

Table 6.3

U.S. District Courts—Median Time Intervals (in Months) From Filing to Disposition for Civil Cases and Criminal Defendants

Fiscal Year	Civil					Criminal				
	Overall Civil Median	No Court Action	Court Action			All Defendants	Dismissed	Guilty Plea	Bench Trial	Jury Trial
			Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	Trial					
1990 ¹	8.0	6.0	7.0	14.0	19.0	4.5	3.3	4.3	0.1	7.1
1995	8.0	7.0	7.0	13.0	18.0	5.7	6.5	5.4	1.6	9.6
2000	8.2	7.9	7.8	13.6	20.1	5.9	5.8	5.8	0.1	10.9
2005	9.5	7.0	9.5	13.1	21.8	6.8	6.2	6.6	7.3	14.0
2008	8.1	5.0	7.8	13.6	32.9	6.8	6.9	6.6	7.2	14.4
2009	8.9	4.9	9.1	15.0	23.4	6.5	7.0	6.3	6.1	15.0
2010	7.6	4.6	7.0	15.4	22.9	6.3	6.7	6.1	6.2	15.3
2011	7.3	5.1	6.5	14.3	23.4	6.4	6.8	6.2	6.3	15.7
2012	7.8	4.9	7.6	12.6	23.5	6.7	7.6	6.5	10.0	15.7

Note: Prior to 2000, civil median disposition time intervals were rounded to whole months. Beginning in March 2012, the median time intervals is computed from the proceeding date for a defendant (e.g., the date an indictment or information was filed) to the date on which the defendant was found not guilty or was sentenced. Previously, the median time interval was computed beginning with the defendant's filing date. Therefore, data for March 2012 and thereafter are not comparable to data for previous periods.

¹ 12-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table C-5 and Table D-6, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.