

Table 6.3

U.S. District Courts—Median Time Intervals (in Months) From Filing to Disposition for Civil Cases and Criminal Defendants, During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 1990, and September 30, 1995 Through 2021

Fiscal Year	Civil					Criminal				
	Overall Civil Median	No Court Action	Court Action			All Defendants	Dismissed	Guilty Plea	Bench Trial	Jury Trial
			Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	Trial					
2021	8.5	5.1	7.8	22.2	29.0	9.8	12.4	9.5	17.7	24.6
2020	8.9	4.6	8.5	22.1	27.7	7.0	9.6	6.7	11.3	19.3
2019	10.8	5.1	12.0	13.8	25.9	6.7	7.0	6.5	10.1	17.9
2018	9.2	4.7	9.8	13.1	26.2	6.6	8.2	6.4	9.7	17.2
2017	9.9	4.9	11.0	12.9	25.2	7.1	7.7	7.0	10.4	17.1
2015	8.8	5.3	8.9	12.9	24.9	7.0	11.6	6.7	9.0	16.8
2010	7.5	4.6	7.0	15.4	22.9	6.3	6.5	6.1	6.2	14.9
2005	8.7	6.6	8.7	13.2	21.0	6.6	5.9	6.5	7.1	13.1
1995	8.0	7.0	7.0	13.0	18.0	5.7	6.5	5.4	1.6	9.6
1990 ¹	8.0	6.0	7.0	14.0	19.0	4.5	3.3	4.3	0.1	7.1

Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years prior to 2015 may not match numbers previously published in this table.

Prior to 2000, civil median disposition time intervals were rounded to whole months. Beginning in March 2012, for criminal defendants, the median time interval is computed from the proceeding date for a defendant (e.g., the date an indictment or information was filed) to the date on which the defendant was found not guilty or was sentenced. Previously, the median time interval was computed beginning with the defendant's filing date. Therefore, data for criminal defendants for March 2012 and thereafter are not comparable to data for previous periods.

¹ Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table C-5 and D-6, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.