

Table 5.1

U.S. District Courts. Criminal Cases and Defendants Filed, Terminated, Pending (Includes Transfers)

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	Filed			Terminated		Pending	
		Cases	Defendants	Defendants Per Case Ratio	Cases	Defendants	Cases	Defendants
1990	575	48,035	65,855	1.4	44,570	60,647	36,131	53,768
1995	649	45,788	64,771	1.4	41,527	57,275	30,589	47,978
2000	655	62,745	83,963	1.3	58,102	77,185	47,609	69,286
2002	665	67,000	88,354	1.3	60,991	80,820	55,705	78,010
2003	680	70,642	92,714	1.3	65,628	85,626	60,532	84,061
2004	679	71,022	93,349	1.3	64,621	83,606	65,619	91,507
2005	678	69,575	92,226	1.3	66,561	86,616	68,914	96,668
2006	678	66,860	88,216	1.3	67,499	88,601	69,293	96,909

NOTE: Cases where defendants are fugitive for more than one year were included in the 1990 pending total, but were excluded in 1995, 2000, and the years thereafter. The criminal caseload increased between 2000 and 2004 due primarily to large numbers of criminal filings involving immigration, firearms and drug law violations. The growth in filings resulted from the Department of Justice's enforcement initiatives along the southwestern border and gun control programs.

Sources: Text table; Statistical Tables D-1 (Cases & Defendants) - 1990, D (Cases & Defendants) - 1995, 2000, and 2002 - 2006