

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, 2016

Reporting Period Year		Filed			Terminated		Pending	
Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	Cases	Defendants	Defendants Per Case Ratio	Cases	Defendants	Cases	Defendants
2016	677	59,064	77,357	1.3	59,365	77,493	71,618	98,460
2015	677	61,202	80,069	1.3	61,555	81,227	72,059	98,878
2014	677	62,722	81,226	1.3	64,985	86,676	73,838	101,716
2013	677	68,918	91,266	1.3	69,279	91,506	76,627	107,895
2012	677	71,303	94,121	1.3	74,308	97,728	76,493	107,703
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
2000	655	62,745	83,963	1.3	58,102	77,185	47,609	69,286
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.