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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 2009

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	95,206	6.5	8,408	7.0	83,707	6.3	431	6.1	2,660	15.0
District of Columbia	477	11.7	35	19.7	406	10.4	0	X	36	24.9
First Circuit	2,100	11.4	224	13.8	1,778	10.8	7	B	91	20.6
Maine	247	7.5	11	7.1	222	7.3	2	B	12	13.2
Massachusetts	571	15.8	28	78.2	505	14.9	1	B	37	28.7
New Hampshire	230	11.0	24	9.8	202	11.0	0	X	4	B
Rhode Island	150	8.1	6	B	137	7.9	0	X	7	B
Puerto Rico	902	11.1	155	13.2	712	10.2	4	B	31	15.3
Second Circuit	5,362	12.4	253	18.3	4,905	11.8	14	14.3	190	24.0
Connecticut	477	14.9	35	38.2	425	14.2	0	X	17	24.4
New York:										
Northern	721	5.5	41	9.7	649	5.0	3	B	28	21.0
Eastern	1,357	19.1	33	30.8	1,265	18.4	2	B	57	30.1
Southern	1,792	12.7	85	17.7	1,632	12.1	9	B	66	20.9
Western	772	7.1	28	9.4	727	6.6	0	X	17	38.0
Vermont	243	13.3	31	14.1	207	12.8	0	X	5	B
Third Circuit	3,794	11.8	358	12.1	3,162	10.9	17	9.0	257	21.1
Delaware	176	9.1	5	B	161	9.0	2	B	8	B
New Jersey	1,165	10.2	111	5.3	999	10.0	1	B	54	21.9
Pennsylvania:										
Eastern	988	14.2	43	23.6	823	13.1	3	B	119	22.0
Middle	709	12.1	45	20.1	637	11.4	5	B	22	22.0
Western	578	11.0	75	10.9	478	10.7	4	B	21	16.2
Virgin Islands	178	15.9	79	41.8	64	7.9	2	B	33	19.9
Fourth Circuit	9,693	6.3	1,751	3.2	7,506	6.5	135	2.8	301	13.5
Maryland	1,407	6.2	420	3.1	913	7.8	13	4.6	61	21.0
North Carolina:										
Eastern	1,149	6.2	170	2.9	955	6.5	6	B	18	12.5
Middle	432	10.8	19	8.3	396	10.8	3	B	14	13.4
Western	590	11.2	42	3.3	505	11.2	2	B	41	19.7
South Carolina	1,332	9.8	134	7.7	1,153	9.9	3	B	42	14.0
Virginia:										
Eastern	3,463	3.4	867	2.5	2,416	3.6	104	2.1	76	8.0
Western	543	8.6	30	14.0	476	8.5	3	B	34	14.5
West Virginia:										
Northern	465	6.2	49	8.0	404	6.0	1	B	11	9.7
Southern	312	6.8	20	6.7	288	6.8	0	X	4	B
Fifth Circuit	20,461	4.8	1,016	7.0	19,092	4.8	71	9.1	282	11.3
Louisiana:										
Eastern	518	8.5	19	4.4	485	8.2	0	X	14	17.6
Middle	203	13.5	24	8.6	176	13.6	0	X	3	B
Western	425	8.8	55	9.7	329	8.4	3	B	38	16.6
Mississippi:										
Northern	162	12.1	17	11.3	136	11.9	0	X	9	B
Southern	450	6.7	74	7.6	353	6.2	2	B	21	9.6
Texas:										
Northern	1,194	6.9	140	53.5	1,012	6.5	5	B	37	12.5
Eastern	1,133	10.3	199	7.0	909	10.8	0	X	25	13.9
Southern	7,650	4.4	214	4.8	7,323	4.4	45	9.1	68	7.7
Western	8,726	4.3	274	6.3	8,369	4.3	16	8.8	67	8.7
Sixth Circuit	6,118	8.8	636	6.6	5,232	8.7	11	7.7	239	17.7
Kentucky:										
Eastern	793	6.7	49	4.6	715	6.7	0	X	29	14.3
Western	733	5.9	257	2.0	462	8.1	3	B	11	12.6
Michigan:										
Eastern	814	11.3	78	17.1	692	10.8	0	X	44	20.2
Western	516	6.8	28	9.5	475	6.6	1	B	12	11.3
Ohio:										
Northern	756	7.2	48	13.1	664	6.7	2	B	42	21.3
Southern	679	9.3	42	22.6	620	8.7	2	B	15	19.8
Tennessee:										
Eastern	755	10.1	67	9.1	654	9.8	3	B	31	17.3
Middle	341	14.2	22	12.2	301	14.2	0	X	18	20.6
Western	731	13.4	45	16.3	649	13.2	0	X	37	17.4

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Seventh Circuit	3,277	10.1	188	15.7	2,905	9.6	10	11.3	174	21.6
Illinois:										
Northern	944	14.4	13	23.5	853	13.7	1	B	77	26.2
Central	431	8.7	22	14.3	391	8.3	1	B	17	21.0
Southern	360	9.4	16	9.2	339	9.2	3	B	2	B
Indiana:										
Northern	531	8.0	39	11.4	453	7.3	3	B	36	21.5
Southern	269	11.4	48	15.7	201	9.8	0	X	20	17.1
Wisconsin:										
Eastern	516	10.8	33	6.4	465	10.7	0	X	18	22.4
Western	226	6.3	17	66.8	203	6.2	2	B	4	B
Eighth Circuit	6,284	8.9	432	8.6	5,615	8.8	9	B	228	12.8
Arkansas:										
Eastern	496	13.8	66	14.5	414	13.6	1	B	15	23.7
Western	291	5.9	21	6.0	266	6.0	1	B	3	B
Iowa:										
Northern	383	8.5	28	4.5	333	8.5	0	X	22	13.7
Southern	514	12.5	35	22.4	432	12.2	2	B	45	13.8
Minnesota:										
Eastern	671	12.9	19	9.2	614	12.9	1	B	37	13.7
Missouri:										
Eastern	1,228	6.9	100	2.8	1,103	7.0	0	X	25	11.0
Western	916	12.7	55	17.9	836	12.3	1	B	24	22.7
Nebraska:										
Eastern	822	8.3	61	9.9	737	8.1	1	B	23	9.7
North Dakota:										
Eastern	351	5.4	12	6.7	329	5.3	0	X	10	7.7
South Dakota:										
Eastern	612	7.4	35	7.6	551	7.1	2	B	24	10.6
Ninth Circuit	21,001	5.5	1,916	6.7	18,691	5.3	70	9.0	324	15.6
Alaska:										
Eastern	263	7.8	35	5.6	212	7.6	3	B	13	17.0
Arizona:										
Eastern	5,156	4.1	166	15.5	4,951	4.1	3	B	36	16.5
California:										
Northern	1,075	6.6	82	20.1	971	6.2	6	B	16	22.5
Eastern	1,205	10.2	125	17.4	1,053	9.7	3	B	24	16.1
Central	2,096	8.9	110	11.4	1,939	8.6	9	B	38	20.0
Southern	6,151	3.8	538	1.6	5,539	3.9	20	8.3	54	11.5
Hawaii:										
Eastern	672	5.8	190	6.0	454	5.7	7	B	21	27.2
Idaho:										
Eastern	398	7.8	33	6.5	353	7.8	2	B	10	10.8
Montana:										
Eastern	521	7.6	67	10.1	409	7.4	4	B	41	9.7
Nevada:										
Eastern	489	9.8	61	22.2	410	9.1	2	B	16	20.7
Oregon:										
Eastern	869	10.7	113	18.5	737	10.0	4	B	15	43.2
Washington:										
Eastern	504	8.7	52	6.9	434	8.8	4	B	14	12.9
Western	1,485	6.0	321	5.9	1,148	5.9	2	B	14	16.7
Guam:										
Eastern	92	7.8	22	6.0	60	7.9	1	B	9	B
Northern Marianas:										
Eastern	25	6.4	1	B	21	6.4	0	X	3	B
Tenth Circuit	7,747	4.3	646	8.3	6,997	3.9	17	7.8	87	11.7
Colorado:										
Eastern	644	8.6	92	28.3	549	8.3	1	B	2	B
Kansas:										
Eastern	971	10.7	202	10.8	751	10.6	2	B	16	21.0
New Mexico:										
Eastern	3,522	1.7	86	12.5	3,425	1.6	3	B	8	B
Oklahoma:										
Northern	286	7.2	18	7.0	259	7.2	0	X	9	B
Eastern	122	8.1	8	B	100	7.7	0	X	14	12.0
Western	664	4.8	82	2.0	561	4.8	4	B	17	7.5
Utah:										
Eastern	1,107	5.0	146	4.2	946	5.2	6	B	9	B
Wyoming:										
Eastern	431	5.6	12	28.5	406	5.5	1	B	12	12.8
Eleventh Circuit	8,892	6.7	953	10.5	7,418	6.3	70	6.1	451	11.0
Alabama:										
Northern	561	6.5	58	2.4	464	6.5	7	B	32	9.2
Middle	298	9.6	51	7.1	228	9.5	1	B	18	20.2
Southern	465	7.5	23	10.3	418	7.2	3	B	21	9.2
Florida:										
Northern	665	4.3	96	2.9	514	4.3	9	B	46	12.5
Middle	1,834	7.2	125	42.9	1,589	6.7	18	6.6	102	11.1
Southern	2,629	5.5	99	7.5	2,345	5.4	14	6.1	171	8.9
Georgia:										
Northern	996	11.0	146	17.7	803	9.7	6	B	41	15.8
Middle	661	8.5	173	13.6	469	6.9	9	B	10	27.3
Southern	783	7.6	182	9.1	588	7.2	3	B	10	14.6

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: 2009 Annual Report of the Director* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2010), pp. 249-251.

^a Computed on 10 or more defendants only. If number of defendants is less than 10, a B appears indicating the base is too small to support calculation of median.