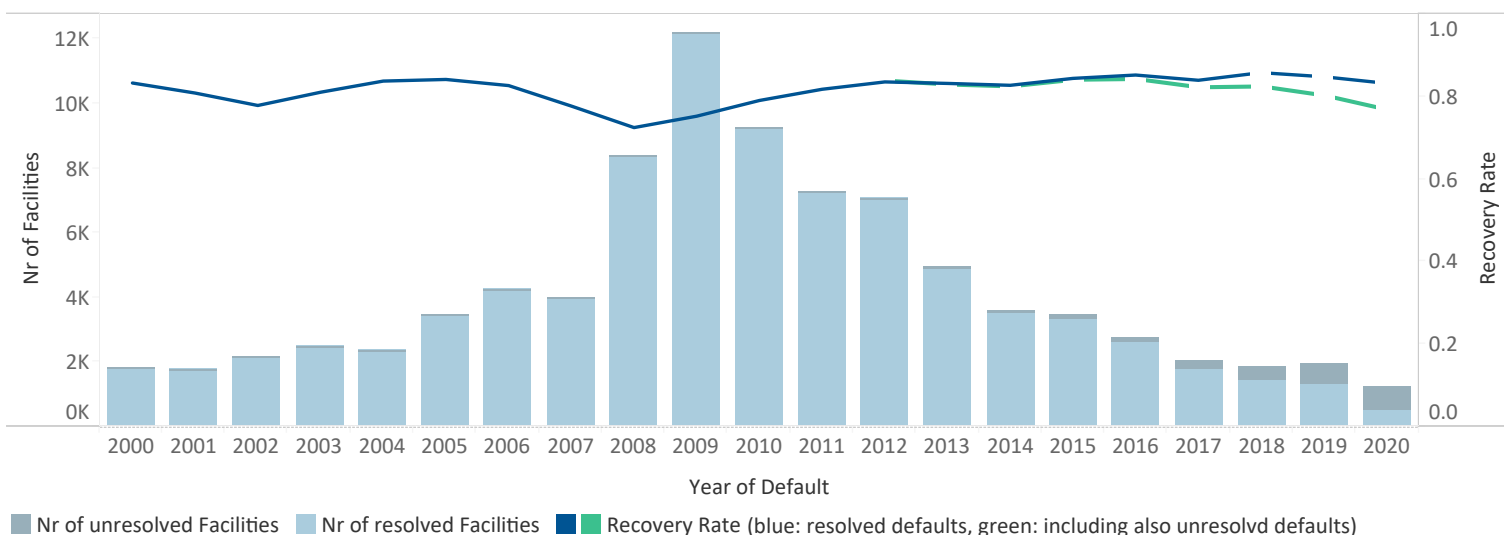
**Medium-Sized Enterprises** are corporates with exposure at default between 150k and 50mm €. The exposure is used as a proxy when the turnover is not available.

**Observed Recovery Rate** refers to the historically observed nominal average recovery cash flows divided by outstanding at default.

**Time to Peak Recovery** is calculated as the center point of recovered cash flow.

**Primary Collateral** is Cash, Marketable Securities, Ships, Airplanes, Real Estate and Other Objects. **Secondary Collateral** is all other collaterals.

		Nr of Facilities	Observed Recovery Rate	Time to Peak Recovery
Grand Total		84,069	80%	1.3
Secured	Primary	34,497	84%	1.5
	Secondary	26,377	77%	1.3
	Total	60,874	81%	1.4
Unsecured	Senior	20,238	80%	1.2
	Subordinated	431	55%	2.1
	Other	2,526	82%	1.8
Total		23,195	79%	1.3
Africa & Middle East		1,264	82%	1.6
Asia & Oceania		3,595	79%	0.8
Europe		51,451	81%	1.4
Latin America		1,938	68%	1.8
North America		25,814	81%	1.2
Agriculture		4,361	86%	1.2
Communications		1,426	78%	1.5
Construction		8,803	80%	1.4
Hotels and Restaurants		3,133	79%	1.5
Manufacturing		16,776	81%	1.1
Mining		712	80%	1.2
Real Estate		9,961	83%	1.5
Social/Health Services		3,622	75%	1.7
Other Services		11,008	79%	1.3
Transportation		3,197	81%	1.1
Utilities		546	83%	1.2
Wholesale/Retail Trade		15,389	79%	1.2
Other		5,135	81%	1.9
Downturn 2007-2009		24,619	75%	1.6
Non Downturn		59,450	83%	1.2



# Observed Recovery Rates Dashboard - Small-Sized Enterprises

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## Banks recover 67% from Small-Sized Enterprises defaults

### Key Findings

- For small-sized enterprises defaults (up to 150,000 € exposure) the recovery rate is on average 67% of the amount lent.
- During the last downturn (GFC) Recovery Rates were 11% lower compared to non downturn times.
- Recovery patterns last 1.3 years on average, reaching almost 1.6 years during downturn years.

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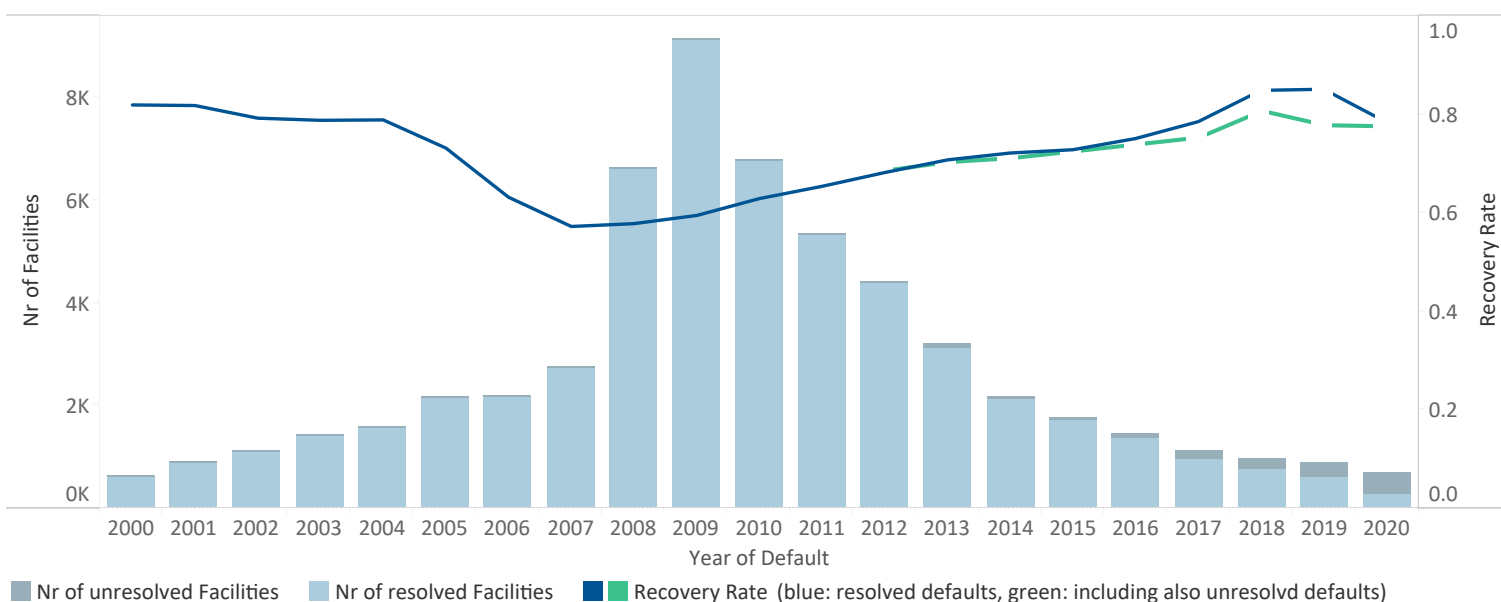
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		Nr of Facilities	Observed Recovery Rate	Time to Peak Recovery
Grand Total		55,099	67%	1.3
Secured	Primary	10,454	78%	1.3
	Secondary	19,170	65%	1.4
	Total	29,624	69%	1.3
Unsecured	Senior	15,363	63%	0.9
	Subordinated	83	60%	2.0
	Other	10,029	64%	1.9
Total		25,475	63%	1.3

Africa & Middle East	2,533	58%	1.0
Asia & Oceania	2,979	86%	0.5
Europe	39,841	67%	1.5
Latin America	820	64%	1.3
North America	8,925	60%	1.2
Unknown	1	0%	

Agriculture	1,257	74%	1.1
Communications	1,130	63%	1.3
Construction	6,177	67%	1.2
Hotels and Restaurants	2,457	66%	1.3
Manufacturing	8,428	70%	1.1
Mining	267	70%	1.0
Real Estate	2,712	75%	1.3
Social/Health Services	1,314	71%	1.9
Other Services	10,591	64%	1.3
Transportation	3,365	67%	1.2
Utilities	296	67%	1.1
Wholesale/Retail Trade	12,145	64%	1.2
Other	4,960	65%	2.2

Downturn 2007-2009	18,503	59%	1.6
Non Downturn	36,596	70%	1.2



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