

Table 6.3
U.S. District Courts. Civil and Criminal Median Times (Months) - Filing to Disposition

Fiscal Year	Civil					Criminal				
	Overall Civil Median	No Court Action	Court Action			All Defendants (2)	Dismissed	Guilty Plea	Court Trial	Jury Trial
			Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial (1)	Trial					
1990*	8	6	7	14	19	4.6	3.6	4.4	0.1	7.2
1995	8	7	7	13	18	5.7	6.5	5.4	1.6	9.6
2000	8.2	7.9	7.8	13.6	20.1	5.9	5.8	5.8	0.1	10.9
2002	8.7	6.0	7.7	13.5	20.8	6.2	5.2	6.1	3.0	11.9
2003	9.3	6.3	8.4	13.2	20.5	6.2	6.8	6.0	2.6	12.3
2004	8.5	7.5	7.8	13.2	21.1	6.4	5.9	6.2	4.8	12.1
2005	9.5	7.0	9.5	13.1	21.8	6.8	6.2	6.6	7.3	14.0
2006	8.3	6.3	7.2	33.9	23.5	7.1	6.5	6.9	6.7	15.7

*Twelve month period ended June 30.

NOTE: Prior to 2000, civil median disposition time intervals were rounded to whole months.

(1) The significant increase in median disposition time for civil cases closed by court action during or after pretrial in 2006 resulted from the termination of more than 15,000 breast implant cases originally filed in 1998 in the Eastern District of Michigan.

(2) Median disposition time for criminal defendants continued an upward trend in 2006, likely due to the additional work required in processing criminal cases affected by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *United States v. Booker*, 125 S. Ct. 738 (2005).

Source: Statistical Tables C-5 and D-6.