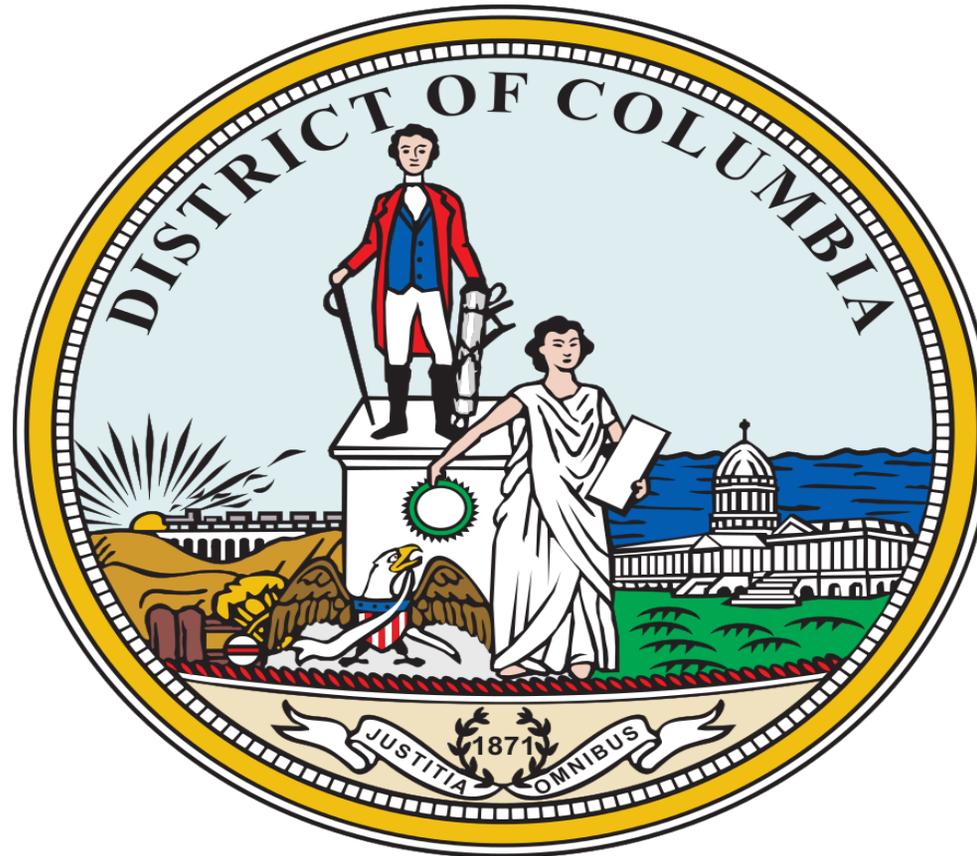


# Bankruptcy Filing Trends in Washington D.C.



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State at a Glance		
	Washington D.C.	National
Population (7/1/2024)	678,972	340,110,988
- Change since April 2020	-1.5%	2.6%
- Foreign Born	13.4%	13.9%
Size (Square Miles)	61	3,533,038
Median Household Income	\$101,722	\$78,538
Persons per Household	2.03	2.54
Per Capita Income	\$71,297	\$43,289
Median Home Value	\$705,000	\$303,400
Homeownership Rate	41.4%	65.0%
High School Graduate (or Higher)	92.7%	89.4%
College Graduate (or Higher)	62.6%	35.0%
Disabled	7.9%	9.1%
No Health Insurance	3.3%	9.5%
In Poverty	13.3%	11.1%

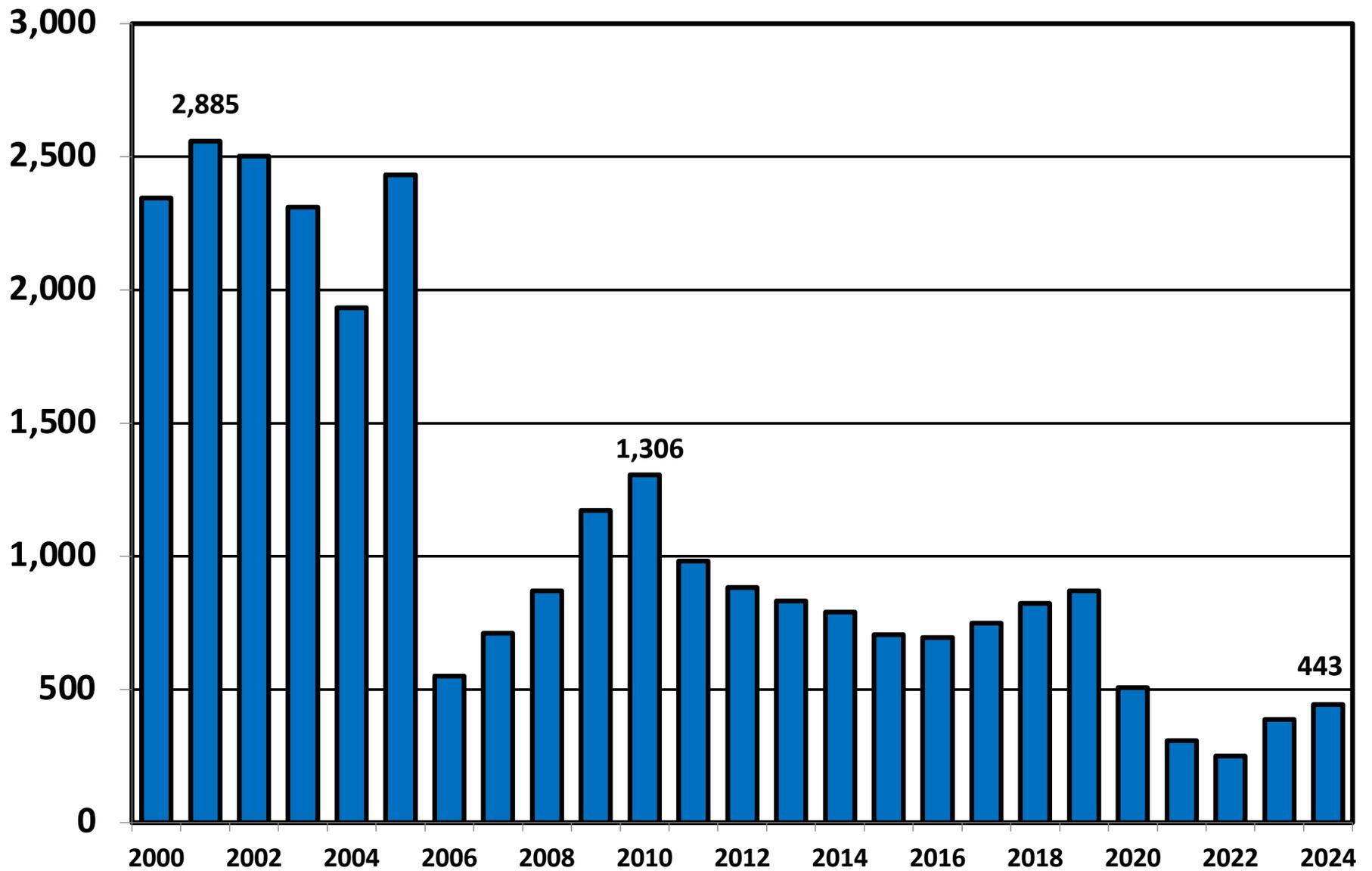
Source: U.S. Census Bureau January 2025

<b>Bankruptcy Filings in Washington D.C.</b>					
<b>Calendar Years 2000 - 2024</b>					
<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>443</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>2,124</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>1,747</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>2,559</b>	<b>1,789</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>*Chapters 9, 12 and 15</b>					

<b>Business Bankruptcy Cases Filed - Washington D.C.</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>86</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>* Chapters 9, 12 and 15</b>					

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## Total Bankruptcy Cases Filed Calendar Years 2000 - 2024



# Total Filings Relative to Population 2000 - 2024



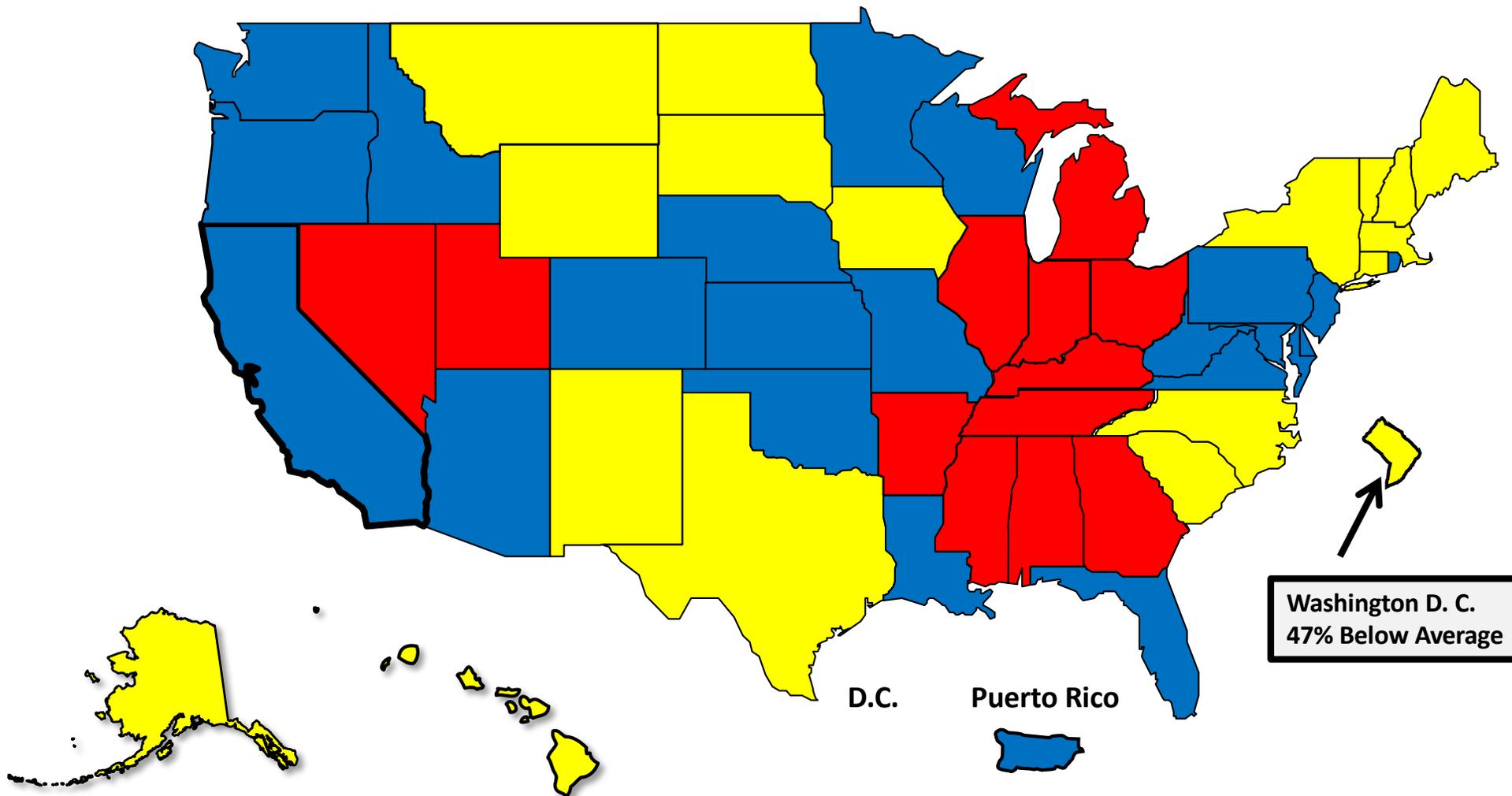
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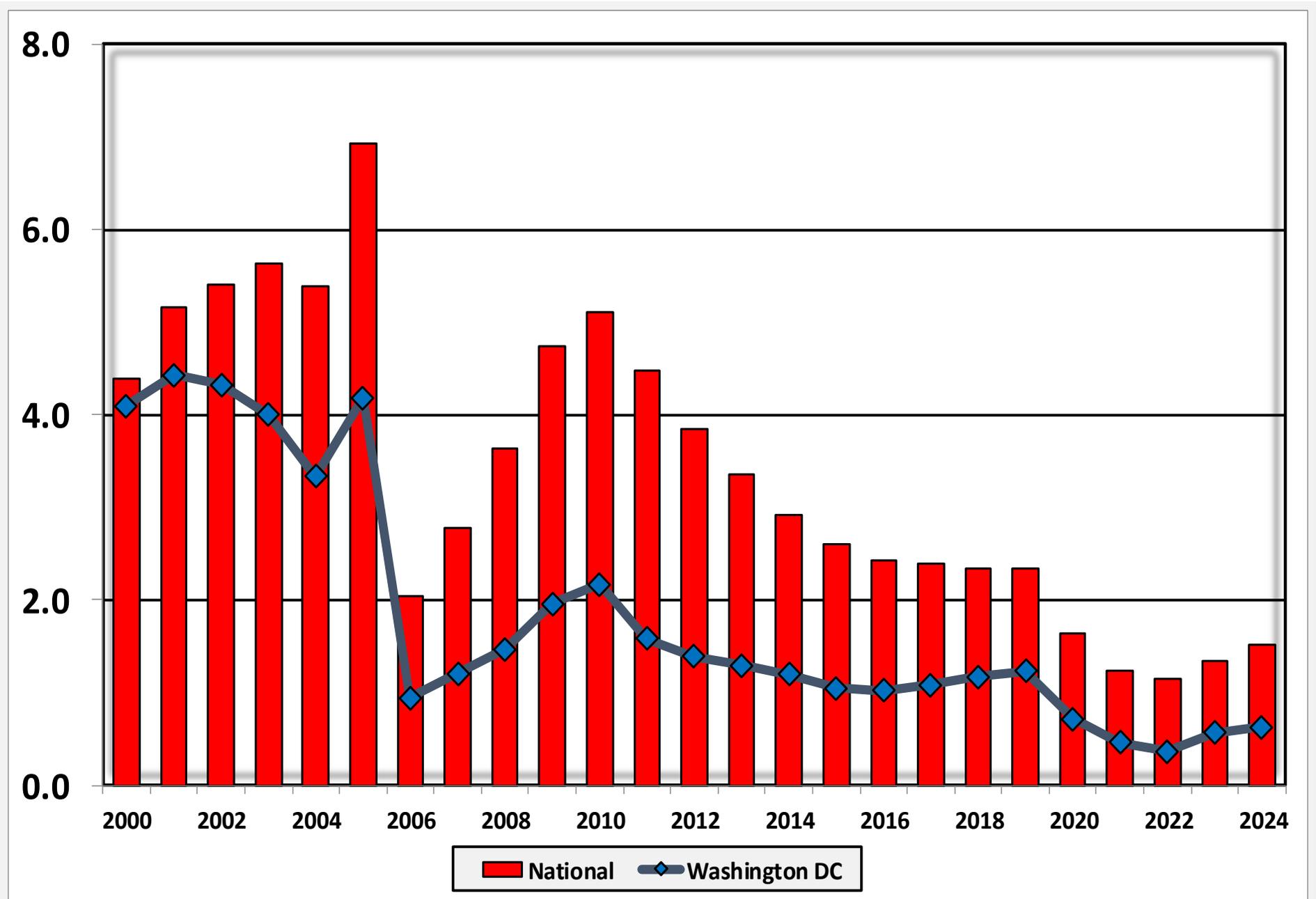
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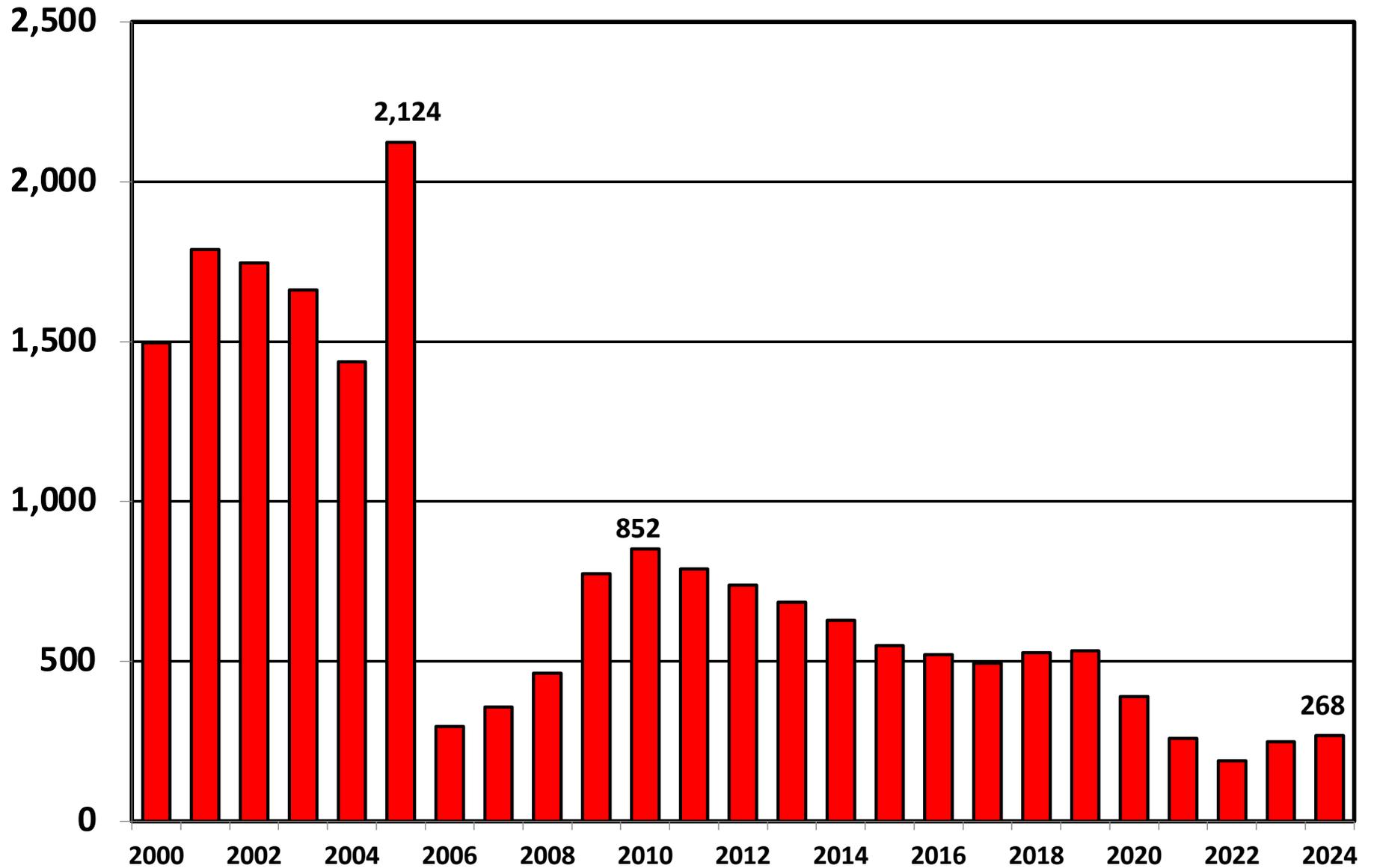
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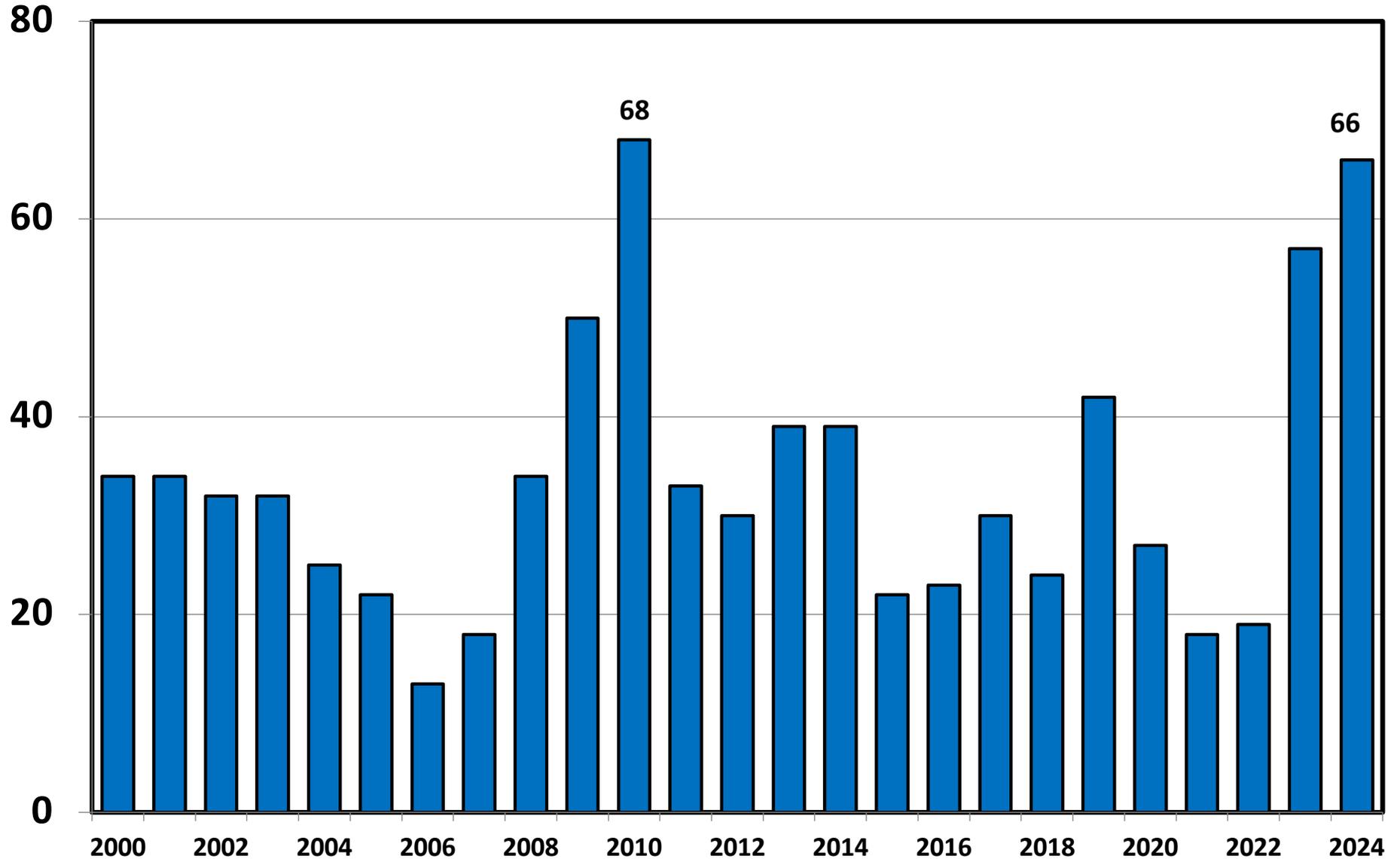
# Bankruptcy Filings per 1,000 Population Washington D.C. vs. National Average 2000 - 2024



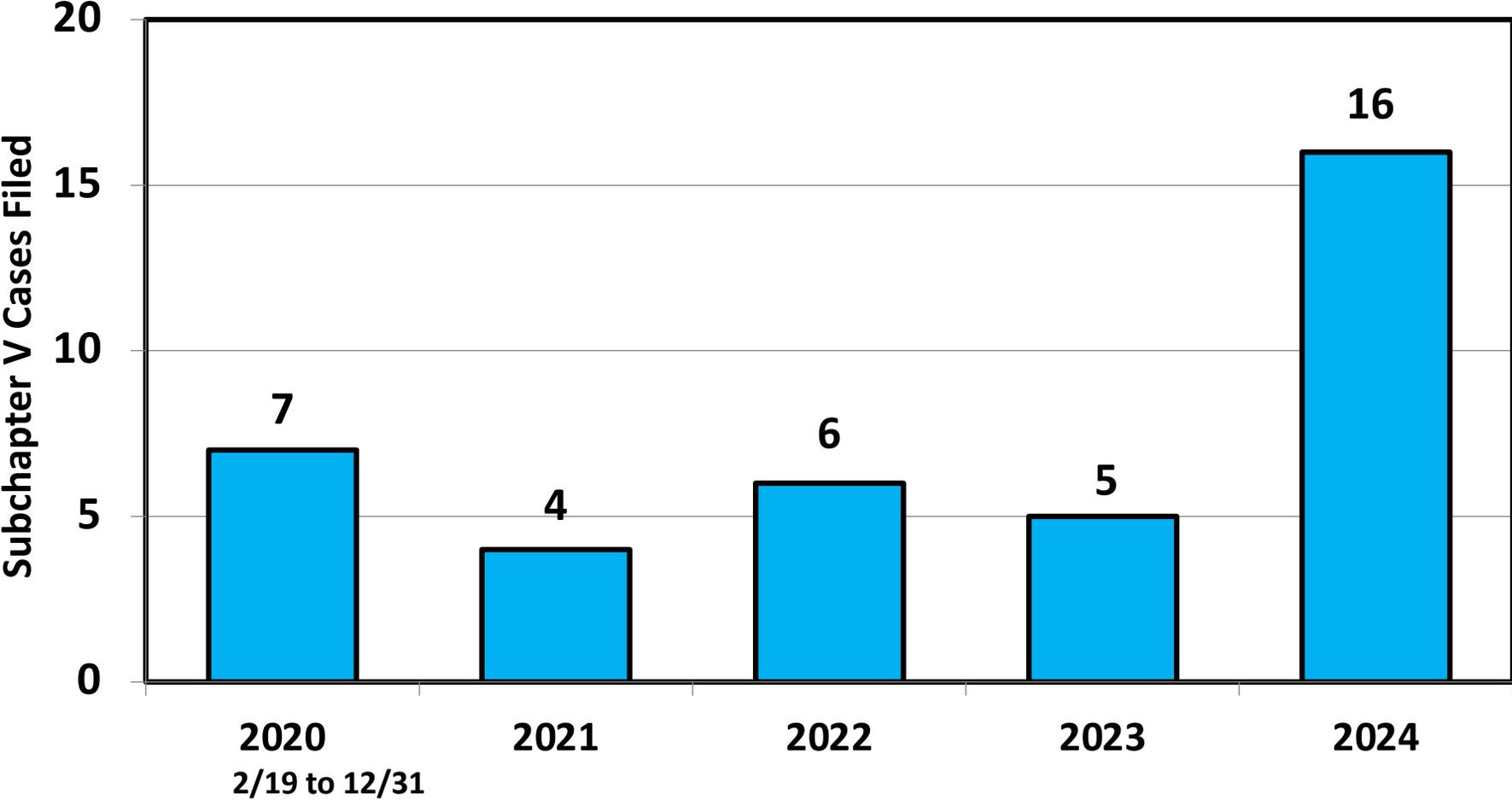
# Chapter 7 Cases Filed In Washington D.C. Calendar Years 2000 - 2024



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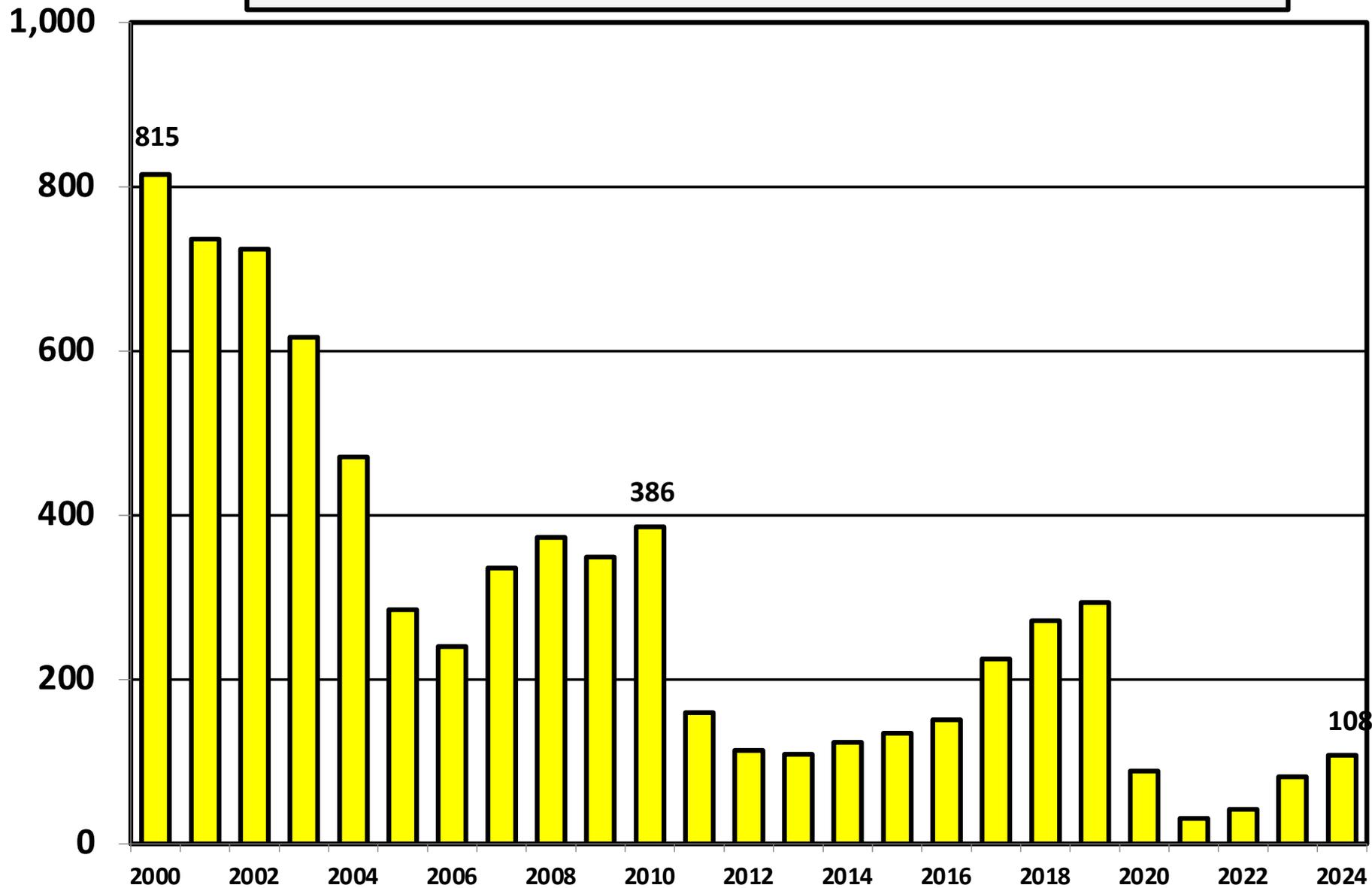


**Subchapter V Cases Filed in Washington D.C.  
Calendar Years 2020 - 2024**

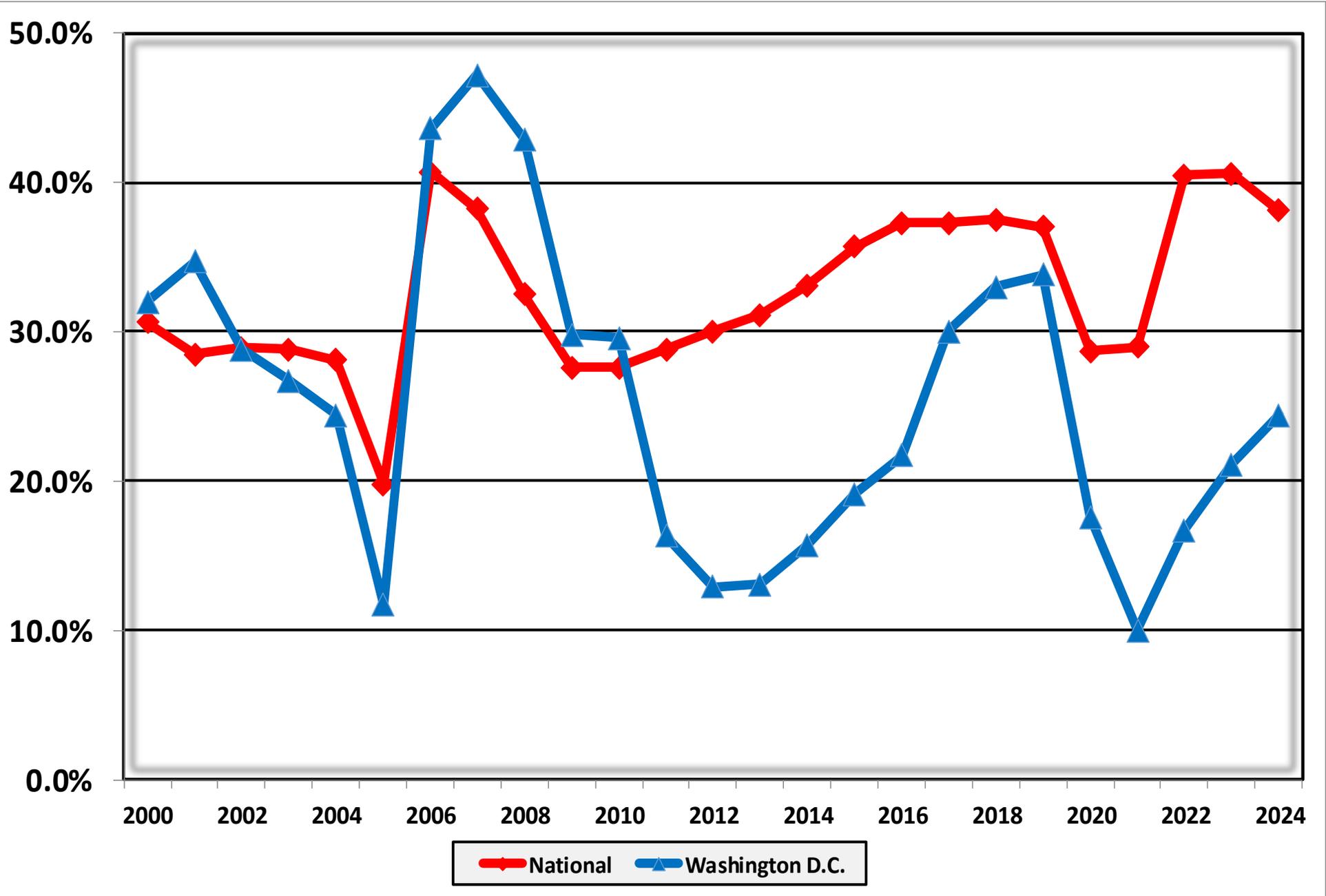


Source: ABI review of PACER records

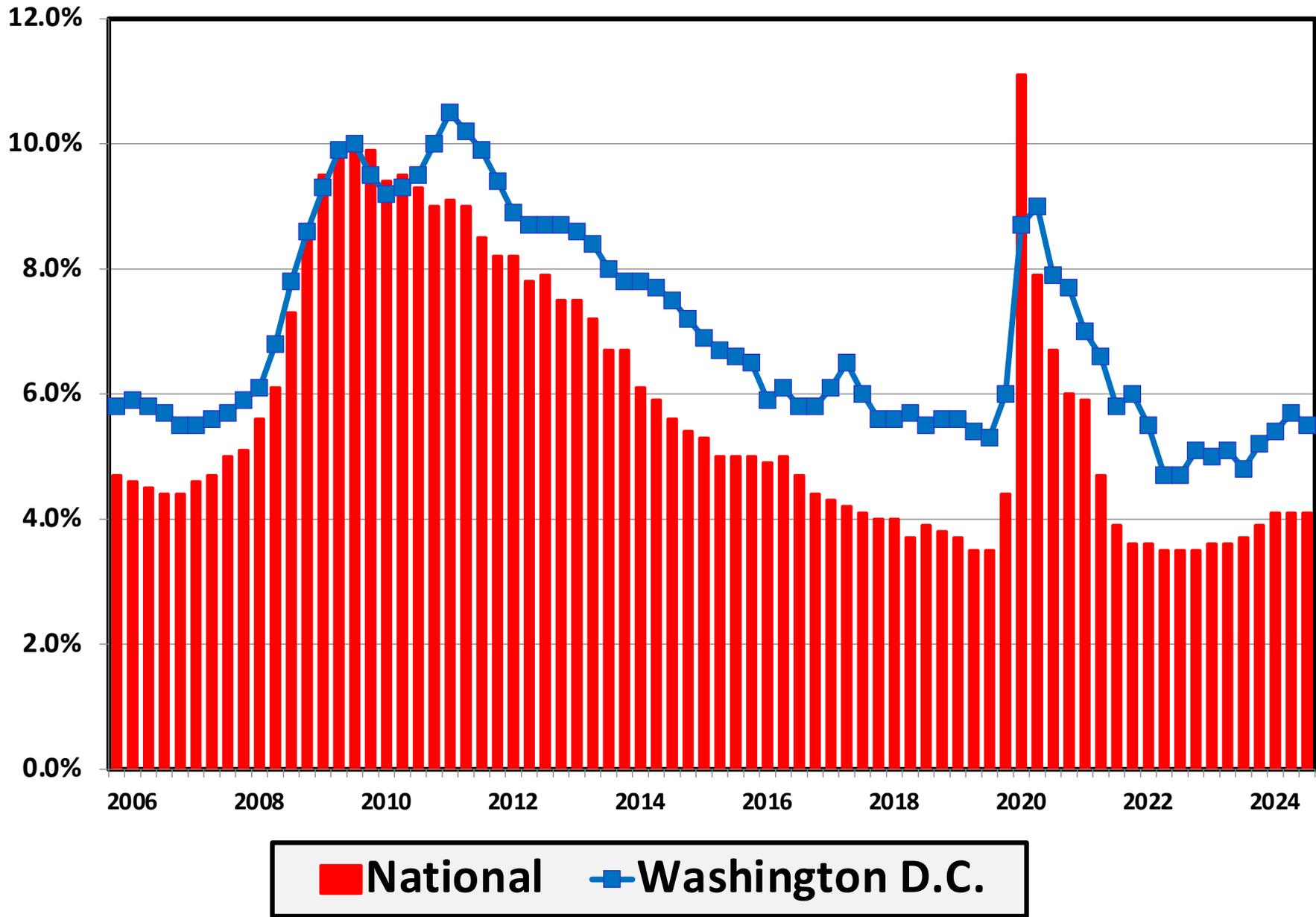
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**Percent of Cases Filed as Chapter 13  
Calendar Years 2000 - 2024**

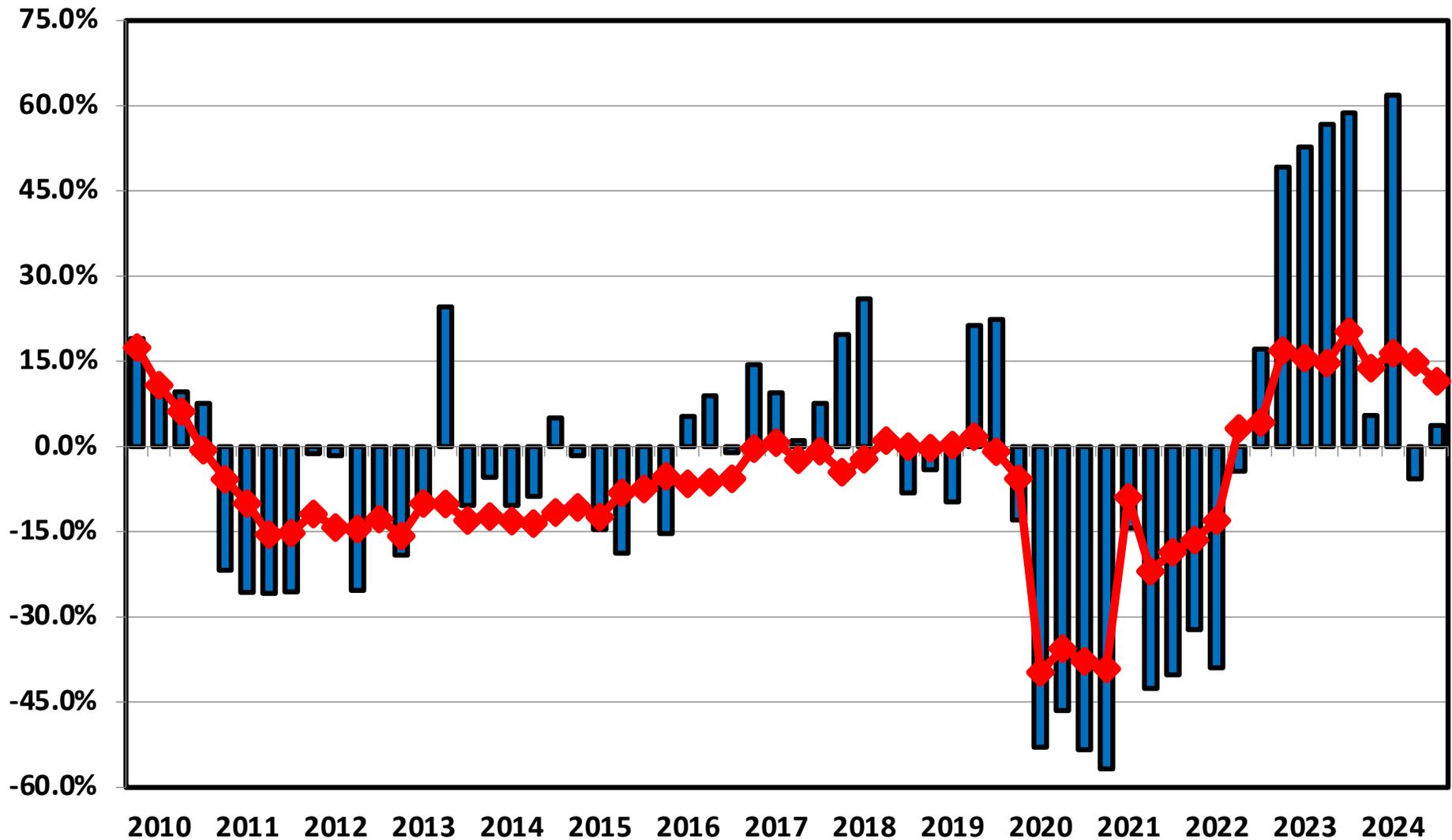


# Unemployment Rate By Quarter 2006 - 2024



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Filing Trends By Quarter Washington DC vs. National Average (Percent Change From Same Quarter One Year Prior)

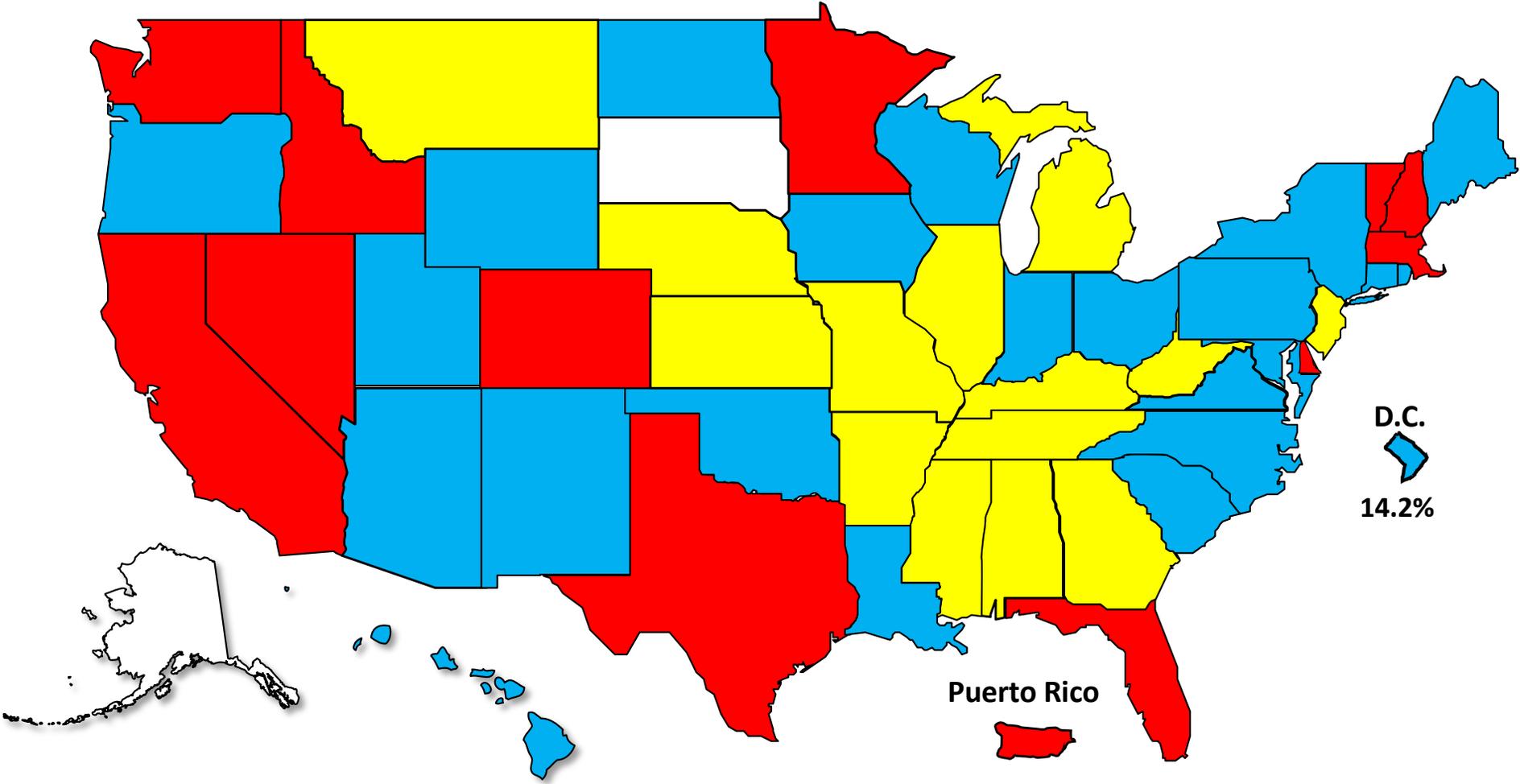


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# Bankruptcy Filing Trends

Calendar Year 2024 vs. 2023

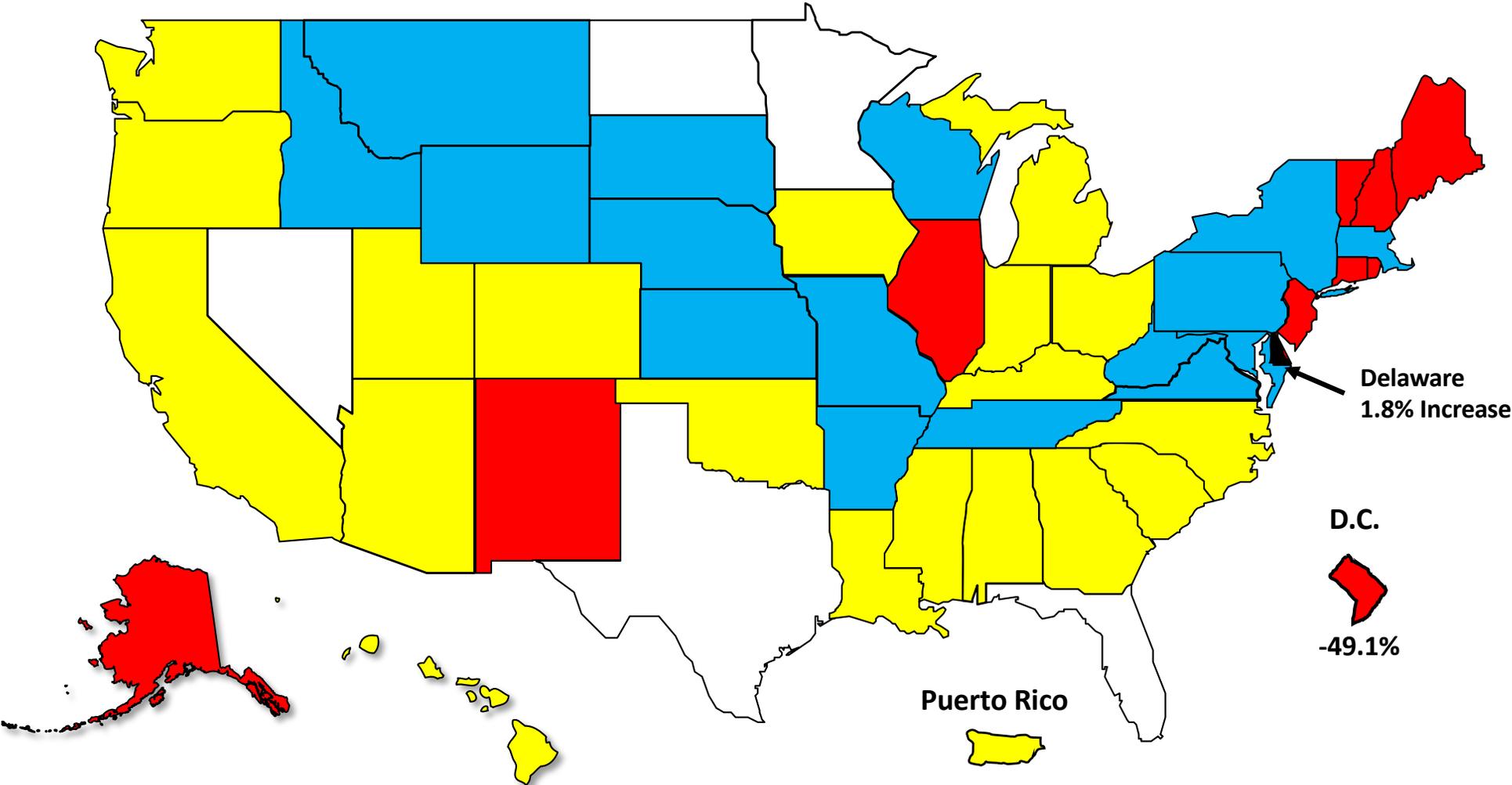
National Average = 14.2% Increase



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

National Average = 33.2% Decrease

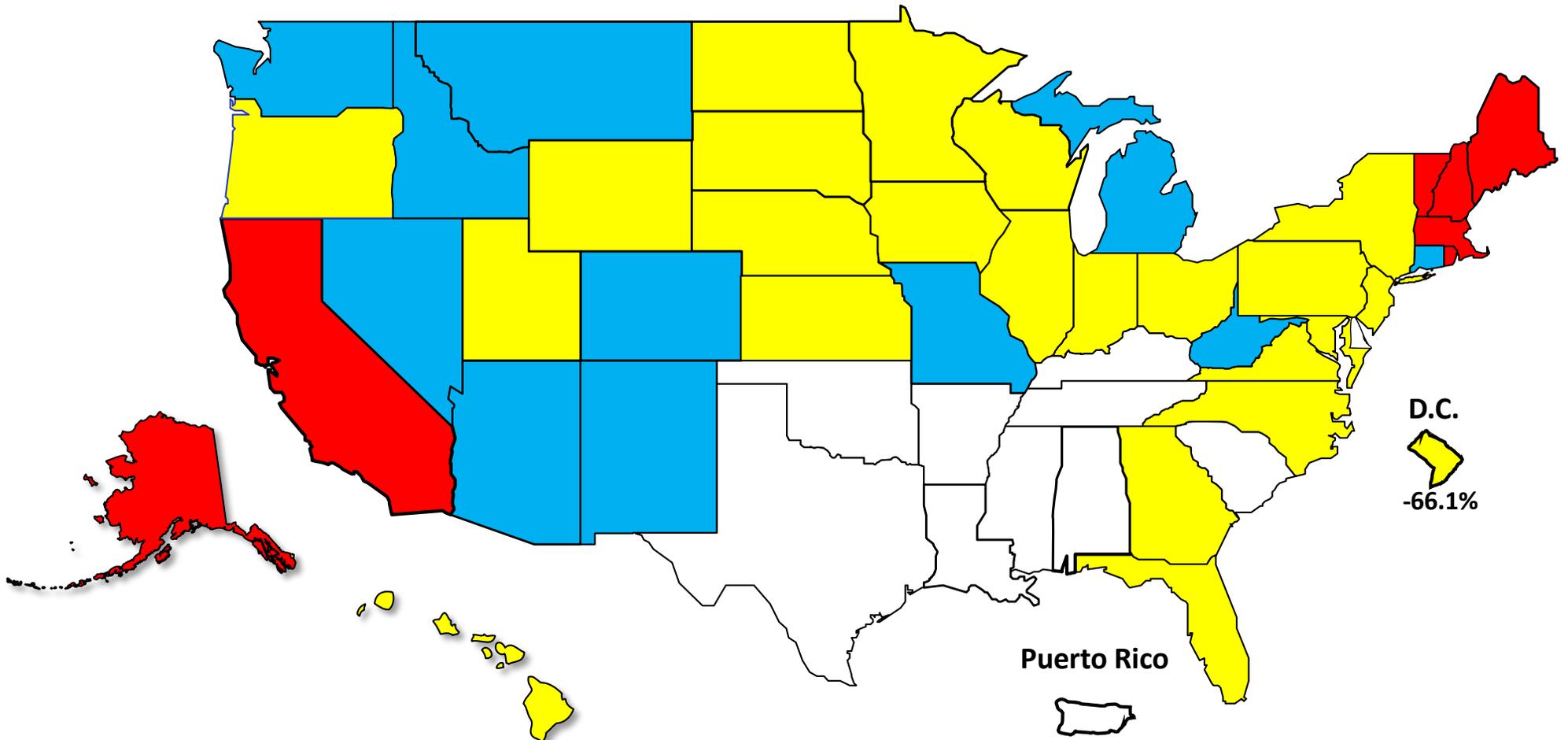
Decline Under 25%    Decline 25.0% – 34.9%    Decline 35.0% – 44.9%    Decline 45% or More



# Percent Change in Total Filings Calendar Year 2024 Compared to 2010

(National Average = 67.5% Decrease)

## Amount of Decrease





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