

Table 4.17-- UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASES: 2016 to 2020

[Fiscal year ending September 30]

Subject	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Civil cases					
Commenced (filings)	759	700	522	697	608
Terminated 1/	630	713	629	636	646
Pending 1/	646	632	526	587	549
Criminal cases 2/					
Commenced (filings)	157	204	203	216	160
Terminated	191	162	190	199	146
Pending 3/	402	450	467	492	500
Bankruptcy					
Commenced (filings)	1,463	1,388	1,503	1,650	1,609
Business	58	38	68	59	66
Nonbusiness	1,405	1,350	1,435	1,591	1,543
Terminated	1,710	1,516	1,510	1,760	1,618
Pending	2,178	2,050	2,043	1,933	1,924

1/ Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

2/ This table includes defendants in all cases filed as felonies or Class A misdemeanors, but includes only those defendants in cases filed as petty offenses that were assigned to district judges rather than magistrate judges.

3/ Excludes defendants who had been fugitives more than 12 months before the end of the period indicated.

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/Statistics/JudicialBusiness.aspx>> accessed June 17, 2021.