

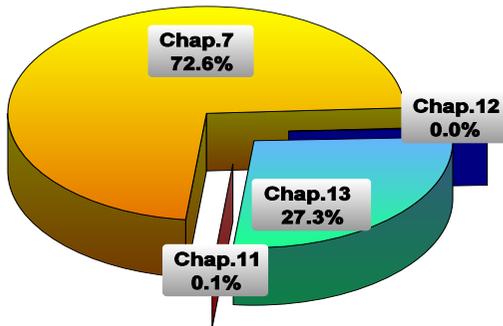


# U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Eastern District of Missouri

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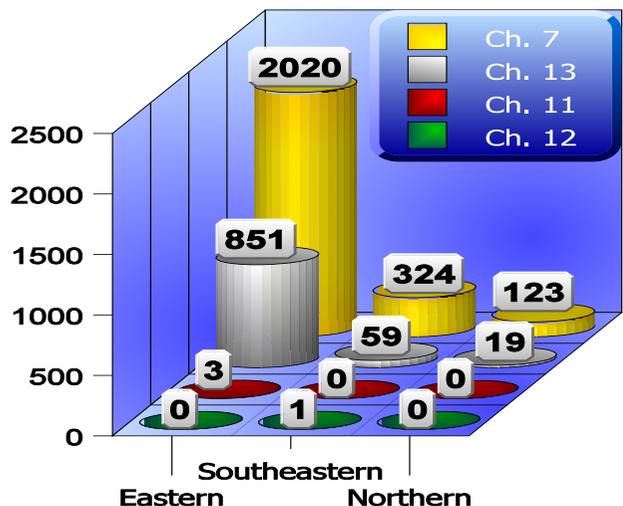
*January through March 2009 Quarterly Case Processing Statistics*



## New Cases

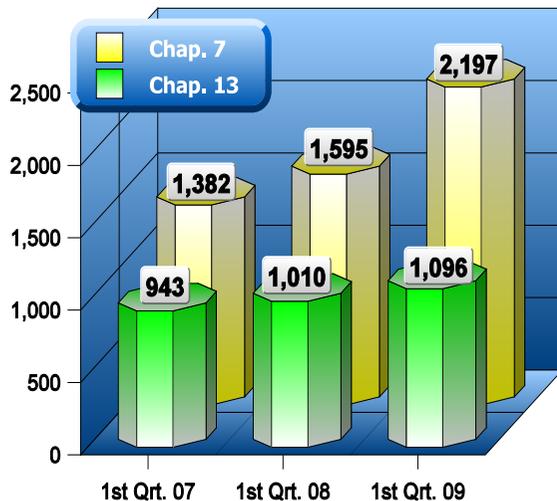
During the first quarter of the calendar year 2009, the Court opened a total of 3,400 new cases. There were 2,874 cases filed in the Eastern division, 384 cases in the Southeastern division and 142 cases filed in the Northern division. The court

reopened 102 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 2,467 Chapter 7 filings, 3 Chapter 11 filings, 1 Chapter 12 filing, and 929 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapter 9. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally there were 68 new Adversary Proceedings, 1,507 motions to lift the automatic stay and 122 motions to avoid liens. The chart at right indicates the number of new cases filed during the first quarter in each division broken down by chapter.



## Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Filings

During the first quarter, 2,467 Chapter 7 petitions and 929 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 73% and 27%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the first quarter of 2008, the Court received 1,595 new Chapter 7 petitions (61%) and 1,010 new Chapter 13 petitions (38%). The chart at right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the first quarter of 2009 and the past two calendar years.



## Case Closings

The Court closed 3,402 cases during the quarter. Case terminations by division included 2,854 for the Eastern division, 411 for the Southeastern division and 137 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is greater than the number closed during the first quarter of 2008 when the Court closed 2,606 cases. The Court also closed 88 adversary proceedings during the quarter.

## Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the quarter was 13,168 cases, an increase of 100 cases from the 4th quarter. These 100 cases reflect a 0.8% increase in pending caseload from last quarter when there were 13,068 cases pending at the end of the quarter. The chart below depicts the change in pending caseload over the previous four quarters. During that time, the number of pending cases increased by 2.6% (331 cases), or an average of 83 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending decreased by 20 cases in the quarter leaving 113 cases pending.

