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# Wisconsin

State at a Glance		
	Wisconsin	National
Population (7/1/2025)	5,972,987	341,784,857
- Change since April 2020	1.3%	3.1%
- Foreign Born	5.2%	14.1%
Size (Square Miles)	54,167	3,533,038
Median Household Income	\$77,485	\$80,734
Persons per Household	2.33	2.53
Per Capita Income	\$43,373	\$44,673
Median Home Value	\$266,500	\$332,700
Homeownership Rate	67.8%	65.2%
High School Graduate (or Higher)	93.6%	89.6%
College Graduate (or Higher)	33.4%	35.7%
Disabled	8.7%	9.3%
No Health Insurance	6.4%	9.6%
In Poverty	10.3%	10.6%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau January 2026		

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Year	Total	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13	Other Cases*
2025	10,171	6,560	44	3,550	17
2024	9,715	6,169	31	3,510	5
2023	8,469	5,162	48	3,257	2
2022	7,898	4,955	20	2,917	6
2021	9,279	6,684	30	2,538	27
2020	11,643	8,523	37	3,014	69
2019	16,621	11,504	37	5,024	56
2018	16,502	11,573	14	4,866	49
2017	17,129	12,041	37	5,006	45
2016	17,159	11,980	36	5,103	40
2015	18,793	13,729	42	5,000	22
2014	21,076	15,878	53	5,123	22
2013	23,041	17,292	55	5,667	27
2012	25,455	19,323	97	6,001	34
2011	27,308	21,349	87	5,836	36
2010	30,423	24,650	77	5,653	43
2009	27,802	22,532	125	5,117	28
2008	21,448	16,711	70	4,648	19
2007	15,851	11,901	43	3,890	17
2006	11,317	8,336	48	2,919	14
2005	38,240	33,744	53	4,433	10
2004	27,410	22,768	67	4,570	5
2003	28,246	23,601	69	4,557	19
2002	25,296	21,063	69	4,139	25
2001	22,081	18,483	70	3,515	13
2000	17,849	14,992	51	2,796	10
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Year	Total	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13	Other Cases*
2025	7,338	4,535	27	2,771	5
2024	7,058	4,339	18	2,697	4
2023	6,107	3,547	32	2,526	2
2022	5,829	3,480	11	2,334	4
2021	6,653	4,591	10	2,045	7
2020	8,417	5,897	21	2,469	30
2019	12,219	8,045	20	4,139	15
2018	12,126	8,030	5	4,075	16
2017	12,634	8,367	13	4,237	17
2016	12,738	8,362	19	4,338	19
2015	14,092	9,823	24	4,239	6
2014	15,597	11,264	26	4,299	8
2013	16,801	12,102	26	4,668	5
2012	18,442	13,416	48	4,965	13
2011	19,430	14,611	43	4,759	17
2010	20,856	16,260	35	4,549	12
2009	18,894	14,683	81	4,120	10
2008	14,459	10,744	26	3,681	8
2007	10,627	7,554	18	3,050	5
2006	7,705	5,390	23	2,289	3
2005	25,507	22,168	20	3,317	2
2004	18,227	14,743	23	3,460	1
2003	18,850	15,393	22	3,430	5
2002	16,857	13,654	24	3,170	9
2001	14,612	11,908	14	2,689	1
2000	12,075	9,867	11	2,193	4
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Year	Total	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13	Other Cases*
2025	2,833	2,025	17	779	12
2024	2,657	1,830	13	813	1
2023	2,362	1,615	16	731	0
2022	2,069	1,475	9	583	2
2021	2,626	2,093	20	493	20
2020	3,226	2,626	16	545	39
2019	4,402	3,513	16	831	42
2018	4,376	3,543	9	791	33
2017	4,495	3,674	24	769	28
2016	4,421	3,618	17	765	21
2015	4,701	3,906	18	761	16
2014	5,479	4,614	27	824	14
2013	6,240	5,190	29	999	22
2012	7,013	5,907	49	1,036	21
2011	7,878	6,738	44	1,077	19
2010	9,567	8,390	42	1,104	31
2009	8,908	7,849	44	997	18
2008	6,989	5,967	44	967	11
2007	5,224	4,347	25	840	12
2006	3,612	2,946	25	630	11
2005	12,733	11,576	33	1,116	8
2004	9,183	8,025	44	1,110	4
2003	9,396	8,208	47	1,127	14
2002	8,438	7,409	45	969	15
2001	7,469	6,575	56	826	12
2000	5,774	5,125	40	603	6
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Business Bankruptcy Cases Filed - Wisconsin Years Ended December 31, 2000 - 2025					
CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL FILINGS	CHAPTER 7	CHAPTER 11	CHAPTER 13	OTHER CASES*
2025	219	144	43	15	17
2024	176	117	31	23	5
2023	174	97	47	28	2
2022	131	81	18	26	6
2021	190	112	28	23	27
2020	299	161	37	32	69
2019	355	216	37	46	56
2018	304	207	11	37	49
2017	383	246	35	57	45
2016	403	274	31	58	40
2015	375	267	36	50	22
2014	454	337	46	49	22
2013	569	421	46	75	27
2012	693	502	87	70	34
2011	796	604	76	80	36
2010	930	741	60	86	43
2009	828	610	117	73	28
2008	652	498	64	71	19
2007	412	309	36	50	17
2006	307	217	41	35	14
2005	820	701	44	65	10
2004	742	624	57	56	5
2003	722	574	57	72	19
2002	856	669	64	100	23
2001	734	571	63	87	13
2000	685	548	47	80	10
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Year	Total	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13	Other Cases*
2025	137	99	27	6	5
2024	118	83	18	13	4
2023	104	61	32	9	2
2022	76	50	10	12	4
2021	87	62	10	8	7
2020	152	86	21	15	30
2019	180	128	20	17	15
2018	172	138	4	14	16
2017	199	142	12	28	17
2016	224	156	17	32	19
2015	211	160	21	24	6
2014	265	206	25	26	8
2013	330	259	21	45	5
2012	410	317	43	37	13
2011	497	393	41	46	17
2010	537	441	30	54	12
2009	519	381	80	48	10
2008	397	312	26	51	8
2007	219	176	16	22	5
2006	145	102	21	19	3
2005	277	234	19	22	2
2004	225	182	23	19	1
2003	191	139	22	25	5
2002	222	172	24	17	9
2001	236	198	14	23	1
2000	172	141	11	16	4
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Year	Total	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13	Other Cases*
2025	82	45	16	9	12
2024	58	34	13	10	1
2023	70	36	15	19	0
2022	55	31	8	14	2
2021	103	50	18	15	20
2020	147	75	16	17	39
2019	175	92	16	25	42
2018	132	69	7	23	33
2017	184	104	23	29	28
2016	179	118	14	26	21
2015	164	107	15	26	16
2014	189	131	21	23	14
2013	239	162	25	30	22
2012	283	185	44	33	21
2011	299	211	35	34	19
2010	393	300	30	32	31
2009	309	229	37	25	18
2008	255	186	38	20	11
2007	193	133	20	28	12
2006	162	115	20	16	11
2005	543	467	25	43	8
2004	517	442	34	37	4
2003	531	435	35	47	14
2002	635	497	40	83	15
2001	498	373	49	64	12
2000	513	407	36	64	6
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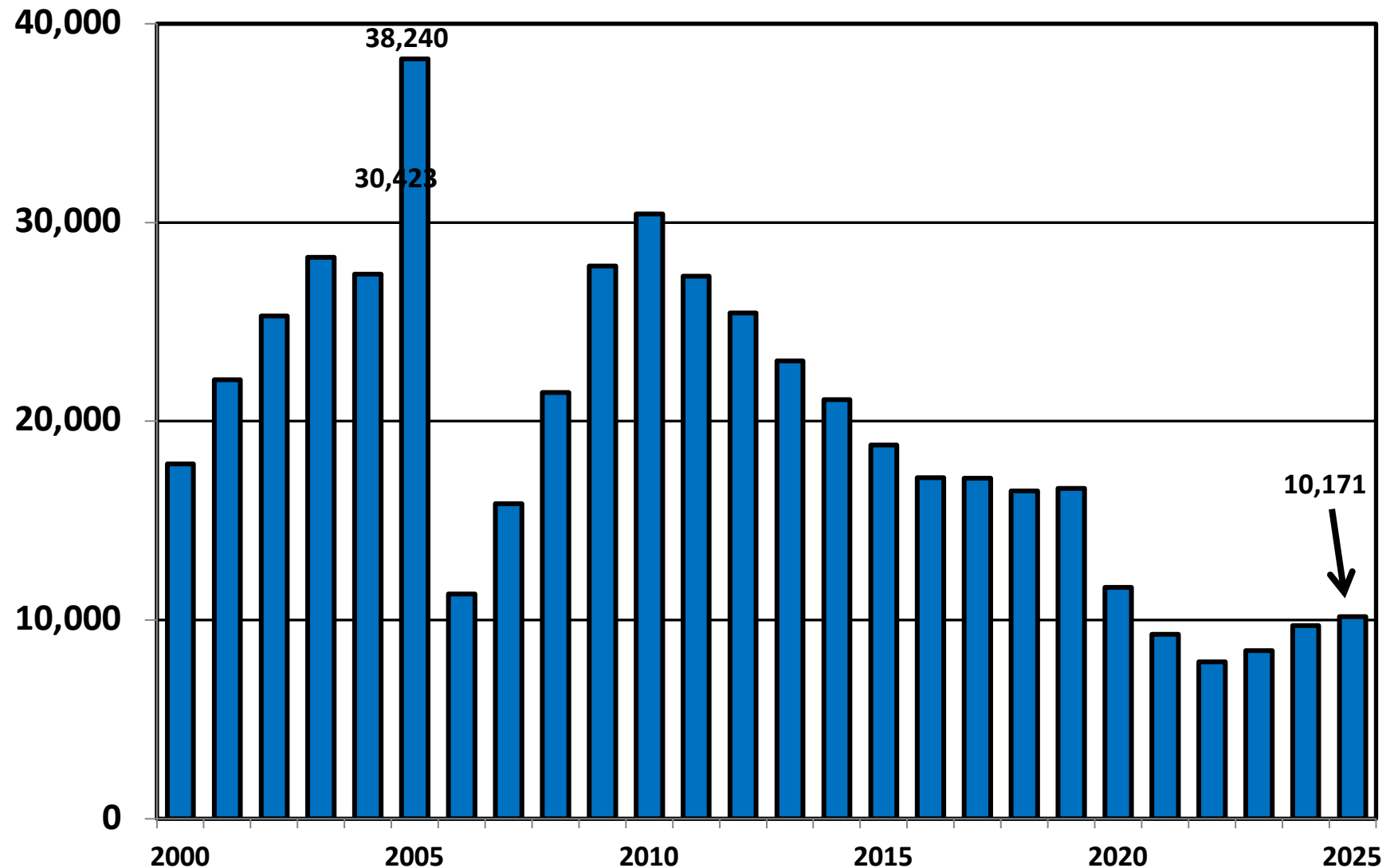
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## Total Bankruptcy Cases Filed In Wisconsin Calendar Years 2000 - 2025



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## Total Filings Relative to Population 2000 - 2025



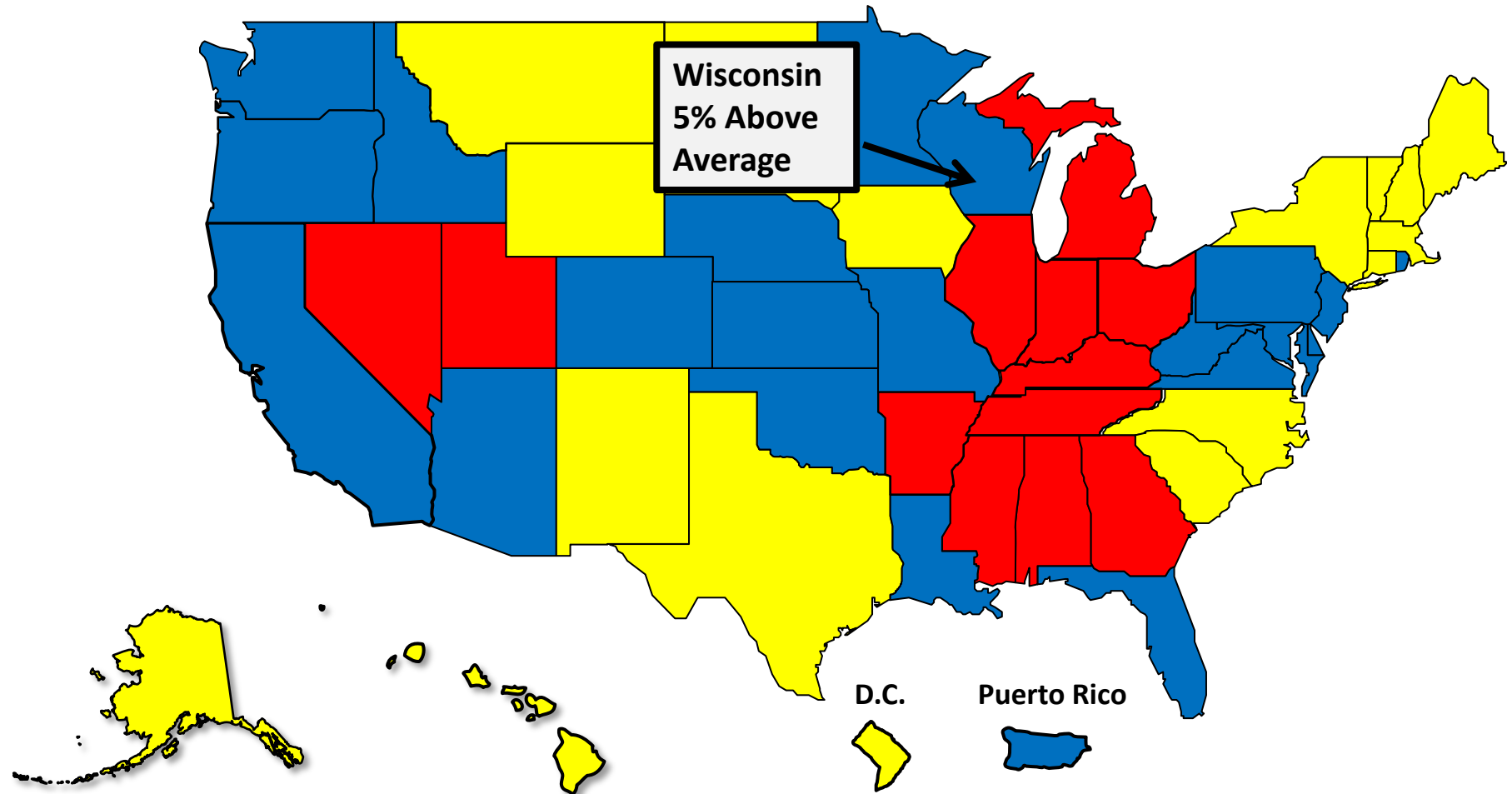
More than 25%  
Above Average



Within 25%  
of Average



More than 25%  
Below Average



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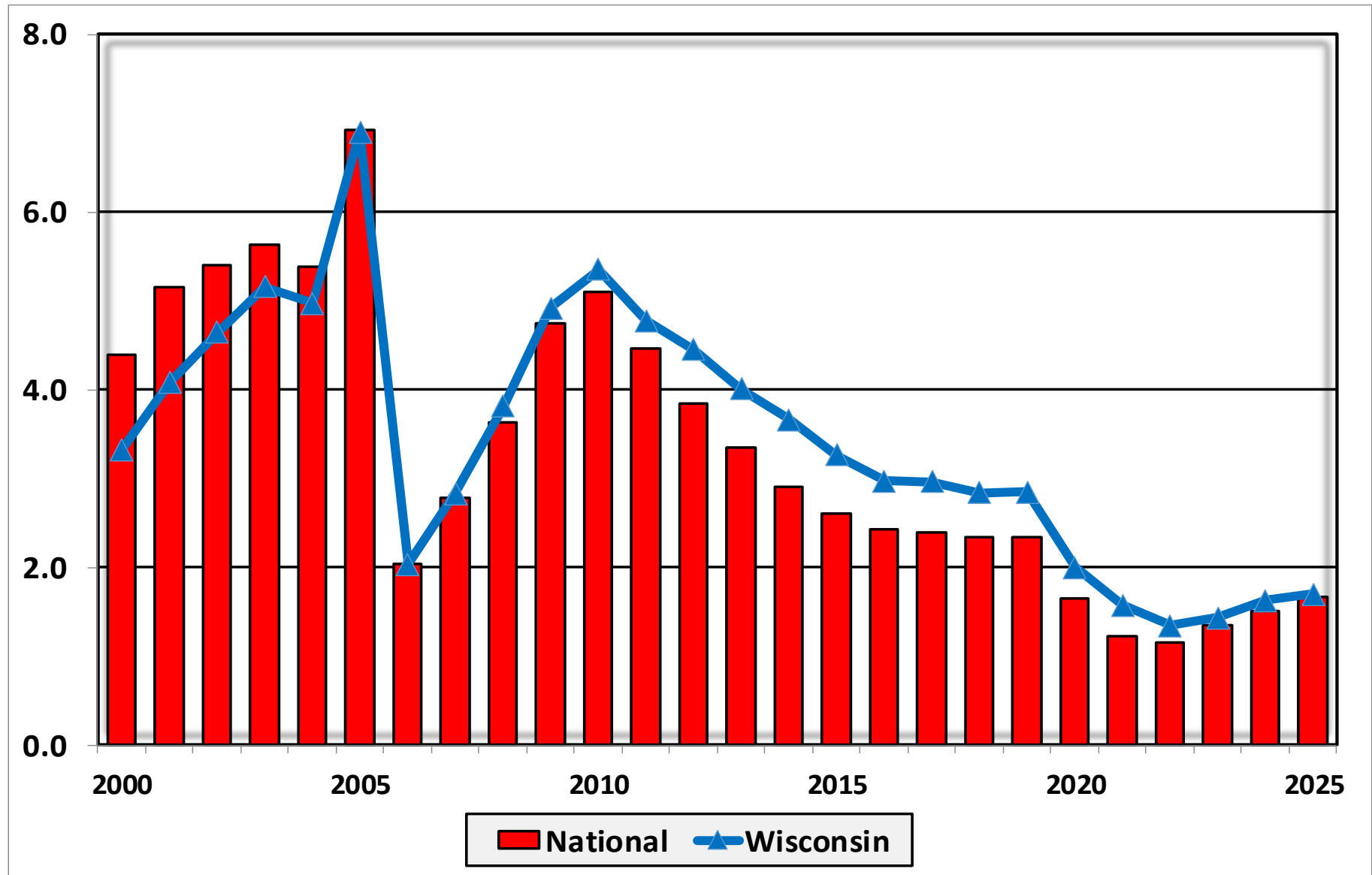
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## Bankruptcy Filings per 1,000 Population Wisconsin vs. National Average 2000 - 2025



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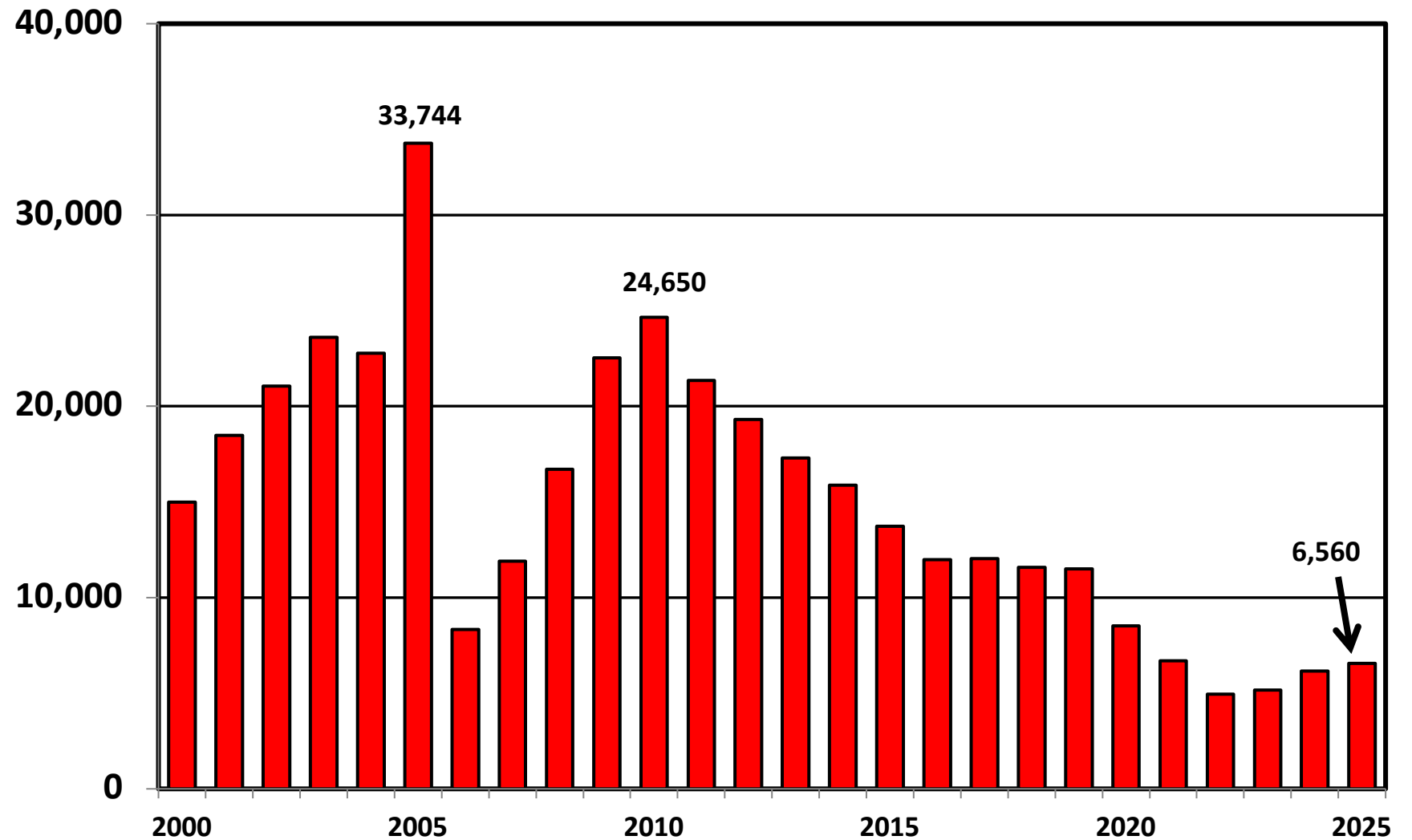
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## Chapter 7 Cases Filed In Wisconsin Calendar Years 2000 - 2025



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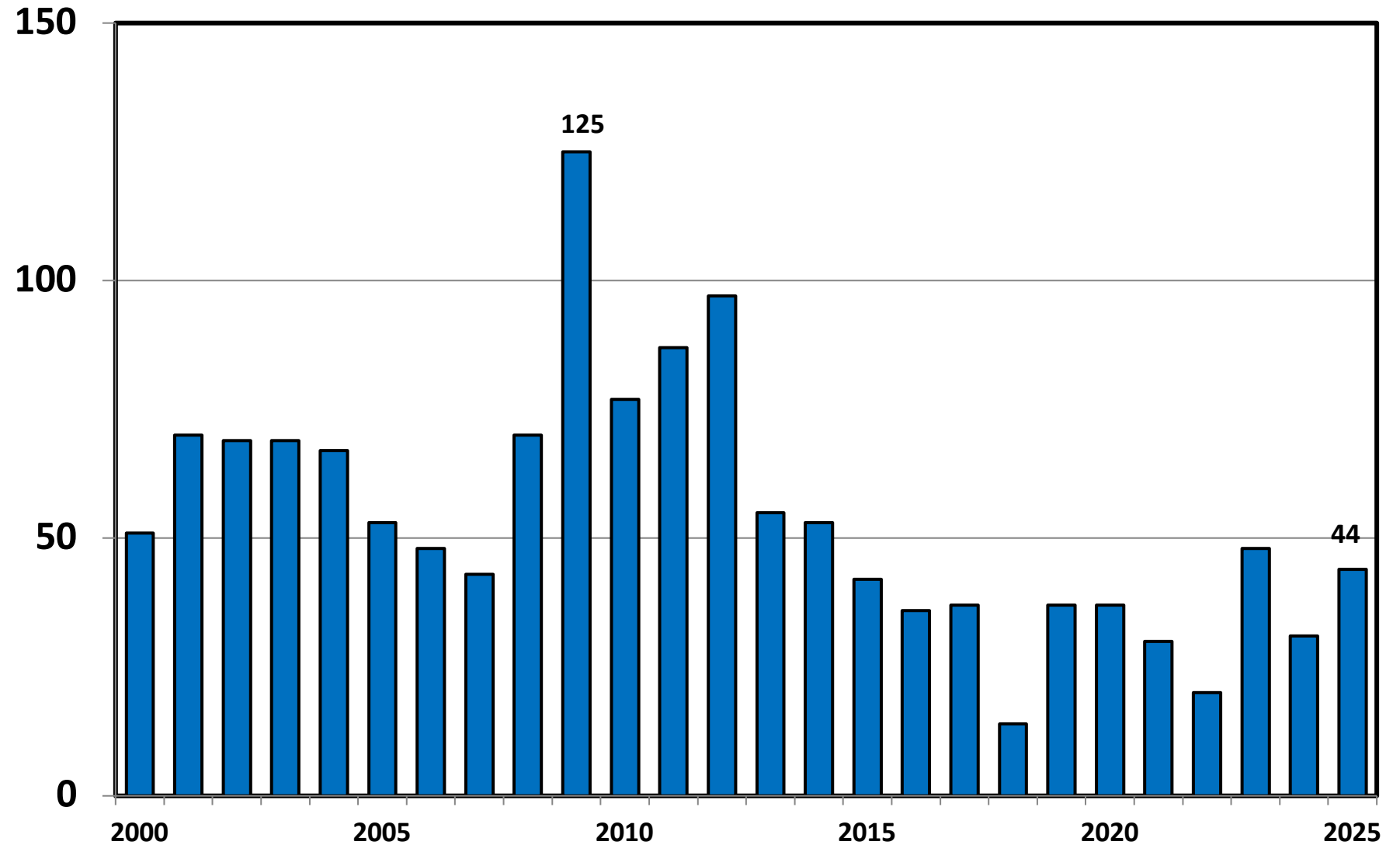
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## Chapter 11 Cases Filed in Wisconsin 2000 - 2025



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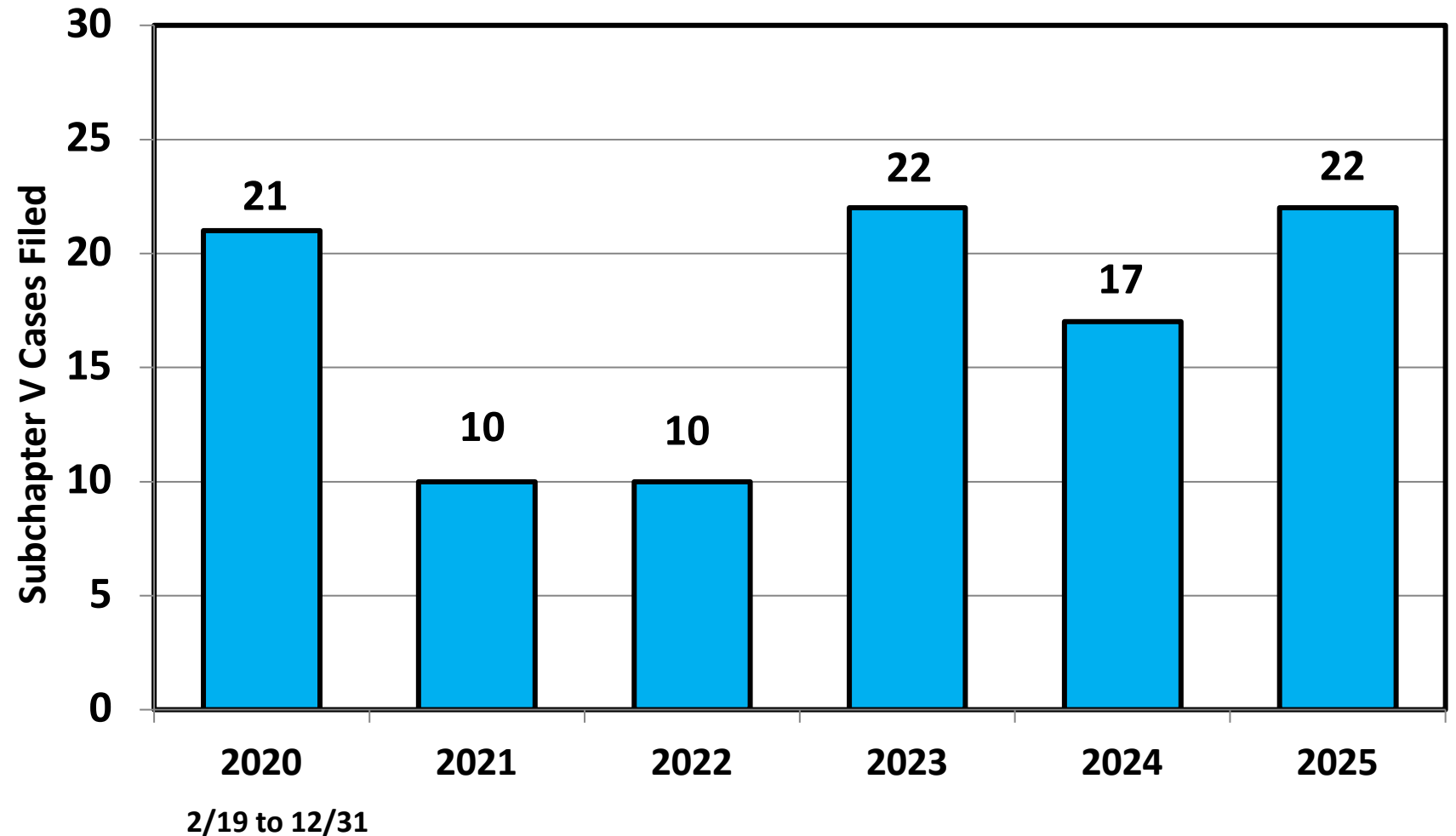
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## Subchapter V Cases Filed in Wisconsin Calendar Years 2020 - 2025



Source: ABI review of PACER records

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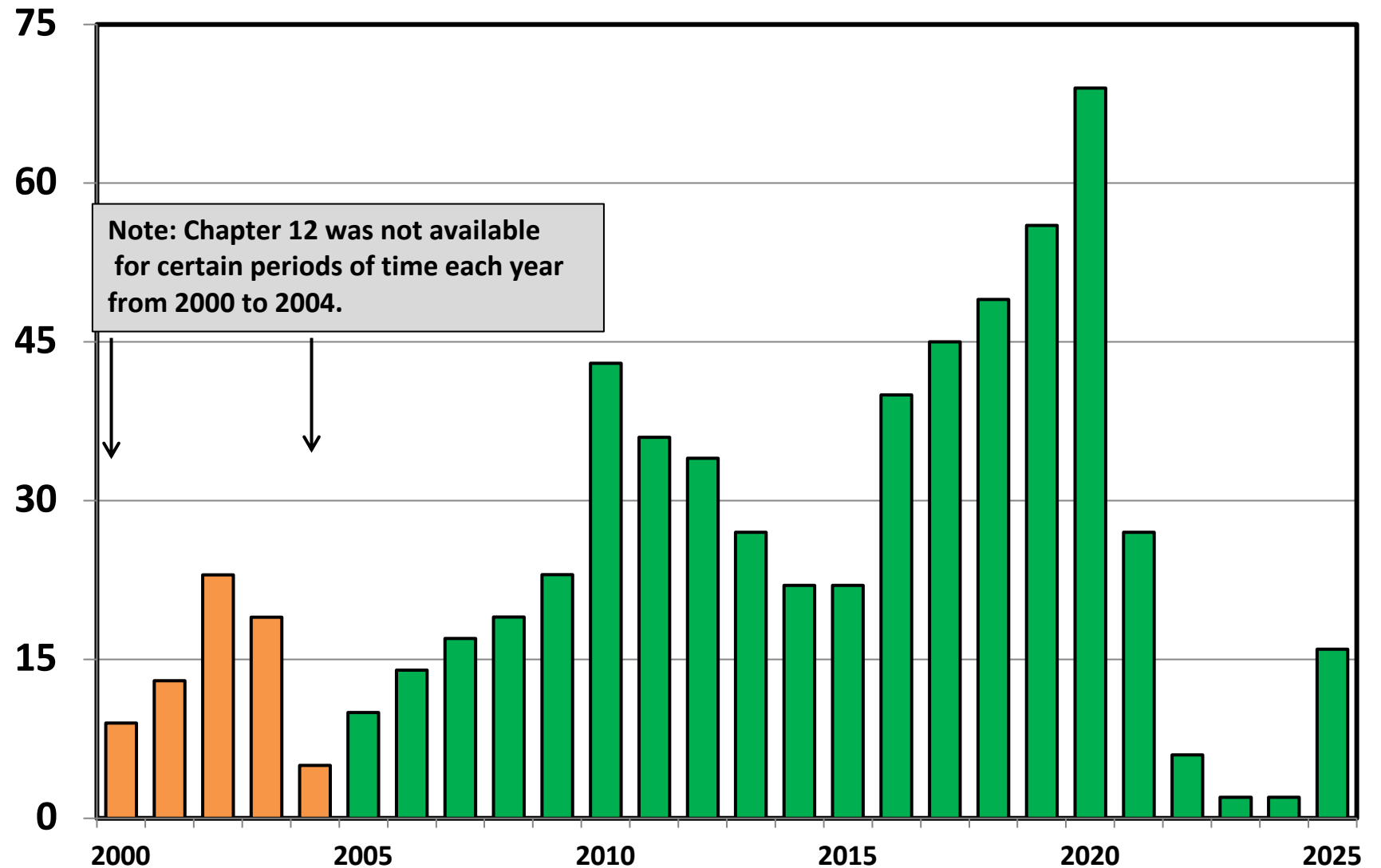
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## Chapter 12 Cases Filed in Wisconsin 2000 - 2025



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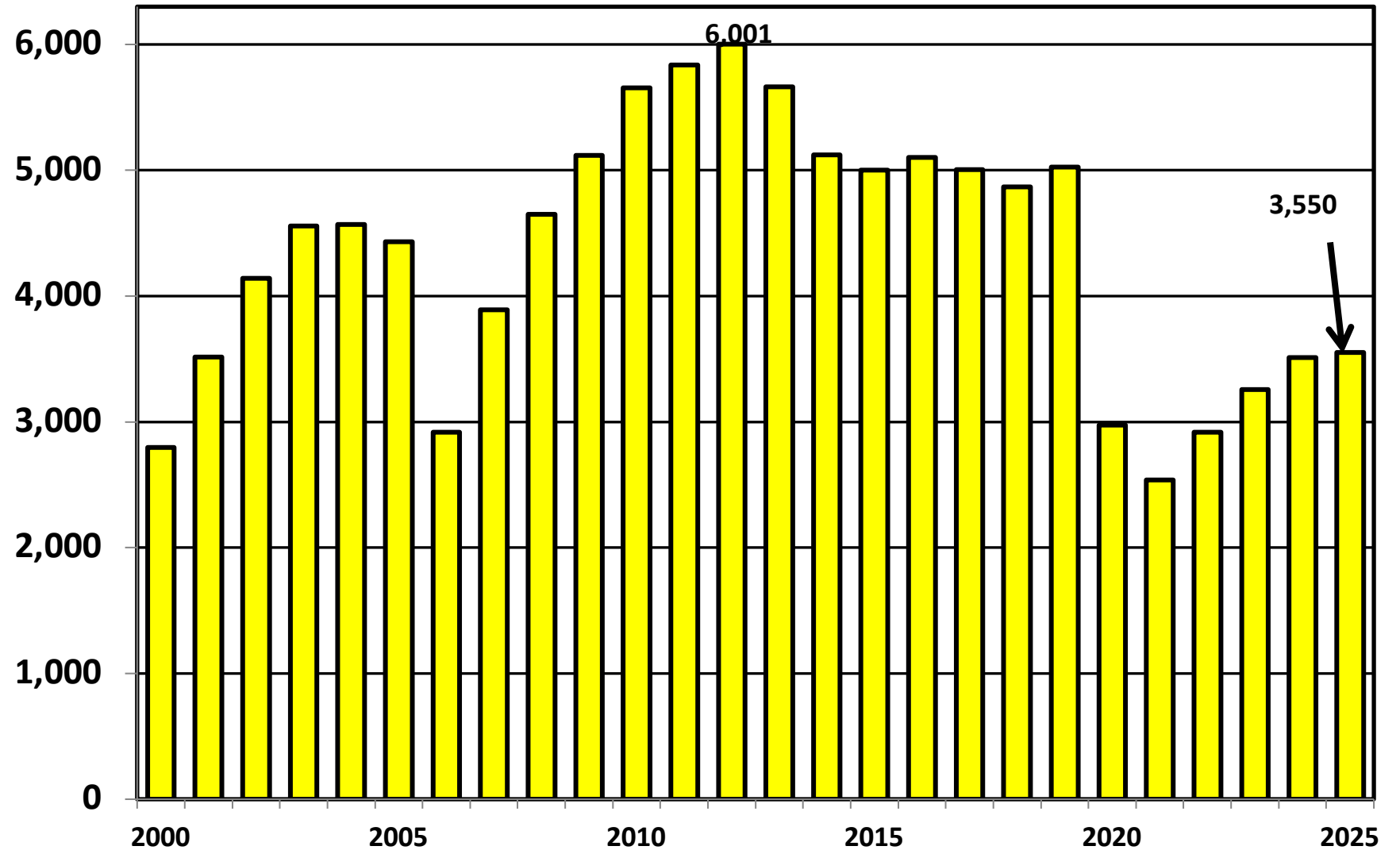
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## Chapter 13 Cases Filed in Wisconsin 2000 - 2025



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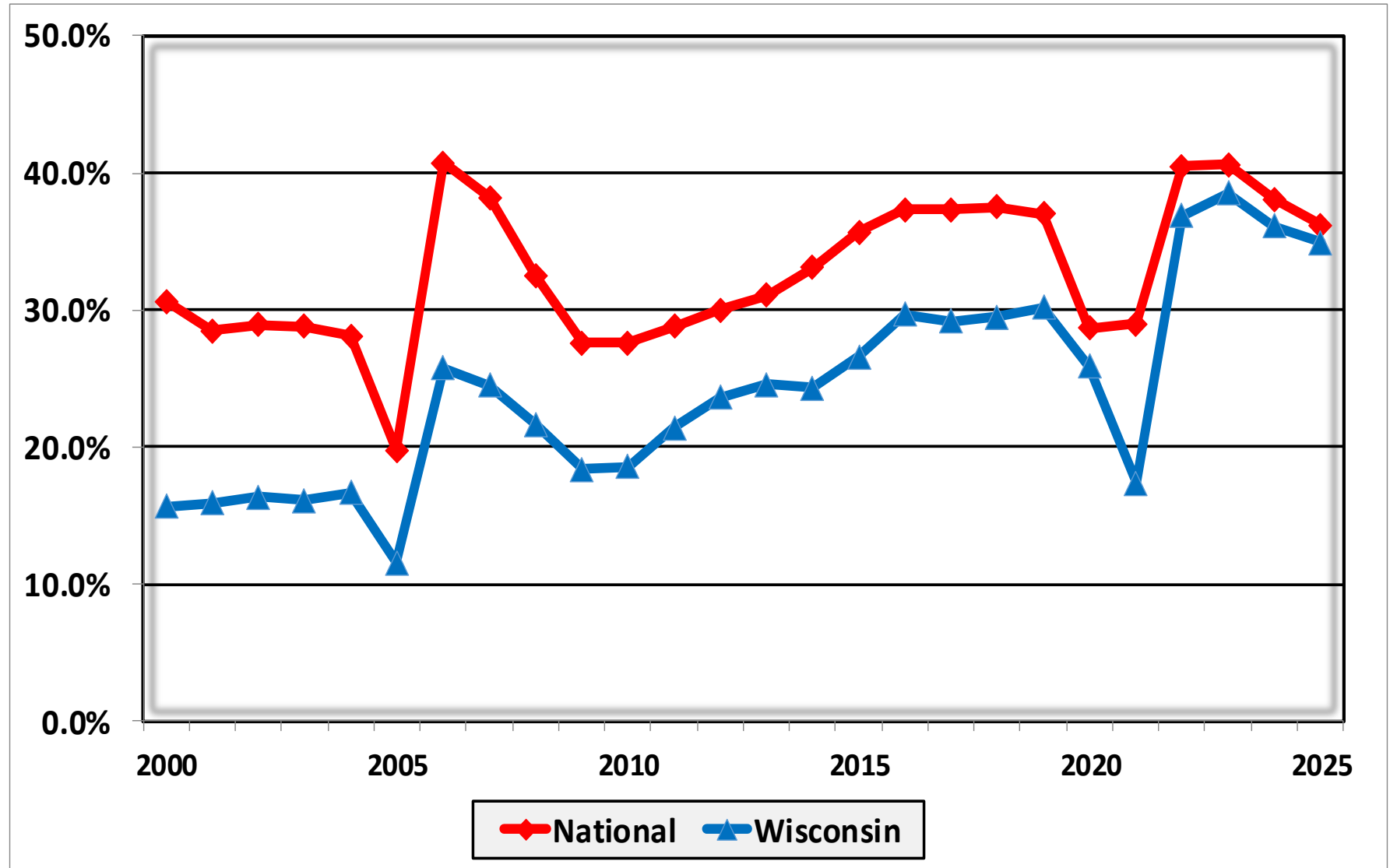
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## Percent of Cases Filed as Chapter 13 Calendar Years 2000 – 2025



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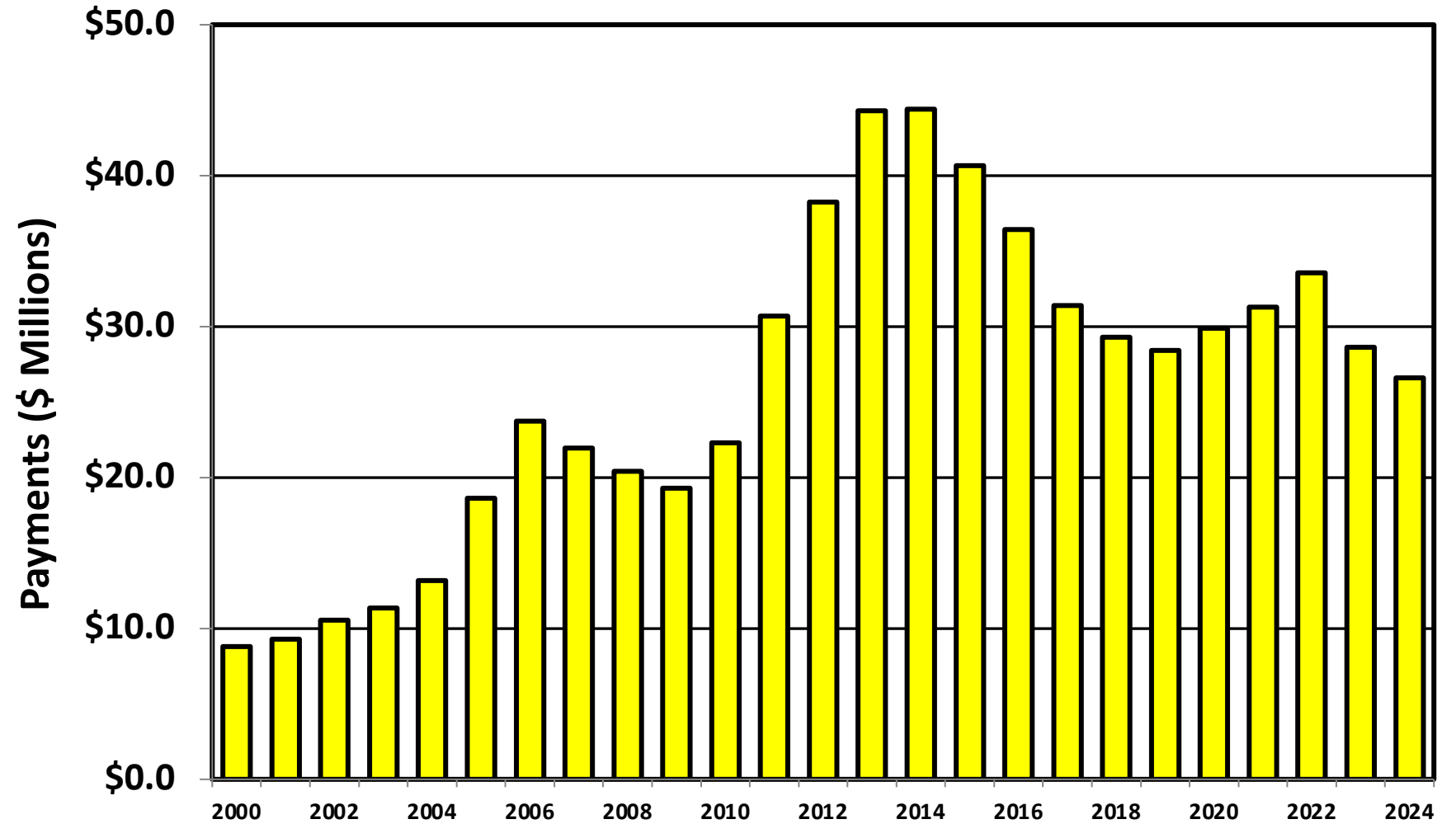
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## Chapter 13 Cases in Wisconsin Amount (in Millions) Paid to Unsecured Creditors Fiscal Years 2000 - 2024



Source: Executive Office for United States Trustees

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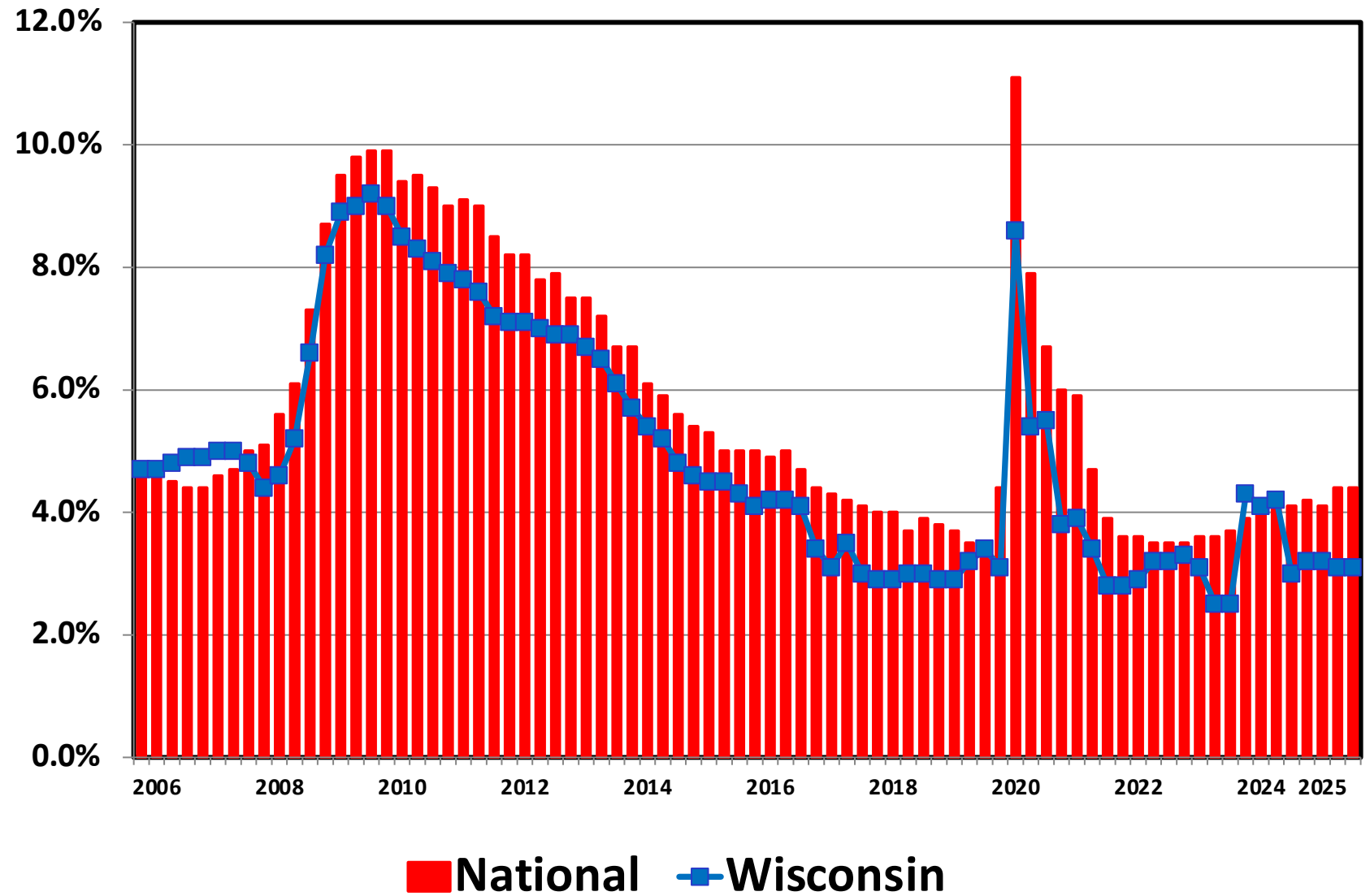
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## Unemployment Rate By Quarter 2006 - 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

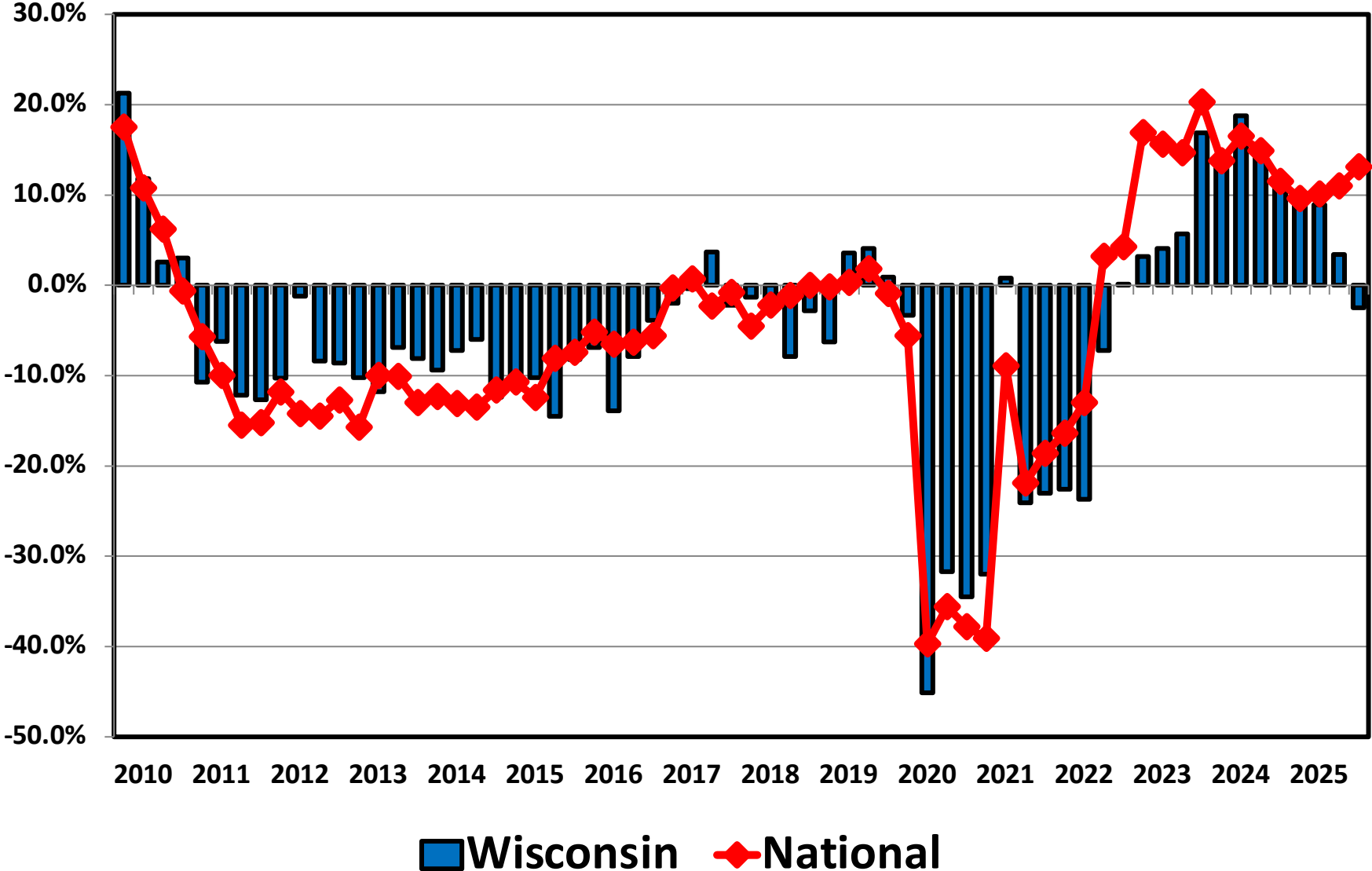
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## Filing Trends By Quarter Wisconsin vs. National Average (Percent Change From Same Quarter One Year Prior)



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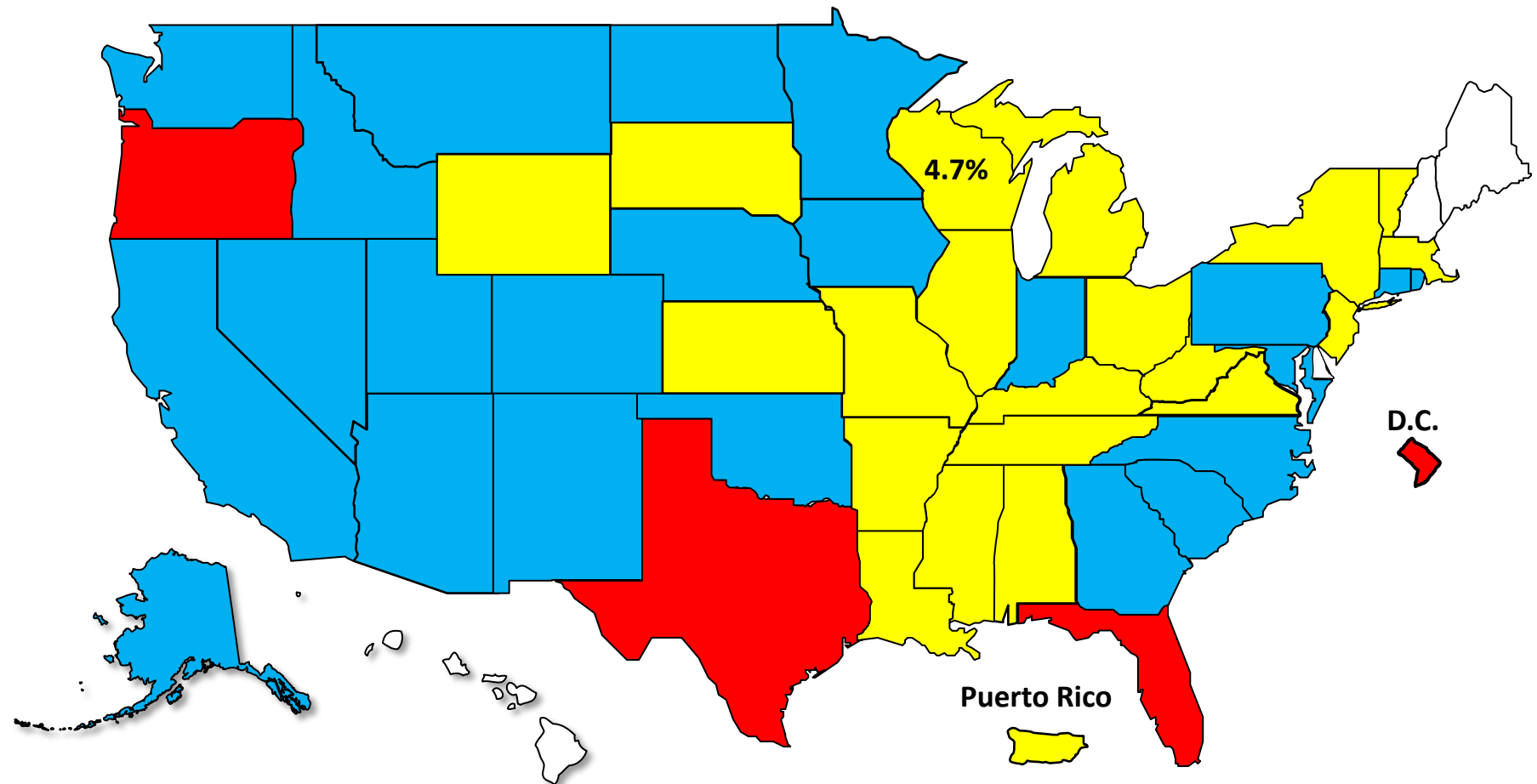
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## Bankruptcy Filing Trends

Calendar Year 2025 vs. 2024

National Average = 11.0% Increase

 +20% or More     +10.0% to 19.9%     +0% to 9.9%     Decline



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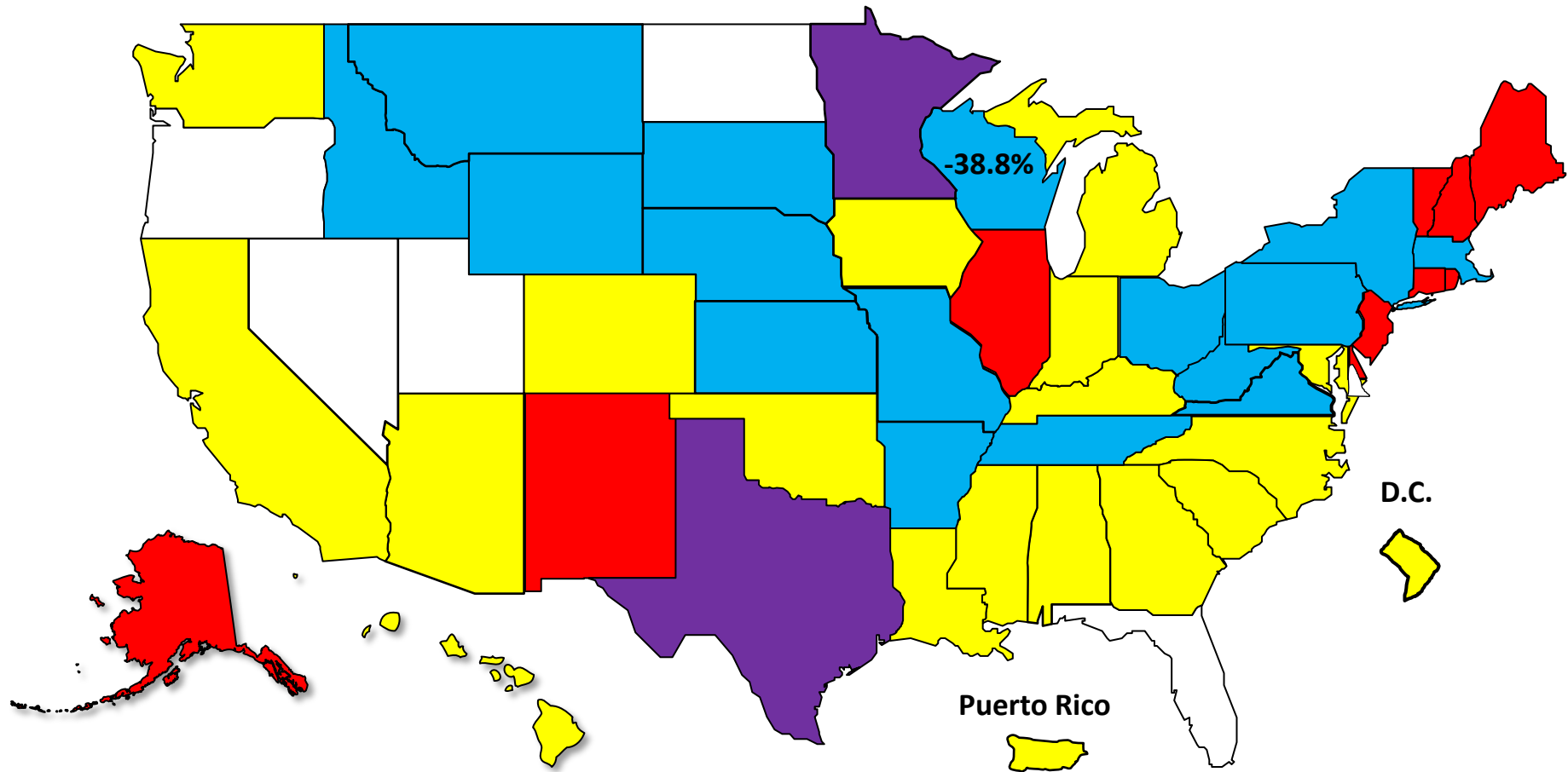
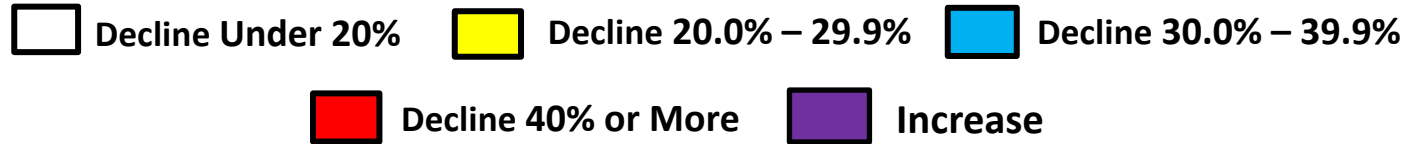
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## Bankruptcy Filing Trends Since the Pandemic Calendar Year 2025 vs. 2019

**National Average = 25.9% Decrease**



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## Percent Change in Total Filings Calendar Year 2025 Compared to 2010 (National Average = 63.9% Decrease)

### Amount of Decrease



Under 60%



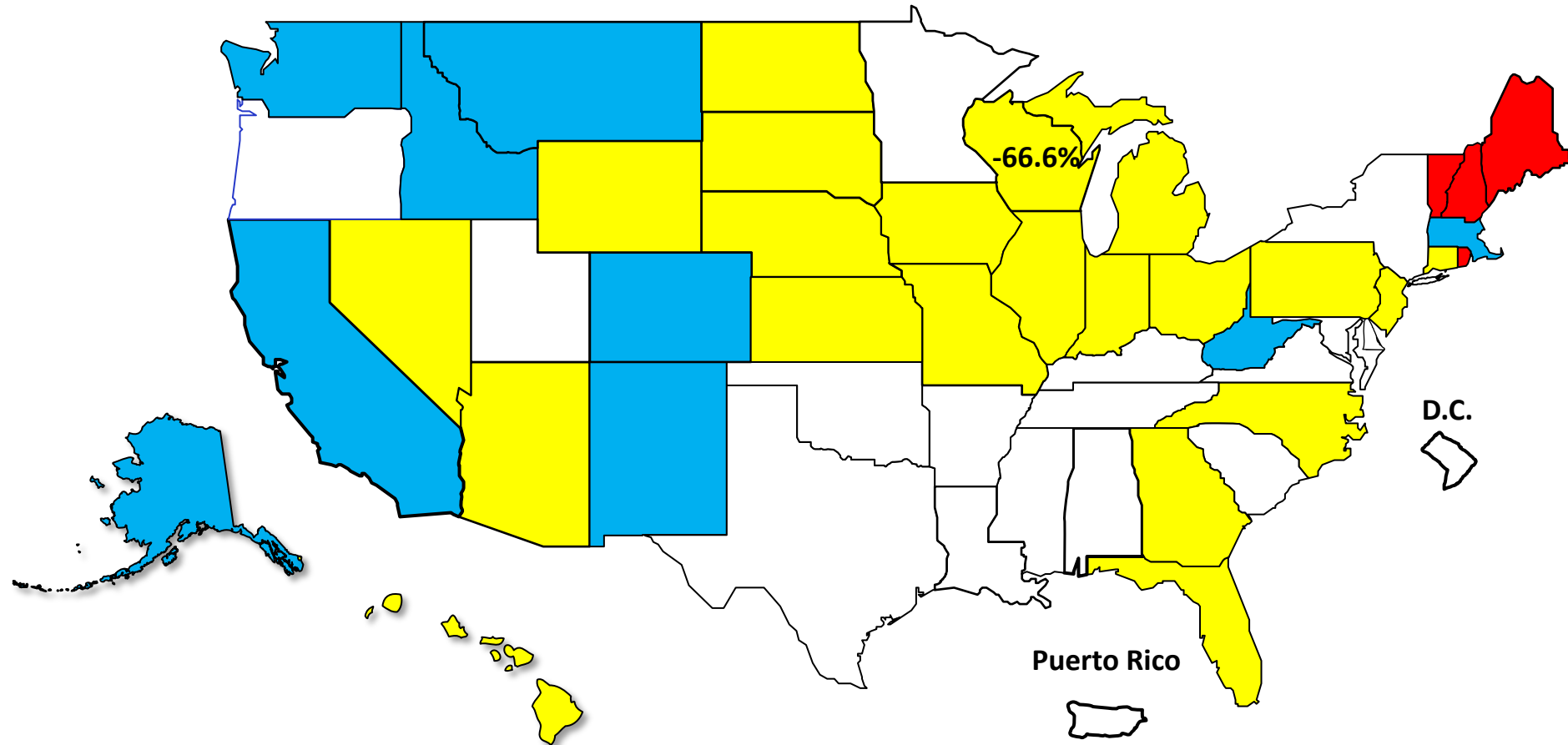
60.0% - 69.9%



70.0% - 79.9%



80.0% or More





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