

Table 2.2
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Cases Filed, Terminated, and Pending (Details),
During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 1990, and September 30, 1995 Through 2021

Fiscal Year	Commenced			Cases Terminated									Cases Pending
				Total	Cases Disposed of by Consolidation	Procedural Terminations			Terminations on the Merits				
	Total	By Judge	By Staff			Total	After Oral Hearing	After Submission on Briefs					
								Number	Percent				
2021	44,546	42,939	1,607	47,748	2,180	17,148	3,934	13,149	28,485	6,152	22,333	78.4	35,552
2020	48,190	46,840	1,350	48,300	2,818	15,504	4,211	11,200	30,071	5,817	24,254	80.7	38,731
2019	48,486	47,004	1,482	47,889	2,458	15,803	3,806	11,887	29,738	6,056	23,682	79.6	38,837
2018	49,276	47,620	1,656	50,428	2,381	16,756	4,142	12,497	31,408	6,302	25,106	79.9	38,232
2017	50,506	48,987	1,519	54,347	3,072	17,355	4,512	12,718	34,045	6,397	27,648	81.2	39,400
2015	52,698	51,131	1,567	53,213	2,788	18,969	4,989	13,814	31,622	6,496	25,126	79.5	40,794
2010	55,991	54,592	1,399	59,526	2,379	26,419	12,264	13,969	30,914	8,165	22,749	73.6	46,339
2005	68,473	66,563	1,910	61,975	2,317	29,822	12,409	17,336	29,913	9,018	20,895	69.9	57,721
1995	50,072	49,184	888	49,805	3,177	18,856	6,817	12,039	27,772	11,080	16,692	60.1	37,536
1990 ²	40,898	40,290	599	38,520	3,314	14,200	5,766	8,434	21,006	9,447	11,559	55.0	32,396

Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years prior to 2015 may not match numbers previously published in this table.

This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

¹ Beginning in 2007, the category entitled "reopened," which includes all reopened appeals, replaced the category entitled "reinstated." Therefore, data on reopened cases for 2007 and thereafter are not comparable to data published previously on reinstated cases.

² Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table B-1, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.