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### **DISTRESS INDICES**

The Polsinelli|TrBK Distress Indices are prepared and published quarterly. The indices are contrarian measures of economic performance, and are intended to reflect the level of economic distress in the U.S. economy by tracking the increase or decrease in comparative Chapter 11 filings for prior quarters and years, based on a rolling four-quarter average.

The indices reflect relevant Chapter 11 filings with assets more than \$1 million, and exclude individual and involuntary cases.

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Welcome to the 3rd Quarter 2017 Report for the Polsinelli TrBK Distress Indices. The indices use filtered Chapter 11 filings as a proxy for distress in the overall U.S. economy and certain subsectors.



The **Chapter 11 Distress Research Index** was 42.74 for the third quarter of 2017. The Chapter 11 Index increased nearly 2 points since the last period and has increased 6 of the last 9 quarters. Compared with the same period one year ago, the index has decreased nearly 5 points and compared with the benchmark period of the fourth quarter of 2010, it is down nearly 58%.

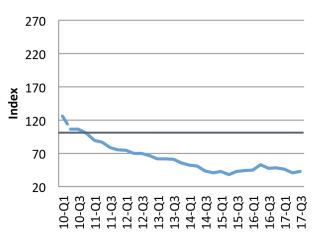
The **Real Estate Distress Research Index** was 25.16 for the third quarter of 2017. This is approximately the same as the last quarter. The Real Estate Index is up approximately 1 point from the same period one year ago and compared with the benchmark period, it is down nearly 75%.

The Health Care Services Distress Research Index was 223.33 for the third quarter of 2017. The Health Care Index increased 15 points from last quarter. The index has experienced record or near-record highs in 5 of the last 6 quarters. Compared with the same period one year ago, which was a record high at that time, the index has increased 60 points. Compared with the benchmark period of the fourth quarter of 2010, the index is up over 123%.

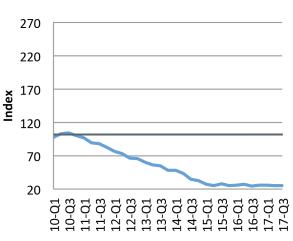
On a trailing four-quarter average, the percentage of real estate filings among all index-measured Chapter 11 filings has decreased from 19.98% in 2010 to 11.76% now, decreasing slightly since the last quarter. Health Care services filings have increased from 1.13% in 2010 to 5.90%, an increase from last quarter.



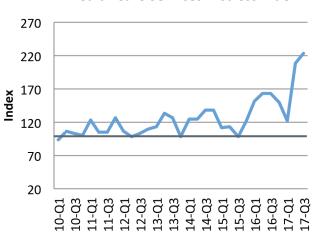




**Real Estate Distress Index** 



**Health Care Services Distress Index** 



### Polsinelli | TrBK Distress Indices: 3rd Quarter 2017

Chapter 11 Distress Index

42.74

Max: 100.00 in 10-Q4 Min: 37.81 in 15-Q2 Real Estate Distress Index

25.16

Max: 100.00 in 10-Q4 Min: 24.22 in 16-Q3 **Health Care Services Distress Index** 

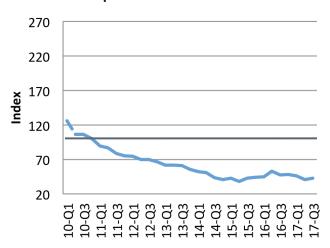
223.33

Max: 223.33 in 17-Q3 Min: 98.33 in 12-Q2, 13-Q4, and 15-Q3

Indices based on trailing four-quarter average, with trailing four quarters ending 10-Q4 equaling 100 as index baseline; minimum and maximum values based on 10-Q4 index value and forward.



### **Chapter 11 Distress Index**



For the third quarter of 2017, the Polsinelli|TrBK Chapter 11 Distress Research Index was 42.74. This represents an increase of approximately two points from last quarter.

Current	Last	1 Year
42.74	40.90	47.35

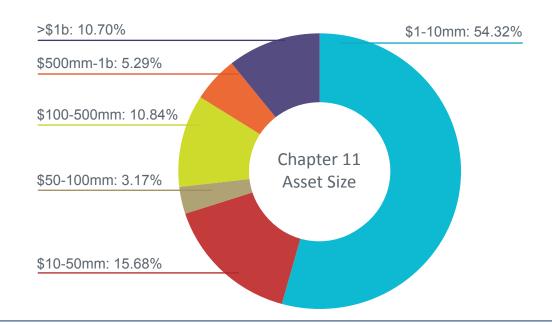
The Chapter 11 Distress Index has declined just over 57 points from the benchmark period of the fourth quarter of 2010 and has decreased 2 of the last 4 quarters. The index remains relatively stable in the mid-40-point range for the past several quarters.

### Volatility

Case filing numbers measured in the Polsinelli|TrBK Chapter 11 Distress Research Index have shown significant volatility since the benchmark period of the fourth quarter of 2010. During that period, the number of filings declined 13 times compared to the prior quarter and increased 14 times. The volume of declines far exceeded any increases in filings, however. The index is measured on a trailing four-quarter basis to smooth out this quarterly volatility and provide a better picture of long-term trends. The Chapter 11 Distress Research Index has declined 19 times compared to the prior quarter, and increased 8 times, reflecting the significant downward trend in general filing levels since 2010.

#### **Asset Size**

The percentage breakdown of index filings for the current period by asset size is:

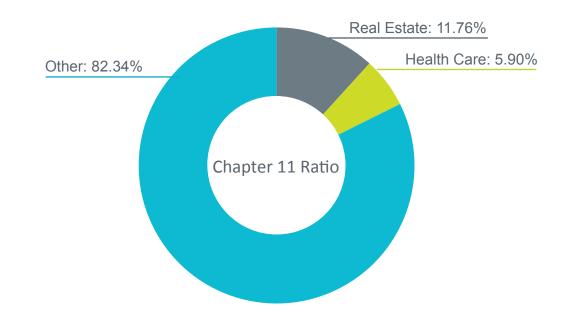




### Real Estate and Health Care as Percentages of Total Filings

Real estate filings calculated in the Polsinelli TrBK Real Estate Distress Research Index represented 11.76% on a rolling four-quarter basis. This is approximately the same as the last several quarters, which are lowest that real estate distress has measured as a component of overall distress since the benchmark period of the fourth quarter of 2010. This is likely because overall distress measured in the indices has increased while real estate distress has increased only slightly.

Health Care services filings measured in the Polsinelli|TrBK Health Care Services Distress Research Index represented 5.90% of all distressed filings on a rolling four-quarter basis. Health Care filings have been as low as 1.13% in the benchmark period of the fourth quarter of 2010.

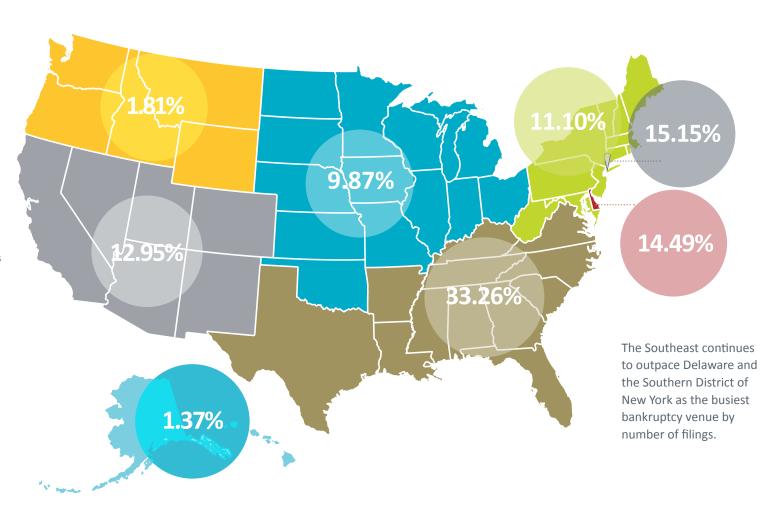




### Geography

The percentage breakdown of index filings for the current period by geographic region is:

- Midwest
- Non-Continental U.S. & Territories
- Northeast
- Delaware
- Northwest
- Southern District of New York
- Southeast
- Southwest

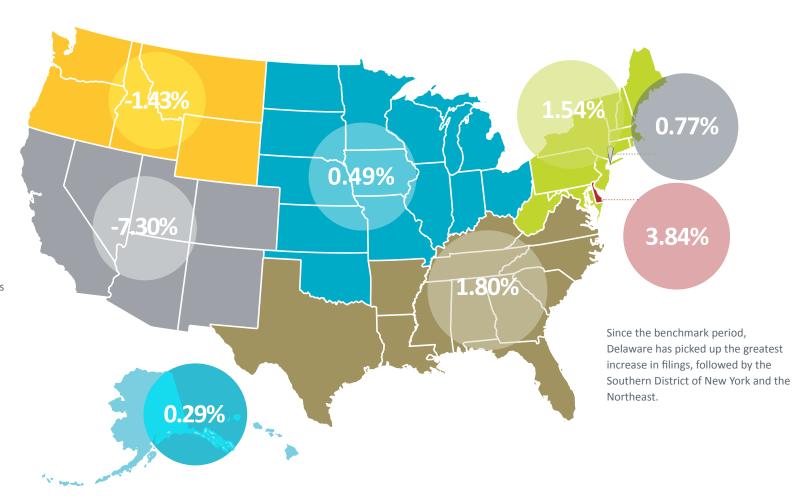




### Change in Geographic Distribution Since Benchmark Period

Looking at the difference in geographic breakdowns of index filings now versus the benchmark period of fourth quarter 2010, the relative change versus the benchmark is:

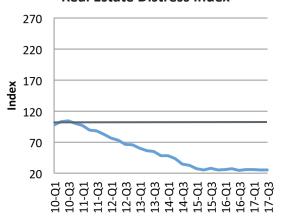
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### REAL ESTATE DISTRESS RESEARCH INDEX

### **Real Estate Distress Index**



For the third quarter of 2017, the Polsinelli/TrBk Real Estate Distress Index was 25.16. This represents a slight increase since the last quarter.

The real estate index has remained in a 4-point range over the last 11 quarters. Both the fraction of real estate filings and the index itself have remained stable over the last 9 quarters.

Current	Last	1 Year
25.16	25.07	24.22

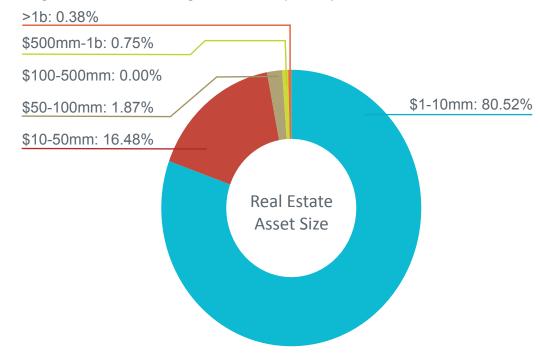
For a first-ever examination of outcomes in single asset real estate (SARE) Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, see the 2017 Polsinelli TrBK Distress Indices Special Report: Outcomes in Single Asset Real Estate Chapter 11 cases in 2016, released on June 6, 2017, and available at ww.distressindex.com.

### Volatility

Similar to the Chapter 11 Distress Research Index, case filings measured in the Real Estate Distress Research Index show significant volatility quarter on quarter. Since the benchmark period of the fourth quarter of 2010, filing numbers declined 14 times compared to the prior quarter and climbed 13 times. The volume of declines far exceeded any increases in filings. The index is measured on a trailing four-quarter basis to smooth out this volatility and provide a better picture of long-term trends. The Real Estate Distress Research Index has declined 22 times compared to the prior quarter and increased 5 times, reflecting the significant downward trend in general filing levels since 2010.

#### **Asset Size**

The percentage breakdown of index filings for the current period by asset size is:



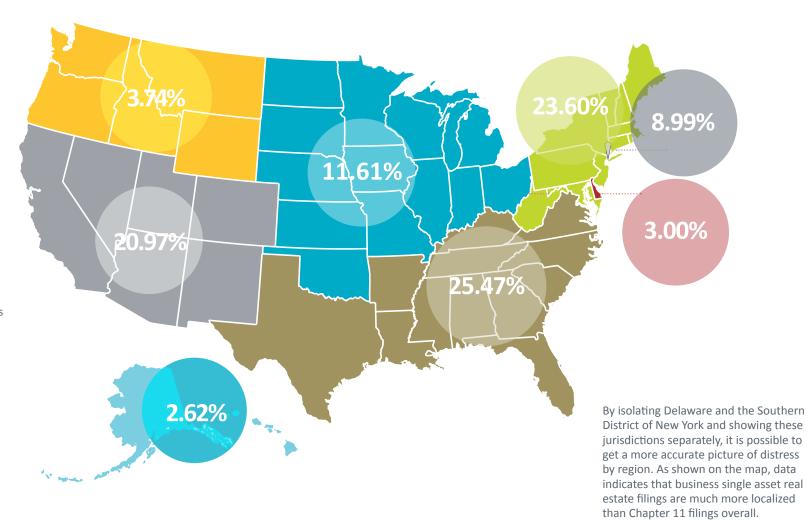


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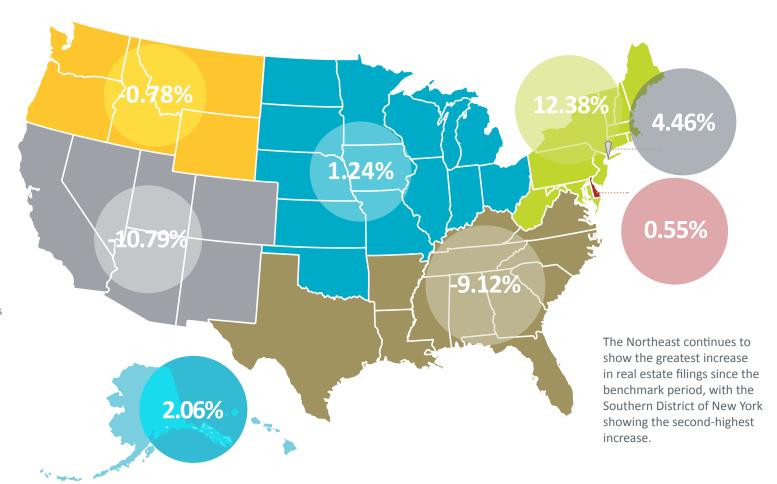


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### Change in Geographic Distribution Since Benchmark Period

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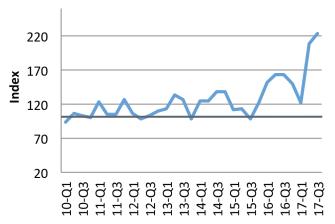
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### HEALTH CARE SERVICES DISTRESS RESEARCH INDEX

### **Health Care Services Distress Index**



For the third quarter of 2017, the Health Care Services Distress Research Index reached yet another high of 223.33. The index has now recorded record highs in 4 of the previous 6 quarters and is currently 123% above the benchmark period of the fourth quarter of 2010. This is the eighth quarter in a row that the index has exceeded the benchmark and has been at 50% above the benchmark 5 of the last 6 quarters. The index continues to show signs of decoupling from the broader U.S. economy as distress remains relatively low in the other indices.

Current	Last	1 Year
223.33	208.33	163.33

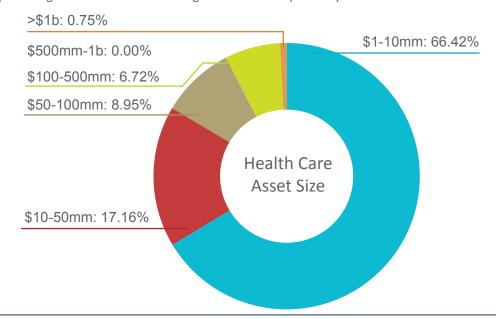
For a look at the underlying causes that are creating financial distress in the Health Care services industry from previous high levels, see the 2015 Polsinelli | TrBK Distress Indices Special Report: Causes of Health Care Distress in 2014, released on August 13, 2015, and available at www.distressindex.com.

### Volatility

Case filing numbers measured in the Health Care Services Distress Research Index show similar volatility to the other Polsinelli|TrBK Distress Indices when comparing only whether the number is greater or less. Since the benchmark period of the fourth quarter of 2010, filing numbers declined 14 times compared to the prior quarter and increased 13 times, similar to the other indices. For the Health Care Services Index the volume of increased filings has generally outstripped declines, resulting in an index value that is 108.33% higher than the benchmark period of the fourth quarter of 2010. The index is measured on a trailing four-quarter basis to smooth out volatility and provide a better picture of long-term trends. The Health Care Services Distress Research Index has declined 9 times compared to the prior quarter and increased 14 times, reflecting the significant upward trend in general filing levels since 2010.

#### **Asset Size**

The percentage breakdown of index filings for the current period by asset size is:



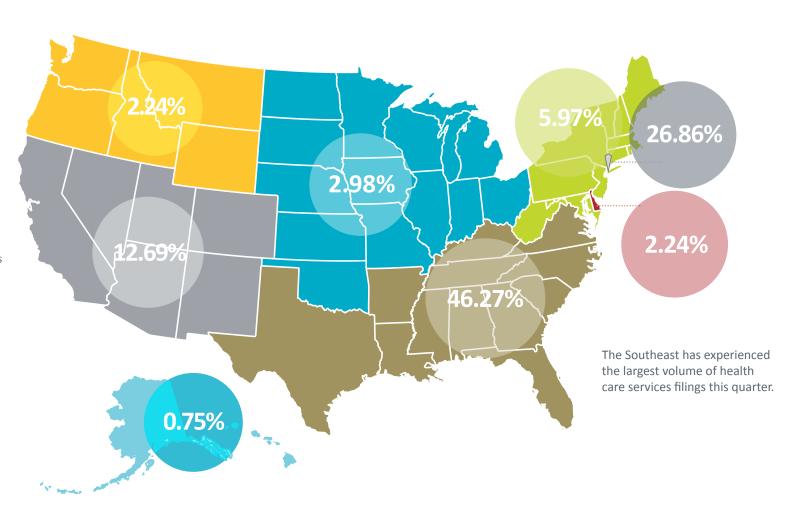


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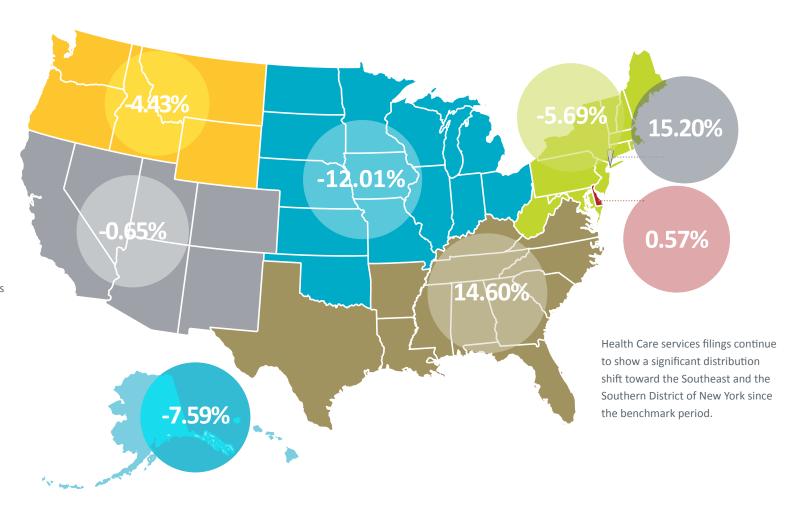


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### Change in Geographic Distribution Since Benchmark Period

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#### **Understanding The Polsinelli | TrBK Distress Indices**

The Polsinelli|TrBK Distress Indices<sup>©</sup> are research indices based on Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing data. The Chapter 11 Distress Research Index serves as the primary index, and is based on filings by entities with assets scheduled at greater than \$1 million as represented on initial Chapter 11 petitions. Individuals and involuntary filings are excluded from the calculation.

The Real Estate Distress Research Index and the Health Care Services Distress Research Index are subsets of the Chapter 11 Distress Research Index, with each requiring the presence of one additional, and different, criterion. The Real Estate Distress Research Index requires that a filing be classified as a "single asset real estate" case as indicated on the Chapter 11 petition. These filings typically involve companies that are solely in the business of owning and leasing a single property such as an office building, Health Care facility, retail outlet or multifamily apartment building. The Health Care Services Distress Research Index requires that the debtor be classified as a "Health Care business" as indicated on the Chapter 11 petition in order to be counted; based on this definition, non-service Health Care businesses are generally excluded from the Health Care Services Distress Research Index.

The Polsinelli|TrBK Distress Indices also include in their calculation business filings under Chapter 9 (municipalities) that meet the \$1 million threshold criteria, but these are generally a very small number of filings by comparison to Chapter 11. The Indices previously tracked business filings under Chapter 15 (international) as well, but in order to remain consistent with their criteria, the Indices now exclude Chapter 15 because recent government changes mean that Chapter 15 petitions no longer show asset size. The Chapter 11 Index was restated as a result in the first quarter of 2016, with the effect being less than one point in any quarter since the benchmark period, and there was no effect on the Real Estate and Health Care Services Indices. Chapter 15 cases comprise a small number of overall filings.

The indices are contrarian measures of economic performance, so that a low index value is likely to occur in a strong economy, and a higher index value is likely to occur when financial distress is escalating. Thus, the indices are one indicator intended to suggest potential health or trouble in the economy. The indices track the increase or decrease in comparative Chapter 11 filings for prior quarters and years. The indices provide economic information that may not be reflected by the broader stock market averages, because the indices include both public and private company information.

The indices are calculated from 2010 through the present, and are benchmarked based on filing numbers in 2010. The indices are based on independent data collected and provided exclusively by the TrollerBk.com bankruptcy service, and not U.S. government statistical information (although that information is likely to be consistent within a margin of error).

While information for each individual quarter is available from 2010 forward, the indices are calculated on a rolling four-quarter basis in order to control for volatility, and to provide a more relevant picture of existing and long-term trends.

The historical filing information from which the Polsinelli|TrBK Distress Indices are calculated is available to the public for purchase from the TrollerBk.com bankruptcy service. In addition, weekly reports of newly filed cases anticipated to meet the criteria for the indices are also available for purchase from the TrollerBk.com bankruptcy service on a subscription basis.

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