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PD AND DEFAULT RATE REPORT 2026
LARGE CORPORATES

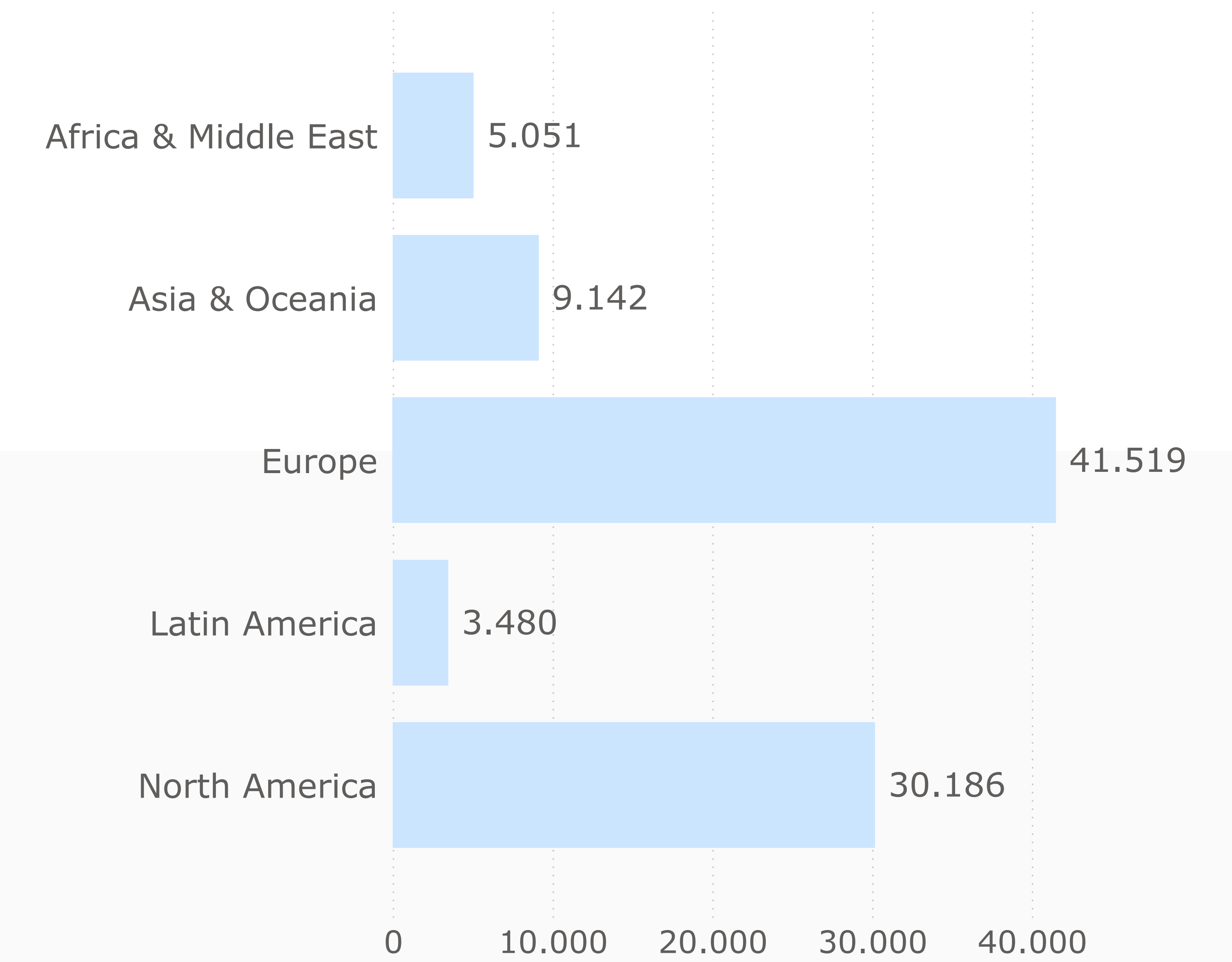
89.378	0,77%	2007-2024
Cohort size	Default rate	History Coverage

Close to 90,000 borrowers in our PD database

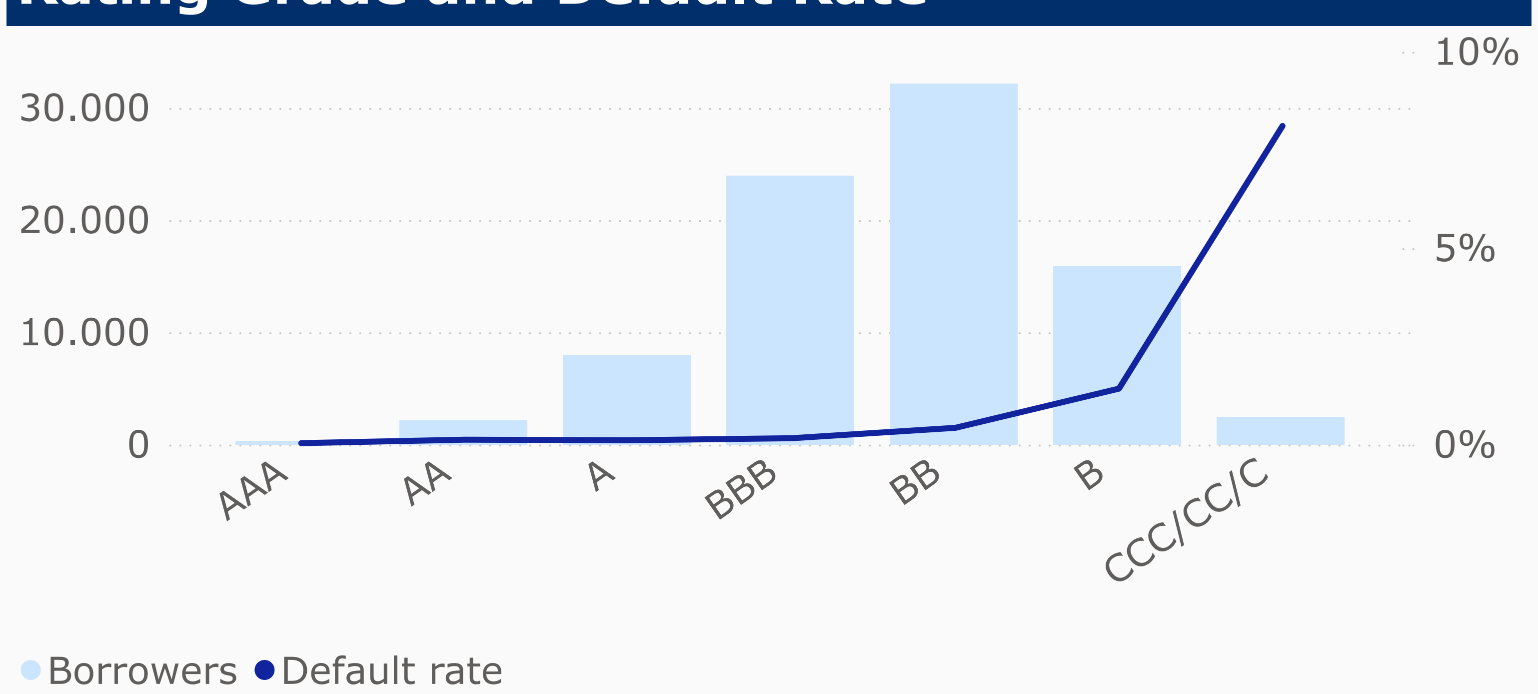
We have been collecting internal PD and default data from over 50 global banks since 2007. This report covers global corporate obligors (with reported consolidated group sales above 50 million euro) across a wide range of industries. The dataset is particularly strong in Europe and North America, with the largest representation from the manufacturing, wholesale, and retail trade sectors.

Member banks have access to granular data at the country and industry-code level. They use it for detailed analyses such as credit quality monitoring, asset correlation studies, risk modelling, benchmarking and model validation. These applications enhance the accuracy of internal models and strengthen risk management practices across institutions.

Borrowers by region

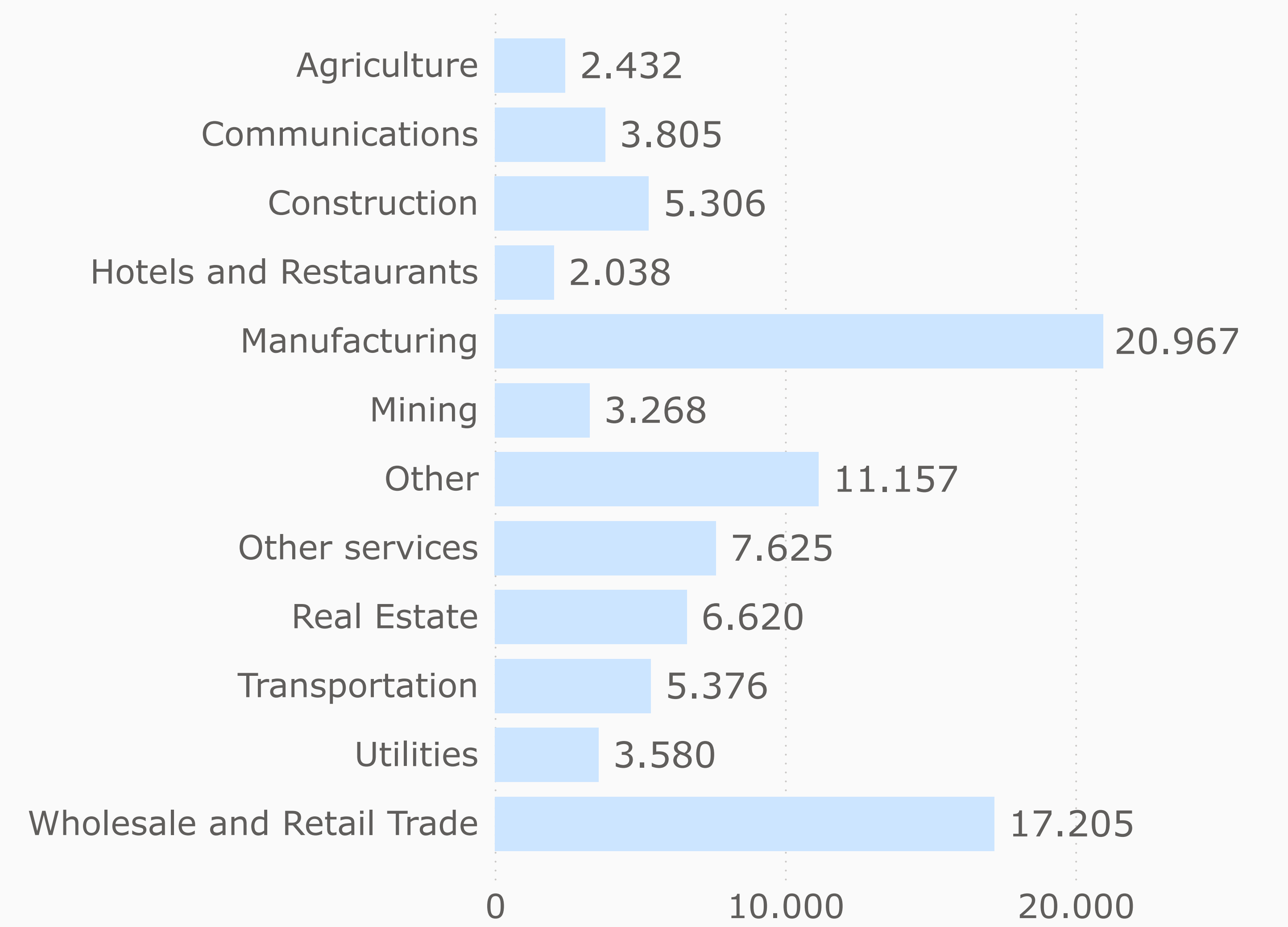


Rating Grade and Default Rate



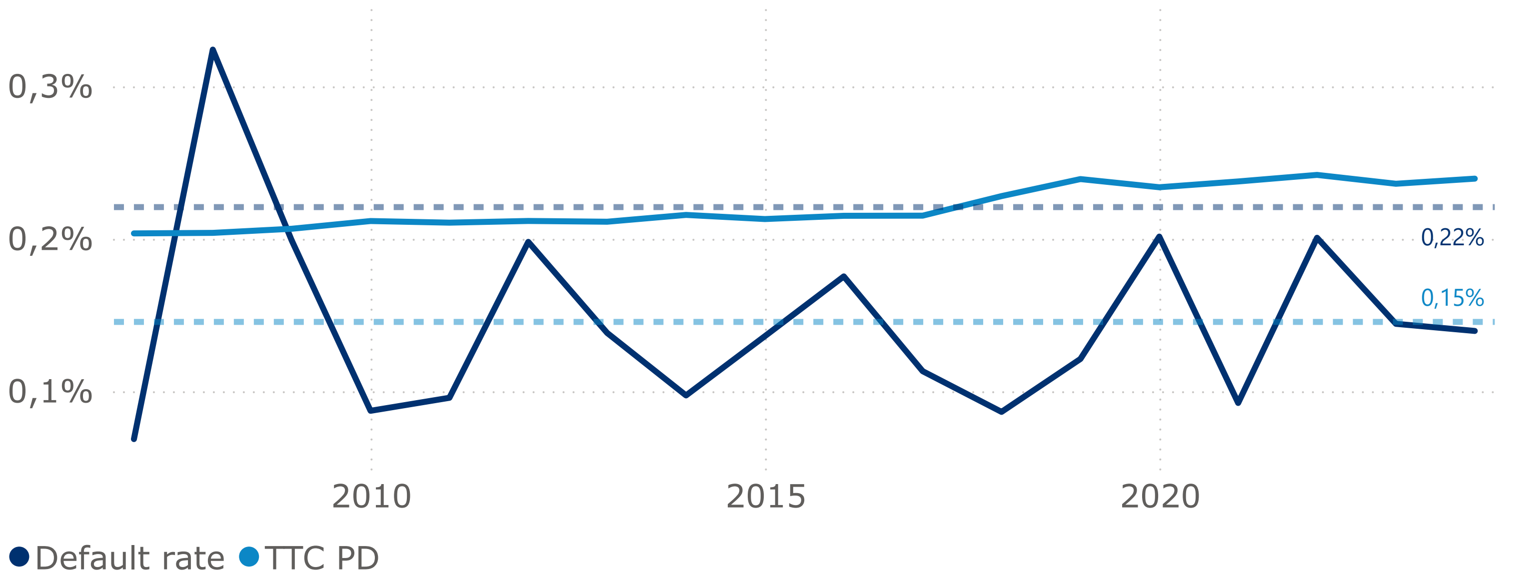
The chart shows the typical distribution of borrowers across rating classes, with the majority concentrated in the mid-grades (BBB to B). The curve shows the expected exponential rise in default rates as credit quality deteriorates.

Borrowers by industry

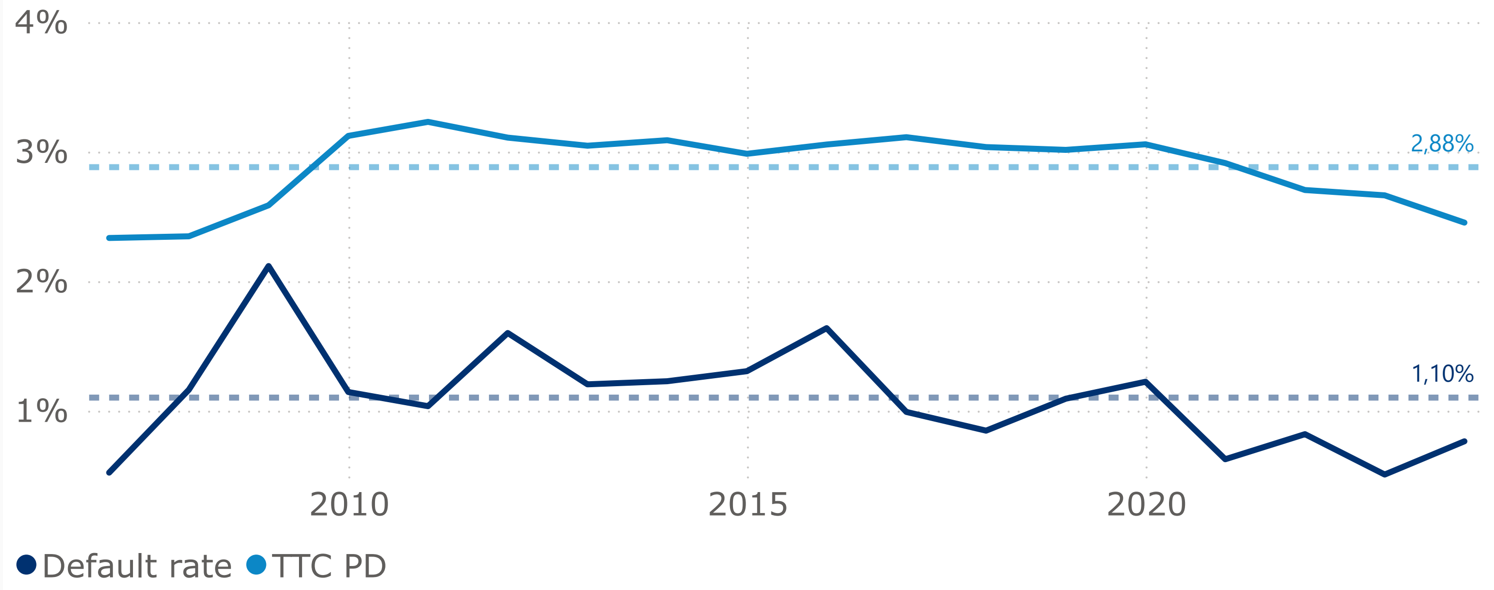


PD and default rate over time in investment and sub-investment grades

Investment grade



Sub-investment grade



The through-the-cycle probability of default (TTC PD) remains stable over time at 0.22% for investment-grade and 2.87% for sub-investment-grade exposures. The observed default rate is typically lower than the PD. This reflects regulatory margin of conservatism (MoC) requirements, except during the 2008 Global Financial Crisis, in investment grade.

Both PDs and default rates show a declining trend in the post-Covid period, indicating improved credit quality and stable risk profiles across rating segments.

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To meet the standards set by global regulations like BCBS239, GCD has established a robust framework to measure, monitor and improve data quality.

ABOUT GCD

At GCD, our mission since 2004 has been to empower banks and the financial industry with a deep understanding of credit risk through a unique data source. As a non-profit organisation owned by 50+ member banks, we collect valuable data directly from banks' books.

Our activities revolve around pooling credit data, particularly from low default portfolios. Beyond data pooling we foster knowledge exchange, facilitate research and information sharing services, creating a dynamic environment for insights and collaboration.

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