

Weekly Bankruptcy Analysis

February 27–March 5, 2023

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The 10,036 bankruptcy cases filed last week represented the highest weekly total in nearly two years. Three factors contributed to the relatively high weekly filing total. First, filings are always higher on the last business day of the month, because of the income calculations used in the chapter 7 means test. Second, filings are higher in March than any other month, possibly due to tax refunds providing many with enough money to pay for a bankruptcy attorney. Finally, filings have been on the increase in recent months after bottoming out in the first half of 2022.

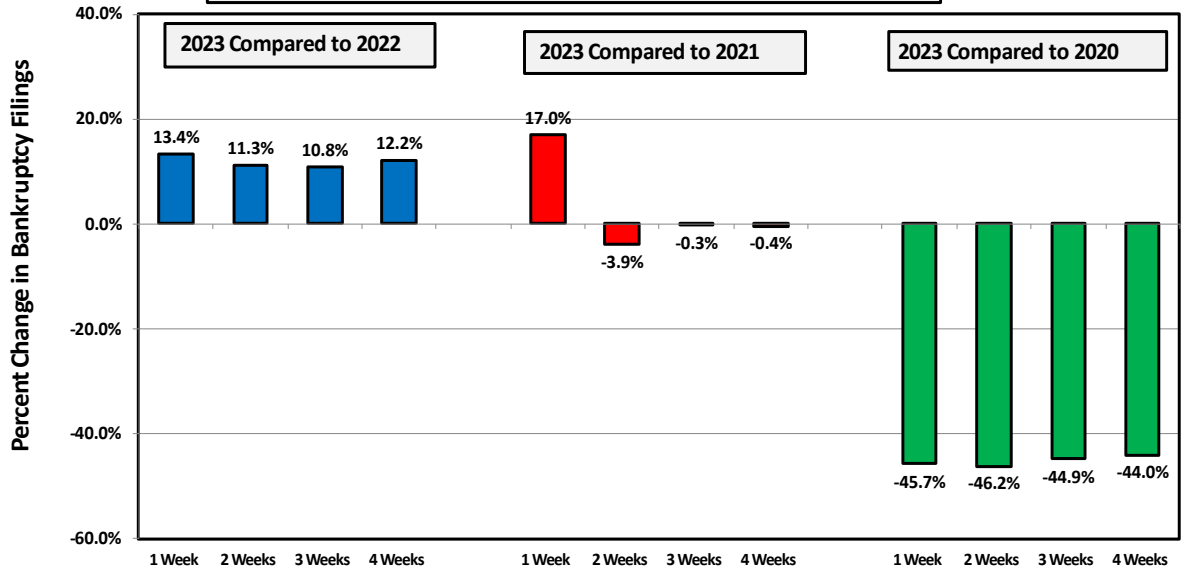
| Bankruptcy Filings - February 27 - March 5, 2023 | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| Type of Case | Number Filed | Percent Change From Same Week Last Three Years | | |
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Total | 10,036 | 13.4% | 17.0% | -45.7% |
| - Chapter 7 | 5,970 | 10.2% | -1.5% | -48.0% |
| - Chapter 11 | 80 | -9.1% | -38.9% | -62.3% |
| - Chapter 13 | 3,983 | 19.3% | 67.6% | -41.0% |
| - Other Cases* | 3 | -25.0% | -57.1% | -87.5% |
| * Chapters 9, 12 and 15 | | | | |

The following charts show recent weekly filing trends by chapter compared to 2022, 2021 and 2020.

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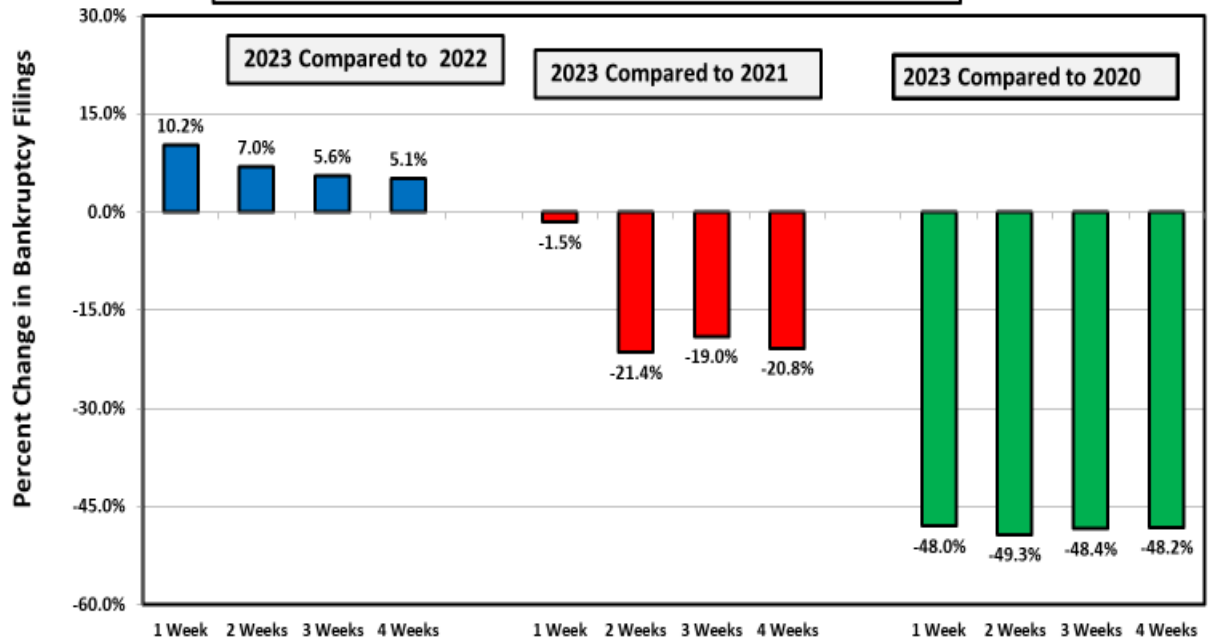
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Bankruptcy Filing Trends (All Chapters) Percent Change From 2022, 2021, and 2020



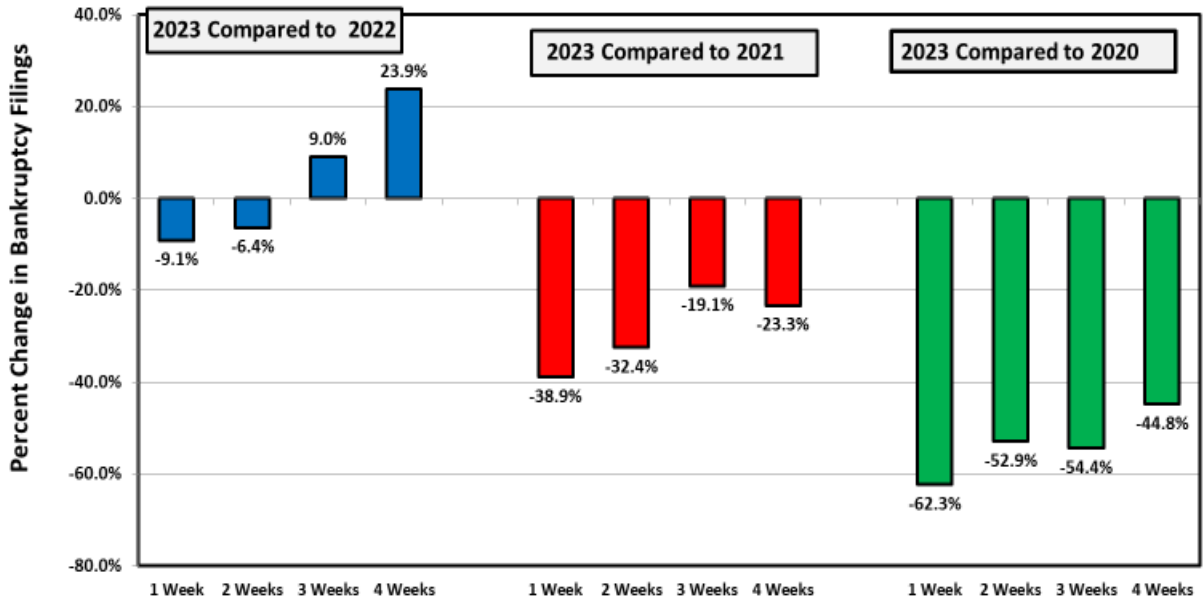
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Chapter 7 Filing Trends Percent Change From 2022, 2021, and 2020



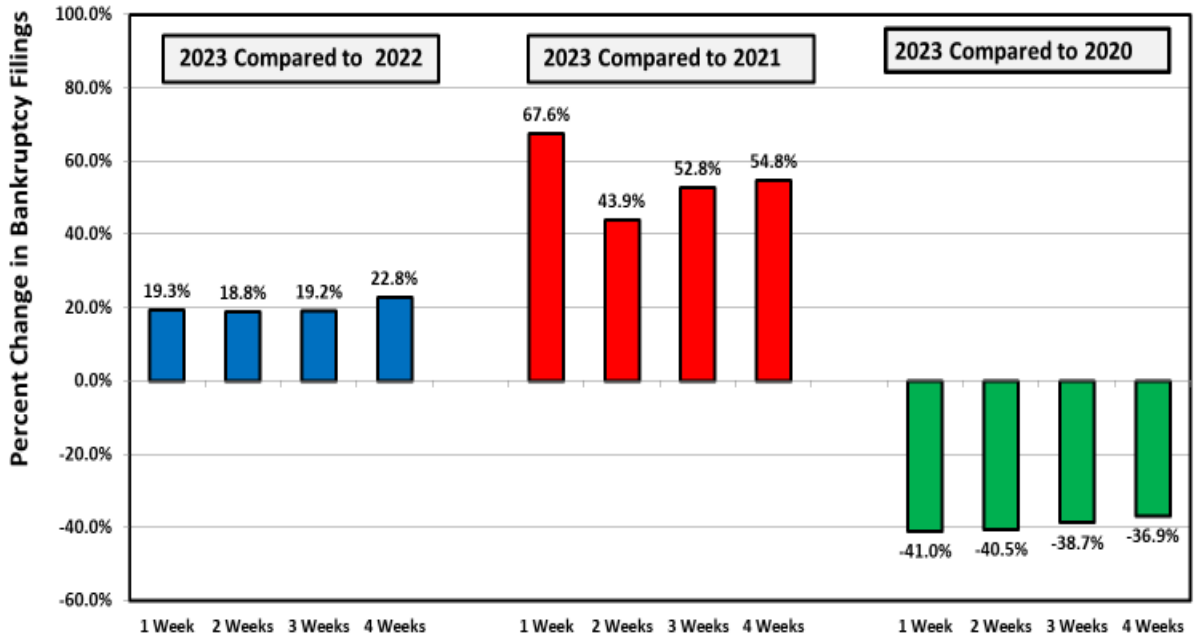
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Chapter 11 Filing Trends Percent Change From 2022, 2021, and 2020



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Chapter 13 Filing Trends Percent Change From 2022, 2021, and 2020



Chapter 11 Cases

The 80 chapter 11 cases filed last week included 45 small business cases, 36 of which elected to proceed under subchapter V. Overall, chapter 11 filings were lighter than the same week in 2021 and 2022, and less than half the volume filed in 2020 (pre-pandemic). There were no particularly large or notable chapter 11 cases filed during the week.

| Types of Chapter 11 Cases Filed | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | February 27 - March 5 | | | |
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Total Filed | 80 | 88 | 131 | 212 |
| Solo Cases | 67 | 71 | 76 | 131 |
| Parent Cases | 4 | 4 | 8 | 14 |
| Child Cases | 9 | 5 | 47 | 67 |
| <i>Filed By Individuals</i> | 15 | 29 | 22 | 40 |
| Subchapter V Cases | 36 | 32 | 26 | N/A |

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