

THE JUDICIAL BUSINESS
OF THE
UNITED STATES COURTS
OF THE
SEVENTH CIRCUIT

2021





Report on the Business of the Federal Courts of the Seventh Circuit

For the Twelve Month Period From January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

The following annual report is a collection of statistical data from every court of the circuit and national comparison data for the Circuit Courts of Appeal.

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This report shows that the federal courts of the Seventh Circuit continue to be busy and productive.

Respectfully submitted,



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**COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE
SEVENTH CIRCUIT TABLES**

Table 1

Appeals Commenced and Terminated During the Twelve Month Periods Ended December 31, 2004 Through 2021

Year	Filed	Percent of Change	Terminated	Percent of Change
2004	3,399	-0.6	3,349	2.3
2005	3,926	15.5	3,750	12.0
2006	3,518	-10.4	3,839	2.4
2007	3,151	-10.4	3,078	-19.8
2008	3,409	8.2	3,301	7.2
2009	3,245	-4.8	3,468	5.1
2010	3,098	-4.5	3,336	-3.8
2011	3,005	-3.0	2,987	-10.5
2012	3,031	0.9	3,010	0.8
2013	2,992	-1.3	3,034	0.8
2014	2,917	-2.5	3,023	-0.4
2015	2,977	2.1	2,906	-3.9
2016	3,362	12.9	3,361	15.7
2017	2,730	-18.8	2,793	-16.9
2018	2,812	3.0	2,727	-2.4
2019	2,629	-6.5	2,656	-2.6
2020	2,615	-0.5	2,575	-3.0
2021	2,493	-4.7	2,539	-1.4

¹ Percent change not computed when fewer than 10 cases reported for the previous period.

² Revised.

Table 2

Appeals Commenced, Terminated and Pending During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

Cases Commenced						Cases Terminated								
CASE TYPE	Cases ¹ Pending 01/01/21					Procedural Termination				Terminations on the Merits				Cases Pending 12/31/21
		Total	Original	Re- opened	Total	Total	Cases disposed of by Consoli- dation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	Cases disposed of by Consoli- dation	After Oral Hearing	After Submission on Briefs	
Criminal	470	678	675	3	662	276	0	53	223	386	28	122	236	486
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	272	208	200	8	280	105	0	14	91	175	2	19	154	200
Other U.S. Civil	114	120	120	0	144	44	0	13	31	100	4	52	44	90
Private Prisoner Petitions	377	510	485	25	565	297	0	50	247	268	6	43	219	322
Other Private Civil	457	637	635	2	610	285	3	77	205	325	48	180	97	484
Bankruptcy	14	67	67	0	18	7	0	2	5	11	4	3	4	63
Administrative Cases	119	108	107	1	99	34	1	17	16	65	11	27	27	128
Original Proceedings/Misc Applications	10	165	165	0	161	9	0	7	2	152	0	0	152	14
Total	1,833	2,493	2,454	39	2,539	1,057	4	233	820	1,482	103	446	933	1,787

NOTE: Beginning in March 2014, data include miscellaneous cases not included previously.

Table 3

Source of Appeals and Original Proceedings Commenced for the
Twelve Month Periods Ended December 31, 2015 Through 2021

Source	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Illinois							
Northern	902	870	933	893	836	621	673
Central	329	315	311	270	322	342	272
Southern	244	272	199	233	169	187	209
Indiana							
Northern	192	220	194	191	171	223	251
Southern	368	280	303	337	322	356	355
Wisconsin							
Eastern	249	283	256	288	237	290	234
Western	136	152	140	196	179	184	159
Bankruptcy							
	46	47	37	45	39	16	67
Admin. Agency, Total							
	162	109	103	82	94	152	108
I.R.S							
	10	6	8	5	4	15	7
N.L.R.B.							
	17	17	9	9	12	12	12
B.I.A.							
	116	61	65	52	67	78	73
All Other Agencies							
	19	25	21	16	11	47	16
Original Proceedings							
Misc Applications	343	814	254	277	260	244	165
Total	2,917	2,977	3,362	2,730	2,812	2,629	2,493

NOTE:

Administrative Agency cases previously reported as Immigration Service (INS) are shown under Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) and US Tax Court is shown under IRS.

Appeals of decisions by the U.S. Tax Court are shown as Internal Revenue Service (IRS) appeals.

Beginning in March 2014, data include miscellaneous cases not included previously.

Table 4

Source of Appeals in Civil and Criminal Cases from U.S. District Courts During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31,

District Courts	Appeals Filed			Appeals Terminated		
	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal
Illinois Northern	673	485	188	699	539	160
Illinois Central	272	147	125	314	172	142
Illinois Southern	209	134	75	220	146	74
Indiana Northern	251	168	83	239	148	91
Indiana Southern	355	241	114	363	248	115
Wisconsin Eastern	234	191	43	264	230	34
Wisconsin Western	159	109	50	162	116	46
Total	2,153	1,475	678	2,261	1,599	662

NOTE: Totals include appeals reopened and remanded as well as original appeals.

Table 5

Appeals Filed, Terminated and Pending from U.S. District Courts During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

	Filings		Terminations		Pending	
Nature of Proceedings	Number	Percent Of Total	Number	Percent Of Total	Number	Percent Of Total
Criminal	678	27.2	662	26.1	486	27.2
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	208	8.3	280	11.0	200	11.2
Other U.S. Civil	120	4.8	144	5.7	90	5.0
Priv. Prisoner Petitions	510	20.5	565	22.3	322	18.0
Other Private Civil	637	25.6	610	24.0	484	27.1
Bankruptcy	67	2.7	18	0.7	63	3.5
Administrative Cases	108	4.3	99	3.9	128	7.2
Original Proceedings/ Misc Applications	165	6.6	161	6.3	14	0.8
Total	2,493	100.0	2,539	100.0	1,787	100.0

NOTE: Totals include appeals reopened and remanded as well as original appeals.
Beginning in March 2014, data include miscellaneous cases not included previously.

Table 6

Appeals Commenced, Terminated and Pending by Nature of Suit or Offense During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

Nature Of Suit Or Offense	Filed	Terminated	Pending
Total Cases	2,153	2,261	1,582
Total Criminal Cases	678	662	486
Total Civil Cases	1,475	1,599	1,096
U.S. Cases	328	424	290
U.S. Plaintiff	9	8	7
Negotiable Instruments	0	0	0
Other Contract Actions	1	3	0
Condemnation Of Land	0	0	0
Other Real Property Actions	0	0	0
Tort Actions	0	0	0
Civil Rights:	1	1	2
Employment	0	1	0
Other Civil Rights	1	0	2
Forfeiture And Penalty	0	0	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	0	0	0
Other Labor	1	1	1
Secur., Commod., & Exchg.	1	1	0
Tax Suits	2	1	1
All Other	3	1	3
U.S. Defendant	319	416	283
Contract Actions	2	2	0
Real Property Actions	0	0	0
Tort Actions	5	9	3
Civil Rights:	37	38	19
Employment	17	15	7
Other Civil Rights	20	23	12
Prisoner Petitions:	208	280	200
Motions to Vacate Sentence	79	105	75
Habeas Corpus	60	112	84
Habeas Corpus - Death	2	5	0
Prisoner Civil Rights	0	1	0
Prison Condition	54	46	33
Other Prisoner Petitions	13	11	8
Labor Suits	0	0	0
Social Security Laws	41	61	33
Tax Suits	1	4	2
Environmental Matters	0	0	0
Freedom of Information Act	0	1	0
All Other	25	21	26
Private Cases	1,147	1,175	806

Table 6

Appeals Commenced, Terminated and Pending by Nature of Suit or Offense During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021 [continued]

Nature Of Suit Or Offense	Filed	Terminated	Pending
Federal Question	1,057	1,103	726
Marine Contract	0	0	0
Other Contract Actions	21	18	14
Employers Liability Act	1	1	1
Marine Injury	0	0	0
Other Tort Actions	55	73	40
Antitrust	4	4	4
Civil Rights:	308	270	231
Employment	96	86	71
Other Civil Rights	212	184	160
Prisoner Petitions:	510	565	322
Habeas Corpus	181	198	123
Habeas Corpus - Death	0	0	0
Prisoner Civil Rights	21	18	21
Prison Condition	304	345	175
Other Prisoner Petitions	4	4	3
Labor Mgmt. Relations Act	3	4	4
Other Labor	39	37	31
Copyright, Patent & Trademark	24	28	8
Secur., Commod., & Exchg.	4	3	7
Const. of State Stats.	5	7	1
All Other	83	93	63
Diversity of Citizenship	90	72	80
Insurance	57	44	44
Other Contract Actions	32	28	35
Real Property Actions	0	0	0
Personal Injury - Prod.	0	0	0
Other Personal Injury	1	0	1
Personal Property Damage	0	0	0
All Other	0	0	0
General Local Jurisdiction	0	0	0
Contract Actions	0	0	0
Real Property Actions	0	0	0
Tort Actions	0	0	0
Prisoner Petitions	0	0	0
All Other	0	0	0
Total Criminal Cases	678	662	486
Violent Offenses	51	36	36
Homicide	2	1	1
Robbery	24	20	16
Assault	3	2	4
Kidnapping	5	2	3
Racketeering - Violent Crime	5	6	3
Carjacking	4	4	2
Terrorism	3	0	3

Table 6

Appeals Commenced, Terminated and Pending by Nature of Suit or Offense During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021 [continued]

Nature Of Suit Or Offense	Filed	Terminated	Pending
Other Violent Offenses	5	1	4
Property Offenses	59	46	47
Burglary	0	0	0
Larceny & Theft, Total	5	3	3
Bank	0	0	0
Postal	1	1	0
Theft, U.S. Property	2	1	1
Transport, Etc. of Stolen Property	2	1	2
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	0	0	0
Embezzlement	9	8	3
Fraud, Total	43	34	39
Tax	3	3	1
Financial Institutions	3	6	1
Securities and Exchange	1	0	2
Mail	4	5	5
Wire, Radio or Television	9	6	9
Social Security	0	0	1
Citizenship and Naturalization	0	0	0
Passport	0	0	0
Identification Documents & Information	0	1	0
False claims and Services, Gov't.	3	2	2
False Statements	1	1	1
Conspiracy To Defraud the U.S.	2	2	2
Unauthorized Access Devices	4	3	2
Health Care	2	1	3
Other Fraud Offenses	11	4	10
Forgery and Counterfeiting	2	1	2
Other Property Offenses	0	0	0
Drug Offenses	233	284	153
Marijuana, Total	12	8	9
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	12	8	9
Import / Export	0	0	0
Manufacture	0	0	0

Table 6

Appeals Commenced, Terminated and Pending by Nature of Suit or Offense During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021 [continued]

Nature Of Suit Or Offense	Filed	Terminated	Pending
Possession	0	0	0
All Other Drugs, Total	218	270	143
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	216	264	142
Import / Export	0	1	0
Manufacture	2	5	1
Possession	0	0	0
Other Drug Offenses	3	6	1
Firearms, Explosives Offenses	208	184	156
Firearms, Total	201	179	150
Possession By Prohibited Persons	109	80	82
Furtherance of Violent / Drug Trafficking Crimes	86	94	63
Other Firearms Offenses	6	5	5
Explosives	7	6	6
Sex Offenses	86	65	61
Sexual Abuse of Adults	1	1	0
Sexual Abuse of Minors	51	28	38
Sexually Explicit Material	15	27	9
Other Sex Offenses	19	9	14
Justice System Offenses	8	8	6
Obstruction of Justice	3	3	2
Escape from Custody	3	3	2
Failure to Appear	0	1	0
Other Justice System Offenses	2	1	2
Immigration Offenses	2	8	0
Alien Smuggling	0	0	0
Improper Entry by Alien	0	0	0
Improper Reentry by Alien	2	8	6
Other Immigration Offenses	0	0	0
General Offenses	14	11	17
Money Laundering	5	6	5
RICO ¹	4	0	10
Extortion and Threats	2	2	0
Other General Offenses	3	3	2
Regulatory Offenses	5	8	3
Traffic Offenses	0	0	0
Unclassified Offenses	12	12	7

¹ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations.

Table 7

Appeals Terminated on the Merits During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

Nature of Proceeding	Total Appeals Terminated ¹	Percent of Total Terminations	Total	Disposed of by Consolidation	Terminations on the Merits						Percent Reversed ³
					Affirmed / Enforced ²	Dismissed	Reversed	Remanded	Other	Certificate of Appealability	
Totals	2,539	54.3	1,379	103	964	91	123	32	14	155	8.8
Criminal	662	54.1	358	28	255	65	29	6	3	0	8.1
U. S. Prisoner Petitions	280	61.8	173	2	100	2	8	0	1	62	4.6
Other U. S. Civil	144	66.7	96	4	75	1	10	9	1	0	10.4
Priv. Prisoner Petitions	565	46.4	262	6	145	8	12	1	3	93	4.6
Other Private Civil	610	45.4	277	48	221	5	43	3	5	0	15.5
Bankruptcy	18	0.0	7	4	6	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
Administrative Appeals	99	54.5	54	11	35	0	6	12	1	0	11.1
Original Proceedings/Misc Applications	161	94.4	152	0	127	10	15	0	0	0	0

NOTE:

Beginning in March 2014, data include miscellaneous cases not included previously affirmed includes merit terminations, affirmed in part and reversed in part.

Percent not shown where the total number of cases terminated on the merits is less than 10.

No percentages of cases reversed have been computed for original proceedings because of their difference from appeals, nor have they been included in the percentage of total appeals reversed.

Table 8

Appeals Terminated by Procedural Judgments During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

Nature of Proceeding	Appeals Terminated	Procedural Terminations											
		Total	Cases Disposed of By Consolidation	Total	Juris. Defects	FRAP 42*	Default	Cert. Appeal-ability	Other	By Staff			
										Total	FRAP 42*	Default	Other
Totals	2,539	1,057	4	233	152	24	14	0	43	820	406	392	22
Criminal	662	276	0	53	39	5	0	0	9	223	145	76	2
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	280	105	0	14	10	0	0	0	4	91	25	65	1
Other U.S. Civil	144	44	0	13	6	3	2	0	2	31	20	11	0
Priv. Prisoner Petitions	565	297	0	50	36	5	6	0	3	247	33	199	15
Other Private Civil	610	285	3	77	56	8	4	0	9	205	169	36	0
Bankruptcy	18	7	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	5	3	2	0
Administrative Appeals	99	34	1	17	5	2	1	0	9	16	11	3	2
Original Proceedings/Misc Procedures	161	9	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	2

NOTE: Totals include appeals reopened and remanded as well as original appeals.
 Juris defects=jurisdictional defects; cert.appealability=certificate of appealability.

Table 9

Median Time Intervals* in Cases Terminated after Hearing or Submission by Circuit During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

	All Appeals		Prisoner Petitions		Other Civil		Criminal		Admin. Agency		Bankruptcy	
	Total Cases											
	30,311	1,482	6,614	443	8,086	425	8,197	386	3,914	65	392	11
Cases Disposed of by Consolidation	2,122	103	251	8	830	52	656	28	239	11	59	4
Average	Nat.	7th Cir.	Nat.	7th Cir.	Nat.	7th Cir.	Nat.	7th Cir.	Nat.	7th Cir.	Nat.	7th Cir.
From Filing of Notice of Appeal or Docket Date ¹ to Filing Last Brief	5.5	5.6	6.9	8.2	4.8	5.0	5.9	5.4	6.2	5.5	4.5	4.0
From Filing Last Brief to Hearing or Submission	4.3	3.0	4.1	3.0	4.3	3.0	3.7	3.0	6.5	3.0	4.2	3.2
From Hearing to Final Disposition	2.2	3.0	2.8	4.1	2.1	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.1	2.3
From Submission to Final Disposition	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.8
From Filing of Notice of Appeal or Docket Date ¹ to Final Disposition	10.0	9.4	8.0	11.5	12.1	10.8	10.0	9.2	14.6	10.2	10.8	8.0
From Filing in Lower Court to Final Disposition in Appellate Court	33.3	36.9	27.5	35.6	31.6	30.9	43.4	51.3	0.0	0.0	21.5	24.9

NOTE: All time intervals are reported in months.

¹ Docket date is used when computing the median time interval for original proceedings and appeals from administrative agencies

Table 10

Certiorari Data During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

	U.S. Civil	Private Civil	Criminal	Prisoner	Administrative Appeals	Total
Petitions Pending						
01/01/21	3	24	10	9	0	46
Petitions Filed						
01/01/21 to 12/31/21	7	61	37	94	1	200
Petitions Granted						
01/01/21 to 12/31/21	0	3	0	0	0	3
Petitions Denied						
01/01/21 to 12/31/21	6	61	29	85	1	182
Petitions Dismissed						
01/01/21 to 12/31/21	2	2	0	7	0	11
Petitions Pending						
12/31/21	2	19	18	11	0	50

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS COMPARISON TABLES

U.S.C.A. Table 1

Type of Opinion or Order Filed in Cases Terminated on the Merits, by Circuit, During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

Circuit	Total	Cases Disposed of by Consolidation	Oral	Written & Signed		Written, Reasoned & Unsigned *		Written, Unsigned Without Comment		Percent Unpublished
				Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	
D.C.	587	120	0	175	0	11	281	0	0	60.2
First	937	89	0	323	11	1	460	1	52	61.7
Second	2,443	176	0	236	2,004	27	0	0	0	88.4
Third	1,767	100	0	164	1,006	2	364	0	131	90.0
Fourth	3,066	214	0	234	451	7	2,160	0	0	91.5
Fifth	4,322	530	0	384	46	32	3,319	1	10	89.0
Sixth	2,714	209	0	245	827	12	1,417	3	1	89.6
Seventh	1,482	103	0	406	9	13	947	2	2	69.5
Eighth	2,458	157	0	489	4	37	509	1	1,261	77.1
Ninth	6,532	262	0	452	2	40	5,775	1	0	92.1
Tenth	1,139	18	0	216	723	0	180	0	2	80.7
Eleventh	2,864	144	0	269	46	12	2,299	4	90	89.5
Total	30,311	2,122	0	3,593	5,129	194	17,711	13	1,549	86.5

U.S.C.A. Table 2

Appeals Terminated on the Merits after Oral Hearing or Submission on Briefs, by Circuit During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

Circuit	Total	Cases Disposed of by Consolidation	After Oral Hearing				After Submission on Briefs			
			Total	Percent Of Total	En Banc	Panel	Total	Percent of Total	En Banc	Panel
D.C.	587	120	219	46.9	0	219	248	53.1	1	247
First	937	89	286	33.7	2	284	562	66.3	0	562
Second	2,443	176	1,022	45.1	1	1,021	1,245	54.9	0	1,245
Third	1,767	100	215	12.9	1	214	1,452	87.1	0	1,452
Fourth	3,066	214	291	10.2	5	286	2,561	89.8	1	2,560
Fifth	4,322	530	778	20.5	7	771	3,014	79.5	0	3,014
Sixth	2,714	209	319	12.7	5	314	2,186	87.3	0	2,186
Seventh	1,482	103	446	32.3	3	443	933	67.7	0	933
Eighth	2,458	157	448	19.5	0	448	1,853	80.5	0	1,853
Ninth	6,532	262	1,265	20.2	6	1,259	5,005	79.8	3	5,002
Tenth	1,139	18	314	28.0	1	313	807	72.0	0	807
Eleventh	2,864	144	372	13.7	3	369	2,348	86.3	1	2,347
Total	30,311	2,122	5,975	21.2	34	5,941	22,214	78.8	6	22,208

NOTE: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

U.S.C.A. Table 3

Appeals Commenced, Terminated and Pending by Circuit for the Twelve Month Periods Ended December 31, 2020 and 2021

Circuit	Filed			Terminated			Pending		
	2020	2021	Percent Change ¹	2020	2021	Percent Change ¹	2020 ²	2021	Percent Change ¹
D.C.	1,145	850	-25.8	966	970	0.4	1,292	1,172	-9.3
First	1,238	1,062	-14.2	1,237	1,202	-2.8	1,433	1,293	-9.8
Second	4,408	3,976	-9.8	4,359	4,621	6.0	4,237	3,592	-15.2
Third	2,728	2,550	-6.5	2,890	2,691	-6.9	2,187	2,046	-6.4
Fourth	4,408	4,198	-4.8	4,124	4,339	5.2	3,308	3,167	-4.3
Fifth	6,277	6,386	1.7	5,743	7,089	23.4	5,137	4,434	-13.7
Sixth	4,163	3,832	-8.0	4,487	3,820	-14.9	2,640	2,652	0.5
Seventh	2,615	2,493	-4.7	2,575	2,539	-1.4	1,833	1,787	-2.5
Eighth	2,772	3,079	11.1	3,025	3,105	2.6	1,580	1,554	-1.6
Ninth	10,455	9,141	-12.6	10,341	11,177	8.1	11,368	9,332	-17.9
Tenth	1,700	1,588	-6.6	1,725	1,697	-1.6	1,205	1,096	-9.0
Eleventh	5,161	4,733	-8.3	5,316	4,754	-10.6	3,268	3,247	-0.6
Total	47,070	43,888	-6.8	46,788	48,004	2.6	39,488	35,372	-10.4

NOTE: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

¹ Percent change not computed when fewer than ten cases reported for the previous period.² Revised

SEVENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT COURTS CIVIL TABLES

Civil Table 1

Civil Cases Commenced, Terminated and Pending, in the District Courts, During the Twelve Month Periods Ended December 31, 2020 and 2021

	Filed			Terminated			Pending		
	Period Ended Dec. 31, 2020	Period Ended Dec. 31, 2021	Percent Change ¹	Period Ended Dec. 31, 2020	Period Ended Dec. 31, 2021	Percent Change ¹	Period Ended Dec. 31, 2020 ²	Period Ended Dec. 31, 2021	Percent Change ¹
Total	21,599	19,133	-11.4	23,467	19,761	-15.8	30,514	29,886	-2.1
Illinois Northern	8,533	7,378	-13.5	11,721	7,941	-32.2	10,526	9,963	-5.3
Illinois Central	1,508	1,274	-15.5	1,253	1,394	11.3	1,802	1,682	-6.7
Illinois Southern	1,411	1,795	27.2	1,620	1,430	-11.7	1,908	2,273	19.1
Indiana Northern	2,138	1,925	-10.0	2,269	2,115	-6.8	2,386	2,196	-8.0
Indiana Southern	4,846	4,358	-10.1	3,636	4,132	13.6	10,784	11,010	2.1
Wisconsin Eastern	1,992	1,551	-22.1	1,896	1,745	-8.0	1,888	1,694	-10.3
Wisconsin Western	1,171	852	-27.2	1,072	1,004	-6.3	1,220	1,068	-12.5

¹ Percent change not computed when fewer than 10 cases reported for the previous period.

Civil Table 2

Civil Cases Commenced by Nature of Suit and District During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

	Illinois			Indiana		Wisconsin		Total
	ND	CD	SD	ND	SD	ED	WD	
Total Civil Cases	7,378	1,274	1,765	1,925	4,358	1,551	852	19,133
United States Cases								
Total U.S. Civil Cases	1,175	187	268	411	502	257	177	2,977
Contract	6	0	2	3	0	1	6	18
Real Property	2	9	24	0	4	0	2	41
Tort Actions	53	4	8	16	25	9	8	123
Civil Rights	37	2	10	5	5	5	9	73
Forfeitures and Penalties	13	12	16	17	30	19	7	114
Labor Suits	7	3	1	2	4	0	1	18
Social Security	498	111	76	325	336	188	111	1,645
All Others	376	14	6	10	26	18	9	459
Prisoner Petitions								
Motion to Vacate Sentence	37	29	23	31	58	13	10	201
Habeas Corpus	80	1	42	0	2	0	14	139
Death Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Prison Cond.	45	1	26	0	6	0	0	78
Mandamus & Other	4	0	1	0	2	1	0	8
Private Cases								
Total Private Cases	6,203	1,087	1,527	1,514	3,856	1,294	675	16,156
Contract	778	70	67	158	143	89	47	1,352
Real Property	36	4	13	7	19	10	5	94
FELA	6	4	3	9	1	3	8	34
Marine Personal Injury	4	0	5	1	0	1	0	11
Motor Vehicle Personal Injury	81	17	46	50	42	7	9	252
Other Personal Injury	492	78	740	88	1,645	60	45	3,148
Other Tort Action	194	24	36	16	19	24	9	322
Civil Rights	989	188	99	332	554	218	104	2,484
Intellectual Property	1,035	13	1	15	44	22	30	1,160
Labor Suits	655	40	29	70	121	152	55	1,122
All Other	1,164	55	62	69	285	148	104	1,887
Prisoner Petitions								
Habeas Corpus	113	92	39	156	281	120	39	840
Death Penalty	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4
Civil Rights & Prison Cond.	653	501	384	536	693	433	219	3,419
Mandamus & Other	3	1	3	6	6	7	1	27

* FELA = Federal Employers Liability Act

Civil Table 3

Civil Cases Terminated, by District and Action Taken, During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

District	Total	No Court Action	Total	Court Action					
				Without Trial		During or After Trial			
				Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	Total	Non Jury	Jury	Percent Reaching Trial
Illinois Northern	7,941	2,235	5,706	5,043	626	37	14	23	0.5
Illinois Central	1,393	411	982	962	3	17	4	13	1.2
Illinois Southern	1,430	559	871	855	3	13	1	12	0.9
Indiana Northern	2,114	68	2,046	1,658	380	8	3	5	0.4
Indiana Southern	4,132	338	3,794	2,842	934	18	7	11	0.4
Wisconsin Eastern	1,745	182	1,563	1,480	67	16	3	13	0.9
Wisconsin Western	1,004	290	714	407	292	15	3	12	1.5
Total	19,759	4,083	15,676	13,247	2,305	124	35	89	0.6

NOTE: Land Condemnation Cases Omitted

Civil Table 4

Median Time Intervals from Filing to Disposition of Civil Cases Terminated, by District and Method of Disposition, During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

District	Total Cases		No Court		Court Action					
			Action		Before Pretrial		During or After Pretrial		Trial	
	Number of Cases	Median*	Number of Cases	Median*	Number of Cases	Median*	Number of Cases	Median*	Number of Cases	Median*
Illinois Northern	6,677	7.4	2,019	3.9	4,046	8.5	581	18.2	31	42.8
Illinois Central	707	10.2	257	6.5	441	11.3	0	0	9	0
Illinois Southern	826	7.8	436	5.6	381	12.1	3	0	6	0
Indiana Northern	1,293	12.6	53	4.7	880	11.7	355	17.1	5	0
Indiana Southern	2,922	12.2	218	2.9	1,808	14.8	888	11.2	8	0
Wisconsin Eastern	1,075	9.9	147	3.6	874	10.6	46	12.6	8	0
Wisconsin Western	642	9.4	208	4.2	239	10.6	184	12.6	11	21.3
Total	14,142	9.5	3,338	4.3	8,669	10.5	2,057	13.9	78	38.7

*Median time intervals computed only if ten or more cases.

Excludes: land condemnation cases, prisoner petitions, deportation reviews, recovery of overpayments and enforcement of judgments.

Civil Table 5

Civil Cases Pending, by District and Length of Time Pending, as of December 31, 2021

District	Total Cases Pending	Less Than 1 Year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 Years	Three Years & Over	
					Number	Percent
Illinois Northern	9,963	4,380	2,372	1,462	1,749	17.6
Illinois Central	1,682	796	479	243	164	9.8
Illinois Southern	2,273	1,302	470	255	246	10.8
Indiana Northern	2,196	1,291	517	212	176	8.0
Indiana Southern	11,010	3,190	1,878	2,132	3,810	34.6
Wisconsin Eastern	1,694	994	447	144	109	6.4
Wisconsin Western	1,068	562	270	112	124	11.6
Total	29,886	12,515	6,433	4,560	6,378	21.3

SEVENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT COURTS CRIMINAL TABLES

Criminal Table 1

Criminal Cases Commenced, Terminated and Pending (Including Transfers) During the Twelve Month Periods Ended December 31, 2020 and 2021

	Filed			Terminated			Pending		
			Percent			Percent			Percent
District	2020	2021	Change ¹	2020	2021	Change ¹	2020	2021	Change ¹
Illinois Northern	639	474	-25.8	427	470	10.1	1,722	1,718	-0.2
Illinois Central	297	207	-30.3	186	224	20.4	460	436	-5.2
Illinois Southern	248	242	-2.4	173	186	7.5	308	360	16.9
Indiana Northern	308	275	-10.7	236	330	39.8	523	462	-11.7
Indiana Southern	386	420	8.8	376	401	6.6	597	615	3.0
Wisconsin Eastern	203	219	7.9	197	176	-10.7	364	403	10.7
Wisconsin Western	135	121	-10.4	141	130	-7.8	239	236	-1.3
Total	2,216	1,958	-11.6	1,736	1,917	10.4	4,213	4,230	0.4

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

Pending totals exclude cases in which the only defendants pending in such cases had been fugitives more than 12 months before the end of the period indicated.

¹ Percent change not computed when fewer than 10 cases reported for the previous period.

Criminal Table 2

	Not Terminated as of December 31, 2020				Commenced						
District	Total	Felony	Class A Misdemeanor	Petty Offense	Total Commenced	Total	Felony	Class A Misdemeanor	Petty Offense	Re-Open ²	Transfers
Illinois Northern	2,383	2,352	31	0	693	690	671	14	5	0	3
Illinois Central	558	543	14	1	235	234	226	7	1	0	1
Illinois Southern	394	389	3	2	304	302	302	0	0	0	2
Indiana Northern	651	647	4	0	325	322	320	2	0	2	1
Indiana Southern	804	802	0	2	527	523	520	3	0	1	3
Wisconsin Eastern	622	618	4	0	322	316	316	0	0	1	5
Wisconsin Western	274	271	3	0	147	143	141	2	0	3	1
Total	5,686	5,622	59	5	2,553	2,530	2,496	28	6	7	16
	Terminated						Not Terminated as of December 31, 2021				
District	Total Terminated	Total	Felony	Class A Misdemeanor	Petty Offense	Re-Open ²	Transfers	Total	Felony	Class A Misdemeanor	Petty Offense
Illinois Northern	648	645	618	27	0	0	3	2,405	2,378	22	5
Illinois Central	261	259	249	8	2	1	1	525	514	11	0
Illinois Southern	237	234	233	1	0	0	3	458	453	3	2
Indiana Northern	399	394	391	3	0	3	2	572	569	3	0
Indiana Southern	521	518	517	1	0	2	1	809	805	2	2
Wisconsin Eastern	293	291	281	6	4	2	0	641	637	4	0
Wisconsin Western	152	149	146	3	0	2	1	280	277	3	0
Total	2,511	2,490	2,435	49	6	10	11	5,690	5,633	48	9

NOTE: 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.

¹ Excludes defendants who had been fugitives more than 12 months before the end of the period indicated.

² Includes appeals from magistrate judges, reopens, remands, and retrials after mistrial.

Criminal Table 3

**U.S. District Courts-- Criminal Defendants Commenced (Excluding Transfers), by Offense and District,
During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021**

District	Total	Violent Offenses				Property Offenses				
		Homicide	Robbery	Assault	Other	Burglary Larceny, and Theft	Embezzle-ment	Fraud	Forgery & Counter-feeding	Other
Total	2,537	2	40	18	69	51	33	254	2	10
Illinois Northern	690	0	24	7	21	32	18	126	0	8
Illinois Central	234	0	4	0	4	5	1	11	0	1
Illinois Southern	302	1	4	0	11	3	4	23	1	0
Indiana Northern	324	0	5	0	1	8	2	31	1	0
Indiana Southern	524	0	1	2	16	1	0	28	0	0
Wisconsin Eastern	317	1	1	8	13	0	5	25	0	1
Wisconsin Western	146	0	1	1	3	2	3	10	0	0
District	Drug Offenses		Firearms & Explosives Offenses	Sex Offenses	Justice System Offenses	Immigration Offenses		General Offenses	Regulatory Offenses	Traffic Offenses
	Marijuana	All Other Other Drugs				Improper Reentry by Alien	Other			
Total	31	791	801	227	39	43	7	78	37	4
Illinois Northern	4	172	161	29	6	26	2	40	14	0
Illinois Central	5	80	62	41	7	0	5	4	0	4
Illinois Southern	11	129	65	39	2	4	0	3	2	0
Indiana Northern	3	90	148	16	3	9	0	4	3	0
Indiana Southern	4	162	221	62	12	1	0	10	4	0
Wisconsin Eastern	2	98	109	21	7	2	0	13	11	0
Wisconsin Western	2	60	35	19	2	1	0	4	3	0

Criminal Table 4

Median Time Intervals from Commencement to Termination for Criminal Defendants, Disposed of, by District, During the Twelve Month Period Ending December 31, 2021

	TOTAL		DISMISSED		PLEA OF GUILTY		BENCH TRIAL		JURY TRIAL	
		MEDIAN *		MEDIAN *		MEDIAN *		MEDIAN *		MEDIAN *
DISTRICT	NUMBER	MONTHS	NUMBER	MONTHS	NUMBER	MONTHS	NUMBER	MONTHS	NUMBER	MONTHS
ILLINOIS NORTHERN	645	22.1	45	31	577	21.1	9	0	14	54.5
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	260	14.2	14	13	237	14.1	5	0	4	0
ILLINOIS SOUTHERN	234	13.6	11	15.6	218	13.5	0	0	5	0
INDIANA NORTHERN	397	13.6	28	16.9	355	13.6	1	0	13	23
INDIANA SOUTHERN	520	15.4	46	17.8	463	15.2	1	0	10	22.2
WISCONSIN EASTERN	293	12.6	16	14	268	12.5	2	0	7	0
WISCONSIN WESTERN	151	9.2	17	105.6	131	8.8	0	0	3	0
TOTAL	2,500	15.2	177	20.8	2,249	14.9	18	0	56	25.1

NOTE: 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. Median computed only for 10 or more defendants. Beginning in March 2012, the median time interval is computed from the proceeding date for a defendant (e.g., the date an indictment or information was filed) to the date on which the defendant was found not guilty or was sentenced. Previously, the median time interval was computed beginning with the defendant's filing date. Therefore, data for March 2012 and thereafter are not comparable to data for previous periods.

**SEVENTH CIRCUIT
DISTRICT COURTS COMBINED
CIVIL & CRIMINAL TABLES**

Civil / Criminal Table

Weighted and Unweighted Filings per Authorized Judgeship During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

District	Judgeships	Weighted Filings Per Judgeship				Unweighted Filings Per Judgeship			
		Civil	Criminal	Supervision Hearings	Total	Civil	Criminal	Supervision Hearings	Total
Illinois Northern	22	325	32	12.0	368	329	48	1.0	378
Illinois Central	4	298	59	52.5	409	245	87	5.1	337
Illinois Southern	4	418	76	42.0	536	329	116	4.2	449
Indiana Northern	5	377	65	18.4	460	316	93	2.2	411
Indiana Southern	5	840	105	4.0	949	658	161	.5	820
Wisconsin Eastern	5	297	64	27.8	389	243	104	2.4	350
Wisconsin Western	2	410	72	37.5	520	341	112	4.3	457
Total	47	2,965	472	194.2	3,631	2,461	722	19.7	3,203

NOTE: Case weights are based on the 2015 district court case weighting system approved by the Judicial Conference for use after December 2015. Data for the territorial courts are not included. This table excludes civil cases arising by reopening, remand, or transfer to the district by the order of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. This table includes defendants in all criminal cases filed as felonies or Class A misdemeanors, but includes only those defendants in criminal cases filed as petty offenses that were assigned to district judges rather than magistrate judges. Remands and reopens for criminal defendants are excluded. This table includes trials conducted by district and appellate judges only; all trials conducted by magistrate judges are excluded. Sentencing hearings are excluded. Due to rounding, subtotals may not equal totals.

SEVENTH CIRCUIT BANKRUPTCY COURTS TABLES

Bankruptcy Table 1**Bankruptcy Petitions Commenced, Terminated and Pending During the Twelve Month Periods Ended December 31, 2020 and 2021**

District	Filed			Terminated			Pending		
	2020	2021	Percent Change ¹	2020	2021	Percent Change ¹	2020	2021	Percent Change ¹
Illinois Northern	25,109	16,790	-33.1	35,558	22,905	-35.6	38,242	32,128	-16.0
Illinois Central	3,664	2,464	-32.8	4,572	3,433	-24.9	4,544	3,575	-21.3
Illinois Southern	2,264	1,690	-25.4	3,100	2,379	-23.3	4,084	3,395	-16.9
Indiana Northern	6,833	5,634	-17.5	8,325	7,209	-13.4	11,165	9,589	-14.1
Indiana Southern	10,465	8,853	-15.4	12,494	11,161	-10.7	18,679	16,369	-12.4
Wisconsin Eastern	8,417	6,653	-21.0	10,336	8,513	-17.6	12,614	10,754	-14.7
Wisconsin Western	3,226	2,626	-18.6	3,778	3,017	-20.1	3,384	2,993	-11.6
Total	59,978	44,710	-25.5	78,163	58,617	-25.0	92,713	78,803	-15.0

¹ Percent change not computed when fewer than ten cases reported for the previous period.

² Revised

NOTE: Due to differences among districts in reporting intra-district transfers, the total provided above for cases pending on December 31, 2016 may not equal the number obtained by adding totals for cases pending at the end of the prior period plus cases filed during the current period, then subtracting cases terminated during the current period.

Bankruptcy Table 2

Adversary Proceedings Commenced, Terminated and Pending During the Twelve Month Period Ending December 31, 2020 and 2021

District	Pending 12/31/2020 ¹	Filed 2021	Terminated 2021	Pending 12/31/21
Illinois Northern	721	288	575	434
Illinois Central	83	78	108	53
Illinois Southern	54	58	79	33
Indiana Northern	110	141	154	97
Indiana Southern	210	204	274	140
Wisconsin Eastern	81	142	136	87
Wisconsin Western	38	45	56	27
Total	1,297	956	1,382	871

¹ Percent change not computed when fewer than 10 cases reported for the previous period.

Bankruptcy Table 3

Business and Nonbusiness Bankruptcy Cases Commenced, by Chapter of the Bankruptcy Code, During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2021

	2020	2021		2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
District	Total Filings	Total Filings	Percent Of Change	Chap 7	Chap 7	Chap 11	Chap 11	Chap 12	Chap 12	Chap 13	Chap 13
Illinois Northern	25,109	16,790	-33.13	17,597	11,485	106	86	1	2	7,402	5,217
Illinois Central	3,664	2,464	-32.75	3,032	2,056	8	8	6	3	618	397
Illinois Southern	2,264	1,690	-25.35	1,614	1,176	7	4	3	1	640	509
Indiana Northern	6,833	5,634	-17.55	5,150	4,193	8	20	3	2	1,672	1,419
Indiana Southern	10,465	8,853	-15.40	7,178	5,908	28	27	8	5	3,251	2,913
Wisconsin Eastern	8,417	6,653	-20.96	5,897	4,591	21	10	30	7	2,469	2,045
Wisconsin Western	3,226	2,626	-18.60	2,626	2,093	16	20	39	20	545	493
Total	59,978	44,710	-25.46	43,094	31,502	194	175	90	40	16,597	12,993

District	Total	Chap 7	Chap 11	Other Chap ¹	Chap 13
	Business Filings				
Illinois Northern	457	360	76	2	19
Illinois Central	57	34	8	3	12
Illinois Southern	35	23	4	1	7
Indiana Northern	66	42	18	2	4
Indiana Southern	130	87	25	5	13
Wisconsin Eastern	87	62	10	7	8
Wisconsin Western	103	50	18	20	15
Total	935	658	159	40	78

District	Total	CHAP 7	CHAP 11	CHAP 13
	Non-Business Filings			
Illinois Northern	16,333	11,125	10	5,198
Illinois Central	2,407	2,022	0	385
Illinois Southern	1,655	1,153	0	502
Indiana Northern	5,568	4,151	2	1,415
Indiana Southern	8,723	5,821	2	2,900
Wisconsin Eastern	6,566	4,529	0	2,037
Wisconsin Western	2,523	2,043	2	478
Total	43,775	30,844	16	12,915

NOTE: The nature of debt is business if the debtor is a corporation or partnership, or if debt related to the operation of a business predominates. Nonbusiness debt includes consumer debt, as defined in Section 101 of the U.S. Bankruptcy code, or other debt that the debtor indicates is not consumer debt or business debt. Because the bankruptcy database is continually updated, the numbers in this table may not match those in previously published tables. The United States territorial courts assume the jurisdiction of United States bankruptcy courts within their respective territories, which do not have separate bankruptcy courts.

SEVENTH CIRCUIT PROBATION OFFICE TABLES

Probation Table

People Received for Supervision During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

District	Persons Under Supervision 01/01/21	Total Received	Total Less Transfers	Probation ¹	Term Of Supervised Release	Parole ²	BOP Custody ³	Received By Transfer
Illinois Northern	2,161	862	801	74	705	3	19	61
Illinois Central	947	329	299	9	290	0	0	30
Illinois Southern	676	274	259	20	229	2	8	15
Indiana Northern	559	313	292	33	257	2	0	21
Indiana Southern	866	441	410	34	373	3	0	31
Wisconsin Eastern	840	332	311	31	275	2	3	21
Wisconsin Western	315	145	136	13	117	3	3	9
Total	6,364	2,696	2,508	214	2,246	15	33	188

People Removed from Supervision During the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2021

District	Total Removed	Less Transfers	Probation ¹	Term Of Supervised Release	Parole ²	BOP Custody ³	Removed By Transfer	Persons Under Supervision 12/31/21
Illinois Northern	925	884	64	800	7	13	41	2,099
Illinois Central	413	391	17	373	1	0	22	862
Illinois Southern	323	298	26	262	3	7	25	626
Indiana Northern	328	310	19	289	2	0	18	544
Indiana Southern	393	374	34	335	5	0	19	914
Wisconsin Eastern	409	391	44	345	1	1	18	764
Wisconsin Western	160	152	14	133	3	2	8	302
Total	2,951	2,800	218	2,537	22	23	151	6,111

¹ Includes judge and magistrate probation.² Includes parole, special parole, mandatory release, and military parole³ BOP = Bureau of Prisons