

**Table 4.16-- UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASES:  
2004 TO 2008**

[Fiscal year ending September 30]

Subject	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Civil cases					
Commenced (filings)	772	791	726	663	578
Terminated	812	783	739	758	671
Pending 1/	747	759	720	2/ 630	537
Criminal cases					
Commenced (filings)	479	572	377	364	567
Terminated	439	701	426	391	645
Pending 3/	625	708	488	2/ 520	442
Bankruptcy					
Commenced (filings)	3,237	3,716	2,233	1,281	1,810
Business	51	72	43	46	67
Nonbusiness	3,186	3,644	2,190	1,235	1,743
Terminated	3,459	3,280	3,419	1,482	1,575
Pending	2,279	2,717	1,533	2/ 1,335	1,570

1/ Excludes asbestos cases transferred to the Pennsylvania Eastern District Court under Order 875 of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

2/ Revised from previous *Data Book*.

3/ Excludes each case in which the defendant has been a fugitive since before October 1st of the previous year. However, no case with multiple defendants has been excluded unless all defendants in the case have been fugitives since before October 1st of the previous year. Includes all felony and Class A misdemeanor cases, but includes only those petty offense cases that have been assigned to District judges.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Judicial Business of the United States Courts Annual Report of the Director* (annual) <<http://www.uscourts.gov/judbus2008/contents.cfm>> accessed April 1, 2009.