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Criminal cases filed per judgeship in U.S. District Courts

By district, 1977-97

District	1977	1978	1979		1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
			Before the Omnibus Judgeship Act	After the Omnibus Judgeship Act																		
FIRST CIRCUIT																						
Maine	74	80	73	36	31	28	23	41	47	42	63	70	60	55	55	52	46	40	35	38	48	44
Massachusetts	62	70	58	34	32	37	32	29	33	29	32	31	25	29	23	23	24	26	22	28	28	27
New Hampshire	30	40	49	25	12	19	15	22	12	14	20	18	18	22	49	24	26	26	36	36	45	49
Rhode Island	46	35	21	21	22	37	60	34	33	27	22	25	26	26	34	40	50	30	34	34	32	32
Puerto Rico	68	62	87	37	31	42	32	36	42	52	76	79	82	59	59	63	49	56	52	50	53	41
SECOND CIRCUIT																						
Connecticut	52	41	37	29	25	40	36	45	39	28	32	32	36	36	37	35	27	35	26	23	26	27
New York:																						
North	67	61	57	38	27	33	29	40	35	32	36	43	38	43	49	55	47	47	52	51	46	50
East	83	65	61	55	40	52	45	45	47	46	56	59	56	64	83	78	82	80	78	72	70	72
South	43	35	35	35	29	30	28	26	27	39	38	33	31	33	27	35	33	37	30	39	36	41
West	62	50	62	62	46	45	54	62	63	48	51	55	47	55	50	71	77	83	76	68	70	78
Vermont	41	28	21	21	20	34	24	23	25	32	38	41	48	49	50	64	47	42	40	71	48	43
THIRD CIRCUIT																						
Delaware	45	19	18	18	17	14	11	18	19	11	17	26	15	26	30	22	24	19	19	19	20	24
New Jersey	66	48	48	39	36	34	32	33	30	28	34	30	29	30	38	35	37	36	34	36	39	38
Pennsylvania:																						
East	29	25	18	18	15	17	19	22	23	24	29	23	29	26	29	25	28	23	20	25	26	26
Middle	54	29	33	20	20	32	35	34	35	37	37	38	37	37	60	39	44	48	42	48	51	46
West	30	32	25	25	19	16	19	18	18	26	25	30	24	24	22	26	28	31	28	24	24	24
Virgin Islands	199	194	157	56	166	124	159	150	117	127	121	166	137	174	202	118	118	185	104	100	85	70
FOURTH CIRCUIT																						
Maryland	82	85	64	49	39	45	50	44	44	55	48	47	36	38	38	37	36	36	36	38	40	43
North Carolina:																						
East	134	115	104	69	59	39	56	60	80	55	60	52	57	54	68	87	76	82	82	77	76	72
Middle	154	133	111	74	52	38	52	73	67	69	80	75	72	91	99	68	74	67	70	75	64	70
West	101	101	105	70	60	58	57	85	91	106	88	95	110	121	131	139	137	135	98	124	89	108
South Carolina	69	55	51	32	34	38	39	41	34	25	35	33	50	50	74	56	65	56	61	68	59	70
Virginia:																						
East	102	83	57	43	40	48	51	51	37	31	51	58	53	63	72	84	84	81	79	84	78	94
West	96	79	70	35	30	29	28	37	31	32	32	37	37	40	51	72	72	63	68	64	50	62
West Virginia:																						
North	70	49	38	38	36	33	28	61	54	62	51	80	95	127	88	47	77	35	40	35	35	42
South	84	62	53	29	28	24	24	36	29	29	47	53	69	53	87	66	68	69	32	43	37	40
FIFTH CIRCUIT																						
Alabama:																						
North	144	132	83	47	38	39	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Middle	88	83	51	34	46	38	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South	83	54	45	45	33	36	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Florida:																						
North	70	71	57	38	29	32	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Middle	81	90	58	38	37	34	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South	115	82	80	47	51	62	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Georgia:																						
North	85	66	46	25	27	29	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Middle	116	67	37	37	40	40	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South	109	75	62	41	31	22	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Louisiana:																						
East	77	41	30	21	21	20	19	32	26	27	27	31	29	29	31	32	33	25	20	20	20	20
Middle	104	85	33	17	17	13	16	36	31	39	41	28	27	23	28	31	25	42	24	47	44	54
West	53	46	34	27	24	25	24	31	29	28	26	23	34	25	30	32	25	29	26	24	29	24
Mississippi:																						
North	57	36	36	36	19	26	34	33	24	19	28	37	31	42	45	32	44	60	44	36	37	40
South	51	38	16	16	17	33	30	47	44	26	30	44	36	34	47	40	38	42	38	29	30	35
Texas:																						
North	106	100	74	49	43	43	65	66	57	61	66	65	61	70	68	54	74	62	59	60	56	60
East	64	46	49	37	31	39	39	38	37	28	22	27	27	46	40	36	44	57	47	48	53	56
South	141	166	157	96	86	105	113	117	111	109	112	132	131	160	170	88	77	63	64	67	81	94
West	161	190	133	110	85	85	97	129	121	109	101	107	126	177	168	113	123	110	101	115	158	219
Canal Zone	275	240	217	217	44	6	8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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District	1977	1978	1979		1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
			Before the Omnibus Judgeship Act	After the Omnibus Judgeship Act																		
SIXTH CIRCUIT																						
Kentucky:																						
East	90	81	69	31	26	24	28	28	29	27	41	39	34	40	45	51	55	57	68	68	69	68
West	122	154	76	76	55	54	61	50	58	45	45	48	35	35	37	44	42	47	35	35	39	34
Michigan:																						
East	118	78	54	41	29	29	31	36	39	29	34	41	34	33	41	42	45	48	40	38	40	40
West	120	96	71	35	18	29	37	40	36	34	37	34	35	42	39	37	34	44	42	44	57	49
Ohio:																						
North	79	61	37	30	26	27	26	41	40	27	33	37	37	46	38	37	40	45	38	39	36	34
South	67	63	49	41	33	39	39	39	43	41	44	44	60	62	60	51	53	46	41	36	36	35
Tennessee:																						
East	71	48	38	37	52	32	59	75	59	37	51	44	46	58	97	72	89	78	72	65	47	55
Middle	84	121	87	57	55	50	68	81	71	69	77	61	58	72	66	61	46	43	45	28	36	36
West	61	72	72	72	81	81	102	87	79	71	81	60	87	88	81	77	85	65	64	69	52	57
SEVENTH CIRCUIT																						
Illinois:																						
North	59	42	47	37	22	26	34	39	39	27	26	28	32	32	31	31	30	26	23	21	20	20
East ^a	68	96	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South ^a	47	52	54	54	47	61	49	80	70	43	46	52	61	44	52	38	51	58	42	54	46	37
Central ^a	X	X	61	41	37	47	57	57	59	56	43	63	72	83	72	61	64	69	30	51	54	51
Indiana:																						
North	80	61	43	32	29	25	33	24	24	21	35	49	47	43	35	34	41	45	41	34	33	40
South	54	51	34	27	22	33	30	29	29	27	30	31	34	38	38	39	39	35	39	33	34	36
Wisconsin:																						
East	70	53	61	46	29	36	40	44	40	38	35	32	40	47	56	57	60	51	42	48	54	53
West	90	59	79	39	36	38	34	40	36	41	32	60	60	69	57	47	60	65	46	46	31	50
EIGHTH CIRCUIT																						
Arkansas:																						
East	125	123	102	51	42	35	43	48	37	34	38	54	35	42	63	44	51	38	49	49	56	44
West	34	44	37	37	32	29	30	48	49	32	25	24	28	23	32	32	43	45	51	30	40	31
Iowa:																						
North	90	41	27	27	33	36	43	39	34	47	40	55	71	94	61	48	57	69	52	67	101	78
South	61	88	109	65	29	42	43	33	31	33	37	34	42	39	45	41	37	30	36	57	53	51
Minnesota:																						
East	74	65	55	37	32	41	38	39	39	38	41	42	35	45	42	45	38	44	40	34	35	43
Missouri:																						
East	82	57	45	36	33	32	45	61	45	45	45	47	45	48	41	33	39	39	40	48	40	52
West	58	67	56	37	31	29	37	37	41	46	50	60	49	45	50	42	50	53	48	53	48	44
Nebraska:																						
East	48	44	40	40	37	27	29	32	26	31	59	43	40	52	59	46	50	47	50	50	58	66
North Dakota:																						
East	70	52	51	51	36	49	50	46	49	48	44	46	61	83	74	78	75	66	76	71	93	76
South Dakota:																						
East	173	99	78	52	59	69	66	67	49	63	60	70	68	65	79	77	61	70	81	84	123	122
NINTH CIRCUIT																						
Alaska:																						
East	78	54	28	28	35	28	34	42	45	24	19	37	38	26	25	28	54	32	29	26	21	34
Arizona:																						
East	221	158	124	77	62	69	55	65	67	67	73	86	92	103	100	122	143	116	103	110	158	187
California:																						
North	66	47	34	31	31	25	35	44	43	48	38	44	41	37	39	28	28	32	28	32	41	45
East	178	167	104	52	54	52	68	60	57	58	53	49	71	81	64	65	61	67	67	86	89	105
Central	98	81	62	58	58	65	55	59	67	48	48	47	43	50	41	38	43	45	40	40	47	45
South	197	141	142	101	87	110	108	121	126	116	133	155	120	122	111	128	174	169	141	213	272	392
Hawaii:																						
East	304 ^b	52	112	57	34	29	36	50	73	48	45	47	42	52	44	40	37	39	36	48	50	47
Idaho:																						
East	70	71	66	66	42	41	45	64	43	56	51	70	54	36	43	35	43	33	36	41	47	42
Montana:																						
East	107	100	75	75	66	78	64	80	82	54	58	55	63	71	74	76	74	76	64	73	81	92
Nevada:																						
East	98	66	63	42	45	63	51	96	92	91	59	81	65	76	69	90	102	108	85	79	84	69
Oregon:																						
East	90	73	71	43	39	31	24	34	37	39	70	60	78	78	79	88	87	80	81	99	103	92
Washington:																						
East	107	101	93	70	72	69	82	101	128	81	93	96	145	164	159	128	108	110	100	97	93	72
West	112	103	91	64	52	49	53	53	43	31	32	38	45	49	42	45	43	41	46	46	48	46
Guam:																						
East	24	50	77	77	55	52	73	25	58	65	72	48	68	120	119	128	113	119	155	132	92	145
Northern Mariana Islands ^c																						
East	X	7	17	17	16	24	24	9	1	3	2	2	16	11	4	13	15	15	16	18	30	25

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			Before the Omnibus Judgeship Act	After the Omnibus Judgeship Act																		
TENTH CIRCUIT																						
Colorado	87	77	66	43	42	29	33	46	38	36	33	40	39	47	44	45	50	52	43	59	71	56
Kansas	99	82	52	41	36	47	46	52	51	50	55	48	51	52	43	36	42	42	49	45	43	51
New Mexico	85	96	73	54	41	46	38	47	61	54	72	106	127	122	125	120	121	118	128	120	127	146
Oklahoma:																						
North	96	88	71	44	44	30	44	64	45	64	67	79	62	66	53	38	44	48	48	46	47	45
East	55	56	58	58	48	36	53	96	80	58	68	48	37	55	50	48	42	35	36	42	38	44
West	103	70	76	55	47	40	74	54	40	53	50	51	44	48	37	34	39	32	27	31	33	
Utah	74	59	65	43	43	42	43	44	51	42	40	45	53	52	57	51	56	58	36	44	55	69
Wyoming	143	122	75	75	81	78	60	90	85	45	32	35	32	58	53	33	30	30	30	25	32	32
ELEVENTH CIRCUIT																						
Alabama:																						
North	X	X	X	X	X	X	44	50	37	44	40	43	40	35	35	29	38	33	37	35	43	42
Middle	X	X	X	X	X	X	38	46	50	33	31	39	52	53	45	58	66	61	49	41	38	52
South	X	X	X	X	X	X	50	35	60	59	55	53	57	64	55	80	86	90	66	78	74	77
Florida:																						
North	X	X	X	X	X	X	37	28	48	64	60	80	76	77	70	49	63	69	71	57	55	70
Middle	X	X	X	X	X	X	39	46	47	44	69	71	75	83	84	79	82	84	67	72	79	97
South	X	X	X	X	X	X	65	91	90	91	87	89	98	85	95	86	73	64	71	89	94	84
Georgia:																						
North	X	X	X	X	X	X	43	34	28	35	44	42	48	46	28	35	42	45	40	45	44	51
Middle	X	X	X	X	X	X	47	57	53	40	42	43	38	70	64	40	58	44	47	46	46	58
South	X	X	X	X	X	X	42	38	35	34	45	59	49	48	47	51	56	49	41	45	36	47
District of Columbia	53	48	50	50	39	32	29	21	29	29	28	32	31	31	34	48	33	29	29	23	28	35

Note: The Federal courts are organized into 11 geographic circuits. Each circuit consists of a number of District Courts, which are the trial courts, and a Court of Appeals, which hears appeals taken from other courts. There is also a separate District Court and Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Data for 1977-86 are reported for the 12-month period ending June 30. Beginning in 1987, data are reported for the Federal fiscal year, which is the 12-month period ending September 30.

On Oct. 1, 1981 the number of U.S. District Court Circuits was increased from 10 to 11. The new circuit was created by the removal of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia from the Fifth Circuit and the reorganization of these courts into the Eleventh Circuit.

Beginning with the year ending June 30, 1976, U.S. District Courts have reported the number of minor offense cases filed in the Federal courts in addition to the number of felonies and misdemeanors above the minor offense level (offenses involving penalties that do not exceed 1 year imprisonment or a fine of more than \$1,000). This additional reporting resulted from the Speedy Trial Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-619), which required the courts to maintain records on all offenses above the petty offense level (offenses involving penalties that do not exceed 6 months incarceration and/or a fine of not more than \$500). Because the majority of minor offense cases are handled by magistrates in Federal courts and because this report is primarily a statistical statement reflecting the workload per authorized judgeship, the minor offense cases have been excluded from the 1977-79 data by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. The exclusion of these cases from the workload statistics has been done in an effort to make the 1977-79 data more comparable to previous years' data that did not include most minor offense cases. In 1979, the Federal Magistrates Act (Public Law 96-82) expanded the authority of magistrates to dispose of all misdemeanors. To reflect the workload per authorized judgeship, the data exclude all cases below the felony level beginning in 1980.

Data for 1979 are provided in two columns in order to reflect the efforts of individual judges before and after the enactment of the Omnibus Judgeship Act (Public Law 95-486),

which became effective Oct. 20, 1978. Because the increase in authorized judgeships became effective midway through the year and most of the newly authorized positions were not filled by June 30, 1979, computations based only on the newly authorized judgeships do not give an accurate indication of the efforts of individual judges.

The sharp decline in criminal cases filed in the Canal Zone after 1979 resulted from the passage of the Panama Canal Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-70), signed Sept. 27, 1979. The U.S. District Court in the Canal Zone was closed on Mar. 31, 1982 pursuant to passage of this Act.

^aOn Apr. 1, 1979, as a result of the enactment of Public Law 95-409, the Central District Court of Illinois was established, the Eastern District Court of Illinois was eliminated, and the Southern District Court of Illinois underwent extensive reorganization. Consequently, data collected for the Southern District Court after this date are not comparable with data collected prior to this date.

^bIncluded in the criminal statistics for this district are numerous traffic offense cases that are classified as misdemeanors above the minor offense level. In most districts similar cases are classified as minor offenses and are excluded.

^cPublic Law 95-157 established the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands on Nov. 8, 1977. Court was convened on Jan. 9, 1978.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Management Statistics for United States Courts, 1978, 1979* (Washington, DC: Administrative Office of the United States Courts); and Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Federal Court Management Statistics 1985, 1991, 1997* (Washington, DC: Administrative Office of the United States Courts). Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.