

# Bankruptcy Filing Trends in Delaware



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# Delaware



## State at a Glance

	Delaware	National
<b>Population (7/1/2024)</b>	<b>1,051,917</b>	<b>340,110,988</b>
- Change since April 2020	6.3%	2.6%
- Foreign Born	10.4%	13.9%
<b>Size (Square Miles)</b>	<b>1,949</b>	<b>3,533,038</b>
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$82,855</b>	<b>\$78,538</b>
<b>Persons per Household</b>	<b>2.48</b>	<b>2.54</b>
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$44,219</b>	<b>\$43,289</b>
<b>Median Home Value</b>	<b>\$326,800</b>	<b>\$303,400</b>
<b>Homeownership Rate</b>	<b>72.3%</b>	<b>65.0%</b>
<b>High School Graduate (or Higher)</b>	<b>91.4%</b>	<b>89.4%</b>
<b>College Graduate (or Higher)</b>	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>35.0%</b>
<b>Disabled</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
<b>No Health Insurance</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
<b>In Poverty</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau January 2025

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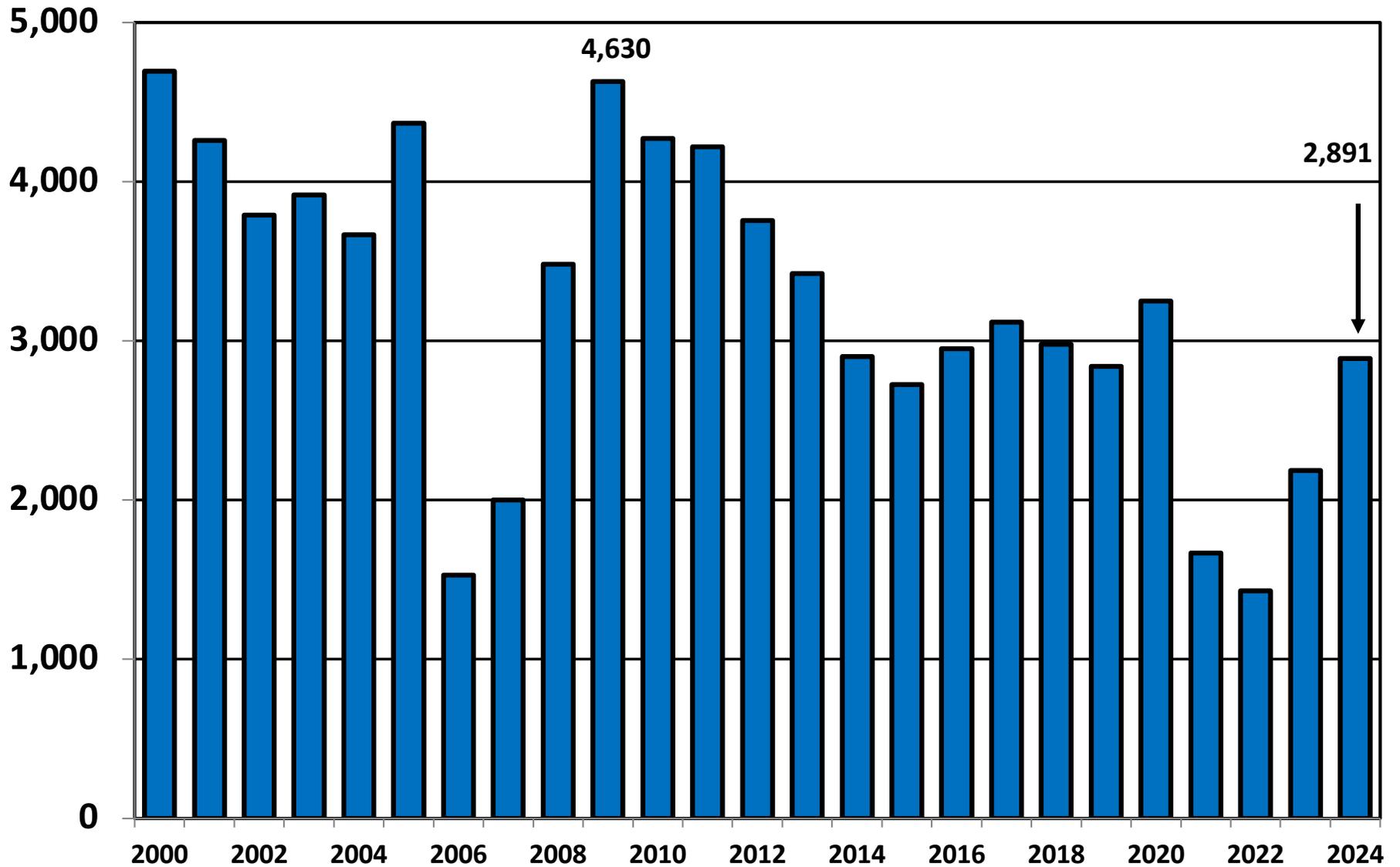
**Bankruptcy Filings in Delaware  
Calendar Years 2000 - 2024**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Chapter 7</b>	<b>Chapter 11</b>	<b>Chapter 13</b>	<b>Other Cases*</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>2,979</b>	<b>1,412</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>2,902</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>3,424</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>3,757</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>4,219</b>	<b>2,515</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>4,273</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>4,630</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>3,482</b>	<b>1,559</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>4,368</b>	<b>2,997</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>3,668</b>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>3,918</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>3,789</b>	<b>2,006</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>4,259</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>4,695</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>*Chapters 9, 12 and 15</b>					

<b>Business Bankruptcy Cases Filed - Delaware</b>					
<b>Years Ended December 31, 2000 - 2024</b>					
<b>CALENDAR YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL FILINGS</b>	<b>CHAPTER 7</b>	<b>CHAPTER 11</b>	<b>CHAPTER 13</b>	<b>OTHER CASES*</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>1,882</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>* Chapters 9, 12 and 15</b>					

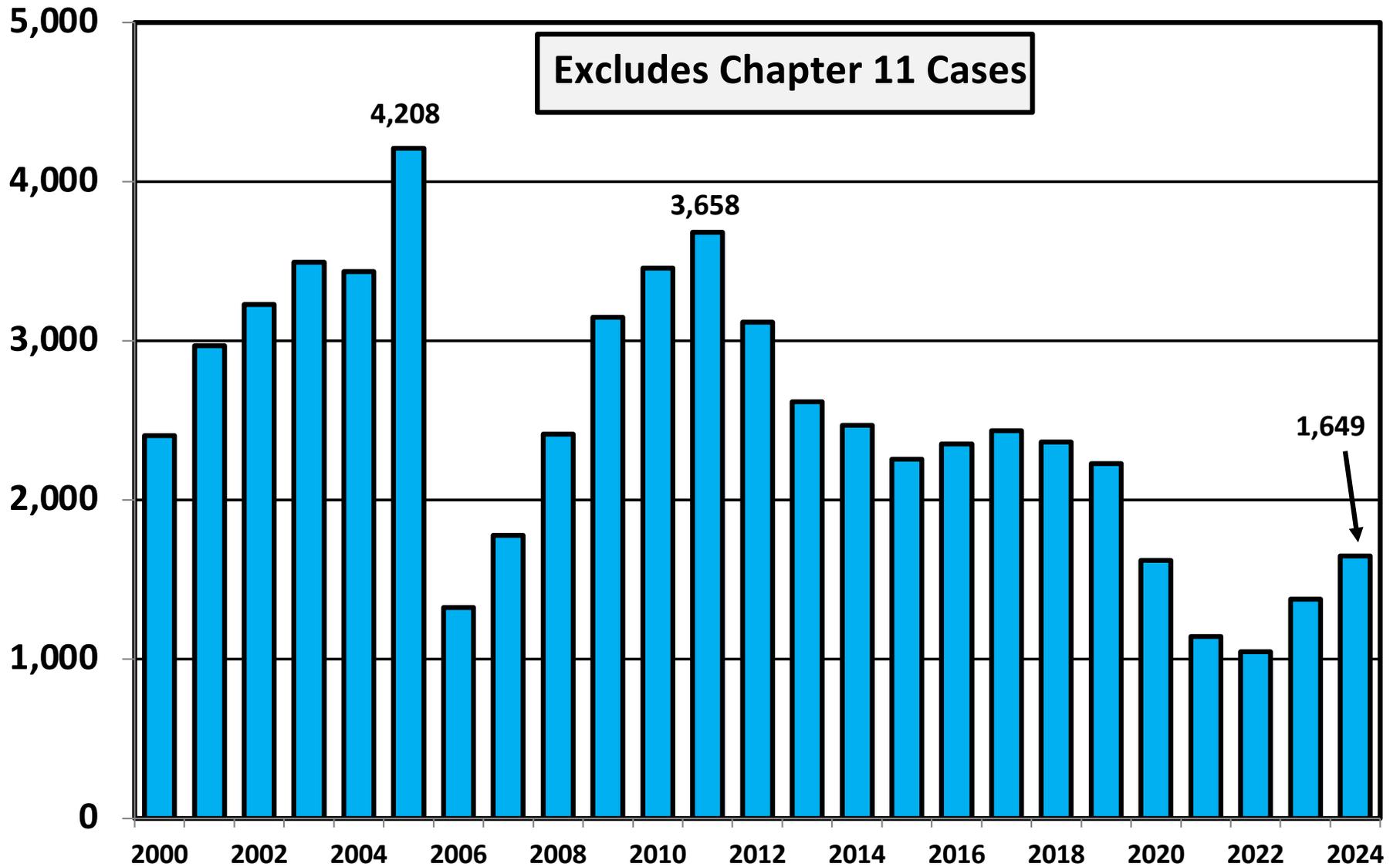
# Total Bankruptcy Cases Filed in Delaware

Calendar Years 2000 - 2024

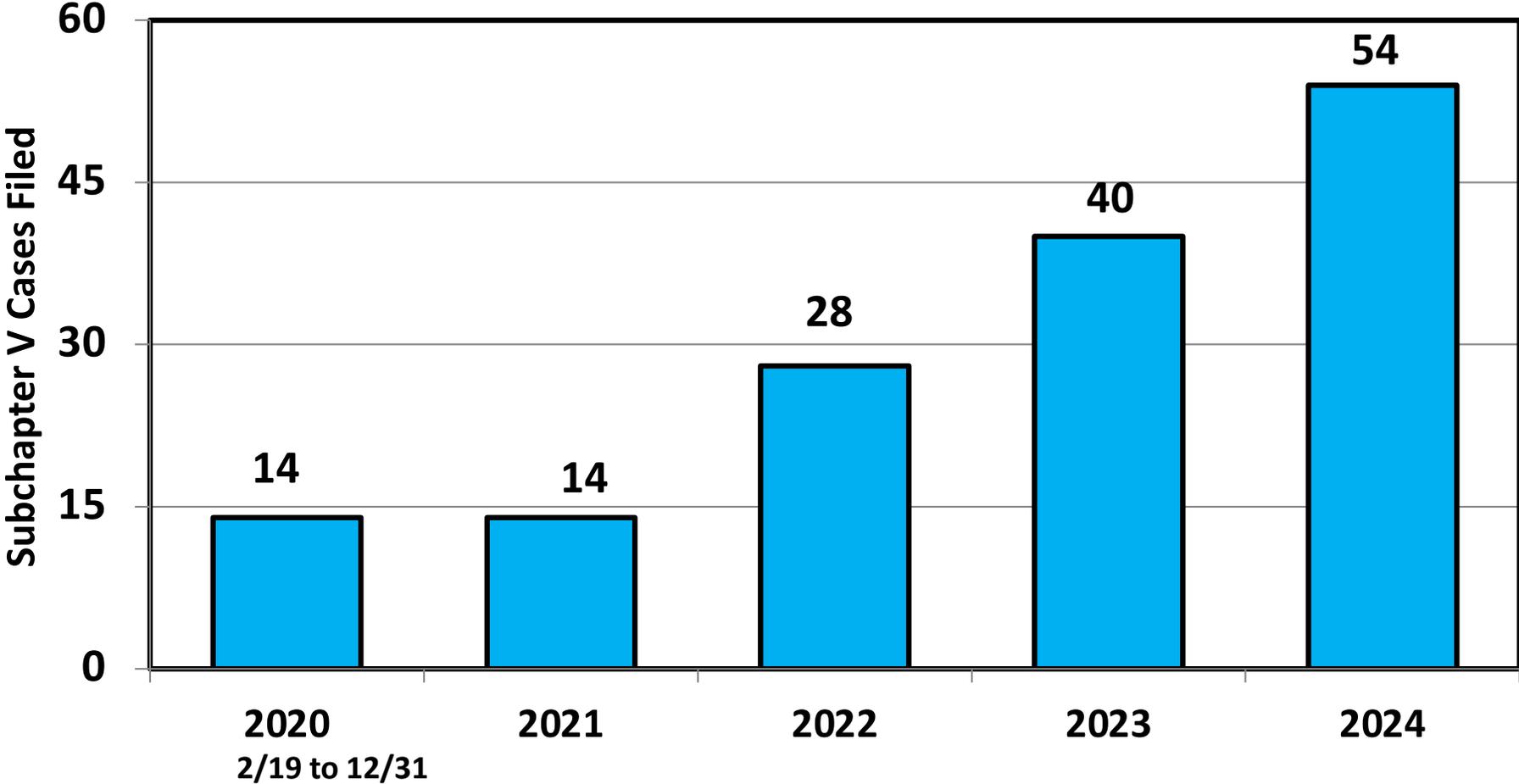


# Total Bankruptcy Cases Filed in Delaware

Calendar Years 2000 - 2024



**Subchapter V Cases Filed in Delaware  
Calendar Years 2020 - 2024**

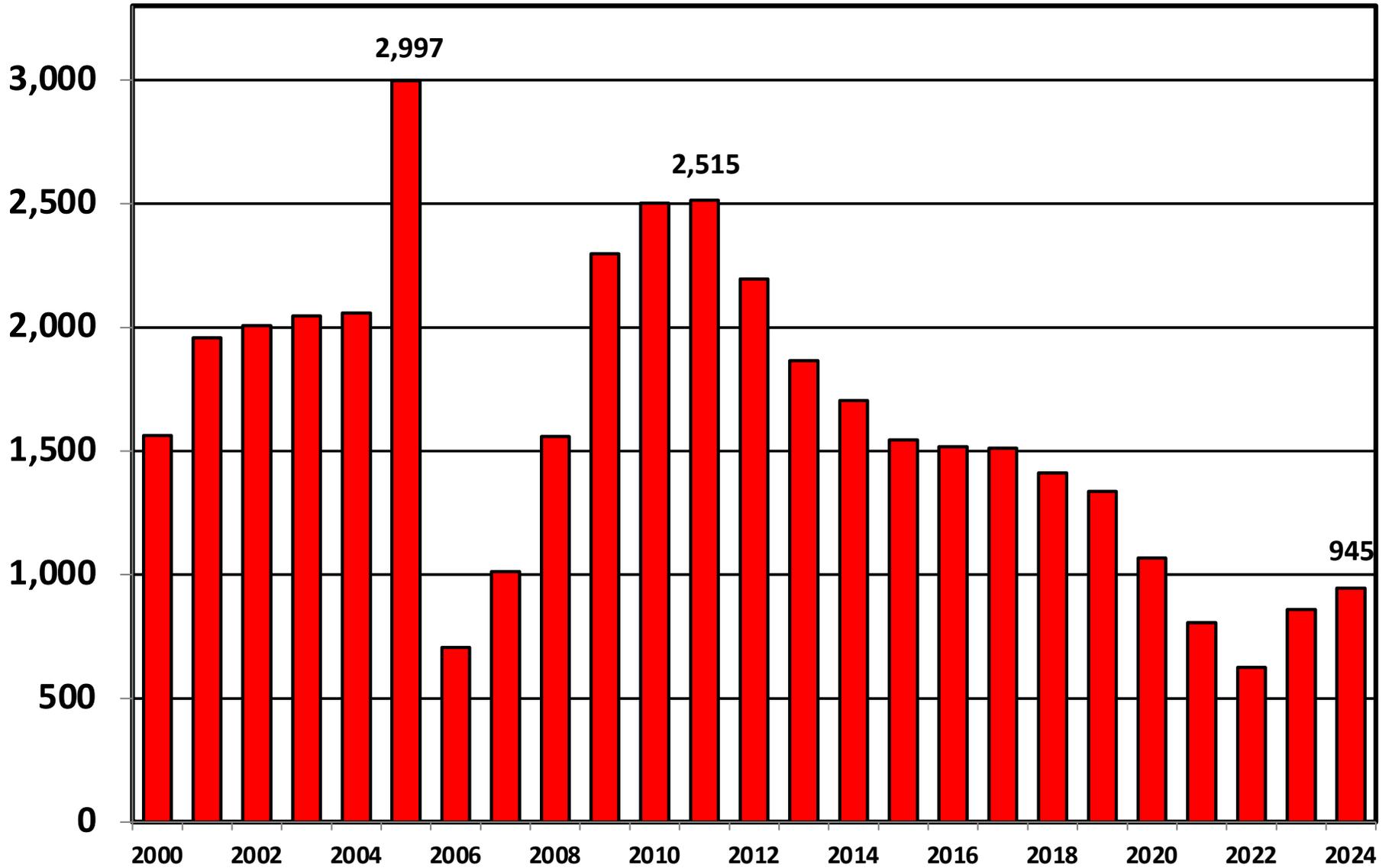


Source: ABI review of PACER records

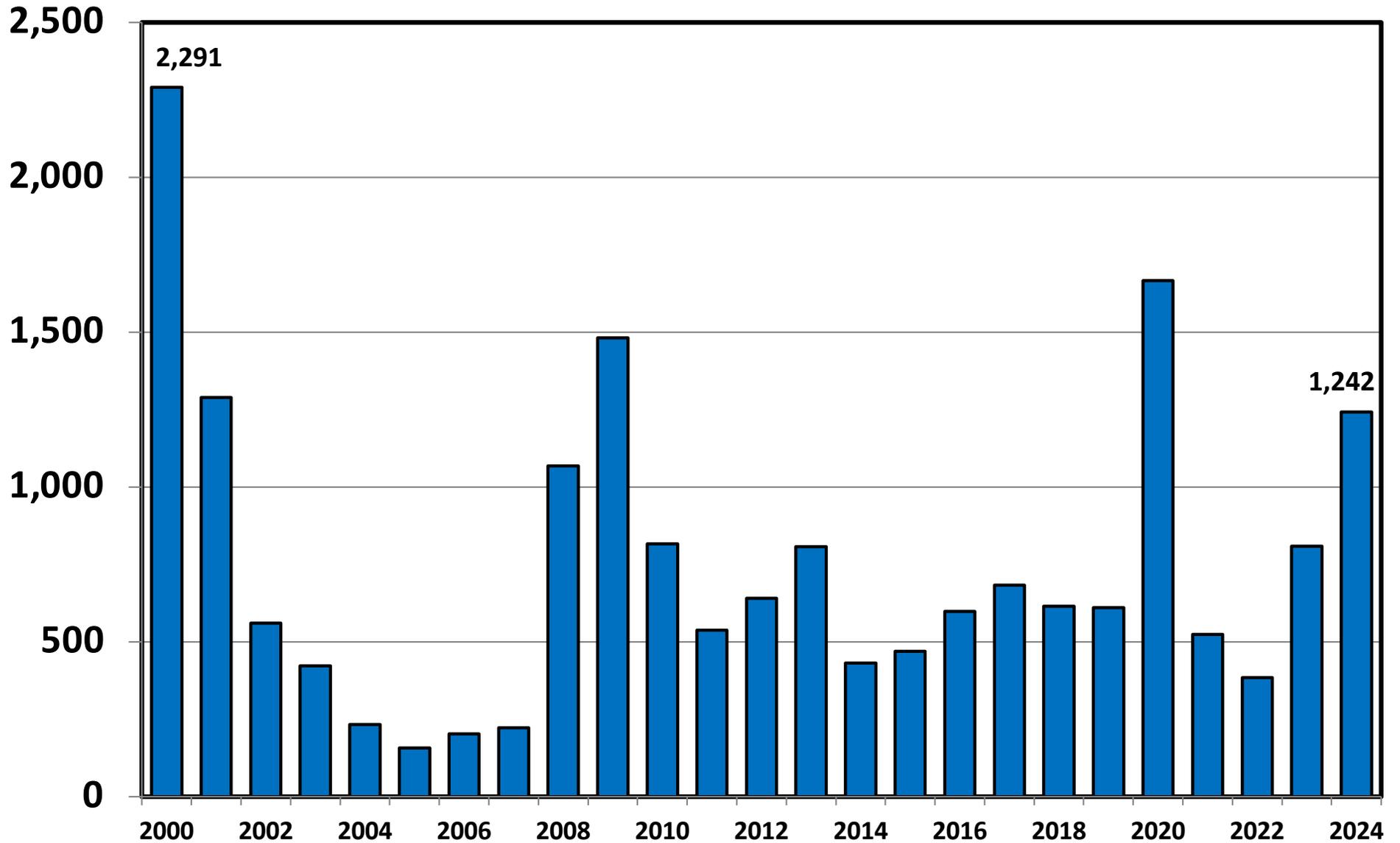


# Chapter 7 Cases Filed In Delaware

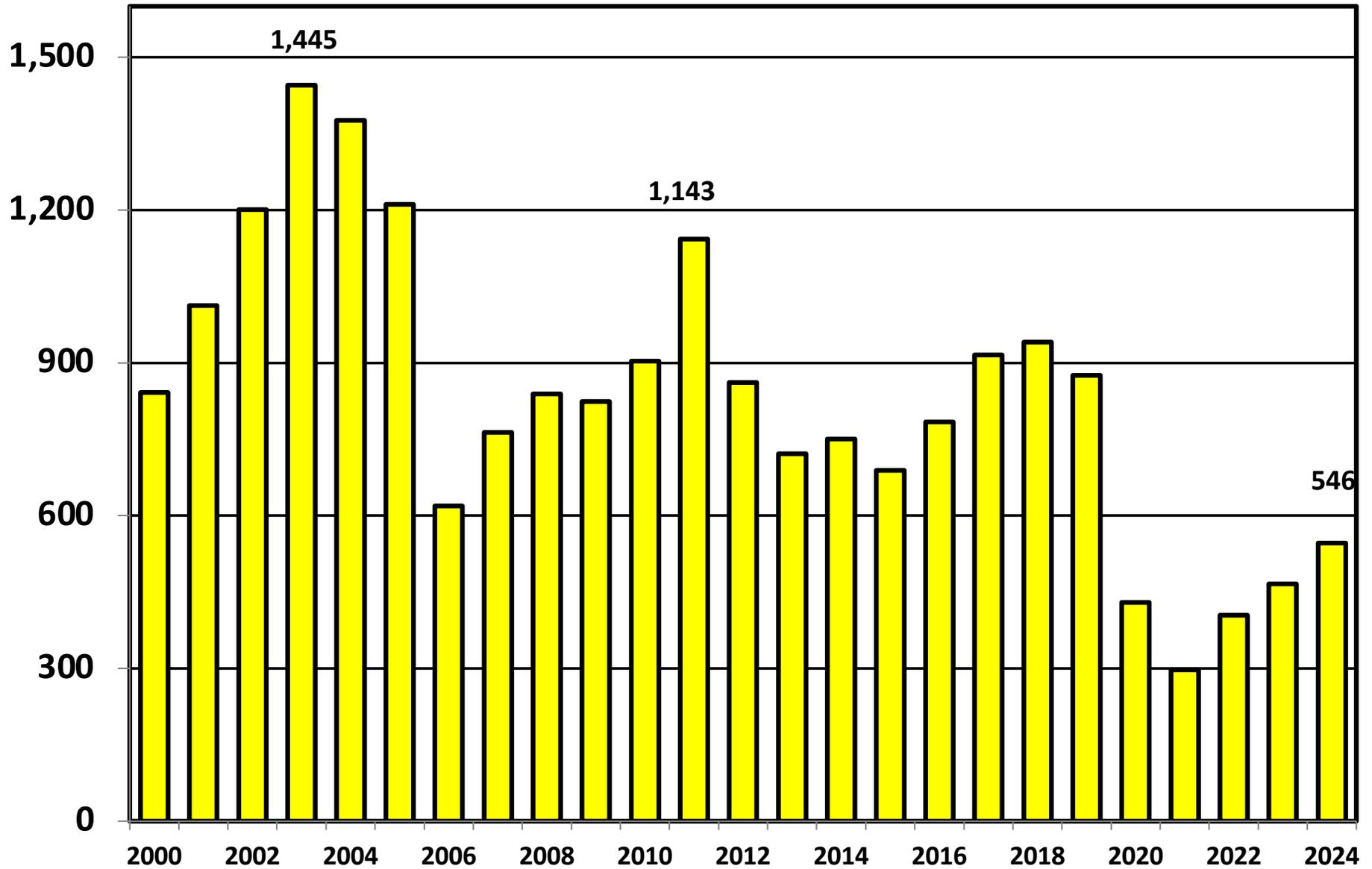
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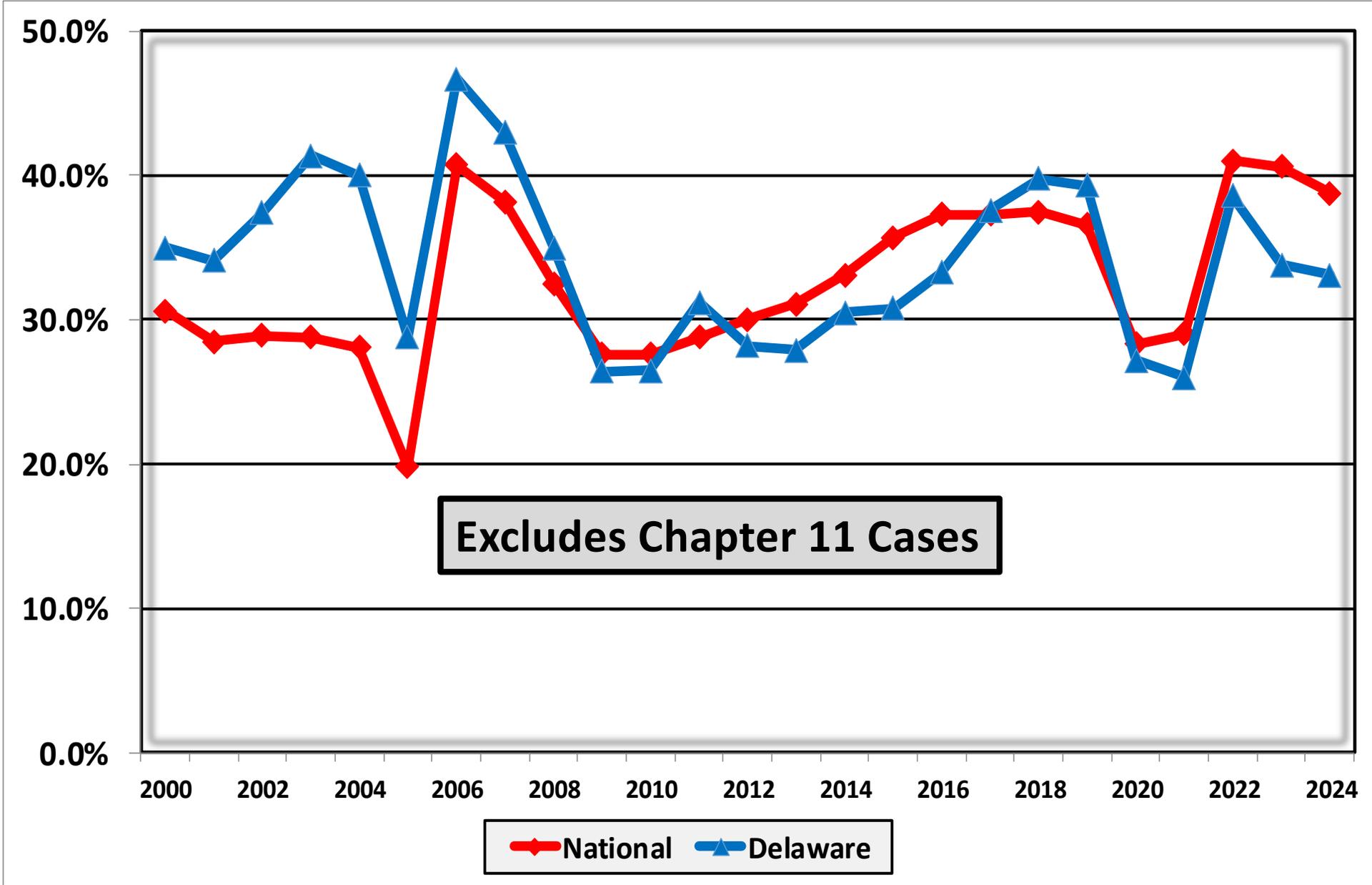
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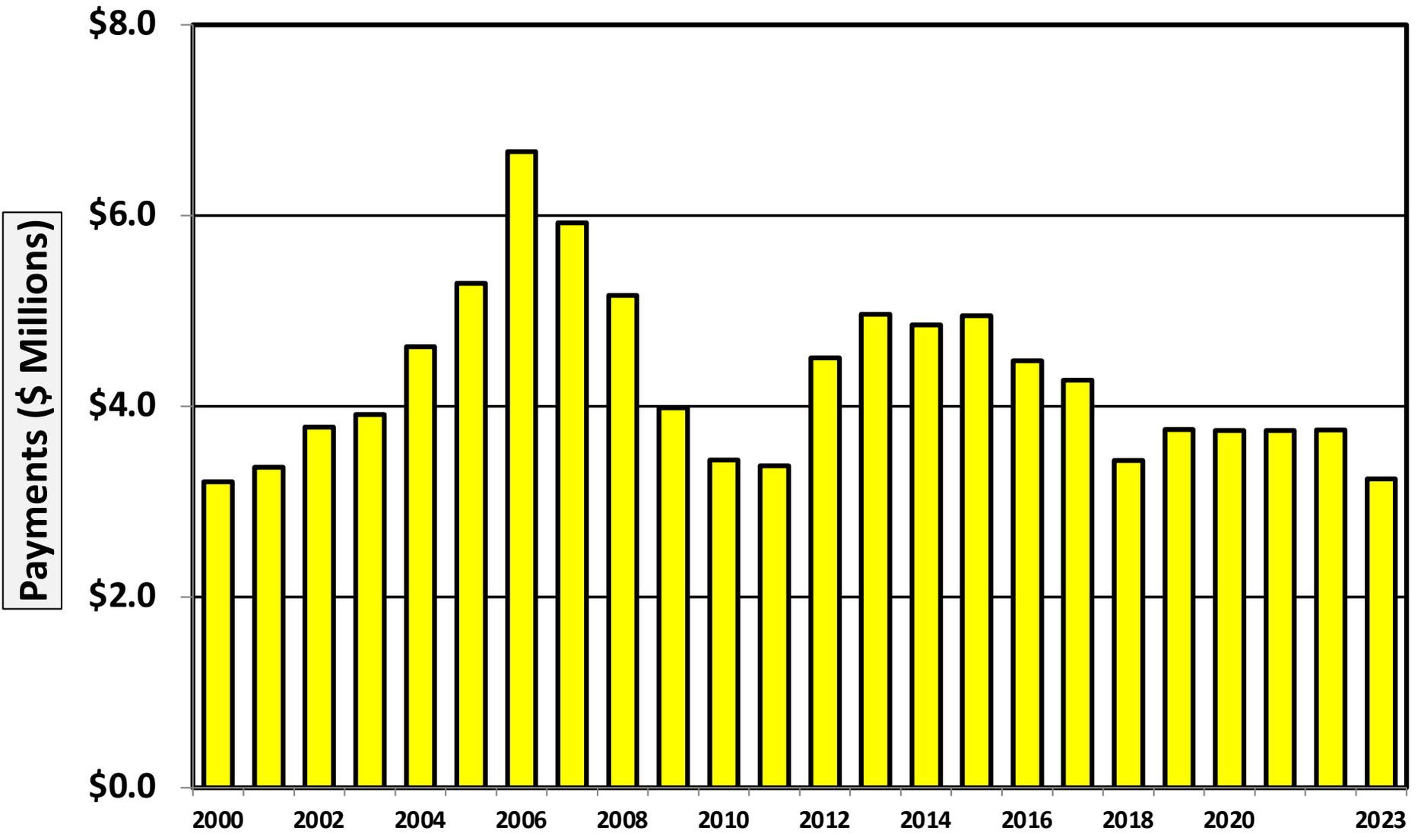
# Chapter 13 Cases Filed in Delaware 2000 - 2024



**Percent of Cases Filed as Chapter 13  
Calendar Years 2000 - 2024**

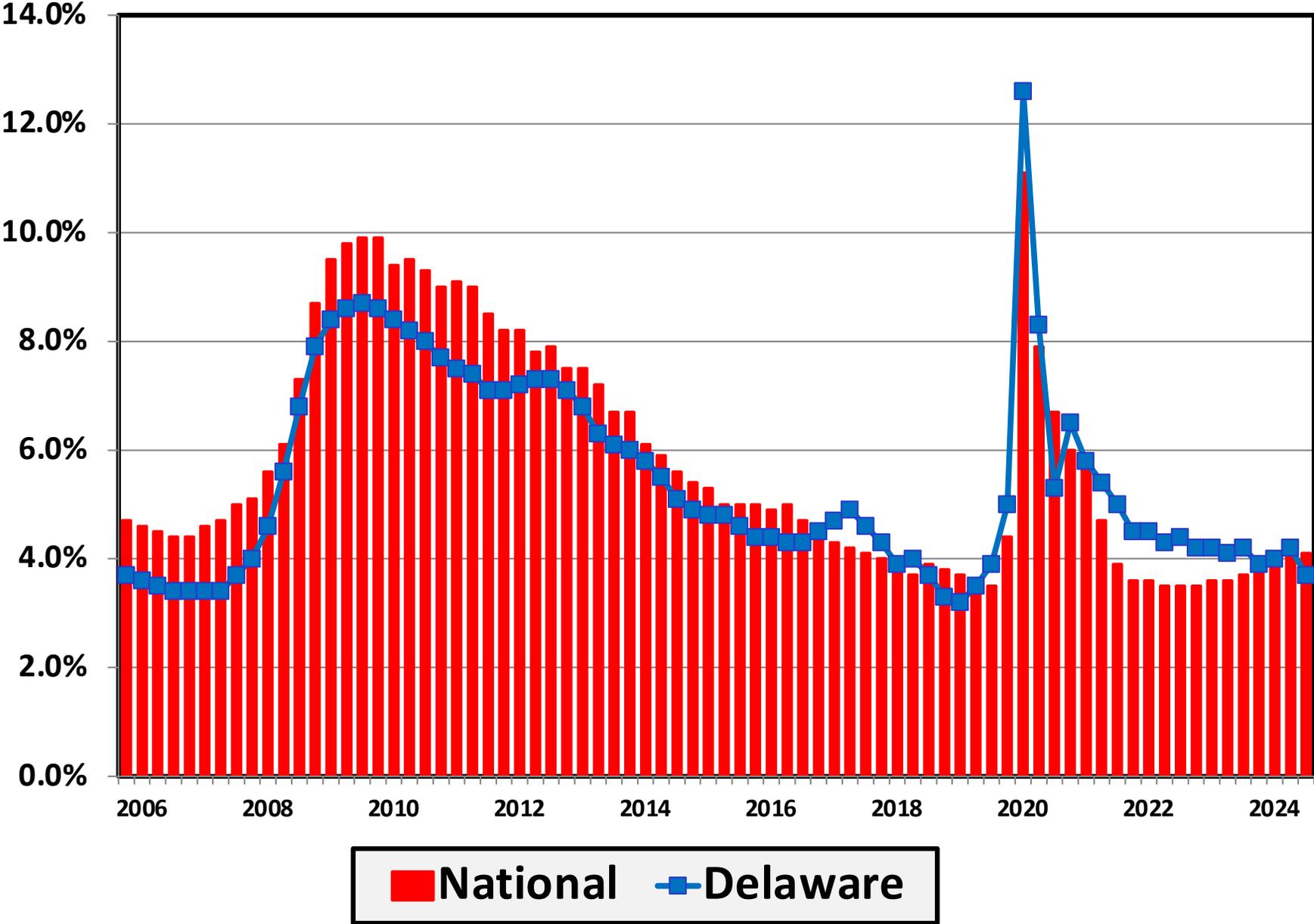


**Chapter 13 Cases in Delaware**  
Amount (in Millions) Paid to Unsecured Creditors  
Fiscal Years 2000 - 2023



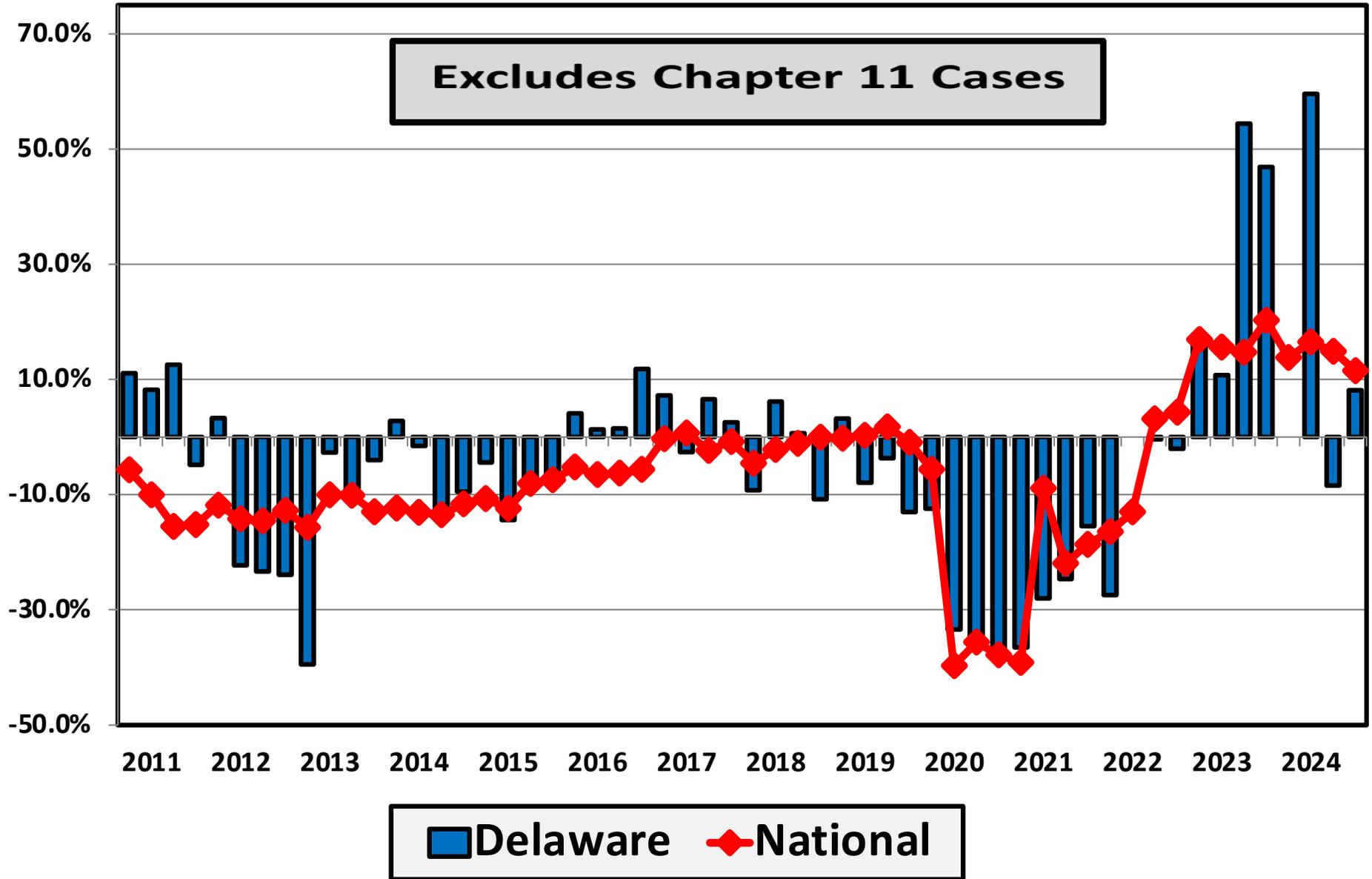
Source: Executive Office for United States Trustees

# Unemployment Rate By Quarter 2006 - 2024



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

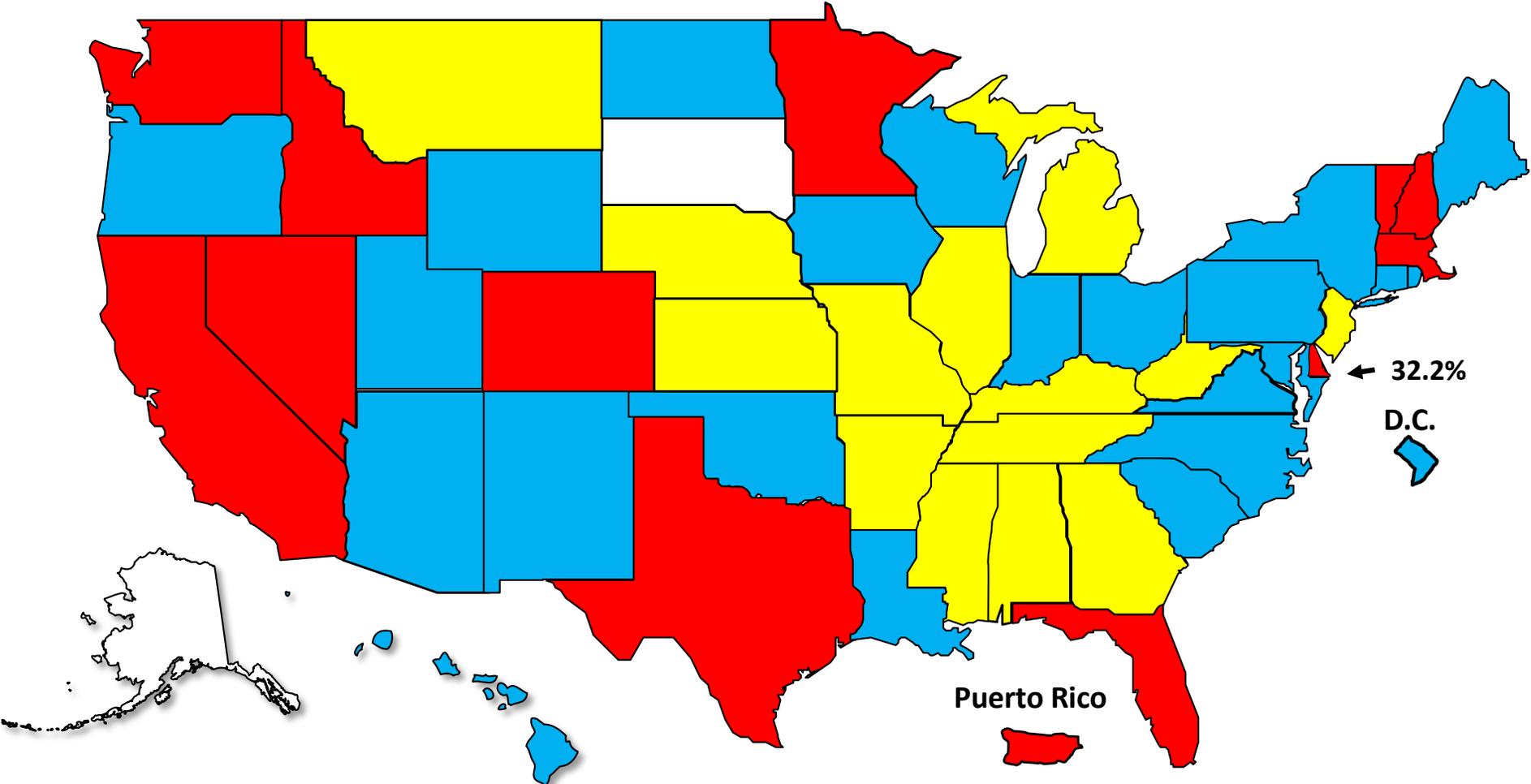
**Filing Trends By Quarter Delaware vs. National Average  
(Percent Change From Same Quarter One Year Prior)**



# Bankruptcy Filing Trends

Calendar Year 2024 vs. 2023

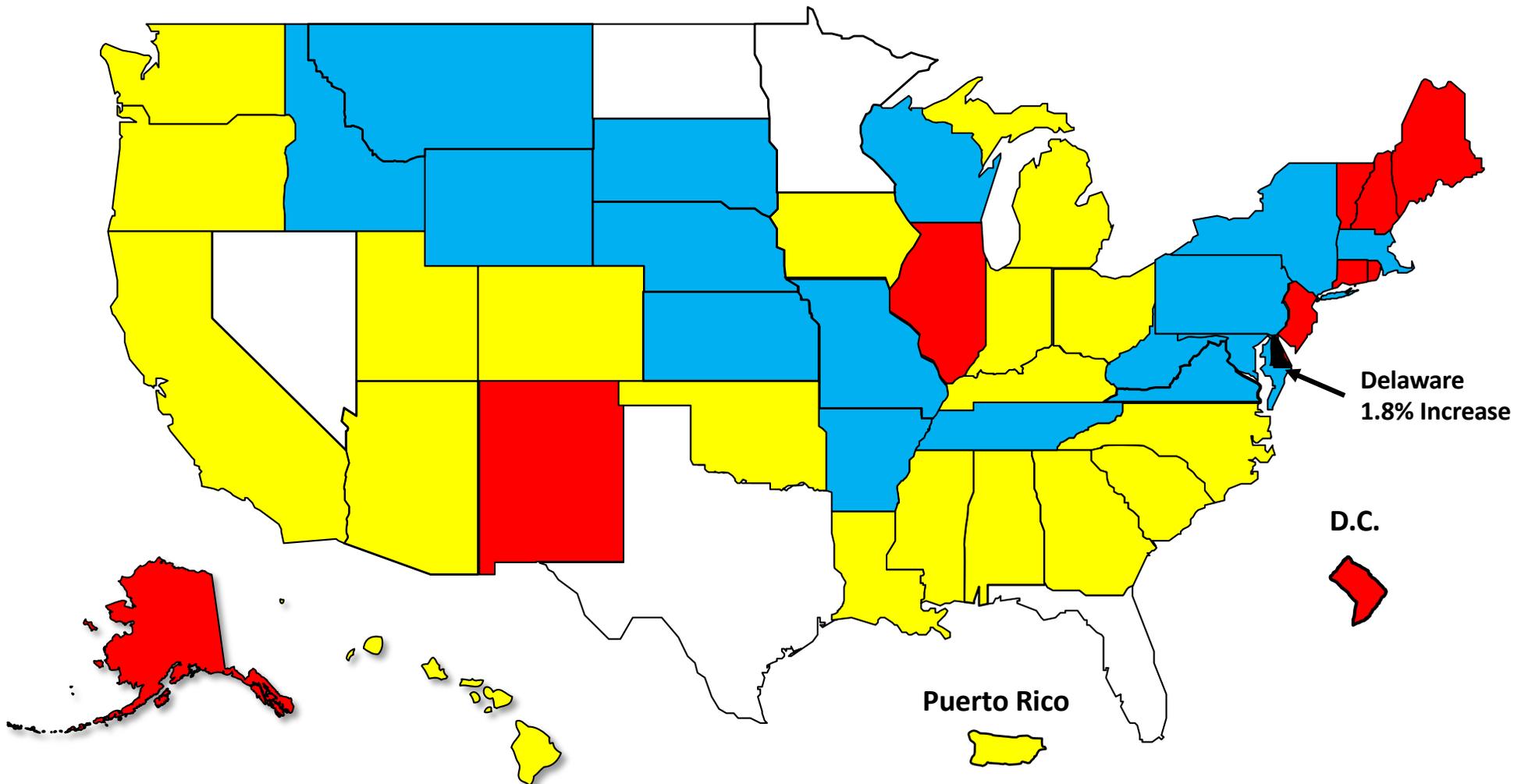
National Average = 14.2% Increase



# Bankruptcy Filing Trends Since the Pandemic Calendar Year 2024 vs. 2019

**National Average = 33.2% Decrease**

Decline Under 25%    Decline 25.0% – 34.9%    Decline 35.0% – 44.9%    Decline 45% or More







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