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Table 5.48

Median amount of time from filing to disposition of criminal defendants in U.S. District Courts

By method of disposition, and circuit and district, fiscal year 1996

Circuit and district	Total		Dismissed		Plea of guilty		Court trial		Jury trial	
	Number of defendants	Median amount of time <sup>a</sup> (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time <sup>a</sup> (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time <sup>a</sup> (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time <sup>a</sup> (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time <sup>a</sup> (in months)
Total	60,255	5.8	7,083	5.8	48,196	5.5	801	2.4	4,175	10.2
District of Columbia	543	5.4	54	5.4	417	5.2	6	B	66	10.5
First Circuit	1,731	8.4	227	15.0	1,351	7.4	11	14.1	142	11.7
Maine	149	5.5	4	B	130	5.3	1	B	14	7.4
Massachusetts	523	11.5	53	16.3	430	11.2	3	B	37	16.5
New Hampshire	167	7.5	19	4.7	134	7.4	0	X	14	15.8
Rhode Island	149	6.6	11	8.3	109	5.4	4	B	25	9.4
Puerto Rico	743	8.1	140	16.2	548	7.0	3	B	52	13.4
Second Circuit	4,445	10.0	299	13.4	3,806	9.4	21	8.6	319	19.4
Connecticut	299	10.3	20	13.2	229	8.5	7	B	43	19.8
New York:										
Northern	605	4.5	54	6.8	520	3.9	2	B	29	12.1
Eastern	1,646	11.2	95	20.7	1,453	10.4	4	B	94	18.7
Southern	1,380	11.7	101	13.7	1,147	10.9	5	B	127	21.0
Western	399	8.7	11	12.4	369	8.0	3	B	16	31.5
Vermont	116	10.0	18	15.0	88	8.9	0	X	10	17.7
Third Circuit	3,207	7.0	368	4.5	2,597	6.8	16	7.5	226	11.9
Delaware	105	5.3	7	B	88	5.2	1	B	9	B
New Jersey	1,025	6.7	178	2.7	781	6.9	4	B	62	12.4
Pennsylvania:										
Eastern	1,000	9.3	46	10.1	849	9.0	7	B	98	10.8
Middle	417	7.4	42	10.8	361	7.1	0	X	14	19.6
Western	340	6.8	35	5.0	284	6.8	1	B	20	11.5
Virgin Islands	320	0.6	60	4.6	234	0.2	3	B	23	9.5
Fourth Circuit	7,021	5.3	1,082	3.6	5,204	5.4	238	0.4	497	8.2
Maryland	599	7.3	144	10.1	366	6.3	12	0.1	77	10.7
North Carolina:										
Eastern	1,019	4.8	87	5.9	871	4.6	20	3.7	41	8.0
Middle	419	6.1	33	3.3	329	6.1	2	B	55	7.0
Western	728	11.8	46	9.2	604	11.7	4	B	74	14.1
South Carolina	960	7.0	148	5.0	762	7.0	5	B	45	11.1
Virginia:										
Eastern	2,438	2.5	526	0.4	1,606	2.7	191	0.1	115	5.7
Western	381	7.5	47	14.4	284	6.9	3	B	47	7.9
West Virginia:										
Northern	184	8.3	19	14.7	142	7.6	0	X	23	9.1
Southern	293	5.6	32	6.1	240	5.4	1	B	20	6.8
Fifth Circuit	8,364	5.1	798	5.7	6,983	4.9	52	5.9	531	8.9
Louisiana:										
Eastern	478	7.0	27	16.9	422	6.2	0	X	29	15.9
Middle	91	4.2	13	5.9	73	4.1	1	B	4	B
Western	347	6.1	71	6.1	244	5.9	8	B	24	8.7
Mississippi:										
Northern	177	6.9	6	B	149	6.8	2	B	20	8.5
Southern	336	5.6	55	5.8	257	5.3	2	B	22	9.3
Texas:										
Northern	1,153	5.5	72	5.6	960	5.2	6	B	115	8.5
Eastern	611	6.2	69	5.6	489	6.2	7	B	46	6.6
Southern	2,679	4.7	279	4.5	2,231	4.5	9	B	160	9.7
Western	2,492	4.4	206	5.7	2,158	4.2	17	6.0	111	10.5
Sixth Circuit	4,504	6.9	561	8.7	3,527	6.5	76	4.4	340	11.8
Kentucky:										
Eastern	360	5.6	34	8.1	298	5.4	0	X	28	18.4
Western	593	4.4	123	3.9	380	4.2	61	4.3	29	13.9
Michigan:										
Eastern	1,001	8.8	121	10.4	788	8.4	6	B	86	13.6
Western	357	6.3	42	6.2	287	5.9	0	X	28	12.7
Ohio:										
Northern	638	6.3	29	7.2	581	6.2	2	B	26	9.7
Southern	473	6.3	39	12.8	403	5.9	4	B	27	10.2
Tennessee:										
Eastern	466	7.3	79	16.8	339	6.3	2	B	46	9.1
Middle	167	7.9	21	8.7	122	7.5	0	X	24	15.6
Western	449	8.4	73	6.8	329	8.0	1	B	46	12.9

See notes at end of table.

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	Number of defendants	Median amount of time <sup>a</sup> (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time <sup>a</sup> (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time <sup>a</sup> (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time <sup>a</sup> (in months)	Number of defendants	Median amount of time <sup>a</sup> (in months)
Seventh Circuit	2,480	7.4	235	9.7	2,010	6.9	28	10.5	207	12.3
Illinois:										
Northern	720	11.0	58	13.7	588	9.8	5	B	69	18.1
Central	315	6.8	27	5.2	245	6.2	13	10.5	30	9.6
Southern	390	7.6	23	5.4	340	7.6	2	B	25	11.5
Indiana:										
Northern	332	9.9	23	17.1	274	9.3	4	B	31	14.1
Southern	308	6.3	69	12.7	220	5.1	2	B	17	13.7
Wisconsin:										
Eastern	300	5.2	25	6.9	257	5.2	1	B	17	6.0
Western	115	5.4	10	3.7	86	5.3	1	B	18	7.9
Eighth Circuit	3,402	6.5	311	4.9	2,756	6.4	25	5.3	310	9.2
Arkansas:										
Eastern	332	6.7	57	5.6	240	6.8	1	B	34	9.1
Western	154	5.5	17	3.8	124	5.5	2	B	11	6.2
Iowa:										
Northern	290	4.5	18	9.1	257	3.5	0	X	15	16.9
Southern	243	6.1	20	3.9	211	6.2	1	B	11	7.2
Minnesota	372	6.5	25	12.1	285	6.1	8	B	54	9.0
Missouri:										
Eastern	591	7.0	69	4.6	458	6.8	2	B	62	9.2
Western	433	9.8	27	9.8	360	9.3	1	B	45	12.4
Nebraska	311	9.5	24	4.9	263	9.3	3	B	21	11.4
North Dakota	229	4.0	14	2.2	209	4.4	0	X	6	B
South Dakota	447	5.8	40	3.5	349	5.8	7	B	51	6.8
Ninth Circuit	13,464	4.9	2,005	5.0	10,911	4.7	55	5.7	493	11.2
Alaska	167	4.2	48	2.7	109	4.4	1	B	9	B
Arizona	1,837	4.8	174	9.5	1,599	4.5	7	B	57	10.3
California:										
Northern	996	6.9	214	15.2	722	6.0	8	B	52	21.3
Eastern	942	5.8	124	5.9	781	5.4	6	B	31	15.5
Central	1,643	6.6	108	5.4	1,417	6.3	6	B	112	12.7
Southern	3,080	2.3	174	7.5	2,859	2.0	4	B	43	11.8
Hawaii	937	3.2	308	1.8	612	3.7	2	B	15	11.8
Idaho	133	6.1	20	6.1	103	6.1	1	B	9	B
Montana	471	5.7	179	1.7	259	7.3	3	B	30	10.5
Nevada	499	8.6	101	18.1	369	8.1	0	X	29	10.1
Oregon	692	6.0	77	6.9	580	5.6	4	B	31	15.2
Washington:										
Eastern	325	4.6	68	3.3	238	4.7	4	B	15	5.9
Western	1,602	4.2	366	3.6	1,185	4.1	9	B	42	9.3
Guam	110	7.1	35	4.1	58	7.2	0	X	17	7.3
Northern Marianas	30	4.6	9	B	20	4.8	0	X	1	B
Tenth Circuit	2,961	5.5	401	3.2	2,342	5.4	13	7.0	205	8.4
Colorado	480	5.0	20	2.7	439	5.0	2	B	19	12.2
Kansas	385	7.6	46	3.2	295	7.4	3	B	41	11.8
New Mexico	878	6.2	124	6.1	708	6.0	1	B	45	10.5
Oklahoma:										
Northern	228	5.8	35	3.4	171	5.9	3	B	19	9.1
Eastern	82	4.8	10	1.5	60	4.8	0	X	12	5.9
Western	458	2.6	114	0.8	304	2.9	2	B	38	5.5
Utah	324	5.9	48	4.9	258	5.8	2	B	16	6.6
Wyoming	126	5.4	4	B	107	5.4	0	X	15	7.5
Eleventh Circuit	8,133	5.4	742	8.6	6,292	5.0	260	0.1	839	9.4
Alabama:										
Northern	493	3.4	55	2.5	358	2.9	2	B	78	5.9
Middle	252	5.6	52	3.6	165	5.8	3	B	32	7.7
Southern	454	7.3	68	30.3	337	6.9	2	B	47	8.3
Florida:										
Northern	395	5.4	27	3.2	289	5.3	1	B	78	6.1
Middle	1,275	7.2	128	24.2	944	6.6	10	6.8	193	11.2
Southern	2,288	7.0	140	10.0	1,854	6.3	13	7.1	281	11.1
Georgia:										
Northern	1,040	4.9	106	6.3	817	4.3	33	3.2	84	10.3
Middle	1,464	0.1	69	4.3	1,173	0.1	193	0.1	29	9.9
Southern	472	4.6	97	26.0	355	3.7	3	B	17	7.7

Note: Defendants charged in two or more cases that were terminated during the year are reported only once. The data exclude 1,038 transfers and 1,653 terminations for defendants charged in more than one case during the year. The median is the number that marks the point below which and above which 50% of all cases fall.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Annual Report of the Director, 1996* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 1997), pp. 228-230.

<sup>a</sup>Computed on 10 or more defendants only.