

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
2001	665	62,708	83,252	1.3	58,718	77,704	51,667	73,458
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

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 steadily between 2001 and 2004 due primarily to large numbers of criminal filings involving immigration, firearms and drug law violations. The growth reflected the result of the Department of Justice's enforcement initiative along the southwestern border and the Anti-Violent Crime Initiative, which included Operation Triggerlock.

Sources: Statistical Table D-1 (Cases & Defendants) - 1990, D (Cases & Defendants) - 1995 and 2000 - 2005, and *Federal Court Management Statistics*