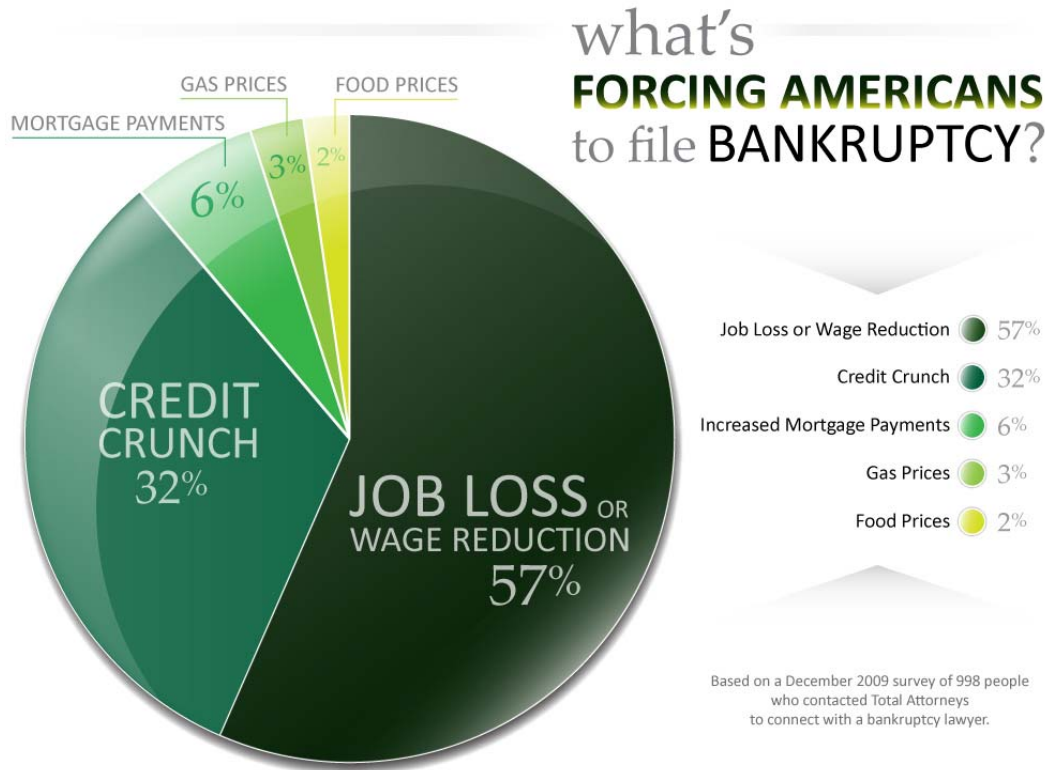


Total Attorneys Survey: Job Loss, Credit Crunch Driving Bankruptcy Inquiries

CHICAGO, December 22, 2009 – As America closes out 2009 with roughly 1.45 million bankruptcy filings, a new survey reveals the possible economic factors behind the surge.

The statistics are based on a December 2009 survey of 1,000 people contacting Total Attorneys to connect with a bankruptcy lawyer.



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The Economic Factors Survey

When asked which economic factor (job loss/wage reduction, the credit crunch, increased mortgage payments, gas prices or food prices) forced them to consider bankruptcy, **57% of respondents cited job loss/wage reduction.**

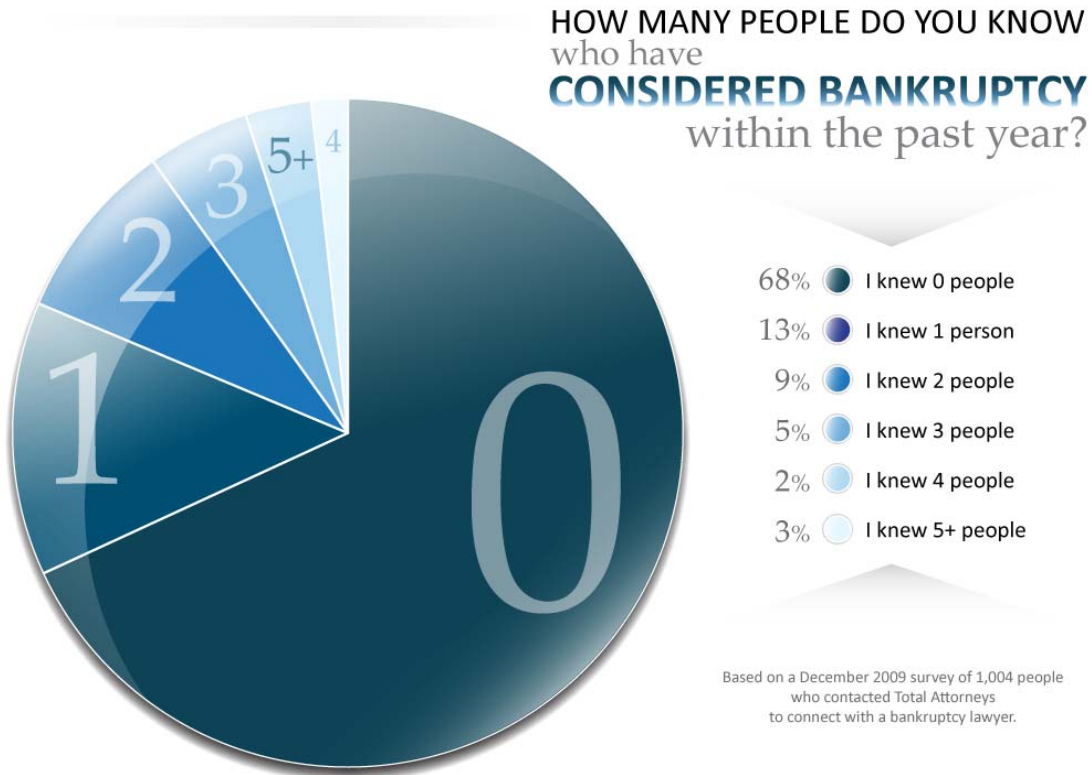
“Widespread, long-term job loss means many people don’t have the income to cover basic living costs,” says Kevin Chern, bankruptcy attorney and president of Total Attorneys. “Bankruptcy may be a way for people to protect their homes and regain control over their finances.”

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The Bankruptcy Relation Survey

In an indication of how much the bankruptcy idea has spread, **10% of people polled said they know three or more people who recently considered bankruptcy.**



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“Bankruptcy isn’t something that happens to someone else,” says Chern. “It’s not a sign of failure or irresponsibility. For many people it’s a way to protect their family.”

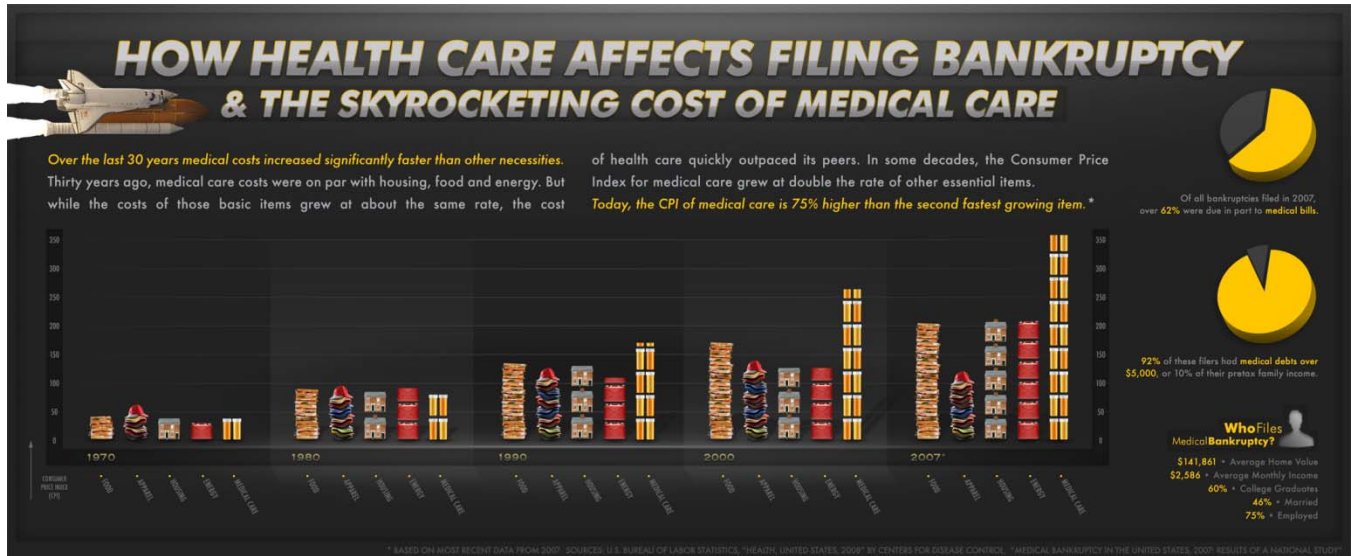
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Medical Bills & Bankruptcy

While job loss may be a major economic factor behind recent bankruptcy inquiries, **medical bills** are a major personal factor.

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