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Grand jury proceedings, and criminal cases and defendants filed and terminated by U.S. attorneys in U.S. District Courts

United States, fiscal years 1970-2010

	Grand jury proceedings	Criminal cases		Criminal defendants	
		Filed	Terminated	Filed	Terminated
1970	24,970	NA	NA	NA	NA
1971	29,299	NA	NA	NA	NA
1972	32,033	NA	NA	NA	NA
1973	30,235	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	25,786	NA	NA	NA	NA
1975	27,222	NA	NA	NA	NA
1976	23,735	NA	NA	NA	NA
1977	21,531	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978	19,509	NA	NA	NA	NA
1979	16,446	NA	NA	NA	NA
1980	16,592	26,086	24,922	NA	NA
1981	16,794	25,830	24,504	NA	NA
1982	17,064	26,106	25,568	NA	NA
1983	17,765	27,462	27,384	NA	NA
1984	17,487	27,292	25,347	NA	NA
1985	17,094	27,059	24,102	NA	NA
1986	20,111	31,012	27,675	NA	NA
1987	19,263	31,593	30,547	45,780	44,437
1988	20,184	33,294	29,582	48,985	42,689
1989	23,203	34,865	29,322	52,872	43,721
1990	23,925	36,042	32,204	54,726	47,583
1991	25,943	38,374	33,834	58,626	50,596
1992	25,470	35,263	33,161	59,198	50,619
1993	23,757	36,995	35,809	56,814	54,753
1994	20,714	33,307	32,231	51,264	49,792
1995	22,856	36,878	32,829	56,879	49,317
1996	23,449	38,250	34,882	58,141	52,366
1997	25,209	39,291	34,634	58,906	51,492
1998	30,734	47,277	40,746	66,624	58,260
1999	32,474	50,779	46,423	71,560	64,517
2000	34,055	52,887	46,308	72,766	63,460
2001	36,167	53,339	49,834	73,674	68,418
2002	39,306	56,658	51,436	77,305	70,492
2003	42,642	59,998	56,397	81,624	75,950
2004	42,682	61,443	56,473	83,594	76,465
2005	43,726	60,062	58,397	82,778	78,916
2006	41,772	58,702	60,393	81,088	82,343
2007	42,085	59,228	57,619	80,712	78,751
2008	44,075	63,042	63,595	85,122	85,083
2009	46,429	67,864	67,052	89,633	88,821
2010	47,253	68,591	67,697	91,047	88,369

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. These data include cases filed and terminated by U.S. attorneys in U.S. District Courts and exclude 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 1979*, p. 17; *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*, pp. 1, 18, 27; *Fiscal Year 1991*, pp. 8, 10, 23; *Fiscal Year 1997*, pp. 95, 103; *Fiscal Year 1998*, pp. 102, 110 (Washington, DC: USGPO); and 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*, pp. 1, 29; *Fiscal Year 1989*, pp. 1, 18, 29; *Fiscal Year 1990*, pp. 1, 29; *Fiscal Year 1992*, p. 49; *Fiscal Year 1993*, p. 45; *Fiscal Year 1994*, p. 45; *Fiscal Year 1995*, p. 45; *Fiscal Year 1996*, pp. 6, 67, 70; *Fiscal Year 1999*, pp. 12, 103, 111; *Fiscal Year 2000*, pp. 11, 103, 113; *Fiscal Year 2001*, pp. 11, 102; *Fiscal Year 2002*, pp. 8, 9, 64; *Fiscal Year 2003*, pp. 8, 9; *Fiscal Year 2004*, pp. 8, 9; *Fiscal Year 2005*, pp. 8, 9; *Fiscal Year 2006*, pp. 9, 10; *Fiscal Year 2007*, pp. 9, 10; *Fiscal Year 2008*, pp. 9, 10; *Fiscal Year 2009*, pp. 9, 10, and Table 3; *Fiscal Year 2010*, pp. 9, 10 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.