Bankruptcy filings remained low for the week ending October 24, down by over 18 percent from the same week last year. Chapter 13 filings compared to last year have been trending upward in recent weeks, possibly as a result of increased foreclosure activity.

Compared to the same week two years ago (pre-pandemic), bankruptcy filings are down by about half.

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<th>Type of Case</th>
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* Data on chapter 11 filings in prior years comes from the Integrated Data Base published by the Federal Judicial Center. This information is temporarily unavailable.

** Chapters 9, 12 and 15

The following charts show recent weekly filing trends by chapter compared to 2020 and 2019.
Bankruptcy Filing Trends (All Chapters)
Percent Change From 2020 and 2019

2021 Compared to 2020
-18.8%  -19.7%  -18.7%  -20.1%

2021 Compared to 2019
-48.4%  -49.9%  -50.2%  -49.8%

Chapter 7 Filing Trends
Percent Change From 2020 and 2019

2021 Compared to 2020
-27.5%  -29.6%  -29.0%  -29.3%

2021 Compared to 2019
-47.6%  -49.9%  -50.1%  -48.5%
Chapter 11 Cases

Only 65 chapter 11 cases were filed during the week. More than half of the filings were by individuals and/or under subchapter V for small businesses. Also, there were no particularly large or notable cases filed.

Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Filing Trends During the Pandemic

Filings of the two main consumer bankruptcy chapters have had somewhat different trajectories since the onset of the pandemic.

During the first year of the pandemic (April 2020-March 2021), monthly chapter 7 filings were generally down about 20-30 percent from the same month in 2019. In contrast, the declines in chapter 13 filings during the same period were in the 50-60 percent range.
In recent months, chapter 7 filings have continued to decline by 20-30 percent from last year (the early months of the pandemic), while chapter 13 filings are up slightly from this time last year.

The net effect of these monthly patterns is that filings of both chapter 7 and chapter 13 cases are down by about 50 percent since the onset of the pandemic.
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