

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, 2025

| Reporting Period Year | | Filed | | | Terminated | | Pending | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------|------------|
| Fiscal Year | Authorized Judgeships | Cases | Defendants | Defendants Per Case Ratio | Cases | Defendants | Cases | Defendants |
| 2025 | 677 | 67,016 | 79,129 | 1.2 | 68,571 | 82,135 | 84,344 | 109,022 |
| 2020 | 677 | 59,884 | 73,879 | 1.2 | 58,589 | 71,625 | 86,262 | 115,398 |
| 2015 | 677 | 61,202 | 80,069 | 1.3 | 61,555 | 81,227 | 72,059 | 98,878 |
| 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 |
| 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.