

Table 4.17-- UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CASES FILED UNDER CHAPTER 7, 11 AND 13 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE: 1997 TO 2008

[Based upon original chapter designation at the time the case is originally filed. Table includes cases filed in 2008 which were on the caseload as of December 31, 2008]

Year	Chapter 7 1/			Chapter 11 2/			Chapter 13 3/		
	Total	Busi- ness	Per- sonal	Total	Busi- ness	Per- sonal	Total	Busi- ness	Per- sonal
1997	3,956	124	3,832	46	41	5	454	19	435
1998	5,265	79	5,186	27	24	3	518	6	512
1999	4,882	59	4,823	30	29	1	500	6	494
2000	4,012	44	3,968	34	22	12	486	3	483
2001	4,497	39	4,458	22	20	2	506	2	504
2002	4,032	36	3,996	20	18	2	432	-	432
2003	3,293	39	3,254	29	25	4	459	2	457
2004	2,714	29	2,685	18	12	6	366	4	362
2005	4,125	62	4,063	17	15	2	340	3	337
2006 4/	793	16	777	9	6	3	151	1	150
2007	1,127	40	1,087	15	13	2	242	2	240
2008	1,618	53	1,565	23	21	2	436	8	428

1/ Chapter 7 cases involve the bankruptcy trustee's gathering and sale of the debtor's nonexempt assets, from which holders of claims will receive distributions in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. (Excerpt taken from Bankruptcy Division Public Information Series, Administrative Office of the United States Courts)

2/ Chapter 11 is the business reorganization chapter. This type of bankruptcy is used primarily by businesses which wish to reorganize and continue in operations after bankruptcy. The business is allowed to continue operations during the pendency of the case and a trustee is appointed only upon motion of a creditor or party in interest. The debtor is required to file a plan of reorganization. Creditors may vote on the plan and the court is required to approve it. (United States Bankruptcy Court of the District of Hawaii)

3/ Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who desire to pay their debts but are currently unable to do so. The primary benefit of Chapter 13 relief is the ability to repay creditors, in full or in part, in installments over a three to five year period, during which time creditors are prohibited from starting or continuing collection efforts. (Excerpt taken from Bankruptcy Division Public Information Series, Administrative Office of the United States Courts)

4/ On April 20, 2005, President Bush signed into law the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 ("BAPCPA"). BAPCPA made substantial changes to the Bankruptcy Code. Most BAPCPA changes apply only to cases file on or after October 17, 2005. (Excerpt taken from Bankruptcy Division Public Information Series, Administrative Office of the United States Courts)

Source: United States Bankruptcy Court of the District of Hawaii, records; Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Bankruptcy Basics*

<<http://www.uscourts.gov/bankruptcycourts/bankruptcybasics.html>> accessed January 12, 2007.