

Table M-7.
U.S. District Courts—Matters Disposed of by U.S. Magistrate Judges, by Matter Type
For the 5-Year Period Ending September 30, 2024

Activity Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change from 2023 to 2024 ²
Total Proceedings	1,275,585	1,298,348	1,251,541	1,234,002	1,349,904	9.4
Total Criminal	760,515	760,866	743,557	741,468	836,200	12.8
Felony Preliminary	471,683	490,870	467,653	473,153	536,780	13.4
Search Warrants	130,815	149,595	141,504	162,433	208,366	28.3
Arrest Warrants	45,672	48,743	45,283	42,838	42,745	-0.2
Summonses	11,426	12,984	11,773	11,362	10,877	-4.3
Complaints	50,442	40,065	39,974	38,069	40,962	7.6
Initial Appearances	94,262	97,387	93,998	90,192	95,407	5.8
Detention Hearings	46,491	46,802	45,979	44,298	47,917	8.2
Preliminary Examinations	21,568	19,973	19,133	17,966	21,479	19.6
Arraignments	48,614	52,106	47,567	44,896	47,552	5.9
Attorney Appointments	6,440	6,681	6,780	6,322	6,883	8.9
Material Witnesses	6,408	6,187	6,337	6,681	6,650	-0.5
Bail Reviews / Forfeitures / Nebbia Hearings	9,545	10,347	9,325	8,096	7,942	-1.9
Felony Pretrial	229,647	243,386	246,518	238,737	257,304	7.8
Orders on Non-Dispositive Motions	142,844	157,740	160,916	157,261	168,903	7.4
R&Rs on Dispositive Motions	3,095	2,672	2,579	2,296	2,564	11.7
Pretrial Conferences / Omnibus Hearings	27,780	27,781	25,708	22,762	21,456	-5.7
Evidentiary Hearings	1,495	1,714	1,835	1,590	1,505	-5.3
Motion Hearings / Arguments	6,738	6,186	5,782	5,381	5,195	-3.5
Guilty Plea Proceedings	28,593	27,504	30,266	29,358	34,884	18.8
Mental Competency Hearings	439	429	496	468	497	6.2
Probation Revocation Hearings	152	186	176	195	196	0.5
Supervised Release Revocation Hearings	2,528	2,543	2,651	2,989	3,312	10.8
Reentry / Drug Court Proceedings	7,024	6,834	6,417	6,270	8,581	36.9
Writs	8,959	9,797	9,692	10,167	10,211	0.4
[All Other Orders] ¹	[436,736]	[506,455]	[480,606]	[457,374]	[459,086]	[0.4]

Table M-7. (September 30, 2024—Continued)

Activity Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change from 2023 to 2024 ²
Class A Misdemeanors	3,281	3,005	3,402	3,597	3,069	-14.7
Total Trials	30	26	34	34	30	-11.8
Petty Offenses	55,904	23,605	25,984	25,981	39,047	50.3
Total Trials	320	250	182	198	290	46.5
Miscellaneous Matters	61,650	72,930	75,387	69,103	73,029	5.7
Seizure & Inspection Warrants: Orders of Entry	6,284	7,477	6,123	5,561	7,308	31.4
IRS Enforcement Proceedings	189	294	206	99	68	-31.3
Judgment Debtor Examinations	139	168	197	152	144	-5.3
Extradition Hearings	77	80	67	70	62	-11.4
CJA Fee Applications	13,806	14,958	15,782	10,036	10,921	8.8
International Prisoner Transfers	18	109	99	91	26	-71.4
Voir Dire	125	127	269	271	203	-25.1
Other Jury Matters	14,796	19,233	21,151	20,993	22,189	5.7
Naturalizations	955	1,112	1,604	1,533	1,454	-5.2
Orders on Non-Dispositive Motions	16,150	18,912	19,081	19,906	20,090	0.9
Calendar Calls	9,049	10,392	10,729	10,305	10,473	1.6
Contempt Matters	62	68	79	86	91	5.8
[All Other Orders] ¹	[18,517]	[18,126]	[16,386]	[16,359]	[20,391]	[24.6]

Table M-7. (September 30, 2024—Continued)

Activity Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change from 2023 to 2024 ²
Total Civil	453,420	464,552	432,597	423,431	440,675	4.1
Non-Consent Prisoner Litigation	101,897	95,079	90,157	86,820	83,707	-3.6
State Habeas R&Rs	6,925	6,062	5,271	4,997	4,884	-2.3
Federal Habeas R&Rs	3,146	2,487	1,937	2,153	2,050	-4.8
Civil Rights R&Rs	15,047	14,303	14,129	13,696	12,600	-8.0
Orders on Non-Dispositive Motions	58,233	55,128	52,190	49,715	47,526	-4.4
Settlement Conferences / Mediation	1,709	2,133	1,892	1,928	2,128	10.4
Motion Hearings / Arguments	670	668	739	563	461	-18.1
Pretrial Conferences	4,255	4,546	4,780	4,462	4,677	4.8
Evidentiary Hearings	183	187	191	163	145	-11.0
Prisoner Other	11,729	9,565	9,028	9,143	9,236	1.0
[All Other Orders] ¹	[75,365]	[69,423]	[66,019]	[67,495]	[65,071]	[-3.6]
Non-Consent Social Security	19,751	27,119	16,496	13,142	11,610	-11.7
R&Rs on Social Security Appeals	3,481	2,911	3,657	2,348	2,290	-2.5
Orders on Non-Dispositive Motions	8,879	17,776	8,453	6,619	5,733	-13.4
Motion Hearings / Arguments	133	204	122	120	71	-40.8
Fee Applications	397	319	410	433	489	12.9
Grants of IFP Status	6,861	5,909	3,854	3,622	3,027	-16.4
[All Other Orders] ¹	[11,052]	[12,630]	[8,810]	[7,120]	[5,327]	[-25.2]
Non-Consent Other Civil	263,365	263,041	254,469	256,378	273,509	6.7
Orders on Non-Dispositive Motions	161,153	162,179	158,580	162,069	173,955	7.3
R&Rs on Dispositive Motions	15,533	14,560	14,443	15,760	16,868	7.0
Settlement Conferences / Mediations	19,535	20,927	19,242	17,468	18,578	6.4
Final Pretrial Conferences	469	646	756	580	581	0.2
Non-Final Pretrial Conferences	53,188	50,927	48,062	46,368	48,335	4.2
Evidentiary Hearings	854	954	1,017	998	958	-4.0
Motion Hearings / Arguments	8,265	8,949	8,252	8,342	8,750	4.9
Fee Applications	490	447	428	435	370	-14.9
Grants of IFP Status	3,878	3,452	3,689	4,358	5,114	17.3
[All Other Orders] ¹	[238,072]	[228,943]	[223,413]	[228,979]	[239,573]	[4.6]

Table M-7. (September 30, 2024—Continued)

Activity Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change from 2023 to 2024 ²
Civil Cases on Consent	68,407	79,313	71,475	67,091	71,849	7.1
Orders on Motions	48,624	58,781	51,341	47,495	51,699	8.9
Settlement Conferences / Mediations	599	616	586	573	563	-1.7
Pretrial Conferences	8,353	8,527	7,763	6,964	7,009	0.6
Evidentiary Hearings	260	269	246	200	195	-2.5
Motion Hearings / Arguments	2,204	2,079	2,005	1,762	1,731	-1.8
Fee Applications	5,215	5,006	5,981	5,576	6,052	8.5
Grants of IFP Status	3,152	4,035	3,553	4,521	4,600	1.7
[Terminated Without Trial] ¹	[16,415]	[17,176]	[19,474]	[16,531]	[17,185]	[4]
[Terminated by Jury Trial] ¹	[101]	[86]	[211]	[170]	[134]	[-21.2]
[Terminated by Bench Trial] ¹	[65]	[64]	[72]	[65]	[55]	[-15.4]
[All Other Orders] ¹	[66,920]	[75,628]	[73,714]	[69,256]	[71,329]	[3]
Consent Case Types	16,579	17,323	19,749	16,755	17,317	3.4
Social Security	8,230	8,552	10,511	8,042	7,870	-2.1
Prisoner Cases	1,244	1,453	1,592	1,611	1,729	7.3
Title VII / Other Civil Rights	1,897	2,008	2,116	1,564	1,601	2.4
Other	5,208	5,310	5,530	5,538	6,117	10.5

NOTE: In 2023, the data elements included in the S-17 table were revised and the table was renamed the M-7 table. Therefore, some of the statistics will not match the published statistics when compared year-over-year.

¹ Line items in brackets are not counted in totals.

² Percent change not computed when fewer than 10 cases reported for the previous period.