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China's ceramic industry saw 14 bankruptcies in first five months of 2026

At least 14 ceramic companies across China have filed for bankruptcy since January 2026, nine in Guangdong, two in Henan, one each in Shandong, Gansu, and Chongqing. Disclosure data from four of the failed companies showed combined outstanding debts and creditor claims totaling 426 million yuan (\$59 million), highlighting mounting financial stress in traditional manufacturing amid weak property demand. **(Industry statistics)**

China's lighting fixture exports fall 6.7% Jan-Apr; April rebounds 6.4% MoM

China's lamp and lighting fixture exports totaled 87.02 billion yuan (\$12.74 billion) in the first 4 months 2026, down 6.7% year-on-year, as overseas demand remained subdued and soft property-sector sentiment. April exports alone reached 24.24 billion yuan (\$3.55 billion), rising 6.4% month-on-month, but falling sharply from the same month last year, highlighting persistent pressure on the sector. **(General Administration of Customs)**

Zhejiang furniture output dips 0.7% Jan-Apr; April slumps 6.8%

Zhejiang's furniture industry posted industrial output value of 37.88 billion yuan (\$5.55 billion) in January-April 2026, down 0.7% year-on-year, while sales value fell 2.2% to 35.57 billion yuan (\$5.21 billion). April alone saw output value drop 6.8% year-on-year to 9.07 billion yuan (\$1.33 billion) and sales value plunge 9.7% to 8.9 billion yuan (\$1.30 billion), reflecting weakening demand at home and abroad. **(Zhejiang Furniture Association)**

China home appliance sales drop 4% Jan-Apr; April plunges 15%

China's home appliance sales totaled 325.2 billion yuan (\$47.63 billion) at above-quota retailers in January-April 2026, down 4.0% year-on-year, as the fading impact of government subsidy programs and weak property sentiment weighed on consumer demand. April sales alone plunged 15.1% to 77.6 billion yuan (\$11.36 billion), marking the steepest monthly decline since the subsidy-driven boom. **(www.fxbaogao.com)**