

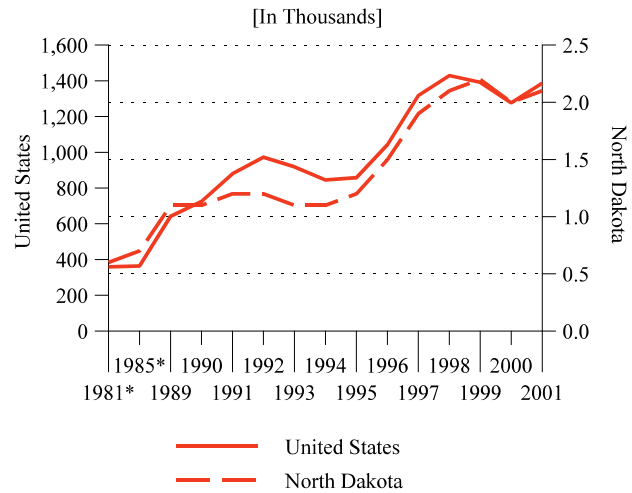
## Bankruptcy Cases in North Dakota: 1991 to 2001

In 2001, approximately 2,100 bankruptcy petitions were filed in North Dakota, up from 1,200 in 1991 and up from 600 in 1981.

The number of bankruptcy cases in North Dakota rose 100 percent between 1981 and 1991. Cases rose another 75 percent between 1991 and 2001. On average, bankruptcy cases rose 6.4 percent per year between 1991 and 2001. The nation as a whole averaged 5.3 percent per year since 1991.

U.S. totals include outlying areas, not shown separately. The numbers in this report cover only bankruptcy cases files under the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978. Bankruptcy is defined as a legal recognition that a company or individual is insolvent and must restructure or liquidate. Petitions ‘filed’ means the commencement of a proceeding through the presentation of a petition to the clerk of court.

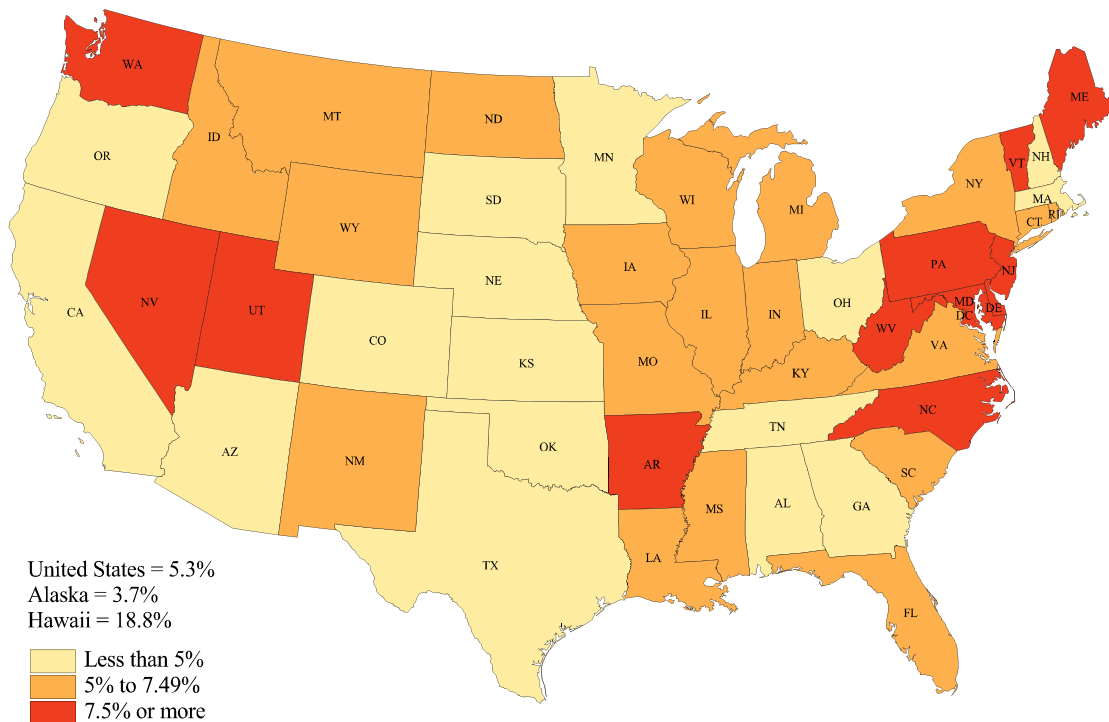
**Bankruptcy Cases in ND and the U.S.: 1981 to 2001**



Note: \*Inconsecutive years. Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, unpublished data; obtained from the Statistical Abstract of the United States published annually by the U.S. Census Bureau and available online at <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/>

### Annual Average Percent Change in Bankruptcy Cases by State: 1991 to 2001

Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, unpublished data; obtained from the Statistical Abstract of the United States published annually by the U.S. Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov/statab/www>



**Bankruptcy Cases by State: 1991 to 2001 [In thousands (1,386.6 represents 1,386,600)]**

Area	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
United States <sup>1</sup>	880.4	972.5	918.7	845.3	858.1	1,042.1	1,317.0	1,429.5	1,392.0	1,276.9	1,386.6
Alabama	27.8	27.8	25.5	23.7	24.3	29.3	33.3	33.8	31.2	31.4	36.6
Alaska	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5
Arizona	19.3	20.4	18.5	17.0	14.8	18.0	23.2	24.7	23.7	21.7	22.8
Arkansas	7.7	8.6	7.5	6.7	7.9	11.2	14.7	16.5	16.8	16.3	19.7
California	124.2	152.8	159.7	150.9	140.4	164.3	200.1	211.3	200.2	160.6	147.9
Colorado	17.0	16.6	14.9	13.2	13.1	14.9	17.9	18.9	17.3	15.6	17.4
Connecticut	6.9	8.9	9.4	8.7	8.5	10.2	12.7	13.5	13.2	11.4	11.3
Delaware	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.9	2.4	2.7	3.9	4.9	4.0
Dist.of Columbia	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.6	2.2	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.5
Florida	43.4	52.4	46.6	41.9	43.4	51.9	67.4	76.4	79.2	74.0	80.4
Georgia	49.0	48.7	42.9	40.5	42.1	50.9	59.9	62.6	59.3	57.9	64.9
Hawaii	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.8	2.4	3.8	5.1	5.9	5.0	4.8
Idaho	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.4	3.7	4.8	6.2	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.9
Illinois	40.5	43.4	41.4	38.4	39.2	48.5	60.3	64.6	66.6	62.3	68.2
Indiana	26.8	28.2	24.8	22.0	22.3	26.0	33.7	38.5	38.9	37.5	43.0
Iowa	5.8	6.4	5.9	5.3	5.9	7.6	9.6	9.7	8.9	8.2	9.9
Kansas	9.6	9.6	8.3	7.9	8.5	10.1	12.5	13.2	12.3	11.4	12.8
Kentucky	15.6	15.5	12.8	11.6	13.0	16.6	20.6	22.1	21.4	20.8	24.1
Louisiana	13.3	14.2	13.2	12.3	13.4	17.1	22.6	23.2	22.5	23.1	25.4
Maine	2.2	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.6	3.6	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.4
Maryland	12.8	16.0	16.2	15.4	16.3	20.4	28.8	34.5	34.1	31.1	33.7
Massachusetts	12.9	15.9	16.4	14.8	14.3	15.9	22.5	22.1	20.9	16.7	17.0
Michigan	23.3	26.7	25.1	22.9	22.7	28.0	36.1	41.2	38.8	36.4	41.8
Minnesota	16.7	17.8	15.5	13.9	14.1	16.3	19.9	19.5	17.4	15.4	16.9
Mississippi	12.3	12.7	11.1	9.8	10.6	13.3	18.2	19.1	18.1	17.9	20.8
Missouri	17.3	19.2	16.6	14.4	15.1	19.8	24.2	27.4	27.9	26.3	28.4
Montana	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.5	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.7
Nebraska	4.5	4.4	3.9	3.6	3.4	4.6	5.7	6.1	5.8	5.6	6.5
Nevada	6.9	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.3	8.9	12.3	14.4	15.5	14.3	16.3
New Hampshire	3.4	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.4	4.3	5.1	4.5	3.9	3.9
New Jersey	19.4	24.0	24.9	23.8	25.5	30.6	38.8	44.5	44.1	38.7	40.3
New Mexico	4.5	4.5	4.3	3.5	3.7	5.2	6.8	7.9	7.7	7.1	8.0
New York	40.3	49.6	51.3	47.8	48.8	56.1	69.8	76.9	74.4	61.7	66.0
North Carolina	15.5	16.3	13.8	13.0	14.0	18.9	24.9	26.5	26.8	25.8	30.7
North Dakota	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.1
Ohio	42.8	44.0	37.9	32.5	32.4	38.8	50.1	55.5	55.3	53.6	63.6
Oklahoma	16.2	15.3	13.9	13.0	13.2	16.1	20.8	22.5	21.3	19.3	21.9
Oregon	13.5	14.3	13.3	12.7	13.2	15.1	17.9	17.9	18.2	18.1	20.9
Pennsylvania	20.8	24.3	23.0	20.2	22.0	28.2	38.3	45.2	45.7	43.8	49.2
Rhode Island	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.8	5.1	5.4	5.3	4.8	4.8
South Carolina	6.9	7.4	6.8	6.4	6.9	8.5	10.7	11.3	11.6	11.7	13.0
South Dakota	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.4
Tennessee	40.6	41.6	38.2	35.6	35.5	43.7	52.1	52.6	48.2	47.1	55.5
Texas	46.6	49.5	47.3	41.8	43.8	54.2	69.5	72.0	68.6	62.9	69.1
Utah	8.0	8.3	7.5	6.6	6.9	8.0	10.6	13.5	14.0	14.4	17.4
Vermont	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.7
Virginia	25.3	29.1	26.8	24.4	25.5	31.7	40.7	43.4	41.2	37.1	39.2
Washington	17.2	18.7	17.9	17.5	18.6	25.0	31.7	33.6	32.4	31.2	34.8
West Virginia	4.0	4.5	4.0	3.6	3.8	4.9	7.6	8.8	8.4	8.2	9.9
Wisconsin	12.1	12.4	11.3	10.2	11.8	14.4	17.9	19.6	18.9	18.0	20.3
Wyoming	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.5	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.4

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