

Table 5.1
U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases and Defendants Filed, Terminated, and Pending (Including Transfers)
During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 1990 and September 30, 1995 Through September 30, 2023

Reporting Period Year		Filed			Terminated		Pending	
Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	Cases	Defendants	Defendants Per Case Ratio	Cases	Defendants	Cases	Defendants
2023	677	53,148	66,147	1.2	57,014	72,371	88,917	117,056
2022	677	54,931	68,482	1.2	56,718	72,096	92,392	122,812
2021	677	58,824	74,465	1.3	51,297	63,848	94,017	126,258
2020	677	59,884	73,879	1.2	58,589	71,625	86,262	115,398
2019	677	75,029	92,678	1.2	69,122	85,650	85,476	113,987
2015	677	61,202	80,069	1.3	61,555	81,227	72,059	98,878
2010	678	78,428	100,366	1.3	78,069	98,666	79,427	109,187
2005	678	69,575	92,226	1.3	66,561	86,616	68,914	96,668
1995	649	45,788	64,771	1.4	41,527	57,275	30,589	47,978
1990 ¹	575	47,962	66,341	1.4	43,364	60,179	35,019	52,568

Note: Pending totals for 1994 and thereafter exclude each case in which the defendant has been a fugitive for more than one year. However, no case with multiple defendants has been excluded unless all defendants in the case have been fugitives for more than one year.

This table includes all felony and Class A misdemeanor cases, but includes only those petty offense cases that have been assigned to district judges.

¹Twelve-month period ending June 30. Case data for 1990 exclude transfers.

Source: Table D (Cases and Defendants) for 1990, 1995, 2005, and 2011 to present and Table D-1 (Defendants) for 1990, Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts.