

# U.S. Bankruptcy Court

## Northern District of Mississippi

### CASES FILED – CALENDAR YEAR

NOTE: Before October 1, 1979, the law required spouses to file separate petitions. From and after October 1, 1979, spouses were permitted under law to file joint petitions. Statistically, however, it is necessary to treat a joint petition as two bankruptcy estates to observe recent historical trends as to the numbers of separate entities (whether individuals or corporations) who have resorted to bankruptcy in coping with their economic problems.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PETITIONS</u>		<u>JOINT PETITIONS</u>		<u>TOTAL BANKRUPTCY ESTATES</u>
1970	397				397
1971	342				342
1972	374				374
1973	364				364
1974	575				545
1975	755				755
1976	696				696
1977	700				700
1978	687				687
1979	693	ACT			693
	<u>145</u>	CODE	46		<u>191</u>
	838				884
1980	1082		457		1539
1981	1265		551		1816
1982	1306		608		1914
1983	1148		517		1665
1984	1236		504		1740
1985	1439		634		2073
1986	2036		909		2941
1987	2446		1168		3614
1988	2663		1128		3791
1989	3182		1303		4485
1990	3821		1616		5437
1991	4302		1716		6018
1992	4017		1534		5551
1993	3604		1282		4886
1994	3355		1217		4572
1995	4004		1372		5376
1996	5430		1835		7265
1997	6605		2211		8816
1998	6229		1866		8095
1999	5917		1917		7834