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Total Bankruptcies Filed Fall in June

In the 12-month period ending June 30, 2000, bankruptcy filings fell 8.3 percent, according to data released today by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Filings in the 12-month period ending June 30, 2000, totaled 1,276,922. In comparison, 1,391,964 bankruptcies were filed for the 12-month period ending June 30, 1999. Both business and non-business filings dropped in the 12-month period ending June 30, 2000. Non-business or personal bankruptcy filings went from 1,352,030 in 1999 to 1,240,012 in 2000, a 8.3 percent decrease. Business filings went from 39,934 to 36,910, a 7.6 percent decrease.

Despite the drop, bankruptcy filings nationwide remain above one million. Since June 1996, total bankruptcy filings have increased 22.5 percent and non-business filings have increased over 25 percent. However, in that same time, business bankruptcy filings have declined over 30 percent.

Filings by Chapter

Of the total number of bankruptcy filings for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2000, there were 885,447 Chapter 7 filings, a 10.9 percent decrease over the 993,414 filings in the same period for 1999. The next largest group of filings were Chapter 13 filings at 380,770, a 2.1 percent decrease over the 389,004 filings in the 12-month period ending June 30, 1999. Chapter 12 filings also fell in this period, from 829 in 1999, to 732 in the 12-month period ending June 30, 2000. The only chapter to show an increase was Chapter 11, under which filings rose 14.5 percent, from 8,684 in June 1999 to 9,947 in June 2000.

The number of bankruptcy cases filed during the third quarter (April 1, 2000—June 30, 2000) of the Judiciary's fiscal year 2000 totaled 321,729. During the second quarter (January 1, 1999—March 31, 1999) bankruptcy filings were 312,335. Filings in the first quarter of fiscal year 1999 (October 1—December 31, 1999) totaled 318,634.

Chapter 7 is designed to allow individuals to keep certain exempt property while the remaining property is sold to repay creditors. Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, creditors may be repaid in installments, in full or in part, over a 3- to 5-year period. Chapter 11 provides for a business to continue operations while formulating a plan to repay its creditors. Chapter 12 is designed to meet the needs of financially distressed family farmers.

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A breakdown of the latest data on bankruptcy filings follows and is also available on the Judiciary's website at www.uscourts.gov.

Quarterly Bankruptcy Filings*

Ending	Total Filings	Ending	Total Filings
JUN. 30, 2000	321,729	SEPT. 30, 1995	233,593
MAR. 31, 2000	312,335	JUN. 30, 1995	235,302
DEC. 31, 1999	318,634	MAR. 31, 1995	212,626
SEPT. 30, 1999	323,550	DEC. 31, 1994	201,618
JUN. 30, 1999	345,956	SEPT. 30, 1994	208,187
MAR. 31, 1999	330,784	JUN. 30, 1994	216,213
DEC. 31, 1998	353,108	MAR. 31, 1994	206,565
SEPT. 30, 1998	361,205	DEC. 31, 1993	206,570
JUN. 30, 1998	373,460	SEPT. 30, 1993	215,498
MAR. 31, 1998	354,118	JUN. 30, 1993	229,406
DEC. 31, 1997	347,685	MAR. 31, 1993	222,694
SEPT. 30, 1997	353,515	DEC. 31, 1992	228,562
JUN. 30, 1997	367,168	SEPT. 30, 1992	236,810
MAR. 31, 1997	335,073	JUN. 30, 1992	250,622
DEC. 31, 1996	311,131	MAR. 31, 1992	252,733
SEPT. 30, 1996	303,309	DEC. 31, 1991	234,383
JUN. 30, 1996	297,162	SEPT. 30, 1991	231,743
MAR. 31, 1996	266,149	JUN. 30, 1991	246,496
DEC. 31, 1995	244,494	MAR. 31, 1991	231,017

*Because of ongoing corrections to the bankruptcy database, the quarterly data may not total to the most recent annual figures.

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**TABLE F-2 U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURTS
BUSINESS AND NONBUSINESS BANKRUPTCY CASES COMMENCED, BY CHAPTER OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE,
DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2000**

CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL					TOTAL NON-							
		CHAP. 7	CHAP. 11	CHAP. 12	CHAP. 13	BUSINESS FILINGS	CHAP. 7	CHAP. 11	CHAP. 12	CHAP. 13	BUSINESS FILINGS	CHAP. 7	CHAP. 11	CHAP. 13
TOTAL...	1,276,922	885,447	9,947	732	380,770	36,910	21,264	9,225	732	5,663	1,240,012	864,183	722	375,107
DC.....	2,614	1,701	37	-	876	66	19	35	-	12	2,548	1,682	2	864
1ST...	46,405	31,172	266	5	14,962	1,317	880	249	5	183	45,088	30,292	17	14,779
ME.....	4,053	3,746	13	2	292	166	123	13	2	28	3,887	3,623	-	264
MA.....	16,742	14,363	147	1	2,231	475	299	147	1	28	16,267	14,064	-	2,203
NH.....	3,934	3,610	20	1	303	325	295	20	1	9	3,609	3,315	-	294
RI.....	4,843	4,508	23	-	312	98	72	23	-	3	4,745	4,436	-	309
PR.....	16,833	4,945	63	1	11,824	253	91	46	1	115	16,580	4,854	17	11,709
2ND...	74,722	60,632	871	28	13,189	2,025	1,009	773	28	213	72,697	59,623	98	12,976
CT.....	11,373	9,855	66	1	1,451	123	68	54	1	-	11,250	9,787	12	1,451
NY,N....	13,878	11,454	51	18	2,355	397	236	47	18	96	13,481	11,218	4	2,259
NY,E....	23,737	18,649	225	-	4,863	350	151	192	-	7	23,387	18,498	33	4,856
NY,S....	13,221	11,111	472	1	1,637	635	199	427	1	8	12,586	10,912	45	1,629
NY,W....	10,912	8,115	47	4	2,745	461	324	43	4	89	10,451	7,791	4	2,656
VT.....	1,601	1,448	10	4	138	59	31	10	4	13	1,542	1,417	-	125
3RD...	87,503	57,023	3,347	21	27,111	4,751	1,272	3,222	21	235	82,752	55,751	125	26,876
DE.....	4,874	1,578	2,547	-	749	2,571	34	2,534	-	3	2,303	1,544	13	746
NJ.....	38,727	24,949	432	3	13,342	784	413	363	3	4	37,943	24,536	69	13,338
PA,E....	21,337	11,923	174	2	9,238	330	154	154	2	20	21,007	11,769	20	9,218
PA,M....	10,334	8,162	70	3	2,099	699	431	67	3	198	9,635	7,731	3	1,901
PA,W....	12,164	10,358	121	13	1,672	361	235	103	13	10	11,803	10,123	18	1,662
VI.....	67	53	3	-	11	6	5	1	-	-	61	48	2	11

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4TH...	113,821	72,850	596	34	40,337	2,390	1,511	523	34	318	111,431	71,339	73	40,019
MD.....	31,098	21,260	181	1	9,656	701	427	167	1	106	30,397	20,833	14	9,550
NC,E....	10,071	4,671	56	6	5,338	258	124	50	6	78	9,813	4,547	6	5,260
NC,M....	8,897	3,083	27	2	5,785	128	94	26	2	6	8,769	2,989	1	5,779
NC,W....	6,821	3,133	17	3	3,668	66	43	16	3	4	6,755	3,090	1	3,664
SC.....	11,662	5,595	61	5	6,001	166	97	48	5	16	11,496	5,498	13	5,985
VA,E....	27,193	19,331	152	9	7,697	336	190	120	9	13	26,857	19,141	32	7,684
VA,W....	9,871	8,075	40	6	1,750	470	352	39	6	73	9,401	7,723	1	1,677
WV,N....	3,378	3,156	23	2	197	128	98	19	2	9	3,250	3,058	4	188
WV,S....	4,830	4,546	39	-	245	137	86	38	-	13	4,693	4,460	1	232
5TH...	103,969	57,323	772	88	45,781	3,226	1,738	727	88	668	100,743	55,585	45	45,113
LA,E....	8,191	5,138	79	3	2,971	142	65	73	3	1	8,049	5,073	6	2,970
LA,M....	2,751	1,894	16	1	840	39	22	16	1	-	2,712	1,872	-	840
LA,W....	12,183	6,012	50	13	6,107	439	265	48	13	112	11,744	5,747	2	5,995
MS,N....	5,894	3,614	24	10	2,246	108	61	23	10	14	5,786	3,553	1	2,232
MS,S....	12,023	7,073	23	12	4,915	74	43	18	12	1	11,949	7,030	5	4,914
TX,N....	20,907	10,769	231	22	9,885	955	546	224	22	163	19,952	10,223	7	9,722
TX,E....	9,188	4,620	39	5	4,523	318	155	36	5	121	8,870	4,465	3	4,402
TX,S....	17,136	9,495	199	14	7,427	691	321	186	14	169	16,445	9,174	13	7,258
TX,W....	15,696	8,708	111	8	6,867	460	260	103	8	87	15,236	8,448	8	6,780
6TH...	157,918	106,183	732	56	50,946	2,989	1,797	676	56	459	154,929	104,386	56	50,487
KY,E....	9,005	7,866	37	4	1,098	146	92	36	4	14	8,859	7,774	1	1,084
KY,W....	11,837	9,413	45	7	2,372	153	92	44	7	10	11,684	9,321	1	2,362
MI,E....	25,097	17,863	131	8	7,094	342	187	125	8	21	24,755	17,676	6	7,073
MI,W....	11,327	8,391	59	7	2,870	261	162	58	7	34	11,066	8,229	1	2,836
OH,N....	27,689	22,405	49	5	5,230	844	654	49	5	136	26,845	21,751	-	5,094
OH,S....	25,866	19,650	61	16	6,139	460	281	60	16	103	25,406	19,369	1	6,036
TN,E....	15,021	8,484	37	3	6,497	212	124	32	3	53	14,809	8,360	5	6,444
TN,M....	11,144	6,653	114	4	4,373	268	129	86	4	49	10,876	6,524	28	4,324
TN,W....	20,932	5,458	199	2	15,273	303	76	186	2	39	20,629	5,382	13	15,234

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7TH...	117,777	89,822	331	83	27,540	2,372	1,691	303	83	294	115,405	88,131	28	27,246
IL,N....	43,587	29,501	161	1	13,924	518	351	148	1	18	43,069	29,150	13	13,906
IL,C....	11,489	9,698	19	41	1,731	146	70	19	41	16	11,343	9,628	-	1,715
IL,S....	7,256	5,181	26	12	2,037	613	432	23	12	146	6,643	4,749	3	1,891
IN,N....	13,999	11,820	26	5	2,148	116	75	23	5	13	13,883	11,745	3	2,135
IN,S....	23,481	18,330	61	10	5,080	299	203	52	10	34	23,182	18,127	9	5,046
WI,E....	12,307	10,187	9	4	2,106	173	147	9	4	12	12,134	10,040	-	2,094
WI,W....	5,658	5,105	29	10	514	507	413	29	10	55	5,151	4,692	-	459
8TH...	75,977	56,786	239	176	18,775	2,754	1,914	223	176	440	73,223	54,872	16	18,335
AR,E....	10,110	5,319	15	7	4,769	143	68	13	7	55	9,967	5,251	2	4,714
AR,W....	6,188	4,220	11	6	1,951	138	76	11	6	45	6,050	4,144	-	1,906
IA,N....	3,348	3,211	14	15	108	132	104	11	15	2	3,216	3,107	3	106
IA,S....	4,836	4,437	8	6	385	60	44	8	6	2	4,776	4,393	-	383
MN.....	15,445	12,223	57	25	3,140	1,537	1,197	57	25	258	13,908	11,026	-	2,882
MO,E....	15,292	9,581	26	5	5,679	204	146	25	5	27	15,088	9,435	1	5,652
MO,W....	10,991	9,156	63	10	1,762	173	86	58	10	19	10,818	9,070	5	1,743
NE.....	5,590	4,672	33	61	824	144	41	28	61	14	5,446	4,631	5	810
ND.....	2,029	1,929	8	15	77	90	64	8	15	3	1,939	1,865	-	74
SD.....	2,148	2,038	4	26	80	133	88	4	26	15	2,015	1,950	-	65
9TH...	263,039	209,088	1,603	107	52,237	9,588	6,110	1,442	107	1,925	253,451	202,978	161	50,312
AK.....	1,425	1,276	15	-	134	122	86	15	-	21	1,303	1,190	-	113
AZ.....	21,669	17,366	352	5	3,946	802	372	320	5	105	20,867	16,994	32	3,841
CA,N....	22,887	16,299	166	3	6,418	1,285	702	145	3	434	21,602	15,597	21	5,984
CA,E....	32,505	27,555	99	19	4,830	1,120	760	90	19	249	31,385	26,795	9	4,581
CA,C....	91,311	72,843	500	-	17,968	2,231	1,585	446	-	200	89,080	71,258	54	17,768
CA,S....	13,861	10,873	54	1	2,933	164	111	41	1	11	13,697	10,762	13	2,922
HI.....	5,004	4,448	19	-	536	60	40	17	-	2	4,944	4,408	2	534
ID.....	7,270	5,798	41	40	1,391	315	168	34	40	73	6,955	5,630	7	1,318
MT.....	3,307	2,880	14	12	401	138	92	14	12	20	3,169	2,788	-	381

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NV.....	14,304	10,438	117	3	3,746	296	159	108	3	26	14,008	10,279	9	3,720
OR.....	18,077	15,027	37	6	3,007	2,350	1,596	36	6	712	15,727	13,431	1	2,295
WA,E....	8,126	6,174	42	14	1,896	350	263	38	14	35	7,776	5,911	4	1,861
WA,W....	23,122	17,972	143	4	5,003	318	151	135	4	28	22,804	17,821	8	4,975
GUAM....	155	130	4	-	21	29	23	3	-	3	126	107	1	18
NMI.....	16	9	-	-	7	8	2	-	-	6	8	7	-	1
10TH..	69,830	55,454	270	88	14,017	2,399	1,678	252	88	380	67,431	53,776	18	13,637
CO.....	15,610	13,151	74	15	2,370	354	240	74	15	25	15,256	12,911	-	2,345
KS.....	11,448	9,205	31	20	2,192	166	97	28	20	21	11,282	9,108	3	2,171
NM.....	7,072	6,027	31	8	1,006	542	426	26	8	82	6,530	5,601	5	924
OK,N....	5,018	4,399	26	3	590	380	301	24	3	52	4,638	4,098	2	538
OK,E....	3,588	3,320	12	13	243	87	52	12	13	10	3,501	3,268	-	233
OK,W....	10,698	8,788	31	23	1,856	337	236	31	23	47	10,361	8,552	-	1,809
UT.....	14,399	8,715	50	3	5,630	476	290	47	3	135	13,923	8,425	3	5,495
WY.....	1,997	1,849	15	3	130	57	36	10	3	8	1,940	1,813	5	122
11TH..	163,347	87,413	883	46	74,999	3,033	1,645	800	46	536	160,314	85,768	83	74,463
AL,N....	19,757	7,451	69	3	12,234	274	137	53	3	81	19,483	7,314	16	12,153
AL,M....	6,653	2,847	24	7	3,775	140	72	23	7	38	6,513	2,775	1	3,737
AL,S....	5,012	2,180	14	-	2,817	30	15	14	-	-	4,982	2,165	-	2,817
FL,N....	5,028	3,971	35	1	1,021	72	34	32	1	5	4,956	3,937	3	1,016
FL,M....	41,008	29,388	276	5	11,339	904	519	259	5	121	40,104	28,869	17	11,218
FL,S....	27,955	20,065	236	2	7,648	644	427	209	2	2	27,311	19,638	27	7,646
GA,N....	31,702	12,864	177	2	18,658	656	299	163	2	191	31,046	12,565	14	18,467
GA,M....	14,237	5,826	31	22	8,358	146	63	28	22	33	14,091	5,763	3	8,325
GA,S....	11,995	2,821	21	4	9,149	167	79	19	4	65	11,828	2,742	2	9,084

* THESE FIGURES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CASES NOT REFLECTED ELSEWHERE:

NY,W....	SECTION 304 = 01	VT.....	SECTION 304 = 01	NJ.....	CHAPTER 9 = 01
VA,E....	SECTION 304 = 04	LA,W...	CHAPTER 9 = 01	TX,E...	CHAPTER 9 = 01
TX,S....	CHAPTER 9 = 01	TX,W...	SECTION 304 = 02	MI,E...	SECTION 304 = 01
WI,E....	SECTION 304 = 01	MO,E...	CHAPTER 9 = 01	CA,N...	SECTION 304 = 01
CA,E....	CHAPTER 9 = 02	HI.....	SECTION 304 = 01	UT.....	SECTION 304 = 01
AL,S....	CHAPTER 9 = 01	FL,S...	SECTION 304 = 04	GA,N...	SECTION 304 = 01