Table 7.3
U.S. Bankruptcy Courts—Business and Nonbusiness Bankruptcy Cases Filed, by Chapter of the Bankruptcy Code

| | Total Filings | | | | | Business Filings ¹ | | | | | Nonbusiness Filings ¹ | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Fiscal Year | 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 |
| 2005 | 1,782,643 | 1,346,201 | 6,637 | 364 | 429,316 | 34,222 | 23,313 | 5,776 | 364 | 4,649 | 1,748,421 | 1,322,888 | 861 | 424,667 |
| 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 |
| 2011 | 1,467,221 | 1,036,950 | 11,979 | 676 | 417,503 | 49,895 | 35,137 | 10,168 | 676 | 3,804 | 1,417,326 | 1,001,813 | 1,811 | 413,699 |

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

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

¹ Section 101 of the U.S. 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.