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The sources for the data were the *Annual Report of the Director*, the *Judicial Business of the United States Courts*, *Federal Court Management Statistics* and a few unpublished statistical tables. Specific data sources are noted on each table for easy reference. Except where specifically noted, data were compiled from the published report of the fiscal year noted (i.e., 1995 data are from the 1995 *Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts*). There have been minor revisions to some numbers in subsequent publications. For example, pending data are frequently revised in the subsequent year's publication. In addition, when the reporting period changed in 1992 from the twelve month period ending June 30 to September 30, a number of filing totals for fiscal year 1990 were revised in the *Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts*. Several tables in this report include data that reflect the revisions.

Judicial Facts and Figures does not offer an analysis of the federal caseload changes, although significant fluctuations in the data and corresponding explanations are noted on the tables. More detailed information can be found in the *Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts* in the year(s) where the fluctuation(s) occurred.

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Table 1.1
Total Judicial Officers. Courts of Appeals, District Courts, Bankruptcy Courts

Fiscal Year	Courts of Appeals			District Courts							Bankruptcy Courts		
				Article III Judges			Magistrate Judges						
	Authorized Judgeships	Active Judges	Senior Judges ¹	Authorized Judgeships	Active Judges	Senior Judges ²	Authorized Positions			Recalled Judges	Authorized Judgeships	Active Judges	Recalled Judges
							Full-Time	Part-Time	Clerk/Magistrate Judge				
1990	168	158	63	575	541	201	329	146	8	5	291	289	13
1995	179	168	81	649	603	255	416	78	3	16	326	315	23
2000	179	156	86	655	612	274	466	60	3	23	325	307	30
2002	179	151*	92	665	615*	278*	486	51	3	24	324	302*	31
2003	179	162*	91	680	651	287*	491	49	3	40	324	309	35
2004	179	166	102	679	663*	294*	500	45	3	32	324	313	35
2005	179	166*	106*	678	642	300*	503	45	3	34	352	315	32
2006	179	165	103	678	645	311	505	45	3	36	352	337	25
Percent Change - 2006 over 1990													
	6.5%	**	63.5%	17.9%	19.2%	54.7%	53.5%	-69.2%	**	620.0%	21.0%	16.6%	92.3%

¹ Sitting senior judges who participated in appeals dispositions

² Senior judges with staff

* Revised

**Percentage is not computed when the total is fewer than 10.

Source: Text Narrative and Tables - Annual Report of the Director.

Table 2.1

U.S. Courts of Appeals (Excludes Federal Circuit). Appeals Filed, Terminated, Pending -- *Summary*

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	Filed (1)	Terminated	Pending	Per Panel **		
					Filed	Terminated	Pending
1990*	156	40,893	38,961	32,589	786	749	627
1995	167	50,072	49,805	37,536	899	895	674
2000	167	54,697	56,512	40,410	983	1,015	726
2002	167	57,555	56,586	40,965	1,034	1,017	736
2003	167	60,847	56,396	44,600	1,093	1,013	801
2004	167	62,762	56,381	51,071	1,127	1,013	917
2005	167	68,473	61,975	57,724	1,230	1,113	1,037
2006	167	66,618	67,582	56,486	1,197	1,214	1,015

*Twelve month period ended June 30.

** Assumes every case requires a three-judge panel.

(1) Total appeals filed increased 41 percent between 1990 and 2002 and since have risen 16 percent. Increases in immigration-related administrative agency appeals and criminal appeals caused the majority of the growth in total appeals filed.

Source: Text Table and Statistical Table B-1

Judicial Caseload Indicators

Fiscal Years 1993, 1996, and 1997

Judicial Caseload	1993	1996	1997	% Change Since 1993	% Change Since 1996
U.S. Courts of Appeals¹					
Cases Filed	50,224	51,991	52,319	4.2	0.6
Cases Terminated	47,790	50,413	51,194	7.1	1.5
Cases Pending	38,156	38,774	39,899	4.6	2.9
U.S. District Courts					
Civil					
Cases Filed	229,850	269,132	272,027	18.3	1.1
Cases Terminated	226,165	250,387	249,641	10.4	-0.3
Cases Pending	218,041	250,934	273,320	25.4	8.9
Criminal (Includes Transfers)					
Cases Filed	46,786	47,889	50,363	7.6	5.2
Defendants Filed	65,653	67,700	70,201	6.9	3.7
Cases Terminated	44,800	45,499	46,887	4.7	3.1
Cases Pending	28,701	32,156	35,632	24.1	10.8
U.S. Bankruptcy Courts					
Cases Filed	897,231	1,111,964	1,367,364	52.4	23.0
Cases Terminated	958,408	1,005,025	1,223,967	27.7	21.8
Cases Pending	1,152,824	1,189,213	1,332,610	15.6	12.1
Federal Probation System					
Persons Under Supervision	86,823	88,966	91,434	5.3	2.8
Presentence Reports	47,454	51,662	52,174	9.9	1.0
Pretrial Services					
Pretrial Services Cases Activated	57,036	63,497	69,283	21.5	9.1
Total Released on Supervision	28,029	30,502	30,757	9.7	0.8

¹Excludes the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Table 1

**U.S. Courts of Appeals
Appeals Filed, Terminated, and Pending
Fiscal Years 1993 Through 1997**

Year	Authorized Judgeships	Filed		Terminated		Pending
		Number	Cases per Panel	Number	Cases per Panel	
1993	167	50,224	902	47,790	859	38,156
1994	167	48,322	868	49,184	884	37,269
1995	167	50,072	899	49,805	895	37,310
1996	167	51,991	934	50,413	906	38,774*
1997	167	52,319	940	51,194	920	39,899
% Chg. 1997						
Over 1996	—	0.6	0.6	1.5	1.5	2.9

Note: This table excludes data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
*Revised.

Table 2

**U.S. Courts of Appeals
Sources of Appeals
Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997**

Source	1996	1997	Percent Change
Total	51,991	52,319	0.6
U.S. District Courts			
Criminal	10,889	10,521	-3.4
Civil—Total	36,137	35,414	-2.0
Prisoner Petitions	16,996	16,188	-4.8
U.S. Civil	4,304	3,803	-11.6
Private Civil	14,837	15,423	3.9
Other Appeals			
Bankruptcy	1,434	1,158	-19.2
Administrative Agency	2,827	4,412	56.1
Original Proceedings	704	814	15.6

Note: This table excludes data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Judicial Caseload Indicators
12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 1997, 2002, 2005, and 2006

Judicial Caseload	1997	2002	2005	2006	% Change Since 1997	% Change Since 2002	% Change Since 2005
U.S. Courts of Appeals ¹							
Cases Filed	52,319	57,555	68,473	66,618	27.3	15.7	-2.7
Cases Terminated	51,194	56,586	61,975	67,582	32.0	19.4	9.0
Cases Pending	39,846	40,149	57,450 ²	56,486	41.8	40.7	-1.7
U.S. District Courts							
Civil							
Cases Filed	272,027	274,841	253,273	259,541	-4.6	-5.6	2.5
Cases Terminated	249,641	259,537	271,753	273,193	9.4	5.3	0.5
Cases Pending	272,602	261,118	265,484 ²	251,832	-7.6	-3.6	-5.1
Criminal (Includes Transfers)							
Cases Filed	50,363	67,000	69,575	66,860	32.8	-0.2	-3.9
Defendants Filed	70,201	88,354	92,226	88,216	25.7	-0.2	-4.3
Cases Terminated	46,887	60,991	66,561	67,499	44.0	10.7	1.4
Cases Pending	37,237	55,518	69,932 ²	69,293	86.1	24.8	-0.9
U.S. Bankruptcy Courts							
Cases Filed	1,367,364	1,547,669	1,782,643	1,112,542	-18.6	-28.1	-37.6
Cases Terminated	1,223,967	1,445,101	1,581,287	1,619,142	32.3	11.3	2.4
Cases Pending	1,326,136	1,618,262	1,855,841 ²	1,349,241	1.7	-16.6	-27.3
Post-Conviction Supervision							
Persons Under Supervision	91,434	108,792	112,931	114,002	24.7	4.8	0.9
Pretrial Services							
Total Cases Activated	71,107	91,314	99,365	96,479	35.7	5.7	-2.9
Pretrial Services Cases Activated	69,283	89,421	97,508	94,853	36.9	6.1	-2.7
Pretrial Diversion Cases Activated	1,824	1,893	1,857	1,626	-10.9	-14.1	-12.4
Total Released on Supervision	28,629	34,880	34,860	33,608	17.4	-3.6	-3.6
Pretrial Supervision	26,433	32,808	32,968	31,910	20.7	-2.7	-3.2
Diversion Supervision	2,196	2,072	1,892	1,698	-22.7	-18.1	-10.3

¹ Excludes the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

² Revised.

Judicial Caseload Indicators
Fiscal Years 1994, 1997, and 1998

Judicial Caseload	1994	1997	1998	% Change Since 1994	% Change Since 1997
U.S. Courts of Appeals¹					
Cases Filed	48,322	52,319	53,805	11.3	2.8
Cases Terminated	49,184	51,194	52,002	5.7	1.6
Cases Pending	37,269	39,846*	41,649	11.8	4.5
U.S. District Courts					
Criminal (Includes Transfers)					
Cases Filed	45,484	50,363	57,691	26.8	14.6
Defendants in Cases Filed	62,956	70,201	79,008	25.5	12.5
Cases Terminated	45,129	46,887	51,428	14.0	9.7
Cases Pending	26,328	37,237*	43,500	65.2	16.8
Civil					
Cases Filed	236,391	272,027	256,787	8.6	-5.6
Cases Terminated	228,361	249,641	262,301	14.9	5.1
Cases Pending	223,759	272,602*	267,088	19.4	-2.0
U.S. Bankruptcy Courts					
Cases Filed	837,797	1,367,364	1,436,964	71.5	5.1
Cases Terminated	869,771	1,223,967	1,377,206	58.3	12.5
Cases Pending	1,110,428	1,326,136*	1,385,894	24.8	4.5
Federal Probation System					
Persons Under Supervision	89,103	91,434	93,737	5.2	2.5
Presentence Reports	44,434	52,174	57,794	30.1	10.8
Pretrial Services					
Pretrial Services Cases Activated	56,070	69,283	78,603	40.2	13.5
Total Released on Supervision	24,568	26,879*	29,974	22.0	11.5

¹Excludes the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

*Revised.

Table 3.1
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Appeals Filed, Terminated, Pending

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	Filed	Terminated				Pending
			Total	By Judges	Other	% Reversed	
1990*	12	1,466	1,393	842	551	11	708
1995	12	1,847	1,780	1,192	588	12	1,056
2000	12	1,509	1,518	1,139	379	15	1,103
2002	12	1,748	1,357	1,035	322	16	1,477
2003	12	1,543	1,575	1,190	385	11	1,445
2004	12	1,592	1,836	1,138	698	10	1,201
2005	12	1,555	1,662	1,065	597	11	1,094
2006	12	1,772	1,460	1,015	445	12	1,406

*Twelve month period ended June 30.

Source: Statistical Table G-2 (1990), B-8 (1995, 2000, and 2002-2006); and *History of Federal Judgeships*

Table 6.1

U.S. District Courts. Total Civil & Criminal Cases Filed, Terminated, Pending (Includes Transfers)

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	District Court Caseload		
		Filed	Terminated	Pending
1990	575	263,202	256,962	280,482
1995	649	296,224	275,319	273,402
2000	655	322,225	318,355	300,928
2002	665	345,483	325,165	326,458
2003	680	323,604	318,643	321,597
2004	679	352,360	317,382	351,672
2005	678	322,848	338,314	335,130
2006	678	326,401	340,692	321,125

Source: Text table; Statistical Tables C, D-1 Cases (1990) and D Cases (1995, 2000, and 2002-2006)

rily from growth in actions involving the United States as a plaintiff or defendant. Filings under federal question jurisdiction (i.e., the federal courts' interpretation and application of the U.S. Constitution, acts of Congress, or treaties) and diversity of citizenship declined. Summary data on civil filings in U.S. district courts appear in Tables 3 and 4.

Actions with the United States as a plaintiff or defendant rose 23 percent from 48,755 to 60,004. U.S. plaintiff cases

jumped 35 percent, mainly because filings involving defaulted student loans more than doubled from 4,460 to 9,043. All 12 circuits experienced growth in such cases, and in more than half of the circuits such filings climbed 100 percent or more. U.S. Department of Justice officials attributed this increase to intensified efforts by the Department of Education to submit defaulted student loans for collection.

The number of filings with the United States as defendant

grew 18 percent from 33,217 to 39,038. This increase stemmed from a 46 percent surge in social security filings and a 14 percent rise in prisoner petitions, most of which consisted of motions to vacate sentence. Higher numbers of social security disability insurance cases (up 47 percent) caused the total number of social security filings to grow by more than 2,400. In 10 of the 12 circuits, filings of disability insurance cases increased by more than 100, with the Second, Fourth, Sixth, and Eighth

Table 3

**U.S. District Courts
Civil Cases Filed, Terminated, and Pending
Fiscal Years 1993 Through 1997**

Cases Filed									
Year	Authorized Judgeships	Total	Cases per Judgeship	Recovery and Enforcement Cases	Prisoner Petitions	All Other Cases	Terminated	Pending	
1993	649	229,850	354	4,519	53,451	171,880	226,165	218,041	
1994	649	236,391	364	2,330	57,940	176,121	228,361	223,759	
1995	649	248,335	383	1,822	63,550	182,963	229,820	234,008	
1996	647	269,132	416	5,139	68,235	195,758	250,387	250,934*	
1997	647	272,027	420	9,677	62,966	199,384	249,641	273,320	
% Chg. 1997 Over 1996		—	1.1	1.0	88.3	-7.7	1.9	-0.3	8.9

*Revised.

crease from 74 to 78 cases. Defendant filings climbed 4 percent to 70,201. Criminal case terminations rose 3 percent. With filings outpacing terminations, the pending caseload grew 11 percent to 35,632. Table 5 summarizes the number of criminal cases filed, terminated, and pending for the past five years.

This year's increase consisted primarily of filings related to drugs and immigration. Higher totals for both these offenses resulted from initiatives

by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to secure the southwestern border of the United States. These initiatives emphasize the prosecution of alien smuggling and of attempted reentry by deported aliens or aliens previously convicted of felonies. The U.S. Attorneys' offices in these districts also received additional resources that led to increased prosecution of these offenses. Cases involving immigration typically have one defendant per case, so the numbers of cases and defendants rose at almost

the same rate, growing by 2,474 and 2,501, respectively. Fraud filings and forgery and counterfeiting filings also grew. The combination of drugs, fraud, and immigration filings accounted for 57 percent of all criminal cases and for 63 percent of all criminal defendants, a 2 percentage point increase in both categories over last year. Some of the overall increase was offset by declines in larceny and embezzlement cases.

Filings of drug cases climbed 13 percent to 13,656,

Table 5

**U.S. District Courts
Criminal Cases Filed, Terminated, and Pending
(Includes Transfers)
Fiscal Years 1993 Through 1997**

Year	Authorized Judgeships	Filed			Terminated	Pending ²
		Total	Cases per Judgeship	Drugs ¹		
1993	649	46,786	72	12,238	44,800	28,701
1994 ³	649	45,484	70	11,369	45,129	26,328
1995	649	45,788	71	11,520	41,527	28,738
1996	647	47,889	74	12,092	45,499	32,156*
1997	647	50,363	78	13,656	46,887	35,632
% Chg. 1997 Over 1996	—	5.2	5.4	12.9	3.1	10.8

¹ Excludes transfers.

² Pending totals exclude cases in which all defendants were fugitives for more than one year.

³ Data for cases have been revised.

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2005	678	322,848	338,314	335,130

Source: *Federal Court Management Statistics*, Statistical Tables C and D-1 Cases (1990) and D Cases (1995-2005)

Table 7.1
U.S. Bankruptcy Courts. Bankruptcy Code Petitions Filed, Terminated, Pending

Fiscal Year	Filed (1)	Terminated	Pending
1990	749,981	637,118	993,346
1995	883,457	892,796	1,101,089
2000	1,262,102	1,256,874	1,383,213
2002	1,547,669	1,445,101	1,615,006
2003	1,661,996	1,568,087	1,712,171
2004	1,618,987	1,671,177	1,658,238
2005	1,782,643	1,581,287	1,859,437
2006	1,112,542	1,619,142	1,349,241

(1) Bankruptcy filings declined 38 percent in 2006, most likely in response to the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 which took effect on October 17, 2005.

Source: Statistical Table F

increasingly larger percentage of overall bankruptcy filings for more than a decade, climbing from 82 percent in 1984 to 96 percent in 1997. Business filings accounted for a small part of the overall increase in 1997, rising just over one percent.

The overall growth in bankruptcy filings this year emanated from a 26 percent surge in chapter 7 cases and an 18 percent jump in chapter 13 cases. Both nonbusiness and business filings under these

chapters increased, but the overall increase in filings resulted mainly from nonbusiness petitions, which rose 27 percent under chapter 7 and 18 percent under chapter 13. Under chapter 7, which accounted for more than 70 percent of all bankruptcy filings, individuals or businesses are allowed to retain certain exempt property while their remaining property is sold to repay creditors. Under chapter 13, which accounted for 29 percent of all bankruptcy filings,

creditors may be repaid, in full or in part, in installments over a three- to five-year period.

Filings of petitions under chapter 11 fell 11 percent as a result of declines in both business and nonbusiness cases, which decreased 11 percent and 6 percent, respectively. This reduction most likely stemmed from an improved business environment with fewer financially troubled businesses, particularly large businesses. Chapter 11, which accounted for less than 1

Table 6

**U.S. Bankruptcy Courts
Bankruptcy Code Cases Filed, Terminated, and Pending
Fiscal Years 1993 Through 1997**

Year	Total	Filed		Terminated	Pending
		Nonbusiness	Business		
1993	897,231	832,374	64,857	958,408	1,152,824
1994	837,797	783,372	54,425	869,771	1,110,428
1995	883,457	832,415	51,042	892,796	1,086,453
1996	1,111,964	1,058,444	53,520	1,005,025	1,189,213*
1997	1,367,364	1,313,112	54,252	1,223,967	1,332,610
% Chg. 1997 Over 1996	23.0	24.1	1.4	21.8	12.1

Note: Bankruptcy Act case data are available separately.
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Fiscal Year	Filed	Terminated	Pending
1990	749,981	637,118	993,346
1995	883,457	892,796	1,101,089
2000	1,262,102	1,256,874	1,383,213
2001	1,437,354	1,301,016	1,514,477
2002	1,547,669	1,445,101	1,615,006
2003	1,661,996	1,568,087	1,712,171
2004	1,618,987	1,671,177	1,658,238
2005	1,782,643	1,581,287	1,859,437

Source: Statistical Table F

Judicial Caseload Indicators
Fiscal Years 1995, 1998, and 1999

Judicial Caseload	1995	1998	1999	% Change Since 1995	% Change Since 1998
U.S. Courts of Appeals¹					
Cases Filed	50,072	53,805	54,693	9.2	1.7
Cases Terminated	49,805	52,002	54,088	8.6	4.0
Cases Pending	37,310	41,666 ²	42,271	13.3	1.5
U.S. District Courts					
Criminal (Includes Transfers)					
Cases Filed	45,788	57,691	59,923	30.9	3.9
Defendants in Cases Filed	64,771	79,008	80,822	24.8	2.3
Cases Terminated	41,527	51,428	56,511	36.1	9.9
Cases Pending	28,738	40,277 ²	43,689	52.0	8.5
Civil					
Cases Filed	248,335	256,787	260,271	4.8	1.4
Cases Terminated	229,820	262,301	272,526	18.6	3.9
Cases Pending	234,008	262,573 ²	250,318	7.0	-4.7
U.S. Bankruptcy Courts					
Cases Filed	883,457	1,436,964	1,354,376	53.3	-5.7
Cases Terminated	892,796	1,377,206	1,356,026	51.9	-1.5
Cases Pending	1,086,453	1,384,179 ²	1,382,529	27.3	-0.1
Federal Probation System					
Persons Under Supervision	85,822	93,737	97,190	13.2	3.7
Presentence Reports	43,151	57,794	61,207	41.8	5.9
Pretrial Services					
Pretrial Services Cases Activated	60,020	78,603	80,154	33.5	2.0
Total Released on Supervision	23,317 ²	29,974	30,652	31.5	2.3

¹Excludes the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

²Revised.

Table A-1.

Supreme Court of the United States—Cases on Docket, Disposed of, and Remaining on Dockets at Conclusion of October Terms, 1992 Through 1996

Cases	Total	Original	Paid	In Forma Pauperis
1992				
Cases on docket*	7,245	12	2,441	4,792
Disposed of	6,402	1	2,140	4,261
Remaining on dockets	843	11	301	531
1993				
Cases on docket	7,786	12	2,442	5,332
Disposed of	6,721	1	2,099	4,621
Remaining on dockets	1,065	11	343	711
1994				
Cases on docket	8,100	11	2,515	5,574
Disposed of	7,170	2	2,185	4,983
Remaining on dockets	930	9	330	591
1995				
Cases on docket	7,565	11	2,456	5,098
Disposed of	6,649	5	2,130	4,514
Remaining on dockets	916	6	326	584
1996				
Cases on docket	7,602	7	2,430	5,165
Disposed of	6,739	2	2,124	4,613
Remaining on dockets	863	5	306	552

Cases	October Terms				
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Argued during term	116	99	94	90	90
Disposed of by full opinions	111	93	91	87	87
Disposed of by per curiam opinions	4**	6	3	3	3
Set for re-argument	-	-	-	-	-
Granted review this term	97	99	93**	105**	87
Reviewed and decided without oral argument	113**	70	69	120	83
Total to be available for argument at outset of following term	46	40	39	52	48

*1992 TERM STARTED 10/01/92 AND ENDED 6/29/93.

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Table A-1.

Supreme Court of the United States—Cases on Docket, Disposed of, and Remaining on Dockets at Conclusion of October Terms, 1993 Through 1997

Cases	Total	Original	Paid	In Forma Pauperis
1993				
Cases on docket	7,786	12	2,442	5,332
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Disposed of	6,739	2	2,124	4,613
Remaining on dockets	863	5	306	552
1997				
Cases on docket	7,692	7	2,432	5,253
Disposed of	6,759	1	2,142	4,616
Remaining on dockets	933	6	290	637

Cases	October Terms				
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997**
Argued during term	99	94	90	90	96
Disposed of by full opinions	93	91	87	87	93
Disposed of by per curiam opinions	6	3	3	3	1
Set for re-argument	-	-	-	-	-
Granted review this term	99	93*	105*	87	90
Reviewed and decided without oral argument	70	69	120	82*	51
Total to be available for argument at outset of following term	40	39	52	48	41

□ REVISED.

□ TWO CASES DISMISSED UNDER RULE 46.1 ON 3/23/98 AND 5/15/98.

Table A-1.

Supreme Court of the United States—Cases on Docket, Disposed of, and Remaining on Dockets at Conclusion of October Terms, 1994 Through 1998

Cases	Total	Original	Paid	In Forma Pauperis	
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Disposed of	6,759	1	2,142	4,616	
Remaining on dockets	933	6	290	637	
1998					
Cases on docket	8,083	7	2,387	5,689	
Disposed of	7,045	2	2,092	4,951	
Remaining on dockets	1,038	5	295	738	
	October Terms				
Cases	1994	1995	1996	1997**	1998
Argued during term	94	90	90	96	90
Disposed of by full opinions	91	87	87	93	84
Disposed of by per curiam opinions	3	3	3	1	4
Set for re-argument	-	-	-	-	2
Granted review this term	93*	105*	87	90	81
Reviewed and decided without oral argument	69	120	82*	51	59
Total to be available for argument at outset of following term	39	52	48	41	30

*REVISED.

**TWO CASES DISMISSED UNDER RULE 46.1 ON 3/23/97 AND 5/15/97.

Table A-1.
Supreme Court of the United States—Cases on Docket, Disposed of, and Remaining on Docket at Conclusion of October Terms, 1995 Through 1999

Cases	Total	Original	Paid	In Forma Pauperis
1995				
Cases on docket	7,565	11	2,456	5,098
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Disposed of	7,045	2	2,092	4,951
Remaining on docket	1,038	5	295	738
1999				
Cases on docket	8,445	8	2,413	6,024
Disposed of	7,369	0	2,096	5,273
Remaining on docket	1,076	8	317	751

Cases	October Terms				
	1995	1996	1997**	1998	1999
Argued during term	90	90	96	90	83
Disposed of by full opinions	87	87	93	84	79
Disposed of by per curiam opinions	3	3	1	4	2
Set for re-argument	-	-	-	2	1
Granted review this term	105*	87	90	81	92
Reviewed and decided without oral argument	120	82*	51	59	54
Total to be available for argument at outset of following term	52	48	41	30	37

*REVISED.

**TWO CASES DISMISSED UNDER RULE 46.1 ON 3/23/98 AND 5/15/98.

Table A-1.
Supreme Court of the United States—Cases on Docket, Disposed of, and Remaining on Docket at Conclusion of October Terms, 1996 Through 2000

Cases	Total	Original	Paid	In Forma Pauperis
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Disposed of	6,739	2	2,124	4,613
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Disposed of	7,369	0	2,096	5,273
Remaining on docket	1,076	8	317	751
2000				
Cases on docket	8,965	9	2,305	6,651
Disposed of	7,762	2	2,024	5,736
Remaining on docket	1,203	7	281	915

Cases	October Terms				
	1996	1997**	1998	1999	2000
Argued during term	90	96	90	83	86
Disposed of by full opinions	87	93	84	79	83
Disposed of by per curiam opinions	3	1	4	2	4
Set for re-argument	-	-	2	1	-
Granted review this term	87	90	81	92	99
Reviewed and decided without oral argument	82*	51	59	54	127
Total to be available for argument at outset of following term	48	41	30	37	49

* REVISED.

** TWO CASES DISMISSED UNDER RULE 46.1 ON MARCH 23, 1998, AND ON MAY 15, 1998.

Table A-1.
Supreme Court of the United States—Cases on Docket, Disposed of, and Remaining on Docket at Conclusion of October Terms, 1997 Through 2001

Cases	Total	Original	Paid	In Forma Pauperis	
1997					
Cases on docket	7,692	7	2,432	5,253	
Disposed of	6,759	1	2,142	4,616	
Remaining on docket	933	6	290	637	
1998					
Cases on docket	8,083	7	2,387	5,689	
Disposed of	7,045	2	2,092	4,951	
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Disposed of	7,762	2	2,024	5,736	
Remaining on docket	1,203	7	281	915	
2001					
Cases on docket	9,176	8	2,210	6,958	
Disposed of	8,072	1	1,932	6,139	
Remaining on docket	1,104	7	278	819	
Cases	October Terms				
	1997*	1998	1999	2000	2001
Argued during term	96	90	83	86	88
Disposed of by full opinions	93	84	79	83	85
Disposed of by per curiam opinions	1	4	2	4	3
Set for re-argument	-	2	1	-	-
Granted review this term	90	81	92	99	88
Reviewed and decided without oral argument	51	59	54	127	72
Total to be available for argument at outset of following term	41	30	37	49	47

* TWO CASES DISMISSED UNDER RULE 46.1 ON MARCH 23, 1998, AND ON MAY 15, 1998.

Table A-1.
Supreme Court of the United States—Cases on Docket, Disposed of, and Remaining on Docket at Conclusion of October Terms, 1998 Through 2002

Cases	Total	Original	Paid	In Forma Pauperis	
1998					
Cases on docket	8,083	7	2,387	5,689	
Disposed of	7,045	2	2,092	4,951	
Remaining on docket	1,038	5	295	738	
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Disposed of	8,072	1	1,932	6,139	
Remaining on docket	1,104	7	278	819	
2002					
Cases on docket	9,406	7	2,190	7,209	
Disposed of	8,388	1	1,899	6,488	
Remaining on docket	1,018	6	291	721	
Cases	October Terms				
	1998*	1999	2000	2001	2002
Argued during term	90	83	86	88	84
Disposed of by full opinions	84	79	83	85	79
Disposed of by per curiam opinions	4	2	4	3	5
Set for re-argument	2	1	-	-	-
Granted review this term	81	92	99	88	91
Reviewed and decided without oral argument	59	54	127	72	66
Total to be available for argument at outset of following term	30	37	49	47	40

* TWO CASES DISMISSED UNDER RULE 46.1 ON MARCH 23, 1998, AND ON MAY 15, 1998.

Table A-1.
Supreme Court of the United States—Cases on Docket, Disposed of, and Remaining
on Docket at Conclusion of October Terms, 1999 Through 2003

Cases	Total	Original	Paid	In Forma Pauperis	
1999					
Cases on docket	8,445	8	2,413	6,024	
Disposed of	7,369	0	2,096	5,273	
Remaining on docket	1,076	8	317	751	
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Cases on docket	9,406	7	2,190	7,209	
Disposed of	8,388	1	1,899	6,488	
Remaining on docket	1,018	6	291	721	
2003					
Cases on docket	8,882	6	2,058	6,818	
Disposed of	7,836	2	1,798	6,036	
Remaining on docket	1,046	4	260	782	
Cases	October Terms				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Argued during term	83	86	88	84	91*
Disposed of by full opinions	79	83	85	79	89
Disposed of by per curiam opinions	2	4	3	5	2
Set for re-argument	1	-	-	-	-
Granted review this term	92	99	88	91	87
Reviewed and decided without oral argument	54	127	72	66	52**
Total to be available for argument at outset of following term	37	49	47	40	47

* THIS NUMBER INCLUDES THE BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT CASES.

** INCLUDES PER CURIAM OPINIONS IN 02-1597, 02-1369, 03-374, 03-028, AND 03-1200.

Table A-1.
Supreme Court of the United States—Cases on Docket, Disposed of, and Remaining
on Docket at Conclusion of October Terms, 2000 Through 2004

Cases	Total	Original	Paid	In Forma Pauperis	
2000					
Cases on docket	8,965	9	2,305	6,651	
Disposed of	7,762	2	2,024	5,736	
Remaining of docket	1,203	7	281	915	
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Cases on docket	9,176	8	2,210	6,958	
Disposed of	8,072	1	1,932	6,139	
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Cases on docket	8,882	6	2,058	6,818	
Disposed of	7,836	2	1,798	6,036	
Remaining of docket	1,046	4	260	782	
2004					
Cases on docket	8,588	4	2,041	6,543	
Disposed of	7,542	0	1,727	5,815	
Remaining of docket	1,046	4	314	728	
	October Terms				
Cases	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Argued during term	86	88	84	91	87
Disposed of by full opinions	83	85	79	89	85
Disposed of by per curiam opinions	4	3	5	2	2
Set for re-argument	-	-	-	-	-
Granted review this term	99	88	91	87	80
Reviewed and decided without oral argument	127	72	66	52**	826*
Total to be available for argument at outset of following term	49	47	40	47	41

* THIS NUMBER INCLUDES THE BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT CASES.

** INCLUDES PER CURIAM OPINIONS IN 03-1261, 03-1669, 04-394, AND 04-5323.

Table A-1.
Supreme Court of the United States—Cases on Docket, Disposed of, and Remaining on Docket at Conclusion of December Terms, 2001 Through 2005

Cases	Total	Original	Paid	In Forma Pauperis	
2001					
Cases on docket	9,176	8	2,210	6,958	
Disposed of	8,072	1	1,932	6,139	
Remaining of docket	1,104	7	278	819	
2002					
Cases on docket	9,406	7	2,190	7,209	
Disposed of	8,388	1	1,899	6,488	
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Remaining of docket	1,046	4	260	782	
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Cases on docket	8,588	4	2,041	6,543	
Disposed of	7,542	0	1,727	5,815	
Remaining of docket	1,046	4	314	728	
2005					
Cases on docket	9,608	8	2,025	7,575	
Disposed of	8,240	4	1,703	6,533	
Remaining of docket	1,368	4	322	1,042	
Cases	October Terms				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Argued during term	88	84	91	87	90
Disposed of by full opinions	85	79	89	85	82
Disposed of by per curiam opinions	3	5	2	2	5
Set for re-argument	-	-	-	-	3
Granted review this term	88	91	87	80	78
Reviewed and decided without oral argument	72	66	52 *	826**	105
Total to be available for argument at outset of following term	47	40	47	41	31

* INCLUDES PER CURIAM OPINIONS IN 03-1261, 03-1669, 04-394, AND 04-5323.

** THIS NUMBER INCLUDES THE BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT CASES.