

**Table 4.15-- UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASES:
1997 TO 1999**

[Years ended September 30]

Subject	1997	1998	1999
Civil cases:			
Commenced (filings)	1,840	1,075	918
Terminated	1,297	1,108	1,147
Pending, end of period 1/	1,517	2/ 1,472	1,243
Criminal cases:			
Commenced (filings)	1,292	718	586
Terminated	1,032	723	1,080
Pending, end of period	3/ 971	4/ 1,017	5/ 523
Bankruptcy:			
Commenced (filings), total	4,161	5,522	5,725
Business	189	127	98
Nonbusiness	3,972	5,395	5,627
Terminated	3,602	4,716	6,059
Pending, end of period	2,359	3,165	2,831

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

2/ Revised.

3/ Exclude each case in which the defendant has been a fugitive since before April 1, 1996. However, no case with multiple defendants was excluded unless all defendants in the case have been fugitives since before April 1, 1996.

4/ Revised. Exclude each case in which the defendant has been a fugitive since before October 1, 1998. However, no case with multiple defendants has been excluded unless all defendants in the case have been fugitives since before October 1, 1998.

5/ Exclude each case in which the defendant has been a fugitive since before October 1, 1998. However, no case with multiple defendants has been excluded unless all defendants in the case have been fugitives since before October 1, 1998.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Judicial Business of the United States Courts Annual Report of the Director 1997, 1998 and 1999* at <http://www.uscourts.gov/publications.html>.