

# U.S. District Court — Judicial Caseload Profile

MASSACHUSETTS

| MASSACHUSETTS                        |                                                                |                                    | 12-Month Periods Ending |                |                |                |                |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                      |                                                                |                                    | Dec 31<br>2018          | Dec 31<br>2019 | Dec 31<br>2020 | Dec 31<br>2021 | Dec 31<br>2022 | Dec 31<br>2023 |
| Overall<br>Caseload<br>Statistics    |                                                                |                                    |                         |                |                |                |                |                |
|                                      | Filings <sup>1</sup>                                           |                                    | 4,002                   | 4,054          | 3,385          | 3,202          | 3,299          | 4,203          |
|                                      | Terminations                                                   |                                    | 5,463                   | 5,653          | 3,067          | 3,592          | 3,579          | 3,495          |
|                                      | Pending                                                        |                                    | 6,262                   | 4,664          | 4,933          | 4,537          | 4,249          | 4,949          |
|                                      | Percent Change in Total Filings Current Year Over Earlier Year |                                    | 5.0                     | 3.7            | 24.2           | 31.3           | 27.4           |                |
| Number of Judgeships                 |                                                                |                                    | 13                      | 13             | 13             | 13             | 13             | 13             |
| Vacant Judgeship Months <sup>2</sup> |                                                                |                                    | 24.0                    | 24.0           | 24.0           | 26.4           | 18.0           | 18.4           |
| Actions<br>per Judgeship             | Filings                                                        | Total                              | 308                     | 312            | 260            | 246            | 254            | 323            |
|                                      |                                                                | Civil                              | 241                     | 231            | 208            | 188            | 200            | 277            |
|                                      |                                                                | Criminal Felony                    | 46                      | 59             | 35             | 37             | 35             | 30             |
|                                      |                                                                | Supervised Release Hearings        |                         |                |                |                |                |                |
|                                      |                                                                |                                    | 21                      | 22             | 17             | 22             | 19             | 16             |
|                                      | Pending Cases <sup>2</sup>                                     |                                    | 482                     | 359            | 379            | 349            | 327            | 381            |
|                                      | Weighted Filings <sup>2</sup>                                  |                                    | 308                     | 317            | 260            | 250            | 264            | 299            |
|                                      | Terminations                                                   |                                    | 420                     | 435            | 236            | 276            | 275            | 269            |
|                                      | Trials Completed                                               |                                    | 12                      | 12             | 6              | 10             | 8              | 9              |
| Median<br>Time (Months)              | From Filing to Disposition                                     | Criminal Felony                    | 14.0                    | 12.2           | 13.8           | 18.4           | 25.7           | 25.1           |
|                                      |                                                                | Civil <sup>2</sup>                 | 25.9                    | 19.8           | 9.1            | 12.1           | 12.0           | 7.0            |
|                                      | From Filing to Trial <sup>2</sup> (Civil Only)                 |                                    | 31.5                    | 30.9           | 33.1           | 39.6           | 32.8           | 34.6           |
| Other                                | Number (and %) of Civil Cases Over 3 Years Old <sup>2</sup>    |                                    | 1,841<br>33.7           | 553<br>15.2    | 716<br>18.6    | 518<br>15.0    | 445<br>13.9    | 417<br>10.4    |
|                                      | Average Number of Felony Defendants Filed per Case             |                                    | 1.3                     | 1.5            | 1.5            | 1.5            | 1.7            | 1.4            |
|                                      | Jurors                                                         | Avg. Present for Jury Selection    | 75.6                    | 58.7           | 62.1           | 71.8           | 73.2           | 58.2           |
|                                      |                                                                | Percent Not Selected or Challenged | 42.0                    | 34.7           | 33.9           | 48.0           | 44.8           | 32.9           |

| Numerical Standing Within |         |
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| U.S.                      | Circuit |

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| 12 | 1 |
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| 78 | 1 |
| 56 | 1 |
| 85 | 4 |
| 78 | 4 |
| 65 | 3 |
| 77 | 2 |
| 84 | 3 |
| 76 | 3 |
| 91 | 5 |
| 24 | 1 |
| 25 | 1 |
| 48 | 2 |

| 2023 Civil Case and Criminal Felony Defendant Filings by Nature of Suit and Offense |       |    |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Type of                                                                             | Total | A  | B   | C   | D  | E   | F   | G   | H   | I   | J   | K  | L   |
| Civil                                                                               | 3,596 | 96 | 884 | 219 | 8  | 105 | 203 | 383 | 438 | 272 | 450 | 12 | 526 |
| Criminal <sup>1</sup>                                                               | 392   | -  | 158 | 23  | 47 | 78  | 24  | 30  | -   | 10  | 3   | 5  | 14  |

NOTE: Criminal data in this profile count defendants rather than cases and therefore will not match previously published numbers.

<sup>1</sup> Filings in the "Overall Caseload Statistics" section include criminal transfers, while filings by "Nature of Offense" do not.

<sup>2</sup> See "Explanation of Selected Terms."