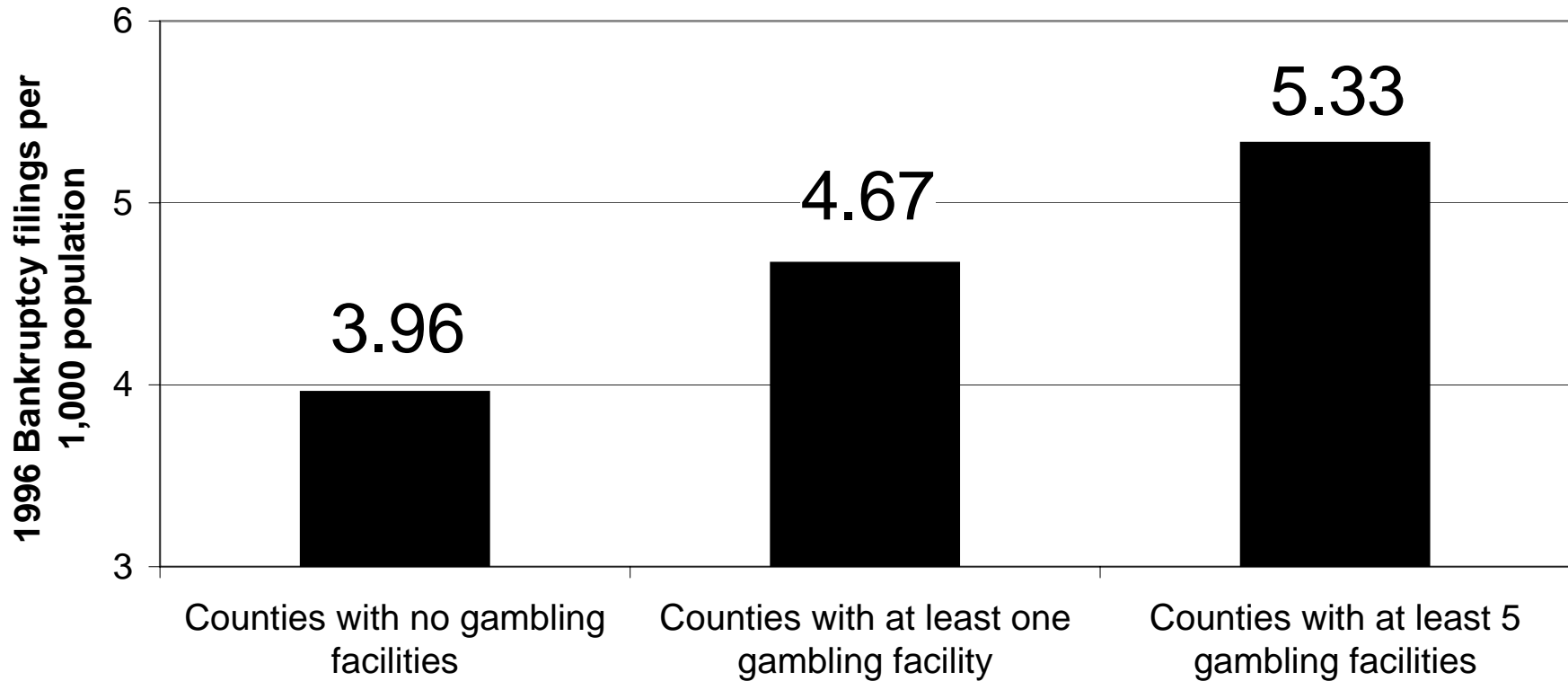


Gambling and Bankruptcy

“The bankruptcy rate was 18% higher in counties with [at least] one gambling facility and it was 35% higher in counties with five or more gambling establishments.”



Source: *“The Personal Bankruptcy Crisis, 1997,”* a study done for the banking industry by SMR Research Corporation, Hackettstown, NJ, Spring, 1997, p 119-120.