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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 2008

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	91,390	6.8	8,400	6.9	79,842	6.6	428	7.2	2,720	14.4
District of Columbia	533	17.8	76	21.6	411	16.3	1	B	45	30.1
First Circuit	2,212	10.1	300	11.0	1,797	9.3	11	10.9	104	17.9
Maine	233	6.7	10	4.9	212	6.6	2	B	9	B
Massachusetts	526	16.8	22	47.4	460	15.4	3	B	41	23.0
New Hampshire	250	12.2	23	5.9	215	12.4	1	B	11	23.6
Rhode Island	100	6.5	4	B	91	6.4	0	X	5	B
Puerto Rico	1,103	8.8	241	11.0	819	7.6	5	B	38	14.7
Second Circuit	5,268	14.4	242	20.6	4,803	13.8	16	35.9	207	23.6
Connecticut	467	14.3	24	20.9	431	14.2	1	B	11	14.0
New York:										
Northern	721	7.5	46	10.5	662	7.0	4	B	9	B
Eastern	1,372	19.4	51	42.4	1,257	18.9	3	B	61	28.6
Southern	1,825	16.1	85	22.2	1,622	15.4	7	B	111	23.4
Western	699	7.6	25	27.0	660	7.0	1	B	13	27.3
Vermont	184	13.1	11	17.0	171	12.9	0	X	2	B
Third Circuit	3,975	10.5	412	10.2	3,290	10.0	16	14.1	257	17.7
Delaware	200	8.1	24	3.3	167	8.3	1	B	8	B
New Jersey	1,393	10.4	180	14.5	1,155	9.7	4	B	54	22.9
Pennsylvania:										
Eastern	870	12.4	45	14.8	684	11.3	7	B	134	18.4
Middle	756	10.2	68	12.2	672	10.0	1	B	15	17.6
Western	638	10.3	52	7.6	556	10.0	2	B	28	18.7
Virgin Islands	118	9.8	43	4.6	56	10.5	1	B	18	11.8
Fourth Circuit	10,045	6.7	1,719	4.0	7,948	6.9	129	2.8	249	12.9
Maryland	1,421	6.8	432	3.2	931	8.7	20	4.8	38	16.1
North Carolina:										
Eastern	1,139	7.1	107	7.8	1,003	7.1	8	B	21	13.0
Middle	352	7.9	8	B	335	7.9	1	B	8	B
Western	939	12.6	98	5.1	809	12.8	1	B	31	25.4
South Carolina	1,414	9.4	122	8.0	1,240	9.2	4	B	48	15.9
Virginia:										
Eastern	3,481	3.9	842	2.7	2,488	4.2	92	2.4	59	9.7
Western	435	7.8	23	21.2	384	7.3	1	B	27	12.1
West Virginia:										
Northern	528	7.3	52	6.3	469	7.3	2	B	5	B
Southern	336	6.9	35	6.2	289	6.9	0	X	12	13.1
Fifth Circuit	18,966	5.2	1,066	8.4	17,595	5.1	34	12.3	271	11.7
Louisiana:										
Eastern	578	7.7	20	10.8	540	7.5	3	B	15	30.0
Middle	239	13.6	52	13.8	184	13.6	0	X	3	B
Western	428	9.4	54	15.2	346	8.3	7	B	21	19.5
Mississippi:										
Northern	213	10.0	19	11.0	189	9.9	1	B	4	B
Southern	618	6.2	87	6.6	512	5.7	2	B	17	9.2
Texas:										
Northern	1,269	7.5	146	9.2	1,076	7.0	3	B	44	13.2
Eastern	1,136	9.6	104	8.0	997	9.5	2	B	33	13.9
Southern	6,804	4.4	282	2.6	6,454	4.4	10	13.8	58	10.4
Western	7,681	4.8	302	7.0	7,297	4.8	6	B	76	8.5
Sixth Circuit	6,434	8.6	724	5.9	5,421	8.5	32	7.9	257	14.7
Kentucky:										
Eastern	775	6.9	65	6.9	668	6.8	1	B	41	10.2
Western	868	4.8	293	2.0	550	6.9	8	B	17	15.6
Michigan:										
Eastern	880	12.4	106	20.6	726	12.0	5	B	43	23.3
Western	504	7.1	31	14.4	444	6.9	2	B	27	11.0
Ohio:										
Northern	984	7.1	46	6.9	907	7.0	4	B	27	12.1
Southern	724	8.7	50	7.7	648	8.4	6	B	20	23.2
Tennessee:										
Eastern	668	9.7	42	8.8	593	9.2	2	B	31	14.7
Middle	317	10.8	32	10.1	268	10.7	0	X	17	17.1
Western	714	13.6	59	12.2	617	13.2	4	B	34	22.5

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Seventh Circuit	3,411	10.0	153	12.3	3,067	9.6	14	10.6	177	15.9
Illinois:										
Northern	988	14.4	22	20.1	883	13.1	2	B	81	20.9
Central	481	8.7	29	7.0	435	8.5	3	B	14	15.5
Southern	341	9.5	12	17.7	324	9.5	0	X	5	B
Indiana:										
Northern	517	8.7	43	10.8	433	8.0	3	B	38	15.3
Southern	319	9.9	15	6.7	291	9.8	1	B	12	14.0
Wisconsin:										
Eastern	544	10.0	27	14.1	495	9.7	4	B	18	14.2
Western	221	5.9	5	B	206	5.9	1	B	9	B
Eighth Circuit	6,241	8.3	408	5.5	5,568	8.3	21	10.8	244	13.8
Arkansas:										
Eastern	520	12.2	62	8.6	431	12.4	6	B	21	19.6
Western	246	6.8	26	3.4	213	7.0	1	B	6	B
Iowa:										
Northern	629	2.8	15	3.7	591	0.1	0	X	23	12.4
Southern	536	12.1	46	8.7	455	12.1	1	B	34	15.3
Minnesota:										
Eastern	630	9.8	33	10.3	564	9.6	5	B	28	16.0
Missouri:										
Eastern	1,181	6.6	101	2.5	1,054	6.8	2	B	24	10.7
Western	860	12.2	40	12.7	781	11.8	4	B	35	23.9
Nebraska:										
Eastern	792	7.8	42	5.2	728	7.8	0	X	22	18.6
North Dakota:										
Eastern	312	7.2	15	5.8	280	7.1	0	X	17	8.7
South Dakota:										
Eastern	535	7.0	28	5.5	471	7.0	2	B	34	8.5
Ninth Circuit	18,382	6.1	1,895	6.3	16,105	6.0	59	10.4	323	15.0
Alaska:										
Eastern	232	7.2	19	4.6	197	7.1	3	B	13	7.6
Arizona:										
Eastern	4,335	6.0	298	15.0	3,993	5.8	3	B	41	20.5
California:										
Northern	884	9.8	100	17	762	8.7	6	B	16	21.5
Eastern	1,010	10.2	66	14.4	925	9.8	2	B	17	19.0
Central	2,020	7.2	94	11.2	1,879	7.0	7	B	40	18.0
Southern	4,952	3.9	421	2.1	4,468	4.0	10	9.6	53	13.1
Hawaii:										
Eastern	734	3.9	179	1.6	536	4.4	6	B	13	23.6
Idaho:										
Eastern	322	8.4	40	6.8	267	8.2	0	X	15	12.3
Montana:										
Eastern	510	7.4	67	6.4	392	7.4	6	B	45	9.7
Nevada:										
Eastern	544	13.3	83	30.8	448	11.5	3	B	10	27.7
Oregon:										
Eastern	907	10.6	151	15.4	733	10.1	5	B	18	24.8
Washington:										
Eastern	487	9.0	102	10.3	366	8.5	3	B	16	14.2
Western	1,308	5.4	242	3.1	1,048	6.0	4	B	14	20.3
Guam:										
Eastern	110	6.9	28	4.0	72	7.3	1	B	9	B
Northern Marianas:										
Eastern	27	5.2	5	B	19	5.2	0	X	3	B
Tenth Circuit	7,249	4.5	636	4.9	6,469	4.4	35	4.9	109	11.0
Colorado:										
Eastern	611	7.6	74	16.6	530	7.3	3	B	4	B
Kansas:										
Eastern	867	7.8	168	4.5	684	8.4	4	B	11	12.4
New Mexico:										
Eastern	3,028	2.5	78	8.9	2,943	2.5	2	B	5	B
Oklahoma:										
Northern	270	6.3	26	11.1	226	6.3	0	X	18	5.8
Eastern	119	6.9	11	4.1	101	6.9	1	B	6	B
Western	839	3.7	93	2.1	698	3.5	11	3.2	37	11.0
Utah:										
Eastern	1,128	5.6	158	3.3	940	5.7	12	3.3	18	23.9
Wyoming:										
Eastern	387	6.6	28	8.6	347	6.4	2	B	10	10.8
Eleventh Circuit	8,674	6.5	769	10.5	7,368	6.2	60	6.2	477	10.1
Alabama:										
Northern	568	6.7	54	3.6	463	6.6	5	B	46	8.7
Middle	349	8.5	65	5.3	268	9.0	0	X	16	10.6
Southern	600	6.9	30	26.9	543	6.8	4	B	23	8.2
Florida:										
Northern	564	4.6	61	3.4	453	4.3	8	B	42	7.0
Middle	1,888	6.8	168	53.4	1,608	6.4	16	5.8	96	10.6
Southern	2,509	5.5	71	11.2	2,281	5.2	9	B	148	8.1
Georgia:										
Northern	929	12.1	113	22.3	733	10.5	9	B	74	27.9
Middle	600	8.1	86	11.8	494	7.8	8	B	12	20.5
Southern	667	6.6	121	6.7	525	6.5	1	B	20	13.7

Note: Data include defendants in all felony and class A misdemeanor cases, but include only those petty offense defendants whose cases were assigned to district court judges. 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: 2008 Annual Report of the Director* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2009), pp. 254-256.

^a Computed on 10 or more defendants only.