

Table 5.6

Grand jury proceedings and criminal cases filed and terminated by U.S. attorneys

United States, fiscal years 1980-2002

	Grand jury proceedings	Criminal cases ^a	
		Filed	Terminated
1980	16,592	26,086	NA
1981	16,794	25,830	NA
1982	17,064	26,106	NA
1983	17,765	27,462	NA
1984	17,487	27,292	NA
1985	17,094	27,059	NA
1986	20,111	31,012	NA
1987	19,263	31,593	30,547
1988	20,184	33,294	29,582
1989	23,203	34,865	29,322
1990	23,925	36,042	32,204
1991	25,943	38,374	33,834
1992	25,470	35,263	33,161
1993	23,757	36,995	35,809
1994	20,714	33,307	32,231
1995	22,856	36,878	32,829
1996	23,449	38,250	34,882
1997	25,209	39,291	34,634
1998	30,734	47,277	40,746
1999	32,474	50,779	46,423
2000	34,055	52,887	46,308
2001	36,167	53,339	49,834
2002	39,306	56,658	51,436

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 and litigation activities 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.

^aIncludes cases filed and terminated by U.S. attorneys in U.S. District Courts only; excludes filings and terminations in magistrate courts and appellate courts.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, *United States Attorneys' Annual Statistical Report: Fiscal Year 1980*, p. 1; *Fiscal Year 1981*, p. 1; *Fiscal Year 1982*, p. 1; *Fiscal Year 1983*, p. 1; *Fiscal Year 1984*, p. 1; *Fiscal Year 1987*, p. 1; *Fiscal Year 1991*, pp. 8, 10; *Fiscal Year 1997*, p. 95; *Fiscal Year 1998*, p. 102 (Washington, DC: USGPO); U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, *United States Attorneys' Annual Statistical Report: Fiscal Year 1985*, p. 1; *Fiscal Year 1988*, p. 1; *Fiscal Year 1989*, pp. 1, 18; *Fiscal Year 1990*, p. 1; *Fiscal Year 1992*, p. 49; *Fiscal Year 1993*, p. 45; *Fiscal Year 1994*, p. 45; *Fiscal Year 1995*, p. 45; *Fiscal Year 1996*, p. 67; *Fiscal Year 1999*, pp. 12, 103; *Fiscal Year 2000*, pp. 11, 103; *Fiscal Year 2001*, pp. 11, 102; *Fiscal Year 2002*, pp. 8, 64 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.