

Table 5.43

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By method of disposition, and circuit and district, fiscal year 2003

Circuit and district	Total		Dismissed		Plea of guilty		Court (bench) trial		Jury trial	
	Number of defendants	Median amount of time ^a (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time ^a (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time ^a (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time ^a (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time ^a (in months)
Total	83,530	6.2	7,957	6.8	72,110	6.0	620	2.6	2,843	12.3
District of Columbia	515	10.0	46	8.0	428	10.1	1	B	40	13.6
First Circuit	2,078	11.0	162	12.1	1,795	10.7	31	1.5	90	15.9
Maine	196	6.4	15	9.8	169	6.2	2	B	10	10.5
Massachusetts	556	14.2	25	21.8	493	13.0	8	B	30	15.9
New Hampshire	208	8.4	17	7.1	186	8.5	0	X	5	B
Rhode Island	127	6.3	7	B	113	6.3	0	X	7	B
Puerto Rico	991	12.2	98	13.9	834	12.1	21	1.2	38	17.6
Second Circuit	5,403	10.7	216	12.2	4,901	10.3	16	14.9	270	17.9
Connecticut	439	9.4	41	12.2	375	9.1	2	B	21	18.1
New York:										
Northern	417	8.8	9	B	390	8.4	1	B	17	13.9
Eastern	1,907	10.7	38	19.7	1,798	10.3	4	B	67	16.8
Southern	1,903	11.5	76	11.6	1,677	11.0	7	B	143	18.5
Western	525	9.1	23	25.2	485	8.1	2	B	15	27.7
Vermont	212	11.0	29	4.8	176	11.5	0	X	7	B
Third Circuit	3,408	8.9	358	8.0	2,870	8.6	10	8.8	170	14.7
Delaware	168	8.0	17	6.0	141	7.8	0	X	10	11.6
New Jersey	1,038	7.9	120	3.0	870	7.9	2	B	46	21.2
Pennsylvania:										
Eastern	1,079	10.5	68	37.1	929	10.0	3	B	79	14.7
Middle	371	10.7	29	7.7	326	10.5	0	X	16	17.6
Western	444	7.8	51	5.2	385	8.2	0	X	8	B
Virgin Islands	308	1.6	73	20.2	219	0.4	5	B	11	14.6
Fourth Circuit	9,276	5.8	1,757	3.5	7,043	5.9	129	2.6	347	10.2
Maryland	1,316	5.1	457	2.4	784	6.9	23	3.3	52	14.4
North Carolina:										
Eastern	1,055	6.8	230	25.1	790	6.4	8	B	27	10.7
Middle	392	5.2	27	5.8	335	5.0	1	B	29	6.5
Western	734	14.7	98	27.8	589	13.9	0	X	47	20.4
South Carolina	1,227	8.4	149	8.7	1,044	8.3	3	B	31	10.2
Virginia:										
Eastern	3,295	3.5	716	1.9	2,410	3.8	90	2.0	79	7.2
Western	622	8.3	41	9.3	530	8.2	2	B	49	9.7
West Virginia:										
Northern	288	6.2	19	9.9	257	6.2	1	B	11	9.6
Southern	347	6.0	20	3.2	304	6.0	1	B	22	8.2
Fifth Circuit	15,065	5.1	1,001	5.6	13,714	5.0	47	8.7	303	9.0
Louisiana:										
Eastern	568	6.5	28	5.6	530	6.4	1	B	9	B
Middle	167	5.9	14	1.4	148	6.2	2	B	3	B
Western	449	7.3	60	5.9	370	7.3	0	X	19	11.1
Mississippi:										
Northern	183	6.9	9	B	157	6.4	0	X	17	10.7
Southern	532	6.3	55	12.2	459	6.2	1	B	17	9.1
Texas:										
Northern	1,277	5.8	111	6.3	1,129	5.8	4	B	33	7.7
Eastern	716	7.5	66	5.6	614	7.4	2	B	34	10.6
Southern	5,516	4.5	341	4.4	5,060	4.5	24	8.7	91	8.4
Western	5,657	4.9	317	5.9	5,247	4.8	13	6.9	80	7.8
Sixth Circuit	5,799	7.4	665	7.7	4,870	7.2	25	5.9	239	11.3
Kentucky:										
Eastern	552	6.4	48	6.3	469	6.4	3	B	32	11.0
Western	742	6.1	206	7.2	515	5.9	8	B	13	9.0
Michigan:										
Eastern	860	9.8	110	11.9	689	9.4	3	B	58	13.1
Western	483	6.6	32	9.0	416	6.4	1	B	34	9.8
Ohio:										
Northern	963	6.6	43	9.9	901	6.5	3	B	16	11.3
Southern	568	7.1	26	15.0	521	7.1	3	B	18	12.1
Tennessee:										
Eastern	733	6.3	83	5.2	620	6.4	2	B	28	12.5
Middle	288	10.3	24	7.4	244	10.0	0	X	20	13.7
Western	610	8.8	93	7.6	495	8.7	2	B	20	11.0

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Seventh Circuit	3,430	8.0	230	9.4	3,020	7.7	11	11.0	169	15.1
Illinois:										
Northern	1,346	9.6	78	22.6	1,205	9.1	1	B	62	19.0
Central	473	7.8	51	3.5	407	7.9	1	B	14	15.4
Southern	384	6.8	22	4.1	355	6.8	0	X	7	B
Indiana:										
Northern	440	8.2	40	13.0	367	7.7	2	B	31	15.4
Southern	296	7.8	20	13.0	251	7.4	2	B	23	12.0
Wisconsin:										
Eastern	307	7.5	10	6.1	272	7.4	2	B	23	10.3
Western	184	5.7	9	B	163	5.6	3	B	9	B
Eighth Circuit	4,925	7.3	282	5.9	4,358	7.2	16	12.0	269	10.8
Arkansas:										
Eastern	290	9.4	26	7.9	245	9.2	0	X	19	19.7
Western	202	5.6	2	B	193	5.5	0	X	7	B
Iowa:										
Northern	442	8.9	18	6.5	381	8.7	1	B	42	13.2
Southern	432	7.8	14	4.6	385	7.7	1	B	32	10.7
Minnesota	516	7.8	23	7.0	449	7.6	4	B	40	10.7
Missouri:										
Eastern	896	5.9	63	4.5	805	5.9	4	B	24	8.1
Western	735	8.8	31	5.5	677	8.6	3	B	24	15.4
Nebraska	767	7.7	53	7.3	680	7.6	1	B	33	10.8
North Dakota	260	5.5	16	5.1	223	5.1	1	B	20	9.1
South Dakota	385	5.9	36	5.6	320	5.9	1	B	28	8.3
Ninth Circuit	18,564	5.4	1,985	11.8	16,138	5.1	59	4.6	382	14.3
Alaska	236	5.0	52	2.6	165	5.2	3	B	16	7.7
Arizona	5,196	4.3	212	8.5	4,950	4.3	5	B	29	14.0
California:										
Northern	876	10.6	111	23.1	717	9.6	9	B	39	22.9
Eastern	1,138	8.2	95	15.3	1,023	7.9	2	B	18	21.0
Central	1,990	9.1	134	10.9	1,770	8.6	5	B	81	20.8
Southern	3,816	3.2	143	3.3	3,631	3.2	3	B	39	9.1
Hawaii	994	19.5	524	69.8	453	8.2	3	B	14	15.7
Idaho	329	7.1	42	5.8	268	7.1	0	X	19	9.8
Montana	473	6.9	107	2.7	326	7.3	6	B	34	10.9
Nevada	815	7.6	106	13.4	676	7.4	2	B	31	10.0
Oregon	842	8.5	88	8.9	725	8.2	3	B	26	19.7
Washington:										
Eastern	467	7.3	73	5.4	376	7.5	3	B	15	8.4
Western	1,265	4.7	280	4.6	961	4.7	14	4.6	10	8.8
Guam	98	10.5	13	3.6	81	11.5	0	X	4	B
Northern Marianas	29	6.7	5	B	16	5.2	1	B	7	B
Tenth Circuit	6,302	5.0	644	5.2	5,506	4.9	16	8.9	136	13.5
Colorado	743	7.0	103	5.2	613	7.0	2	B	25	20.1
Kansas	626	7.5	46	4.9	555	7.5	7	B	18	13.8
New Mexico	2,534	3.4	137	15.5	2,374	3.3	0	X	23	16.9
Oklahoma:										
Northern	222	8.6	47	39.0	164	7.9	0	X	11	13.1
Eastern	101	4.6	13	1.5	85	4.9	0	X	3	B
Western	820	1.4	148	0.9	646	1.6	2	B	24	9.9
Utah	1,029	6.1	137	12.3	871	5.7	5	B	16	24.2
Wyoming	227	5.8	13	5.3	198	5.6	0	X	16	7.4
Eleventh Circuit	8,765	5.9	611	6.8	7,467	5.8	259	0.1	428	10.0
Alabama:										
Northern	651	5.8	105	2.9	500	5.9	12	0.8	34	7.2
Middle	254	6.8	31	5.1	191	6.6	2	B	30	10.2
Southern	342	6.6	15	9.1	301	6.4	3	B	23	7.7
Florida:										
Northern	646	4.8	34	2.0	576	4.7	9	B	27	8.1
Middle	1,650	7.0	54	9.4	1,488	6.8	5	B	103	9.9
Southern	2,546	6.2	101	8.1	2,271	5.9	21	15.2	153	13.5
Georgia:										
Northern	978	7.1	119	18.0	822	6.5	6	B	31	10.9
Middle	1,225	0.1	90	4.4	916	0.1	201	0.1	18	10.8
Southern	473	5.0	62	5.3	402	4.9	0	X	9	B

Note: See Note, table 5.24. 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: 2003 Annual Report of the Director* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2004), pp. 218-220.

^aComputed on 10 or more defendants only.