

Table B-4A.

U.S. Courts of Appeals—Median Time Intervals in Months for Merit Terminations of Appeals Arising From the U.S. District Courts, by Circuit, During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2008

Circuit	Total Cases	From Filing of Notice of Appeal to Filing of Last Brief		From Filing of Last Brief to Hearing or Submission		From Hearing to Final Disposition		From Submission to Final Disposition		From Filing of Notice of Appeal to Final Disposition		From Filing in Lower Court to Final Disposition in Appellate Court	
		Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval

APPEALS ARISING FROM THE U.S. DISTRICT COURTS

TOTAL	21,447	14,458	5.9	14,458	4.6	7,703	2.1	13,744	.7	21,447	12.7	21,447	29.9
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	384	96	9.0	96	3.0	179	2.1	205	.8	384	12.2	384	30.9
FIRST	794	271	7.4	271	1.8	319	3.0	475	2.1	794	13.4	794	32.6
SECOND	1,450	566	5.9	566	9.5	879	.6	571	.2	1,450	17.6	1,450	43.1
THIRD	1,582	1,196	6.4	1,196	5.6	329	2.8	1,253	3.0	1,582	14.7	1,582	33.9
FOURTH	2,081	897	5.4	897	4.2	352	2.5	1,729	.5	2,081	8.4	2,081	23.8
FIFTH	3,504	2,252	6.1	2,252	4.0	971	1.4	2,533	.6	3,504	11.3	3,504	23.5
SIXTH	1,922	1,560	7.7	1,560	4.4	818	1.8	1,104	1.2	1,922	14.2	1,922	31.4
SEVENTH	1,115	862	5.7	862	3.2	686	3.7	429	.3	1,115	12.0	1,115	30.9
EIGHTH	1,579	1,009	3.7	1,009	5.4	533	3.6	1,046	.3	1,579	11.4	1,579	27.6
NINTH	3,324	2,867	6.5	2,867	8.3	1,602	1.3	1,722	.3	3,324	19.3	3,324	39.1
TENTH	1,249	924	5.7	924	2.9	448	3.7	801	1.7	1,249	10.9	1,249	26.6
ELEVENTH	2,463	1,958	4.7	1,958	2.7	587	1.9	1,876	1.0	2,463	9.3	2,463	24.1

PRISONER PETITIONS

TOTAL	4,025	1,853	7.2	1,853	4.9	749	1.9	3,276	.6	4,025	10.6	4,025	28.0
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	64	10	10.8	10	2.6	12	2.1	52	.8	64	8.9	64	25.2
FIRST	85	28	6.0	28	1.4	18	2.7	67	3.1	85	10.8	85	30.7
SECOND	160	82	13.2	82	8.7	55	.7	105	.2	160	16.7	160	42.0
THIRD	341	131	9.7	131	4.3	39	2.6	302	.9	341	7.3	341	24.1
FOURTH	641	50	8.1	50	3.7	38	2.3	603	.3	641	4.9	641	19.8
FIFTH	521	236	6.4	236	7.7	79	1.4	442	.7	521	13.4	521	26.2
SIXTH	400	214	9.7	214	4.6	95	1.9	305	1.1	400	12.9	400	28.7
SEVENTH	219	120	7.2	120	2.8	55	3.5	164	.4	219	8.6	219	25.7
EIGHTH	300	129	4.6	129	8.6	39	3.6	261	.2	300	11.2	300	22.3
NINTH	631	504	8.5	504	5.5	236	1.1	395	.3	631	19.1	631	44.2
TENTH	237	103	4.6	103	2.2	22	4.1	215	1.6	237	6.9	237	21.1
ELEVENTH	426	246	6.3	246	2.5	61	1.8	365	.8	426	8.9	426	23.9

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		Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval
OTHER CIVIL APPEALS													
TOTAL	7,691	6,322	5.1	6,322	5.5	4,093	2.3	3,598	1.0	7,691	13.6	7,691	32.7
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	253	59	8.5	59	3.1	120	2.1	133	.9	253	11.4	253	30.5
FIRST	290	118	5.3	118	2.3	161	2.9	129	3.0	290	11.3	290	31.6
SECOND	601	457	5.4	457	9.8	423	.7	178	.2	601	17.1	601	42.2
THIRD	641	541	5.5	541	5.4	198	3.0	443	3.2	641	14.4	641	34.6
FOURTH	523	280	4.7	280	6.0	181	2.6	342	.5	523	9.2	523	24.6
FIFTH	1,003	929	5.0	929	5.4	545	1.9	458	1.6	1,003	11.5	1,003	29.5
SIXTH	757	705	6.0	705	4.3	433	1.8	324	1.4	757	13.0	757	30.6
SEVENTH	463	415	4.7	415	3.5	340	3.8	123	.2	463	12.4	463	34.0
EIGHTH	483	426	3.6	426	5.7	248	3.6	235	.3	483	12.6	483	29.1
NINTH	1,431	1,234	6.0	1,234	13.3	898	1.4	533	.3	1,431	21.8	1,431	39.9
TENTH	467	429	4.7	429	4.1	219	4.5	248	2.3	467	13.0	467	32.3
ELEVENTH	779	729	3.7	729	3.4	327	1.7	452	1.4	779	9.2	779	27.8
CRIMINAL APPEALS													
TOTAL	9,731	6,283	6.6	6,283	4.1	2,861	2.0	6,870	.7	9,731	12.6	9,731	27.9
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	67	27	13.5	27	2.9	47	2.3	20	.6	67	19.9	67	41.9
FIRST	419	125	10.7	125	1.6	140	3.1	279	1.6	419	16.1	419	33.1
SECOND	689	27	7.8	27	7.4	401	.5	288	.3	689	18.3	689	43.4
THIRD	600	524	7.1	524	5.9	92	2.6	508	3.5	600	16.8	600	36.3
FOURTH	917	567	5.9	567	3.4	133	2.5	784	.7	917	10.7	917	24.6
FIFTH	1,980	1,087	7.3	1,087	3.2	347	1.1	1,633	.0	1,980	10.8	1,980	20.1
SIXTH	765	641	9.9	641	4.4	290	1.7	475	1.3	765	16.3	765	33.1
SEVENTH	433	327	6.8	327	3.1	291	3.4	142	.2	433	12.8	433	28.8
EIGHTH	796	454	3.5	454	4.7	246	3.6	550	.3	796	10.6	796	27.1
NINTH	1,262	1,129	6.4	1,129	5.0	468	1.1	794	.3	1,262	14.8	1,262	35.4
TENTH	545	392	6.6	392	2.3	207	2.8	338	1.1	545	11.0	545	23.6
ELEVENTH	1,258	983	5.4	983	2.5	199	2.0	1,059	.9	1,258	9.4	1,258	22.0

NOTE: THIS TABLE DOES NOT INCLUDE DATA FOR THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT.