

**Table 4.7**  
**U.S. District Courts. Civil and Criminal Median Times (Month) - Filing to Disposition**

Fiscal Year*	Civil					Criminal				
	Overall Civil Median	No Court Action	Court Action			All Defendants	Dismissed	Guilty Plea	Court Trial	Jury Trial
			Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	Trial					
1971	9	7	6	17	16	3.2	7.1	2.2	5.5	5.9
1972	9	8	6	17	16	3.5	6.2	2.5	5.2	5.8
1973	10	7	6	18	16	3.9	6.8	3.0	4.6	5.8
1974	9	7	8	16	16	5.6	8.7	8.5	8.5	7.1
1975	9	7	7	16	16	3.6	7.4	2.9	3.8	5.3
1976	9	6	6	15	16	3.3	5.5	2.7	3.5	5.3
1977	9	7	7	16	18	3.2	6.6	2.6	2.7	5.0
1978	10	6	8	17	19	3.2	4.1	2.8	3.2	5.2
1979	9	6	8	17	19	3.1	3.7	2.8	2.4	4.9
1980	8	5	8	17	20	3.2	4.4	2.8	2.0	4.7
1981	9	5	8	19	20	3.2	3.8	2.9	1.9	5.1
1982	7	4	7	16	19	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.4	6.0
1983	7	4	7	16	19	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.8	6.2
1984	7	4	2	15	19	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.2	6.4
1985	7	4	8	15	19	3.0	2.5	2.8	2.5	5.1
1986	7	4	7	15	19	3.2	2.7	3.0	1.6	5.4
1987	8	5	7	15	20	3.4	3.0	3.3	1.1	5.7
1988	8	6	7	16	19	3.7	3.4	3.5	0.2	6.0
1989	8	6	6	15	18	4.3	3.1	4.1	0.9	6.6
1990	8	6	7	14	19	4.6	3.6	4.4	0.1	7.2
1991	9	7	8	15	20	4.9	4.1	4.7	0.1	7.5
1992	8	6	7	16	19	5.0	3.8	4.9	0.3	7.6
1993	8	6	7	14	19	5.4	5.0	5.2	0.3	8.4
1994	8	6	7	14	19	5.4	5.7	5.2	0.1	9.1
1995	8	7	7	13	18	5.7	6.5	5.4	1.6	9.6
1996	7	6	6	13	18	5.8	5.8	5.5	2.4	10.2
1997	8	6	7	13	18	5.8	5.0	5.7	1.1	10.5
1998	8	6	7	13	18	5.6	5.1	5.5	0.9	10.4
1999	9	6	9	14	19	5.9	6.6	5.7	1.1	11.0
2000	8.2	7.9	7.8	13.6	20.1	5.9	5.8	5.8	0.1	10.9
2001	8.7	7.6	8.4	13.3	21.3	6.0	4.7	6.0	2.3	11.1
2002	8.7	6	7.7	13.5	20.8	6.2	5.2	6.1	3	11.9
2003	9.3	6.3	8.4	13.2	20.5	6.2	6.8	6.0	2.6	12.3

\*1971 through 1991 data are for year ending June 30; subsequent data are for year ended September 30.

NOTE: Civil median time in interval months were not shown in decimals before 2000.

Source: Statistical Tables C-5 and D-6.