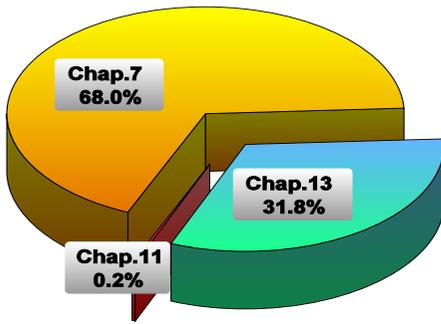




# U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Missouri

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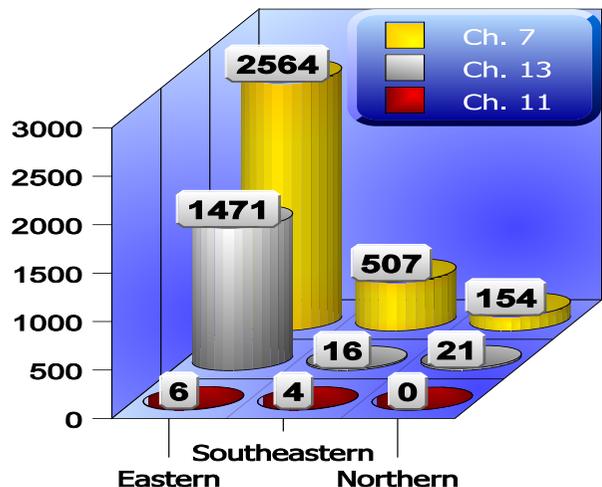
*July through September 2004 Quarterly Case Processing  
Statistics*



## New Cases

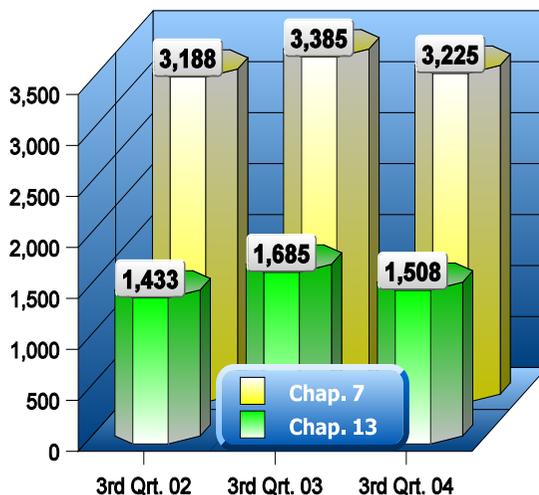
During the third quarter of the calendar year 2004, the Court opened a total of 4,743 new cases. There were 4,041 cases filed in the Eastern division, 527 cases in the Southeastern division and 175 cases filed in the Northern division. The court

reopened 39 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 3,225 Chapter 7 filings, 10 Chapter 11 filings and 1,508 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapter 9 or Chapter 12. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally there were 99 new Adversary Proceedings, 1,730 motions to lift the automatic stay and 68 motions to avoid liens. The chart at right indicates the number of new cases filed during the third quarter in each division broken down by chapter.



## Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Filings

During the third quarter, 3,225 Chapter 7 petitions and 1,508 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 68% and 32%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the third quarter of 2003, the Court received 3,358 new Chapter 7 petitions (67%) and 1,685 new Chapter 13 petitions (33%). The chart at right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the third quarter of 2004 and the past two calendar years.



## Case Closings

The Court closed 5,935 cases during the quarter. Case terminations by division included 5,077 for the Eastern division, 587 for the Southeastern division and 271 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is lesser than the number closed during the third quarter of 2003 when the Court closed 8,090 cases. The Court also closed 146 adversary proceedings during the quarter.

## Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the quarter was 16,319 cases, a decrease of 1,145 cases from the 2nd quarter. These 1,145 cases reflect a 6.6% decrease in pending caseload from last quarter when there were 17,464 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 decreased by 5.0% (851 cases), or an average of 213 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending decreased by 45 cases in the quarter leaving 247 cases pending.

