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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 | |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| | 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 | 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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By method of disposition, and circuit and district, fiscal year 2005--Continued

| Circuit and district | Total | | Dismissed | | Plea of guilty | | Court (bench) trial | | Jury trial | |
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| | 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) |
| 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.