

# 1999 Caseload Highlights

## U.S. Courts of Appeals

- Appeals filings rose 2 percent because of a reporting change involving original proceedings.
- Excluding original proceedings, appeals filings fell 3 percent.
- Civil appeals filings declined 2 percent, and criminal appeals filings fell 3 percent.

## U.S. District Courts

### Criminal Filings

- Filings of criminal cases increased 4 percent, and the number of defendants grew 2 percent.
- Immigration case filings climbed 14 percent and accounted for 18 percent of all criminal filings.
- Drug case filings rose 7 percent, and defendants charged with drug offenses rose 4 percent.
- Weapons and firearms case filings jumped 20 percent, and defendants charged with weapons and firearms offenses grew 15 percent.

### Civil Filings

- Civil filings grew 1 percent as filings of cases with the United States as plaintiff jumped 33 percent.

- Private case filings involving federal question jurisdiction declined 1 percent, and those involving diversity of citizenship fell 4 percent.

## U.S. Bankruptcy Courts

- Bankruptcy petition filings dropped for the first time in four years, falling 6 percent as a result of reductions in filings under all chapters except chapter 11.
- Nonbusiness filings declined 5 percent, and business filings decreased 18 percent.
- Chapter 11 filings rose 2 percent, chapter 7 filings fell 7 percent, and chapter 13 filings dropped 4 percent.

## Federal Probation and Pretrial Services System

- The number of persons under supervision rose 4 percent to 97,190 on September 30, 1999.
- The number of persons serving terms of supervised release increased 8 percent and accounted for 61 percent of all persons under supervision.
- The number of defendants in cases activated in the pretrial services system grew 2 percent to 80,154.