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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 2010

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	98,311	6.3	8,147	6.7	87,418	6.1	394	6.2	2,352	15.3
District of Columbia	489	12.0	68	28.6	393	10.8	0	X	28	20.9
First Circuit	2,132	11.7	165	16.0	1,860	11.2	6	B	101	21.8
Maine	191	8.8	9	B	174	7.7	3	B	5	B
Massachusetts	490	16.3	27	64.9	422	14.0	2	B	39	31.8
New Hampshire	265	10.0	28	7.6	229	10.2	0	X	8	B
Rhode Island	176	8.4	10	20.2	155	8.1	1	B	10	17.0
Puerto Rico	1,010	12.6	91	16.1	880	11.8	0	X	39	22.7
Second Circuit	4,828	12.7	231	17.7	4,421	12.2	11	15.8	165	26.4
Connecticut	472	11.2	30	12.9	429	11.0	0	X	13	22.5
New York:										
Northern	551	7.6	39	13.3	500	6.8	1	B	11	16.1
Eastern	1,298	18.0	45	30.3	1,182	17.6	1	B	70	23.9
Southern	1,544	13.9	57	17.7	1,412	13.3	9	B	66	32.0
Western	749	8.8	49	17.7	697	8.2	0	X	3	B
Vermont	214	10.1	11	25.9	201	9.8	0	X	2	B
Third Circuit	3,650	12.8	356	11.5	3,076	12.3	23	13.4	195	20.4
Delaware	150	8.9	11	27.6	129	8.3	1	B	9	B
New Jersey	1,097	10.9	93	3.0	970	11.2	8	B	26	23.2
Pennsylvania:										
Eastern	1,069	14.8	68	17.4	906	14.4	5	B	90	20.1
Middle	566	11.0	45	12.6	484	10.4	6	B	31	25.9
Western	585	15.7	39	8.9	524	15.6	0	X	22	18.8
Virgin Islands	183	9.7	100	20.9	63	6.5	3	B	17	9.7
Fourth Circuit	9,735	6.9	1,756	4.5	7,590	7.1	116	3.0	273	13.0
Maryland	1,375	7.5	393	3.2	926	9.1	7	B	49	14.0
North Carolina:										
Eastern	1,382	6.5	244	3.2	1,092	6.8	15	10.8	31	13.0
Middle	545	10.6	8	B	519	10.6	4	B	14	13.2
Western	582	13.5	63	39.2	482	13.1	1	B	36	18.5
South Carolina	1,483	9.9	137	7.2	1,299	9.9	1	B	46	12.9
Virginia:										
Eastern	3,334	3.6	814	4.5	2,384	3.5	83	2.3	53	10.0
Western	397	7.3	15	5.2	352	7.3	3	B	27	9.8
West Virginia:										
Northern	336	6.4	39	14.4	289	6.2	1	B	7	B
Southern	301	7.6	43	6.2	247	7.7	1	B	10	11.5
Fifth Circuit	22,004	4.8	767	5.7	20,915	4.7	35	6.9	287	12.9
Louisiana:										
Eastern	513	7.1	13	14.1	487	6.9	2	B	11	17.4
Middle	219	12.9	15	8.3	195	12.7	3	B	6	B
Western	482	7.9	72	3.9	371	7.8	6	B	33	15.8
Mississippi:										
Northern	195	12.4	13	11.6	164	12.1	0	X	18	14.6
Southern	383	7.3	48	9.1	327	7.1	0	X	8	B
Texas:										
Northern	1,023	5.9	59	5.7	925	5.8	0	X	39	9.7
Eastern	936	9.7	68	10.7	844	9.6	1	B	23	16.0
Southern	8,992	4.6	221	4.2	8,678	4.6	14	5.4	79	10.6
Western	9,261	4.2	258	5.6	8,924	4.2	9	B	70	10.6
Sixth Circuit	6,381	8.9	554	8.8	5,634	8.8	23	7.2	170	15.6
Kentucky:										
Eastern	697	7.4	43	7.1	631	7.5	2	B	21	7.7
Western	751	8.0	199	5.9	533	9.0	13	3.0	6	B
Michigan:										
Eastern	870	11.0	104	10.5	741	10.6	1	B	24	17.3
Western	573	6.3	17	10.3	538	6.2	0	X	18	12.9
Ohio:										
Northern	722	6.4	38	13.0	654	6.2	5	B	25	11.2
Southern	752	7.8	31	13.1	707	7.8	0	X	14	13.2
Tennessee:										
Eastern	917	10.1	50	12.0	834	9.5	0	X	33	20.2
Middle	324	11.1	17	11.8	296	11.1	0	X	11	21.2
Western	775	12.4	55	12.1	700	12.2	2	B	18	22.2

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Seventh Circuit	3,334	10.1	178	18.5	2,999	9.5	11	6.9	146	20.7
Illinois:										
Northern	877	14.5	12	23.5	793	13.7	1	B	71	24.4
Central	473	9.7	56	48.7	397	8.9	5	B	15	13.1
Southern	349	8.1	10	25.0	333	8.0	2	B	4	B
Indiana:										
Northern	538	8.0	49	12.6	467	7.4	0	X	22	27.0
Southern	359	11.0	15	10.2	327	10.4	0	X	17	21.6
Wisconsin:										
Eastern	507	11.9	24	15.0	468	11.7	2	B	13	19.5
Western	231	5.7	12	9.1	214	5.7	1	B	4	B
Eighth Circuit	5,743	8.7	389	9.3	5,143	8.5	17	9.7	194	12.0
Arkansas:										
Eastern	469	12.8	63	11.7	394	12.6	0	X	12	20.9
Western	285	6.6	14	4.2	263	6.5	1	B	7	B
Iowa:										
Northern	360	7.7	10	23.4	336	7.6	0	X	14	11.4
Southern	496	11.0	28	16.6	431	10.7	2	B	35	13.1
Minnesota:										
Eastern	553	9.7	29	23.3	502	9.7	1	B	21	13.8
Missouri:										
Eastern	1,229	7.3	118	4.3	1,087	7.4	3	B	21	11.9
Western	723	12.4	34	23.8	668	12.1	3	B	18	26.1
Nebraska:										
Eastern	786	8.1	45	11.0	717	8.0	1	B	23	9.9
North Dakota:										
Eastern	341	5.7	15	10.3	308	5.4	4	B	14	9.3
Western	501	7.4	33	8.5	437	7.3	2	B	29	10.0
Ninth Circuit	23,441	5.2	2,210	4.3	20,823	5.1	66	8.7	342	16.7
Alaska:										
Eastern	230	8.3	11	8.3	203	8.3	1	B	15	11.5
Arizona:										
Eastern	7,165	4.1	201	10.6	6,917	4.1	2	B	45	16.0
California:										
Northern	1,074	8.5	107	17.3	938	7.9	4	B	25	17.9
Eastern	1,161	11.0	107	10.7	1,024	10.6	1	B	29	27.7
Central	2,424	10.4	197	7.3	2,160	10.4	13	17.8	54	24.9
Southern	6,245	3.7	648	1.4	5,529	3.9	15	8.2	53	13.9
Hawaii:										
Eastern	761	3.4	359	2.2	388	4.0	3	B	11	26.4
Idaho:										
Eastern	337	8.7	27	13.3	299	8.4	0	X	11	13.1
Montana:										
Eastern	490	6.8	44	5.2	399	6.8	13	5.7	34	10.1
Nevada:										
Eastern	689	9.0	52	12.4	620	8.8	1	B	16	22.0
Oregon:										
Eastern	843	8.8	60	10.3	766	8.5	6	B	11	26.5
Washington:										
Eastern	491	7.9	66	11.4	417	7.7	0	X	8	B
Western	1,393	5.2	307	3.8	1,062	5.4	5	B	19	12.8
Guam:										
Eastern	84	6.1	16	4.5	61	6.0	0	X	7	B
Northern Marianas:										
Eastern	54	2.3	8	B	40	3.3	2	B	4	B
Tenth Circuit	7,875	3.8	563	8.0	7,190	3.5	21	6.1	101	12.8
Colorado:										
Eastern	632	9.1	117	80.6	508	8.2	0	X	7	B
Kansas:										
Eastern	873	8.9	129	7.3	715	8.8	1	B	28	22.9
New Mexico:										
Eastern	3,815	1.9	70	9.7	3,731	1.9	1	B	13	12.8
Oklahoma:										
Northern	225	6.6	30	2.3	184	6.5	0	X	11	12.2
Eastern	140	8.5	6	B	126	8.5	0	X	8	B
Western	618	4.7	78	2.6	518	4.8	5	B	17	10.4
Utah:										
Eastern	1,151	5.0	128	5.9	1,004	4.8	13	5.0	6	B
Wyoming:										
Eastern	421	4.8	5	B	404	4.8	1	B	11	9.0
Eleventh Circuit	8,699	6.4	910	9.6	7,374	6.1	65	5.3	350	11.7
Alabama:										
Northern	513	6.7	62	4.2	430	6.7	3	B	18	9.6
Middle	286	8.6	36	6.7	239	8.9	2	B	9	B
Southern	339	7.9	24	17.9	294	7.6	6	B	15	10.8
Florida:										
Northern	654	4.9	93	5.0	501	4.7	19	4.3	41	13.5
Middle	1,870	7.0	155	63.6	1,632	6.5	8	B	75	11.0
Southern	2,563	5.3	123	11.9	2,303	5.1	9	B	128	10.0
Georgia:										
Northern	901	8.8	76	10.6	778	7.9	7	B	40	15.1
Middle	608	6.7	110	6.0	480	6.8	11	1.2	7	B
Southern	965	7.3	231	8.4	717	7.2	0	X	17	9.1

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: 2010 Annual Report of the Director* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2011), pp. 252-254.

^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. Median time interval computed from date a case was filed to date the defendant was either found not guilty or was sentenced.