### Table 5.8.2010

**Criminal cases commenced, terminated, and pending, and judgeships authorized in U.S. District Courts**

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<th>Year</th>
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Percent change

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Note: Data for 1982-87 are reported for the 12-month period ending June 30. Beginning in 1988, data are reported for the Federal fiscal year, which is the 12-month period ending September 30. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

aData for criminal cases commenced include transfers with the exception of drug cases, which exclude transfers.

bBeginning in 1993, pending totals exclude cases in which all defendants were fugitives for more than 1 year.