

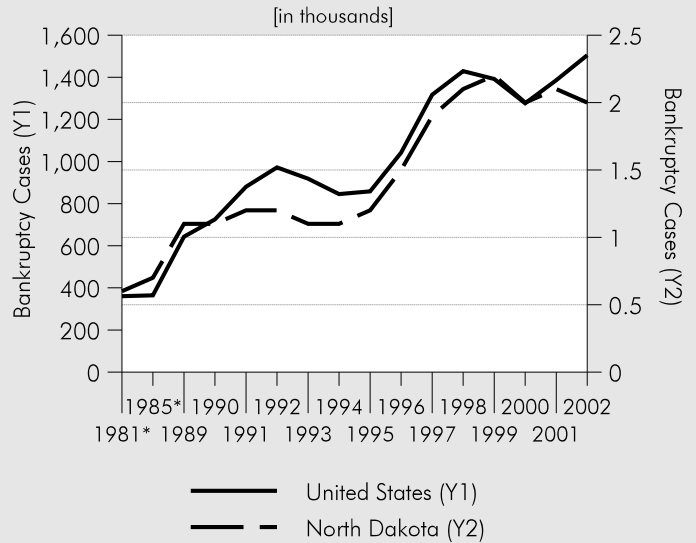
## Bankruptcy Cases Filed by State: 1992 to 2002

Within North Dakota, 2,000 bankruptcy cases were filed in 2002, a number showing no change from year 2000 (Table 1). Nationally, 42 states reported increases in the number of bankruptcy cases filed between 2000 and 2002. North Dakota and Alaska showed no change, and seven states had a decrease in the number of cases. Overall, bankruptcy cases filed in the United States rose 17.9 percent during this period.

Bankruptcy cases filed in North Dakota and throughout the nation rose dramatically during the later half of the 1990s (Figure 1). In North Dakota, cases peaked in 1999 at 2,200 and have since shown a modest decline. Among states, the percentage change in bankruptcy cases between 2000 and 2002 ranged from a low of an 18.4 percent loss in Delaware to a high of a 43.8 percent increase in Utah.

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.

Figure 1. Bankruptcy Cases in ND and the U.S.: 1981 to 200



Note: Numbers are in thousands [1,600 represents 1,600,000 and 2.5 represents 2,500.] An \* indicates years are not consecutive. Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, unpublished data - obtained from the Statistical Abstract of the United States and published annually by the U.S. Census Bureau and available online at <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/>

Figure 2. Bankruptcy Cases Filed by State: 2000 to 2002 Percent Change

Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, unpublished data; obtained from the Statistical Abstract of the United States, published annually by the U.S. Census Bureau and available online at 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/>

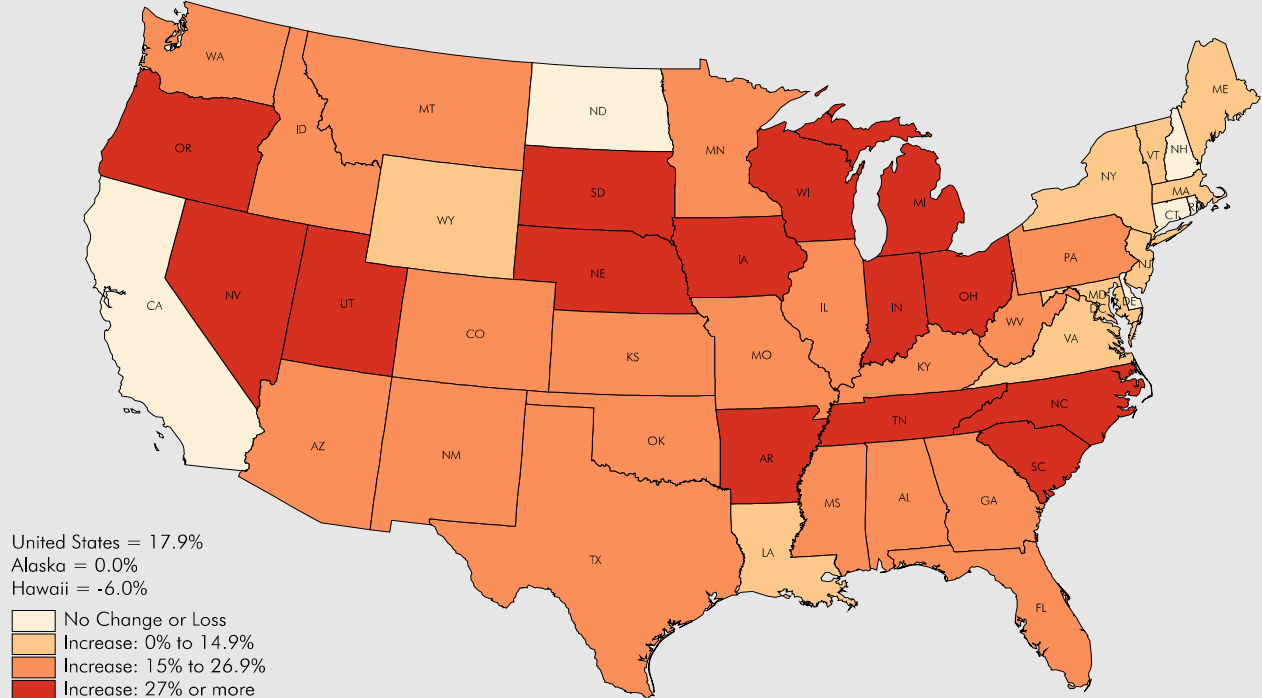


Table 1. Bankruptcy Cases by State: 1992 to 2002 [In thousands (1,505.3 represents 1,505,300)]

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Area	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
United States <sup>1</sup>	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	1,505.3
Alabama	27.8	25.5	23.7	24.3	29.3	33.3	33.8	31.2	31.4	36.6	39.6
Alaska	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4
Arizona	20.4	18.5	17.0	14.8	18.0	23.2	24.7	23.7	21.7	22.8	27.3
Arkansas	8.6	7.5	6.7	7.9	11.2	14.7	16.5	16.8	16.3	19.7	21.8
California	152.8	159.7	150.9	140.4	164.3	200.1	211.3	200.2	160.6	147.9	148.4
Colorado	16.6	14.9	13.2	13.1	14.9	17.9	18.9	17.3	15.6	17.4	19.2
Connecticut	8.9	9.4	8.7	8.5	10.2	12.7	13.5	13.2	11.4	11.3	11.2
Delaware	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.9	2.4	2.7	3.9	4.9	4.0	4.0
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Florida	52.4	46.6	41.9	43.4	51.9	67.4	76.4	79.2	74.0	80.4	88.0
Georgia	48.7	42.9	40.5	42.1	50.9	59.9	62.6	59.3	57.9	64.9	72.6
Hawaii	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.8	2.4	3.8	5.1	5.9	5.0	4.8	4.7
Idaho	4.1	3.9	3.4	3.7	4.8	6.2	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.9	8.5
Illinois	43.4	41.4	38.4	39.2	48.5	60.3	64.6	66.6	62.3	68.2	77.3
Indiana	28.2	24.8	22.0	22.3	26.0	33.7	38.5	38.9	37.5	43.0	50.6
Iowa	6.4	5.9	5.3	5.9	7.6	9.6	9.7	8.9	8.2	9.9	11.2
Kansas	9.6	8.3	7.9	8.5	10.1	12.5	13.2	12.3	11.4	12.8	14.0
Kentucky	15.5	12.8	11.6	13.0	16.6	20.6	22.1	21.4	20.8	24.1	26.3
Louisiana	14.2	13.2	12.3	13.4	17.1	22.6	23.2	22.5	23.1	25.4	26.5
Maine	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.6	3.6	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.4	4.4
Maryland	16.0	16.2	15.4	16.3	20.4	28.8	34.5	34.1	31.1	33.7	34.5
Massachusetts	15.9	16.4	14.8	14.3	15.9	22.5	22.1	20.9	16.7	17.0	16.9
Michigan	26.7	25.1	22.9	22.7	28.0	36.1	41.2	38.8	36.4	41.8	50.2
Minnesota	17.8	15.5	13.9	14.1	16.3	19.9	19.5	17.4	15.4	16.9	19.1
Mississippi	12.7	11.1	9.8	10.6	13.3	18.2	19.1	18.1	17.9	20.8	22.0
Missouri	19.2	16.6	14.4	15.1	19.8	24.2	27.4	27.9	26.3	28.4	31.5
Montana	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.5	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.7	4.1
Nebraska	4.4	3.9	3.6	3.4	4.6	5.7	6.1	5.8	5.6	6.5	7.3
Nevada	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.3	8.9	12.3	14.4	15.5	14.3	16.3	18.6
New Hampshire	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.4	4.3	5.1	4.5	3.9	3.9	3.7
New Jersey	24.0	24.9	23.8	25.5	30.6	38.8	44.5	44.1	38.7	40.3	40.5
New Mexico	4.5	4.3	3.5	3.7	5.2	6.8	7.9	7.7	7.1	8.0	8.7
New York	49.6	51.3	47.8	48.8	56.1	69.8	76.9	74.4	61.7	66.0	67.9
North Carolina	16.3	13.8	13.0	14.0	18.9	24.9	26.5	26.8	25.8	30.7	34.9
North Dakota	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0
Ohio	44.0	37.9	32.5	32.4	38.8	50.1	55.5	55.3	53.6	63.6	73.2
Oklahoma	15.3	13.9	13.0	13.2	16.1	20.8	22.5	21.3	19.3	21.9	23.3
Oregon	14.3	13.3	12.7	13.2	15.1	17.9	17.9	18.2	18.1	20.9	23.5
Pennsylvania	24.3	23.0	20.2	22.0	28.2	38.3	45.2	45.7	43.8	49.2	52.0
Rhode Island	3.6	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.8	5.1	5.4	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.7
South Carolina	7.4	6.8	6.4	6.9	8.5	10.7	11.3	11.6	11.7	13.0	15.1
South Dakota	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.4	2.7
Tennessee	41.6	38.2	35.6	35.5	43.7	52.1	52.6	48.2	47.1	55.5	61.5
Texas	49.5	47.3	41.8	43.8	54.2	69.5	72.0	68.6	62.9	69.1	77.0
Utah	8.3	7.5	6.6	6.9	8.0	10.6	13.5	14.0	14.4	17.4	20.7
Vermont	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.7
Virginia	29.1	26.8	24.4	25.5	31.7	40.7	43.4	41.2	37.1	39.2	41.9
Washington	18.7	17.9	17.5	18.6	25.0	31.7	33.6	32.4	31.2	34.8	37.3
West Virginia	4.5	4.0	3.6	3.8	4.9	7.6	8.8	8.4	8.2	9.9	9.7
Wisconsin	12.4	11.3	10.2	11.8	14.4	17.9	19.6	18.9	18.0	20.3	23.2
Wyoming	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.5	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.2