

Table 7.3

U. S. Bankruptcy Courts—Business and Nonbusiness Bankruptcy Cases Filed, by Chapter of the Bankruptcy Code

Fiscal Year	Total Filings					Business Filings ¹					Nonbusiness Filings ¹			
	Total ²	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 12 ³	Chapter 13	Total ²	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 12 ³	Chapter 13	Total ²	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13
1990 ⁴	725,484	505,332	19,591	1,351	199,186	64,688	37,161	17,475	1,351	8,677	660,796	468,171	2,116	190,509
1995	883,457	598,250	12,639	883	271,650	51,042	28,800	11,168	883	10,156	832,415	569,450	1,471	261,494
2000	1,262,102	870,805	9,835	551	380,880	36,065	20,687	9,135	551	5,661	1,226,037	850,118	700	375,219
2006	1,112,542	833,147	6,003	376	272,937	27,333	18,258	5,345	376	3,277	1,085,209	814,889	658	269,660
2007	801,269	484,162	5,888	361	310,802	25,925	16,914	5,317	361	3,281	775,344	467,248	571	307,521
2008	1,042,806	679,898	8,785	332	353,739	38,635	26,579	7,948	332	3,724	1,004,171	653,319	837	350,015
2009	1,402,816	989,227	14,745	487	398,210	58,721	40,225	13,439	487	4,424	1,344,095	949,002	1,306	393,786
2010	1,596,355	1,146,511	14,191	707	434,839	58,322	40,977	12,279	707	4,256	1,538,033	1,105,534	1,912	430,583

Note: The general effective date of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Act of 2005 (BAPCPA) was October 17, 2005.

¹ Section 101 of the bankruptcy code defines consumer (nonbusiness) debt as that incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose. If the debtor is a corporation or partnership, or if debt related to operation of a business predominates, the nature of debt is business.

² Totals may include cases filled under provisions of the bankruptcy code other than chapters 7, 11, 12, or 13.

³ In 2005, BAPCPA made chapter 12 a permanent part of the Bankruptcy code and added bankruptcies involving debts of family fishermen to the chapter.

⁴ Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Statistical Table F-2 (1990 to present), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.