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Table 5.43.2005

Median amount of time from filing to disposition of criminal defendants in U.S. District Courts

By method of disposition, and circuit and district, fiscal year 2005

Circuit and district	Total		Dismissed		Plea of guilty		Court (bench) trial		Jury trial	
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Total	86,000	6.8	8,141	6.2	74,024	6.6	450	7.3	3,385	14.0
District of Columbia	605	12.8	54	7.9	485	12.7	1	B	65	23.6
First Circuit	1,831	10.8	139	13.3	1,545	10.2	14	5.9	133	17.6
Maine	268	7.4	14	12.2	232	6.8	3	B	19	9.4
Massachusetts	525	17.0	19	16.8	451	16.1	6	B	49	20.9
New Hampshire	201	10.9	16	10.7	180	10.8	1	B	4	B
Rhode Island	154	6.9	14	10.6	130	5.8	0	X	10	11.2
Puerto Rico	683	9.7	76	14.7	552	9.0	4	B	51	16.9
Second Circuit	5,036	12.6	170	17.2	4,573	12.0	21	19.0	272	22.4
Connecticut	463	11.9	33	12.6	413	11.9	0	X	17	18.9
New York:										
Northern	565	8.3	19	6.3	521	8.1	4	B	21	19.7
Eastern	1,304	15.1	30	27.5	1,214	14.8	6	B	54	20.7
Southern	1,777	14.0	58	12.2	1,560	13.3	10	13.4	149	22.0
Western	703	7.8	17	25.7	657	7.1	0	X	29	30.1
Vermont	224	11.7	13	17.2	208	11.5	1	B	2	B
Third Circuit	3,996	10.1	447	7.5	3,221	9.6	43	10.8	285	18.0
Delaware	186	8.6	30	3.7	137	8.6	1	B	18	21.1
New Jersey	1,308	8.7	183	3.2	1,053	8.7	12	16.7	60	20.1
Pennsylvania:										
Eastern	1,156	11.3	72	15.0	933	10.3	7	B	144	19.1
Middle	717	10.8	46	13.8	646	10.5	1	B	24	10.5
Western	485	10.3	65	5.7	392	10.3	4	B	24	13.3
Virgin Islands	144	10.5	51	15.1	60	7.0	18	10.9	15	20.7
Fourth Circuit	9,502	6.2	1,739	3.2	7,267	6.5	131	3.4	365	12.4
Maryland	1,540	6.4	588	2.6	867	8.2	17	5.0	68	20.4
North Carolina:										
Eastern	1,101	7.0	65	3.7	1,000	7.1	9	B	27	10.5
Middle	425	6.5	23	5.3	380	6.5	0	X	22	8.1
Western	685	12.9	62	11.9	572	12.7	2	B	49	17.6
South Carolina	1,215	8.4	158	10.0	1,022	8.1	1	B	34	13.4
Virginia:										
Eastern	3,261	3.5	769	2.1	2,301	3.7	94	2.7	97	8.1
Western	639	9.0	32	7.6	566	8.9	7	B	34	13.3
West Virginia:										
Northern	301	6.2	30	7.0	260	6.1	0	X	11	8.0
Southern	335	8.8	12	5.4	299	8.7	1	B	23	10.3
Fifth Circuit	17,090	5.2	965	5.6	15,630	5.1	63	8.2	432	10.2
Louisiana:										
Eastern	533	7.5	24	9.9	489	7.3	7	B	13	9.8
Middle	198	6.9	18	12.7	177	6.9	0	X	3	B
Western	579	7.1	94	3.1	437	7.0	9	B	39	14.2
Mississippi:										
Northern	213	8.3	12	6.5	181	8.3	1	B	19	8.5
Southern	509	7.2	69	7.1	427	7.4	1	B	12	8.8
Texas:										
Northern	1,049	7.0	103	10.4	875	6.7	5	B	66	8.2
Eastern	807	8.3	91	6.3	668	8.3	3	B	45	12.1
Southern	6,730	4.7	237	3.4	6,381	4.7	12	10.2	100	10.0
Western	6,472	4.9	317	6.0	5,995	4.8	25	6.9	135	8.7
Sixth Circuit	6,293	8.7	599	6.9	5,354	8.5	25	9.8	315	18.3
Kentucky:										
Eastern	575	6.6	46	5.6	504	6.5	2	B	23	13.7
Western	646	5.0	180	1.8	452	6.7	5	B	9	B
Michigan:										
Eastern	863	12.7	103	19.1	686	11.6	4	B	70	23.0
Western	437	6.2	30	6.9	385	6.1	1	B	21	8.9
Ohio:										
Northern	1,120	7.1	36	7.6	1,021	6.9	3	B	60	18.4
Southern	707	7.6	50	7.0	617	7.2	8	B	32	20.4
Tennessee:										
Eastern	769	10.6	48	8.9	671	10.5	0	X	50	16.7
Middle	392	11.9	37	20.5	329	11.4	2	B	24	13.2
Western	784	12.1	69	11.7	689	11.9	0	X	26	17.9

See notes at end of table.

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Seventh Circuit	3,129	9.6	198	10.4	2,726	9.3	12	10.4	193	14.7
Illinois:										
Northern	1,024	12.5	51	14.8	906	11.9	2	B	65	21.0
Central	403	11.0	46	3.9	338	11.1	0	X	19	13.1
Southern	298	10.1	14	13.6	277	9.9	3	B	4	B
Indiana:										
Northern	413	9.0	11	7.0	355	8.5	2	B	45	19.5
Southern	326	7.8	28	4.3	275	7.6	2	B	21	11.7
Wisconsin:										
Eastern	392	9.3	27	9.9	341	9.3	3	B	21	10.2
Western	273	5.0	21	3.9	234	5.0	0	X	18	5.8
Eighth Circuit	5,712	8.2	345	6.2	5,038	8.0	18	8.9	311	11.8
Arkansas:										
Eastern	356	9.6	35	8.7	302	9.4	0	X	19	15.8
Western	222	5.7	11	6.2	206	5.7	2	B	3	B
Iowa:										
Northern	405	7.3	13	7.0	358	7.1	1	B	33	10.4
Southern	424	8.5	20	7.8	375	8.1	0	X	29	11.8
Minnesota	588	10.4	34	8.6	490	10.2	1	B	63	13.5
Missouri:										
Eastern	1,091	7.1	78	2.5	976	7.3	2	B	35	11.5
Western	801	10.2	29	11.8	736	10.1	4	B	32	12.2
Nebraska	959	8.9	58	8.0	856	8.8	2	B	43	14.2
North Dakota	299	5.0	17	5.1	259	4.8	2	B	21	11.2
South Dakota	567	7.0	50	5.5	480	6.9	4	B	33	9.3
Ninth Circuit	17,324	6.6	1,900	7.1	14,926	6.4	41	8.1	457	15.0
Alaska	258	7.5	39	4.9	209	7.8	1	B	9	B
Arizona	4,993	5.4	265	13.6	4,694	5.3	2	B	32	15.6
California:										
Northern	939	11.7	130	27.9	776	10.1	4	B	29	14.7
Eastern	1,055	8.9	79	8.6	944	8.7	5	B	27	29.0
Central	2,169	9.3	148	12.4	1,920	8.6	4	B	97	21.7
Southern	2,902	4.2	318	2.6	2,482	4.2	3	B	99	8.7
Hawaii	695	14.3	205	19.9	470	13.0	1	B	19	35.6
Idaho	283	6.9	52	5.8	220	6.9	0	X	11	11.3
Montana	587	7.3	130	5.0	415	7.4	6	B	36	12.7
Nevada	610	10.1	58	9.7	520	9.5	2	B	30	15.5
Oregon	810	9.6	99	10.1	695	9.3	4	B	12	28.5
Washington:										
Eastern	532	8.5	91	6.6	406	8.5	5	B	30	13.0
Western	1,301	5.4	233	3.0	1,051	6.0	2	B	15	16.2
Guam	152	7.1	47	2.0	102	9.6	1	B	2	B
Northern Marianas	38	7.7	6	B	22	7.6	1	B	9	B
Tenth Circuit	7,302	5.5	811	6.6	6,297	5.2	17	6.1	177	12.2
Colorado	804	7.3	104	9.3	680	7.2	1	B	19	17.4
Kansas	893	7.5	173	5.3	689	7.7	3	B	28	13.0
New Mexico	2,909	3.7	149	6.3	2,723	3.6	1	B	36	12.3
Oklahoma:										
Northern	267	7.5	38	6.3	211	7.3	0	X	18	9.2
Eastern	112	6.1	5	B	97	6.0	0	X	10	6.8
Western	769	2.3	107	NA	639	2.5	1	B	22	11.7
Utah	1,243	7.1	229	17.0	974	6.4	10	3.6	30	14.4
Wyoming	305	6.5	6	B	284	6.4	1	B	14	11.1
Eleventh Circuit	8,180	6.6	774	8.5	6,962	6.4	64	5.7	380	10.8
Alabama:										
Northern	550	6.3	83	4.3	439	6.4	3	B	25	9.2
Middle	306	8.5	62	7.6	229	8.5	0	X	15	12.3
Southern	327	6.4	12	14.1	305	6.4	2	B	8	B
Florida:										
Northern	513	5.3	51	3.5	422	5.2	10	3.5	30	7.0
Middle	1,720	7.1	85	8.9	1,534	6.8	13	7.6	88	9.6
Southern	2,584	5.7	119	8.0	2,329	5.5	8	B	128	10.2
Georgia:										
Northern	998	10.3	152	14.8	775	9.0	15	8.5	56	16.3
Middle	641	7.3	121	9.2	486	6.9	11	5.1	23	11.2
Southern	541	5.4	89	6.4	443	5.2	2	B	7	B

Note: See Note, table 5.24.2005. The median is the number that marks the point below which and above which 50% of all cases fall.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Judicial Business of the United States Courts: 2005 Annual Report of the Director* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2006), pp. 255-257.

^aComputed on 10 or more defendants only.