

JUDICIAL CASELOAD INDICATORS
12-Month Periods Ending September 31, 2012, 2017, 2020, and 2021

Judicial Caseload	2012	2017	2020	2021	% Change Since 2012	% Change Since 2017	% Change Since 2020
U.S. Courts of Appeals ¹							
Cases Filed	57,500	50,506	48,190	44,546	-22.5	-11.8	-7.6
Cases Terminated	57,570	54,347	48,300	47,748	-17.1	-12.1	-1.1
Cases Pending ²	43,588	39,384	38,754	35,552	-18.4	-9.7	-8.3
U.S. District Courts							
Civil							
Cases Filed	278,442	267,769	470,581	344,567	23.7	28.7	-26.8
Cases Terminated	271,572	289,901	271,256	271,625	0.0	-6.3	0.1
Cases Pending ²	271,141	366,195	556,646	629,588	132.2	71.9	13.1
Criminal (Includes Transfers)							
Defendants Filed	94,121	77,018	73,879	74,465	-20.9	-3.3	0.8
Defendant Terminations	97,728	75,337	71,625	63,848	-34.7	-15.3	-10.9
Defendants Pending ²	107,703	100,505	115,398	126,258	17.2	25.6	9.4
U.S. Bankruptcy Courts							
Cases Filed	1,261,140	790,830	612,561	434,540	-65.5	-45.1	-29.1
Cases Terminated	1,304,432 ²	856,750	721,251	579,469	-55.6	-32.4	-19.7
Cases Pending ²	1,624,606	1,070,118	906,641	761,709	-53.1	-28.8	-16.0
Post-Conviction Supervision							
Persons Under Supervision	132,340	134,731	126,970	122,458	-7.5	-9.1	-3.6
Pretrial Services							
Total Cases Activated ³	109,242	88,750	80,603	76,723	-29.8	-13.6	-4.8
Pretrial Services Cases Activated	108,273	88,255	80,242	76,367	-29.5	-13.5	-4.8
Pretrial Diversion Cases Activated	969	495	361	356	-63.3	-28.1	-1.4
Total Released on Supervision	29,195	23,186	23,396	26,622	-8.8	14.8	13.8
Pretrial Supervision	27,829	22,469	22,857	26,037	-6.4	15.9	13.9
Diversion Supervision	1,366	717	539	585	-57.2	-18.4	8.5

¹ Excludes the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

² Revised.

³ Includes cases opened within the districts and cases transferred into the districts.