

## QUARTERLY U.S. BUSINESS FILINGS (1980-PRESENT)

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Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
1980	9,147	11,492	11,724	11,314	43,677
1981	12,232	12,143	11,366	12,343	48,084
1982	15,633	17,089	18,462	18,066	69,250
1983	17,856	15,438	14,605	14,517	62,416
1984	16,625	16,651	15,309	15,507	64,092
1985	17,423	18,412	17,797	17,645	71,277
1986	19,792	21,047	19,758	20,636	81,233
1987	21,500	26,384	17,783	17,182	82,849
1988	17,082	16,449	15,425	14,880	63,836
1989	15,876	16,358	15,367	15,616	63,217
1990	16,880	16,734	15,204	15,917	64,735
1991	18,104	18,458	17,569	17,223	71,354
1992	18,760	17,965	16,789	16,450	69,964
1993	16,423	16,424	15,169	13,953	61,969
1994	13,858	13,617	12,878	12,021	52,374
1995	13,123	12,216	12,648	12,891	51,878
1996	13,388	13,992	13,198	12,887	53,465
1997	13,831	13,991	13,456	12,653	53,931
1998	12,410	11,552	10,346	9,888	44,196
1999	9,180	10,378	8,986	9,020	37,564
2000	9,456	9,243	8,211	8,413	35,472
2001	10,005	10,330	9,537	10,013	40,099
2002	9,775	9,695	9,433	9,500	38,540
2003	8,814	9,331	8,446	8,294	35,037
2004	10,566	8,249	7,574	7,778	34,317
2005	8,063	8,736	9,476	12,798	39,201
2006	4,086	4,858	5,284	5,586	19,695
2007	6,280	6,705	7,167	7,985	28,322
2008	8,713	9,743	11,504	12,901	43,546
2009	14,319	16,014	15,177	15,020	60,837

2010	14,607	14,452	13,957	13,030	56,282
2011	12,376	12,304	11,705	11,149	47,806
2012	10,998	10,374	9,248	9,231	40,075
2013	8,512	8,874	8,119	7,556	33,212
2014	6,992	7,283	6,355	6,219	26,983
2015	6,159	6,166	6,338	5,973	24,735
2016	6,227	6,537	5,597	5,666	24,114
2017	5,715	6,366	5,290	5,727	23,157
2018	5,669	5,479			

**Note:** If the sum of the quarterly filings is slightly lower than the annual total, it is because of joint cases that are split during a later quarter, and because a small number of cases are processed after the end of a reporting quarter.