

**Table 2.4**  
**U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Pending by Length of Time Pending**

Fiscal Year	Total	Length of Time Pending				
		Less Than 1 Year	1 to 2 Years	2 to 3 Years	3 Years or More	
					Number	Percent
1988	245,594	148,493	53,202	21,981	21,918	8.9%
1989	239,513	137,621	56,022	22,733	23,137	9.7%
1990	242,808	134,550	55,456	27,130	25,672	10.6%
1991	226,234	135,308	49,769	19,905	21,252	9.4%
1992	225,439	138,544	46,823	22,823	17,249	7.7%
1993	222,509	138,233	46,668	19,157	18,451	8.3%
1994	226,071	145,807	47,754	18,424	14,086	6.2%
1995	242,274	156,254	51,119	21,363	13,538	5.6%
1996	252,753	164,936	48,722	22,943	16,152	6.4%
1997	273,320	170,079	59,681	20,918	22,642	8.3%
1998	267,088	151,382	61,484	28,601	25,621	9.6%
1999	250,318	154,694	48,498	30,000	17,126	6.8%
2000	249,261	153,033	45,651	20,143	30,434	12.2%
2001	252,935	151,262	49,793	16,577	35,303	14.0%
2002	265,926	161,727	49,111	20,784	34,304	12.9%
2003	261,065	156,046	49,826	21,126	34,067	13.0%

NOTE: In 2000, the number of civil cases pending three years or more nearly doubled, primarily due to a large number of breast implant cases that were pending for many years. As of 2003, many of these cases are still pending.

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