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Personnel and court-related work hours of U.S. attorneys' offices

United States, 1972-2008

	Personnel ^a			Court-related attorney work hours ^b (in thousands)
	Total	Attorneys	Support staff	
1972	2,508	NA	NA	NA
1973	2,703	NA	NA	NA
1974	2,740	NA	NA	NA
1975	3,049	NA	NA	NA
1976	3,160	NA	NA	NA
1977	3,286	NA	NA	NA
1978	3,346	NA	NA	502
1979	3,492	NA	NA	535
1980	3,436	NA	NA	575
1981	3,532	NA	NA	595
1982	3,561	NA	NA	688
1983	3,922	NA	NA	880
1984	4,429	NA	NA	799
1985	4,856	NA	NA	511
1986	4,910	NA	NA	642
1987	4,882	NA	NA	611
1988	5,318	NA	NA	901
1989	5,720	2,632	3,088	947
1990	6,614	3,005	3,609	1,045
1991	7,707	3,689	4,018	1,175
1992	8,652	4,178	4,474	1,241
1993	8,599	4,155	4,444	1,285
1994	8,684	4,064	4,620	1,127
1995	8,841	4,365	4,476	1,098
1996	9,083	4,530	4,553	1,083
1997	8,985	4,536	4,449	1,048
1998	9,360	4,686	4,674	1,026
1999	9,961	4,872	5,089	997
2000	10,177	4,938	5,239	927
2001	10,402	5,152	5,250	916
2002	10,688	5,304	5,384	930
2003	10,964	5,457	5,507	934
2004	11,031	5,412	5,619	924
2005	11,142	5,517	5,625	944
2006	11,318	5,673	5,645	872
2007	11,392	5,707	5,685	833
2008	11,548	5,799	5,749	848

Note: The U.S. attorney is the highest ranking law enforcement official in each of the 94 Federal judicial districts. Each U.S. attorney, under the direction of the U.S. Attorney General, is responsible for establishing law enforcement priorities, and for carrying out the prosecution, litigation, and appellate responsibilities within their respective districts. Each U.S. attorney also is the chief litigator representing the United States in civil judicial proceedings in the district. U.S. attorneys direct and supervise the work of the assistant U.S. attorneys and staff of the district's offices.

^aThese data represent full-time equivalent employees and may include allocated positions that were vacant.

^bTotal hours U.S. attorneys devoted to court-related activities including criminal and civil cases in district, magistrate, and appellate courts, special hearings, grand jury proceedings, witness preparation, and court travel time.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, *United States Attorneys' Annual Statistical Report: Fiscal Year 1979*, p. 6; *Fiscal Year 1980*, p. 7; *Fiscal Year 1981*, pp. 7, 23; *Fiscal Year 1982*, p. 7; *Fiscal Year 1998*, pp. 2, 3 (Washington, DC: USGPO); and U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, *United States Attorneys' Annual Statistical Report: Fiscal Year 1988*, p. 23; *Fiscal Year 1992*, p. 2; *Fiscal Year 2008*, pp. 3, 4 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.