

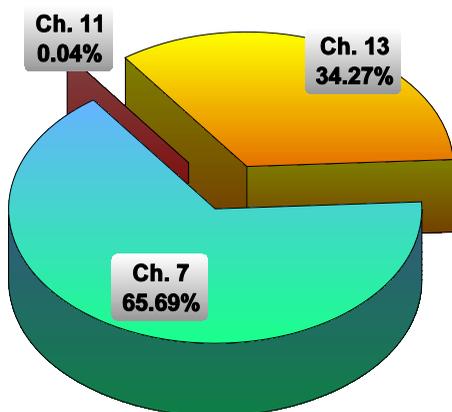


# U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Eastern District of Missouri

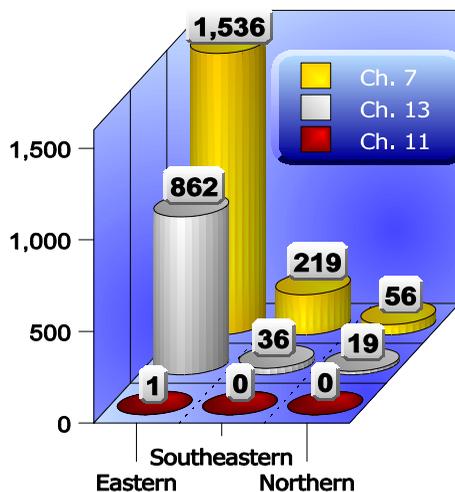
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*October through December 2014, Quarterly Case Processing Statistics*



## New Cases

During the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2014, the Court opened a total of 2,632 new cases. There were 2,302 cases filed in the Eastern division, 255 cases in the

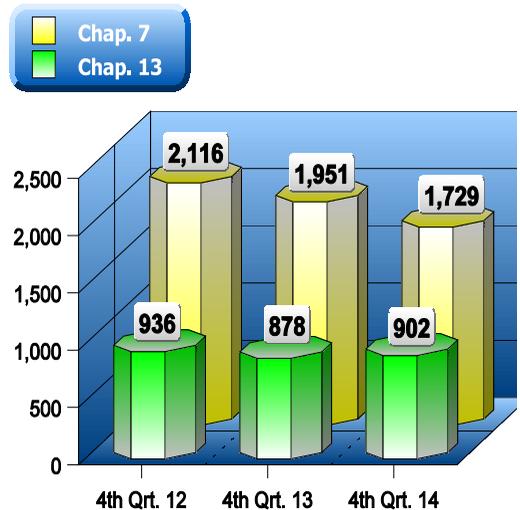


Southeastern division and 75 cases filed in the Northern division. The court reopened 148 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 1,729 Chapter 7 filings, 1 Chapter 11 filing and 902 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapters 9, 12 or 15. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter.

Additionally there were 52 new Adversary Proceedings, 853 motions to lift the automatic stay, and 154 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, 2014, there were 1,729 Chapter 7 petitions and 902 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 65.69% and 34.27%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the fourth quarter of 2013, the Court received 1,951 new Chapter 7 petitions (68.79%) and 878 new Chapter 13 petitions (30.96%). The chart to the right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the fourth quarter of 2014 and the past two calendar years.



## Case Closings

The Court closed 3,202 cases during the fourth quarter, 2014. Case terminations by division included 2,800 for the Eastern division, 300 for the Southeastern division, and 102 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is less than the number closed during the third quarter of 2014, when the Court closed 3,489 cases. The Court also closed 81 adversary proceedings during the fourth quarter, 2014.

## Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the fourth quarter, 2014, was 15,158 cases, a decrease of 422 cases from the third quarter, 2014. These 422 cases reflect a 2.70% decrease in the pending caseload from last quarter when there were 15,580 cases pending. The chart below depicts the change in pending caseload over the previous four quarters. During that time, the number of pending cases decreased by 5.15% (823 cases), or an average of 205 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending decreased by 29 cases in the fourth quarter, 2014, leaving 191 cases pending.

