

Table 6.3
U.S. District Courts—Median Times Intervals in Months From Filing to Disposition of Civil and Criminal Cases

Fiscal Year	Civil					Criminal				
	Overall Civil Median	No Court Action	Court Action			All Defendants	Dismissed	Guilty Plea	Court Trial	Jury Trial
			Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial ¹	Trial ²					
1990 ³	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
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
2007	9.6	6.9	8.6	14.2	128.2	7.0	9.0	6.8	6.1	14.4
2008	8.1	5.0	7.8	13.6	32.9	6.8	6.9	6.6	7.2	14.4

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 The substantial increase in 2007 resulted from the disposition of more than 6,300 oil refinery explosion cases in the Middle District of Louisiana that had been pending more than 10 years.

³ Twelve-month period ending June 30.

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