

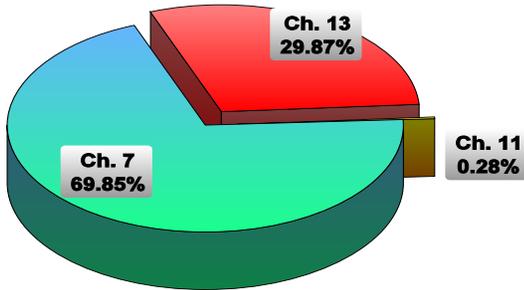


# U.S. Bankruptcy Court

## Eastern District of Missouri

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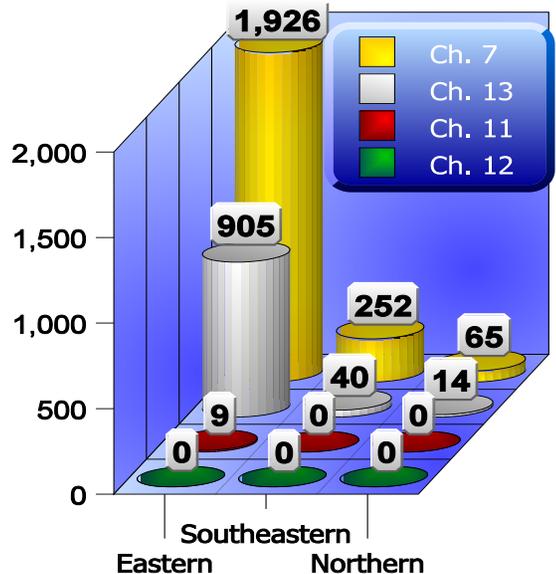
*October through December 2011, Quarterly Case Processing Statistics*



### New Cases

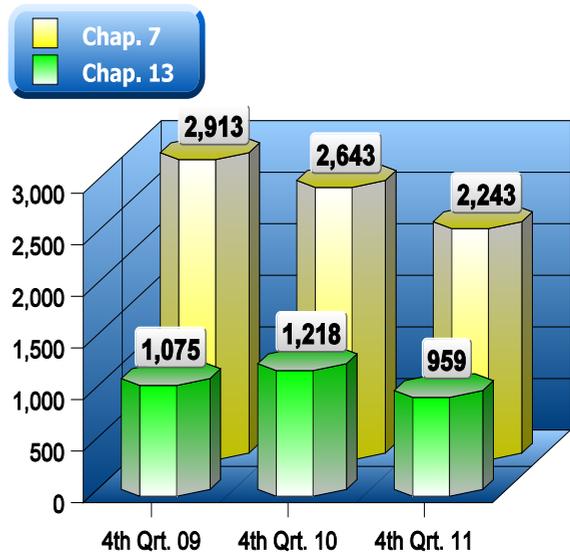
During the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2011, the Court opened a total of 3,211 new cases. There were 2,840 cases filed in the Eastern division, 292 cases in the Southeastern division, and 79 cases filed in the Northern division. The court

reopened 126 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 2,243 Chapter 7 filings, 9 Chapter 11 filings, and 959 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under any other chapter. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally there were 99 new Adversary Proceedings, 1,296 motions to lift the automatic stay, and 174 motions to avoid liens. The chart to the right indicates the number of new cases filed during the fourth quarter in each division, broken down by chapter.



## Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Filings

During the fourth quarter, 2011, there were 2,243 Chapter 7 petitions and 959 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 69.85% and 29.87%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the fourth quarter of 2010, the Court received 2,643 new Chapter 7 petitions (68.26%) and 1,218 new Chapter 13 petitions (31.46%). The chart to the right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the fourth quarter of 2011 and the past two calendar years.



## Case Closings

The Court closed 3,948 cases during the fourth quarter, 2011. Case terminations by division included 3,445 for the Eastern division, 369 for the Southeastern division, and 134 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is less than the number closed during the third quarter of 2011, when the Court closed 4,538 cases. The Court also closed 140 adversary proceedings during the fourth quarter, 2011.

## Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the fourth quarter, 2011, was 16,502 cases, a decrease of 610 cases from the third quarter, 2011. These 610 cases reflect a 3.56% decrease in the pending caseload from last quarter when there were 17,112 cases pending. The chart below depicts the change in pending caseload over the previous four quarters. During that time, the number of pending cases increased by 1.23% (202 cases), or an average of 50 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending decreased by 41 cases in the fourth quarter, 2011, leaving 204 cases pending.

