

**OVERALL
CASELOAD
STATISTICS**

**EXPLANATION OF THE JUDICIAL CASELOAD
PROFILES (OVERALL)
FOR UNITED STATES COURTS OF APPEALS**

A P P E A L S	Total		APPEALS ON THE GENERAL DOCKET	Total appeals filed, including reopened and reinstated appeals	
	Prisoner			Civil filings comprising state and federal prisoner petitions only	
	Other			All other civil filings, original proceedings, and bankruptcy reviews	
	Criminal			All criminal appeals	
	Administrative			All petitions to review administrative agency decisions and applications for enforcement	
	Percent Change in Total Filings - Current Year		Over Last Year	Percentage change in total filings for current year over previous year	
		Over Earlier Years	Percentage change in total filings for current year over prior two, three, four, and five years		
T E R M I N A T E D	Total		APPEALS ON THE GENERAL DOCKET	Total cases disposed of	
	Consolidations & Cross Appeals			Includes cross appeals and appeals terminated through consolidation with a lead case (the lead case will be included below as applicable)	
	Procedural			Includes all dispositions (with and without judicial action) not based on the merits of the case	
	ON THE MERITS	Total		Total dispositions by panels based on the merits of the case	
		Prisoner		Prisoner petition dispositions based on the merits of the case	
		Other		All other civil, original proceeding, and bankruptcy dispositions based on the merits of the case	
		Criminal		Criminal dispositions based on the merits of the case	
		Administrative		Administrative agency dispositions based on the merits of the case	
Percent by Active Judges		Percent of cases terminated on the merits by active judges of the court			
PENDING APPEALS			Pending cases at the end of the year		
A C T I O N S P E R A C T I V E J U D G E *	Terminations on the Merits		Dispositions based on the merits		
	Procedural Terminations		Dispositions after judicial action not based on the merits of the case, including jurisdictional defects, voluntary dismissals, settlements, and defaults		
	Written Decisions	Total		Written opinions or orders in cases disposed of on the merits	
		Signed		Includes any opinion written in support of a specific decision that was authored and signed by a judge writing the majority opinion	
		Unsigned		Includes any unsigned opinion of the court that states the legal and factual elements and judgment rationale	
Without Comment		Includes any unsigned opinion/order that does not state the legal and factual elements and judgment rationale			

*Includes only judges active during the entire 12-month period.

			EXPLANATION OF OF THE JUDICIAL WORKLOAD PROFILES (ACTIONS PER PANEL) FOR UNITED STATES COURTS OF APPEALS			
			Number of Judgeships/ Number of Panels	Authorized judgeships (does not include senior judges)/ Authorized three-judge panels		
			Number of Sitting Senior Judges	Number of court's own senior judges participating in case dispositions		
			Number of Vacant Judgeship Months	Number of months during year that an authorized judgeship position was not filled		
ACTIONS PER PANEL *	A P P E L S	Total		Total appeals filed, including reopened and reinstated appeals		
		Prisoner		Civil filings comprising state and federal prisoner petitions only		
		Other		All other civil filings, original proceedings, and bankruptcy reviews		
		Criminal		All criminal appeals		
		Administrative		All petitions to review administrative agency decisions and applications for enforcement		
	T E R M I N A T E D	Total		Total cases disposed of		
		Consolidations & Cross Appeals		Includes cross appeals and appeals terminated through consolidation with a lead case (the lead case will be included below as applicable)		
		Procedural		Includes all dispositions (with and without judicial action) not based on the merits of the case		
		ON THE MERITS	Total		Total dispositions by panels based on the merits of the case	
			Prisoner		Prisoner petition dispositions based on the merits of the case	
			Other Civil		All other civil, original proceeding, and bankruptcy dispositions based on the merits of the case	
			Criminal		Criminal dispositions based on the merits of the case	
			Administrative		Administrative agency dispositions based on the merits of the case	
		PENDING APPEALS				Pending cases at the end of the year
		MEDIAN TIME		Median Time From Filing of Notice of Appeal To Disposition	Includes only those cases terminated on the merits of the case; shows the time interval, in months, for the middle (median) case	
OTHER CASELOAD PER JUDGESHIP		Applications for Interlocutory Appeals	Dispositions of applications for interlocutory appeals			
		Pro Se Mandamus Petitions	Dispositions of pro se mandamus petitions			
		Petitions for Rehearing	Petitions for rehearing by panel or en banc			

***ACTIONS PER PANEL**

The caseload statistics for the courts of appeals are presented as "actions per panel" rather than according to the "actions per judgeship" profile used for the district courts. Actions per panel provide a more accurate indication of the caseload of an individual judge, since appeals cases are generally handled by panels of three judges rather than by single judges.

CIRCUIT'S NUMERICAL STANDINGS

The 12 regional courts of appeals have been arranged in a ranked order with respect to the statistical indices of caseload or performance found on the profile. This shows where the caseload of an individual court of appeals stands in relation to those of all other circuit courts of appeals.

NUMBERS IN MARGIN

		EXPLANATION OF PROFILES FOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS			
OVERALL CASELOAD STATISTICS*	Filings	TOTAL NUMBER OF DISTRICT COURT CASES THAT WERE . . . (Excludes all misdemeanor criminal cases)			
	Terminations			Filed during the year, including transfers	
	Pending			Closed during the year	
	Percent Change in Total Filings - Current Year	Over Last Year	Percentage change in total filings for current year over previous year		
		Over Earlier Years	Percentage change in total filings for current year over prior two, three, four, and five years.		
	Number of Judgeships	Authorized judgeships (does not include senior judges)			
Vacant Judgeship Months	Number of months during year that an authorized judgeship was not filled				

ACTIONS PER JUDGESHIP	FILINGS	Total	FIGURES IN THIS SECTION ARE OBTAINED BY DIVIDING THE OVERALL CASELOAD STATISTICS FOR THE COURT BY THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED JUDGESHIPS (Excludes all misdemeanor criminal cases)	Total civil and criminal felony cases filed
		Civil		Includes all civil cases filed
		Criminal Felony		Includes all criminal felony cases filed, whether by indictment, information, or transfer
	Pending Cases	Total civil and felony cases pending at the end of the year		
	Weighted Filings*	This figure is a mathematical adjustment of filings that gives heavier count to cases known to be of a more difficult and time-consuming nature		
	Terminations	Includes all terminated cases (civil and criminal felony, tried and not tried) disposed of during the year		
	Trials Completed	Trials completed by judges, including evidentiary trials, hearings on temporary restraining orders, and preliminary injunctions. Excludes trials conducted by magistrates judges.		

MEDIAN TIMES (MONTHS)	From Filing to Disposition	Criminal Felony	For all criminal felony defendants and all civil cases (except those involving land condemnation, prisoner petitions, recovery of overpayments, enforcement of judgments, and deportation reviews) terminated during the year whether by trial or other disposition. For all criminal felony defendants, time is computed from the filing date to either the sentencing date or the dismissal/acquittal date, including excludable delays reported under the Speedy Trial Act. When the district had fewer than 10 terminations, the median was not computed.
		Civil*	
	From Filing to Trial** (Civil Only)	For civil cases going to trial, this figure shows the time interval in months for the middle (median) case. Excludes trials conducted by magistrates judges. Time is computed from the date the case is filed to the date trial begins.	

OTHER	Number (and %) of Civil Cases Over 3 Years Old		Total number of civil cases pending three years or more as of the end of the year and the percentage these same cases represent of the pending civil caseload
	Average Number of Felony Defendants Filed per Case		The average number of defendants in each felony case filed (excludes transfers)
	Jurors	Average Present for Jury Selection	Average number of petit jurors reporting to court for jury selection
		Percent Not Selected or Challenged	Percent of petit jurors neither selected nor challenged on jury selection days

NATURE OF SUIT AND OFFENSE CATEGORIES

CIVIL	A - Social Security B - Recovery of Overpayments & Enforcement of Judgments C - Prisoner Petitions D - Forfeitures and Penalties and Tax Suits	E - Real Property F - Labor Suits G - Contracts H - Torts	I - Copyright, Patent, and Trademark J - Civil Rights K - Antitrust	L - All Other Civil Cases
CRIMINAL FELONY (Excludes Transfers)	A - Immigration B - Embezzlement C - Weapons and Firearms D - Escape	E - Burglary and Larceny F - Drugs G - (Not in Use)* H - Forgery and Counterfeiting	I - Fraud J - Homicide and Assault K - Robbery	L - All Other Criminal Felony Cases

WHAT THE DISTRICT'S NUMERICAL STANDINGS MEAN

This shows where an individual district court stands in relation to other district courts in the circuit and in the nation. All "caseload" statistics are ranked in descending order (highest value/highest caseload receives rank of 1 - e.g., civil filings per judgeship) and all other statistics are ranked in ascending order (lowest value/fastest termination rate or smallest backlog is ranked first - e.g., median time). In some categories fewer than 94 courts are ranked because information was not available for all districts.

NUMBERS IN RIGHT MARGIN

* See "Explanation of Selected Terms."

** Prior to 1994, time was computed from the date the answer or response was filed to the date trial began. Therefore, data for 1994 and thereafter are not comparable to data for earlier years.